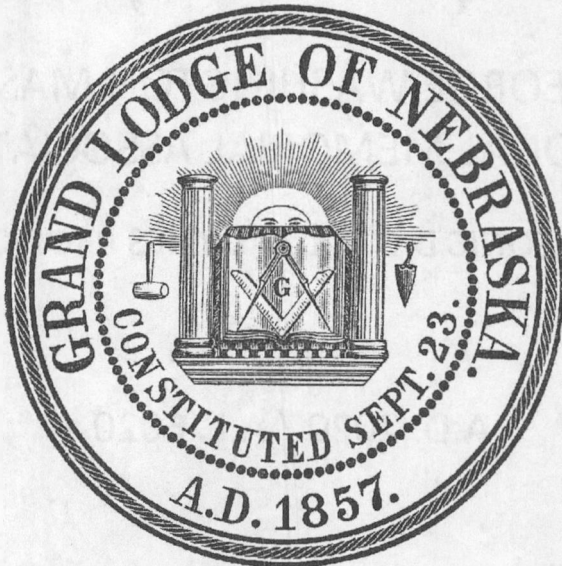


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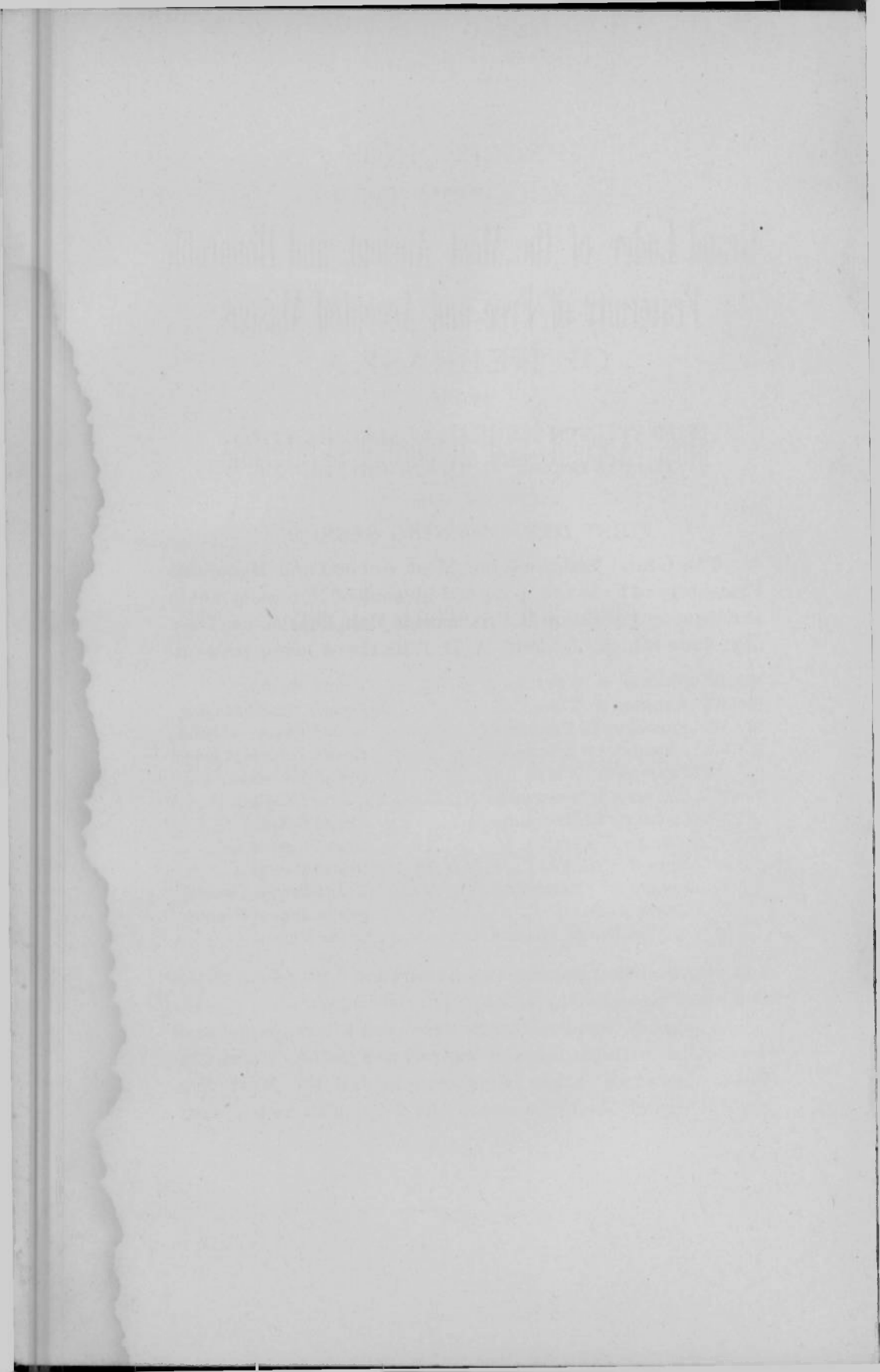
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in annual communication in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 6th, A. L. 5916, A. D. 1916, there being present:

M. W. SAMUEL S. WHITING.....Grand Master,
R. W. ANDREW H. VIELE.....Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. AMBROSE C. EPPERSON.....Grand Junior Warden,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE.....Grand Secretary,
V. W. CHARLES M. SHEPHERDGrand Chaplain,
W. CHARLES L. RICHARDS.....Grand Orator,
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH.....Grand Custodian,
W. JOHN J. TOOLEY.....Grand Marshal,
W. JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG.....Grand Senior Deacon,
W. LEWIS E. SMITH.....Grand Junior Deacon,
W. ALEXANDER E. PORTER.....Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and fifty-four of the two hundred and sixty-seven chartered lodges.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form in accordance with the law and the roll was called; a constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the fifty-ninth annual com-

munication duly opened for the transaction of such business as might regularly be brought before it, and due proclamation was made thereof by the Grand Marshal.

Greetings, good wishes, and regrets at being unable to attend the session, were presented from Past Grand Masters Zuingle M. Baird and Henry Gibbons. On motion of Past Grand Master Michael Dowling the following telegram was sent to Past Grand Master William E. Hill, the oldest living Past Grand Master, now residing in Los Angeles, California:

Omaha, Nebraska, June 6th, 1916.

WILLIAM E. HILL, Past Grand Master,
Los Angeles, California.

Your Masonic brethren in annual communication assembled, send fraternal greetings, wishing you improved health and years of happiness with your family and brethren.

SAMUEL S. WHITING,
Grand Master.

A petition for a lodge at Palmer was presented, and on motion of Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans, it was referred to the incoming Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Master, delivered the following

ADDRESS.

*To the Members of the Grand Lodge:
Brethren:*

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our fifty-ninth annual communication. The year has passed into history, and I wish to say, with my heart filled with gratitude to the Great and Beneficent Author of our existence, that it has been the happiest year of my life. Deal kindly with my mistakes, for I am human. I need no praise; I have done my best for the interests of the Fraternity, and when the time comes for the Supreme Judge to pass upon my labors, if I can receive that plaudit: "Well done, good and faithful servant," it will be all that I can ask or hope for. I hope that no one will be able to detect any personal vanity in these remarks, but only believe that what has been done, has been done for the interest of our great institution in the state of Nebraska, that the Masons of this state may be firmer in their desire to see Light and Truth.

Our proceedings will show the increase in our membership during

the past year, as well as the amount of funds in our hands for all charitable purposes.

I have given a great deal of time to Masonry during the past year; in fact where my business has interfered with Masonic affairs, I have neglected the business. I have tried to sow the seed for a better life for all, paying no attention to what the harvest may be.

Peace and harmony have prevailed between this Grand Lodge and all others. I have many times requested Grand Masters to permit lodges in other jurisdictions to confer the degrees for our lodges, and in all cases my requests have been cheerfully complied with, and requests from other Grand Jurisdictions for degrees to be conferred in Nebraska lodges have been willingly granted.

I want to thank the Past Grand Masters and the officers of the Grand Lodge for all of the assistance received, and the Fraternity for all kindnesses shown. In every lodge I have visited, I have been received with all of the honors due to the position I occupy. I also wish to thank the Grand Secretary for the immense amount of help received. He is a tower of strength to our Grand Lodge, and deserves the highest commendation. Our Grand Chaplain has accompanied me in a great many visitations. He has been a true Shepherd of the flock during the past year. It would be very ungrateful and unkind on my part, if I did not say a complimentary and kind word for our good and great Grand Custodian—a mountain physically, morally, and Masonically. With a helping hand, a kind word, and the best and truest advice, he has always guided me, and may he long remain to guide the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction.

OUR DEAD.

Our law does not require the Grand Master to make any references to the fraternal dead, this matter being reported on by the Committee on Fraternal Dead. I deem it my duty, however, to state that during the year I received notices of the deaths of Past Grand Masters Albert W. Crites, of Chadron, Charles J. Phelps, of Schuyler, John B. Dinsmore, of Sutton, Edward K. Valentine, of Chicago, formerly of West Point, and William A. DeBord, of Omaha. I was present at the funerals of Past Grand Masters Albert W. Crites and Charles J. Phelps, and personally conducted the funeral ceremonies over the remains of Past Grand Master John B. Dinsmore, with the assistance of Evening Star Lodge No. 49 of Sutton, and Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, K. T. T., of Lincoln.

I also conducted the funeral ceremonies over the remains of Worshipful Brother Edwin Metcalf, Master of Unity Lodge No. 163,

Greenwood, Worshipful Brother William H. Pruner, Past Master of John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232, Kennard, Worshipful Brother E. Ross Hitchcock, Past Master of Sterling Lodge No. 70, Sterling, and Brother William Z. Pollard, a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

I have endeavored during the year to keep fully informed in regard to our Nebraska Masonic Home, as to its management, the care of the residents, and all matters connected therewith. From my observation and all the information available I believe our Home is very properly and economically managed.

I attended the meeting of the stockholders of the Home held in the city of Omaha on January 24th, 1916, listened very attentively to the reports of the officers, and noted the manner of transacting business. I am of the opinion that it is not possible for the Trustees who are managing our Home to give more full and complete information to the brethren than they are doing. Every dollar that comes to the Home is accounted for, and the accounts show the source from which the several funds come. Every dollar that is expended and the purpose for which it is expended is shown in a detailed manner.

The facts furnished by the President, relating to supplies purchased and produced at the Home during the year, show fully the different articles used, giving the amounts and the cost in dollars and cents. This is down to even the very smallest items.

One thousand pamphlets are printed annually and distributed generally through the state, being sent to all Masonic bodies, Past Grand Masters, and many individuals, and are available to anyone who asks for them. Deeming the information contained in the account of the last annual meeting of great importance, I issued a circular directing that certain portions of the reports of officers be read in the lodges throughout the state. The brethren do not generally realize the amount of work connected with the management of an institution like our Home, and that members of our Fraternity can be found who are willing to give so freely of their time and money to manage this charitable institution, indicates that they are actuated by the true principles of charity and brotherly love. A careful examination of the reports does not show that one penny has been charged for the expenses of the officers or Trustees. Brother Frank H. Young, the President, devotes practically all of his time and considerable money to looking after the affairs of the Home and the charitable work connected with the Committee on Relief, and refuses to be reimbursed for even his actual expenses.

In this address I have called special attention to the donation of one thousand dollars made by Past Grand Master William E. Hill. This is an example that may well be followed by some of the brethren who have an abundance of means and who want a portion of them to go to charity where none is used for expenses or salaries.

I call special attention at this time to the letter that was issued by the Trustees of our Home, cautioning lodges in regard to admitting and reinstating members. I sincerely hope that every member of our Fraternity has read this letter, and that the officers of the lodges will profit thereby. As time passes our Fraternity will, like all other Grand Lodges, experience an increasing necessity for aid to the needy. This should not be withheld in cases that are worthy and entitled to our charity, but precaution should be taken by lodges. As the Trustees said in their letter, "We should exercise the greatest scrutiny and care in the selection of material out of which we make Masons. Do not admit a man to reform him. Do not admit a man who in a few years is almost certain to be a burden to the Fraternity and his lodge. Act with 'prudence and caution,' get the best material, hold the standard ever higher, thus will you elevate the Masonic standard of our members and best serve our Order."

Our Masonic Home is on a firm foundation. The brethren are willingly contributing to its management and doing so cheerfully. The Trustees have no complaint to make of the liberality of the Grand Lodge in supplying the funds, but inasmuch as they are doing this work for the good of our Fraternity, I believe they would appreciate words of commendation from the brethren if they are entitled to them.

I have felt the necessity that you should be better informed regarding the Home and its management. To this end I have made arrangements for the Grand Lodge to visit the Home this afternoon, at two o'clock P. M. by special train, and you are all invited, and I sincerely hope that every member will avail himself of the opportunity of going to the Home and inspecting it thoroughly. I am of the opinion that the closest examination and investigation that could be made will convince each one of you that your charity is worthily bestowed, and that every dollar contributed brings full value received. You may, like myself, be surprised that so much comfort and care can be given to those who are dependent upon us by such small individual contributions annually.

MASONIC HOMES FOR GIRLS AND BOYS.

In accordance with the instructions given to the committee one year ago there has been erected on the grounds at Fremont, at the cost of over \$12,000.00, a substantial cottage for the girls, who occupied

it at the beginning of the year. This sum, in addition to that heretofore appropriated, makes a total invested by the Grand Lodge of \$17,000.00.

There were eleven girls and two small boys at the Home at Fremont, and nine boys at the Home at Plattsmouth on May 1st of this year. The children's ages vary from four to sixteen years. The children of school age are attending the public schools and are doing well. Their standing in the several grades equals that of the other children in the same classes, while some of them are at the head of their respective grades.

These Homes are under the control of a Home Board of three members elected by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which P. G. M. Frank H. Young is President.

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star are very enthusiastic supporters of these Homes. From May 1st, 1915, to May 1st, 1916, over \$1,300.00 in cash was donated, besides almost as much in value, in the way of fruits, bedding, and clothing. In addition the annual dues of the members amount to about \$5,000.00. At the last session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, over \$600.00 was voluntarily donated by the delegates present.

The forty acres on which the Home is situated at Fremont are under cultivation, and more than eight hundred trees have been planted for ornamental and forestry purposes.

The cottage at Fremont is entirely occupied and some provisions will have to be made before long for caring for other children who may come to the Homes.

DEDICATIONS.

New lodge halls for the following lodges were dedicated during the past year: Northern Light, No. 41, Stanton, Lebanon, No. 58, Columbus, Gladstone, No. 176, Ansley, John S. Bowen, No. 232, Kennard, and Zion, No. 234, Hyannis. At all of the dedicatory functions I was assisted by some of the Grand Lodge officers, as well as the lodges interested. I was also present and assisted in the dedication of the Masonic Home for Girls at Fremont.

DISPENSATIONS TO FORM NEW LODGES.

On November 11th, 1915, I received a petition for a lodge under dispensation at Cowles, Nebraska, signed by twenty Master Masons. Brother Stanley D. Long was recommended for Master, Brother James A. Saunders for Senior Warden, and Brother Thomas H. Deakin for Junior Warden. I requested the Grand Custodian to make the cus-

tomary examination, and on his recommendation granted my dispensation authorizing them to meet and work as a lodge. The fee for the dispensation was paid to the Grand Secretary.

Preliminary work was done by my predecessor in the matter of dispensations for lodges at Kimball, and at Minatare, and on the recommendation of the Grand Custodian, dispensations for these lodges were issued on June 10th, 1915. At Kimball, Brother Will J. Davies was appointed Master, Brother Oscar W. Seyfer, Senior Warden, and Brother Vert B. Cargill, Junior Warden. Brother James W. Gilbert was appointed Master of the lodge at Minatare, Brother Fred W. Smith, Senior Warden, and Brother Irving L. Lyman, Junior Warden.

These three lodges have all done good work during the year, and their petitions for charters will be laid before you.

LODGES INSTITUTED.

On June 10th, 1915, I issued my proxy to Brother Joseph E. Trinnier, Master of Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, to institute Minatare Lodge U.·D.·., at Minatare, which was done June 25th, 1915. I also issued my proxy to Brother Herman Schroeder, Past Master of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, to institute Kimball Lodge U.·D.·., at Kimball, which was done June 21st, 1915.

On January 3d, 1916, I instituted Cowles Lodge U.·D.·., at Cowles. A special train brought fifty Master Masons to Cowles from Red Cloud, and this was a very successful meeting.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

Assisted by the Grand Custodian and other Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters, I constituted the following lodges, whose charters were granted at the last session of the Grand Lodge: Union, No. 287, Palmyra; Omaha, No. 288, Omaha; Lotus, No. 289, Ravenna; John J. Mercer, No. 290, Benson; Wolbach, No. 292, Wolbach; and Monument, No. 293, Arapahoe.

I issued my proxy to R.·W.·.Andrew H. Viele, Deputy Grand Master, and he constituted Diamond Lodge No. 291, at Royal.

In all of the above named lodges officers were elected and installed, and the occasions of constituting were made enjoyable and profitable for all.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

During the month of June I installed officers for the ensuing year in the following lodges: Fremont, No. 15, Lincoln, No. 19, Lancaster, No. 54, Lebanon, No. 58, Pomegranate, No. 110, North Bend No. 119, and East Lincoln, No. 210.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted special dispensations as follows:

To Globe Lodge No. 113, Madison, to install officers out of time.

To Parallel Lodge No. 152, Liberty, to elect officers out of time.

To Bee Lodge No. 259, Bee, to elect and install officers out of time.

In each case the required fee was collected and paid to the Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES.

I have granted special dispensations to confer the degrees without regard to time, to lodges as follows:

Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees without regard to time.

Ponca Lodge No. 101, Ponca, to confer the Master Masons degree without regard to time.

Ord Lodge No. 103, Ord, to confer the Master Masons degree without regard to time.

Fees in each case were paid to the Grand Secretary.

APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS.

I have approved codes of by-laws, or amendments thereto, for the following lodges: Nebraska, No. 1; Lincoln, No. 19; Jordan, No. 27; Tekamah, No. 31; Lone Tree, No. 36; Papillion, No. 39; Lancaster, No. 54; Mosaic, No. 55; Wahoo, No. 59; St. Paul, No. 82; Star, No. 88; Utica, No. 96; Waterloc, No. 102; Springfield, No. 112; Doric, No. 118; Stromsburg, No. 126; Guide Rock, No. 128; Gladstone, No. 176; East Lincoln, No. 210; Bloomfield, No. 218; Wood Lake, No. 221; Zion, No. 234; Friendship, No. 239; Tyrian, No. 243; Oasis, No. 271; Litchfield, No. 278; Swastika, No. 280; and Omaha, No. 288.

APPROVAL OF SEALS.

I have approved designs for seals for the following lodges: Union, No. 287; Omaha, No. 288; Lotus, No. 289; John J. Mercer, No. 290; Diamond, No. 291; Wolbach, No. 292; and Monument, No. 293.

ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND CUSTODIAN APPOINTED.

I have appointed or re-appointed the following Assistants to the Grand Custodian: Walter W. Wells, 192, Ensign J. Rix, 55, James D. Phillips, 93, Frederick L. Wolff, 135, Edward M. Wellman, 1, Charles A. Eyre, 268, Earl M. Bolen, 130, Barclay M. Hickman, 38, Fred A. Howe, 119, Benjamin Wood, 210, Ira C. Freet, 56, Frank L.

Haycock, 207, Robert B. Walker, 170, John J. Tooley, 258, Levi D. Phipps, 31, Frank W. Boyer, 11, and Frank W. Farrand, 36.

JORDAN MEDALS.

On July 6th, 1915, I requested M. W. Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, to present the Jordan Gold Medal to Brother Charles McDonald, a member of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte, as the oldest Mason in the jurisdiction. Brother McDonald was made a Master Mason April 7th, 1851. The Grand Custodian reports that he presented the medal at a meeting of the lodge on July 8th, 1915.

On February 17th, 1916, I presented the Jordan medal to the oldest Master Mason of Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair, at a meeting of the lodge.

REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED AND APPOINTED.

I have recommended for appointment as representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the following brethren:

Robert E. Evans, 5, Colorado; Adam McMullen, 104, Louisiana; Frank L. Haycock, 207, Nevada; James W. Wynkoop, 210, New Brunswick; Edward M. Wellman, 1, New York; Robert O. Wolf, 54, Wisconsin.

The following brethren were commissioned by me as representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near other Grand Lodges:

Justin O. Wellman, New Hampshire; Manuel del Valle Atilas, Puerto Rico; and Norman M. MacKean, Scotland.

OCCASIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND CORNER-STONES.

I opened occasional communications of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the following corner-stones:

For a library building, at Broken Bow; Normal Training School Building, at Peru; Masonic Home for Girls, at Fremont; Auditorium Building, at Polk; Masonic Temple, at Anselmo; Auditorium of the Normal School, at Kearney.

At all of these ceremonies, I was assisted by the Grand Custodian, Past Grand Masters, and other Grand Officers, as well as the lodges interested, and they were all made gala occasions.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

I conferred degrees in the following lodges, at the request of the officers and members: Lincoln, No. 19; Evening Star, No. 49; Hiram, No. 52; Lancaster, No. 54; Aurora, No. 68; Springfield, No. 112; Har-

tington, No. 155; Grafton, No. 172; East Lincoln, No. 210; Zion, No. 234; and Gothenburg, No. 249.

NEW LODGE HALLS.

I have given permission to the following lodges to move into new halls, having in each instance required a certificate from three Past Masters as to the suitability of the new hall for lodge purposes:

Tyre, No. 85; Guide Rock, No. 128; Unity, No. 163; Gladstone, No. 176; Amethyst, No. 190; Level, No. 196, Scotts Bluff, No. 201; John S. Bowen, No. 232; Friendship, No. 239; and Anselmo, No. 258.

In this connection I suggest the expediency of the Grand Lodge inquiring into the desirability of permitting other organizations not Masonic, to occupy quarters in our Temples and halls.

VISITATIONS.

I have visited the following lodges during the past year, and I consider that these visitations have done more for the lodges in this jurisdiction than anything else that I could possibly have done, and I am more than pleased with the results and the interest shown by the members: Nebraska, No. 1; Omadi, No. 5; Plattsmouth, No. 6; Falls City, No. 9; Lincoln, No. 19; Washington, No. 21; St. Johns, No. 25; Blue River, No. 30; Lone Tree, No. 36; Oliver, No. 38; Hebron, No. 43; Harvard, No. 44; Evening Star, No. 49; Hiram, No. 52; Charity, No. 53; Lancaster, No. 54; Mosaic, No. 55; York, No. 56; Mt. Moriah, No. 57; Thistle, No. 61; Aurora, No. 68; Trowel, No. 71; Nelson, No. 77; St. Paul, No. 82; Fairfield, No. 84; Bennett, No. 94; Creighton, No. 100; Ord, No. 103; Wymore, No. 104; Springfield, No. 112; Superior, No. 121; Auburn, No. 124; Minden, No. 127; Long Pine, No. 136; Clay Centre, No. 139; Square, No. 151; Hartington, No. 155; Merna, No. 171; Grafton, No. 172; Alliance, No. 183; Bee Hive, No. 184; Gavel, No. 199; Golden Fleece, No. 205; East Lincoln, No. 210; North Star, No. 227; Zion, No. 234; Gothenburg, No. 249; George Washington, No. 250; Anselmo, No. 258; Mitchell, No. 263; Robert W. Furnas, No. 265; and Minatare, U. . . D. . .

MISCELLANEOUS.

Permission was granted to Square & Compass Lodge No. 213 of Miller, to store their books, charter, records, and paraphernalia in a bank vault, until a suitable room could be prepared, as their lodge room was destroyed by fire.

I gave permission to Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 to confer the Master Masons degree for Square & Compass Lodge No. 213, Miller, their lodge room having been destroyed by fire.

On being informed by the Grand Secretary that Past Grand Master William E. Hill, now a resident of Los Angeles, California, had sent a draft for \$1,000.00 to be invested for the Nebraska Masonic Home, I sent him a courteous letter of thanks. In sending the donation, M. W. Brother Hill provided that the income from the money is to be used for maintenance of the Home for twenty years; at the expiration of that time, the principal may, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, be used for maintenance.

I issued an edict to Lancaster Lodge No. 54, requiring them to carry out the laws and follow the landmarks of this Grand Jurisdiction, in conferring degrees.

In a trial held by Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore, the decision of the court showed the brother guilty, and I remanded the case for a new trial, which was held and the brother expelled. The same thing occurred in a trial held in Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud, and the brother has been expelled.

I received an invitation to attend the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, to be held in Washington, D. C., on February 21st and 22d, 1916. I issued my proxy to Past Grand Master Milton J. Hull, to attend the meeting; he did so, and his report of the same is in the Grand Secretary's office.

I attended a meeting of the Committee on Promulgation of the Work, in Omaha, and also a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, at the same place.

In company with the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Tyler, and the Masters of the lodges located in Lincoln and vicinity, Lincoln, No. 19, Lancaster, No. 54, East Lincoln, No. 210, North Star, No. 227, and George Washington, No. 250, I attended a dinner given by Acacia Fraternity at Lincoln. We were royally treated by the young men of this fraternity at the Acacia House, State University, and had a very pleasant time with them.

The following lodges not being represented at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, I wrote them, and received very courteous replies, explaining the matter: Nos. 68, 81, 86, 89, 113, 153, 170, 174, 185, 201, 206, 217, 231, 236, 239, 252, and 257.

A reception was given by Lincoln Lodge No. 19 and Lancaster Lodge No. 54, to the Grand Master, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Tyler, on April 27th, 1916. There were about 700 guests present, and it was the largest social event I attended during the year.

Application having been made to me for restoration to good standing of two former members of lodges now extinct, and they having paid their dues, I ordered them reinstated to good standing, and the Grand Secretary has on their requests issued them demits.

I advised our lodges not to contribute for a Masonic Temple, at Manila, Philippine Islands.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The death of Past Grand Master Charles J. Phelps, who had been writing the reports on correspondence for a number of years, created a vacancy in the committee, and I appointed Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt in his place. M. W. Brother Ehrhardt has written the review of other Grand Lodges, which will be submitted at this session.

ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

The plan of the present Grand Custodian, as adopted by the Grand Lodge in the year 1910, can no longer be regarded as new or experimental, but as a plan of practical utility, with lasting benefits and results, as far as it has been demonstrated. Possibly the method could be improved in certain respects.

It is out of the question and a physical impossibility for any one man to keep in such close touch with the two hundred and seventy lodges of the jurisdiction as will enable them to be in that perfect tune with the letter of the work, as Section 8, Chapter II. of the law requires. But with the valuable aid of these Assistants to the Grand Custodian, it is made possible for the letter of the law to be complied with, and there is no good reason nor just cause why this law should not be strictly observed, obeyed, and enforced in every respect and in every case.

If lodges will improve the opportunity afforded them of securing the services of the Assistants to the Grand Custodian, they will find that the time is well employed, and the means well spent, in being fully prepared to disseminate the work in an accurate and impressive manner that will impress the neophyte with the knowledge of that truth which will make him free—a truth that is worth knowing and worth remembering.

The selecting, appointing, and commissioning of Assistants is a grave responsibility, and great care should be exercised by those who are supposed to perform this formal duty. Commissions are not intended for wall decorations, or for any particular advantage, or supposed honor that they may confer on any particular brother over another. For the greatest good must follow the greatest sacrifice, and he who would be the greatest among us, must be he who serves the most, "without the hope of fee or reward."

Assistants to the Grand Custodian must be loyal Craftsmen of high moral standing, demonstrating in their daily lives the living and eter-

nal principles of Masonry. Its golden tenets and its cardinal virtues never permit the selfish thought of the loaves and fishes to enter their mental realm. Assistants should be persistent in their efforts to become absolutely letter perfect in the work. They should be ardent students of the study side of Masonry. Knowledge of its origin, its history, its symbols, its traditions, both written and unwritten, becoming simply a phonograph in the rendition of the letter of the work, will not suffice in the work of "building a spiritual temple, an house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

Such are some of my views as Grand Master and as an Assistant to the Grand Custodian.

DECISIONS.

I have made the following decisions:

1. A lodge room cannot be legally dedicated, if it is occupied by other bodies, unless they are auxiliary bodies.
2. A candidate wearing an immovable ring is not thereby debarred from receiving the degrees of Masonry.
3. I decided that a petition, received February 15th, 1916, could not be acted upon at the next regular meeting, March 14th, 1916, the law requiring petitions to lie over one lunar month.

Many other questions were received and answered, but they were all covered by the law. The most important have been submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence, in order that they may be advised on the matters referred to.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that the Grand Lodge require that lodges amending their by-laws, fixing the time of meeting, set a certain time or times each month, instead of a time in reference to the full moon. Unless the time is definitely fixed lodges are sometimes unable to comply with Chapter XIV, Section 107, of the law.

I recommend that the Grand Lodge take some action in reference to issuing memorial circulars for deceased Past Grand Masters and officers of the Grand Lodge. It is my understanding that some of our Past Grand Masters do not wish memorial circulars issued after their deaths, and it is a question whether the memorial pages published in the proceedings are not sufficient.

CONCLUSION.

I can not close this report of my activities as Grand Master, without uttering my protest against a practice of great consequences, and deserving the greatest condemnation. I refer to the unmasonic habit

of electioneering for office or for other Masonic honors. The brother who indulges in this practice is a Mason in name only. He certainly has not caught the spirit of the institution. Masonic honors mean much if bestowed without money and without price, but when secured by scheming men, they cease to be honors at all, and become mere trappings of cunning wire-pullers, robbing the institution of its greatest glory.

In writing this conclusion to what will be my last official communication to this Grand Lodge, I ask the Great Architect of the Universe what message I shall leave with these brethren who have honored me so highly, and whom I love so much; and this seems a fitting answer to the question and is the message I leave with you: A pleasant smile, a kind word, a helping hand—there is no joy in the world comparable to that sweet joy that comes from a kind act cheerfully performed. No happiness is comparable to that of lightening the heavy burden of those who ascend the hill of life, and are weary and worn out. A life so full of the thoughts for others that there is neither time nor inclination to contend in petty strife, is the only life that really counts—a life of intelligent and unselfish service.

All of the Past Grand Masters, officers of the Grand Lodge, and all of our members in the jurisdiction have vied with each other to make this the happiest year of my life, and you and I may thank God for our opportunities, which come to us on every hand.

Hoping that the Grand Architect of the Universe may rule and control your life and actions, I am

Truly and fraternally yours,

SAMUEL S. WHITING,

Grand Master.

After the Grand Master had read his address, the following resolution, presented by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the invitation of the Grand Master to visit the Nebraska Masonic Home be accepted, and that the expense of the special train be paid by the Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Ways and Means be instructed to include an item for the same in the appropriations.

The address of the Grand Master, together with the following reports of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, and the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

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

I submit herewith my report for the year ending June 6th, 1916.

Petitions for charters for lodges at Kimball, Cowles, and Minatare, with all papers connected therewith, have been sent to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. All papers relating to grievances have been sent to the Committee on Grievances.

RETURNS FROM LODGES.

Returns from all chartered lodges and statements of work done by the three lodges under dispensation have been received, and the accounts of all lodges have been closed for the year ending March 31st, 1916.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The proposed amendment to Article VII. of the constitution was submitted to the lodges, and 185 have voted in favor of adopting it, 35 voted against it, and 47 have not voted. The amendment was sent to all lodges on October 6th, 1915, and in accordance with the law, on April 1st, 1916, the Grand Master notified the Masters of all lodges that had not reported, of their failure to send in their votes.

EUROPEAN WAR RELIEF FUND.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge further distribution of the funds collected for those suffering as a result of the war in Europe was left to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. The National Masonic War Relief Association has not asked for more funds, and we believe that a greater need for assistance will come after the close of the war than there is at present. There remains the sum of \$5,927.04 on hand, drawing four per cent. interest; of this \$3,000.00 is on deposit with the First Trust Company of Omaha, and \$2,927.04 is on deposit with the Custer State Bank, of Broken Bow.

NEW EDITION OF THE LAW.

A new edition of the law, containing all amendments to the law adopted since the last edition was published, was printed last year and distributed in the usual manner. The law was printed from new linotype, and contains the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Lodge, and some new forms that were considered desirable.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH DEBIT.

Balance on hand May 20th, 1915.....	\$35,492.30
Received for fees for dispensations for three new lodges.....	75.00
Received for fees for charters for seven lodges.....	350.00
Received for penalties assessed against lodges in 1915.....	19.25
Received for supplies sold to lodges.....	1,365.53
Received for interest collected on daily balances.....	588.14
Received for fees on 1,966 initiations at \$5.00 each.....	9,830.00
Received for dues on 22,305 members less 76 in lodges U. D. ., and 139 exempt, net number collected on 22,090, at \$1.50.....	33,135.00
Received from amount advanced for promulgation of the work	68.46
Received from lodges in excess of amount due.....	21.00
Received for six bound volumes sold to a library.....	6.00
Received for eight special dispensations issued to lodges....	80.00
Total.....	<u>\$81,030.68</u>

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH CREDIT.

Pay-roll, 1915.....	\$ 4,237.30
Committee on Correspondence.....	100.00
Grand Tyler, 1915.....	15.00
Masonic Temple Craft, Omaha, rent, heat, and light.....	250.00
Organist, session of 1915.....	10.00
Premium on Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	15.00
Fire insurance on supplies.....	38.75
Elm Creek Lodge No. 133, return of fee for special dispensation	10.00
Masonic Relief Association, circulars for lodges.....	111.52
Printing eight charters.....	80.00
Proceedings of 1915, and reports of officers.....	632.00
Committee on Relief.....	2,587.67
Expense of Grand Master Davis, 1914-1915.....	64.89
Expense of Grand Master Whiting, 1915-1916.....	400.00
Clerk hire, Grand Master.....	420.00
Stenographer, session of 1915.....	10.00
Attorneys' fees in tax case.....	400.00
Lists of regular lodges.....	70.00
Part bronze tablet, Past Grand Master George W. Lininger.	150.00
1,000 copies of the Law of Freemasonry, 1915.....	174.21
New metal for printing the law.....	20.40
Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax.....	16,567.50
Expense of the Grand Custodian.....	600.00

Masonic Home for Girls at Fremont.....	\$12,000.00
Fees for initiation returned to three lodges.....	15.00
Excess dues returned to lodge.....	6.00
Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, salary, 1915-1916.....	1,500.00
Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, salary, 1915-1916.....	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	1,530.00
Janitor, \$60.00; stationery, \$58.25; incidentals, \$32.51.....	150.76
Blanks, \$154.00; telephone, \$30.00.....	184.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.....	272.42
Supplies for sale and issue.....	925.19
Promulgation of the work.....	961.62
Grand Lodge library, binding 2 volumes History of Nebraska.....	5.00
Balance in the Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk.....	34,116.45
Total.....	<u>\$81,030.68</u>

GENERAL LEDGER BALANCE AFTER CLOSING THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ending May 20th, 1916.

General Relief, 1916-1917	\$ 2,639.75
Inventory.....	103,352.03
516 shares of stock in Nebraska Masonic Home..	\$ 51,600.00
Supplies for sale and issue	195.51
Grand Lodge jewels	233.00
Grand Lodge library furniture.....	1,664.64
Grand Lodge library	1,182.18
Childrens Home at Fremont.....	17,000.00
Cash on hand.....	34,116.45
	<u>\$105,991.78</u>
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RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand, as per last report.....	\$2,587.67
May 20th, 1916, ten per cent. of the fees and dues.....	2,639.75
Total.....	<u>\$5,227.42</u>
June 10th, 1915, paid to the Committee on Relief.....	2,587.67
To the credit of the Relief Fund for 1916-1917.....	<u>\$2,639.75</u>

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

March 20th, 1915, Balance on hand.....	\$ 898.35
Purchased during the year.....	925.19
Sold during the year.....	\$1,365.53
Issued free during the year.....	262.50
On hand March 20th, 1916.....	195.51
	<u>\$1,823.54</u>
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Grand Lodge library	1,182.18
Childrens Home at Fremont	17,000.00
General Fund cash.....	34,116.45
Gross assets.....	\$105,991.78
Due for relief, 1916-1917	2,639.75
Net assets.....	\$103,352.03
Net assets, 1915	93,477.80
Increase for the year, 1916.....	\$ 9,874.23

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

The following data relating to the Home is taken largely from the reports made to the stockholders on January 23d, 1916. During the year 1915, the cash on hand and the amount received was....\$46,770.81
The disbursements were..... 42,690.46

Balance on hand.....\$ 4,080.35

The above statement includes the Orphans Educational Fund, which is managed by the Trustees of the Home.

During the year 1915 twelve residents were admitted, six of them being children. Three residents, all adults, died during the year, and three adults have died up to this time during the year 1916.

Thirty-seven residents were at the Homes for the full year, 1915, and twenty-seven were there parts of the year, averaging about forty-four for a full year, and 781 meals were furnished to visitors. The cost of maintaining a resident for a full year was approximately \$250.36, an increase of \$20.44 over the year 1914. The per capita food cost for the year was \$6.30 per month, as against \$5.64 for the year 1914, being an increase of 66 cents per month for each individual; the total cost of food was \$4,448.00, as against \$4,224.00 for the year 1914, being an increase of \$224.00 for the year.

We are still continuing the system of asking for bids and awarding contracts to the lowest bidder for food and other supplies required for the Home. The total cost of food used during the year was \$4,448.00 This includes all products raised at the Home. The number of residents for the year, deducting for all absent days, was 42 $\frac{4}{10}$ per month. The average number of residents and employees, including meals furnished to visitors (781), and meals furnished the boys and their Matron

(1,302), was 58.8% per month, making a per capita food cost of \$6.30, as against \$5.64 in 1914, \$5.87 in 1913, and \$6.54 in 1912. The per capita of meat eaten was 13.8 pounds per month, at a cost of \$1.88. The cost of maintaining our refrigerator, including the icing of the cold storage, and furnishing ice to the Home and cottage was \$383.04. The cost of water for the year, including that used in the laundry, was \$102.22. The cost of electricity, washing powders, soaps, etc., for the laundry, including all cleansing compounds for the kitchen and lavatories, was \$373.07. See pages 601 and 602 for statistics of other Masonic Homes.

There are now at the Home (May 20th, 1916), seventeen women, and twenty-two men; nine boys are at the cottage, and eleven girls and two small boys are at the Girls Home at Fremont.

In addition to the residents cared for at the Homes, the Grand Lodge is helping to care for thirty-five people, members of lodges, their widows, and orphans, at a cost of \$1,889.78.

All cases relating to relief or admission to the Home are investigated without cost to the Grand Lodge or to the Nebraska Masonic Home, and the recipients of relief outside of the Home are visited from time to time, without any expense.

During 1915, the Grand Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star purchased a forty acre tract of land near Fremont, one-half of the purchase price having been subscribed by the brethren of the different Masonic orders and the Eastern Star in Fremont. The Grand Lodge erected a substantial cottage, at an expense of over \$12,000.00, for the girls, who occupied it at the beginning of this year.

Commanderies contributed as a Christmas offering to purchase medical supplies at the Home, the sum of \$347.50. Cash donations, amounting to \$77.20, were made during the year, cash donations for Christmas dinner amounted to \$40.00; fruit, clothing, Christmas presents, and many useful articles were contributed direct to the Home. The net profit from produce, etc., was \$258.12.

During the year M. W. Brother William E. Hill, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, donated \$1,000.00 to the Home, the income to be used for maintenance for twenty years; at the expiration of that time the principal may be used by the Trustees for maintenance with the consent of the Grand Lodge. M. W. Brother John B. Dinsmore, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, who died during the year, in his will provided for the payment to the Home of the income of some stocks, the value of which can not be given at this time.

The cost of maintaining the Home for 1915, not including betterments, repairs, memorial tablet, furnishings, and insurance, was:

Printing stationery, and office supplies.....	\$ 124.37
Postage.....	23.00
Entertainment.....	16.35
Medical supplies.....	145.25
Maintenance.....	4,990.93
Salaries and labor.....	3,781.00
Fuel.....	1,242.92
Light.....	136.57
Power, for laundry and refrigeration.....	337.33
Clothing.....	54.00
Water.....	164.13
Total.....	\$11,015.85

Against the above should be credited:

Amount received from residents for clothing.....	\$ 4.25	
“ “ “ “ “ maintenance..	1,312.89	1,317.14
Net cost for the year.....	\$ 9,698.71	

COMPARISON OF COST.

	1914	1915	Increase	Decrease
Printing, stationery, and office supplies.....	\$ 115.00	\$ 124.37	\$ 9.37	\$
Postage.....	25.00	23.00		2.00
Entertainment.....	36.00	16.35		19.65
Medical supplies.....	125.04	145.25	20.21	
Maintenance.....	4,579.71	4,990.93	411.22	
Salaries and labor.....	3,922.00	3,781.00		141.00
Fuel.....	1,150.77	1,242.92	92.15	
Light and Power.....	490.39			
Light.....		136.57		
Power.....		337.33		16.49
Clothing.....	82.27	54.00		28.27
Water.....	280.19	164.13		116.06
Total.....	\$10,806.37	\$11,015.85	\$ 532.95	\$ 323.47
Decrease.....			323.47	
Increase for the year.....			\$ 209.48	

In considering the comparison of cost, allowance should be made for the difference in the number of residents cared for in 1914 (47), and those cared for in 1915 (44), also the difference in the amount of fuel and food on hand January 1st, 1915, and 1916, which is not taken into account.

In addition to the above amounts, the Order of the Eastern Star paid out for their last fiscal year \$4,740.56, for caring for the girls at the Home at Fremont and all incidentals at the Home for Boys at Plattsmouth.

The per capita cost per month for the Home for Girls was \$20.60; the food cost, \$6.32.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

I submit herewith my sixteenth annual report for the year ending May 4th, 1916.

It is the same old song to the same old tune;

That you have heard in the past from June to June.

Generally speaking, but with few exceptions, lodges are making an honest effort to observe, obey, and enforce Section 8, Chapter II. of the law, in the matter of proficiency in the work, and are getting good results for their fidelity to obligation and obedience to constituted authority in maintaining the law.

However, much to my regret, I must admit that not only the formal reports of the Grand Custodian, but those of his Assistants, show an apathetic indifference in some of our lodges, the members of which "seem to think that there is nothing in Masonry for them to do but to look on now and then while a degree is conferred, and soon become weary of that." Nothing resists so effectually as inaction, and "to obtain a degree were it even hundredth amounts to little, if when its lessons are only partly learned, all interest ceases and even to attend its meetings becomes irksome."

"Against the enemies of apathy, indifference, and indolence, we can not be too zealous. Freemasonry should not be an asylum for drones and laggards and listless idlers. The vessel will sail the better if the barnacles are occasionally scraped from the bottom."

These words are not said in a spirit of unkindness nor with any reference to any brother personally, but purely from a standpoint of Masonic principle. Not knowing all the circumstances that may have brought about these unfortunate conditions, "We must be kind, considerate, forbearing and patient." Persuasion in fraternalism goes farther than force. "As far as we can wisely go, we must go (for we be brethren) to incite the lukewarm and apathetic, and then if all our exertions fail, charge them with habitual violation of obligations and cross them off for unworthiness."

The letter of the law in the matter of proficiency in the work is wise and judicious in all of its provisions when enforced, but as I

have heretofore stated the past method is not up to the requirement of the law. (Altogether too much time and money wasted without obtaining the results sought for.)

However this important matter has been in the hands of the Committee of Promulgation of the Work for the past year, and perhaps with their wisdom and past experience, they will solve the intricate problem for the best interest of Masonry and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

REGULAR SCHOOLS

Have been held by the Grand Custodian under the direction and formal order of the Grand Master in the following lodges, viz:—Numbers 13, 19, 23, 31, 33, 35, 36, 46, 50, 54, 61, 90, 99, 105, 120, 145, 155, 176, 183, 189, 220, 227, 233, 234, 248, 250, 263, 265, 266, 273, 277, 287, 289, 290, 292, and 293.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

For the benefit of individual officers were held during the summer months in lodges Numbers 1, 3, 11, 19, 25, 54, 58, and 249.

SPECIAL ORDER OF GRAND MASTER

Under date of December 21st, 1915, formally directed the Grand Custodian not to date lodges after February 1st, 1916, more than one day, (three sessions if possible) and to devote his time principally to the examining of the officers as to their ability to comply with the letter of the law, and to carefully inspect the records, ledgers, and compendiums as to whether they are up to date in the manner and method as prescribed by the law.

We find that all lodges that are substantially correct in the letter of the work and are strictly endeavoring to observe, obey, and enforce Section 8, Chapter II. of the law, are better satisfied with one day than to require them to sacrifice other paramount duties when there is no necessity for it, by demanding of them three days.

This is a much more practical and economical method in the way of time and expense to the Grand Lodge, enabling the Grand Custodian to more than double his visitations in one year.

Those lodges that are not up to the standard of proficiency in the work, it will be up to the Grand Master and the letter of the law to solve their problem for them, as it already does if enforced.

We believe the Grand Master's formal order worthy of consideration and a fair trial.

Under this order the following lodges were carefully examined as to their proficiency as well as inspected along all the other lines as

directed by the Grand Master, viz:—Numbers 1, 2, 3, 9, 11, 25, 27, 38, 40, 56, 68, 87, 95, 114, 132, 135, 136, 147, 148, 158, 164, 169, 170, 171, 177, 184, 192, 204, 210, 221, 223, 224, 254, 257, 258, 261, 268, 272, 278, 281, 288, and 291.

REGULAR SCHOOLS HELD BY ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS.

Viz:—In lodges Numbers 4, 29, 59, 63, 77, 84, 90, 97, 101, 108, 126, 139, 146, 156, 168, 177, 188, 193, 196, 197, 199, 203, 206, 211, 214, 216, 221, 228, 229, 230, 235, 236, 240, 246, 249, 253, 256, and 267.

With two exceptions all the above schools were dated for three days at an average cost to the Grand Lodge of \$21.64 for each school. There were several of the regularly commissioned Assistants to the Grand Custodian whose paramount duties prohibited them from accepting regular assignments for formal schools.

Only one new appointment of an Assistant to the Grand Custodian was made during the past year, viz:—Wor. Brother Levi D. Phipps, of Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Tekamah, who is the right man in the right place, at the right time. A loyal Mason, thoroughly imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, he has ever been willing to sacrifice his time and own interest for the good of the cause.

GRAND LODGE FUNCTIONS.

At the request and under the direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian perfected all the preliminary arrangements and was present at, and assisted in formally constituting the newly chartered lodges at Omaha, Benson, Wolbach, Ravenna, Arapahoe, and Palmyra.

Also the laying of corner-stones at Broken Bow, Fremont, and Kearney.

Also the formal dedication of halls at Columbus, Ansley, and Fremont.

Also made formal examination for lodge at Cowles, Webster County, Nebraska.

MISCELLANEOUS FUNCTIONS.

Installed the officers of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46. Made formal presentation of the Jordan Gold Medal to Brother Charles McDonald of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32. Assisted in conferring the E. A. degree in Nos. 50, 53, and 234. Presided at the funeral obsequies of P. G. M. Albert W. Crites. Was present at the funeral obsequies of P. G. M. Charles J. Phelps.

At the request of the lodges, formally cancelled the school dates at Dorchester, Fairbury, Humboldt, and Giltner.

By reasons of conditions over which I had no control I could not comply with formal requests to preside at funerals at Sutton, Kennard, and Plainview.

SOME MORE OBSERVATIONS ON THE WAY.

There is a happy trend among many of the lodges to provide themselves homes of their own (modern temples in some respects); among those visited in the last year were No. 5 at Dakota City; No. 9 at Falls City; No. 23 at Pawnee; No. 105 at Stella; No. 58 at Columbus; No. 158 at Chadron; No. 176 at Ansley; No. 258 at Anselmo; No. 234 at Hyannis; No. 46 at Kearney.

All the new lodges start out like a newly wedded couple, with a full complement of modern, up-to-date paraphernalia and all the necessary accessories to do the work in a suitable and impressive manner. THANKS to the Grand Secretary.

There are a few that still cling to the old landmarks, and ancient relics of bygone days.

Proficiency—Generally speaking they are trying to hew to the line. But all are not in touch and tune with the work of the time.

They need the "spizzerinktum" with more get up and git,
With a fearless Grand Master to rub them up a bit.

Records—Are tending more and more toward the standard formula as prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

Compendiums—Are more perfect in late years, but there are very few absolutely perfect.

Dues—There are some lodges that deal on the square, with all of their members wherever they are. There are other lodges (quite a few) that still tolerate that unpardonable habit of delinquency from year to year.

Lodge rooms—Many are clean, neat, cozy, cheerful, and homelike. Some few (very few) do not seem to know the difference twixt the *Sanctum sanctorum* and a barroom; they seem to think it a joke, not to permit them to smoke and to smoke.

That the misuse of the whiteball works as great an injury to the good name of Masonry, as the abuse of the blackball; one is as bad as the other and both are wrong in every instance.

That the misuse and abuse of official titles has brought shame and disgrace to the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Freemasonry.
"How should Masons meet?

"On the Level and part upon the square"

Oh what words of meaning those words Masonic are.

In the bonds of Brotherly Love,

Reflecting the Harmony of Heaven above.

The only way that any loyal and true Mason can meet his brother, all distinctions of wealth, superior rank and honor are or should be leveled in Masonic intercourse.

"There is no place for the egotist in Masonry. Emulation and personal adulation are abhorrent to its teachings. It breeds snobbery on one hand and servility on the other. Among brethren of a fraternity that teaches the 'Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Humanity' no 'Holier-than-thou' attribute can rightfully attach in our fraternal intercourse. We are each for all, and all for each, there is no true fraternity where there is inequality."

That Section 54 of the law seems to be a sealed package to some lodges by reason of the non-conformity of many of its provisions.

Section 8, Chapter II. of the law defines that all of the formal duties of the Grand Custodian are under the official direction of the Grand Master.

The Grand Custodian has never assumed by right of the office the performance of any formal duty, or official function, without the knowledge, consent, and approval of the Grand Master in writing at all times and under all circumstances, ever refraining from "butting in" unless they press the button, and call the right number.

It is not my desire to give any opinions, offer any advice, or make any suggestions, as I have all that I can do to attend to my own business, and I am never out of a job.

The Grand Master has been put in close touch (by formal reports by the Grand Custodian and the Assistants to the Grand Custodian) with the present as well the past conditions of one hundred and thirty-two lodges. His experience as an Assistant to the Grand Custodian should enable him to put them in perfect tune all along the line.

PROMULGATION OF WORK.

If your present method and system of disseminating the work is bringing about the practical results sought for, viz:—that of making mankind "wiser, better, and happier," without the loss of time or wasting the funds of the Grand Lodge, LET IT ALONE.

If not, find out wherein the fault lies, and give it such present treatment that will be a remedy for all its ills and ailments, for all future time,—a plan that will be judicious to all concerned, and bring about the end long sought for, the good of the whole. Our official relations with the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Committee on Promulgation of Work, have been harmonious, pleasant, and fraternal along all lines. Their kindly forbearance and consideration with the many shortcomings of the Grand Custodian endear them to him in a

bond of friendship which defies the frost of time. We fully realize that we are approaching the Indian summer of life, and that these pleasant relations must sooner or later terminate.

May the recollections of our many years' association remain as fond reminiscences in memory's vaults, until the curtain of death gently closes around the scenes of this existence, is the earnest and sincere wish of "Uncle Bob."

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Dr.

May 5th, 1915—Balance on hand unexpended	\$ 73.49
June 9th, 1915—Appropriation	600.00
May 1st, 1916—Refund.....	56.90
	<u>730.39</u>

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From May 5th, 1915, to May 1st, 1916.	
Transportation.....	\$194.88
Hotel.....	344.80
Postage	24.57
Telephone and telegrams.....	35.81
Bus and baggage	25.05
Printing.....	21.25
Supplies and sundries.....	9.86
Stenographer.....	8.00
Balance unexpended May 1st, 1916.....	66.17
	<u>730.39</u>

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS' EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

June 9th, 1915, Appropriation.....	\$1,000.00
June 9th, 1915, Mileage and per diem attending Grand Lodge..	\$ 51.12
Fred A. Howe, expense for six schools.....	116.41
Frank L. Haycock, expense for four schools.....	76.34
Levi D. Phipps, one examination, three schools.....	43.63
Benjamin Wood, expense for three schools	50.26
Ira C. Freet, " " four "	64.31
James D. Phillips, " " " "	90.90
Frederick L. Wolff, " " " "	83.63
Ensign J. Rix, " " " "	79.18
Earl M. Bolen, " " " "	68.57
Walter W. Wells, " " " "	82.34
Barclay M. Hickman " " two "	37.62

Robert E. French, stenographer and postage.....	\$ 6.55
Robert E. French, refund Grand Lodge account....	42.30
Balance unexpended.....	106.84
	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

It is hereby certified to by the Grand Custodian that the above amounts are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that the same were expended with the knowledge and formal direction of the Grand Master.

SUPPLEMENTARY SUMMARY.

Total number of schools held by Grand Custodian.....	89
“ “ “ “ “ “ Ass't. “	43
Total.....	<u>132</u>
Total number of sessions held by Grand Custodian.....	322
“ “ “ “ “ “ Ass't. Custodians.....	218
Total.....	<u>540</u>
Total number of lodges represented.....	457
“ “ “ attendance.....	9,457
“ “ “ miles traveled by the Grand Custodian.....	12,305

The schools having the largest attendance were Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Tekamah Lodge No. 31, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, North Star Lodge No. 227, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln Lodge No. 19, York Lodge No. 56, Hastings Lodge No. 50, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pythagoras Lodge No. 156, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Riverton Lodge No. 63, Bancroft Lodge No. 145, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Jachin Lodge No. 146.

AFTERWORD.

Craftsmen, we know not how soon the “silver cord will be loosed; the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain; or the wheel broken at the cistern.”

Let that be with Him who doeth all things well, that supreme All Wise Being in whom every loyal Mason trusts. I hope I may be able to cheerfully say to those I leave behind, Good Evening; and to those I hope to meet, Good Morning. The grave is no dark alley to me; it is a well traveled thoroughfare, that closes with the twilight, and opens with the dawn.

The years may come and the years may go,
 The bloom of spring and the winter snow;
 But the love of a true and faithful friend,
 Is as sweet as summer that ne'er has end.

May your autumn of Indian summer life,
 Be free from all care, sorrow, and strife.
 May sweet peace abide with thee to the end,
 Is the sincere wish of "Uncle Bob," your friend.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT E. FRENCH,

Grand Custodian.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS
 EDUCATIONAL FUND.

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

The following report for the year ending May 20th, 1916, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Securities on hand last report.....\$78,800.00

Securities purchased:

No. 222, Certificate of Deposit, Trust Co., Omaha, \$2,500.00	
No. 223, Willard H. Davidson, on 80 acres of land, Sarpy County.....	4,000.00
No. 224, James W. Boyd, on 79 11-100 acres of land, Thurston County.....	2,500.00
No. 225, William S. Sandoe, on 320 acres of land, Boyd County.....	2,500.00
No. 226, Fred Layher, on 160 acres of land, How- ard County.....	1,800.00
No. 227, Henry Karre, on 160 acres of land, Gree- ley County.....	3,000.00
No. 228, Willard H. Davidson, 160 acres of land, Knox County.....	4,500.00
No. 229, Anna Kubik, on 80 acres of land, Thurs- ton County.....	1,000.00
	21,800.00
	<u>\$100,600.00</u>

Securities paid off or renewed:

No. 140, Sackett.....	\$1,300.00
No. 186, Jilek.....	1,000.00
No. 188, Masonic Temple Craft, Callaway, (part)	150.00
No. 189, Brandow.....	2,000.00
No. 193, Schindler.....	3,000.00
No. 199, Creighton Lodge No. 100.....	300.00
No. 205, Bosler.....	4,500.00
No. 210, McDowell.....	2,500.00
No. 214, Moe (part).....	200.00

No. 222, Trust Co., certificate of deposit	\$2,500.00	\$ 17,450.00
Securities on hand		83,150.00
		<u>\$100,600.00</u>

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

NO.	BORROWER.	PROPERTY LOCATED IN	AMOUNT
188,	Masonic Temple Craft Assn.,	Callaway, Masonic Temple.	\$ 1,850.00
191,	Hart.....	80 acres, Burt County.....	1,500.00
192,	Hart.....	80 acres, Burt County.....	1,500.00
194,	Mathews.....	80 acres, Burt County.....	1,000.00
197,	Woodman.....	120 acres, Colfax County.....	5,000.00
198,	Horn.....	80 acres, Boone County.....	2,800.00
200,	Iauch.....	109 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, Knox County.....	2,000.00
201,	Olson.....	100 acres, Dixon County....	3,500.00
202,	Bring.....	80 acres, Thurston County.....	3,000.00
203,	Fendrich.....	118 $\frac{5}{8}$ acres, Butler County.....	4,800.00
204,	Meyers.....	160 acres, Cedar County.....	5,000.00
206,	Davidson.....	120 acres, Sarpy County.....	2,500.00
207,	Richardson.....	80 acres, Burt County.....	1,200.00
208,	Goll.....	40 acres, Burt County.....	2,500.00
209,	Clark.....	80 acres, Boone County.....	2,000.00
211,	Zvacek.....	80 acres, Thurston County.....	2,500.00
212,	Cole.....	125 acres, Nemaha County.....	2,000.00
213,	Rube.....	79 acres, Cedar County.....	2,500.00
214,	Moe.....	160 acres, Merrick County.....	2,500.00
215,	Bombeck.....	160 acres, Cuming County.....	900.00
216,	Anderson.....	80 acres, Burt County.....	3,200.00
218,	Lordeman.....	160 acres, Boone County.....	1,600.00
219,	Richardson.....	160 acres, Antelope County.....	3,000.00
220,	Blomstedt.....	320 acres, Howard County.....	2,500.00
221,	Stark.....	80 acres, Dodge County.....	3,000.00
223,	Davidson.....	80 acres, Sarpy County.....	4,000.00
224,	Boyd.....	79 $\frac{1}{8}$ acres, Thurston County.....	2,500.00
225,	Sandoe.....	320 acres, Boyd County.....	2,500.00
226,	Layher.....	160 acres, Howard County.....	1,800.00
227,	Karre.....	160 acres, Greeley County.....	3,000.00
228,	Davidson.....	160 acres, Knox County.....	4,500.00
229,	Kubik.....	80 acres, Thurston County.....	1,000.00
	Securities on hand.....		<u>\$83,150.00</u>
	Due from the Nebraska Masonic Home.....		16.85
	Total.....		<u>\$83,166.85</u>
	Securities last report, less amount due the Masonic Home....		<u>\$78,703.11</u>
	Increase.....		\$ 4,463.74

All interest due is paid to date; the rate of interest is from five and one-half to six per cent.

CASH.

Due the Nebraska Masonic Home last report....\$	96.89	
Interest due on loans purchased	39.04	
Securities purchased	21,800.00	
Due from the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	16.85	
Securities paid off		\$17,450.00
Interest collected.....		4,502.78
	\$21,952.78	\$21,952.78

All securities were approved by the Master or some officer of a lodge near where the land is located, before purchase, and all loans purchased are first mortgages on farm lands in Nebraska.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Secretary.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

Jurisprudence:—All Past Grand Masters present, with M.:W.: Thomas M. Davis, as chairman.

Codification of the Law:—Bros.: Frederick L. Wolff, 135; Edward M. Wellman, 1.

Foreign Correspondence:—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Frank L. Haycock, 207.

Fraternal Dead:—Bros.: Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Walter W. Wells, 192.

Relief and Care of Orphans:—Bros.: Robert E. Evans, 5; Frank H. Young, 207; Thomas M. Davis, 93; Alpha Morgan, 148; John A. Ehrhardt, 41.

Grand Lodge Accommodations in New Masonic Temple:—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Frank H. Young, 207; George H. Thummel, 33.

Promulgation of the Work:—Bros.: George H. Thummel, 33; Charles E. Burnham, 166; James R. Cain, Jr., 105.

Childrens Home:—Bros.: Alpha Morgan, 148; Frank H. Young, 207; Lewis E. Smith, 136; Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Carroll D. Evans, 58.

Memorial to Washington the Mason:—Bros.: John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Henry H. Wilson, 19; Charles E. Burnham, 166.

Promotion of the World's Peace:—Bros.: Henry H. Wilson, 19; George H. Thummel, 33; Thomas M. Davis, 93.

Grievances:—Bros.: Edward M. Wellman, 1; Isaac A. Reneau, 148; J. Martin Talcott, 273.

Doings of Grand Lodge Officers:—Bros.: George H. Thummel, 33; Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50; Henry F. May, 94.

Accounts:—Bros.: Charles A. Eyre, 268; Frank Ross Brown, 213; Melville N. Winebrenner, 274; Theophilus I. Minier, 241; Charles H. F. Steinmeier, 176.

Charters and Dispensations:—Bros.: John F. Poucher, 41; James W. Wyncoop, 210; Morris H. Evans, 220.

Credentials:—Bros.: Fred Volpp, 132; Leo L. Kurtz, 54; Joseph E. Trinnier, 285.

Ways and Means:—Bros.: Ira M. Miller, 19; Edward H. Mack, 145; Frank N. Stevenson, 58.

Grand Lodge Office:—Bros.: Harry H. Wills, 3; Oliver C. Dovey, 6; Charles K. Watson, 119.

Returns:—Bros.: Avery Lancaster, 25; John W. Simmons, 104; Frank Tulloss, 177; Fred C. Griffith, 75; August C. Heicke, 184.

Pay-roll:—Bros.: Herman J. Wragge, 31; Lewis R. Barlow, 205; John Marking, 277; Clyde J. Hornsby, 181.

Unfinished Business:—Bros.: Charles E. Burnham, 166; George N. Juhl, 11; Isaac M. Branum, 9; Joseph F. Zajicek, 27.

Visitors:—The Grand Custodian and Assistants.

W.: Brother Avery Lancaster, 25, for the Committee on Returns, presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

The Committee on Returns reports that returns for all lodges, chartered and under dispensation, have been received and carefully examined. Cards for new members and all changes have been made, the cards for each lodge counted, and the results are tabulated in the statement herewith.

Penalties have been assessed lodges as follows, in accordance with the law, their returns having been received after the time stipulated: No. 29, \$4.14; No. 83, \$1.72; No. 85, \$2.73; No. 117, \$1.04; No. 127, 55c; No. 147, 34c; No. 228, \$3.96; No. 247, \$5.60; No. 281, 44c; No. 283, \$1.15; No. 285, \$1.00; total \$22.67.

The following lodges either did not report insurance, if any is carried, or reported that they carry no insurance: Nos. 29, 34, 77, 117, 128, 163, 201, 254, and 260.

The following lodges did not report the mileage: Nos. 51, 53, 54, 97, 102, 113, 121, 125, 160, 163, 208, 221, 269, and 273.

The following lodges report no delinquent dues: Nos. 9, 11, 27, 29, 33, 41, 42, 48, 63, 67, 70, 72, 84, 92, 100, 114, 119, 126, 181, 184, 189, 227, 229, 231, 237, 248, 250, 252, 266, 273, 277, 280, 282, 286, 288, 289, 290, 291, and 293, a total of 40. This is 6 less than reported no delinquent dues last year, and 20 of these were on the list last year. Lodges Nos. 65, 88, 97, 98, 113, 121, 129, 132, 171, 247, 255, 268, 270, 275, 278, 285, and 287 either do not report on delinquent dues, or report in such a manner that the committee is unable to determine the amounts.

As nearly as the committee can tell the amount of delinquent dues is \$13,058.71, \$2,441.55 more than last year, the amounts ranging from \$3.00 to \$640.00.

For the last two years the Committee on Returns has recommended that lodges be not required to report the amount of delinquencies by years, but simply to state the amount delinquent. We renew the recommendation that the law be amended by striking out the words "by years" in the eighteenth line of Section 57, and the words "for each year" in the nineteenth line of said section, and that the law shall fix a date to which all dues shall be computed, as this is the only way the amount of delinquent dues can be accurately determined.

Many errors were found in the returns this year, which necessitated a large amount of correspondence. A large number of returns did not include demissions, and in several cases repeated calls had to be made for necessary information. Secretaries could save themselves a great deal of annoyance by seeing that their returns included everything for the whole year.

RETURNS.

Number of chartered lodges.....	267	
Number of lodges under dispensation.....	3	
Total.....	270	
Number initiated during the year.....	1,966	
Number passed during the year.....	1,832	
Number raised during the year.....	1,907	
Number affiliated during the year.....	387	
Number reinstated during the year.....	105	
Number gained by other causes during the year.....	140	
Total gross increase.....		2,439
Number demitted during the year.....	538	
Number deceased during the year.....	281	
Number suspended during the year.....	255	
Number expelled during the year.....	4	
Number lost by other causes during the year..	2	
Total loss.....		1,080

Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1916.....	1,359
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1915.....	22,305
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1916.....	23,664

FEES, DUES, AND OTHER ITEMS.

Fees on 1,966 initiations during the year at \$5.00 each.....	\$ 9,830.00
Dues on 22,305 members, less 76 of seven lodges chartered last year, at \$1.50 each.....	33,343.50
Due for supplies.....	1,365.53
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	\$44,539.03
Due the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$16,567.50
Due lodges for exemption certificates.....	208.50
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	16,776.00
Net amount due the Grand Lodge.....	\$27,763.03

The number of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and suspended Master Masons, on the rolls, 1,021, 547, and 987 respectively, are the number who have been on these rolls for five years or less.

AVERY LANCASTER,

For the Committee.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31st, 1916.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. of Lodge		
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1916	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1916	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1916	GAIN				LOSS				Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1916			
								No. April 1, 1915	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death				By Suspension	By Expulsion
Nebraska.....	1	83	38	78	10	18	34	636	81	13	1	731	8	5	18	1	32	699	1	
Western Star...	2	3	8	8	8	..	8	149	8	1	2	160	..	3	..	..	3	157	2
Capitol.....	3	58	13	63	7	9	24	626	67	8	3	704	24	10	9	..	43	661	3	
Nemaha Valley	4	13	4	11	2	4	8	52	11	1	..	64	2	1	4	..	7	57	4	
Omadi.....	5	5	2	4	..	3	3	99	5	1	2	107	1	3	..	..	4	103	5
Plattsouth.....	6	11	4	8	2	1	4	126	9	..	..	135	2	4	1	..	7	128	6
Falls City.....	9	27	13	23	7	2	11	139	25	9	1	174	1	3	2	..	6	168	9	
Solomon.....	10	2	1	2	..	..	2	37	..	..	..	37	2	1	..	..	3	34	10
Covert.....	11	95	26	100	22	13	37	733	95	11	..	839	15	11	13	..	39	800	11	
Orient.....	13	4	2	6	5	2	2	38	2	..	..	40	2	..	2	..	4	36	13
Peru.....	14	7	6	2	1	5	7	54	2	..	..	56	..	2	5	..	7	49	14
Fremont.....	15	12	4	9	3	..	9	286	11	1	..	298	2	4	..	..	6	292	15
Tecumseh.....	17	8	5	7	2	..	3	103	8	1	..	112	1	3	..	..	4	108	17
Lincoln.....	19	56	27	54	17	..	5	703	49	20	1	773	13	14	..	..	27	746	19
Washington....	21	4	..	5	1	1	8	102	4	2	..	108	1	3	1	..	5	103	21	
Pawnee.....	23	3	3	2	2	..	7	113	2	..	2	117	1	..	..	..	1	116	23
St. Johns.....	25	70	15	73	19	8	19	731	70	9	1	811	12	9	8	..	29	782	25	
Beatrice.....	26	14	14	9	6	4	9	265	8	9	2	284	7	3	4	..	14	270	26	
Jordan.....	27	7	4	6	3	..	..	53	6	..	..	59	1	1	..	..	2	57	27
Hope.....	29	1	2	1	..	..	..	23	1	..	..	25	1	1	..	..	2	23	29
Blue River.....	30	2	1	3	1	..	..	54	2	1	..	57	..	2	..	..	2	55	30
Tekamah.....	31	12	2	15	2	..	3	124	18	1	2	145	2	2	..	..	4	141	31
Platte Valley...	32	3	7	3	2	..	4	228	4	2	..	234	2	6	..	..	8	226	32
Ashlar.....	33	44	12	45	12	1	3	309	41	6	..	356	5	1	1	..	7	349	33	
Acacia.....	34	1	2	1	3	2	15	66	2	2	1	71	5	1	2	..	8	63	34	
Fairbury.....	35	7	9	6	3	3	9	171	5	1	1	178	5	1	3	..	9	169	35	
Lone Tree.....	36	12	3	13	3	..	2	124	12	2	..	138	2	1	..	..	3	135	36
Crete.....	37	2	3	2	..	2	2	94	2	1	1	98	3	3	2	..	8	90	37	
Oliver.....	38	15	7	10	4	4	7	111	7	2	..	120	3	2	4	..	9	111	38	
Papillion.....	39	2	6	..	..	..	2	42	1	1	..	44	2	..	..	..	2	42	39
Humboldt.....	40	..	2	1	1	..	..	55	..	..	..	55	2	..	..	..	2	53	40
Northern Light.	41	6	4	4	3	..	3	59	3	1	..	63	1	..	..	..	1	62	41
Juniata.....	42	..	..	..	..	..	1	52	..	1	..	53	1	1	..	..	2	51	42
Hebron.....	43	2	5	..	2	..	4	93	1	1	..	95	..	3	..	..	3	92	43
Harvard.....	44	5	..	6	2	..	1	50	4	1	..	55	1	..	..	..	1	54	44
Rob Morris....	46	12	7	10	3	..	10	215	13	7	..	235	3	1	..	..	4	231	46
Fairmont.....	48	6	1	9	3	..	3	51	7	2	..	60	2	2	..	..	4	56	48
Evening Star...	49	12	6	7	5	..	2	60	3	1	..	64	2	2	..	..	4	60	49
Hastings.....	50	21	12	17	3	3	10	307	18	5	1	331	5	3	3	..	11	320	50	
Fidelity.....	51	6	2	4	1	10	10	110	4	2	..	116	2	10	12	104	51	

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension				By Expulsion	Other Causes
Hiram	52	6	7	4	2	57	3	1	61	2	1	1	1	3	58	52					
Charity	53	18	11	16	3	90	17	2	109	11	1	1	1	13	96	53					
Lancaster	54	52	30	53	13	534	62	15	612	8	5	5	5	13	599	54					
Mosaic	55	7	10	12	5	160	11	3	174	5	1	1	1	6	168	55					
York	56	8	2	7	1	250	7	5	265	2	3	5	5	10	255	56					
Mt. Moriah	57	1	2	2	3	62	3	1	66	1	1	1	1	2	64	57					
Lebanon	58	12	6	7	9	138	13	4	156	3	1	1	1	3	153	58					
Wahoo	59	6	3	4	1	112	4	1	116	2	2	1	1	2	114	59					
Melrose	60	5	2	5	1	77	6	3	83	1	3	1	1	4	79	60					
Thistle	61	1	3	1	1	99	2	1	103	1	1	6	1	8	95	61					
Keystone	62	1	1	3	3	57	3	1	61	1	1	1	1	1	61	62					
Riverton	63	5	3	4	2	49	4	1	53	1	2	1	1	2	51	63					
Blue Valley	64	7	3	6	3	61	3	1	65	3	1	1	1	3	62	64					
Osceola	65	3	2	4	1	95	5	3	104	1	1	1	1	3	101	65					
Edgar	67	2	1	2	1	99	3	3	106	3	1	1	1	4	102	67					
Aurora	68	10	12	7	3	131	7	2	141	1	1	1	1	1	140	68					
Sterling	70	4	4	2	4	59	2	2	63	1	3	1	1	4	59	70					
Trowel	71	10	12	4	4	91	4	1	96	4	1	1	1	5	91	71					
Hooper	72	5	6	6	3	69	6	2	77	4	1	1	1	5	72	72					
Friend	73	22	8	15	2	50	14	2	67	4	1	1	1	5	62	73					
Alexandria	74	2	3	1	2	35	3	1	38	1	1	2	1	4	34	74					
Frank Welch	75	10	6	10	2	127	13	3	143	2	1	1	1	3	140	75					
Joppa	76	5	6	1	2	50	6	1	56	1	1	1	1	3	53	76					
Nelson	77	5	2	4	1	67	4	1	71	1	1	1	1	3	68	77					
Albion	78	15	4	11	1	72	10	1	85	2	2	1	1	4	81	78					
Geneva	79	2	2	5	5	156	2	4	164	1	1	1	1	2	162	79					
Composite	81	2	1	3	3	46	1	1	46	2	3	1	1	5	41	81					
St. Paul	82	15	5	12	3	152	10	3	165	13	6	1	1	20	145	82					
Corinthian	83	2	2	3	1	43	3	1	46	1	1	1	1	1	45	83					
Fairfield	84	4	3	4	4	71	4	2	80	2	5	4	1	11	69	84					
Tyre	85	1	1	3	3	39	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	1	38	85					
Doniphan	86	1	1	1	1	32	1	1	33	1	1	1	1	1	32	86					
Ionic	87	15	11	16	6	67	16	2	85	5	2	1	1	2	83	87					
Star	88	9	3	10	1	48	9	1	59	1	1	1	1	1	58	88					
Cedar River	89	10	5	6	4	85	9	2	100	5	3	1	1	8	92	89					
Elk Creek	90	4	3	3	1	29	2	1	31	1	1	1	1	2	29	90					
Oakland	91	3	2	6	2	77	4	1	81	1	1	1	1	1	80	91					
Hubbell	92	1	3	3	2	44	2	1	46	1	1	1	1	1	45	92					
Bever City	93	5	3	6	2	116	4	1	122	4	1	1	1	5	117	93					
Bennett	94	3	3	1	5	48	2	1	50	2	5	1	1	7	43	94					

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Garfield.....	95	7	3	5	4	2	2	66	3	1	1	70	2	2	4	66	95				
Utica.....	96	3	1	3	2	3	3	51	3	2	56	1	1	2	54	96					
Euclid.....	97	2	5	1	1	1	1	54	5	1	60	2	1	2	58	97					
Republican.....	98	3	2	2	1	1	1	59	2	1	63	1	1	2	61	98					
Shelton.....	99	2	2	1	1	3	3	53	2	1	56	2	1	2	54	99					
Creighton.....	100	18	10	10	3	4	8	96	10	4	110	2	1	4	103	100					
Ponca.....	101	5	4	5	1	5	5	68	7	1	75	1	1	1	75	101					
Waterloo.....	102	11	5	11	1	1	1	84	11	1	97	5	1	3	91	102					
Ord.....	103	7	4	4	1	1	10	68	4	1	72	2	1	2	70	103					
Wymore.....	104	14	21	12	1	2	133	15	3	1	152	5	1	6	146	104					
Stella.....	105	5	5	2	1	1	70	4	1	1	76	2	1	2	74	105					
Porter.....	106	3	2	1	4	1	65	3	3	68	10	1	1	10	58	106					
Table Rock.....	108	4	1	4	2	3	3	55	4	3	62	2	1	3	6	56	108				
Pomegranate.....	110	10	1	9	1	2	3	112	8	3	123	2	1	2	5	118	110				
De Witt.....	111	4	4	5	1	1	7	53	5	2	60	1	1	2	58	111					
Springfield.....	112	6	6	4	2	1	6	68	5	1	74	2	1	1	3	71	112				
Globe.....	113	1	2	3	2	1	1	51	3	2	56	1	2	1	3	53	113				
Wisner.....	114	10	7	6	2	1	1	75	4	2	83	1	1	2	2	81	114				
Harlan.....	116	1	3	1	1	1	3	61	1	1	63	1	2	3	60	116					
Hardy.....	117	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	1	1	53	2	1	2	51	117					
Doric.....	118	1	3	1	1	1	1	32	3	1	35	1	1	1	35	118					
North Bend.....	119	2	2	2	1	1	6	95	3	1	99	1	1	2	97	119					
Wayne.....	120	5	2	7	1	1	1	106	7	2	115	6	1	6	109	120					
Superior.....	121	13	6	13	4	1	7	125	11	2	138	4	1	4	134	121					
Auburn.....	124	12	5	8	1	1	2	92	8	1	101	1	2	3	98	124					
Mount Nebo.....	125	9	4	7	2	5	8	78	5	3	86	5	2	5	74	125					
Stromsburg.....	126	4	3	2	3	1	1	87	2	1	91	1	1	2	89	126					
Minden.....	127	3	1	3	1	1	1	55	5	1	61	1	1	2	59	127					
Guide Rock.....	128	1	4	3	1	1	1	34	3	1	37	2	1	2	35	128					
Blue Hill.....	129	1	1	1	1	4	5	59	1	1	61	2	1	4	54	129					
Tuscan.....	130	3	3	2	1	1	1	52	3	1	56	1	1	2	54	130					
Scribner.....	132	2	2	3	1	1	1	59	2	1	62	3	1	4	58	132					
Elm Creek.....	133	3	2	3	4	1	7	42	3	1	45	1	4	4	41	133					
Solar.....	134	5	1	6	1	1	1	61	6	1	67	1	1	1	66	134					
McCook.....	135	8	7	4	1	1	10	171	5	1	178	3	1	3	175	135					
Long Pine.....	136	3	1	3	3	1	1	66	2	5	73	3	2	5	68	136					
Upright.....	137	1	1	2	1	1	1	58	2	1	61	1	1	1	60	137					
Rawalt.....	138	5	2	4	1	1	1	68	4	1	73	1	1	2	71	138					
Clay Centre.....	139	4	1	3	1	1	9	57	4	1	62	1	1	1	62	139					
Western.....	140	6	3	4	1	1	3	57	4	1	61	1	1	1	61	140					

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion		Other Causes	Total Loss
Crescent.....	143	5	6	6	3	3	70	6	...	76	2	4	...	6	70	143				
Kenesaw.....	144	7	2	10	2	5	6	48	11	3	62	...	5	5	57	144				
Bancroft.....	145	3	2	4	3	...	5	70	5	...	75	3	...	3	72	145				
Jachin.....	146	5	2	7	4	...	12	124	10	3	137	2	2	4	133	146				
Siloam.....	147	6	2	8	2	...	6	34	7	...	41	1	1	2	39	147				
Emmet Crawford	148	9	7	7	3	...	5	116	6	5	127	...	...	127	148			
Jewel.....	149	1	3	1	...	2	3	28	4	...	32	1	2	5	27	149				
Cambridge.....	150	7	1	7	2	...	1	60	5	...	65	...	1	1	64	150				
Square.....	151	12	2	15	4	1	6	43	11	1	57	...	1	2	55	151				
Parallel.....	152	1	...	3	2	...	6	52	3	...	55	...	...	55	152			
Evergreen.....	153	1	...	2	...	...	5	60	2	1	63	1	...	1	62	153		
Lily.....	154	3	1	3	...	...	2	43	5	...	48	1	...	1	47	154		
Hartington.....	155	7	7	5	1	...	...	65	7	...	72	...	...	...	72	155
Pythagoras.....	156	5	8	4	2	...	...	62	2	1	65	5	2	7	58	156		
Valley.....	157	...	...	...	1	4	45	...	...	...	45	...	1	2	43	157
Samaritan.....	158	12	5	10	1	...	2	128	15	5	148	4	2	1	141	158				
Ogalalla.....	159	10	3	7	1	...	1	72	8	3	84	1	1	2	82	159				
Zeredatha.....	160	...	...	1	...	...	2	34	...	...	34	...	1	1	33	160
Mount Zion.....	161	5	5	5	4	3	3	42	2	1	45	1	3	4	41	161				
Trestle Board..	162	4	1	3	1	...	2	65	5	...	70	4	2	6	64	162				
Unity.....	163	16	7	12	...	1	39	12	2	2	55	5	1	6	49	163				
Atkinson.....	164	3	1	3	1	...	...	41	4	...	45	...	1	1	44	164		
Barneston.....	165	1	1	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	35	1	1	2	33	165
Mystic Tie.....	166	3	1	3	...	...	...	35	3	1	39	1	...	1	38	166	
Elwood.....	167	3	2	2	1	...	5	46	2	2	50	1	2	3	47	167				
Curtis.....	168	4	8	3	3	...	...	48	1	1	50	1	2	3	47	168		
Amity.....	169	2	3	1	1	...	...	59	1	1	61	1	1	2	59	169		
Mason City.....	170	1	2	...	...	...	...	51	1	1	53	1	1	2	51	170
Merna.....	171	5	4	6	2	3	5	75	7	...	82	4	3	7	75	171				
Grafton.....	172	8	1	9	...	...	2	48	9	1	58	1	...	1	57	172		
Robert Burns..	173	2	3	1	1	...	2	21	1	...	22	...	...	22	173			
Culbertson.....	174	...	...	2	...	...	2	32	...	...	32	1	...	1	31	174
Temple.....	175	4	2	5	4	...	1	64	3	...	67	4	3	7	60	175				
Gladstone.....	176	10	4	7	1	...	...	83	7	1	91	1	1	2	89	176		
Hay Springs...	177	4	2	2	2	...	1	40	3	...	43	1	...	1	42	177				
Prudence.....	179	7	3	6	3	...	3	61	5	2	68	1	...	1	67	179				
Justice.....	180	8	12	1	1	...	5	55	...	1	56	...	1	1	55	180				
Faith.....	181	3	2	4	9	...	14	115	7	3	126	3	2	14	112	181				
Incense.....	182	6	1	6	3	...	1	42	4	1	47	1	...	1	46	182				
Alliance.....	183	19	5	20	7	3	10	188	16	1	205	4	3	7	198	183				

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Bee Hive.....	184	16	6	19	1	7	250	21	6	1	1	278	2	2	1	1	5	273	184
Boaz.....	185	4	4	4	1	1	55	6	1	2	1	65	2	1	1	1	3	62	185
Israel.....	187	2	1	4	1	14	51	4	1	1	1	55	1	1	1	1	2	53	187
Meridian.....	188	1	1	1	3	3	93	1	1	1	1	94	2	1	3	1	6	88	188
Granite.....	189	4	6	2	1	2	59	1	2	1	1	62	1	1	1	1	1	61	189
Amethyst.....	190	4	4	2	1	4	45	2	1	1	1	49	2	1	1	1	2	47	190
Crystal.....	191	2	2	1	1	2	64	1	1	1	1	65	5	2	1	1	7	58	191
Minnekadusa.....	192	9	10	9	5	2	114	10	2	1	1	127	4	2	2	1	8	119	192
Signet.....	193	9	6	6	2	3	45	5	1	1	1	51	7	1	1	1	8	43	193
Highland.....	194	2	2	1	1	2	29	6	1	1	1	36	1	1	2	1	3	33	194
Arcana.....	195	3	5	2	2	4	80	1	3	1	1	84	1	1	1	1	2	82	195
Level.....	196	1	2	1	1	1	42	1	1	1	1	42	2	1	1	1	4	38	196
Morning Star.....	197	1	1	2	1	1	53	4	1	1	1	57	1	2	1	1	2	55	197
Purity.....	198	11	13	2	1	1	42	2	1	1	1	45	1	1	1	1	4	45	198
Gavel.....	199	1	1	1	1	3	22	1	1	1	1	23	1	1	1	1	2	23	199
Blazing Star.....	200	7	4	5	3	4	77	5	1	1	1	84	1	1	3	1	5	79	200
Scotts Bluff.....	201	7	7	3	2	3	50	3	1	1	1	54	9	1	1	1	9	45	201
Golden Sheaf.....	202	4	7	3	1	6	102	3	2	3	1	110	8	2	6	1	16	94	202
Roman Eagle.....	203	9	4	8	1	2	50	7	2	1	1	59	1	1	2	1	3	56	203
Plainview.....	204	7	7	9	4	2	66	6	1	1	1	73	1	1	2	1	4	69	204
Golden Fleece.....	205	3	3	2	2	1	53	2	2	1	1	57	1	1	1	1	1	57	205
Naphthali.....	206	5	2	4	4	2	52	2	2	1	1	56	1	1	1	1	1	55	206
Parian.....	207	2	2	3	2	1	74	1	1	1	1	77	2	1	1	1	2	75	207
Gauge.....	208	3	2	4	2	4	45	3	1	1	1	48	1	1	1	1	2	46	208
Canopy.....	209	4	7	5	1	7	76	6	1	1	1	82	3	1	1	1	4	78	209
East Lincoln.....	210	36	12	36	15	4	291	28	6	2	1	327	5	1	4	1	9	318	210
Cement.....	211	1	1	1	1	1	77	1	1	1	1	77	3	1	1	1	5	72	211
Compass & Square.....	212	4	4	3	1	1	39	2	1	1	1	42	1	1	1	1	2	40	212
Square & Compass.....	213	1	1	2	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	3	39	213
Plumblin.....	214	3	3	1	1	3	50	2	1	1	1	52	1	1	1	1	2	50	214
Occidental.....	215	1	2	1	1	1	73	1	1	1	1	74	1	1	1	1	1	73	215
Palisade.....	216	8	5	5	2	3	47	5	1	1	1	52	1	1	2	1	3	49	216
Wauneta.....	217	1	1	2	1	1	33	2	1	1	1	35	1	1	1	1	1	34	217
Bloomfield.....	218	5	5	3	6	13	88	3	3	3	1	97	1	1	6	1	7	90	218
Relief.....	219	8	3	5	1	1	44	5	2	1	1	51	2	1	1	1	2	49	219
Magnolia.....	220	9	2	9	3	1	71	8	2	1	1	81	2	2	1	1	4	77	220
Wood Lake.....	221	6	5	5	1	1	52	6	1	1	1	59	1	1	1	1	1	58	221
Landmark.....	222	1	1	1	1	1	79	3	1	1	1	82	3	2	1	1	5	77	222
Eminence.....	223	1	2	2	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	51	1	1	1	1	1	50	223
Silver Cord.....	224	2	3	6	1	5	61	5	2	1	1	69	1	1	1	1	1	68	224

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								No. on April 1, 1915	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission		By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Cable.....	225	3	2	2	2	1	59	1	60	43	3	1	1	1	1	60	225			
Grace.....	226	2	1	1	1	6	41	2	43	4	1	1	1	1	1	43	226			
North Star.....	227	10	5	10	4	7	132	9	145	5	2	1	1	1	7	138	227			
Bartley.....	228	3	3	3	1	1	36	3	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	228			
Comet.....	229	3	2	1	1	6	48	2	51	2	1	1	1	1	3	48	229			
Delta.....	230	1	3	1	1	1	53	1	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	230			
Mount Hermon.....	231	4	1	3	1	4	63	4	67	4	1	1	1	1	4	63	231			
John S. Bowen.....	232	4	4	4	4	3	47	6	53	2	3	1	1	1	5	48	232			
Gilead.....	233	3	4	2	4	3	44	2	46	3	1	1	1	1	3	43	233			
Zion.....	234	15	5	13	8	2	68	9	78	1	1	2	1	1	4	74	234			
Fraternity.....	235	1	2	2	1	4	42	1	44	1	1	1	1	1	4	44	235			
Golden Rule.....	236	1	1	4	2	3	31	2	33	1	1	1	1	1	3	33	236			
Cubit.....	237	2	1	1	2	4	52	1	54	1	1	2	1	1	4	50	237			
Friendship.....	239	5	1	4	3	1	42	3	45	1	1	1	1	1	4	45	239			
Pilot.....	240	14	1	15	6	11	53	15	70	2	1	1	1	1	4	66	240			
George Armstrong.....	241	1	2	1	1	1	81	1	81	3	1	1	1	1	4	77	241			
Tyrian.....	243	4	4	5	2	4	33	4	37	2	2	1	1	1	4	33	243			
Sincerity.....	244	1	1	1	1	1	33	1	34	1	1	1	1	1	2	32	244			
Hampton.....	245	5	4	3	2	1	56	2	58	3	1	1	1	1	4	54	245			
Nehawka.....	246	4	4	4	1	2	55	5	60	1	1	1	1	1	2	58	246			
Corner-stone.....	247	2	6	2	4	6	56	6	64	1	1	1	1	1	2	62	247			
Laurel.....	248	4	3	3	1	2	59	2	62	1	1	2	1	1	4	58	248			
Gothenburg.....	249	4	3	4	1	1	48	3	51	1	1	2	1	1	2	49	249			
George Washington.....	250	8	5	7	2	6	106	13	119	5	6	1	1	1	11	108	250			
Wausa.....	251	7	5	7	2	1	54	7	61	1	1	1	1	1	2	59	251			
Hildreth.....	252	8	4	7	1	3	39	7	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	45	252			
Beemer.....	253	4	2	6	1	2	45	6	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	253			
Bassett.....	254	2	2	1	1	4	49	1	50	1	1	1	1	1	5	50	254			
Bradshaw.....	255	6	1	6	1	1	52	7	60	2	1	1	1	1	2	58	255			
Hickman.....	256	1	1	1	1	1	37	1	37	2	1	1	1	1	2	35	256			
Holbrook.....	257	4	6	6	2	4	62	4	66	11	1	1	1	1	11	55	257			
Anselmo.....	258	6	6	5	1	1	67	10	77	2	2	1	1	1	2	75	258			
Bee.....	259	3	1	3	1	2	30	4	34	1	2	1	1	1	2	32	259			
Springview.....	260	1	1	1	1	3	21	1	25	2	1	1	1	1	2	25	260			
Ornan.....	261	3	3	2	1	1	50	3	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	261			
Endeavor.....	262	1	1	1	1	7	43	7	43	1	7	1	1	1	7	36	262			
Mitchell.....	263	3	3	3	3	1	58	1	62	2	1	1	1	1	3	59	263			
Franklin.....	264	6	4	5	3	1	54	8	63	2	1	1	1	1	2	61	264			
Robert W. Furnas.....	265	8	5	4	1	1	75	3	81	1	1	1	1	1	2	79	265			
Silver.....	266	2	4	1	1	2	33	1	34	2	2	1	1	1	4	30	266			

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James A. Tulleys...	267	7	1	6	...	1	52	7	59	1	1	...	2	5726			
George W. Lininger	268	12	2	11	1	...	128	12	11	151	2	1	...	3	14826			
Riverside	269	2	5	2	1	1	30	3	33	2	1	1	4	2926			
Huntley	270	2	2	1	1	...	32	2	34	1	1	1	3	3127			
Oasis	271	4	5	5	2	...	37	3	1	41	4127			
Lee P. Gillette	272	7	4	7	43	7	50	1	1	...	2	4827			
Crofton	273	6	7	4	3	...	47	6	53	2	2	5127			
Olive Branch	274	10	3	13	3	...	50	11	4	65	2	2	6327			
Ramah	275	2	2	1	1	...	23	1	24	...	1	...	1	2327			
Antelope	276	4	1	3	1	...	29	2	31	...	1	...	1	3027			
Sioux	277	3	1	2	33	2	2	37	2	2	3527			
Litchfield	278	1	1	2	...	1	49	2	2	53	...	1	...	1	5227			
Wallace	279	...	3	31	3	1	35	3527			
Swastika	280	7	3	7	5	...	40	4	44	1	1	4328			
Florence	281	8	3	8	2	...	44	10	54	1	1	5328			
Mullen	282	3	3	3	40	3	1	44	2	2	4228			
Exeter	283	8	5	5	1	...	23	7	1	31	3128			
Seneca	284	6	4	7	2	...	49	8	1	58	5828			
Camp Clarke	285	4	5	4	5	...	50	1	3	54	1	1	...	2	5228			
Oshkosh	286	4	5	4	...	1	36	5	1	42	...	1	...	1	4128			
Union	287	4	1	3	7	3	...	18	...	28	2828			
Omaha	288	64	13	56	13	...	33	48	6	18	105	...	1	...	1	10428				
Lotus	289	13	6	13	3	...	14	11	...	28	53	5328			
John J. Mercer	290	7	...	9	12	11	3	26	52	2	2	5029				
Diamond	291	3	2	6	2	...	4	4	...	14	22	2229			
Wolbach	292	7	2	6	2	...	4	4	...	18	26	1	1	2529				
Monument	293	5	1	4	3	...	2	2	6	16	26	2629			
Kimball, U. D.	16	3	13	1	12	12	12			
Minatare, U. D.	8	1	7	1	6	6	6			
Cowles, U. D.	5	1	4	4	4	4			
Extinct									2	...	2	2	2	...				
Grand Totals		1966	1021	1832	547	255	987	22305	1807	387	105	14024	744	538	281	255	4	21080	23664	

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel submitted the following report of the committee, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF
GRAND OFFICERS.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA:

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers has most carefully gone over the record for the year as given by your Grand Officers. The perusal thereof has been most interesting, and the conclusion that will be irresistibly forced on each reader will be that the reports show a devotion to duty and an untiring effort to give to the Craft the highest measure of service; your Grand Master has given his time to the exclusion of other duties to the Craft. He has responded freely to every call and the results are evident. He truly is the "Shepherd of the Flock" and only by visitation can his watchful care be shown and felt. The visits of the Grand Master with the Grand Custodian and the Grand Chaplain have been productive of the greatest good, and your committee feels that this custom should be encouraged and fostered in every possible manner, and therefore suggests liberal appropriations for the necessary expense in so doing. The more the brethren come in touch with your Grand Officers, the greater harmony will prevail, better understandings will result, and more and more the beneficent truths of Masonry will be known and understood, and the greater will be our growth.

Your Grand Master should feel that he has put in a year of hard, earnest work to the full satisfaction of the Craft.

Brethren, we commend his address to you. Peruse it carefully and thoughtfully and in our deliberations let us be governed by his timely suggestions.

Your committee apportions the same as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

Our Dead.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

All Decisions and Recommendations, and in connection with New Lodge Halls, the question of the expediency of the Grand Master inquiring into the desirability of permitting other organizations that are not Masonic to rent space in our Temples and halls.

To the Committee on Grievances:

All matters pertaining thereto.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

All dispensations of new lodges.

Applications for charters.

To the Committee on Promulgation of the Work:

Assistants to the Grand Custodian, together with the report of the Grand Custodian.

The report of the Grand Secretary is as usual full of most interesting data regarding the cost of the administration in all its details throughout this Grand Jurisdiction for the past year. We recommend that so much of his report as refers to accounts be referred to the Committee on Accounts, together with the report of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund.

The report of the Grand Custodian exhibits a year of hard work with an eye single to the growth of Masonry in our jurisdiction, and your committee notes with increasing satisfaction that the influence of the grand truths of Masonry are through the life and teachings of our beloved brother daily becoming more and more understood and practised and evidenced by the lives and character of the brethren. We commend the report to the careful reading of the brethren.

Your committee notes with much satisfaction the donation of Past Grand Master Hill to the Masonic Home. Brother Hill is the oldest living Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction and while living in a distant state, thus most lovingly remembers the Masons of Nebraska. We recommend that this matter be referred to a special committee of three for appropriate resolutions.

Your committee recommends that all other acts of the Grand Master and other Grand Officers not herein specially referred be approved.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by W. Brother Fred Volpp, 132, subject to corrections during the session. As finally adopted the report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction were represented except the following: Numbers 23, 64, 117, 118, 140, 144, 202, 216, 222, 232, 243, 246, and 292.

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Grand Master,
R. W. ANDREW H. VIELE.....	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. AMBROSE C. EPPERSON.....	Grand Junior Warden,

- R. . W. . FRANCIS E. WHITE.....Grand Secretary,
- V. . W. . CHARLES M. SHEPHERD.....Grand Chaplain,
- W. . CHARLES L. RICHARDS.....Grand Orator,
- M. . W. . ROBERT E. FRENCH.....Grand Custodian,
- W. . JOHN J. TOOLEY.....Grand Marshal,
- W. . JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG.....Grand Senior Deacon,
- W. . LEWIS E. SMITH.....Grand Junior Deacon,
- W. . ALEXANDER E. PORTER.....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M. . W. . George H. Thummel, James R. Cain, Sr., Edwin F. Warren, Manoah B. Reese, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, Frank H. Young, Robert E. Evans, Charles E. Burnham, Ornan J. King, Michael Dowling, Harry A. Cheney, James R. Cain, Jr., Alpha Morgan, Thomas M. Davis.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	No. 1	Edward M. Wellman	Carl W. Bradway	*William S. Rowe
Western Star	" 2	Henry W. Carson		
Capitol	" 3	Harry H. Wills		
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Don A. Lawrence		
Omadi	" 5	*Frank H. Forrest	Frank H. Forrest	
Plattsmouth	" 6	Oliver C. Dovey		
Falls City	" 9	Isaac M. Branum	Joseph D. Codington	
Solomon	" 10	N. Sheridan Craig		
Covert	" 11	George N. Juhl	Thomas Falconer	
Orient	" 13	*Frank A. Anderson	Frank A. Anderson	
Peru	" 14			Frank P. Majors
Fremont	" 15		Maro C. Shipherd	
Tecumseh	" 17		Harry S. Villars	
Lincoln	" 19	Ira M. Miller	Orville A. Andrews	David C. Hilton
Washington	" 21	*C. Ray Gates	C. Ray Gates	
Pawnee	" 23			
Saint Johns	" 25	Avery Lancaster	Eugene Atkins	
Beatrice	" 26		Jesse C. Penrod	
Jordan	" 27	Joseph F. Zajicek		
Hope	" 29	Benjamin T. Skeen		
Blue River	" 30		Jacob H. Hansen	
Tekamah	" 31	Herman J. Wragge	William T. Poucher	Frank O. Lundstrom
Platte Valley	" 32		Chester C. Williams	
Ashlar	" 33	*Robert R. Watson		
Acacia	" 34		Gus E. Lyden	
Fairbury	" 35	Francis C. Hedges		
Lone Tree	" 36	Obed Angier		
Crete	" 37		Glenn N. Venrick	Frank J. Kuncl
Oliver	" 38	Thomas E. Anderson		
Papillion	" 39	Oswald H. Magaret		
Humboldt	" 40		Max B. Cromwell	
Northern Light	" 41	John F. Poucher	David C. Spangler	
Juniata	" 42		William G. Saddler	
Hebron	" 43			Charles E. Day
Harvard	" 44	*Robert E. Davison	Robert E. Davison	*Ezra Brown
Rob Morris	" 46	*J. Hugo Johnson	J. Hugo Johnson	
Fairmont	" 48		Herman H. Stottko	
Evening Star	" 49	Carl Spielmann		
Hastings	" 50	Harry L. F. Proffitt	Gordon L. Hammonds	
Fidelity	" 51	*John Harper		
Hiram	" 52	Jasper A. Dixon	Gotleib Pheiffer	Emery M. Samson
Charity	" 53	Wilbur G. Hamilton		
Lancaster	" 54	Leo L. Kurtz		Oscar M. Meyer
Mosaic	" 55	*Henry J. Kierstead	Henry J. Kierstead	
York	" 56	Charley M. Moyer	Robert M. Rankin	
Mount Moriah	" 57	Louis S. Fallers	D. Horace Schall	
Lebanon	" 58	Frank N. Stevenson	Wilfred W. Ilgenfritz	
Wahoo	" 59	John C. Hamilton		
Melrose	" 60	Nicolai C. Sasse		
Thistle	" 61		Raymond Emerson	
Keystone	" 62	*George F. Dixon		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Diverton	63	Edward T. Rasmussen	Francis E. Nail	
Blue Valley	64			
Osceola	65	William H. Weeden		* <i>Oliver E. Mickey</i>
Dugar	67		James H. Shields	
Aurora	68	* <i>George H. Murphy</i>		
Terling	70		Walter H. Borland	
Rowel	71		J. Carlton Harris	
Cooper	72	Edward Schwab		
Riend	73	* <i>Oliver L. Jewitt</i>		
Alexandria	74	* <i>Benjamin L. Terry</i>		
Frank Welch	75	Fred G. Griffith		
Oppa	76	* <i>Guy Green</i>		
Elson	77	Edgar D. Brown		
Albion	78		Ray E. Smith	
Geneva	79	Sanford E. Ralston		
Composite	81		* <i>William A. Noddings</i>	
Saint Paul	82	Frederick R. Haggart	* <i>C. Lee Pickett</i>	
Orinthian	83	Charles H. Merritt		
Airfield	84		Albert Kyne	
Wyre	85	* <i>John M. Falwell</i>		
Coniphon	86	* <i>John Gallacher</i>		
Mic	87		Benjamin N. Saunders	
Tar	88		William R. Eagleton	
edar River	89	Maley W. Piercy	Frank G. Frame	
lk Creek	90			John D. Bell
akland	91	John E. Wallace		
ubbell	92	Oscar D. Goode		
eaver City	93	Thomas F. Newton	Allen T. Nickerson	
ennett	94	Henry F. May		
airfield	95	* <i>Lloyd G. Gillespie</i>		
tica	96			Robert C. Hunter
iclid	97	S. Ray Smith	Merle McKay	
epublican	98	* <i>Clifford C. Hoskins</i>		
elton	99		Victor L. Johnson	
eighton	100	Harry C. Kuester		
onca	101	Franklin D. Fales	Warren McCool	
aterloo	102			James C. Robinson
d	103	Herman G. Barkmeier		
ymore	104	John W. Simmon	* <i>Adam McMullen</i>	* <i>Adam McMullen</i>
ella	105	Alfred Shellenbarger		
orter	106			* <i>Artie B. Young</i>
ble Rock	108	* <i>Peter Stevens</i>		
megranate	110	* <i>Bennett H. Clark</i>		G. William Loffe
Witt	111		Charles A. Rawlison	
ringfield	112	* <i>Thomas Nelson</i>		
obe	113			Earl H. Sutherland
isner	114	* <i>George W. Mooney</i>	Arthur A. Becker	
arlan	116	* <i>Charles E. Alter</i>		
rdy	117			
ric	118			
orth Bend	119	Charles K. Watson	Guy H. Teeter	Henry J. Newsom

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Wayne	No. 120		*James G. Mines	
Superior	" 121	J. Allen Trowbridge		
Auburn	" 124	John T. Zacharias		
Mount Nebo	" 125		Charles R. Wright	
Stromsburg	" 126	William T. Seymour	David L. Hallquist	*John P. Carlson
Minden	" 127	Lewis C. Paulsen	George E. Hammond	*Charles A. Chappell
Guide Rock	" 128	*John H. Crary		
Blue Hill	" 129	Henry A. Stumpfenhorst		
Tuscan	" 130	William F. Payne		
Scribner	" 132	Fred Volpp	Arch B. Robertson	
Elm Creek	" 133		John L. Daul	
Solar	" 134	*Albert M. Johnson		
McCook	" 135	*Henry Best	Henry Best	
Long Pine	" 136	*Arthur G. DeLong		*Arthur G. DeLong
Upright	" 137	Joseph R. Rauh		
Rawalt	" 138	William A. Rhynalds		
Clay Centre	" 139		Lucius A. Brown	Hjelm A. Swanson
Western	" 140			
Crescent	" 143	*John Dobson		
Kenesaw	" 144			
Bancroft	" 145	Edward H. Mack	Alfred M. Daniels	
Jachin	" 146			Harold A. Hjelmfel
Siloam	" 147	*Leonard A. Roberts		
Emmet Crawford	" 148	Isaac A. Reneau	James C. Lomax	
Jewel	" 149	James G. McKinney		
Cambridge	" 150	Chester A. Perry	Justin M. Hollingsworth	
Square	" 151	*William J. Butler	William J. Butler	
Parallel	" 152	John H. Geer	Ernest Woodard	
Evergreen	" 153		Frank A. Rainbow	
Lily	" 154	William W. Miller		Melvin N. Jennings
Hartington	" 155		Rudolph H. Jenny	
Pythagoras	" 156	*Andrew J. Davis		
Valley	" 157	*Amos W. Hunt		
Samaritan	" 158	Alva H. Slattery	John W. Burford	
Ogalalla	" 159	Hugo Eymann		
Zeredatha	" 160	Joseph A. Mosher	Frank A. Warren	
Mount Zion	" 161	Robert Evans		
Trestle Board	" 162	Jonas H. Teegarden	Ora A. Vandevort	
Unity	" 163	*William E. Hand		
Atkinson	" 164		Alexander T. Hart	
Barneston	" 165	Elam H. Eckert		
Mystic Tie	" 166	Benjamin H. Mills		
Elwood	" 167	Andrew Dow		
Curtis	" 168		Guy Carr	
Amity	" 169	Edmund Stamper		
Mason City	" 170	Arthur C. Rumery		
Merna	" 171	Lester J. Corlett		
Grafton	" 172	*Peter W. Walters		
Robert Burns	" 173	*Francis M. Pfrimmer		
Culbertson	" 174	Arvene C. Eisenhart		
Temple	" 175	*Lewis C. McClung	Lewis C. McClung	

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gladstone	No. 176	Charles H. F. Steinmeier	Thomas T. Varney	
Hay Springs	" 177	Frank Tulloss		*Paul C. Morgan
Prudence	" 179	*Chris R. Bissey		
Justice	" 180	William C. Hanson		
Faith	" 181	Clyde J. Hornsby	Ray H. Moss	
Incense	" 182		Carl H. Brinkmann	
Alliance	" 183	George E. Davis		
Bee Hive	" 184	August C. Heicke	J. Dean Ringer	Chauncey W. Thomas
Boaz	" 185			Jesse B. Gartin
Israel	" 187	Edward C. Northway		
Meridian	" 188	*Edgar C. Stanley		
Granite	" 189			Calvin A. Gordon
Amethyst	" 190	Allen C. Kirby	Sherman A. Lloyd	
Crystal	" 191			Bert Ammerman
Minnekadusa	" 192	*Walter W. Wells		
Signet	" 193	Henry C. Hooker		
Highland	" 194	Fred E. Roelfs		
Arcana	" 195	*Fay C. Hill		
Level	" 196	*Alfred G. Williams		
Morning Star	" 197		George C. Lanphere	
Purity	" 198	*Fred Hoffmeister		
Gavel	" 199	*Nathaniel C. Eastabrooks	*Nathaniel C. Eastabrooks	
Blazing Star	" 200	Robert P. Oliver	Albert E. White	
Scotts Bluff	" 201	*Asa B. Wood		
Golden Sheaf	" 202			
Roman Eagle	" 203		William F. Wenke	
Plainview	" 204		Fred J. Weidman	
Golden Fleece	" 205	Henry C. Peterson	Lewis R. Barlow	
Naphthali	" 206	William A. Snyder		*Ora J. Mayborn
Parian	" 207	John Frederick, Jr.	*Frank L. Haycock	*Frank L. Haycock
Gauge	" 208		Joel K. Ward	
Canopy	" 209	George F. Wilson	Walter G. Box	
East Lincoln	" 210	James W. Wynkoop		Lorenzen P. Ronne
Cement	" 211	A. Shuford Wiseman		
Compass & Square	" 212	*John Hothem		
Square & Compass	" 213	Frank Ross Brown		
Plumline	" 214	*James W. McKibbin		
Occidental	" 215	*Orson A. Scott		
Palisade	" 216			
Wauneta	" 217	*Anton Deininger		
Bloomfield	" 218	Herbert S. Hancock	Walter W. Webber	Cornelius T. Heckt
Relief	" 219		Jesse Lowther	
Magnolia	" 220	Morris H. Evans		
Wood Lake	" 221	Charles J. Kreycik		
Landmark	" 222			
Eminence	" 223			Alpheus Wright
Silver Cord	" 224	Fred W. Mitchell		
Cable	" 225	Alfred G. Stockall	Charles F. Maguire	*John Finch
Grace	" 226		Ira M. Rhoades	
North Star	" 227	Cecil C. Gates	Frank Martin	
Bartley	" 228		John E. Ford	

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Comet	No. 229	Otto Eliason		
Delta	" 230	*John W. Currier		
Mount Hermon	" 231	James I. Hunt		
John S. Bowen	" 232			
Gilead	" 233	Robert Ford		
Zion	" 234	*William M. Alden		
Fraternity	" 235	Harry E. Simon		
Golden Rule	" 236	Henry C. Heckt	Austin R. Wilson	
Cubit	" 237	*Elmer E. Scott	Elmer E. Scott	
Friendship	" 239		Perry J. Friman	
Pilot	" 240	Charles M. Viles	Paul Calnon	Niles O. Wather
Geo. Armstrong	" 241	Theophilus I. Minier		
Tyrian	" 243			
Sincerity	" 244		John B. Dufphey	Luther P. Baker
Hampton	" 245		George E. Potts	
Nehawka	" 246			
Corner-stone	" 247		Preserved J. Cannon	
Laurel	" 248		Charles L. Woodruff	
Gothenburg	" 249	William J. Birkofer		
Geo. Washington	" 250	Vernon V. Gregg	Frank Lang	
Wausa	" 251		Robert W. McConnell	
Hildreth	" 252	*George M. Myers		
Beemer	" 253			Conrad Schwarz
Bassett	" 254	Fred N. Morgan		
Bradshaw	" 255	Edward B. Koon	Luther L. Goodridge	
Hickman	" 256			Cyrus Black
Holbrook	" 257	Delbert L. Bengston	Charles W. VanCleave	
Anselmo	" 258	Charles G. Sanders	Walter C. Moulton	*Daniel T. Kepler
Bee	" 259		Emory A. Hall	
Springview	" 260	*Samuel M. Wyatt		
Ornan	" 261	Willie J. Woods		
Endeavor	" 262	*William A. McCool		
Mitchell	" 263	Alfred J. Stewart		
Franklin	" 264	Harmon M. Tecker		
Robt. W. Furnas	" 265	*Harvey L. Sams		
Silver	" 266	Newton L. Squier	Arthur K. Roth	
Jas. A. Tulleys	" 267		Dwight R. Thomas	
Geo. W. Lininger	" 268	Charles A. Eyre	Osgood T. Eastman	William C. Ramsey
Riverside	" 269		Dan Haun	
Huntley	" 270	Sven P. Peterson		
Oasis	" 271	Ernest C. George	Edwin A. Beard	
Lee P. Gillette	" 272			William G. Money
Crofton	" 273	J. Martin Talcott	Ginnis Gunderson	
Olive Branch	" 274	Melville N. Winebrenner	Thomas L. Hunter	
Ramah	" 275	Carl Peterson	Rutherford B. McWhorter	
Antelope	" 276	Samuel T. Jackson	Arthur Alcott	J. Ray Riley
Sioux	" 277	*John Marking		
Litchfield	" 278			John F. Dickerson
Wallace	" 279		Louis B. Spencer	Herbert C. Robbins
Swastika	" 280	*Andrew F. Phillips	Andrew F. Phillips	*Frank L. Hicks
Florence	" 281	James C. Suttie	Albert E. Parmelee	

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REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Allen	No. 282 *Arthur G. Humphrey		
Center	" 283 *Asa B. Stratton		
Nebraska	" 284	John W. Mann	
Emp Clarke	" 285 Joseph E. Trinnier		
Winkosh	" 286 Herbert J. Curtis	Harry H. Hough	Robert Quelle
Union	" 287 Henry C. McKee		
Wahaha	" 288 Edward L. Cain		
Watus	" 289 Alfred G. Hunt		
Wm J. Mercer	" 290 Robert L. Robinson	Earl W. Dean	
Diamond	" 291 Lewis D. Curtis	*Jared L. Cook	
Wolbach	" 292		
W Monument	" 293 Israel Cawthra	Frank H. Ware	

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Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Alpha Morgan; Arkansas, Walter W. Wells; British Columbia, Thomas M. Davis; Colorado, Robert E. Evans; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson; Costa Rica, Frederick L. Wolff; Delaware, Carroll D. Evans; Egypt, Harry A. Cheney; Florida, Ambrose C. Epperson; Georgia, Edwin F. Warren; Idaho, Fred A. Howe; Illinois, George H. Thummel; Kansas, James P. A. Black; Louisiana, Adam McMullen; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough; Michigan, Charles L. Shook; Missouri, Samuel S. Whiting; Nevada, Frank L. Haycock; New Brunswick, James W. Wynkoop; New Hampshire, Frederic L. Temple; New Jersey, James R. Cain, Sr.; New York, Edward M. Wellman; New Zealand, Frank E. Ward; North Dakota, Henry H. Andrews; Nova Scotia, Henry H. Wilson; Philippine Islands, John J. Tooley; Prince Edward Island, Charles E. Burnham; Puerto Rico, John A. Ehrhardt; Queensland, Velosco V. Leonard; Rhode Island, Michael Dowling; Saskatchewan, Claude L. Talbot; Scotland, William Cosh; South Australia, Joseph B. Fradenburg; South Carolina, James R. Cain, Jr.; South Dakota, Manoah B. Reese; Tennessee, Francis E. White; Utah, Robert E. French; Vermont, Frank H. Young; Washington, Andrew H. Viele; Western Australia, Ornan J. King; Wisconsin, Robert O. Wolf.

The Grand Lodge was called to attention while the following report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was presented by the Chairman, V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, 54, after

which it was adopted; at the conclusion of the report two stanzas of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," were sung by the brethren, followed by an eloquent and touching prayer by the Grand Chaplain:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

Brethren;

It is eminently fitting that we should make record of the passing on of our brethren, and your committee presents this report.

Other jurisdictions have announced the decease of the following conspicuous and honored brethren:

M. W. EDWARD COOK	Past Grand Master, Illinois.....	May 20, 1915
M. W. JOHN MERRIKEN CARTER	Past Grand Master, Maryland.....	July 3, 1915
M. W. JOHN Y. MURRY	Past Grand Master, Mississippi.....	July 12, 1915
M. W. GEORGE WASHINGTON BALL	Past Grand Master, Iowa.....	July 18, 1915
R. W. EDGAR NASH	Past Senior Grand Warden, Minnesota.....	June 8, 1915
M. W. MARTIN WILLIAM KALES	Past Grand Master, Arizona.....	July 14, 1915
M. W. FRANCIS ASBURY SHAW	Past Grand Master and Grand Lecturer, Arizona.....	April 10, 1915
R. W. BURTON WHITCOMB	Deputy Grand Master, Philippine Islands.....	July 8, 1915
M. W. CHARLES W. MEAD	Past Grand Master, New York.....	September 28, 1915
M. W. ALFRED GALLITIN GRAY	Past Grand Master, Oklahoma.....	August 21, 1915
M. W. JAMES STEPHEN HUNT	Emeritus Grand Secretary, Oklahoma.....	March 9, 1915
R. W. WILLIAM LEANDER BYRD	Past Senior Grand Warden, Oklahoma.....	April 21, 1915
M. W. ALMOS J. WITT	Past Grand Master, Arkansas.....	March 17, 1915
M. W. CHRISTOPHER C. AYERS	Past Grand Master, Arkansas.....	August 2, 1915
M. W. ALLEN M. HICKS	Honorary Past Grand Master, Mississippi.....	September 29, 1915
M. W. ALFRED W. CHEESMAN	Grand Master, Louisiana.....	September 30, 1915
M. W. HALFDAN BENDEKE	Past Grand Master, North Dakota,	September 29, 1915
M. W. R. HENRY YOUNG	Past Grand Master, Delaware.....	November 15, 1915
M. W. CHARLES T. GRANGER	Past Grand Master, Iowa.....	October 26, 1915
R. W. CHARLES A. HARRIS	Past Grand Treasurer, North Dakota.....	October 22, 1915
V. W. ZACHARIAH X. SNYDER	Grand Chaplain, Colorado.....	November 11, 1915
M. W. SIDNEY W. DOUGLAS	Past Grand Master, Indiana.....	January 10, 1915
M. W. DANIEL McDONALD	Past Grand Master, Indiana.....	January 9, 1916
M. W. BENJAMIN F. FRYMIER, Sr.	Past Grand Master, Texas.....	December 4, 1915
M. W. JOHN T. WILLIAMSON	Past Grand Master, Tennessee.....	December 10, 1915
M. W. VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON	Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Delaware.....	December 28, 1915
M. W. ANTONIO B. GRACE	Past Grand Master, Arkansas.....	December 2, 1915
M. W. ROBERT WHITE	Past Grand Master, West Virginia,	December 12, 1915
M. W. ENOS WAGGATE	Past Grand Master, Florida.....	March 5, 1915
M. W. WILLIAM HAYES SCOTT	Past Grand Master, Illinois.....	December 30, 1915
M. W. WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND	Past Grand Master, Iowa.....	February 19, 1916
M. W. WILLIAM T. MITCHELL	Past Grand Master, Michigan,	February 6, 1916
M. W. ASA P. FITCH	Past Grand Master, Connecticut,	March 29, 1916
R. W. THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL	Grand Secretary Emeritus, Idaho.....	April 6, 1916
R. W. WILLIAM ALEXANDER WOLIHIN	Grand Secretary, Georgia.....	February 9, 1916
M. W. MARSH OLIN PERKINS	Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Vermont.....	February 10, 1916

R. W. STANLEY B. BOSWORTH.....	Grand Treasurer, Connecticut	April 29, 1916
M. W. GEORGE HATCH.....	Past Grand Master, West Virginia,	April 27, 1916
M. W. THEODORE A. COSSMANN.....	Past Grand Master, Nova Scotia,	April 28, 1916

The jurisdiction of Nebraska has been bereft by the calling away of two hundred and eighty-one of our brethren. Among these were five Past Grand Masters:

M. W. Albert Wallace Crites, Grand Master in 1900-01, died August 23d, 1915.

M. W. Charles J. Phelps, Grand Master in 1896-97, died August 24th, 1915.

M. W. John Bell Dinsmore, Grand Master in 1897-98, died October 6th, 1915.

M. W. Edward Kimball Valentine, Grand Master in 1878-79, died April 11th, 1916.

M. W. William Amos DeBord, Grand Master in 1908-09, died May 17th, 1916.

The translation of these noble and loved Masonic leaders and co-workers calls not only for the kindest consideration of their virtues, our recognition of the brevity of time, but should inspire us by their illustrious example to closer fellowship and larger service.

THEY ARE NOT LOST TO US.

Those who have gone are not lost to us, but will live in the memories of those who have been blessed by them, and in the remembrance of noble acts well done.

The fact that they have aided humanity, relieved pain and want—and strengthened the moral forces of society, has enshrined them for ever in the hearts of their brethren.

THEY ARE NOT LOST TO US.

In their best hours and in our times of keenest vision and understanding, we saw their heart of hearts and out of the deeps of character life spoke to life. We saw behind actions which were royal, that which is nobler than anything it does: life itself, regal in its attempts to project its love and thought for the help of others; we caught strains of the rare music of the inner self so sweet it shall never, never be forgotten.

THEY ARE NOT LOST TO US.

We shall meet again—as our loved ones go out into the shadows athwart the valley, we will not give them up—as parted from us forever. All the better elements of being cling to the hope that we shall meet again; we shall not bid our friends an everlasting farewell, but a hopeful good night.

Faith flings a shining light across the deep, and triumphantly proclaims that the lives which went out from here, have passed into the land eternal.

“Our loved and lost. Why do we call them lost?
Because we miss them from our onward road?
God’s unseen angel o’er our pathway crossed,
Looked on us all, and loving them the most
Straightway relieved them from life’s weary load.
Death hath made no breach,
In love and sympathy, in hope and trust,
No outward sign or sound our ears can reach;
But there’s an inward spiritual speech
That greets us still, tho’ mortal tongues be dust;
It bids us do the work that they laid down,
Take up the song where they broke off the strain.
So journeying till we reach the heavenly town,
Where are laid up our treasure and our crown,
And our lost loved ones will be found again.”

At twelve o’clock M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until eight o’clock P. M.

At half past two o’clock P. M., a special train on the Burlington Route carried the members of the Grand Lodge and a large number of ladies, to the number of three hundred and seventy-five, to Plattsmouth, for the purpose of visiting the Nebraska Masonic Home. The party was met at the station by many citizens of Plattsmouth with automobiles, and after a short ride in and about the city, was taken to the Home where every opportunity was given the visitors to inspect it and converse with the residents. The Home was visited from cellar to garret, and the grounds were looked over carefully, and on every hand were heard expressions of satisfaction at the perfect condition in which everything was found. Surprise was freely expressed at the extent of the buildings and their fitness for the use to which they are put.

At half past five o’clock P. M. the special train left Plattsmouth for Omaha, after a very delightful visit, which was satisfactory to all who participated therein.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 6th, 1916.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the morning session.

The Grand Master introduced W. Brother Charles L. Richards, Grand Orator, to the Grand Lodge, and he delivered the following oration:

ORATION.

As members of a great fraternity we have assembled in annual session. The past year's achievements and failures, the growth and influence of our Order are to be considered. The future of Masonry as a world-wide organization and as more closely associated with the affairs of our state and local communities will receive attention. The year's triumphs and failures have been recorded. Shall their consideration bring inspiration and hope to the members of this Grand Body, and through us to the local organizations here represented? Has human happiness been increased and human sorrow softened through the influence of this organization? These are questions worthy of our consideration and I would that I might on this occasion and to this representative audience say some word for the "Good of the Order" that would cause increased devotion to our beloved institution. I hesitate because I realize that I cannot meet the expectations of those present who have heard many eloquent and inspiring orations delivered in this jurisdiction by Grand Orators gifted as scholars, orators, and statesmen. The small contribution which I make at this time, if measured by any other standard than my sincere desire to advance and increase the usefulness of Freemasonry, will be a failure. I offer you my simple tribute in response to the duty imposed, and trust that Masonic charity may stay your criticism.

It would be profitable if I could bring before you illuminated with a new light the history of our Order. Masonry has a glorious history, and would time permit we might dwell upon this history which would justify our highest respect and devotion to the institution. Historic research, fable, and tradition give foundation for many claims as to the origin of Freemasonry. Most of us are satisfied with the authenticated history placing the origin at the building of Solomon's temple, and care little for the theories claiming its beginnings at the time of the Pharaohs, the building of the Tower of Babel, or with Noah at the building of the Ark. Neither do we dwell upon its antiquity as a suf-

ficient basis of our respect and devotion. Pride in a distinguished ancestry will not make men of character or worth, and while as Masons we are proud of its beginnings we must not be satisfied with the glory of a remote antiquity but rather in achievements and accomplished results.

We are proud of the fact that the principles and tenets of Masonry have been the means of advancing the world's civilization. Among these are the profession of the social and moral virtues, truth, charity, and brotherly love. It has been the means of making the world better and mankind happier. Masonry through its history has met with persistent opposition, and the enemies of the Order have sought to destroy its influence, and many have defended the institution, but today no defense is needed. The things accomplished and the triumphs and achievements of the past have put to rout the enemies who through prejudice and bigotry have attempted and sought to destroy Freemasonry. The achievements gained and the growth in numbers and membership of Masonic lodges and the social, moral, and charitable manifestations of these organizations are the only defense needed.

Again, it has been sought to bring into conflict Christianity and Freemasonry. But with the advance of knowledge of the institution it is realized that there is no conflict and should be no rivalry but rather co-operation between the church and the lodge. The Christian Church of today can well afford to recognize Freemasonry as one of the great forces in the world's betterment. The moral influence of Masonry has kept pace with the growth and development of Christianity; and Masons should also stand ready to defend and support the church. Washington in his Farewell Address to his countrymen recognized and sought to impress the necessity of religion as a support of morality, and considered doubtful, true and lasting moral development without religious influence and support of religious principles. When we remember that during many of the past centuries of the Christian era the world groped in darkness, that Christianity as then supported seemed about to fail in its efforts to save men from their evil tendencies, largely by reason of the corruption of the church, and remember that Masonry was instrumental in preserving for future generations the Great Light of Masonry without which no lodge-room is complete, saving the Holy Bible from the havoc and ruin of the times, then will all fair-minded men gain a greater respect for our institution. Masonry was one of the rays of light and hope that penetrated the darkness and despair of the Middle Ages and lighted the way so man could emerge from that period, the midnight of the human mind, a new creature. Within the sacred precincts of the lodge-room

there has ever been respect and adoration for the only true and living God, the Supreme Architect of the universe.

Masonry has grown until today it is world wide. Its adherents are found in every land and among people of every nationality. Unjust criticism and opposition have nearly disappeared. In many places where opposition was most violent the institution has prospered. Masonry is respected where understood. Its devoted followers are helping to solve the problems of the day in every land, and are striving to secure and advance human happiness, stay human greed, and implant in the hearts of men brotherly love, charity, and friendship. With the growth and extension of Masonry Masonic character has broadened in its vision until today Masons are not alone seeking a brother Mason's welfare but the good of all mankind.

We are still loyal to and striving for the purity and integrity of the secret work, signs, and symbols. We have, however, passed the age where these are so necessary as means of recognition. Our ancient operative brethren in its earlier history and during the Middle Ages wrought mightily in building the magnificent cathedrals and other structures throughout Europe, noted for their architectural design and beauty. They went from place to place and it was essential for them to have some secret signs by which among strangers they could make themselves known and be recognized as real craftsmen and not impostors. The growth of the Arts and Sciences of today and the means of diffusion of knowledge, gaining of acquaintances and information among men by all the modern means of communication, have largely supplanted the secret means of knowing and finding a brother and rejecting the impostor. Changed conditions and new developments have supplanted much that was of such vital importance in the past. And with loyalty to past traditions and the secrets of the Order still the question arises, are there not new fields in which Masonry can reach a greater influence and Masons become more active in the world's affairs?

Freemasonry today stands for increasing charitable work and for enlarging the facilities for the care of the unfortunate. Masonic lodges are not living up to their opportunities unless there shall be an increased activity along these lines. We are living in an age, not of words but of deeds. If we go forth from this gathering with the Masonic spirit that meets the requirements of the age in which we live, in every local jurisdiction Masonry will mean and by all be recognized not as a selfish secret organization, but as a broad-minded institution leading in every good and charitable work in the community, a center from which shall emanate movements for the moral and social uplift

of the people, and it will stand in the front rank for every great social and moral reform. There may be occasional stragglers or deserters from these high ideals in the membership, but these will not be allowed to injure the organization. Masons today recognize that profession of principles is nothing unless those who make profession are active in their promulgation, and sincere in living up to them. Do we as Masons fully realize what there is for us to do and what we can do if we will? "The Good of the Order" today takes in a larger scope than formerly.

Let us cultivate a greater sincerity as Master Masons. There is no distinction of rank or position in our teachings. If the most distinguished in rank in social or political life, finds his way into the lodge-room, his exalted station is of no more value than the simple life of the most humble brother. We meet on the level; such are the lessons taught, with sincerity of purpose we should make them real. If such were the case there would be less of conflict among men in the world of business: Sharp practices would not be known, whereby the greedy strong brother enriches himself at a weaker brother's expense. If we are sincere in seeking a brother's welfare, superior ability of one Master Mason over another will be used to protect and advance the weaker brother's welfare. Rank and station are not found in the lodge-room. Let us see that these do not exist in our dealings in the world's battles outside. The principles of Masonry should be the great force recognized in dealings between men and Masons to make equal rights and privileges real rather than visionary. Masonry of today can have a larger influence by being the motive force in the growth and development of every community. Let us be loyal to the principles and teachings of the Order, but we believe there should be consideration given to community welfare in all its developments, if for no other purpose than that of seeking and advancing a brother's welfare.

Some thirty-three years ago I was admitted to the Masonic lodge in my native town in northern Illinois. I sought admission because of the favorable opinion formed of the institution by my acquaintance with men whom I was told and afterwards found to be Master Masons. In taking the degrees of the Order though I entered a large and thrifty lodge there were few present when the same were conferred. Impressed with the beautiful ceremonies and lessons taught I wondered at this. Some years later upon leaving my home town and seeking a new location I entered into fellowship with another lodge, only to find the conditions much the same. A few do the work and enjoy the privileges of the meetings in the majority of cases.

This has caused me to consider the reasons why and the remedy for this neglect. Without attempting to solve this problem, one that confronts not only the Masonic lodge but other organizations as well, the question arises—couldn't the Masonic lodge in every small city and village at least be the community center and forum for consideration of community questions, and thus create a new interest in the lodge and the confidence and respect in the community which the institution deserves but because of its inactivity does not claim? Masonry leads as a secret order. Loyalty to its secret work and activities would not be impaired, it seems to me, by interesting its members in a social philanthropy that shall be for the benefit of all in the community.

Masonic charity is still one of the greatest of its benefactions. Equal at birth, men soon develop inequalities in successful achievements in life's responsibilities. The strong in any field of business activity should protect the weak. Are we as Master Masons living up to this privilege? This Grand Lodge is taking up in an efficient manner the work long neglected of establishing charitable institutions. Let us gain a fuller knowledge of what is being done along these lines, and it will furnish an incentive to greater deeds of charity. Charity must be wisely administered and the institutions thus far founded are ideal in their conception. The local Masonic lodge has greater opportunity to have to its credit deeds of charity in helping the unfortunate to bear their heavy burdens in the local community. Are we as Masons so filled with the rush of business and the strife for gain of wealth and position that we forget the better and finer experiences of life?

Brotherhood today means more than ever before. In the world's development it has been of slow growth. The family bound by the bonds of kinship was the narrow brotherhood of the beginning. Strangers were enemies, and if captured in war were treated only as slaves. From the family as a social unit the next enlargement was of the tribe, but all not of the tribe were enemies. War was the life and spirit of those times. With the development and growth of social and political societies came larger communities, but the world still had but two classes, citizens and aliens, or friends and enemies. Masonry in its beginnings sought the highest conception of true brotherhood, and still is doing its great part in advancing the idea of brotherhood before the world, so that there shall be a true conception in the minds and hearts of men of the meaning of this spirit so necessary for the social and political welfare of all. We have long been living in the belief that the day of hatred and distrust between peoples of different political divisions had passed away, that men had grown to such an advanced position that never again would they because of this brotherly

spirit be lead into bloody conflict and deadly contest. But we find that wars are even yet possible, and behold now raging one of the most destructive to life and property ever known. As Masons we still have a great work before us to spread the true idea of brotherhood until the time shall come among nations when war shall be no more, when patriotism and brotherly love shall so prevail among men and nations that war shall cease because brothers will compel honorable and peaceable adjustment between nations.

One of the greatest benefits that can come from this meeting will be the renewal of our devotion to the home lodge and the community in which we live. If we go back to do our part in the building up of the local lodge and making it the great force for good to which it is entitled in our home city or village, we will find untold wealth there that we have never before discovered. With the true spirit of Masonic brotherhood an active force in our lives we will look for and find good in the lives of all, and that there is a wealth of social pleasure in the association with the membership that we have never before discovered.

We are told that the Pennsylvania farmer sold his land in Pennsylvania and hearing of oil fields in far away Canada moved to the distant country only to fail in his quest, and find when too late that the home farm which he had sold was rich in oil-producing wells.

Riches are where we live and not far away, if we have the right appreciation of life. The Master Mason who does not belong to the best lodge with the best membership in the best community in the best state of the best Nation under the sun, will fail in getting the most happiness out of his lodge membership and home community life.

In our suggestion that there are other fields of influence for Masons and Masonry we are not contending for progress in Masonic principles. Its foundations were laid in principles that can never change. Truth is eternal, but the irresistible tendency of the human race is to advancement. Truth embodied in ideas lives on forever, and those who become possessed with the eternal idea move onward and upward. Unworthy nations perish, but the human race advances, gaining power with the years and producing a better humanity. Masonry is founded upon immortal truths and must grow in influence and power, or it is not living up to the spirit of the age. Let these principles be well instilled in the minds and lives of the members as they enter the lodge. With foundations for individual life and character thus well laid the future growth and development of our Order demands increased activity and devotion to the country in which we live. Its mission is to make for a better citizenship in this fair land, and what a privilege is ours to live in America, the land of the free, and at this time when the

opportunities for patriotic service to our country were never more urgent. The world without the leavening influence of this nation at this time of stress and strife in foreign lands is in danger of going again into a gloom like the Middle and Dark Ages of the past.

As Master Masons, is there not an inspiration in the thought that we, possessors of the great teachings of our Order, masters thereby of ourselves, can help to meet and master the problems that confront our country in its duty to itself and to the world?

As true Americans we should dare to do whatever is right to do. Masons should unite moral courage and personal courage and see that America stands before the nations of the world the best in human government, pointing other nations to better things.

With the record of former centuries before us we can readily see the steady advance which man has been making subduing the powers of nature to his service. Looking at the past and present who can imagine that we are approaching the end? Who can believe that there is any limit beyond which we may not go? We have already passed many bounds which preceding generations would have called the utmost limit, and there opening before us are new and larger fields of the destiny of the race and more and more potent influences urging human power to its utmost endeavor. The world's progress has not been merely intellectual or industrial. Political Science has been everywhere advancing and we believe our own America at the front in human government today. Masonry, therefore, must become a more active and aggressive force in the world's affairs, or it will not keep up with the progress of the age, and to lag behind is to be superceded by other and more useful institutions. For in the Divine government of the Universe the law of existence is the law of Progress.

The world moves on. Humanity broadens and deepens. The great Architect of the Universe with whom "a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day" will not abandon His work.

At the conclusion of the oration Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt moved and it was carried unanimously that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered the Grand Orator for his eloquent oration, and he was requested to furnish a copy for publication with the proceedings.

On motion of Past Grand Master James P. A. Black, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, the Commercial Club of Plattsmouth, and

the citizens, for the generous and courteous entertainment furnished its members and the accompanying ladies, on the occasion of our visit to the Nebraska Masonic Home this afternoon.

At the suggestion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel a contribution was taken for the purpose of giving the boys and girls of the Home some pleasures during the summer; the amount contributed was \$65.70.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was ordered published with the proceedings. Brother Ehrhardt also presented the following, relating to the protest in behalf of the Grand Lodge Regional of the Philippine Islands, and in regard to the National Grand Lodge of France:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge:

We, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, have received from the Grand Master under date of October 25th, 1915, a letter transmitting a circular from the Gran,Logia Regional de Filipinas, with the instruction to carefully consider the same, so as to bring the matter properly before the Grand Lodge, at the next regular communication. In obedience we would respectfully report: In addition to the letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge Regional of the Philippines we are in possession of the protest referred to, which letter and protest have been translated.

Your committee is of the opinion that the claims of the protestants are not sufficiently defined so as to inform us as to whether the protest is from and in behalf of the Grand Lodge Regional of the Philippines, or in behalf of the Grand Orient of Spain; and if it is intended to be in behalf of the Grand Lodge Regional of the Philippines, then there is nothing to show that said Grand Body has the sole, independent, and exclusive sovereignty over the territory, requisite and necessary in the establishment and government of a Grand Lodge of Symbolic Masonry.

On the other hand, if as the protest says, the Grand Orient of Spain from time immemorial has occupied the territory, then the Grand Lodge Regional can not be an independent Masonic body, and is in no position to protest the organization of other Masonic lodges.

Your committee after carefully considering the letter and protest

has been unable to find that the protest is made by an independent Symbolic Grand Lodge of the said territory, or that the action taken as set forth in said protest, was taken by any Grand Masonic body authorized or warranted to make the same.

No fraternal relation has ever been established between the Grand Orient of Spain and this Grand Lodge, and the said protest does not even come from that body.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Nebraska respectfully declines to accept the protest of the Grand Lodge Regional of the Philippines, as any reason for changing the fraternal relation now existing between the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Your committee to whom was referred the application of the Grand Lodge of France, asking for its recognition by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, has had the same under consideration, and obtaining all the information we could in addition to the formal application, we would respectfully report:—

This Grand Lodge, styled "The Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France and the French Colonies", was organized in September, 1913, by two lodges: one, "Centre des Amis", located in the city of Paris, and the other, "Loge Anglaise" No. 204, located at Bordeaux, France, and both offshoots of the Grand Orient of France, from which Grand Orient this Grand Lodge severed fraternal relations in June, 1874, for the reason that said Grand Orient refused to recognize the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction and persisted in invading the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge with which we were in fraternal relations.

From an investigation conducted by M. W. Brother Charles T. Gallagher, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, and Chairman of their Committee on Recognition of Foreign Jurisdictions, we learn that the new body did not consist of more than two lodges, with a possible third, and that its head was one Ribaucourt, who until a year before had been active in the Grand Orient of France.

Your committee is of the opinion that these two lodges were not competent to form a Grand Lodge, under the requirements for recognition prescribed by the American Grand Lodges.

This petitioning Grand Lodge has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and by one or two British-American Grand Lodges, and while a number of other

Grand Lodges have considered the application, none of them has entered into fraternal relations.

By reason of the facts herein stated and the unfortunate condition of affairs in Europe at this time, your committee would fraternally recommend that the request for recognition be denied, and the committee discharged from its further consideration.

The report of the committee was adopted.

Past Grand Masters George H. Thummel, Henry H. Wilson, and Frank H. Young, President of the Home, Brother George H. Murphy, 68, and many others addressed the Grand Lodge in regard to the Nebraska Masonic Home. The remarks were all complimentary, and commendation of the Home, its management, location, and completeness, was universal.

At fifteen minutes after ten o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 7th, 1916.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 7th, 1916.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the previous session, Grand Master Whiting presiding.

The following report was presented by the chairman of the committee, W. Brother Edward M. Wellman, 1, and after being considered by paragraphs was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Grievances, to whom have been referred the several matters hereinafter mentioned, respectfully report as follows:

1. In the matter of the appeal from the decision of Amethyst Lodge No. 190, A. F. & A. M., by a member of said lodge, from a sentence of expulsion for unmasonic conduct, we recommend that said appeal be disposed of by the Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Lodge, or be heard by it at its next annual communication, as provided by Section 201 of the law.

2. With reference to the matter submitted by the Secretary of Amity Lodge No. 169, A. F. & A. M. of Rushville, as to the status of a petition for the degrees, we recommend that the petitioner be permitted to withdraw said petition as provided by Sections 104-A and 108.

W. Brother Charles A. Eyre, 268, presented the following report, which on motion was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

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

Your Committee on Accounts has examined the books of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, and the Committee on Relief; also all securities in the hands of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home as Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund.

According to the books of the Grand Secretary and the funds on deposit in the Norfolk National Bank, we find a balance in the Grand Lodge Treasury to the credit of the Grand Lodge on May 20th, 1916, of \$34,116.45; balance to the credit of the Committee on Relief, \$2,639.75; securities in the Orphans Educational Fund, \$83,150.00, and an additional amount belonging to this fund due from the Nebraska Masonic Home Fund of \$16.85, making a total in this account of \$83,166.85.

An examination of all securities held shows that the investments have been made in accordance with the law and no interest is overdue. An examination of the account of the Grand Master shows disbursements of \$842.44 in the discharge of duties pertaining to his office. The amount received by him to date from the Grand Secretary is \$820.00, leaving a balance due him of \$22.44. We recommend that this amount be paid him,

We find the report of the Grand Custodian shows he has discharged the duties of his office at an expense to the Grand Lodge well within the appropriation for his office.

We find the books of the Grand Secretary are kept in a most efficient manner and gladly endorse his methods.

In connection with the items in the accounts of the Grand Secretary we find a disbursement of \$16.25 for an American flag for use in the Grand Lodge. We recommend this amount to be paid.

We have also examined the account of the Grand Chaplain and find that he has paid out the sum of \$123.83 for expenses in connection with the performance of the duties pertaining to his office. We recommend that this amount be paid him.

The report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensa-

tions, submitted by the chairman, W. Brother John F. Poucher, 41, was considered by paragraphs, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND
DISPENSATIONS.

To the Members of the Grand Lodge:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined the papers of Kimball Lodge U. D., their petition for charter, demits, minutes of the lodge, together with other papers, and recommend that at this session a charter be granted them under the name of Kimball Lodge No. 294.

We have examined the papers of Minatare Lodge U. D., their petition for charter, demits, and minutes of the lodge, together with other papers, and recommend that at this session a charter be granted to them under the name of Minatare Lodge No. 295.

We have examined the papers of Cowles Lodge U. D., their petition for charter, demits, and minutes of the lodge, together with other papers, and recommend that at this session a charter be granted them under the name of Cowles Lodge No. 296.

Grand Master Whiting appointed Past Grand Masters James R. Cain, Sr., George H. Thummel, and Edwin F. Warren a committee to present suitable resolutions of thanks to Past Grand Master William E. Hill, for his donation. In due time the committee, through Past Grand Master Warren, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge accepts with sincere appreciation the donation to our Masonic Home of one thousand dollars from William E. Hill, our oldest Past Grand Master in service, of this Grand Lodge.

It is most gratifying to know that although living in the distant state of California, our beloved brother remembers in this substantial manner our Home, and we realize that his heart is still with us and that he is interested in our Masonic work, and we congratulate him that the work that he fostered in the beginning is bearing fruit which he is living to see.

We trust that he may be spared to us for many years.

Be it further Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of these resolutions to Most Worshipful Brother Hill.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to elect its officers for the ensuing year, Grand Master Whiting appointing as tellers

all of the Assistants to the Grand Custodian. The election resulted as follows:

Bro. Andrew H. Viele, 55.....	Grand Master
Bro. Frederic L. Temple, 61.....	Deputy Grand Master
Bro. Ambrose C. Epperson, 139.....	Grand Senior Warden
Bro. John J. Tooley, 258.....	Grand Junior Warden
Bro. Francis E. White, 6.....	Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of—

Bro. Charles M. Shepherd, 54.....	Grand Chaplain
Bro. William E. Andrews, 50.....	Grand Orator
Bro. Robert E. French, 46.....	Grand Custodian
Bro. Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3.....	Grand Marshal
Bro. Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Grand Senior Deacon
Bro. Edward M. Wellman, 1.....	Grand Junior Deacon
Bro. Alexander E. Porter, 19.....	Grand Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Brothers Frederick L. Wolff, 135; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Edward M. Wellman, 1; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Frank L. Haycock, 207; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers Frank H. Young, 207 (1 year); Thomas M. Davis, 93 (2 years); Alpha Morgan, 148 (3 years); John A. Ehrhardt, 41 (4 years); Robert E. Evans, 5 (5 years); Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; Frank H. Young, 207; George H. Thummel, 33; Committee on Grand Lodge Accommodations in new Masonic Temple.

Brothers John F. Poucher, 41; Arthur A. Brooks, 50; Walter W. Wells, 192; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Alpha Morgan, 148; Frank H. Young, 207; Lewis E. Smith, 136; Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Lucius D. Richards, 15; Carroll D. Evans, 58; Special Committee on Childrens Home.

Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; George H. Thummel, 33; Thomas M. Davis, 93; Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace.

Brothers George H. Thummel, 33; Charles E. Burnham, 166; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Committee on Promulgation of the Work.

The committee which was appointed at the last annual communication to arrange for Grand Lodge Accommodations

in new Masonic Temple, through the chairman, Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE ACCOMMODATIONS IN NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Accommodations in New Masonic Temple respectfully report that the Trustees of the Temple Craft of Omaha express willingness to provide suitable and ample accommodations in the New Temple for the Grand Lodge and the Grand Secretary, at a rental that will be satisfactory to the Grand Lodge, and are arranging therefor in their plans; owing to the delay in erecting the building no definite arrangement has been made with your committee.

Your committee suggests that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three with full power to act in the premises, in conjunction with the Grand Master.

Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., for the committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

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

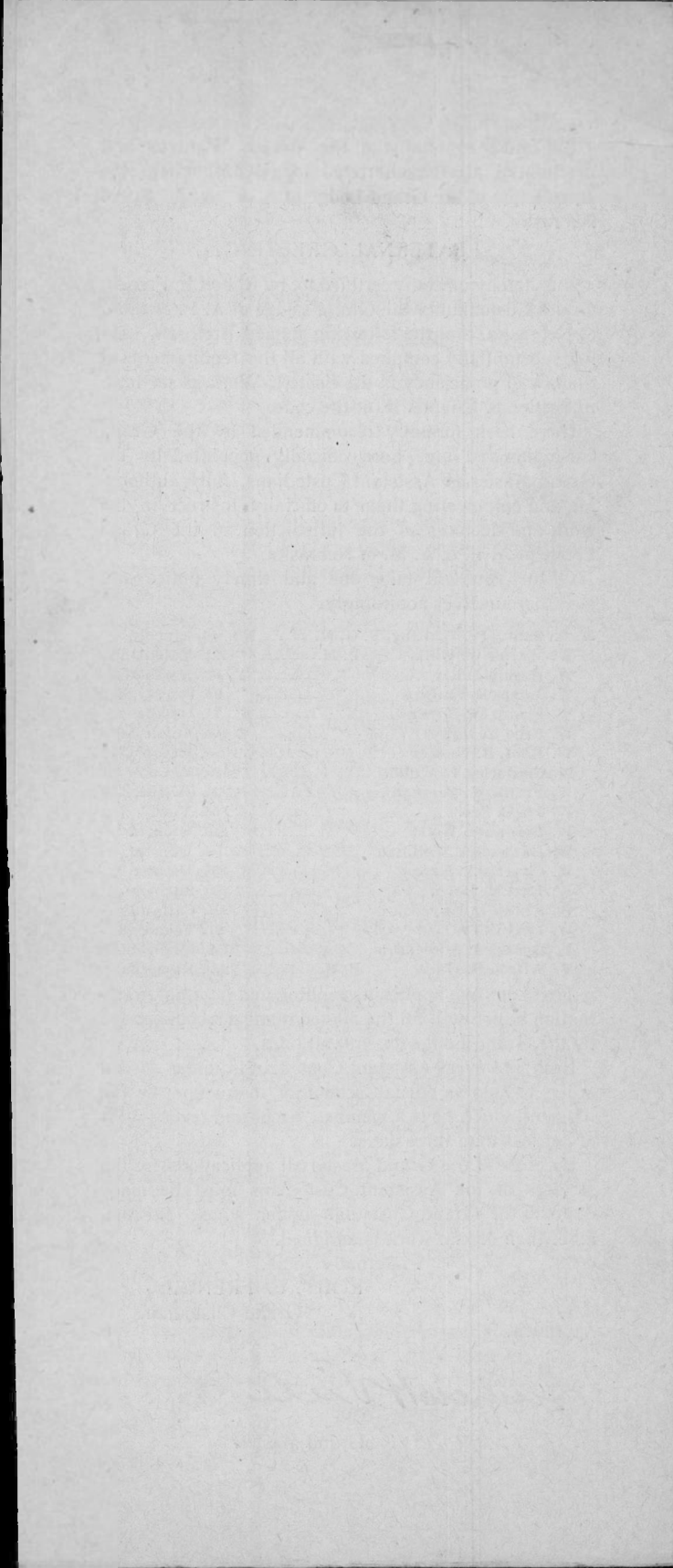
Your Committee on Promulgation of the Work begs leave to report as follows:

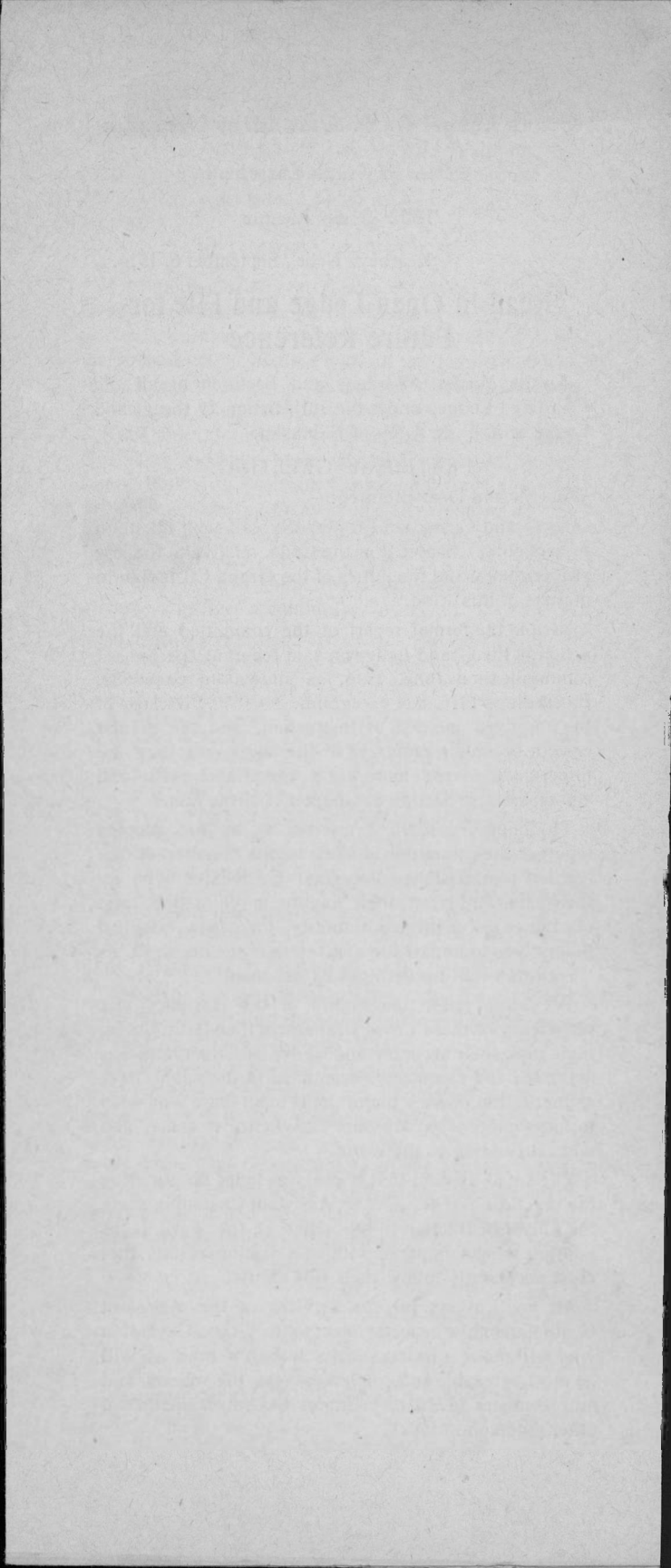
Another very satisfactory year has passed, and we rejoice in the splendid feelings that continue to exist between the subordinate lodges and our Grand Custodian. Our good Brother French is still earnestly striving to bring our lodges into a closer compliance with Section 8, Chapter II. of the law, and has met with considerable success. The brethren love Brother French, and he is never happier than when serving them.

We recommend that the number of Assistants to the Grand Custodian be continued as it is for the ensuing year.

Because of the improved methods of instruction, and the greater ease in becoming proficient in the work, we urge the importance of the more rigid compliance with and enforcement of Section 8, of Chapter II. of the law.

At twelve o'clock M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.





SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 7th, 1916.

M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to order at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding session.

On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered to Brother Elisha D. Bellis, 11, for the music rendered during the recess.

The following report, presented by Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF THE
WORLD'S PEACE.

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

Your Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace submits the following:

The appalling waste and suffering of the present war pleads more eloquently than any human language can plead, for a more humane, a more rational, a more economic method of settling international disputes than the arbitrament of arms. The fiery tongues of belching cannon voice the cry of humanity—for an appeal to reason, to justice, to equity—in the adjustment of our differences with our fellow men.

To our country is offered the splendid opportunity, upon our country is imposed the solemn duty of leadership in the promotion of enforced peace. We are, by our peculiar situation, by our distinctive institutions, in a special sense fitted for this leadership, and we shall fail in our national duty if we do not embrace this opportunity to lead in this advancement of the world's civilization.

It is no credit to the world's statesmanship that we have reached the twentieth century with no machinery provided by which one nation can compel another to do justice, except by this uncertain, wasteful, cruel, and brutalizing appeal to arms.

As the rights of individual citizens rest ultimately upon the potential physical force that secures them, as the judgments of our domestic courts rest ultimately upon the potential physical force of the nation that is behind them, so must the validity and effect of international judgments rest finally upon the armed force of the nations pledged to their enforcement. Neither international rights, nor individual rights, can ever be preserved without the ultimate use of physical force, if nothing else will procure obedience to the decrees dictated by reason,

by justice and equity. Well ordered society, international, national, state, or municipal, must always rest upon ultimate potential physical force. Virtue can cope with vice only by the intelligent use of physical force, actual or potential.

One man can enslave a thousand, if the thousand voluntarily abandon the use of physical force. Virtue must pay tribute to vice, if virtue refuses to use physical force.

When our dreams shall have been realized—when the nations of earth shall be compelled to submit their disputes to an impartial world tribunal whose decision shall be based on justice and equity—we shall still need physical force to punish the nation that refuses to come into court or refuses to comply with the judgment once pronounced. The necessary prerequisite of such an international court, with world wide jurisdiction, is the adoption between nations of the same code of morals that we apply to the conduct of individuals. The world must first adopt and act upon the theory that what is unjust—what is wrong, what is immoral when done by an individual citizen, is equally unjust, wrong, and immoral when done by a hundred million individuals acting as a nation. Before it will be safe to submit our dearest rights, our national integrity, or national honor, to the judicial tribunal of the world, we must be assured by experience that nations will apply to national conduct the same rules of equity and justice that enlightened jurisprudence applies to the conduct of individuals. We must be assured that a nation can not be justified in the world tribunal in that which the individual citizens of such nations could not justify as individuals.

International diplomacy must express, rather than conceal, our real intentions. Justice must be the same to the weak and to the strong. The rights of small states must be held as sacred and inviolable as the rights of the great states. The rights of states must be measured, not by the wealth or power of the litigants, but by justice and equity.

When the adoption of these wholesome principles becomes general a world tribunal will emerge. Every nation will then have confidence that its claims will be carefully considered, impartially passed upon, and the judgment promptly enforced by physical force if need be.

If our nation is peculiarly fitted to lead in this great work, certainly no part of our people is better fitted for it than our own Fraternity, whose members belong to every race and nation, and whose principles teach us to subject our passions and prejudices to the rule of reason, justice, and equity.

Past Grand Master Alpha Morgan read the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDRENS HOME.

To the Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

We, your special Committee on Childrens Home, beg leave to report that pursuant to your instructions of one year ago, we have built and furnished a home on our grounds at Fremont, which is now occupied by the girls, in charge of a matron. This Home was dedicated by the Grand Lodge on December 14th, 1915, and immediately occupied.

The Home was built at an approximate cost of \$13,000.00. There were certain extras, in the nature of a septic tank, side-walk, etc. We employed a landscape gardener to lay out and plan our grounds, and have planted some one thousand fruit and forest trees besides a certain amount of shrubbery and ornamental trees. The Grand Chapter, R. A. M., kindly came to our assistance and loaned us \$1,500.00, of which we have used \$1,000.00.

There are now thirteen children in this Home in charge of a matron employed by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Under a resolution adopted at the last Grand Lodge, authorizing this committee to employ an architect to prepare plans for a new building, and to advertise for bids, we have approved plans submitted by the architect so employed. The new building corresponds in a general way with the present Home. Bids have been submitted by different firms and the lowest one approximates \$13,500.00. While we approve in a general way the proposed new building and its erection, we have only proceeded so far as to receive bids, and we leave it to the Grand Lodge to say what shall be done.

During the entire year we have had the enthusiastic support and hearty co-operation of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the assistance and suggestions from this source have been invaluable to us.

The boys, as you know, are occupying the cottage on the Masonic Home grounds at Plattsmouth, in charge of a matron employed by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. This body has also employed a superintendent, who divides her time between the two Homes. It is the opinion of your committee that the Homes and the care of the children are proving satisfactory, and it is with great pleasure that we are able to report the success so far of the undertaking.

Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans addressed the Grand Lodge on the subject of general relief and the care of child-

ren, and concluded by moving that the Committee on Ways and Means be directed to include in their appropriations \$12,000.00 for the erection of a Home for Children at Fremont. The motion was adopted.

The Committee on Memorial to Washington the Mason, through the Chairman, Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL TO WASHINGTON THE MASON.

To the Grand Lodge:

At the last session of this Grand Lodge, while they had under consideration the question of an appropriation for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, a substitute for the pending motion was adopted as follows: "That the matter be recommended to a committee to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, with a request for a full and complete report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

Your committee would suggest that a full report of the purpose of the organization of the association was reported to this Grand Lodge at its session held June 6th, 1911, and is published in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for that year at pages 543 to 546. One hundred dollars was appropriated and contributed to defray the expenses of the meeting held for the purpose of organizing aid association, and the statement was repeatedly made that no Grand Lodge would be financially obligated to either the erection or maintenance of the building by reason of the contribution made for the organization. M. W. Brother Milton J. Hull, Past Grand Master of this jurisdiction as proxy, was present and assisted in the organization, and has attended the annual meetings of the association during the past six years as the representative of this Grand Lodge.

The association has voted to issue one thousand Life Memberships at one hundred dollars each, limited to Masons and Masonic organizations, who will be designated as a Charter Roll of Honor, and their names perpetuated in the Memorial Temple. Your committee is informed by Past Grand Master Hull that five hundred and eighty of the one thousand life memberships have already been taken.

The Grand Lodges around us have given the association their substantial endorsement; Iowa has subscribed three thousand dollars, Colorado and Kansas have each contributed five hundred dollars, South Dakota has subscribed six hundred dollars, and in all forty-

three Grand Masonic Bodies have already become members of the Charter Roll of Honor.

This Memorial to Washington the Mason will be erected and future ages will read the Honor Roll, and the question for this Grand Lodge at this time is, will our name be written there?

Your committee is not unmindful of the great work that this jurisdiction is doing to relieve the distressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to comfort the sorrowful, to care for the widow and orphan; and did the committee, for one moment, think that this undertaking would in the least interfere with the active Masonic benevolence displayed by the big-hearted membership of this Grand Jurisdiction, in their splendid work in carrying out the tenets of our Institution, no recommendation for a contribution would be made. But feeling as we do, that this Grand Lodge was active and prominent in starting the association to build this memorial, and having pledged it our support and given it our endorsement, we would respectfully recommend:—

That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to pay for a membership in the Charter Roll of Honor of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; and that M. W. Brother Milton J. Hull, Past Grand Master, and such other brother as he may select, are authorized and empowered to solicit subscriptions from the lodges and brethren in this jurisdiction to become members of said association.

Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans moved that the special Committee on Childrens Home be continued for another year, and that the Grand Master be empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur; the motion prevailed.

Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans moved and it was carried that the Committee on Grand Lodge Accommodations in new Masonic Temple be continued for another year, with like powers as for the past year.

Consideration of the amendment to Article VII. of the constitution was taken up at this time, and the amendment was presented by the Grand Master. It was discussed by W. Brothers John F. Poucher, 41, Louis S. Fallers, 57, Isaac A. Reneau, 148, Fred Hoffmeister, 198, Obed Angier, 36, Orson A. Scott, 215, and Past Grand Masters John A. Ehrhardt and Robert E. Evans. The Grand Master put the question: "Shall the amendment to Article VII. be adopted?"

The vote stood twenty-three in favor of adopting the amendment, and one hundred and eighty-eight against it, and the Grand Master declared that the amendment was lost.

Past Grand Master Thomas M. Davis read the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the decisions of the Grand Master, and report on them as follows:

We approve of decisions Nos. 2 and 3.

We recommend that decision No. 1 be amended to read as follows: "A lodge room can be lawfully dedicated if occupied by the following bodies only: A chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a council of Royal & Select Masters, a commandery of Knights Templar, a body of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," and as so amended we recommend that it be approved.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following Declaration by the Grand Lodge:

This Grand Lodge claims and will exercise the right to determine the Masonic standing of any Mason who joins any society, lodge, or organization, a requisite to whose membership is membership in a Masonic lodge, and therefore recommends the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, divers and sundry societies and organizations are seeking to establish themselves in Nebraska and build on Masonry as their foundation stone; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Nebraska, to care for the welfare of the members of its several lodges, and protect them from the organizations that have no relation to Masonry, and yet seek to attach themselves thereto:

Therefore be it resolved, That the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Nebraska, in the exercise of its sovereign rights and powers, declares that it is unlawful for any Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction to make application to or join any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason; *providing* that this inhibition shall not apply to York and Scottish Rite Bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, or to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Your committee has carefully considered the recommendations made by the Grand Master in his address, and in regard to No. 1, being that of changing the by-laws of subordinate lodges as to fixing the time of meeting, we recommend that it be not approved.

With regard to recommendation No. 2, being that relating to memorial circulars, we report as follows: While we do not desire to control the actions of the Grand Masters as to the making of the announcements of the decease of Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers, we suggest that such memorial announcements consist only of the promulgation of the fact of the decease of the departed brother, and a brief reference to his Masonic life; and that all other subjects be omitted, leaving all eulogy to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

At the suggestion of the Committee on Codification of the Law, we recommend that Section 59 of the Law of Freemasonry be amended so as to read as follows:

“Sec. 59. MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES. — The Secretary shall include in his minutes the reports of the committees on petitions; upon receipt of the petitioner's fees he shall at once pass the same into the funds of the lodge, as provided for in Section 86. He must obtain regular vouchers for and report to the Treasurer all sums appropriated for his own compensation and incidental expenses, and can not retain them from the funds received by him. The Secretary shall make all proper certificates of the standing of a brother of his lodge, upon proper request, made by the brother himself or by any chapter, commandery, chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, or by any other regular Masonic body.”

At the suggestion of the Grand Secretary we make the following recommendations:

First. To reconcile the inconsistency existing by reason of the approval of decision No. 3 of Grand Master Davis, with Section 115, page 52, Law of Freemasonry, we recommend that the following words be added to the third line of Section 115, after the word “rejected:” “or a period of five years has elapsed since taking the previous degree.”

Second. We recommend that Section 104-A., page 50, Law of Freemasonry, be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 104-A.—PETITION OFFICIALLY RECEIVED.—A petition for initiation or for affiliation has been officially received by a lodge when it has been read and formally accepted by a lodge at a regular meeting.

Third. We recommend that Section 108, page 51, Law of Freemasonry, be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 108.—NO WITHDRAWAL.—After a petition has been read and formally accepted by a lodge, it can not be withdrawn. And upon

such acceptance the petitioner becomes and thereafter, unless a regular waiver is made, remains the material of such lodge.

We recommend that further action as to the amendment of Section 148 *d* be postponed for another year.

The report was considered by sections, and the recommendation of the committee on the Grand Master's second decision was adopted. Past Grand Master Edwin F. Warren moved that decision No. 3 be not approved, but the motion was not carried, and the report of the committee relating thereto was adopted. The report of the committee on the Grand Master's first decision was adopted, as was the Declaration of the Grand Lodge as formulated by the committee, after unanimous consent had been obtained to include the Acacia Fraternity in the list of exceptions. The committee's recommendations in regard to the Grand Master's first and second recommendations were adopted. The Grand Lodge adopted the committee's recommendation in regard to the amendment to Section 59 of the law, also their recommendations in regard to Sections 115, 104-A., 108, and 148 *d*. The report as a whole was thereupon adopted.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham submitted the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient & Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business fraternally reports that the following business is pending and should be disposed of:

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers approved the suggestion of the Grand Custodian that the part of the charge given in the Entered Apprentice degree relating to the flag be made obligatory upon all lodges in conferring this degree. The report of the committee was adopted, but there is nothing in the law relating to this matter, and in our opinion some definite action should be taken towards making it a part of the law.

A report is due from the Committee on Codification of the Law,

reporting amendments to the law to carry out the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth recommendations of Grand Master Davis.

A report is due from Past Grand Masters Evans and Burnham, in regard to whether Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who wish to withdraw from the Fraternity, can be demitted. The Grand Secretary has prepared most of the statistics in regard to this, but the formal report has not been prepared, and the committee asks that the same be postponed for one year.

We find no other business not disposed of.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham moved that the care and distribution of the fund collected for the relief of those suffering as a result of the war in Europe be left to the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Secretary; the motion prevailed.

Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson moved and it was carried that the pay-roll for 1917 be made up for three days' attendance at \$2.00 per day.

At a quarter past five o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 7th, 1916.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the previous session; M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Master, presided.

W. Brother Edward H. Mack, 145, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

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

Your Committee on Ways and Means fraternally reports as follows:

We call attention to the law and custom of the Grand Lodge which provides that the Committee on Ways and Means should consider and report upon the condition of the funds and property of the Grand Lodge, and all matters relating to its revenue, and all proposed appropriations to be made therefrom. We ask that this portion of our law be noted, and submit the suggestion that no appropriation should be

made by direct resolution or without being referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. When such matters come before the committee, and after careful investigation it finds the appropriation should not be made, it recommends accordingly. Some brother who is interested, either directly or by the suggestion of some other brother, takes a short cut to the treasury and moves that an appropriation be made for some particular purpose. This we believe to be in violation of the law and not for the best interests of the Fraternity.

We therefore recommend that the law be strictly observed, and that all resolutions contemplating appropriations from the treasury be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, who will carefully investigate the entire subject and report what they believe to be for the best interests of the Fraternity.

Your committee has changed the appropriation that has been made for a number of years for the clerk hire and expenses of the Grand Master. We have not increased the sum heretofore appropriated, but have divided it so as to reduce the amount for clerk hire and increase the amount for expenses. In very few instances have Grand Masters found it necessary to pay the sum appropriated for clerk hire, and but very few of them have found the appropriation for their expenses sufficient for the year. We have therefore divided the sum equally between the Grand Master's clerk hire and his expenses.

We renew the recommendation made so frequently, that none of the money appropriated for the expense of the Grand Custodian or for the promulgation of the Work be expended for any purpose but that of holding schools of instruction and the payment of the mileage and per diem of the several Assistants to the Grand Custodian attending Grand Lodge.

We recommend the following appropriations for the year ending June, 1917:

Pay-roll, as much as may be necessary.....	\$ 4,363.52
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	200.00
Grand Master's expense, or the necessary amount thereof...	400.00
Grand Master's clerk hire, or the necessary amount thereof.	400.00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	1,560.00
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,500.00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	600.00
Grand Lodge office, rent.....	200.00
Grand Lodge office, heat and light.....	50.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor.....	90.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone	40.00

Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	\$ 20.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.....	350.00
Stationery.....	70.00
Incidentals.....	70.00
Blanks.....	200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	1,500.00
Printing and electrotyping the proceedings of 1916.....	900.00
Library, purchasing and binding.....	150.00
Printing parchment charters.....	30.00
Grand Tyler.....	15.00
Expense of the Assistants to the Grand Custodian, or the necessary amount thereof.....	1,000.00
Fire insurance.....	45.00
Membership fee in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.....	125.00
Organist, session of 1916.....	10.00
Grand Chaplain's expense, 1916-1917, or the necessary amount thereof.....	150.00
Assistant to the Grand Secretary.....	1,200.00
Stenographer.....	10.00
Flag.....	16.25
Balance due Grand Master Whiting, 1915-1916.....	22.44
Grand Chaplain, expenses for 1915-1916.....	123.83
Special train to Plattsmouth, June 6th, 1916.....	312.06
Home for Children at Fremont.....	12,000.00
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	100.00

We further recommend that there be appropriated \$1,200.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to be placed subject to the order of the Committee on Grand Lodge Accommodations in new Masonic Temple, to be by it used for the purpose of arranging for quarters in said Temple, making necessary contracts, procuring appropriate furnishings for said quarters, and such other things as properly come within the scope of their duties.

W. Brother Frederick L. Wolff, 135, presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits the proposed amendments to the law by paragraphs, and requests that the paragraphs be considered separately:

The committee submits paragraph No. 1 without recommendation:

1. Enact Sec. 130-B.—Procedure in FOREIGN LODGE.—When a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction confers degrees at the request of a Nebraska lodge, the procedure followed by such lodge will be held legal if in accordance with our law, or if in accordance with its own Grand Lodge law.

The committee submits paragraph No. 2 without recommendation:

2. Enact Sec. 6.—GRAND MASTER'S SALARY.—The Grand Master shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of one thousand dollars per year, payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work and such sum for clerk hire as the Grand Lodge shall annually allow, which allowance for clerk hire shall not be less than \$40.00 per month and shall be payable monthly.

3. Enact Sec. 91-A as follows: Regularly chartered lodges may use loose leaf record books if equipped with proper binders; but the Grand Secretary shall not be required to keep such loose leaf record books for sale to subordinate lodges.

4. Amend Sec. 57.—Returns to Grand Lodge, by striking out the words "by years" in the eighteenth line, and the words "for each year" in the nineteenth line, and by adding thereto the following: "Dues shall be reported as delinquent when they remain unpaid after the end of the Masonic year in which they were assessed."

5. Enact Sec. 85-A.—LODGE DUES.—The dues assessed by all chartered lodges shall be payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed, and shall become delinquent January 1st of the succeeding year. (This by-law shall become operative January 1st, 1917.)

6. Amend the second sentence of Section 59, so that the same shall read as follows: "Upon receipt of the petitioner's fee he shall at once pass the same into the funds of the lodge as provided in Sec. 86"; and repeal that part of Section 59 as the same now exists, and which conflicts with the proposed amendment, so that said Section 59, when amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 59.—MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES.—The Secretary shall include in his minutes the reports of committees on petitions. Upon receipt of the petitioner's fee he shall at once pass the same into the funds of the lodge as provided in Sec. 86. He must obtain regular vouchers for, and report to the Treasurer, all sums appropriated for his own compensation and incidental expenses, and can not retain them from funds received by him. The Secretary shall make all proper certificates of the standing of a brother of his lodge upon proper request made by the brother himself, or by any chapter, commandery, chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, or any other regular Masonic body.

7. Enact Sec. 96-A. A lodge room can be lawfully dedicated if occupied only by the following other bodies: A chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a council of Royal and Select Masters, a commandery of Knights Templar, a body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, a temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a chapter of the Acacia Fraternity, and of the Achoth Sorority.

8. Enact Sec. 109-A. A candidate wearing an immovable ring is not thereby debarred from receiving the degrees of Masonry.

9. Enact the following addition to Section 148:

n. Making application to, or joining, any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, *provided* that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, or the Acacia Fraternity.

10. Amend Section 115, by adding at the end of the first sentence the following words: "or a period of five years has elapsed since the taking of the preceding degree," so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

Section 115. ESSENTIALS.—It is not necessary for an Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason to petition his lodge in writing for advancement unless he has been rejected or a period of five years has elapsed since taking the preceding degree. But he must be examined in open lodge at a regular meeting thereof, and show a thorough knowledge of at least the first section of the lecture of the preceding degree before the ballot is spread on his application for advancement. An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the elections of a petitioner for advancement.

11. Amend Section 104-A, so that it shall read as follows:

Sec. 104-A. PETITION OFFICIALLY RECEIVED.—A petition for initiation or affiliation has been officially received by a lodge when it has been read and formally accepted by a lodge at a regular meeting.

12. Amend Sec. 108, so that it shall read as follows:

Sec. 108. NO WITHDRAWAL.—After a petition has been read and formally accepted by a lodge, it can not be withdrawn. And upon such acceptance the petitioner becomes and thereafter, unless a regular waiver is made, remains the material of such lodge.

13. In accordance with instructions received by this committee, it has codified the matter set forth in this paragraph 13 of this report, so that it may be considered by the Grand Lodge, but submits it without recommendation, as follows, to wit:

Repeal Section 111 and substitute the following:

Sec. 111. A petition for the mysteries of Masonry shall be for the three degrees, namely, Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, and a clear ballot shall elect a petitioner to receive the same. A rejected petitioner for initiation or admission must petition anew, and the petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the usual course of an original petition. If the petition is refused consideration by the lodge, the applicant shall be reported as rejected.

In Section 113, repeal all that part of said section after the word "him" so that the section will then read as follows:

Sec. 113. After a petition for initiation has been rejected, no new petition can be received from the petitioner within six months from the date of the ballot rejecting him.

Repeal all of Section 115 and substitute the following:

Sec. 115. It is not necessary for an Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason to petition his lodge in writing unless a period of

five years has elapsed since taking the preceding degree. A candidate may be advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft Mason or the degree of a Master Mason when he shall have passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge at a regular meeting thereof upon his proficiency in the next preceding degree. His proficiency shall be determined by a majority vote of the lodge by show of hands. Four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of degrees.

Repeal all that part of Section 116 after the word "examination," found in the fourth line, and amend said section so that the same shall read as follows:

Sec. 116. RE-EXAMINATION.—When a candidate for advancement passes an unsatisfactory examination, the Master *shall* direct him to become proficient and again present himself for examination.

Amend Sec. 117 by substituting for the words "petition anew" now appearing at the end of that section, the words: "receive the remaining degree or degrees", and repeal that section as it now exists so that when amended it shall read as follows:

Sec. 117.—REMOVAL OF OBJECTIONS.—A candidate against whom objections have been made, may, as soon as these are withdrawn or removed, receive the remaining degree or degrees.

Amend Sec. 119 by omitting the word "advancement" appearing at the end of the second, and beginning of the third line, and repeal said section as it now exists so that when amended it shall read as follows:

Sec. 119. VOTERS, ETC.—None but members of the lodge can vote therein. On a petition for initiation or admission or on an application for a waiver of jurisdiction, the ballot must be unanimously favorable, and no member can be excused from voting thereon.

The report was considered by paragraphs, and on motion, the first three were lost. Paragraphs 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 were adopted. On motion of Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, consideration of paragraph 13 was indefinitely postponed.

W. Brother Frederick L. Wolff, 135, asked unanimous consent to consider the following amendment to the law; consent was granted, and the amendment was adopted:

Amend Section 107 by striking out the last three words, to wit: "one lunar month", and substituting therefor the words: "not less than four weeks," so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 107. REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE.—All petitions for initiation, affiliation, waiver of jurisdiction, and for a dispensation for a new lodge must be referred to a committee and lie over not less than four weeks.

Past Grand Master Frank H. Young submitted the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE
OF ORPHANS.

To the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:

Your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans fraternally reports the following receipts and disbursements for the year ending May 30th, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

June 1st, 1915.. Balance on hand.....	\$3,492.63
“ 17th, “ .. Received from the Grand Lodge Relief Fund..	2,587.67
Received from rent of the Sargent property...	34.25
Received from Frank H. Young, Guardian of estate of Aileen Brewster.....	97.85
Received from Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 125, Genoa	10.00
Dec. 22d, “ .. Received from Brother Julius Pepperberg, 6, in memory of his wife and son, to be applied on the purchase of clothing for the children	25.00
Received from Lewis E. Smith, from Pine Chap- ter No. 51, to be applied for the purchase of clothing for the children.....	10.00
Received from Covert Lodge No. 11, for the children.....	9.59
Received from Mrs. McFarland, for the pur- chase of clothing for her children.....	36.00
Received from Pearl E. Albertson, Secretary, O. E. S. Home Board, balance of an old account.....	.75
May 30th, 1916.. Received interest on daily balances at 4%.....	200.00
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	\$6,503.74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Widow of a member of Solar Lodge No. 134, and three children..\$	50.00
Widow of a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, and one child	25.00
Member of Fairfield Lodge No. 84, wife and five children....	200.00
Mother of a late member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33.....	60.00
Member of George Washington Lodge No. 250.....	240.00
Member of Samaritan Lodge No. 158.....	50.00
Widow of a member of Siloam Lodge No. 147 and two children	300.00
Widow of a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33.....	84.00
School and clothing for child of late member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	75.00
Member of Hiram Lodge No. 52.....	63.00
Widow of a member of Ashland Lodge No. 18, extinct.....	144.00
Widow of a member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	84.00

Member of Western Star Lodge No. 2.....	\$ 90.00
Member of Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 125, wife and five children....	140.28
Mother of a member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.....	60.00
Widow of a member of Parian Lodge No. 207.....	15.00
Order of the Eastern Star Home Board, food and medical attendance for the children.....	1,060.00
Medical attendance for child at the Home for Boys.....	4.15
Expenses of boys to Fremont, corner-stone and dedication ceremonies.....	31.10
Clothing for children.....	43.15
Cost of cow for use of children.....	77.00
Printing.....	3.50
Matrons of Homes for Children, clothing and shoe repairs....	38.45
Daughter of late member of Springview Lodge No. 260.....	209.50
Balance on hand June 1st, 1916, Certificate of deposit herewith	3,356.61
	<u>\$6,503.74</u>

The pay-roll, amounting to \$4,363.52, was presented by the chairman of the committee, W. Brother Herman J. Wragge, 31, and was ordered paid.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham, assisted by W. Brother Fred A. Howe, 119, installed all of the officers for the ensuing year, except the Grand Orator. Authority was given Hastings Lodge No. 50, to install W. Brother William E. Andrews as Grand Orator. All of the officers installed were presented with the jewels of office.

Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., moved a rising vote of thanks to Most Worshipful Samuel S. Whiting, for his devotion to duty during the past year, and to the Omaha lodges for their courtesy and hospitality. The motion was carried unanimously.

At ten minutes after ten o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 7th, 1916, no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed.

ANDREW H. VIELE,

Grand Master.

Attest:

Francis J. White
Grand Secretary.

ADDENDA TO THE LAW.

Being Sections of the law as amended since the publication of the Law of Freemasonry, edition of 1915.

Sec. 57.—**RETURNS TO GRAND LODGE.**—The Secretary of each chartered lodge shall include in the annual returns, which shall be made out and transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before the tenth day of April, a statement of all work done during the preceding Masonic year, including the names of all those elected, initiated, passed, raised, affiliated, suspended, expelled, reinstated, rejected, and deceased, with the dates of same; also the name, number, and location of the lodge from which each member may come by affiliation. The Secretary shall, however, omit from his returns the names of all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons who for five years or more have remained suspended, also the names of all Entered Apprentices who for five years or more have not been passed, also all Fellow Crafts who for five years or more have not been raised. Each name shall be written with one given name in full. The returns shall also show the amount of the delinquent dues and the number of members who are delinquent, and shall also show the amount of insurance on real and personal property belonging to the lodge, the names of the companies in which the insurance is carried, with the amount in each and the date to which the premiums are paid. Dues shall be reported as delinquent when they remain unpaid after the end of the Masonic year in which they were assessed. 1916-594.

Sec. 59.—**MISCELLANEOUS DUTIES.**—The Secretary shall include in his minutes the reports of committees on petitions. Upon receipt of the petitioner's fee he shall at once pass the same into the funds of the lodge as provided in Section 86. He must obtain regular vouchers for, and report to the Treasurer, all sums appropriated for his own compensation or incidental expenses, and cannot retain them from funds received by him. The Secretary shall make all proper certificates of the standing of a brother of his lodge upon proper request made by the brother himself, or by any chapter, commandery, chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, or any regular Masonic body. 1916-594.

Sec. 85-A.—**LODGE DUES.**—The dues assessed by all chartered lodges shall be payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed, and shall become delinquent January 1st of the succeeding year. (This by-law shall become operative January 1st, 1917.) 1916-594.

Sec. 96-A.—A lodge room can be lawfully dedicated if occupied only by the following other bodies: a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a council of Royal & Select Masters, a commandery of Knights Templar, a body of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, a temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and a chapter of the Acacia Fraternity and of the Achoth Sorority. 1916-594.

Sec. 104-A.—**PETITION OFFICIALLY RECEIVED.**—A petition for initiation or affiliation has been officially received by a lodge when it has been read and formally accepted by the lodge at a regular meeting. 1916-595.

Sec. 107.—**REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE.**—All petitions for initiation, affiliation, waiver of jurisdiction, and for a dispensation for a new

lodge, must be referred to a committee, and lie over not less than four weeks. 1916-596.

Sec. 108.—NO WITHDRAWAL.—After a petition has been read and formally accepted by a lodge, it cannot be withdrawn. And upon such acceptance the petitioner becomes and thereafter, unless a regular waiver is made, remains the material of such lodge. 1916-594.

Sec. 109-A. A candidate wearing an immovable ring is not thereby debarred from receiving the degrees of Masonry. 1916-594.

Sec. 115.—ESSENTIALS.—It is not necessary for an Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason to petition his lodge in writing for advancement, unless he has been rejected or a period of five years has elapsed since taking the preceding degree. But he must be examined in open lodge at a regular meeting thereof, and show a thorough knowledge of at least the first section of the lecture of the preceding degree, before the ballot is spread on his application for advancement. An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the elections of a petitioner for advancement. 1916-595.

Sec. 148 n. Making application to, or joining, any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, *provided* that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, or the Acacia Fraternity. 1916-595.

MASONIC HOMES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Number of White Voters for each Mason.	Members of the Order for each Resident in the Home.
District of Columbia..... 7	North Carolina..... 62
Georgia..... 9	Kentucky..... 112
Mississippi..... 9	Mississippi..... 173
Alabama..... 11	Oklahoma..... 180
Kansas..... 11	Connecticut..... 186
Michigan..... 11	Arkansas..... 210
Illinois..... 12	Texas..... 224
Kentucky..... 12	Missouri..... 253
New Hampshire..... 13	California..... 293
Texas..... 13	Alabama..... 317
Arkansas..... 14	Delaware..... 354
Connecticut..... 14	Virginia..... 364
Missouri..... 14	District of Columbia..... 407
North Carolina..... 14	Nebraska..... 408
Ohio..... 14	Kansas..... 445
Oklahoma..... 14	New York..... 447
California..... 15	Pennsylvania..... 455
Delaware..... 15	New Jersey..... 466
Massachusetts..... 15	Ohio..... 496
Nebraska..... 15	Washington..... 526
New York..... 15	Illinois..... 550
Tennessee..... 15	Georgia..... 612
Virginia..... 15	Montana..... 691
Montana..... 17	New Hampshire..... 726
New Jersey..... 18	Michigan..... 917
Pennsylvania..... 19	Massachusetts..... 1281
Washington..... 22	
Wisconsin..... 22	

MASONIC HOMES 1915	Lodge or Chapter Members	Amount Received	Investment	Endowment and Cash on Hand	NUMBER IN HOME			Cost of Mainte- nance	Cost p. c. Per Month	Table Expense	Food p. c.	No. Emp's	Salary and Wages	Opened	Per Capita Assessment
					Old People	Chil- dren	Total								
Alabama	27,916	\$ 19,852	\$ 134,458	\$ 16,000	36	82	118	\$ 17,000	\$ 12.00	\$ 5,362	\$ 3.78	8	\$ 4,860	1913	\$.30†
Arkansas	20,766	22,097	125,000			99	99	16,069	13.35	5,800	4.60	7	3,449	1910	.50
California	55,341				125		125	32,287	21.50					1899	} 1.00
California, Children		112,523	406,362	79,695	2	62	64	16,535	21.50	5,820	8.20	7		1909	
Connecticut	25,983	67,628	64,510	78,782	134	4	138	23,260	14.04	9,372	5.65	14		1895	.90†
Delaware	3,541	5,839	26,478	5,059	10		10	3,967	31.60	834	5.00	4	1,300	1912	1.00
District of Columbia	10,171	7,579	90,000	8,673	20	2	22	5,404	18.00	1,827	4.76	7	1,710	1913	.37½ & .25*
Georgia	41,649	10,280	40,000		10	58	68	9,789	12.00	3,251			2,874	1904	Apprn.
Illinois	139,271	109,997	350,000	90,900	122		122	30,001	20.50	11,582	7.00	16	7,062	1904	} .35
Illinois, Children		21,089	165,000			97	97	20,535	17.64	6,106	4.80	9	5,299	1906	
Illinois*	82,512	23,262	66,695	33,343	34		34	14,627	35.80	4,367	8.30	10	3,857	1896	.25
Iowa*	40,625	12,130	53,000	4,506	16		16	6,546	34.00	1,953	7.75	5	1,993	1914	.20
Kansas	44,062	32,528	202,000	67,985	49	50	99	17,326	16.80	4,653	3.52	11	4,280	1896	.50 & .10*
Kentucky	43,387	10,783	70,100	8,144	41		41	10,849	22.00	3,540	7.20	8	3,897	1901	} .75
Kentucky, Children		32,285	366,000	328,000	24	316	340		10.74			32		1871	
Massachusetts	67,901	22,916	111,468	176,492	53		53	22,834	32.17	8,124	11.00	12	5,291	1911	Apprn.
Michigan	78,857	34,500	200,000	44,000	86		86	25,481	24.74	6,570	6.37	18	8,600	1890	.40†
Mississippi	20,334	30,984	72,367	109,894		119	119	19,117	11.56	5,070	3.22	12	4,078	1908	1.00
Missouri	63,769	60,148	407,500	130,948	160	92	252	64,704	23.20	27,395	8.27	44	17,777	1889	.75 & .15*
Montana	8,981	13,292	83,424	60,882	13		13	4,508	31.30			4	2,995	1909	1.00
Nebraska	23,664	44,720	57,292	190,000	40		40	13,544	26.60	4,448	6.30	13	3,774	1903	.75
Nebraska, Children*	19,456	5,800	47,000	10,346		18	18	4,740	20.60	1,363	6.32	3	1,158	1913	.25
New Hampshire	10,900	6,505	28,000	30,405	15		15	6,450	32.73	1,466	5.55	7	2,467	1904	.50†
New Jersey	42,257	33,664	158,585	119,655	67	28	95	23,427	21.70	6,712	5.50	12	6,904	1898	.30†
New York	192,463	123,284	648,095		298	133	431	112,503	20.80			70		1893	.50†
New York*	54,688	18,062		121,027	22		22	4,706							
North Carolina	25,030	6,845	45,000	1,011	32		32	4,480	13.68			8	2,088	1914	Apprn.
North Carolina, Children†		52,428	150,000	30,000		372	372	43,800	9.30	15,996	3.40	35	20,000	1873	Apprn.
Ohio	101,185	104,843	365,000	222,934	152	52	204	37,686	15.40	10,050	3.50	35	12,059	1897	.30 & .25||
Oklahoma	28,336	32,500	195,454	23,114	27	131	158	29,524	15.57	4,513	2.19	14	4,652	1909	.75† & .10*
Pennsylvania, Grand Lodge	120,576		1,141,482	149,000	210	35	245	90,305	33.33	23,866	8.12	29	57,275	1913	1.00
Pennsylvania, Masonic Home			80,379		87		87	24,345	23.25	7,593	6.20	15	4,411	1885	
Pennsylvania, Orphanage		30,276	536,877	457,000		92	92	22,401	20.28	7,759	5.68	22	5,161	1906	
Tennessee, Children	28,300	29,971	50,000	53,095	43	144	187	25,381	10.54	6,506	2.77	14	4,432	1892	.75
Texas, R. A. M.*	20,502	47,953	78,000	22,155	81		81	17,078	18.75	4,674	4.20	12	4,816	1911	.25
Texas, Children & Widows	65,809	79,627	301,260	203,583		213	213	53,922	21.20	19,253	7.57	35	12,605	1899	.50
Virginia	24,734	22,245	100,000	30,000		74	74	20,471	23.00	7,263	7.38	8	2,860	1890	.75
Washington	21,698	15,036	57,125	70,426	29	9	38	10,227	22.40	3,770	8.27	8	3,600	1914	.50†
Nova Scotia	6,765	5,105			19		19	4,479	20.00	703	2.44	5	1,349		
TOTAL	1,561,492	1,278,302	7,026,911	2,977,054	2,057	4,339	910,308			237,561					

* Order of the Eastern Star.

† Takes all state children. State appropriates \$20,000 per annum.

‡ Plus fees.

§ Salaries of teachers included.

|| Royal Arch Masons.

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

- Francis E. White, 1871-72-74-75-76-77-78-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-
44 Years. 91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-
09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16.
- Frank H. Young, 1877-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-
37 Years. 98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-
16.
- Edwin F. Warren, 1873-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-89-92-93-
35 Years. 94-96-97-98-99-00-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-13-15-16.
- Samuel P. Davidson, 1875-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-
35 Years. 96-97-98-99-00-01-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-12-13-14-15-
16.
- George H. Thummel, 1872-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-85-89-90-94-97-98-99-00-
32 Years. 02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16.
- Robert E. French, 1885-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-
32 Years. 03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16.
- John A. Ehrhardt, 1881-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-
31 Years. 02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-15-16.
- Frank E. Bullard, 1877-78-79-80-81-82-90-91-92-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-
27 Years. 04-05-07-08-09-10-11-14-15.
- James P. A. Black, 1887-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-04-05-06-
26 Years. 07-08-09-10-12-13-15-16.
- Henry H. Wilson, 1888-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-
26 Years. 07-08-10-12-13-14-15-16.
- James R. Cain, Sr. 1875-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-84-85-86-87-89-91-92-93-94-97-
25 Years. 98-99-12-13-14-15-16.
- Robert E. Evans, 1889-92-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-
25 Years. 10-11-12-13-14-15-16.
- Henry Gibbons, 1879-80-81-85-87-90-92-97-98-99-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-
24 Years. 09-10-11-12-14-15.
- Manoah B. Reese, 1881-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-91-92-93-97-98-99-00-02-
24 Years. 04-05-08-13-14-15-16.

Brethren who have attended Grand Lodge twenty-one times or more are requested to send their records to the Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong	1860-61-62
*Daniel H. Wheeler	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish	1867-68
*Harry P. Deuel	1969-70
William E. Hill, Los Angeles, Cal., 2220 East 4th St. Station B.	1871-72
*Martin Dunham	1873
*Frank Welch	1874
*Alfred G. Hastings	1875
George H. Thummel, Omaha, 404 South 38th Avenue	1876
*George W. Lininger	1877
*Edward K. Valentine	1878
*Rolland H. Oakley	1879
*James A. Tulleys	1880
James R. Cain, Sr., Falls City	1881
Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City	1882
*Samuel W. Hayes	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 2107 East 90th Street	1884
Manoah B. Reese, Lincoln	1885
*Charles K. Coutant	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., The Iowa, Treasury Dept	1887
*George B. France	1888
*John J. Mercer	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney	1890
*Bradner D. Slaughter	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh	1892
James P. A. Black, Hastings	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln	1895
*Charles J. Phelps	1896
*John B. Dinsmore	1897
Frank H. Young, Broken Bow	1898
William W. Keysor, Kirkwood, Missouri	1899
*Albert W. Crites	1900
Robert E. Evans, Dakota City	1901
*Nathaniel M. Ayers	1902
Frank E. Bullard, North Platte	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk	1904
*Melville R. Hopewell	1905
Zuingle M. Baird, Hartington	1906
Ornan J. King, Lincoln, 1126 N. Street	1907
*William A. DeBord	1908
Michael Dowling, Omaha	1909
Harry A. Cheney, Creighton	1910
Henry Gibbons, Kearney	1911
James R. Cain, Jr., Omaha, State Bank of Omaha	1912
Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow	1913
Thomas M. Davis, Beaver City	1914
Samuel S. Whiting, Lincoln, First National Bank Bldg.	1915

*Deceased.

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

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	George Macdonald	Calgary.
Arizona	George J. Roskrug	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Wm. A. DeWolf-Smith	New Westminster.
California	John Whicher	Masonic Temple, San Francisco
Canada	Ralph L. Gunn	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica	Sergio Carballo, R.	P. O. Box 1047, San Jose.
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware	Harry J. Guthrie, acting	Wilmington.
District Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt	J. D. Panayotti	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England	Edward Letchworth	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	T. J. Carling	Macon.
Idaho	George E. Knepper	Boise.
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry E. Flavell, Dep'y	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Dave Jackson	Louisville.
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland	George Cook	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Frederick W. Hamilton	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	John Fishel	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic G. Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	510 Pine St., St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	1608 Capitol Avenue, Omaha.
Nevada	Edward D. Vanderlieth	Carson.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord.
New Jersey	Theo. B. Townley	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	283 Castlereagh St., Sydney.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	P. O. Box 926, Christchurch.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio	Jacob H. Bromwell	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	William M. Anderson	Masonic Temple, Oklahoma City.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	388 Yamhill St., Portland.
Pennsylvania	John A. Perry	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands	Newton C. Comfort	P. O. Box 990, Manila.
Prince Edward Is.	Walter P. Doull	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico	Jose G. Torres	San Juan.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	P. O. Box 3207, Montreal.
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	231 Elizabeth St., Brisbane.
Rhode Island	Penrose Williams	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan	William B. Tate	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotland	David Reid	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia	Charles R. J. Glover	Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide.
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Tennessee	Stith M. Cain	Nashville.
Texas	William B. Pearson	Waco.
Utah	Freeman A. McCarty	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Victoria	Charles J. Barrow	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.
Virginia	Charles A. Nesbitt	Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia	John M. Collins	Charleston.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Joseph M. Lowndes	556 Park St., Casper.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Alpha Morgan, 148.....	Broken Bow.....	July 25, 1903
Alberta.....	Homer R. Hatfield, 56.....	Grand Island.....	Aug. 4, 1908
Arizona.....	Charles E. Gallagher, 251.....	Coleridge.....	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas.....	Walter W. Wells, 192.....	Valentine.....	Dec. 19, 1913
Brit. Columbia.....	Thomas M. Davis, 93.....	Beaver City.....	April 10, 1908
Canada.....	Orin A. H. Bruce, 100.....	Creighton.....	Oct. 11, 1910
Colorado.....	Robert E. Evans, 5.....	Dakota City.....	Dec. 20, 1915
Connecticut.....	Samuel P. Davidson, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	Oct. 10, 1889
Costa Rica.....	*Frederick L. Wolff, 135.....	McCook.....	
Cuba.....	Charles W. Kraft, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware.....	Carroll D. Evans, 58.....	Columbus.....	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. Columbia.....	Albert W. Jefferis, 1.....	Omaha.....	June 12, 1912
Egypt.....	Harry A. Cheney, 100.....	Creighton.....	Sept. 12, 1907
England.....	Frank E. Bullard, 32.....	North Platte.....	Feb. 18, 1908
Florida.....	Ambrose C. Epperson, 139.....	Clay Center.....	Sept. 20, 1912
Georgia.....	Edwin F. Warren, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	Mar. 31, 1883
Idaho.....	Fred A. Howe, 119.....	North Bend.....	Nov. 2, 1909
Illinois.....	George H. Thummel, 33.....	Omaha.....	Jan. 1, 1915
Indiana.....	Earl B. Brooks, 23.....	Pawnee City.....	Mar. 1, 1915
Ireland.....	Henry Gibbons, 46.....	Kearney.....	June 10, 1911
Kansas.....	James P. A. Black, 50.....	Hastings.....	Nov. 21, 1893
Louisiana.....	Adam McMullen, 104.....	Wynmore.....	Dec. 18, 1915
Maine.....	Thos. K. Sudborough, 25.....	Omaha.....	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba.....	Elias W. Beghtol, 146.....	Holdrege.....	May 7, 1903
Maryland.....	Chas. L. Fahnestock, 135.....	McCook.....	Mar. 8, 1911
Michigan.....	Charles L. Shook, 1.....	Omaha.....	Dec. 19, 1912
Minnesota.....	George A. Beecher, 268.....	Hastings.....	Mar. 17, 1904
Mississippi.....	John M. Burks, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Dec. 31, 1869
Missouri.....	Samuel S. Whiting, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 10, 1914
Montana.....	Charles S. McGill, 11.....	Omaha.....	April 9, 1915
Nevada.....	Frank L. Haycock, 207.....	Callaway.....	Oct. 25, 1915
New Brunswick.....	*James W. Wynkoop, 210.....	Lincoln.....	
New Hampshire.....	Frederic L. Temple, 61.....	Lexington.....	Oct. 11, 1910
New Jersey.....	James R. Cain, Sr., 9.....	Falls City.....	Sept. 24, 1878
New So. Wales.....	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78.....	Albion.....	July 26, 1905
New York.....	Edward M. Wellman, 1.....	Omaha.....	May 29, 1916
New Zealand.....	Frank E. Ward, 31.....	Ft. Calhoun.....	July 22, 1905
North Carolina.....	Walter M. Hopewell, 31.....	Tekamah.....	June 8, 1911
North Dakota.....	Henry H. Andrews, 207.....	Callaway.....	June 27, 1913
Nova Scotia.....	Henry H. Wilson, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 26, 1892
Ohio.....	George W. Little, 240.....	Lyons.....	June 23, 1905
Oklahoma.....	Zuingle M. Baird, 155.....	Hartington.....	Aug. 19, 1909
Oregon.....	William T. Bourke, 268.....	Omaha.....	May 18, 1909
Philippine Is.....	John J. Tooley, 258.....	Anselmo.....	Oct. 10, 1913
P. Edward Is.....	Charles E. Burnham, 166.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 21, 1902
Puerto Rico.....	John A. Ehrhardt, 41.....	Stanton.....	July 8, 1915
Quebec.....	James Tyler, 19.....	Lincoln.....	July 26, 1901
Queensland.....	Velosco V. Leonard, 6.....	Plattsmouth.....	Mar. 31, 1909
Rhode Island.....	Michael Dowling, 119.....	Omaha.....	July 30, 1903
Saskatchewan.....	Claude L. Talbot, 184.....	South Omaha.....	July 3, 1908
Scotland.....	William Cosh, 11.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 6, 1914
South Australia.....	*Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3.....	Omaha.....	
South Carolina.....	James R. Cain, Jr., 105.....	Omaha.....	July 12, 1907
South Dakota.....	Manoah B. Reese, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Mar. 30, 1885
Tennessee.....	Francis E. White, 6.....	Omaha.....	Mar. 12, 1900
Texas.....	Robert R. Dickson, 95.....	O'Neill.....	May 3, 1915
Utah.....	Robert E. French, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 4, 1888
Vermont.....	Frank H. Young, 207.....	Broken Bow.....	Oct. 21, 1899
Victoria.....	John S. Bishop, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 19, 1904
Virginia.....	John S. Davison, 136.....	Long Pine.....	July 14, 1900
Washington.....	Andrew H. Viele, 55.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 10, 1910
West Australia.....	Ornan J. King, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 26, 1904
West Virginia.....	Frank M. Knight, 183.....	Alliance.....	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin.....	Robert O. Wolf, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 7, 1915

*Recommended for appointment.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery.....	July 30, 1909
Alberta.....	Percy Taylor.....	High River.....	Jan. 13, 1908
Arizona.....	Thomas A. Pascoe.....	Globe.....	June 24, 1913
Arkansas.....	Lewis C. Hall.....	Dardanelle.....	Feb. 15, 1911
Brit. Columbia.....	Edward B. Paul.....	Victoria.....	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada.....	Frederick W. Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	April 15, 1907
Colorado.....	Edward P. Hufferd.....	Colorado Springs.....	Aug. 12, 1905
Connecticut.....	Reuben H. Tucker.....	Ansonia.....	Dec. 4, 1894
Cuba.....	Manuel S. Castellanos.....	Havana, Santidad del Puerto.....	Feb. 4, 1904
Delaware.....	Harry J. Guthrie.....	Wilmington.....	Oct. 17, 1904
Dist. Columbia.....	William T. Hastings.....	Washington, 905 B St. N. E.....	Aug. 26, 1907
Egypt.....	Michael Bey Saleh.....	Cairo, P. O. Box 148.....	April 3, 1905
Florida.....	William M. Cannon.....	Palatka.....	April 11, 1910
Georgia.....	Isaac A. Bush.....	Camilla.....	Oct. 11, 1910
Idaho.....	Henry R. Plughoff.....	Hailey.....	Nov. 10, 1913
Illinois.....	Albert Jampolis.....	Chicago.....	Dec. 1, 1906
Indiana.....	Omar B. Smith.....	Rochester.....	Sept. 16, 1908
Ireland.....	John Gordon.....	Dublin.....	June 28, 1899
Kansas.....	William I. Stuart.....	Troy.....	Oct. 23, 1911
Louisiana.....	Adolph G. Ricks.....	New Orleans.....	Sept. 17, 1901
Maine.....	Edwin A. Porter.....	Pittsfield.....	Aug. 9, 1902
Manitoba.....	Henry E. Bletcher.....	Winnipeg.....	June 11, 1913
Maryland.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore, Masonic Temple.....	Mar. 25, 1893
Michigan.....	Frank W. Richey.....	Dowagiac.....	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota.....	Alfred G. Pinkham.....	St. Paul.....	April 7, 1906
Mississippi.....	James F. McCool.....	Kosciusko.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Missouri.....	Charles F. Vogel.....	St. Louis, 624 Chestnut St.....	April 4, 1892
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	Mar. 18, 1892
Nevada.....	Pearl E. Keeler.....	Tonopha.....	Nov. 22, 1910
New Brunswick.....	William Wedderburn.....	Hampton.....	Jan. 1, 1873
New Hampshire.....	Justin O. Wellman.....	New London.....	Mar. 15, 1916
New Jersey.....	Theodore B. Townley.....	Elizabeth.....	Sept. 14, 1908
New So. Wales.....	William T. Wearne.....	Randwick, Sydney.....	Oct. 17, 1914
New York.....	William Cohen.....	New York City, 16 Amsterdam Ave.....	Mar. 30, 1914
New Zealand.....	Oliver Nicholson.....	Auckland.....	Feb. 14, 1903
North Carolina.....	Will X. Coley.....	Raleigh.....	July 20, 1908
North Dakota.....	James B. Coolidge.....	Leeds.....	June 15, 1911
Nova Scotia.....	Marston Guillod.....	Halifax, 126 South St.....	July 16, 1902
Ohio.....	Horace A. Irvin.....	Dayton.....	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma.....	Randall U. Livesay.....	Anadarko.....	July 31, 1916
Oregon.....	Phil Metschan.....	Portland.....	May 22, 1893
Philippine Is.....	Newton G. Comfort.....	Manila.....	Nov. 14, 1913
P. Edward Is.....	James D. Stewart.....	Georgetown.....	July 5, 1915
Puerto Rico.....	Manuel del Valle Atiles.....	San Juan.....	July 5, 1915
Quebec.....	Alex J. McRobie.....	Westmount, 453 Claremont Ave.....	Mar. 23, 1910
Queensland.....	Ernest W. Bick.....	Brisbane.....	May 10, 1909
Rhode Island.....	Henry C. Dexter.....	Pawtucket.....	May 21, 1909
Saskatchewan.....	Duncan A. Kingsbury.....	Rouleau.....	Oct. 12, 1914
Scotland.....	Norman M. MacKean.....	Paisley.....	Mar. 17, 1916
South Australia.....	Frank Ernest Haddick.....	Adelaide.....	June 9, 1910
South Carolina.....	Theo. E. Wannamaker.....	Cheraw.....	Sept. 10, 1914
South Dakota.....	Marshall R. Brown.....	Sioux Falls.....	Aug. 6, 1908
Tennessee.....	Isaac J. Thurman.....	McWinnville.....	April 19, 1899
Texas.....	James D. Greshaw.....	San Antonio.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah.....	Abbot R. Haywood.....	Ogden.....	Feb. 20, 1892
Vermont.....	Edward C. Woodworth.....	Arlington.....	Aug. 9, 1907
Victoria.....	Francis W. W. Morton.....	Melbourne, Collins St.....	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia.....	Sol Cutchins.....	Richmond.....	April 20, 1901
Washington.....	Archibald W. Frater.....	Seattle.....	April 13, 1900
West Australia.....	Thomas W. Paisley.....	Bunbury.....	July 19, 1902
West Virginia.....	Charles E. Bailey.....	Sistersville.....	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin.....	Frank E. Noyes.....	Marinette.....	Dec. 23, 1904

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TO JUNE 17TH, A. .L. .5898.

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TO JUNE 7TH, A. .L. .5901.

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THOMAS VICKROY.....	Nebraska,	1.	Sept. 7, 1915
HARRY C. TOWNSEND.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Sept. 15, 1915
GEORGE S. POWELL.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Dec. 20, 1915
STEPHEN TREDINICK.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Jan. 16, 1916
GEORGE MCD. ROSS.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Feb. 6, 1916
THOMAS S. JONES.....	Western Star,	"	2..Oct. 19, 1915
EDWIN R. RICHARDSON.....	Western Star,	"	2..Dec. 2, 1915
JOHN C. WATSON.....	Western Star,	"	2..Febr. 2, 1916
JOHN GRANT.....	Capitol,	"	3..June 5, 1915
ALFRED C. KENNEDY.....	Capitol,	"	3..July 1, 1915
LARMAN P. PRUYN.....	Capitol,	"	3..July 22, 1915
AUGUSTUS J. HAYNES.....	Capitol,	"	3..Sept. 27, 1915
JOSEPH P. MANNING.....	Capitol,	"	3..Sept. 30, 1915
NORMAN O. WITHEY.....	Capitol,	"	3..Dec. 10, 1915
PARLEY M. HARTSON.....	Capitol,	"	3..Dec. 23, 1915
MORRIS STINE.....	Capitol,	"	3..Jan. 4, 1916
CHARLES H. MACK.....	Capitol,	"	3..Jan. 14, 1916
EDWIN H. FARRAR.....	Capitol,	"	3..Mar. 8, 1916
JONAS DRUERY.....	Nemaha Valley,	"	4..Mar. 14, 1916
WELLINGTON W. DRUMMOND.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..May 16, 1915
ALLEN R. RHODEN.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..May 23, 1915
SAMUEL LONG.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..Nov. 16, 1915
ADAM KURTZ.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..Febr. 22, 1916
JOHN STOBIE.....	Falls City,	"	9..Oct. 7, 1915
GEORGE E. POWELL.....	Falls City,	"	9..Oct. 11, 1915
EDWIN N. MELTON.....	Falls City,	"	9..Febr. 19, 1916
LEE SMITH.....	Solomon,	"	10..Mar. 28, 1916
THOMAS H. CAMPBELL.....	Covert,	"	11..Apr. 4, 1915
GUSTAV HAHN.....	Covert,	"	11..May 29, 1915
ALPHEUS M. PRICE.....	Covert,	"	11..July 29, 1915
HENRY B. FREEMAN.....	Covert,	"	11..Oct. 16, 1915
ALBERT P. BRINK.....	Covert,	"	11..Nov. 4, 1915
JULIUS C. ROSENFELD.....	Covert,	"	11..Nov. 12, 1915
ALEXANDER G. KNAPP.....	Covert,	"	11..Nov. 18, 1915
CARL W. GRAHN.....	Covert,	"	11..Nov. 24, 1915
LEONIDAS H. BROMWELL.....	Covert,	"	11..Dec. 2, 1915
GEORGE P. MOORE.....	Covert,	"	11..Dec. 17, 1915

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MARIUS F. LUND.....	Covert,	11..	Mar. 8, 1916
JOHN B. EPLER.....	Peru,	14..	Aug. 19, 1915
JOHN F. NEAL.....	Peru,	14..	Jan. 10, 1916
ENOS F. GRAY.....	Fremont,	15..	Apr. 25, 1915
WILLIAM H. MUNGER.....	Fremont,	15..	Aug. 21, 1915
DUNCAN LIVINGSTON.....	Fremont,	15..	Nov. 29, 1915
WILLIAM R. MILEHAM.....	Fremont,	15..	Mar. 26, 1916
JOHN GRIMMETT.....	Tecumseh,	17..	Apr. 26, 1915
DYER P. GREENE.....	Tecumseh,	17..	Jan. 22, 1916
JACOB S. DEW.....	Tecumseh,	17..	Mar. 17, 1916
CHRISTOPHER OWINGS.....	Lincoln,	19..	Feb. 1, 1912
ALLEN W. FIELD.....	Lincoln,	19..	June 9, 1915
JOSEPH BARWICK.....	Lincoln,	19..	July 4, 1915
GREENE M. SMITH.....	Lincoln,	19..	July 14, 1915
WILLIAM R. HORN.....	Lincoln,	19..	Aug. 31, 1915
RAYMOND G. JENKS.....	Lincoln,	19..	Sept. 29, 1915
ALBERT H. PAULI.....	Lincoln,	19..	Dec. 8, 1915
FORRINGTON W. REDFORD....	Lincoln,	19..	Dec. 15, 1915
FREDRICK HERMAN.....	Lincoln,	19..	Dec. 25, 1915
WILLIAM S. GLASS.....	Lincoln,	19..	Jan. 4, 1916
LOUIS HELMER.....	Lincoln,	19..	Febr. 1, 1916
EDWARD H. MARSHALL.....	Lincoln,	19..	Febr. 7, 1916
RICHARD S. GRIMES.....	Lincoln,	19..	Febr. 14, 1916
WILLIAM BYRON MCCOY.....	Lincoln,	19..	Febr. 14, 1916
THOMAS LINDSAY.....	Washington,	21..	June 2, 1913
JOHN G. SMITH.....	Washington,	21..	June 9, 1915
JOHN P. WHITE.....	Washington,	21..	Febr. 22, 1916
WILLIAM L. ALLISON.....	St. Johns,	25..	Apr. 13, 1915
MATTHIAS HOOVER.....	St. Johns,	25..	Apr. 18, 1915
HENRY O. NILSSON.....	St. Johns,	25..	Apr. 24, 1915
THOMAS W. BURCHMORE....	St. Johns,	25..	May 11, 1915
EMIL SEUME.....	St. Johns,	25..	Aug. 29, 1915
RUSSELL E. MCKELVEY.....	St. Johns,	25..	Oct. 19, 1915
JOHN W. McNABB.....	St. Johns,	25..	Nov. 10, 1915
CHARLES A. WAGNER.....	St. Johns,	25..	Febr. 27, 1916
JOSEPH W. WILLIAMS.....	St. Johns,	25..	Mar. 1, 1916
BENJAMIN D. HARKRADER....	Beatrice,	26..	Apr. 25, 1915

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JACOB SHAW	Beatrice,	26.	Febr. 24, 1916
DANIEL W. COOK.....	Beatrice,	" 26.	Mar. 4, 1916
ALBERT WOBIG.....	Jordan,	" 27.	Dec. 9, 1914
LEMUEL M. WEDDLE.....	Hope,	" 29.	Nov. 24, 1915
WILLIAM FIFER.....	Blue River,	" 30.	Oct. 20, 1915
SAMUEL H. RICE.....	Blue River,	" 30.	Nov. 10, 1915
ALBERT P. MASON.....	Tekamah,	" 31.	
WILLIAM A. MOYER.....	Tekamah,	" 31.	Febr. 21, 1916
ROBERT BEAN.....	Platte Valley,	" 32.	May 8, 1915
THOMAS J. BALDOCK.....	Platte Valley,	" 32.	June 16, 1915
JAMES BELTON.....	Platte Valley,	" 32.	Oct. 25, 1915
ALBERT L. DAVIS.....	Platte Valley,	" 32.	Febr. 22, 1916
JOHN F. ABRAHAM.....	Platte Valley,	" 32.	Mar. 14, 1916
FELIX LEAVICK.....	Platte Valley,	" 32.	Mar. 28, 1916
JOHN W. LAMBERT.....	Ashlar,	" 33.	Dec. 18, 1915
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Acacia,	" 34.	Aug. 24, 1915
ABRAHAM D. HEDGES.....	Fairbury,	" 35.	Nov. 7, 1915
JOHN PATTERSON, JR.....	Lone Tree,	" 36.	Febr. 27, 1915
GEORGE J. IRELAND.....	Crete,	" 37.	July 10, 1915
HORACE S. FULLER.....	Crete,	" 37.	Aug. 27, 1915
EUGENE B. BLUST.....	Crete,	" 37.	Jan. 10, 1916
JAMES H. POSTUM.....	Oliver,	" 38.	Jan. 8, 1916
GEORGE F. DICKMAN.....	Oliver,	" 38.	Mar. 6, 1916
MAYNARD R. JONES.....	Juniata,	" 42.	Sept. 18, 1915
THOMAS J. BOYLE.....	Hebron,	" 43.	Oct. 6, 1915
CHARLES L. STEWART.....	Hebron,	" 43.	Oct. 22, 1915
BENJAMIN C. STAUBER.....	Hebron,	" 43.	Jan. 4, 1916
ADDISON W. BIRDSALL.....	Rob Morris,	" 46.	Dec. 6, 1915
JOSEPH H. GRAHAM.....	Fairmont,	" 48.	Sept. 2, 1915
JOSEPH F. DENNIS.....	Fairmont,	" 48.	Nov. 28, 1915
JAMES E. MARSH.....	Evening Star,	" 49.	Sept. 19, 1915
JOHN B. DINSMORE.....	Evening Star,	" 49.	Oct. 6, 1915
JOHN F. BEARDSLEY.....	Hastings,	" 50.	Feb. 21, 1916
HARRY B. TOMLINSON.....	Hastings,	" 50.	Mar. 13, 1916
ERVIN J. PARKER.....	Hastings,	" 50.	Mar. 30, 1916
ARTHUR E. FRENCH.....	Hiram,	" 52.	Mar. 13, 1916
LEWIS P. ALBRIGHT.....	Charity,	" 53.	Sept. 20, 1915

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HIRAM H. HUNTINGTON	Lancaster,	54.	Jan. 11, 1915
ADDISON S. TIBBETS	Lancaster,	" 54.	Sept. 25, 1915
JOHN J. TEBBETS	Lancaster,	" 54.	Oct. 31, 1915
J. WARREN GARDINER	Lancaster,	" 54.	Jan. 15, 1916
CARY S. POLK	Lancaster,	" 54.	Mar. 11, 1916
FRED. W. JENEMAN	Mosaic,	" 55.	Sept. 6, 1915
NELSON M. FERGUSON	York,	" 56.	Aug. 23, 1915
THOMAS F. MILLER	York,	" 56.	Sept. 13, 1915
RICHARD B. PRICE	York,	" 56.	Nov. 23, 1915
JAMES W. CONGER	Mount Moriah,	" 57.	Jan. 25, 1916
EUGENE TEMPLETON	Wahoo,	" 59.	July 5, 1915
AUGUSTUS A. PALMER	Wahoo,	" 59.	Aug. 20, 1915
WENDELL P. PIERCE	Melrose,	" 60.	Mar. 9, 1916
ANDREW T. WHITTEN	Thistle,	" 61.	June 22, 1915
ARTHUR T. RUNYAN	Osceola,	" 65.	Oct. 21, 1915
STEPHEN C. BECK	Edgar,	" 67.	Febr. 21, 1916
JOHN B. CAIN	Aurora,	" 68.	Febr. 25, 1916
E. ROSS HITCHCOCK	Sterling,	" 70.	Dec. 9, 1915
LEWIS WINTER	Sterling,	" 70.	Febr. 17, 1916
THOMAS M. KING	Sterling,	" 70.	Mar. 28, 1916
STEPHEN F. GILMAN	Trowel,	" 71.	Nov. 1, 1915
JAMES FRANK BRIGGS	Hooper,	" 72.	July 18, 1915
ANDREW J. NELSON	Friend,	" 73.	Oct. 8, 1915
GEORGE HOLES	Alexandria,	" 74.	Mar. 3, 1916
OSCAR SEYFER	Frank Welch,	" 75.	Feb. 21, 1916
RODERICK D. SUTHERLAND	Nelson,	" 77.	Oct. 17, 1915
WILLIAM WEITZEL	Albion,	" 78.	May 21, 1915
D. CARY MOORE	Albion,	" 78.	Oct. 10, 1915
MORGAN PROBST	Geneva,	" 79.	Oct. 9, 1915
WILLIAM J. HILL	Saint Paul,	" 82.	Apr. 5, 1915
FRED W. RINCKER	Saint Paul,	" 82.	Apr. 6, 1915
FRED J. WARD	Saint Paul,	" 82.	May 23, 1915
JOHN W. TEMPLIN	Saint Paul,	" 82.	June 28, 1915
WILLIAM H. BALIMAN	Saint Paul,	" 82.	Dec. 24, 1915
WALTER S. PINE	Saint Paul,	" 82.	Febr. 5, 1916
DYER B. GILLETTE	Fairfield,	" 84.	Apr. 16, 1912
HIRAM A. LUSK	Fairfield,	" 84.	Apr. 25, 1914

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LEWIS E. ENWALL.....	Fairfield,	No. 84..Dec. 7, 1915
RAY G. BRIGGS.....	Fairfield,	" 84..Febr. 15, 1916
ROY R. ROBERTS.....	Fairfield,	" 84..Mar. 12, 1916
JOHN REDDINGTON.....	Ionic,	" 87..May 1, 1915
JOHN C. THOMAS.....	Ionic,	" 87..Mar. 10, 1916
MICHAEL EVANS.....	Star,	" 88..Jan. 17, 1916
ELMER E. BAILEY.....	Cedar River,	" 89..June 18, 1915
CYRUS S. BARNES.....	Cedar River,	" 89..Dec. 24, 1915
WILLIAM S. THOMPSON.....	Cedar River,	" 89..Jan. 22, 1916
JOHN T. SUMNEY.....	Beaver City,	" 93..Sept. 10, 1915
WILLIAM NELSON.....	Bennett,	" 94..Oct. 10, 1915
HARRY HONNOR.....	Bennett,	" 94..Febr. 7, 1916
WILLIAM HAMMACK.....	Utica,	" 96..June 8, 1915
FRANK R. SHEFFIELD.....	Republican,	" 98..June 28, 1915
HUGO A. NEUMAN.....	Creighton,	" 100..July 2, 1915
ROBERT C. NEITZEL.....	Waterloo,	" 102..May 12, 1915
EPHRIAM WITHE.....	Stella,	" 105..July 2, 1915
B. BELL ANDREWS.....	Stella,	" 105..Nov. 9, 1915
GEORGE F. COTTON.....	Table Rock,	" 108..Dec. 5, 1915
ALBERT L. CHAMBERLAIN....	Pomegranate,	" 110..Jan. 11, 1916
LOUIS M. EDDY.....	DeWitt,	" 111..Jan. 9, 1916
JAMES F. MATHEWS.....	Globe,	" 113..May 2, 1915
PETER RUBENDALL.....	Globe,	" 113..May 15, 1915
WILLIAM SCHULZ.....	Wisner,	" 114..May 30, 1915
WALTER H. LEWIS.....	Harlan,	" 116..Dec. 7, 1915
DANIEL B. MUDGETT.....	Harlan,	" 116..Mar. 16, 1916
CHURCH HOWE.....	Auburn,	" 124..Oct. 7, 1915
ALBERT C. LEEPER.....	Auburn,	" 124..Dec. 14, 1915
SAMUEL A. FONDA.....	Mount Nebo,	" 125..July 6, 1915
WILLIAM E. REITZEL.....	Mount Nebo,	" 125..Mar. 20, 1916
EMIL A. BOOSTROOM.....	Stromsburg,	" 126..Sept. 21, 1915
GEORGE H. HARTSOUGH, JR..	Minden,	" 127..Oct. 27, 1915
JOHN KINNEY.....	Guide Rock,	" 128..Aug. 15, 1915
WILBER S. KNAPP.....	Guide Rock,	" 128..Dec. 15, 1915
DANIEL H. MITCHELL.....	Blue Hill,	" 129..Apr. 13, 1915
FRANK D. MILLER.....	Tuscan,	" 130..Nov. 13, 1915
FRANCIS MCGILL.....	Long Pine,	" 136..Nov. 9, 1915

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PHILIP H. EIGHMY.....	Long Pine,	No. 136..Febr. 10, 1916
WILLIAM B. KISER.....	Rawalt,	" 138..Sept. 11, 1915
ANDREW J. PITCHFORD.....	Crescent,	" 143..Sept. 10, 1915
BENJAMIN F. MCBRIDE.....	Crescent,	" 143..Nov. 26, 1915
HENRY ENERSON.....	Crescent,	" 143..Febr. 21, 1916
BENJAMIN F. WATTS.....	Crescent,	" 143..Mar. 14, 1916
CHARLES C. ST. CLAIR.....	Jachin,	" 146..July 21, 1915
MAXIMILLIAN UHLIG.....	Jachin,	" 146..Nov. 3, 1915
NATHANIEL ZINK.....	Siloam,	" 147..Mar. 6, 1916
WILLIAM KRAL.....	Jewel,	" 149..Aug. 16, 1915
JAMES MCELROY.....	Jewel,	" 149..Jan. 27, 1916
EVERETT E. OXLEY.....	Cambridge,	" 150..June 25, 1915
DENTON A. MCCARTER.....	Square,	" 151..Jan. 30, 1916
DAVID C. HORTON.....	Pythagoras,	" 156..Dec. 8, 1915
DAVID G. ROLL.....	Pythagoras,	" 156..Dec. 16, 1915
HENRY O. DIXON.....	Valley,	" 157..Sept. 5, 1915
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Samaritan,	" 158..Aug. 23, 1915
EDWIN L. STERLING.....	Samaritan,	" 158..Jan. 6, 1916
EDWARD D. HARRISON.....	Ogalalla,	" 159..July 3, 1915
WALTER C. PARKER.....	Zeredatha,	" 160..Apr. 8, 1914
JAMES KENNEDY.....	Trestle Board,	" 162..June 15, 1915
BENJAMIN H. BAILEY.....	Trestle Board,	" 162..Mar. 27, 1916
EDWIN METCALF.....	Unity,	" 163..July 24, 1915
JED LONDON.....	Atkinson,	" 164..June 17, 1915
JAMES E. DOYLE.....	Barneston,	" 165..Nov. 23, 1915
ROBERT D. CORDER.....	Elwood,	" 167..Nov. 23, 1915
CHARLES F. SMITH.....	Elwood,	" 167..Nov. 27, 1915
DAVID D. ELSON.....	Curtis,	" 168..Oct. 4, 1915
JOSEPH M. ADAMS.....	Curtis,	" 168..Mar. 25, 1916
WILLIAM W. WOOD.....	Amity,	" 169..July 22, 1915
JOHN A. BOYD.....	Mason City,	" 170..May 16, 1915
ENOS H. REED.....	Temple,	" 175..Apr. 15, 1915
EDWIN J. CARTER.....	Temple,	" 175..Apr. 24, 1915
PETER V. ARENHOLT.....	Temple,	" 175..Oct. 19, 1915
HENRY HOMER DEWEY.....	Gladstone,	" 176..Nov. 15, 1915
SANFORD C. WEST.....	Faith,	" 181..Sept. 10, 1915
ROBERT POMEROY.....	Faith,	" 181..Sept. 13, 1915

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CHARLES M. SCHINDEL.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184..Febr. 11, 1916
JOHN D. GEMMILL.....	Bee Hive,	" 184..Mar. 10, 1916
JAMES C. LAFFERTY.....	Boaz,	" 185..June 27, 1915
ELI B. JONES.....	Israel,	" 187..Aug. 1, 1915
ERNEST M. TAYMAN.....	Meridian,	" 188..June 27, 1915
FRANK S. FULMER.....	Granite,	" 189..Mar. 20, 1916
JOHN G. PHILLIPS.....	Crystal,	" 191..Nov. , 1915
MARION M. HICKS.....	Crystal,	" 191..Mar. 31, 1916
LEVI C. SPARKS.....	Minnekadusa,	" 192..Apr. 29, 1915
JAMES CULP.....	Minnekadusa,	" 192..Jan. 2, 1916
BENTON F. REDMAN.....	Signet,	" 193..Oct. 19, 1915
DANIEL E. HILL.....	Arcana,	" 195..May 8, 1915
JOHN C. GAMMILL.....	Level,	" 196..May 19, 1915
GEORGE F. COOK.....	Morning Star,	" 197..May 24, 1915
WILLIAM H. WISWELL.....	Morning Star,	" 197..Febr. 28, 1916
SAMUEL E. WEBSTER.....	Blazing Star,	" 200..Sept. 8, 1915
MORGAN G. BURCH.....	Golden Sheaf,	" 202..July 16, 1915
JAMES C. BRUNER.....	Golden Sheaf,	" 202..Febr. 9, 1916
JOSEPH M. KELSO.....	Roman Eagle,	" 203..Nov. 22, 1915
CHRISTIAN HECKT.....	Plainview,	" 204..Nov. 7, 1915
PETER CHRISTIAN.....	Gauge,	" 208..May 20, 1915
JOSEPH MULLIN.....	Canopy,	" 209..Oct. 6, 1915
ROBERT G. PAULK.....	Cement,	" 211..Mar. 5, 1916
GEORGE LASH.....	Compass & Square	" 212..May 25, 1915
JAMES W. BURKE.....	Plumbline,	" 214..Mar. 20, 1916
SYLVESTER C. JONES.....	Palisade,	" 216..Nov. 26, 1915
OSCAR BRING.....	Magnolia,	" 220..Jan. 6, 1916
FLOYD A. HOLT.....	Magnolia,	" 220..Mar. 1, 1916
CHARLES JACKSON.....	Landmark,	" 222..
NICHOLAS A. BOVEE.....	Landmark,	" 222..Mar. 20, 1916
LEVI YOUNG.....	North Star,	" 227..Nov. 3, 1915
EDGAR D. PRESTON.....	North Star,	" 227..Febr. 11, 1916
JOHN H. BIGGERSTAFF.....	Comet,	" 229..Apr. 8, 1915
WILLIAM H. PRUNER, Sr.....	John S. Bowen,	" 232..Oct. 19, 1915
DELMAR K. McCANN.....	John S. Bowen,	" 232..Dec. 4, 1915
EUGENE A. LEACH.....	John S. Bowen,	" 232..Mar. 9, 1916
HIRAM CLINE.....	Zion,	" 234..July 5, 1915
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ALLEN T. HILL.....	Pilot,	No. 240..Mar. 1, 1916
JAMES O. HIATT.....	George Armstrong	" 241..Febr. 2, 1916
GEORGE W. DAMON.....	Sincerity,	" 244..Apr. 2, 1915
GEORGE C. BAUDER.....	Hampton,	" 245..Nov. 27, 1915
JESSE R. LANG.....	Corner-stone,	" 247..Apr. 23, 1915
STEPHEN L. WEDDING.....	Laurel,	" 248..Mar. 2, 1916
JOHN F. STRAHLE.....	Gothenburg,	" 249..Aug. 16, 1915
CHRIS DUNKER.....	Wausa,	" 251..Oct. 2, 1915
ANDREW O. HOFF.....	Beemer,	" 253..Jan. 27, 1916
DAVID H. NEWMAN.....	Anselmo,	" 258..July 7, 1915
GEORGE E. CARR.....	Anselmo,	" 258..Febr. 18, 1916
GEORGE B. LUFT.....	Robert W. Furnas	" 265..July 15, 1915
OSCAR E. CHANDLER.....	James A. Tulleys,	" 267..June 26, 1915
GLENN D. BENNETT.....	Geo. W. Lininger	" 268..July 12, 1915
SYDNEY EASTMAN.....	Riverside,	" 269..Sept. 27, 1915
JOHN MERRYMAN.....	Huntley,	" 270..Nov. 24, 1915
STEPHEN M. SCARBOROUGH..	Lee P. Gillette,	" 272..Oct. 22, 1915
JOHN W. STRICKLER.....	Ramah,	" 275..Mar. 5, 1916
HIRAM H. BROWN.....	Antelope,	" 276..Apr. 28, 1915
JAMES N. LAFOLLETTE.....	Camp Clarke,	" 285..Sept. 4, 1915
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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska, No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Carl W. Bradway	Frank Wilcox
Western Star, " 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Henry W. Carson	Joy N. Tait
Capitol, " 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Leander E. Gosselin	Walter Willis
Nemaha Valley, " 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	John Magor	James W. Ford
5 Omadi, " 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Saturday on or before O	Sidney T. Frum	John H. Ream
Plattsmouth, " 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First and third Mondays	Oliver C. Dovey	Michael Archer
Falls City, " 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Fridays	Joseph D. Codington	Edwin G. Whitford
Solomon, " 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	David W. Marr	J. Howard Beales
Covert, " 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Thomas Falconer	Frank W. Boyer
10 Orient, " 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Frank A. Anderson	John M. Pope
Peru, " 14	Peru	Nemaha	Saturday on or before O	Frank P. Majors	Julian D. Graves
Fremont, " 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Maro C. Shipherd	Matthew A. Priestley
Tecumseh, " 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Saturdays	Louie L. Fuller	Leo B. Heskett
Lincoln, " 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Orville A. Andrews	John Wright
15 Washington, " 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	C. Ray Gates	William Kelly
Pawnee, " 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	E. Vester Vinsant	Joseph B. Brooks
Saint Johns, " 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Eugene Atkins	Carl E. Herring
Beatrice, " 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays	Jesse C. Penrod	Wilbur S. Bourne
Jordan, " 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Joseph F. Zajicek	John H. Thompson
20 Hope, " 29	Nemaha City	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Benjamin T. Skeen	William E. Seid
Blue River, " 30	Milford	Seward	Thursday on or before O	Jacob H. Hansen	Henry J. Matzke
Tekamah, " 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays	William T. Poucher	Clyde G. Tunberg
Platte Valley, " 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second Tuesday	Chester C. Williams	Robert A. Armstrong
Ashlar, " 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Charles E. Fuhrer	Robert R. Watson
25 Acacia, " 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Tuesday	Gus E. Lyden	Rainsford O. Brownell
Fairbury, " 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Francis C. Hedges	Elbert W. Mason
Blue Tree, " 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Saturdays	Edwin T. Osterman	Carroll E. Clark
Crete, " 37	Crete	Saline	First Friday	Glenn N. Venrick	William L. Lovell
Oliver, " 38	Seward	Seward	First Friday	Fred. W. C. Guthmann	Smith D. Atkins
30 Papillion, " 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First Thursday	Oswald H. Magaret	Horace D. Patterson
Humboldt, " 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second & fourth Thursdays	Max B. Crannell	J. Frank Sneathen
Northern Light, " 41	Stanton	Stanton	Wednesday on or before O	David C. Spangler	John Schindler
Juniata, " 42	Juniata	Adams	Wednesday on or before O	Harrison M. Saddler	Farmer Saddler
Hebron, " 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Charles E. Day	John R. Sutton
35 Harvard, " 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Robert E. Davison	Griffith J. Thomas
Rob Morris, " 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Thursday	J. Hugo Johnson	James D. Hawthorne

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
	Fairmont, No. 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Tuesday on or before○	Herman H. Stottko.....	Harry W. Smith
	Evening Star, " 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second & fourth Thursdays.	Arthur F. Ames.....	Robert Lich
	Hastings, " 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Gordon L. Hammonds.....	Robert R. Damerell
40	Fidelity, " 51	David City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	John H. Owen.....	Alex E. Etting
	Hiram, " 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Thursday on or before○	Gothlieb I. Pfeiffer.....	James C. Badger
	Charity, " 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	First and third Fridays.	Alfred R. Saladen.....	H. Chalmers Geilately
	Lancaster, " 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Oscar M. Meyer.....	Robert O. Wolf
	Mosaic, " 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Henry J. Kierstead.....	George H. Burton
45	York, " 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Robert M. Rankin.....	John Muir
	Mount Moriah, " 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before○	D. Horace Schall.....	W. Dean Marshall
	Lebanon, " 58	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Labon F. Rector.....	Guy M. Matson
	Wahoo, " 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Denis A. Moyer.....	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
	Melrose, " 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Saturday on or before○*	George S. Austin.....	George M. Wallace
50	Thistle, " 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Raymond Emerson.....	Samuel C. Mullin
	Keystone, " 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday on or before○	George E. Dixon.....	Alexander S. Gilbert
	Riverton, " 63	Riverton.....	Franklin.....	Monday on or before○	Francis E. Nail.....	William A. Smith
	Blue Valley, " 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Joseph L. Grimm.....	Benjamin V. Kohout
	Osceola, " 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First and third Fridays.	Frank H. Anderson.....	Joel Hanson
55	Edgar, " 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays	James H. Shields.....	Fred A. Voorhees
	Aurora, " 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesdays.	George H. Murphy.....	Glenn Anawalt
	Sterling, " 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	Tuesday on or before○	Walter H. Borland.....	Warren A. White
	Trowel, " 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays.	J. Carlton Harris.....	Charles A. Mohrman
	Hooper, " 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	Saturday on or before○	Edward H. Schwab.....	Henry Edelmaier
60	Friend, " 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	Thursday on or before○*	Halsey E. Brickley.....	Edward F. Seibert
	Alexandria, " 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Mondays	William C. Beer.....	Benjamin L. Terry
	Frank Welch, " 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	First Tuesday.....	Leon Fine.....	Leslie Neubauer
	Joppa, " 76	Bloomington.....	Franklin.....	Friday on or before○	William C. Dorsey.....	William T. Britton
	Nelson, " 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○	Edgar D. Brown.....	Carl Shively
65	Albion, " 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Roy E. Smith.....	Harry E. Halstead
	Geneva, " 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	Friday on or before○*	Sanford E. Ralsten.....	Tyler Edgecombe
	Composite, " 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○	Stephen E. Cocklin.....	Leon O. Stoker
	Saint Paul, " 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	C. Lee Pickett.....	Frank E. Pope
	Corinthian, " 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before○	Charles H. Merritt.....	Samuel E. Mills
70	Fairfield, " 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays.	Albert Kyne.....	C. Wayne Harvey
	Tyre, " 85	Blue Springs.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○	John M. Falwell.....	George S. Harris
	Doniphan, " 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	Saturday on or before○	Samuel B. Marsh.....	Willis G. Smith
	Ionic, " 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before○	Benjamin N. Saunders.....	George W. Draper
	Star, " 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	William R. Eagleton.....	John G. Maryott
75	Cedar River, " 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays.	William H. Davis.....	William S. P. Eyler
	Elk Creek, " 90	Elk Creek.....	Johnson.....	Thursday on or before○	John D. Bell.....	John A. Fellers

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		Oakland, No. 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	Second & fourth Wednesdays	John E. Wallace.....	Arthur B. Peden
		Hubbell, " 92	Hubbell.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Saturdays	Oscar D. Gooden.....	Ario P. Wilcox
		Beaver City, " 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	Saturday on or before○	Allen T. Nickerson.....	William B. Whitney
80		Bennett, " 94	Bennett.....	Lancaster.....	Tuesday on or before○	Joseph R. Cameron.....	Henry F. May
		Garfield, " 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Robert R. Dickson.....	Claud P. Hancock
		Utica, " 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	Wednesday on or before○	Robert C. Hunter.....	Henry E. Balster
		Euclid, " 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Merle E. McKay.....	Orestes V. Boone
		Republican, " 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○	Clarence A. Luce.....	Alexander D. McMillan
85		Shelton, " 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	Friday on or before○	Victor L. Johnson.....	Clyde S. Burkard
		Creighton, " 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	Tuesday on or before○	Harry C. Kuester.....	Rudolph A. Nordell
		Ponca, " 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before○	Warren L. McCool.....	Marion I. Mellon
		Waterloo, " 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	Tuesday on or before○	J. Edward Nichols.....	Charles C. Peabody
		Ord, " 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	Wednesday on or before○	Everett M. Williams.....	Rudolph Sorensen
90		Wymore, " 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and 4th Wednesdays	John S. Jones.....	Volney O. Eaton
		Stella, " 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	Wednesday on or before○	Horace V. Davis.....	Asa W. Montgomery
		Porter, " 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	Tuesday on or before○	Joseph S. Pedler.....	James E. Scott
		Table Rock, " 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Dan Andrew.....	Edgar J. Norris
		Pomegranate, " 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	Bennett H. Clark.....	Clyde M. Pancoast
95		DeWitt, " 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○	Charley A. Rowilson.....	James M. Norton
		Springfield, " 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	Second & fourth Wednesdays	William E. Miller.....	LeRoy B. Harberg
		Globe, " 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	Tuesday on or before○	Marion S. McDuffee.....	Isaac B. Lonneckner
		Wisner, " 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Arthur A. Becher.....	Bruce W. Emley
		Harlan, " 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	First and third Fridays.....	Charles E. Alter.....	Philetus P. Bentley
100		Hardy, " 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○	Thomas D. Griffin.....	James H. Fair
		Doric, " 118	Dorchester.....	Saline.....	Thursday on or before○	Robert C. Panter.....	J. Frank Longanecker
		North Bend, " 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	Second Tuesday.....	Charles K. Watson.....	John R. Tapster
		Wayne, " 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	Second and fourth Fridays.....	William D. Redmond.....	J. Murray Cherry
		Superior, " 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Wednesday on or before○	J. Allen Trowbridge.....	John T. Robbins
105		Auburn, " 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	Monday on or before○	Joseph N. Simmons.....	John Stoddard
		Mount Nebo, " 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	Second & fourth Saturdays	Charles R. Wright.....	C. John Elm
		Stromsburg, " 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	Tuesday on or before○	David L. Hallquist.....	James D. Edwards
		Minden, " 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	Wednesday on or before○	George E. Hammond.....	Charles A. Chappell
		Guide Rock, " 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	Thursday on or before○	Dana L. Burr.....	Isaac B. Colvin
110		Blue Hill, " 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Friday on or before○	Albert L. Graham.....	Philip H. Bartholomew
		Tuscan, " 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	Thursday on or before○	W. Frank Payne.....	Amasa S. Chapman
		Scribner, " 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Arch B. Robertson.....	Paul L. Keller
		Elm Creek, " 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	August Pierson.....	Frank J. Jones
		Solar, " 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○	Marvin Chamberlin.....	William R. Morse
115		McCook, " 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Henry Best.....	Thomas G. Rees
		Long Pine, " 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	Second Monday.....	William Chester.....	Louis W. McDonald
		Upright, " 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○*	Carl A. Yarpe.....	Andrew D. Barclay

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	Rawalt, No. 138	Oxford	Furnas	Thursday on or before○	William A. Rhynalds	Charles E. Rhynalds
	Clay Centre, " 139	Clay	Clay	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Lucius A. Brown	Charles C. Blanchard
120	Western, " 140	Western	Saline	First and third Wednesdays	Marshal J. Rhynolds	Horace B. Wilkinson
	Crescent, " 143	Cedar Rapids	Boone	Third Wednesday	John Dobson	William A. Gibson
	Kenesaw, " 144	Kenesaw	Adams	Friday on or before○	Raymond A. Fulmer	Liberty M. Robinson
	Bancroft, " 145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Alfred M. Daniels	Guy H. Harvey
	Jachin, " 146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Harold A. Hjelmfelt	Earl Barnette
125	Siloam, " 147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or after○	Leonard A. Roberts	Frank L. Hand
	Emmet Crawford, " 148	Broken Bow	Custer	Saturday on or before○	James C. Lomax	George B. Mair
	Jewel, " 149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays	James G. McKinney	Richard G. Drysdale
	Cambridge, " 150	Cambridge	Furnas	Tuesday on or before○*	Justin M. Hollingsworth	Washington Enlow
	Square, " 151	Valparaiso	Saunders	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William J. Butler	Elmer Johnson
130	Parallel, " 152	Liberty	Gage	Thursday on or before○	Ernest F. Woodard	Nelson H. Olmsted
	Evergreen, " 153	Pierce	Pierce	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Francis Rainbow	Edward B. Fanske
	Lily, " 154	Davenport	Thayer	Friday on or before○	Melvin M. Jennings	Benjamin W. Showalter
	Hartington, " 155	Hartington	Cedar	Wednesday on or before○	Rudolph H. Jenny	Elmer F. Robinson
	Pythagoras, " 156	Ewing	Holt	Saturday on or before○†	Leonard Hales	Ralph O. Anderson
135	Valley, " 157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Saturday on or before○	William W. McGaw	Edward J. Hamilton
	Samaritan, " 158	Chadron	Dawes	First and third Thursdays	Alva H. Slattery	Hoyt E. VanBuren
	Ogallala, " 159	Ogallala	Keith	Tuesday on or before○	Hugo Eymann	Axel Nelson
	Zeredatha, " 160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Joseph A. Mosher	Elwood E. Schultz
	Mount Zion, " 161	Shelby	Polk	Monday on or before○*	George B. Potter	Richard T. Buelow
140	Trestle Board, " 162	Brock	Nemaha	Saturday on or before○	Ora A. Vandervort	Almon C. DePue
	Unity, " 163	Greenwood	Cass	Tuesday on or before○*	William E. Hand	Benjamin P. Howard
	Atkinson, " 164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesdays	Alexander T. Hart	Robert L. Hanks
	Barneston, " 165	Barneston	Gage	Tuesday on or before○*	Proctor Goins	Herman H. Wolken
	Mystic Tie, " 166	Tilden	Madison	Thursday on or before○	Benjamin H. Mills	Charles H. Snider
145	Elwood, " 167	Elwood	Gosper	Saturday on or before○	George T. Burt	Charles A. Yeoman
	Curtis, " 168	Curtis	Frontier	First and third Mondays	Guy Carr	Charles S. Adams
	Amity, " 169	Rushville	Sheridan	Third Saturday	Albert L. Barnum	Zadok T. Daniel
	Mason City, " 170	Mason City	Custer	Tuesday on or before○	Arthur C. Rumery	William C. Schaper
	Merna, " 171	Merna	Custer	Saturday on or after○	Lester J. Corlett	Francis Jacquot
150	Grafton, " 172	Grafton	Fillmore	Wednesday on or before○*	Charles A. Shoff	Christian Garrett
	Robert Burns, " 173	Stratton	Hitchcock	First and third Saturdays	William R. Ratcliff	Francis M. Pfrimmer
	Culbertson, " 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays	Arvene C. Eisenhart	George G. Eisenhart
	Temple, " 175	Fillye	Gage	First and third Saturdays	Lewis C. McClung	Horace M. Miller
	Gladstone, " 176	Ansley	Custer	Saturday after○	Thomas T. Varney	Ernest W. Rayson
155	Hay Springs, " 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays	William Waterman	Henry Spalding
	Prudence, " 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	Tuesday on or before○	Chris R. Bissey	John W. Allen
	Justice, " 180	Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before○	William C. Hanson	†Frederick R. Pringle

*And two weeks thereafter. †And Thursday before quarter moon. ‡Elected; no report of installation.

		Faith,	No. 181	Crawford	Dawes	First and third Thursdays	Ray H. Moss	Thomas Vondruska
		Incense,	" 182	Ohioa	Fillmore	Friday on or before○	Carl H. Brinkmann	Fred Wolter
160		Alliance,	" 183	Alliance	Box Butte	Thursday on or before○	Karl J. Stern	Leon H. Mosher
		Bee Hive,	" 184	South Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	J. Dean Ringer	Ralph K. Towl
		Boaz,	" 185	Danbury	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Marion J. Walters	Loyal T. Parker
		Israel,	" 187	Ulysses	Butler	Tuesday after○	Carl E. Diers	John Burky
		Meridian,	" 188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Saturday	Edgar C. Stanley	John T. Buckley
165		Granite,	" 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Thursday	Calvin A. Gordon	Ira A. Kirk
		Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy	Logan	Second and fourth Saturdays	Allen C. Kirby	Otto A. Gerlach
		Crystal,	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	Saturday on or before○	Bert Ammerman	Stephen T. Grohosky
		Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Lemuel R. Geyer	Luke M. Bates
		Signet,	" 193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before○	Henry C. Hooker	Francis N. Nichols
170		Highland,	" 194	Cortland	Gage	First Monday	Fred E. Roelfs	William Rohe
		Arcana,	" 195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Fay C. Hill	Lloyd H. Jordan
		Level,	" 196	Stockville	Frontier	Saturday on or before○	George J. Dold	Luke H. Cheney
		Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham	York	Friday on or before○	George C. Lanphere	Samuel A. Tobey
		Purity,	" 198	Imperial	Chase	Friday on or before○	Sigfried L. Jacks	John T. Johnston
175		Gavel,	" 199	Carleton	Thayer	Tuesday on or before○	Harvey J. Miller	Nat'l C. Eastabrooks
		Blazing Star,	" 200	Burwell	Garfield	Thursday on or after○	Elbert M. White	Robert W. Hanna
		Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	First and third Fridays	Asa B. Wood	Benjamin F. Gentry
		Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph	Cedar	Monday on or before○	Clarence B. Willey	George I. Reed
		Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender	Thurston	Tuesday on or before○	William F. Wenke	Robert Racely
180		Plainview,	" 204	Plainview	Pierce	Tuesday on or before○*	Fred J. Weidman	Abel Buckingham
		Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	Thursday on or before○	Lewis R. Barlow	William H. Thompson
		Napthali,	" 206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William A. Snyder	Wilfred E. Anderson
		Parian,	" 207	Callaway	Custer	Thursday on or before○	John Frederick, Jr.	Arthur J. Higbee
		Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia	Valley	Tuesday after○*	Joel K. Ward	Charles H. Downing
185		Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before○	George F. Wilson	William N. Minford
		East Lincoln,	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	Second Thursday	Lorenzen P. Ronne	Rollin H. George
		Cement,	" 211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before○	A. Edsel Hauke	Charles E. Towne
		Compass & Square,	" 212	Sumner	Dawson	Tuesday on or before○	Beryl E. Irvin	Gustav Hald
		Square & Compass,	" 213	Miller	Buffalo	Friday on or before○	F. Ross Brown	Lester W. Hall
190		Plumblin,	" 214	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before○	James W. McKibbin	Edward J. Killin
		Occidental,	" 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	Wednesday on or before○	Clarence W. Nichols	Robert J. Fleming
		Palisade,	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	Tuesday on or before○	Oliver W. Willis	Robert C. Miller
		Wauneta,	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	John E. Green	James Burham
		Bloomfield,	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	Tuesday on or before○	Walter H. Weber	Joachim J. Barge
195		Relief,	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Jesse Lowther	Earl L. Wait
		Magnolia,	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before○	Morris H. Evans	George H. Haase
		Wood Lake,	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Saturday on or before○	Charles J. Kreycik	Henry Lausen
		Landmark,	" 222	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before○	Charles Nelson	Henry Truhlsen

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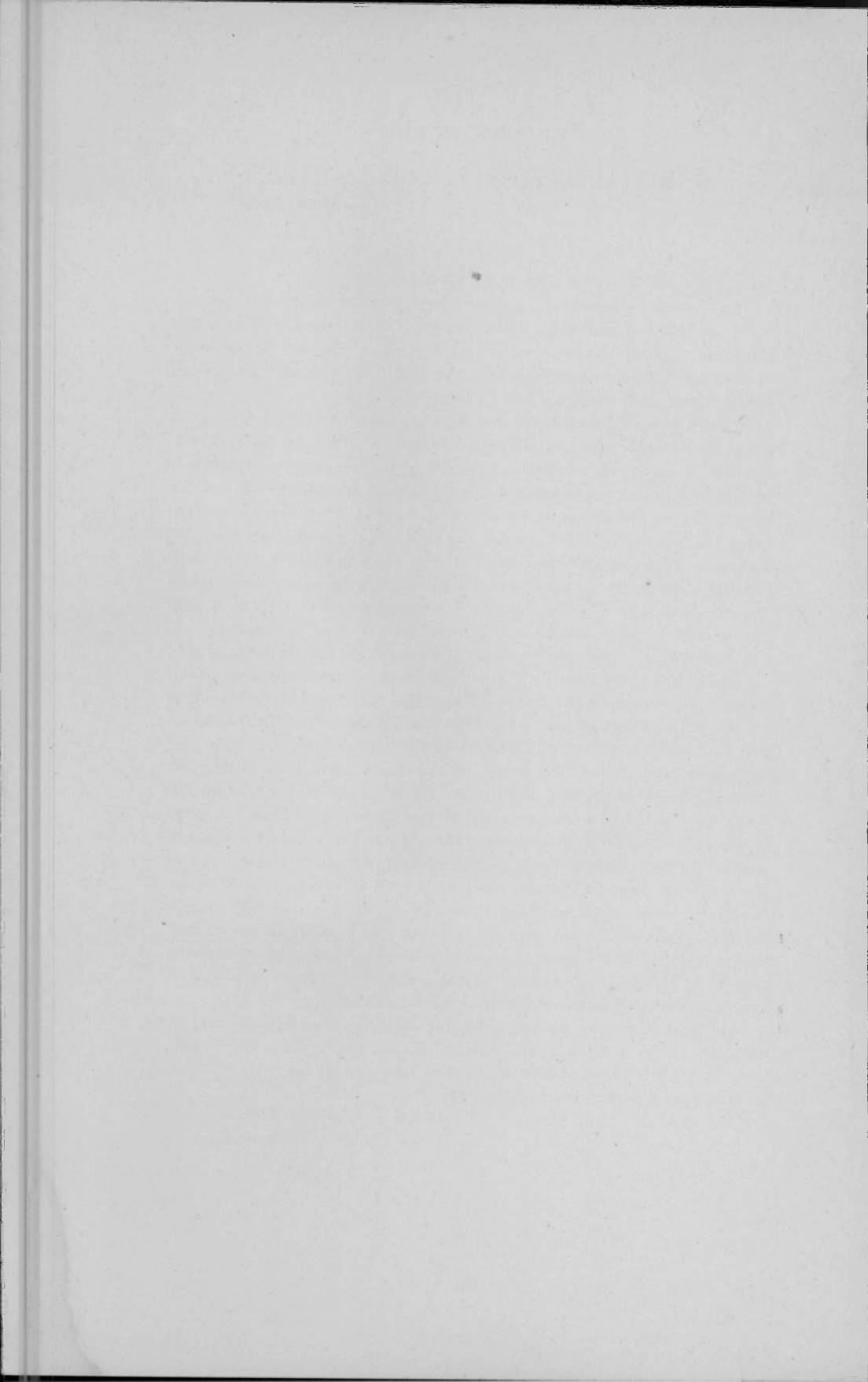
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200	Eminence, No. 223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Robert E. Talich	Charles W. Wagner
	Silver Cord, " 224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Friday	Roy E. Syfert	John W. Barr
	Cable, " 225	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays	Charles F. McGuire	Charles M. Fisher
	Grace, " 226	Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before*	Ira M. Rhoades	Ivan L. Marsteller
205	North Star, " 227	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday†	Frank Martin	Cecil C. Gates
	Bartley, " 228	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	John E. Ford	Fred Reimer
	Comet, " 229	Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before*	Otto Eliason	Ray R. Turney
	Delta, " 230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	George W. Sullivan	Alfred A. Powell
210	Mount Hermon, " 231	Cook	Johnson	Wednesday on or before○	Emory B. Platt	Mitchell J. Williams
	John S. Bowen, " 232	Kennard	Washington	Third Saturday	Edward F. Cushman	Alfred J. Cook
	Gilead, " 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	Elmer E. Thornburg	Almon B. Thatcher
	Zion, " 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before○	Frederick L. Perrett	William H. Prettyman
215	Fraternity, " 235	Winside	Wayne	Wednesday on or before○	Harry E. Siman	Lucas W. Needham
	Golden Rule, " 236	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before*	Austin R. Wilson	Vernon W. McDonald
	Cubit, " 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	Elmer E. Scott	Roy W. Brown
	Friendship, " 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	Perry J. Frimann	Jesse Frimann
220	Pilot, " 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday	Paul Calnon	Richard A. McHale
	George Armstrong, " 241	Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesdays	Theophilus I. Minier	William T. Minier
	Tyrian, " 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	Frank Hopkirk	William H. Nelson
	Sincerity, " 244	Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday	John B. Duffphey	David O. Whitla
225	Hampton, " 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	George E. Plotts	Stephen C. Houghton
	Nehawka, " 246	Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before○	Gilbert W. Cheney	David D. Adams
	Corner-stone, " 247	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before○	Henry O. Parks	Harry J. Krueztfeldt
	Laurel, " 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Charles L. Woodruff	Guy R. Stewart
230	Gothenburg, " 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Wednesday on or before○	William J. Birkofer	John J. Jennings
	Geo. Washington, " 250	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	Frank H. Lang	Frank B. Young
	Wausa, " 251	Wausa	Knox	Wednesday on or before○	Robert W. McConnell	William Berridge
	Hildreth, " 252	Hildreth	Franklin	Wednesday on or before*	George M. Myers	Winfield S. Marr
235	Beemer, " 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and third Wednesdays	Conrad Schwarz	William L. Crosby
	Bassett, " 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Fred N. Morgan	John Cousineau
	Bradshaw, " 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	Luther L. Goodridge	Emile C. Roggy
	Hickman, " 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before○	Mitchell M. Franey	John T. Weatherhogg
240	Holbrook, " 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays	Charles W. VanCleave	James Longbottom
	Anselmo, " 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before○	Walter C. Moulton	Chalmers G. Empfield
	Bee, " 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before○	Emery A. Hall	James T. Noxon
	Springview, " 260	Springview	Keya Paha	Saturday on or before○	Samuel M. Wyatt	William E. Ripley
245	Ornan, " 261	Spencer	Boyd	First and third Mondays	Leo S. Legro	Eugene E. Bradstreet
	Endeavor, " 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before○	Frank B. Hardesty	Arthur C. Crabtree
	Mitchell, " 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Charles H. Blackburn	Oscar C. Barnes
	Franklin, " 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays	Jesse H. Naden	Henry Plank, Sr.

*And two weeks thereafter. †And June 24th each year.

	Robt. W. Furnas, No. 265	Scotts Bluff	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays	Vincent S. Ramsey	Alfred F. Baldridge
210	Silver, " 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	Thursday on or before○	Arthur K. Roth	John W. Jackman
	Jas. A. Tulleys, " 267	Overton	Dawson	Saturday on or before○	Dwight R. Thomas	Carl F. Grim
	Geo. W. Lininger, " 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Osgood T. Eastman	Thomas F. Bourke
	Riverside, " 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before○*	Dan Haun	N. Louis Penfield
	Huntley, " 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before○*	Thomas E. Richman	William Lowe
245	Oasis, " 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Saturday on or before○	Edwin A. Beard	Charles M. Kearney
	Lee P. Gillette, " 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before○	William G. Money	W. Lyell McKenney
	Crofton, " 273	Crofton	Knox	Thursday on or before○	Ginnis Gunderson	Charles Ruden
	Olive Branch, " 274	Walthill	Thurston	Monday on or before○	Thomas L. Hunter	William R. Reinking
	Ramah, " 275	Bertrand	Phelps	Thursday on or before○	Rutherford B. McWhorter	George B. Amiot
250	Antelope, " 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Arthur L. Alcott	Rollie C. Huffman
	Sioux, " 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second and fourth Mondays	John Marking	Francis H. Wallace
	Litchfield, " 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before○	John F. Dickerson	Charles A. Rydberg
	Wallace, " 279	Wallace	Lincoln	Tuesday on or before○	Louis B. Spencer	Andrew J. Mothersead
	Swastika, " 280	Sargent	Custer	Tuesday on or after○	Andrew F. Phillips	Frank L. Hicks
255	Florence, " 281	Florence	Douglas	First Monday	Albert E. Parmelee	Jacob Weber, Jr.
	Mullen, " 282	Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before○	Arthur A. Spradling	Arthur G. Humphrey
	Exeter, " 283	Exeter	Fillmore	Second and fourth Fridays	William S. Wiggins	George S. Sprague
	Seneca, " 284	Seneca	Thomas	Wednesday on or before○	John W. Mann	Orville H. Newman
	Camp Clarke, " 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	Joseph E. Trinnier	John H. Steuteville
260	Oshkosh, " 286	Oshkosh	Garden	Wednesday on or after○	Harry H. Hough	David F. Fickes
	Union, " 287	Palmyra	Otoe	Wednesday on or before○	John O. Moore	Walter E. Barnes
	Omaha, " 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	George W. Long	Charles L. Shook
	Lotus, " 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	Tuesday on or before○*	Louis M. Ferrier	Fred T. Beidermann
	John J. Mercer, " 290	Benson	Douglas	First Tuesday	Earl W. Deane	Daniel Westergard
265	Diamond, " 291	Royal	Antelope	Saturday on or before○	William E. Butler	Fred W. Muller
	Wolbach, " 292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	George D. Meredith	Frank W. Bissell
	Monument, " 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Frank H. Ware	George C. Proud
	Kimball, " 294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	Will J. Davies	Irving S. Walker
	Minatare, " 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Fridays	James W. Gilbert	Irving L. Lyman
270	Cowles, " 296	Cowles	Webster	First and third Wednesdays	†Stanley D. Long	†Horace G. Morse

*And two weeks thereafter, †Officers U. D. Lodge not constituted.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

In presenting the first (and probably the last) review of the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, with whom we are in fraternal relations, I desire to express my appreciation for the opportunity of being permitted to become somewhat familiar with the great work being done by the Masonic Institution.

I have been impressed with the growing interest of the Craft in the great benevolent work of the Fraternity; while there may be some difference in methods, yet all are striving to measure up to the full responsibilities of the Institution, in relieving the distressed. Some Grand Lodges determine in favor of a central home, where all are cared for, others by relief granted the beneficiary in his own home or with some relative, and some are like our own jurisdiction, where they provide a home for the aged and the destitute, a separate home for the children, and grant relief to the distressed in their own homes or among friends when deemed best for the interest of all concerned.

Another question that seems of interest to the brethren of this jurisdiction, at this time, is the election of the Grand Deacons of the Grand Lodge, and for the information of the brethren I have examined all the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges of the United States and find that the Grand Deacons are appointed in thirty-nine and elected in five, these five being Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Louisiana, and Michigan. In Arkansas all the Grand officers except the Grand Chaplain and Grand Tyler are elected. In Connecticut the Grand Deacons are elected; and in the District of Columbia, Louisiana, and Michigan all the Grand Officers from the Grand Master to the Grand Tyler are elected. In the Grand Lodges of other countries there is no uniform rule. In some the Grand Master is the only elective officer, he appointing all the others, while in other Grand Lodges the entire membership of the jurisdiction votes, such vote being certified to the Grand Lodge, and the vote canvassed, and the result declared at the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

I submit the review of the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges; the proceedings of Utah and Virginia, and also of Costa Rica, Egypt, Ireland, Puerto Rico, and Tasmania not being received.

The result is fraternally submitted.

JOHN A. EHRHARDT,
For the Committee.

ALABAMA, 1915.

The ninety-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, was held at Montgomery, commencing December 1st, 1915, M. W. Henry C. Miller, Grand Master, presiding. 421 out of 547 lodges were represented.

The Grand Master reports having granted seven dispensations for new lodges, nine for lodges to continue work, seven to sell or mortgage property, twelve to elect officers and vote on constitutional amendments; he officiated at the laying of five corner-stones, highly commends their Masonic Home, reports one decision, and refused one application for dispensation for a lodge to attend church in a body, wearing aprons and jewels. He recommends their constitution and edicts to be so amended that the question of physical qualification for initiation or advancement be left to the subordinate petitioned lodge, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, which recommendation was approved by the Grand Lodge, and ordered submitted to the subordinate lodges for action.

Seventeen pages of the proceedings are taken up to report the vote of the chartered lodges on one constitutional amendment.

The Grand Representatives present were received, and the Grand Master tendered the greetings of the Grand Lodge to the several jurisdictions. Brother Lawrence H. Lee, representative of Nebraska, was present. They have a standing regulation that if a representative fails for three consecutive years to attend the Grand Lodge at the annual communication, the Grand Lodge requests his commission to be revoked.

The Grand Lodges of Queensland and the Philippine Islands were recognized.

The board of control of the Masonic Home submitted an exhaustive report. They have 118 residents, and a bond issue for \$20,000.00 was authorized for Masonic Home purposes.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Brother Nathaniel L. Mewhinney, is "topical," and a fine production. In our maiden effort we must keep near the shore.

ALBERTA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Red Deer, May 26th, 1915, Grand Master Judge J. A. Jackson, presiding. The first business was to pass a resolution of fealty to His August Person and to the Empire. The Grand Master reported constituting seven new lodges, consecrated three lodge rooms, issued seventy-six special dispensations, twenty-five to wear regalia at church service, twenty-six for special installations, six to confer degrees out of time, and four to reconsider petitions.

The Grand Lodge appropriated one thousand dollars to the Masonic Home and School Fund; expended \$657.45 for regalia; raised \$1,008.40 for the Hillcrest relief fund, and \$1,476.57 for a volunteer field hospital.

The application of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico for recognition was indefinitely postponed.

The report of the committee on foreign correspondence is by R. W. Brother S. Y. Taylor, D. G. M., consisting of ninety pages. In his conclusion, he says:

Again a change is taking place and Masonry is becoming an intensely practical human institution. Works are taking the place of words. Our professions are taking form in Masonic Relief Associations, in Masonic Homes and other charities and are only limited by our capacity to fulfill the ever increasing demands now presenting themselves.

ARIZONA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met in the city of Prescott, February 9th, 1915. 17 Grand Officers, 24 officers of lodges, and 47 Past Masters were present. Grand Master Charles M. Smith submitted a very full report of his activities during the year. He visited every lodge in the jurisdiction, commends the "National Masonic Sanitarium Association;" reports laying five corner-stones, granted three dispensations to re-ballot on petitions of rejected candidates, and made four decisions. They are "up. against" the proficiency law in their jurisdiction. After mature deliberation the writer has come to the conclusion that you do not get very far in endeavoring to make Masonic students by compulsion; a brother may, and usually does, post sufficiently to pass an examination required by Masonic law; if that is all the incentive, at the end of a year or two, he would be unable to work his way into a public Masonic corral if all the gates were thrown open.

A copy of the Holy Bible was presented to the Grand Lodge by M. W. Brother Rickmer N. Fredericks, Past Grand Master, for which the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned.

An unofficial session of the Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, when the members of the Grand Lodge and their families held a Jubilee meeting to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into the Territory of Arizona.

The proceedings of the Past Grand Masters Association are published in the proceedings.

There is no report on foreign correspondence.

ARKANSAS, 1915.

Grand Lodge met at Little Rock, November 16th, 1915; M. W. Charles E. Rosenbaum, Grand Master, presiding; 13 Past Grand

Masters, and 488 representatives from 447 lodges were present. The Grand Master reports the death of Past Grand Masters A. J. Witt and Christopher C. Ayers, and the fraternal dead of other jurisdictions, including five Past Grand Masters from Nebraska. He was represented by proxy at the organization of the National Masonic War Relief Association and made an appeal to the lodges of his jurisdiction for contributions to aid the same; issued one dispensation for a new lodge and refused one; reports his attendance at the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; recommended an appropriation for \$100.00 for membership in the association, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge refused to become a member of the Relief Association. The Grand Master also recommended the election of a Judge Advocate to unravel the intricacies of the legal questions submitted to the Grand Master.

There is a very full report by the Superintendent and Matron of the Masonic Orphans Home and School. An effort was made to increase the per capita tax from 50 to 75 cents for the support of the Home, which was lost, the necessary two-thirds not having voted therefor.

There is no report on correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Victoria, June 17th, 1915, Grand Master James Stark presiding, who in his address says:

The year just passed has been perhaps the most eventful in the history of the world; it has been crowded with events of the most momentous and startling character, with far-reaching effects and consequences. Almost the entire human family has been touched to a greater or less extent. * * * War, Hatred and Revenge are rampant, where Amity, Peace and Brotherly Love should prevail.

He reports many visitations; the deaths of two Past Grand Masters, Brothers Israel W. Powell and Lacey R. Johnstone, and many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions. He made no decisions that he deemed of sufficient interest to report; granted a number of dispensations and refused two—one to confer degrees in less than the required time and one to change the hour of meeting at a regular communication. He looks with disfavor on an organization styling itself "The Masonic Senate" organized in one of the cities of the Province. He recommends that at least two weeks intervene between the election and initiation of a candidate, but the recommendation was not approved.

An address by the Grand Chaplain, V. . W. . Brother Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe on "Masonic Brotherhood—A sacred Relationship," in

which he discusses The Obligation, The Right and Privilege, was delivered, for which he received a vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge. We would like to quote, but space forbids.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

That this Grand Lodge place itself on record as disapproving of Sister Jurisdictions accepting petitions from applicants already rejected by this Grand Lodge, until the time limit, as specified in our Constitution, has expired.

Notice was given that a motion would be made at the next communication for the appointment or election of a Committee on General Purposes; and a committee was appointed to consider the payment of mileage and per diem.

There was a resolution of loyalty adopted, and \$4,000.00 was transferred to the Charity Fund.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Brother William A. DeWolf-Smith. He reviews our proceedings for 1913.

CALIFORNIA, 1915.

The sixty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held, commencing October 12th, 1915, at San Francisco, M. : W. : Benjamin F. Bledsoe, Grand Master, presiding over officers and representatives from 353 lodges.

The Grand Master delivered a scholarly address; on the day he was installed as Grand Master he received his commission as Judge of the Federal Court, and says:

In spite, however, of my pressing official duties during the year, now, alas, about to end, I have at all times tried to give you—to the solving of your problems and the furthering of your interests—the best there was in me, and the most in the way of loyalty, opportunity and industry, of which I was capable or which I could command in your behalf.

He pays a splendid tribute to the brethren of San Francisco upon their indomitable spirit, municipal pride, and marvelous achievements in rebuilding the city, and says:

The man, then, who can add something to the uplift of political life, something to the brotherhood of social life, something to the ethics of commercial life, something to the justice of industrial life, something to the freedom of religious life, something to the practical efficiency of spiritual life, that man is a Mason, whether he has ever taken our obligations or not. He who, on the contrary, has not done some of these things, even in a small and modest way, is not a Mason, no matter how many letters or figures may be seen after his name, or how large and inspiring a watch charm may adorn his waistcoat.

He constituted twelve new lodges in person, and one in the Hawaiian

Islands by proxy; granted dispensations for seven lodges; made many visitations; decided that a grocer who sold wine and liquors in original packages, and not to be drunk on the premises, is not in the saloon business, and is therefore eligible for membership in a Masonic lodge. In this he differs with the Missouri brethren.

He does not think it advisable to extend recognition to the "Independent National Grand Lodge of France"—a wise conclusion—and also declined to endorse the "National Masonic Sanitarium Association," and refused to permit the promoters to send begging letters to the California lodges.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

They have two Masonic Homes, with total resources of nearly half a million dollars. The Decoto Home, established in 1889, is on an estate of 267 acres; the buildings are modern and contain a family of 79 men and 42 women. The San Gabriel Home has 34 boys and 27 girls. The homes are supported by a per capita tax of one dollar.

A masterly oration was delivered by W. . Brother Matt S. Hughes, Grand Orator, on "A Triad of Masonic Ideals." The Ideal of Quality, the Ideal of Knowledge, and the Ideal of Religion, were the subdivisions of his theme. After its delivery a motion was carried, instructing the Grand Secretary to cause to be printed five thousand copies for distribution to the lodges of the jurisdiction.

In this jurisdiction, like many others, the question of Masonic education is receiving the careful consideration of the best minds in Masonry, who feel the necessity for information along the line of the true spirit, purpose, philosophy, and destiny of Masonry. The special committee submitted a full report on the subject.

The report on correspondence is the seventh by M. . W. . Brother Edward H. Hart, Past Grand Master, Nebraska being accorded full consideration.

CANADA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met in the city of Hamilton, July 21st, 1915. The Grand Master, M. . W. . William D. McPherson, was on the Throne; there were present thirty officers, twenty-one District Deputy Grand Masters, thirty-one representatives from other Grand Lodges, among them R. . W. . Brother Frederick W. Harcourt, representing Nebraska; two hundred and eighty-one lodges out of four hundred and forty-six, were represented by officers, seventy by proxy; there were thirteen hundred and twenty-seven registered, having a total vote of almost two thousand. The large attendance was caused by reason of Past Masters being permanent members of the Grand Lodge, Hamilton, where the Grand Lodge was held, having eight lodges, with a total mem-

bership of two thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, had one hundred and forty-seven Past Masters registered and entitled to vote; while Toronto, with a membership of six thousand five hundred and fifty-seven, had eighty-nine Past Masters registered. The redeeming feature of such a large Grand Lodge is in the fact that no mileage and per diem is paid to any of the members of the Grand Lodge, except some of the expenses of some of the Grand Officers.

They paid \$29,000.00 on account of benevolences; \$5,145.00 on account of a semi-centennial benevolence fund, and \$40,045.00 to the Belgian Relief fund. The Grand Master reports granting dispensations for four new lodges and warrants for twelve others. He reports twelve decisions, none of special interest to the Craft in this state.

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother A. T. Freed, Past Grand Master, and in it Nebraska is carefully reviewed.

COLORADO, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met in Denver, September 21st, 1915, M. W. Charles H. Dudley, Grand Master, presiding. He reports the death of M. W. Brother Harper M. Orahood, P. G. M., and Brother George G. Slater, Grand Tyler.

They have the same trouble that we do where they try to enforce the law requiring the reading of the constitution and proceedings of the Grand Lodge in the subordinate lodges—a rule or law that is more noted for its breach than its observance, and caused to a considerable extent by the fact that what transpires in the Grand Lodge of interest to the local lodge is usually reported by the representatives on their return from the annual session.

The Grand Master issued twenty-two dispensations to examine and ballot on candidates out of time, issued a dispensation for one new lodge; laid four corner-stones in person, and issued a proxy for the laying of another; arrested one charter; made forty-five official visits; reports the general condition of the lodges good; recommends the creation of an emergency fund; and closes his report as follows:

My Brethren, we cultivate the rose in our gardens, that it may bud and bloom, and its fragrance and beauty reward us for our labors. I would that we may, even more, cultivate Masonry that it may bud and bloom in our hearts and its fragrance and beauties, unfolding greater visions and pointing to the heights, return to us in happiness, inspiration and sweet content, all that we may offer in thought, word, act and deed.

The Trustees of the Benevolent Association report their work for the year; they have cared for eight Master Masons, eight wives or widows and fourteen children, and reduced the cost of administration to the absolute minimum—\$0.00.

The oration by Brother Clarence M. Kellogg, Grand Orator, was well received by the brethren and ordered published in the proceedings.

The special committee on "War Relief" reported that no action should be taken by the Grand Lodge until after the close of the war, except to raise funds, such funds to be sent direct to such Grand Lodges located in the war zone as expressed a desire for relief and willingness to distribute the funds contributed for that purpose.

There was an address by W. . Brother Zachariah X. Snyder, Grand Chaplain; his theme was "Reconstruction" and is of more than local interest.

M. . W. . Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf makes his thirty-first annual report on foreign correspondence, reviewing sixty-five Grand Lodges, Nebraska being accorded three full pages.

CONNECTICUT, 1915.

The 127th annual communication; New Haven, February 3d, 1915. M. . W. . Edgar H. Parkham, Grand Master, presiding. He reports a year of peaceful, quiet, steady growth, unceasing usefulness of its members, and cordial relations with other jurisdictions. He pays a loving tribute to the memory of M. . W. . Wilber S. Comstock, Past Grand Master, who died September 10th, 1914, and reports the deaths of many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions, among them our own Past Grand Masters France and Deuel. He granted thirty dispensations, reports sixteen visitations and no decisions; commends very highly the Order of the Eastern Star; attended the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and submits a full report of the same; and endorses the National Masonic Research Society.

The report on correspondence is by P. . G. . M. . George A. Kies; he seems to have the faculty of condensing all contained in a copy of the proceedings, in a crisp readable article, Nebraska being fully reviewed in less than a full page.

CUBA, 1914-1915.

A reunion of the Grand Lodge was held at Santiago, June 28th, 1914, and the annual session, at the same place March 28th, 1915, with M. . W. . Francisco S. Curbelo, Grand Master, presiding, and two hundred and eleven representatives from seventy-four lodges were in attendance.

Adjourned meetings were held on the 4th, 8th, and 16th of April, 1915.

A proposition to establish a Masonic Home was discussed, and referred to a committee to report at the next annual communication.

The net increase in membership was 273. The Grand Master made a report of his work, showing that he had issued the usual number of dispensations and created seven new lodges.

Foreign correspondence is by Brother Francisco de P. Rodriguez, who reviews forty-nine Grand Lodge proceedings, among them Nebraska.

DELAWARE, 1915.

110th annual communication, Wilmington, October 6th, 1915. M. W. William E. Valliant, Grand Master, submits a businesslike address. He appeals to the writer when he says:

There is another subject to which I desire to call attention of the Grand Lodge, namely, the awakening and development of more interest in the study of the fundamental principles and deep meaning of our forms and ceremonies. Have we not been paying too much attention to the wholesale birth of Masons, and too little attention to their *care and nourishment* after they are born?

That sounds much better than the following:

This brings to mind the thought that for such co-operation (that is, a world power to stop wars) and unity of action, it has been suggested that there should be organized in the United States a General Grand Lodge of Ancient Craft Masons, formed of representatives from the various Grand Lodges of the several Grand Jurisdictions, looking to a day when there shall be for the whole world one Supreme Grand Lodge.

He reports several visits to the Masonic Home, finds it well kept, and properly managed and conducted; one official opinion was given in three words; he granted three dispensations, and refused one.

The Grand Lodge passed a resolution that all brethren sign the by-laws when they become Entered Apprentices, instead of waiting to become Master Masons, and dues shall be charged from that date.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Harry Jones Guthrie, P. G. M. Nebraska is not reviewed.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1915.

105th annual communication, Washington, December 15th, 1915. M. W. Alexander Grant, Grand Master, in his address says:

Our hearts bleed for and our sympathies go out to those afflicted people torn and mangled in the rack and ruin of unholy war; those widowed women and orphaned children, those maimed and scarred fellows of our Craft whom force of circumstances has rent asunder so that they hear not and heed not the grand hailing signs of their brethren. God grant the day is near at hand when mad cries of fratricidal strife may give way to the anthem of peace and good will.

For some reason the entire membership of the Committee on Jurisprudence resigned, and their resignations were reluctantly accepted.

The Masonic War Relief Association, as well as the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, receives full consideration and endorsement. The Grand Master reports laying one corner-stone and dedicating one Temple. He reports the Masonic and Eastern Star Home as a splendid example of the practical side of Masonry.

The Home is at Takoma Park, was established in 1913, has property valued at \$80,000.00; cares for 25 residents, and is supported by a per capita tax of 25 cents from thirty lodges and eighteen chapters of the Eastern Star.

The Committee on Correspondence reported on the complaint of Senor Ramon Mendo, the *soi disant* Regional Grand Secretary of the Spanish Masons in the Philippine Islands, recommending that no action be taken on the complaint.

An employment agency was organized and obligations to the amount of one thousand dollars were assumed. The per capita tax for the support of the Home was increased from 25 to 37½ cents.

M. W. George W. Baird, P. G. M., makes his sixteenth report as reviewer. It consists of one hundred and forty pages of well-written matter. If the writer had his review before him when he was trying to do his work with the proceedings of other jurisdictions it would be quite easy to copy, and the result would be more satisfactory to the writer.

ENGLAND, 1915.

At the quarterly communication, held June 2d, 1915, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed it is necessary that all Brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian, or Turkish birth should not during the continuance of the War attend any meeting of Grand Lodge, or of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or of a Private Lodge, or any other Masonic Meeting, and that such Brethren be and they are hereby required by the Grand Lodge to abstain from such attendance, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of every Lodge.

It must be conceded that the Grand Lodge has supreme executive, legislative, and judicial powers, and therefore can make and enforce such a regulation.

In June, 1819, the Board of General Purposes, of the Grand Lodge of England resolved:—"that it is the undoubted right of every Mason who is well known or properly vouched for, to visit any lodge during the time it is opened for general Masonic business, observing the

proper forms to be attended on such occasions," yet if the peace and harmony of the Craft should be disturbed and broken, then it is the right, yea the duty to exclude such visitors. As to excluding a contributing member of a lodge, from its meetings, without charges or trial, it must be conceded that it has the power; as to its having the right is another question, and one that the writer (who is of German birth) prefers to leave for the English brethren to determine, when the passions of war have subsided.

The balance of the proceedings is taken up with reports on relief, names and titles of officers, and a discussion of the above resolution.

FLORIDA, 1916.

The Grand Lodge met at Jacksonville, January 18th, 1916, M. . W. . Cephas L. Wilson, Grand Master, presiding. In his address he announces the death of M. . W. . Enos Wasgate, Past Grand Master, and reports the death of many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions. Three lodges were constituted, eight dispensations were granted for new lodges; five corner-stones were laid, and many dispensations for other purposes granted.

Under decisions we find:

A member who claimed to have received the gift of the Holy Ghost desired a dimit and stated that he could not endorse Masonry on account of imperfections of other brothers. I ruled that if the brother's only excuse was that he thought other brothers were imperfect in their deportment, that he would be entitled to his dimit, if he desired it. But, on the other hand, if his objection was to Masonry itself, and he thought Masonry was not right, then he should not be granted a dimit, but charges should be preferred against him and he be given a trial for unmasonic conduct.

The Grand Master found nothing objectionable in "Masonic Clubs," but the committee, to whom the matter was referred, found such organizations contrary to Masonic laws and usage, and reported a regulation requiring members of any of the particular lodges to at once withdraw their affiliation with any such bodies.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home and Orphanage reported \$32,-881.95 on hand.

The report on correspondence is by M. . W. . Brother Silas B. Wright, and covers 198 pages. The report would almost pass muster in Boston. Nebraska for 1915 is fully reviewed.

GEORGIA, 1915.

The one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication was held in the city of Macon, commencing October 26th, 1915, with M. . W. . N. H. Ballard, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master reports a splendid progress during the year. He made many visitations, laid nine corner-stones, three in one day, which probably is the record; constituted nine lodges; granted dispensations for two new lodges; granted a number of dispensations to confer degrees on more than five in the several degrees at one meeting, and some to confer degrees out of time. He reports one hundred and seventy-three special dispensations granted during the year, and reports twenty-one decisions. Here is one that appeals to every true Mason:

A Master Mason making improper proposals to the wife of a Fellow Craft Mason, *or the wife of any man*, is as guilty of wrong as if she was the wife of a Master Mason. Masonry throws around woman's honor a shield of protection, and woe be unto him who heeds not its warning.

He commends the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Reporting on the Masonic Home he says:

Upon my heart, living, is deeply engraved an abiding love for the Masonic Home. I love it because I love Masonry, and this Home so beautifully illustrates its teachings. I want to see it grow, expand, until it becomes a great institution—the pride of every Mason in Georgia.

He pays a tender tribute to the distinguished dead of his own and other jurisdictions; thinks the time is not ripe for the promulgation of a uniform ritual for Georgia; and makes a number of recommendations, one that the jurisdiction be divided into at least fifty districts, each district to have a deputy.

The Grand Lodge denied the appropriation of twenty-three hundred dollars requested by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, but continued their membership in the association.

The Masonic Home is at Macon, established in 1905.

The report on foreign correspondence is by **Brother Charles L. Bass**. Nebraska for 1914 is fully reviewed.

IDAHO, 1915.

The kindly face of M. W. Brother Francis Jenkins, greets one when opening the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and we are also brought face to face with R. W. Brother George E. Knepper, the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge met at Boise, September 14th, 1915, with M. W. Andrew Christenson presiding, who, in his address, after paying a just tribute to the dead, reports constituting three lodges by

proxy, thirteen decisions, a number of dispensations, and closes his report with this timely counsel:

I cannot close my report without uttering my protest against another practice of far greater consequences and deserving of the greatest condemnation. I refer to the unmasonic habit of electioneering and log-rolling for office or other Masonic Honors. * * * * * To my mind it is a serious matter and it is difficult to speak of it with patience. The member who indulges in it is a Mason in name only.

The Trustees of the Orphans Home Fund reported relief granted to a number of indigent Masons, widows, and orphans, and that there was \$76,232.45 in the Orphans Fund.

A special Charity Fund of \$400.00 was set aside for the use of the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge determined that the Grand Master had sufficient power through dispensation, and did not deem it necessary or advisable to make any change in the constitution or by-laws.

The report on foreign correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, it being his fourteenth annual report; he reviews seventy-one proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges. He likes the report of "Uncle Bob," and says it is one of the best that has come to his table.

ILLINOIS, 1915.

Grand Lodge met at Chicago, October 12th, 1915, M. . W. . Henry T. Burnap, Grand Master, presiding. He reports a busy year for the Grand Master, and while a desire has been voiced by many prominent members of the Fraternity for some united action by which Masonry might bring its influence for universal peace, yet no practical plan has been suggested by which the Grand Jurisdictions of the world might unite in a concerted effort. He reports the death of Past Grand Master Edward Cook and Past Grand Orator General John C. Black.

He reports the dedication of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital erected on the Home grounds by the Grand Chapter, and its presentation to the Grand Lodge. The "Eastland" calamity brought a tender of assistance from the Grand Master of California; the tender was fully appreciated, gratefully acknowledged, and fraternally declined as the good brethren of Illinois were amply able to care for the unfortunates.

The oration was by Brother Delmar D. Darrah, and a vote of thanks was tendered him. The oration was ordered printed in the proceedings; but no stenographic report having been made of it and the brother having no copy, publication could not be made.

The Grand Lodge was the recipient of an offer from Mr. Edwin C. Swain, although not a Mason, but a brother-in-law of Robert Miller,

who devised the farm for a Masonic Home, to convey one hundred acres of land adjoining the Home farm subject to the payment of \$800.00 annually during the life of Mr. Swain, and an offer from Brother Irvin Sherman, owner of one hundred acres adjoining on the east of the Swain tract, on condition that the entire income was to be used for the support of the Home and Hospital. Both offers were accepted and the following appreciation was adopted and ordered printed in the proceedings:

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
of
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
of the
State of Illinois
Assembled in Annual Meeting in the City of Chicago,
Tuesday, October 12th, Nineteen Hundred
and Fifteen, Sends Greetings to
Edwin C. Swain
and
Brother Irvin Sherman,
And Expresses Its Sincere Appreciation of
Their Generous Gift of
Two Hundred Acres of Land
Adjoining The
Masonic Farm at Sullivan.
Done by Order of the M. W. Grand Lodge, This
Fourteenth Day of October, Nineteen Hundred Fifteen.
(Signed) RALPH H. WHEELER,
Grand Master.

(Seal)

The report on Masonic correspondence is by M. W. Brother Owen Scott, Past Grand Master, and is a well written book of two hundred pages. His review sums up the great questions interesting the Craft in all countries; says the war in Europe has given a tinge of sorrow to the proceedings of almost every Grand Lodge, and that there is a strong tendency to magnify Masonry's meaning to men. On Landmarks he says:

Bro. Robbins, than whom there was no greater authority, gave this definition in 1872:—"Landmarks are those characteristic marks, or fixed principles, by which, time out of mind, freemasonry has been known and preserved; which have distinguished it as masonry, and which must forever remain inviolate and undisturbed."

Mackey gave 25 but no one else has agreed as to the number, some finding as many as 150. Aside from three or four general principles, very few so-called landmarks "remain inviolate and undisturbed" by the various legislative bodies—the grand lodges.

The writer would like to quote in full what he says under "England," but would probably be misunderstood.

Nebraska is reviewed, five pages being devoted to this jurisdiction. He gives the total number of Masons for 1915 at 2,221,999.

INDIANA, 1915.

Grand Lodge met at Indianapolis, May 25th, 1915, with Grand Master Martin A. Morrison presiding. He reports the death of nine hundred and three Master Masons and many prominent brethren of other jurisdictions. He granted eight special dispensations, approved twenty-six amendments to by-laws, laid eleven corner-stones, many of them by proxy, and dedicated eight halls.

Under Opinions and Decisions, he held:

That the exclusive jurisdiction of a Lodge, under a foreign grand jurisdiction will be recognized as being equal, but not superior, to the exclusive jurisdiction of one of our Lodges under like circumstances.

He reports the choosing of a site for their Masonic Home at Franklin, contracts for six buildings to be let in a few days, and reports the Home as the greatest enterprise ever entered upon by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Treasurer reports \$145,686.26 in the Home Fund, in addition to \$46,448.05 expended during the year. Of this amount more than \$30,000.00 was contributed by the Order of the Eastern Star. The site of the Home is 224 acres of land adjoining the city of Franklin. The Ways and Means Committee recommended an assessment of fifty cents per capita per annum for the support of the Home. The report was adopted.

The brethren of Indiana are also waking up on the study side of Masonry; here is their report, which was adopted:

First. That the study side of Masonry should be inaugurated by this Grand Jurisdiction at once.

Second. That it should gradually unfold Masonic history from the viewpoint of the American Rite to which seventy per cent. of the Masons of the world yield allegiance; that it should embrace and interpret Masonic truths in their fullest analysis with a view to personal application thereof; that it should endeavor to develop practically the fullest purpose of Masonry, which is to raise the personal efficiency of the individual, physically, mentally, morally and spiritually, in his relation to God, his country, his neighbor and himself, helping him to stop waste of time, energy, money and opportunity in these four relations of life.

That a standing Masonic Educational Committee consisting of three members should be appointed by the Grand Master to supervise and direct the movement.

It is hoped the brethren of this jurisdiction will wake up.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence on the request for recognition from the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, recommended that the request be referred back to the committee to be reported on at some future time, which was concurred in, as was also the request for recognition of the Independent National Grand Lodge of France and her colonies.

A member of one of the lodges, living in another jurisdiction, wrote the secretary of his lodge stating that he had become an atheist, and had the matter submitted to the lodge; charges were preferred, and a demurrer to the charge sustained; the lodge appealed, the committee reported sustaining the action of the lodge in sustaining the demurrer and recommended that the brother be dismissed and his connection with the lodge severed; which report was adopted.

The Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, to whom was referred the question of securing a certain number of charter members, each of whom is to pay one hundred dollars, reported recommending that the Grand Master secure the co-operation of some Mason to procure such charter members; the report was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the question of the Masonic War Relief Association reported:

While we appreciate the needs and necessities of those who are suffering caused by the cruel and relentless war across the sea, and heartily applaud every effort to relieve their wants and suffering, we do not deem it advisable at this time to appeal to the Lodges in Indiana for support. The Grand Lodge of Indiana has by Edict set its seal of disapproval against the practice of distributing begging circulars to Subordinate Lodges.

We commend the above association to all charitably disposed brethren with the assurance that their offerings will be graciously accepted.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Past Grand Master Elmer F. Gay, and consists of one hundred and twenty-six pages; in reviewing Nebraska, he says we pay \$5,160.00 to defray salary and expenses of the Grand Secretary's office, while Indiana with three times the membership pays \$2,320.00. He says it looks as though Nebraska was paying too much or Indiana too little. With us the brethren think it worth all we pay, and the Indiana brethren may think the same.

IOWA, 1915.

We approach Iowa with fear and trembling; a magnificent volume of about nine hundred pages, fully one-third used for the splendid review by M. W. Louis Block, Past Grand Master. This is the jurisdiction where the writer first received "Light in Masonry", and where with "Uncle Bob" he sat on dry goods boxes at night and in the groves on Sunday afternoons and "posted" and "posted." Now to review these proceedings in a one page review. Well, here goes.

The Grand Lodge met at Cedar Rapids, June 8th, 1915, Grand Master Charles W. Walton, presiding. He reports his attendance at the Peace Festival held in July at Ontario; reports granting two dis-

pensions for new lodges; he constituted one, laid four corner-stones, and dedicated three Masonic Halls. He makes the initial report on the National Masonic Research Society, and its home at Anamosa. The writer being a member can fully endorse all he says. The Grand Master approves the Masonic War Relief Association and condemns cyphers; cautions the use of the black-ball, and does not like smoking in the lodge room. He thinks the present iron-clad requirement as to physical perfection should be partially relaxed, the Grand Master alone having the power to recommend the applicant if in his judgment the proposed candidate was generally regarded by the brethren of the community worthy. In this the Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved, and the law was left as before. He reports the organization of the Iowa Veterans Association.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, it appears that the sum of \$10,226.07 was dispensed for the relief of Master Masons, their widows and orphans, and \$7,400.42 was appropriated for the same purpose for the ensuing year.

The report on library shows 30,000 volumes in their fine Library Building. With their great library, their Masonic Research Society, and their traveling libraries, the fifty thousand Masons are forging to the front, in things that are worth while.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$300.00 for the widow of Brother R. F. Gould, an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported and the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution declaring it unmasonic for the members of a lodge, clothed in white gloves and aprons with the customary sprig of acacia, in a body, but not as a lodge, to join in a Knight Templar procession in charge of and conducting a funeral.

The report on fraternal correspondence is by P. G. M. Louis Block, Nebraska being accorded three full pages. Brother Block says of the last review by Past Grand Master Phelps: "He devotes about a page to large and small Grand Jurisdictions, regardless of size and importance * * * * It looks as though someone had put literary hobbles on him."

As to large and small jurisdictions, there is usually about so much business transacted at an annual communication of a Grand Lodge, and that whether they have a membership of five thousand or fifty thousand.

KANSAS, 1916.

The Grand Lodge met at Topeka, February 16th, 1916, with M. W. William L. Burdick, Grand Master, presiding.

He delivered a scholarly address in making his report to the Grand Lodge, paying a loving tribute to the dead of his own and other juris-

dictions; is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge should take action showing interest in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, endorses the Acacia Fraternity; granted ninety-four special dispensations, refused some, and in connection with such refusal says:

A number of requests came to the Grand Master during the past year for degree-dispensations in order that the applicant might "get his third degree in time to take degrees," in some other Masonic order. These requests were connected with both branches of Masonry, the York and the Scottish Rite. In every case they were refused. Brethren, your Grand Master proclaims allegiance to both these rites, and he loves them both, but the foundation of the whole structure of Masonry is the Blue Lodge, the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. If you desire, Brethren, to strengthen and establish advanced learning in Masonry, see to it that the candidate is first a worthy *Master Mason*, one who has learned thoroughly the first principles of the Craft, and has shown by his loyalty and devotion his fitness for promotion. Do not make, Brethren, the lodge the mere vestibule to higher degrees. Make it what it really is, the Great Lecture Hall of the Masonic University. Other degrees, Brethren, are intended to be advanced courses for such as are found proficient.

He reports the general condition of the lodges excellent. He made two decisions, both being approved, one against the laying of cornerstones on Sunday. He commends the Masonic Home management, and reports assets of the Home at \$67,958.25. He reports on two cases where lodges in other jurisdictions, one in Texas and one in Washington, furnished relief to brothers belonging to a Kansas lodge, and in the other to the widow of a brother in another. In the case of the widow the lodge refused reimbursement on the ground that the deceased brother, after being suspended for some time had been reinstated shortly before his death; and when he was reinstated the brethren of his lodge did not know that the brother was married.

It is suggested that lodges in this jurisdiction in granting relief to a brother hailing from our sister jurisdiction on the south expect no reimbursement unless they have an express agreement with the lodge to which the brother belongs.

The Grand Lodge appropriated five hundred dollars to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The report on correspondence is by M. . W. . Brother Matthew M. Miller, Past Grand Master, and is an entertaining production of something over one hundred pages, Nebraska receiving its full share. The report closes with a table of statistics, which we are tempted to purloin and publish with our report.

KENTUCKY, 1915.

The one hundred and fifteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge met at Louisville, October 19th, 1915, with M. W. George B. Winslow, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master reports a strenuous year, and says:

It would be wonderful if your Grand Master had been able to manage all the affairs of this Grand body during the entire year without making any mistakes or errors of judgment, and to the satisfaction of each of the more than forty thousand brethren in the State.

He reports attending the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and recommends that five thousand dollars be appropriated therefor, payable in five annual installments; three thousand dollars was so appropriated by the Grand Lodge.

On his recommendation one thousand dollars was appropriated for the Masonic War Relief Association.

He reports the two Masonic Homes in competent hands of trustworthy men. Kentucky was a pioneer in Masonic Home work; the Widow and Orphans Home at Louisville, established in 1871, has assets of about seven hundred thousand dollars, cares for 24 women, 182 boys, and 134 girls. The Old Masons Home, at Shelbyville, established in 1901, has property valued at over sixty thousand dollars, the family consisting of 44 residents; 42 brethren and the wives of two of them.

He reports the destruction of all "Morris Mnemonics" in the possession of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master presents a supplemental address, wherein is detailed at length, a controversy between the Board of Directors of the Widows and Orphans Home, and a committee appointed by St. Andrews Lodge of that jurisdiction. It seems the Masonic Home Journal, the official organ of the Grand Lodge, edited by Brothers David B. G. Rose and Joseph W. Norwood, entered into a controversy with one P. H. Callahan, Chairman of a Committee on Religious Prejudice representing the Knights of Columbus order in the United States and Canada, including a proposed agreement under which the controversy was to be conducted.

The Board of Directors of the Masonic Home thereupon passed the following resolution:

Resolved: that matters religious (*i. e.*, sectarian or denominational) be excluded from the Journal in the future without the approval of the Board, and that the controversy which has appeared in the Journal with Mr. P. H. Callahan be discontinued at once.

The controversy was then taken up by a committee from St. Andrews Lodge No. 18, and resulted in the mail being kept busy in circularizing the Craft in the jurisdiction on "Let There Be Light;" "More Light;" and "There Is Light;" until it resulted in the arrest of the charter of St. Andrews Lodge No. 18, and the supplemental report of the Grand Master. The report was referred to a committee with P. .G. .M. . Robert F. Peak as chairman, who submitted an exhaustive report, fully sustaining the Grand Master and the Board of Directors, thought the Grand Master temporized too much, and delayed his action in arresting the charter too long; and recommended the immediate restoration of the charter of said lodge on condition that the lodge at its next stated meeting rescind its resolution creating the committee, and in the event that the same is not done that the charter be arrested and the lodge cited to appear at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The report on proceedings of Grand Lodges is by M. .W. . Brother William W. Clarke, P. .G. .M. . He reviews Nebraska for 1914, quotes liberally from the address of Grand Master Morgan and the oration of Brother Charles M. Shepherd, and concludes his report with the thought that "The General Grand Lodge question is moving into the zone of controversy"; he says the idea is obnoxious to him, and that he may discuss it at a later day.

LOUISIANA, 1916.

Grand Lodge met at New Orleans, February 7th, 1916, with R. .W. . Brittain B. Purser, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, the M. .W. . Grand Master, Alfred W. Cheesman, having died during the year.

The acting Grand Master reports the Craft in a flourishing condition; asks for more liberal contributions for the Louisiana Relief Lodge; reports on the Grand Masters Relief Fund; is in favor of the continuance of the separate ballot for each of the degrees; reports many visitations; granted thirty-one dispensations, and reported fourteen rulings.

The Grand Secretary submits a full report of the transactions of his office.

The Secretary of the Relief Lodge reports the expenditure for relief to be \$10,322.96.

The oration was by V. .W. . Brother John F. Foster, and it fully complied with their resolution requiring the Masonic address to be "For the edification of the Craft and to advance knowledge in our well beloved and Mystic Art."

The Committee on Necrology in their report submitted a beautiful tribute to their departed Grand Master, Alfred W. Cheesman, and R. .W. . Brother Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary Emeritus.

The report on foreign correspondence is by the committee, Nebraska being given fraternal consideration.

MAINE, 1915.

Grand Lodge met at Portland, May 4th, 1915, Grand Master Thomas H. Bodge presiding. He reports the death of three of their well beloved Past Grand Masters, the senior and junior in point of service; he constituted two new lodges; dedicated one hall; approved by-laws and amendments for fourteen lodges, and says in that connection:

The lodges are wisely learning that the dues should be sufficient to care for the ordinary expenses without the necessity of receiving, or shall we say procuring, candidates to benefit from the fees. To insure independence, a sure and sufficient income is as necessary for the lodge as for the individual.

All of which receives a hearty response from this "Amen Corner."

The Venerable R. W. Brother Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, for the sixtieth time occupies his chair as Grand Secretary, and in making his report says:

This is the 60th annual communication at which I have occupied this desk. Not one of those present in 1856 is left for me to congratulate, but the ever changing representation keeps the Grand Lodge always young and vigorous despite its near approach to a century of existence, and I congratulate you all on that youth and vigor.

Memorials were read for Past Grand Masters Charles I. Collamore, Elmer P. Spofford, and Alfred Sanders Kimball, and were ordered published in the proceedings.

The report on foreign correspondence is submitted by Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase, for the committee.

MANITOBA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Winnipeg, June 9th, 1915, and was presided over by Grand Master Lynds S. Vaughan; who like all the other Grand Masters in the provinces of the British possessions, refers to the Titanic struggle, and pleads for relief for the families of the brethren at the front. He says:

In the darkest days of the Civil War President Lincoln said in connection with the claims of both the contending forces that God was on their side, that to him the question was: "Was he on God's side?" If this is our prayer and we endeavor to live up to this grand ideal, instead of claiming that God is on our side, then perhaps through suffering and tribulation we may come home rejoicing and bring our sheaves with us.

He reports the death of Past Grand Master John Leslie, and pays a tribute to his memory; granted six dispensations to cut short the

time limit, where the men were under orders for the front, and refused others; laid one corner-stone, and reports peace and harmony in the jurisdiction.

There is no report on correspondence.

MARYLAND, 1915.

The one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication was held November 16th, 1915, in the city of Baltimore, and was opened by the R.·W.·Deputy Grand Master, Charles C. Homer, Jr., who ordered the R.·W.·Grand Marshal with the Grand Pursuivant and Grand Director of Ceremonies to proceed to the apartment of the M.·W.·Grand Master, and inform him that the Grand Lodge was in session and awaited his pleasure. With the W.·Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Master, M.·W.·Brother Thomas J. Shryock, was escorted into the Grand Lodge, and addressed it. No report of the address is published, except his announcement of the death of M.·W.·John M. Carter, Past Grand Master.

Rev. Henry Branch delivered a fine tribute to the memory of Brother Carter, and Brother Hobart Smock recited Albert Pike's poem, "Every Year."

The following resolution was unanimously rejected:

Resolved, that the Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland shall have a Masonic Home, and be it further

Resolved, that this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, at this Communication, November 16th, 1915, take the first step necessary for the accomplishment of this very laudable and necessary purpose.

Five hundred dollars was appropriated for the United Patriotic Home for Orphan and Homeless Children; and five thousand dollars for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The Board of Relief reported as having expended \$606.86.

They have a Grand Lodge Choir of thirty voices, and a Choir Master who receives \$250.00 for his services.

The report on correspondence is by R.·W.·Brother Henry Branch, P.·S.·G.·W., who writes a good report of seventy-two pages, reviewing fifty-five proceedings of Grand Lodges; Nebraska not among the number.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1915.

Three quarterly and one annual communication were held during the year; at the first quarterly communication the Grand Master reported that he had procured from the official manufacturer to the Grand Lodge of England, a Grand Master's Apron, which was then worn for the first time, it being an exact duplicate of the apron worn by His Royal

Higness, the Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

He appointed Worshipful Brother Roscoe Pound as Deputy Grand Master and the record says:

In making this appointment the M. W. Grand Master stated that there were ample precedents for the holding of such office in the Grand Lodge by Brethren who had not been Masters of Lodges in Massachusetts. He spoke of Wor. Brother Pound's services to Masonry in Nebraska, of his eminence as a man of science, lawyer, and jurist and of his high standing in the community. In addition to all this he declared that Wor. Brother Pound is the most profound Masonic scholar in America, indeed in the world, and for this reason it was of the greatest value to the Grand Lodge that he should be one of its members.

At the second quarterly communication the Grand Master reports sending out an appeal for a "Rainy-Day" Fund, which resulted in a contribution of \$16,980.62.

The Grand Lodge abolished the office of Corresponding Grand Secretary.

A very full report was submitted, by a committee to whom was referred the question as to whether the Grand Lodge should have a Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The committee report their conclusion that their "Grand Lodge is not at present in need of a Committee on Correspondence and recommend that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject."

At the stated communication, after the installation of officers, the Grand Master announced a series of lectures to be given in the spring of 1916, and submitted a schedule from which we learn that Brother Pound is to deliver five lectures, on the following subjects: "The Data of Masonic Jurisprudence," "The Landmarks," "Masonic Common Law Usage," "Masonic Common Law Decisions," and "Masonic Legislation."

MICHIGAN, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met in Bay City, May 25th, 1915, Grand Master William M. Perrett presiding. The first session was devoted to an address of welcome and a response.

The Grand Master in his address says:

We spend our time, many of us, at least, in looking for great things to do, while we neglect the little duties with which we meet in the daily round. We seek to be great in the sight of men rather than in the sight of God, and, therefore, we neglect the trifles, which, did we but know it, make the sum of human things, and are God's voice uttering a divine command.

He feelingly reports the death of their Grand Treasurer, Brother

William Wentz, and pays a tribute to his beloved brother. A full report is made on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the jurisdiction being one of the two largest contributors.

The management of the Masonic Home is commended, the Grand Treasurer reporting \$40,000.00 in cash and securities in the fund.

The Grand Lodge at a previous session appropriated \$25,000.00 for an Infirmary in connection with the Home. The total membership of the Home is 86. Total expense of maintenance for the year, \$33,337.12.

The report on foreign correspondence covers three hundred pages, and is by Brother Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary. In it he reviews sixty-eight Grand Lodge proceedings, and under their law he must "Refrain from criticism of such proceedings, as well as promulgating the opinion of the committee upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge."

MINNESOTA, 1916.

The Grand Lodge met at St. Paul, January 19th, 1916, M.·W.·. Harry M. Burnham, Grand Master, presiding. He reported the death of Past Senior Grand Warden, Edgar Nash; laid one corner-stone; dedicated one hall; made many visitations; approved by-laws and amendments; granted some dispensations and refused one to a lodge to attend church in regalia; and refused to grant dispensations to confer degrees on more than the constitutional number, or to receive the petition of those maimed and unable to conform to the requirement of the forms and ceremonies. He reported two decisions, arrested one jewel; and pleads for a Masonic Home. The Grand Lodge requires that \$100,000.00 be raised before operations begin, and the Grand Master wants the thirty thousand Masons to each give something.

The Grand Representatives were received with the Grand Honors; among them was the representative from Nebraska, who was elected and installed as Grand Master, M.·W.·. Brother Alfred G. Pinkham.

The Grand Lodge appropriated five thousand dollars for a perpetual membership in the Minnesota Masonic Home.

The oration, delivered by Brother John F. D. Meighen, is well worth reading. The old eyes of the writer became somewhat dim when he read it the *second* time.

The report on correspondence is by Brother Irving Todd, who reviews the proceedings of seventy Grand Lodges in a report of seventy-three pages. His condensation is one of the very best. He seems not to love the topical review but thinks it "of very little interest except to the compiler."

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association are published with the proceedings, and cover fifty pages, replete with interest to

every Mason. The program included "The Banner of our Order" given by six young sisters of the Eastern Star, an address by Rev. James R. Smith, a report of the Historian, and a roster of the association.

MISSISSIPPI, 1916.

The Grand Lodge met at Greenville, February 15th, 1916, Grand Master Jesse M. Brooks, presiding.

There was a public reception at the Grand Opera House; an address of welcome by Past Master Charles H. West, one in behalf of the citizens by Past Master E. G. Ham, Mayor of the city, and a response by Past Grand Master William A. Roane, and an address by Mrs. Annie Burkel, Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. After the reception the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Grand Master delivered his address.

He pays a tribute to the memories of Past Grand Master John Y. Murry, and Grand Lecturer and Honorary Past Grand Master Allen M. Hicks, and notes the death of distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions. He constituted six new lodges; formed five by dispensation; arrested one charter; reported no decisions, all new questions coming to him being referred to the Law Committee; laid four corner-stones; and commends the management of the Masonic Home.

The Grand Lodge in order to construe its action at a former communication in reference to its relation to the brethren of New Jersey on the question of Negro Masonry, adopted a preamble and resolution; the latter is as follows:

Be it Therefore Resolved: That no Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction may affiliate with, or hold Masonic intercourse with any Mason of any other Grand Jurisdiction who is an affiliate of a subordinate Lodge in such Grand Jurisdiction, among the membership of which subordinate Lodge there are negroes or a negro.

The Board of Managers of the Masonic Home reported receipts \$31,183.38, expenditures \$29,792.22. They have one hundred and nineteen children in their Home, and have \$109,894.05 in the Home Endowment Fund.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand Master Harry Howard; he quotes freely from the address of Grand Master Davis and also from the report of "Uncle Bob."

MISSOURI, 1915.

The ninety-fifth annual communication met in St. Louis, September 28th, 1915, with M. W. Tolman W. Cotton, Grand Master, presiding. There was an address of welcome by the Mayor and a response by P. G. M. James W. Boyd, and he struck a responsive chord in the

heart of the writer when he said: "I never make a speech or a response or anything else, but I want to talk about the Masonic Home a little,— I can't help but do that."

The Grand Master makes a splendid address; he reports a letter sent out hoping to aid the new officers to demonstrate that "Masonry is a Progressive Science," and he issued a letter to all the lodges, discussing the business side of Masonry, Investigation Committees, and Temperance; and endorses the declaration of his predecessor that the excessive use of intoxicating liquors in our ranks is a monstrous evil. Of gambling he says:

There are those who have their names enrolled on our Lodge books who sometimes so far forget themselves as "Living examples of a 'Beautiful System of Morals'" as to gather around a card table in some secluded spot for gambling purposes.

"Stolen waters are sweet, and
bread eaten in secret is pleasant.
But he knoweth not that the dead
are there."

Of profanity he says:

We can sympathize with the man who has failed in the performance of some important duty; we can appreciate why men might become intemperate in the use of intoxicating liquors; we can understand why men will gamble for money; but we can *not* understand why a man who has been "raised" to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and who has been taught "Never to mention God's name but with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator," can habitually and wilfully profane the sacred name of Deity.

The Grand Master reports the laying of the two ton corner-stone of the new capitol building at Jefferson City; endorses the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, attended its meeting, believes it is deserving, and should have further assistance from them, but since completing and equipping their Home, under special assessment, deems it inexpedient at this time to consider the matter.

There is much in the address that the writer would like to copy, (scissors are barred in this jurisdiction) but space forbids.

They have a by-law that provides: "A Lodge shall not be permitted to contract debts for any purpose or to engage in enterprises for building hall without the consent and approval of the Grand Master."

Grand Master Cotton speaks in glowing terms of the Home, established at St. Louis in 1889; it has assets of more than half a million dollars, has two hundred and fifty-two residents; the Grand Lodge dues were increased fifty cents per capita, Missouri Masons now paying \$1.25 for the Home, and 50 cents for the running expenses of the Grand Lodge. The speech made by M. . W. . Brother William F. Kuhn, in support of the amendment raising the dues, is worthy of a place

in every Masonic publication; it is needless to say that the amendment was passed by practically unanimous vote.

The report of the Grand Secretary is a complete statement of the work of his office for the current year.

During the first day's session of the Grand Lodge the Administration building of the Home was dedicated by the Grand Master, under the direction of R. W. Brother Sol E. Waggoner, President of the Home Board. Addresses were made by Mrs. Lillie L. Fletcher, Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, who presented the furnishings of the Home, and by Brother Kuhn, accepting the same on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

The report on fraternal correspondence is by Rev. Charles C. Woods, D. D., Past Grand Master; consists of one hundred and ninety-seven pages, Nebraska being fully considered. He closes his interesting review with the poem, "Armageddon," by Fay Hempstead, Poet Laureate of Freemasonry.

MONTANA, 1914.

The Grand Lodge met in the city of Butte, September 16th, 1914, with Grand Master Otto F. Wasmandorff presiding, who in his address says:

Whatever our political or racial sympathies may be, we will unite in thanks to the Supreme Being for the fact that as a nation we are at peace with all the world.

When the sound of musketry reaches us from the South and the roar of the cannon on the European continent is proving to us that man is but mortal, and is swayed by human emotions of hatred and revenge, we are reminded that Masonry teaches us to circumscribe our passions, and commands us to refrain from any violent or contentious altercations with our fellow men.

He pays a just tribute to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions; reports dispensations for five new lodges; decides that a lodge cannot charge dues in advance against a brother applying for a demit; reports the proceedings of the conference of Grand Masters at St. Louis; and divided the lodges in the state and used all the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters to make visitations, so that all lodges in the state were visited by some member of the Grand Lodge.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home rendered a report of their stewardship, showing that the net worth of the Home investment was \$120,530.12.

A loving cup was presented to M. W. Brother Arthur C. Logan, Past Grand Master, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election as Grand Master.

By vote of the Grand Lodge the salary of the Grand Secretary was increased from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Past Grand Master H. S. Hepner; he devotes three full pages to Nebraska, and quotes liberally from the address of Grand Master Cain and Grand Orator Harvey H. Harmon.

MONTANA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Grand Falls, September 15th, 1915, with Grand Master Lewis A. Smith, presiding. He pays a tribute to the fraternal dead; reports traveling fourteen hundred miles (round trip) in constituting three lodges chartered at the last session of the Grand Lodge; issued dispensations for eight new lodges; visited twenty-five lodges and the Masonic Home; granted four dispensations, and refused six. He reports ten decisions; recommends that the Grand Lodge take a \$100.00 membership in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and endorses the War Relief Association. He gives his hearty endorsement to the Masonic Lecture Bureau, although he says it is a private enterprise and not conducted by or connected with the Grand Lodge. He makes many recommendations, one against the "Smoke Nuisance," wants a one year limit to the life of a demit, and closes his interesting report with "I have done the best I could."

The Trustees of the Masonic Home report the financial conditions of the Home good; they have thirteen residents in the Home.

The Grand Lodge dedicated the Great Falls Masonic Temple on the evening of the first day of the session, at which time an oration was delivered by M. W. Brother E. C. Day, Past Grand Master; his address was largely retrospective, and he quotes from the article of our Brother Roscoe Pound, published in the "Builder" during the past year.

The compensation of the reviewer was increased, and arrangements were made to observe the semi-centennial of the organization of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge, while commending the work of the Masonic Lecture Bureau, did not deem it advisable to take any official action, "inasmuch as it appears to be a private enterprise."

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted an amendment as follows:

Provided, however, That the Grand Lodge, when in session, may grant a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge without the recommendation or consent of the lodge or lodges nearest to the site of the proposed lodge.

Another splendid review of over two hundred pages is by Past Grand Master Hepner; in reviewing Nebraska he quotes freely from the address of Grand Master Morgan, calls it a businesslike address,

and says he would like to print the oration of Brother Shepherd in full; he copies over two pages and says it was beautifully elegant.

NEVADA, 1915.

Grand Lodge met at Reno, June 8th, 1915, with M. . W. . Theodore J. Steinmetz, Grand Master, presiding. He reports the death of Past Grand Master Joseph E. Miller and R. . W. . Brother Edward T. George, Past Senior Grand Warden; reports many visitations, and says the standard work is giving more or less trouble, the officers need coaching and that there is none to do the work. He reports many requests received from other jurisdictions to confer degrees. He approved the Masonic War Relief Association, and sent a circular letter to the lodges of his jurisdiction urging contributions. He says "Now that the General Grand Lodge idea has been almost universally condemned," he hopes Nevada may be represented in the future conferences of Grand Masters. He wants all levity and joking banished from the lodge room during the work hours, and prays for peace "ere the gavel sounds the opening of another annual meeting."

The Grand Secretary reports all contributions received forwarded to the War Relief Association.

The oration is by W. . Brother Samuel Unsworth; his theme being the one hundred and thirty-third Psalm.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence recommended uniting with the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands "in such preliminary steps as it may propose for the formation of a General International Masonic Peace Union."

The Committee on Masonic Home recommended that a sum equaling twenty-five cents per capita, upon Master Masons borne on the rolls, be set aside each year to form a Masonic Home Fund, which was adopted.

The report on correspondence is by R. . W. . Brother Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Commissioner of Review, and it is "some review," covering one hundred and seventy pages, two of which are devoted to Nebraska.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Saint John, April 6th, 1915, Grand Master Hedley V. B. Bridges, presiding. He reports fully and feelingly the deaths of many distinguished Masons of his own and other jurisdictions; regrets his inability to make many official visits, and then occupies seven pages of the proceedings to describe the visits made. He says:

We sometimes hear the opinion expressed among masons that

there should be uniformity of Ritual at least throughout the Dominion. It has never seemed to me so very desirable and it certainly appears impracticable. It is enough that the grand principles are the same throughout.

The Board of General Purposes made report of the year's work.
No report on correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Concord, May 19th, 1915, Grand Master Stephen S. Jewett, presiding. In his report, after paying a tribute to the dead he deplores the bloody conflict raging in Europe; he reports one decision, granted a number of dispensations and refused others; dedicated one hall; and commends the management of the Masonic Home. He endorses the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and gives his unqualified approval of the War Relief Association, joining with the Grand Commander, Grand Master of the Grand Council, and the Grand High Priest in circularizing the lodges for help.

Queensland was granted recognition.

The constitution was amended raising the fee to be paid the Grand Lodge for initiations from three to five dollars, the extra two dollars to be set apart for a charity fund, the income to be used by the Committee on Charities for the care and maintenance of the sick and destitute wives, widows, orphans, and minor children of members.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M.:W.:Brother Harry M. Cheney, consisting of one hundred and sixty-four pages, and is a model production, all its name implies—A Review.

NEW JERSEY, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met in the city of Trenton, April 21st, 1915, M.:W.:Charles P. Russ, Grand Master, presiding; 189 out of 194 lodges were represented by 421 Masters and Wardens, and there were also present 442 Past Masters who are permanent members of the Grand Lodge.

An amendment was proposed the year before as follows:

If any Past Master shall fail to attend three successive Annual Communications of the M. W. Grand Lodge, he shall cease to be a permanent member of the Grand Lodge, but, upon his written application, he may be restored by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge.

It is needless to say the amendment was defeated. The Grand Lodge of New York, in 1849 sensed the danger and applied the remedy, by excluding Past Masters as permanent members.

The Grand Master reports a busy year, judging from the services rendered; reports many requests for dispensations, granted some, refused others; laid seven corner-stones; visited seven foreign jurisdictions and forty-four local and district lodges, and reports one decision. He says that the affairs of the Home continue in a prosperous and satisfactory condition, and recommends the establishment of an Infirmary in connection with the Home. The Home Committee reports 87 residents in the Home, 69 adults and 18 children; the cash donations for Christmas Fund amounted to \$738.38. We would like at this time to copy that portion of the report of the Home Committee "in the most tender manner reminding brethren who make a casual visit to the Home, and in their overzealousness form conclusions, which are inimical to the Home or its management, and spread them broadcast before satisfactorily determining their truth," but space forbids.

The report on correspondence is by Brother Robert A. Shirrefs, 128 pages; a splendid report; sorry that Nebraska was "not in it."

NEW MEXICO, 1915.

The thirty-eighth annual communication was held in the city of Albuquerque, on October 11th, 1915, with M. W. Raleigh F. Hare, Grand Master, presiding. The Grand Master reports having issued dispensations to eight lodges to sublet their halls to the Order of the Eastern Star. Here we do not ask the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge as to the Eastern Star occupying our halls. He wisely determined that the lodge should decide whether a candidate who had the first two fingers of his right hand amputated at the second joint, could conform to the letter and spirit of the law and ceremonies of the Fraternity.

He reports \$1,161.95 collected for War Relief.

A membership in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was provided for.

The Kit Carson Home was ordered transferred to the local lodge at Taos, under condition and with the reservation that a room be forever maintained to be known as the "Kit Carson Room."

The report on foreign correspondence is by Brother John Milne, who was appointed to take the place of Past Grand Master James H. Wroth who resigned on account of ill health. Brother Wroth has been the reviewer of that jurisdiction for the past ten years, and has been accounted one of the best correspondents in the harness. Brother Milne submits a report of over one hundred pages; Nebraska, for 1915 being fully reviewed

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1915.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in its proceedings shows three special and four quarterly meetings during the year ending June 24th, 1915; the M.·W.·Grand Master, William Thompson, presided at all the meetings. He reported that he had issued 122 dispensations, and urged the necessity for more uniformity in the work. The Grand Inspector of Workings submitted a report of the work done during the year. The Grand Treasurer reports over \$250,000.00 on hand and invested. A large patriotic fund was raised.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence say:

The dire calamity of war has fallen upon the civilized world, and the great Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons has become involved in that Titanic struggle now raging in Europe.

The very universality of our Order, so frequently our proud boast, has, by reason of its all-embracing nature, produced a cleavage in the bonds that unite us.

The report on foreign correspondence is by the individual members of the committee, Nebraska being reviewed by Brother Claude Manning.

NEW YORK, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met in New York City May 4th, 1915, Grand Master George Freifeld presiding; in his address he says they have the largest Masonic jurisdiction in the Western Hemisphere if not in the world, and remarks:

The universality of Masonry is abundantly shown here.

We have received into the body of our Fraternity, not only the occasional individual who from the fact of his birth in another country may be termed "a foreigner", but there are represented in this Grand Lodge whole Lodges composed of Italians, Frenchmen, Germans, Scandinavians, Spaniards, and others having a large number of Armenians, Turks, Russians and Poles. These Brethren vie with the native American in their eager enthusiasm, steadfast loyalty and brotherly emulation in the work of the Fraternity under the leadership of successive Grand Masters.

He pays a tribute to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions; granted thirty-eight dispensations; laid four corner-stones; recommends a minimum fee of thirty dollars for the degrees and three dollars in rural districts and five dollars in cities for dues. He commends the management of the Home, which has four hundred and forty-four residents. Fifteen new lodges were started by dispensation.

The Grand Historian, R.·W.·Brother Ossian Lang, presented a very interesting report; he calls attention to the approach of the Bicentenary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, and says:

Whatever conclusion may be presented by scholars, whatever theories may be defended by speculators, whatever pretensions may be exhibited by those who want to prove a pretension, concerning earlier origins of the antecedents of our Fraternity, the simple certainty remains that the formation of the Grand Lodge of England marked the beginning of Freemasonry as we know it. By holding fast to this primary fact, we shall be saved much confusion of purposes and dangerous misinterpretation of essentials.

He concludes his interesting report by explaining how Frederick the Great became a Mason, which space forbids me copying.

The Committee on Masonic Employment Bureau reported 314 positions secured during the year.

The report of the Judge Advocate, R. W. Brother John A. Dutton, covers thirty-seven pages of the proceedings, and fully covers all matters submitted to him.

M. W. Brother William Sherer, Past Grand Master, made the report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, covering something over a hundred pages, Nebraska being given consideration. He says New York is "not in it" and wants to know "why?" The little mound in "God's Acre" at Schuyler tells the story.

I cannot close this review without bringing to our brethren the following from the pen of Grand Master Freifeld.

A Plea for Peace to Free and Accepted Masons.

We have reached the "enlightened twentieth century."

We are the inheritors of the art, the literature, the music, and the science of the past nineteen centuries. This is the twentieth century of the Christian era. The Prince of Peace was born 1900 years ago.

Yet we stand face to face with a cruel, savage, wicked war. The best blood of Europe is being spilled in great streams. Christian England, cultured Germany, artistic France, autocratic Russia, Moslem Turkey, turbulent Austria-Hungary are all alike guilty and are all at one another's throat.

So-called neutral countries are sharpening the swords, making the bullets and casting the cannons (for profit) to supply the means for spilling more blood, and incidentally gaining treasure for themselves. Starvation, famine, pestilence, maimings, insanity, widowhood, death are the glorious results. Thus have they done in other days also. The great, essentially neutral oceans are violated.

In this general melee is there no power capable of causing these earthly powers to cease their murderous conflict and to halt those who aid and abet the savagery?

There has been and is today a great force in the world. Its peaceful yet powerful influence has survived the wreck of dynasties and the shock of time. It is still abroad and alive. Its vitality is yet potent, and is being exercised in the paths of mercy. It still soothes the dying and brings help to the wounded. In a thousand ways its quiet and beneficent influence bears on the proud warrior and comforts the afflicted victim. The Church of the Living God still lives.

There is another silent yet potent force in the world, spreading its influence far and wide, regarding neither Gentile nor Jew, Mohammedan nor Christian, as such, and yet embracing them all. It craves world

power and universal sway: not at the sword's point, but through the spirit of one great principle—brotherhood.

How shall these two great forces, neither supplanting the other, but co-operating with each other, make their weight felt?

Are there ideas to be discarded and practices to be condemned because they lead to or prolong war?

Should we not in this century set up other standards as nations and peoples which may develop peace as those of the past have brought on war?

Shall not the Church of God and the brotherhood of Masonry take advanced ground?

Have we no peace-loving statesman, whether in the world's high places or in humble station, whose thought will cope with the great problem confronting a saddened world?

Are life-saving, war-prevention thoughts too deep in the well of the human mind to be reached?

Cannot the divine spark illuminate the abyss of human hate and passion, and show a ray of love and of mercy, of sweetness and of peace?

Is one nation or another utterly to perish by the sword, and then shall the survivors again fight over the spoils until all are annihilated?

Are not these practical, pressing, all-important considerations in this day and generation to engage our interest, our intellect, our hearts?

Let us keep them before our ancient brotherhood with open minds, merciful hearts, thoughtful brains, and kindly spirits, looking ever for a great leader, not of one nation or tribe, but of all the people of every nation on the face of the earth, who shall show us the way of righteousness and guide us in the paths of peace!

NEW ZEALAND, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Wellington, May 12th, 1915; M. . W. . John J. Dougall, Grand Master, presiding. The first business after reading the minutes was considering the annual balance sheet, next the nominations for Grand Officers. They have a "Scheme of Distribution of Elective Grand Lodge Officers." In some jurisdictions they have schemes for elections but not distribution.

The Board of Benevolences reported about \$1,700.00 expended for charitable purposes. The brethren are active in raising a "Special War Fund," and the report shows that a good Masonic work is being done by them; the Grand Secretary estimates that by the end of the year, the fund will reach seven thousand pounds. Well done.

The Grand Master in his address resumes the history of the Grand Lodge for the past twenty-five years, and demonstrates that the brethren 'Came up through great tribulation' in the establishment of an independent and Supreme Grand Lodge.

The review is written by R. . W. . Brother Sydney C. Bingham, P. . P. . G. . M. ., Nebraska being liberally accorded two and one-half pages of this excellent report.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Grand Forks, June 15th, 1915, with M. . W. . Frank H. Sprague, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master makes a brief report of his official acts; he constituted three lodges; issued dispensations for four new ones; authorized the Grand Secretary to draw an order for one hundred dollars for Belgian Relief; joined with the Grand Commander and Grand High Priest in an appeal to the Craft of the state for aid to the Masonic War Relief Association; reports improvement in two lodges, placed under his watchful care by the Grand Lodge; dedicated one hall; and rendered one decision.

The Grand Lodge awards a prize (a solid gold watch suitably engraved) to the winner of the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest. The prize was awarded to Robert Bruce Pollock, a senior in Fargo College. His theme was America's Opportunity;—A plea for America to get into the forefront for a world's peace. The oration was delivered before the members of the Grand Lodge, and is published in the proceedings.

The report on fraternal correspondence is by Past Grand Master James W. Foley, and consists of forty-seven pages in which thirty-eight proceedings are reviewed, among them Nebraska for 1914. The reviewer says that Brother Phelps wastes little time in either quoting or commenting.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Halifax, June 9th, 1915, with Grand Master William M. Christie, presiding. He devotes two pages of his report to the war; Masonry in the jurisdiction was at a standstill by reason thereof, the net increase in the jurisdiction was reported at seven. This the Grand Master attributes to the fact that the minds of the people are fully occupied by war and the news of war. He reports twelve decisions, eleven of them were approved; the other was where he granted a dispensation to install a Master-elect (who was in France with his regiment) by proxy. Yet he reports that the Master-elect was not installed. He reports the Masonic Home a success, and issued thirteen dispensations to lodges to attend church wearing regalia.

The report on correspondence is by R. . W. . Brother Thomas Mowbray, Grand Secretary. He reviews Nebraska for 1914, and commends about all there was done.

OHIO, 1915.

Annual Communication at Dayton, October 20th, 1915.

M. . W. . George L. Marshall, Grand Master, presiding; he describes local conditions in the following concise paragraph:

At peace with the world, provided by Nature with a generous harvest, our industries thrive and the welfare of the Nation is maintained. Our fraternal relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are cordial; the prosperity and influence of Masonry is greater in the Western Hemisphere than ever before.

He reports the death of many distinguished Masons of his own and other jurisdictions. The net gain is over five thousand, bringing the total Master Masons in the jurisdiction to over one hundred thousand. He reports the dedication of seventeen halls, lodge rooms, and temples, and the laying of seventeen corner-stones. He reports no decisions and says:

In my judgment, we should not further complicate our Jurisprudence with needless decisions, which are nothing more than constructions of the By-laws or Code.

The printed report of the Trustees of the Masonic Home was presented and ordered printed with the proceedings. The Home is situated near Springfield, on 150 acres of land, and was established in 1897. They have a main building, a girls' cottage, a boys' cottage, a hospital, and a power plant. The estimated value of the Home property is \$365,000.00, and the endowment and special funds amount to \$190,188.00. There are 89 men, 63 women, 31 boys, and 22 girls, residents in the Home. The Superintendent reports contentment prevailing throughout their Home, yet they have residents who are inclined to sow discord and discontent among those with whom they come in contact, which seems to be fully explained by one of the residents while absent on a two weeks' visit, who wrote the Superintendent as follows:

I have the habit of enjoyment, and for this reason I think I am less unhappy in the Home than are some others. I have been very much impressed with the peculiarity of the human family which makes every thing desirable except what one has at hand.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veterans' Association at its 44th annual meeting are published in the proceedings. Ven. Brother Nelson Williams read an original poem appropriate to the occasion, entitled "The Clasp of a Veteran's Hand."

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother Nelson Williams, Past Grand Master. He calls attention to the letter of Grand Master Whiting declining to be the first Grand Master to draw a salary from the Grand Lodge; says it has a true ring, and he is satisfied that when the year is over he will be glad he took the stand he did.

OKLAHOMA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Guthrie, February 16th, 1915, and was presided over by Grand Master William Perry Freeman, who in his address shows that he has had a busy year, and says:

While the greatest and most uncalled for, useless and senseless war in the history of the world is devastating Europe, we are at peace, because we, as a nation, are putting into practice, as far as human endeavor can do, the principles of justice between man and man, and between nation and nation.

He pays a loving tribute to his personal friend, M.:W.:John R. Thomas, Past Grand Master of Illinois, and to many other distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions. He constituted, by special deputies, ten new lodges; granted dispensations for eight new lodges; laid four corner-stones, and issued proxies for the laying of four others. He dedicated two halls, and devoted considerable time in unraveling and straightening out the tangles in a number of lodges. He reports forty-five decisions, most of them covered by their code. Under their law a Fellow Craft or Entered Apprentice can be granted a demit.

He especially commends the Masonic Lecture Bureau, and the National Masonic Research Society. He wants an emergent relief fund to be at the disposal of the Grand Master.

Brother Woodson E. Norvell, Grand Orator, delivered a splendid address on "Logarithms of Life." What a pity it is that this gem could not or rather is not published so as to be placed in the hands of every Mason. The writer has in mind one lodge in this jurisdiction where it will be read.

The Grand Secretary submits a report which demonstrates that there is something lacking in the mode of collecting Grand Lodge dues.

The report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home shows that the property, consisting of six hundred and thirty-four acres, formerly being the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian school reservation, was purchased for about seventy-three thousand dollars, and is now inventoried at \$193,549.02. They have about one hundred and thirty residents in the Home.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Past Grand Master Thomas C. Humphry.

OREGON, 1915.

The Grand Lodge was held at Portland, June 16th, 1915, with Grand Master William C. Bristol, presiding. His address is replete with recommendations; he finds fault with the wastefulness and extravagance among the lodges that expend \$68,923.00 and have nothing to show for it at the end of the year. He suggests putting the Grand Lodge

on wheels, and holding the sessions elsewhere than in the city of Portland, whose interests detract attention; makes a plea for Masonic education, and recommends the establishment of a method of Masonic instruction in all constituent lodges. He thinks we have outgrown the Prestonian-Webb preparations; says a key or cypher is a destructive, nefarious, vicious thing, destroying one of the five points of fellowship, and thinks that the only place for it is in the archives of the Grand Secretary for reference. The Grand Lodge voted to keep what keys they had, but no appropriation was to be made to further print and distribute cypher keys. The Grand Master reports granting one dispensation, and revoked one charter; he speaks feelingly of the death of Past Grand Master John McCracken.

The oration was by Brother William J. Kerr; he discusses some of the fundamental principles and the real philosophy of Masonry, and by a rising vote the Grand Lodge tendered its thanks.

The Grand Lodge very wisely refused to amend its law so as to make May 30th, a Masonic Memorial Day.

The Grand Lodge amended its "laws for constituent lodges" so that the Master shall not announce in open lodge the names of committees on petitions for degrees or affiliation.

At the close of the important business of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master Bristol was presented with a Past Grand Masters' apron, the presentation being made by Past Grand Master Burnett and fittingly responded to by the recipient.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M.:W.:David P. Mason, Past Grand Master, and consists of one hundred and seventy-eight well written pages, Nebraska receiving its due portion.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1915.

Four quarterly communications were held during the year, and the annual communication was held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1915; R.:W.:J. Henry Williams, Grand Master, presiding.

One hundred and thirty-four out of four hundred and ninety-seven lodges were represented. Six several reports of Trustees of Special Funds are given, showing large bequests for relief, one amounting to about one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars. The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund reported having granted relief to 831 applicants, expending for that purpose the sum of \$8,820.00.

The Grand Master of New York and distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions were welcomed. The Grand Master reports many dispensations granted and corner-stones laid. The report of the Committee on Homes informs us that they have 245 guests in the several Homes. The "Masonic Home" is incorporated; it seems that in 1913

the Grand Lodge appointed a committee to endeavor to have the articles of incorporation of the Home amended, so that the trust funds and other property would be transferred to the Grand Lodge. The answer of the Home Corporation was:

Resolved, That the Homes on North Broad Street now being conducted by the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, now in its thirty-first year, be further maintained and continued under the same management as heretofore; and further

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania notify Grand Lodge that the request to change the Charter, and surrender the Trust Funds and other Property to Grand Lodge, is inadvisable at the present time, and therefore respectfully declined

Is an invitation from the King in the nature of a command?

Has the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania supreme legislative, executive, and judicial power?

Nine edicts were issued against Masons in other jurisdictions, who had been rejected by lodges in Pennsylvania; seventeen declaring null and void the action of lodges, one because the initiate was not "Of Good Masonic Report;" one set aside the election for Junior Warden for the reason that members were allowed to vote who were in arrears for dues; one directed the Master of a lodge to strike from the rolls of members, an initiate who was not when approved and initiated "Under the tongue of good report."

R. W. Brother Louis A. Watres was installed as Grand Master, and made an excellent address; he said the Masons of Pennsylvania had four and one-half millions vested interests, and over one and one-half millions trust funds.

There is no report on correspondence.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Manila, February 2d, 1915, with Grand Master Newton C. Comfort presiding, who in his address, speaking of the war in Europe says:

In a universal fraternity such as ours an unfortunate occurrence such as this makes one almost doubt that the ideals we love so much will ever be realized, yet every war so far in the history of humanity, saturated with blood and blistered with tears, has resulted in a deeper friendship between man and man, in higher type of civilization, and in a loftier sense of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

He reports three decisions, in accordance with Masonic law; granted two dispensations to form new lodges; granted one authorizing a lodge to accept and ballot on a petition of an officer in the United States army, who had not resided in the jurisdiction the required time.

The Grand Lodge is starting a library.

The Grand Secretary reports that their Grand Lodge has received recognition from forty-one Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Orator, Brother George Rogers Harvey, delivered an interesting oration on "Freemasonry in Action" which was well received, a vote of thanks tendered, and the oration ordered published in the proceedings.

The foreign correspondence by Brother George R. Harvey is well written, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, Nebraska among them.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Charlottetown, June 23d, 1915, with Grand Master George S. Inman presiding. In his address he pays a loving tribute to the fraternal dead; refers feelingly to the terrible war; and reports an appeal sent to the lodges for aid to the war sufferers, from which \$1,075.00 was obtained. He reports issuing five dispensations, one to confer a degree in less time than required by the constitution, and the other four to permit lodges to attend divine service wearing regalia.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland received fraternal recognition, and the applications of the "Grand Loge Nationale Independante & Reguliere Pour La France & les Colonies Francaises" and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, were deferred.

There is no report on correspondence.

QUEBEC, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Montreal, February 10th, 1915, with M. W. John E. Wright, Grand Master, presiding. He recalls the Empress of Ireland disaster and expresses his sympathy, and refers to the unfortunate war now raging, his remarks being in striking contrast with some effusions on the subject from some other sources. He reports the death of many distinguished Masons of the jurisdiction and other Grand Lodges. The benevolences were well cared for during the year, special stress being laid on relief for war sufferers.

The Committee on the State of Masonry truly says:

There is really much more in our Masonry than what appears on the surface,—much more than the mere conferring of degrees, much more than the constantly increasing accessions to our ranks, the institution of new Lodges and the accumulation of money.

\$625.00 was expended for relief during the year, by the Committee on Benevolences and Charity, in addition to the sum appropriated by the Grand Lodge.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers, comprising one hundred and sixty-six pages, Nebraska receiving its due portion.

QUEENSLAND, 1914.

A special meeting was held at Brisbane, August 12th, 1914, Grand Master A. M. Hertzberg, presiding. A large part of the address of the Grand Master is taken up in discussing the relationship of their Grand Lodge with other Grand Lodges, visits and visitations; he reports traveling 3,648 miles in the discharge of his duties as Grand Master.

At the stated communication held at the same place, September 14th, 1914, the same Grand Master presiding, the Board of General Purposes reported that the establishment of a Grand Lodge of Instruction was inopportune at this time. The balance of the session was taken up in the discussion of Grand Lodge accounts, and the presentation of regalia, and reports on visitation.

June 14th, 1915, the last of the stated communications was held. The Board of General Purposes made a complete report of their meetings; new officers were elected, and something over three hundred dollars granted for relief. The question of a patriotic fund was discussed, and a resolution of sympathy for the bereaved families, who lost some of their loved ones in the war, was passed, and a collection for widows, orphans, and aged Masons was taken.

There is no report on correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATION, 1915.

Grand Lodge met at Providence, May 17th, 1915, M. W. James F. Parker, Grand Master, presiding. He reports the deaths of members of all particular lodges in his jurisdiction; granted ten dispensations to attend church and six for other purposes; reports one decision, and his retirement with great satisfaction.

The five District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports, as did the Grand Lecturer. The Grand Lodge adopted the identification card system.

There is no report on fraternal correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Regina, June 16th, 1915, with Grand Master Lauchlin Taylor McDonald, presiding. There was an address of welcome by the Mayor and suitable responses by two of the brethren. The Grand Master reports a successful year both financially and numerically; he says the danger today is the popularity of our institu-

tion, and thinks that quality and not quantity should govern us in the selection of material for our building; he says we do not want fewer members, but do want more morals, and if we can only have "more morals" by lessening the membership, let us lessen the number.

He reports the death of Past Grand Master John Leslie, and of many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions. He reports issuing thirty-three dispensations to attend church in regalia.

The District Deputy Grand Masters all make full reports.

An excellent report on foreign correspondence is made by Past Grand Master A. S. Gorrell, and to the mind of this Neophite it is one of the best reports for the year. The scissors must have been very dull, yet the review covers one hundred and thirty-nine pages, reviewing fifty-eight Grand Lodges, including Nebraska which receives its full share.

SCOTLAND, 1916.

Four quarterly communications were held during the year; the first May 6th, the second August 5th, the third November 4th, 1915, and the last February 3d, 1916.

Col. R. King Stewart, Grand Master, presided at all meetings, and the important business transacted at each of these communications was relating to the question of relief granted during the year.

A special committee to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, relating to brethren of alien birth, reported recommending that the Grand Lodge at the May meeting pass a resolution prohibiting all brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian, and Turkish birth or nationality, attending any lodge meeting until after a treaty of peace has been signed and the Grand Lodge determine otherwise.

In regard to the wider question brought under discussion by the Grand Secretary of England, suggesting the severing of the Masonic ties with German and Hungarian Grand Lodges or brethren, the special committee recommend that the Grand Lodge resolve as follows:

That for Constitutional and broad Masonic reasons this Grand Lodge is not prepared to take the further steps adverted to in Grand Secretary of England's letter, being of opinion that justice cannot be done to such vital questions until after peace shall have been restored.

It is hoped that when this cruel and uncalled-for war shall be a matter of history, we will again devote our time in discussing the universality of Masonry, the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1915.

Half-yearly communication held at Adelaide, October 21st, 1914.

A beautiful incident at the opening of the Grand Lodge, was the presentation, discussion, and adoption of the following resolution:

That the members of this Grand Lodge affectionately welcome their beloved Grand Master, rejoicing at his restoration to health and strength, after the great trial which he had borne with such indomitable courage and fortitude, and hope that for many years to come he may be spared to rule and govern the Craft.

This venerable Grand Master, Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel James Way, has for thirty-eight years presided in the Supreme Court and for more than twenty-five years as Grand Master. Besides losing his arm by amputation, his beloved wife was called to eternal rest during the year, and when it is known that the venerable brother was in his 80th year, no wonder the brethren rejoiced at his restoration.

There is very much of the cruel war in the address of the Grand Master; he was re-elected for the 26th time. He reports the membership at 5,702; funds at \$165,000.00; \$6,000.00 expended for relief.

The report on correspondence is by a committee of eight, Nebraska being reviewed by V.·W.·Brother F. Lathlean, Deputy Grand Inspector of Lodges, who accords this jurisdiction two pages, quoting one page from the oration of Brother Shepherd, our Grand Orator.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1914.

The Grand Lodge was held at Charleston, December 8th, 1914, with M.·W.·George T. Bryan, Grand Master, presiding.

The first business after the opening of the Grand Lodge was authorizing the Grand Secretary to employ a stenographer, and the next was to suspend one of their by-laws and allow mileage and per diem to a representative of a lodge under dispensation.

The Grand Master in his address makes report of his work during the year; reports twenty-eight rulings, all in accordance with the Masonic law of that jurisdiction, and all published, except one relating to physical qualification, which was not published by order of the Grand Lodge. He constituted three lodges by proxy; laid three cornerstones and issued proxies for the laying of two others; he refused to lay two, for reasons sufficient to himself; made twenty-five visitations; issued sixty-four dispensations, some to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on more than five and less than ten candidates at one meeting; refused seven dispensations; and approved a number of by-laws and amendments. He announced the death of M.·W.·Brother Augustine T. Smythe, Past Grand Master, and many other distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions.

The jurisdiction is divided into eighteen districts, in each of which there is a District Deputy Grand Master, and each of them made a report of his doings during the Masonic year.

There was considerable discussion as to the best mode of dispensing Masonic Relief. They have a Masonic Home Fund of \$100,000.00, and had directed the Trustees of the fund to procure a site. After discussion the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that Masonic charity can best be dispensed by providing for the support of the indigent Master Mason, his widow, mother or adult daughter in their home or with friends, and for the support of the orphan child in some existing organized orphanage.

Resolved, First, That the Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund be and they are hereby, authorized to at once formulate rules and regulations for the relief of our indigent Master Masons, their widows, mothers, sisters, etc., in their respective homes or with some relative or friend.

Second, That they take up immediately with the different organized orphanages the question of providing for the support and education of our orphan children and that expenditures made under these resolutions shall not reduce the funds in the hands of the Trustees below \$100,000.00.

By unanimous vote the use of the Grand Lodge room, and if not otherwise engaged, the blue lodge room, was tendered to the Order of the Eastern Star at their annual convention.

A report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted by the Grand Lodge, held that under their law the Grand Master had no authority to appoint a proxy to lay a corner-stone.

The review of proceedings of other jurisdictions is by M. W. James L. Michie, Past Grand Master, and is a splendid summary of the proceedings of sixty-nine Grand Lodges. Under Nebraska, referring to an amendment proposed at a former communication and not adopted, he says:

If, under this amendment, it is proposed to pay Past Masters per diem and mileage, we would fraternally refer Nebraska to Georgia, where the pay roll is over \$20,000.00. We note that "Officers and members" of Nebraska were allowed per diem for three days for two days' attendance on Grand Lodge, so, if Past Masters are made members, it may quadruple the pay roll.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Sioux Falls, June 8th, 1915, with Grand Master George Philip, presiding. He reported constituting four lodges; issued six dispensations, says several were asked and granted, that were not necessary; held three emergent communications to lay corner-stones; dedicated one temple; reports three decisions of local interest only; pleads for a large increase in the Grand Lodge charity fund;

suggests a short lecture at every regular meeting of the subordinate lodges, on some special subject of Masonic interest; and pledges life-long fealty to the Craft.

The Grand Lodge, adopting the report of the committee, subscribed for six memberships, apportioned to the state of South Dakota, by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Adopting the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand Lodge disclaims perpetual jurisdiction over candidates, rejected by their lodges and removing from the jurisdiction; and does not recognize perpetual jurisdiction over persons who are residents of the state, but who were rejected by lodges in the jurisdiction from which they came.

The Past Grand Masters' Association held its tenth annual meeting; sixteen of the twenty-seven living members were present, and the meeting was presided over by M.·W.·Brother Thomas H. Brown, Past Grand Master, he being the oldest Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction, their average ages being sixty-two years. Brother Brown had the distinguished honor of installing his son as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

The report on correspondence is by M.·W.·Brother Samuel A. Brown, P.·G.·M.·. The report contains over two hundred pages. In reading the report, the writer wishes he had the ability, and was allowed the space in the proceedings, to make as good a one.

TENNESSEE, 1916.

One hundred and second annual communication at Nashville, January 26th, 1916. M.·W.·Brother T. A. Hinsey, Grand Master, presiding. He calls attention to the duties of the members of the Grand Lodge in the following:

It is your duty as the representatives of your Lodges to enact such additional rules and regulations as will add to the prosperity of Freemasonry in Tennessee.

It is your further duty to see that the ancient landmarks are preserved intact; to see that no harmful innovations are made in the body of Masonry; to see that the Lodges and members are obeying and living according to the wise and salutary rules of the Fraternity.

The Grand Master says that his first administrative act was in the line of relief, but his manner of granting relief was disapproved by the Grand Lodge. He had selected ten lodges at random and requested contributions for the assistance of the widow of a distinguished Mason, to pay taxes and insurance on her property.

He reports the deaths of Past Grand Masters John T. Williamson and Henry H. Ingersoll, and also the death of their Grand Secretary, John Berry Garrett, and pays a beautiful tribute to their memories.

He laid twelve corner-stones; granted twenty-one dispensations, refused seven; approved a number of appeals for aid, and refused some for good and sufficient reasons; reports a large number of visitations; condemns the "Chain Letter" nuisance; reports thirty-five decisions, a number of which were disapproved; and makes a full report of the Widows and Orphans Home. Their Home was established in 1892, and has property valued at \$50,000.00; has 179 residents, is supported by a per capita tax of 75 cents, which was recommended to be increased to one dollar. In addition to the Widows and Orphans Home, an Old Masons Home has just been completed at a cost of approximately \$30,000.00, all of which has been paid. Ten pages of the proceedings are taken up by the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, detailing minutely the facts in a number of cases of immoral and un-masonic conduct, on the part of some members of particular lodges.

The report on correspondence is by a committee, of which M.·W.·. Brother Henry A. Chambers is chairman, Nebraska being accorded due consideration.

The proceedings of the twenty-third annual meeting of the Masonic Veteran Association are published in the proceedings.

TEXAS, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Waco, December 7th, 1915, with Grand Master Jewel P. Lightfoot presiding. There were twenty-eight Masons present who had been Masons for over forty years, and in good standing during all that time, and the Grand Master paid them a splendid tribute, called them the fathers of Masonry in Texas, and at the conclusion of his remarks called on the brethren to join with him in the Grand Honors.

The Grand Master in his address says that the American people have shown a wonderful self-restraint, and have exhibited an equilibrium of temper and judgment gratifying to behold in the face of the conditions in Europe. He reports correspondence had with the Grand Masters of Louisiana, Kentucky, and Illinois, in reference to the invasion of jurisdiction by reason of the different laws of the several Grand Lodges; Louisiana not recognizing even the limited jurisdiction claimed by Texas over rejected material. In the Kentucky case, a lodge in Texas tried and expelled a member of a lodge in Kentucky, and the Grand Master of Kentucky held that the Texas lodge had no authority to try or punish such member.

The protest of the Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippines No. 2 against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, was submitted to the Grand Lodge, referred

to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who made a report and advised "That the protest * * * be respectfully overruled and denied."

A report is made of the appeals for aid. The War Relief fund is set forth and approved, the lodges were circularized, and \$2,920.00 was contributed and remitted to the chairman at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Grand Master refused permission to Shoshone Lodge No. 21 of Cody, Wyoming, to offer for sale to the Masonic lodges in Texas, bonds for their new Temple, and also refused to allow one of their own lodges to send out begging letters to the other lodges of the jurisdiction, to assist them in rebuilding a lodge room destroyed by fire, and upon which there was no insurance.

The Grand Master reports seventeen decisions, says he received hundreds of letters from lodges and members, and found full compensation in the pleasure derived from the fraternal correspondence with his brethren. This is so different from the doleful complaints of some of the Grand Masters in reporting the burden of their official correspondence.

The decisions were all approved, but are not of special interest outside of the jurisdiction, except No. 17. Under their law a brother was expelled, the case was appealed, reversed, and remanded for a new trial, a change of venue was taken and the brother acquitted by a vote of 23 to 1. The reversal did not restore the brother to membership in his own lodge, unless it was specifically ordered by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master held in favor of the brother and against the law, the decision was approved, and the law amended.

The Grand Orator delivered a fine address, his theme being "Character and the Influence of Masonry." The children from the Masonic Home at Fort Worth, in charge of Past Grand Master Walter Ackers, Superintendent of the Home and School, gave an entertainment before the Grand Lodge, for which they received the thanks from the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge. They had one hundred and twelve boys and one hundred and one girls at the home and school October 1st, 1915.

Texas has two homes under the control of the Grand Lodge, and they represent an investment of \$250,000.00, and an endowment fund and cash on hand of \$200,000.00. The Home for Aged Masons at Arlington was established at a cost of \$78,000.00, is supported by the Royal Arch Masons, and has about seventy residents.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Past Grand Master George W. Tyler, Nebraska being very liberally reviewed, six pages being devoted to our jurisdiction. There are no hobbles on Brother Tyler.

VERMONT, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Burlington, June 9th, 1915. Grand Master Charles H. Darling in reporting the general condition of the Craft says:

During the year we have had no special red letter days in our Masonry, there have been no great events that will go down in history, neither have we suffered any great reverses or calamities. The growth of the order has been steady, healthy and uninterrupted, * * * There is nothing to look back upon with any special regret.

He reports the dedication of two halls; criticises the mode of selecting the District Deputy Grand Masters, (the representatives of the District meet, select the Deputy, and report to the Grand Master or Grand Secretary) and says the selection is not made on merit but on the good old rule of "passing it around."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the question was referred, reported against any change in the by-law, but rather suggested that while the Grand Lodge and Grand Master may be properly invited to make suggestions, in any event the brother selected should be qualified for the office.

The Grand Master recommended that the law requiring the signing of the by-laws be repealed; which after due consideration and report by the Committee on Jurisprudence was approved, and the by-law annulled; and the law amended abolishing the requirement.

He decided that a soldier stationed at one of the forts in the state could gain a Masonic residence, which decision was approved by the Grand Lodge. This is not in accordance with the law in this jurisdiction.

The local lodges expended \$2,764.86 for relief.

The Grand Master entered a vigorous protest against publishing the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association, as part of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. The committee recommended a change in the law so that the proceedings should be published, not as part of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, but as an appendix to, or together with them.

The report on correspondence is by M.·W.·Brother Marsh O. Perkins, P.·G.·M.·. Nebraska gets full share of brotherly consideration.

VICTORIA, (AUSTRALIA), 1915.

The Grand Lodge held four quarterly communications during the year. They meet at 8 o'clock P. M., and complete the business of the session at one sitting. So much of the business of the Grand Lodge is done by the Board of General Purposes, that the sessions of the Grand Lodge can be held in such a manner, and the necessary business transacted.

The Board is composed of twenty-seven members, and they meet about twelve times a year and submit full reports to the Grand Lodge at its quarterly meetings. Benevolences are cared for by a board elected for that purpose, which meets frequently, and submits full reports. The Grand Master in his address sums up the activities of the year, and like very many proceedings of Grand Lodges, war is the principal theme.

WASHINGTON, 1915.

The fifty-eighth annual communication was held at North Yakima, June 8th, 1915, M.·W.· William J. Sutton, Grand Master, presiding. There was an address of welcome by the Mayor, Brother Joseph F. Barton, and a response by R.·W.·Brother George Lawler, Junior Grand Warden. The Grand Master delivered a business-like address, detailing his services to the Craft during the year, and reporting the death of R.·W.·Brother Isaac Parker, Past Junior Grand Warden. He constituted four new lodges; dedicated two new temples; laid six corner-stones; granted dispensations for three new lodges, and seven dispensations and refused five; rendered four decisions, one in reference to physical qualifications, and one as follows:

The petition of a person for the degrees of Masonry was rejected by a Lodge in another state, this Lodge claiming jurisdiction over petitioner for the period of five years. Held that a person who has resided one year within this jurisdiction is eligible to petition for the degrees.

He reports an appeal made for contributions to aid suffering Masons in the war zone, to be disbursed through the Masonic War Relief Association; and commends the work of the Masonic Home Board. They have a Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Puyallup, completed in January, 1914, the family consisting of thirty-seven residents. During the year the children were removed to a cottage on the Home grounds, and a competent Matron put in charge.

The Grand Secretary says: "Our Home Fund is in fine shape, * * * The income for the support of the Home, including contributions from the Order of the Eastern Star, was about \$1,000.00 in excess of expenditures which included about \$3,000.00 expended for permanent improvements."

The Home Board expended \$2,663.00 for relief of persons outside of the Home.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by M.·W.· Brother Ralph C. McAllaster, P.·G.·M.·, and is a topical production, treating the several live Masonic subjects with ability.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Perth, April 22d, 1915. The Grand Master, M. W. C. O. L. Riley, Archbishop of Perth, in his address, at one of the quarterly communications says:

I believe the King's motto for the Empire at the present time is "Business as Usual," and although we are at war and our hearts are full of anxiety we shall try to carry on our business as before, in the hope that after the conflict is over our Fraternity may at least have something to do with the healing of the breach between the nations.

The Grand Master gives an interesting report on Freemasonry in Germany that we read with considerable interest, and on another subject he says:

We do not wish to restrict the liberty of any brother; I am against restrictive legislation, unless absolutely necessary. What can we do then? I think we should do something. We can do away with intoxicating drink after Lodge Meetings until the war is over. That could be an official act on the part of the Craft in general; but it would not otherwise restrict individual liberty. What do you think? Of course we cannot begin until after tonight, as all arrangements have been made.

Very much of the time of the meeting was taken up with the reports of the several boards, and from these reports we glean that Masonry in West Australia is imbued with the principle of active Masonic benevolence.

The report on foreign correspondence, consisting of one hundred and twenty-eight pages, is well worth the time and effort of any brother to read, and makes one feel that he would like to be free to use the scissors and gather the roses that beset his pathway in the literary garden through which he meanders while reading the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Fairmont, November 10th, 1915, Grand Master William T. Ice, Jr., presiding. A vote of sympathy was tendered M. W. Brother Robert White, the oldest living Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction, who was seriously ill at his home. The Grand Master pays a tribute to the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions, calling the Grand Lodge to their feet while the names were read, the names of our Brothers Crites, Phelps, Dunham, Mercer, and Deuel being among the number. The Grand Master laid sixteen corner-stones, refused to lay three for churches on Sunday, following the decision of former Grand Masters in deciding that laying a corner-stone is work in Masonry, and that the Grand Lodge should not be convened for that purpose on Sunday.

Report is made of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge; an address on "How West Virginia Masons secured their Grand Lodge" was made by Brother O. S. McKinney.

The Grand Master reports eighteen decisions, all approved by the Grand Lodge. In regard to one decision, No. 5, the writer recalls a contest in a political convention in the western part of the state some thirty-five years ago; each faction (U. P. and B. & M.) had ten delegates, one was elected chairman and when it came to balloting for a candidate the chairman insisted that he had a vote as a member of his delegation and there being a tie vote he had the deciding vote. Under the decision it was held that at the election of officers in a lodge the Master had a right to vote as a member of a lodge (right) and in case of a tie, has the deciding vote (wrong).

"A Half Century Sketch of the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of the State of West Virginia," by George W. Atkinson, P. G. M., P. G. S., was presented, read, and ordered printed in the proceedings; in the address he says:

I am now rejoiced, on this semi-centennial occasion, to be able to announce to my brethren that the Masonic Home day is dawning, if it is not already at hand, in the Mountain Commonwealth.

A wealthy deceased member (Henry Krug) left a bequest of sufficient proportions to enable the Grand Lodge, with its Charity Fund, to erect and endow a Widows' and Orphans' Home.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Brother George W. Atkinson, it being his twenty-fourth annual report, which may account in part for the excellent manner in which he reviews the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges, including Nebraska.

WISCONSIN, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Milwaukee, June 8th, 1915, and was presided over by Grand Master Bernard F. Keeler, who in his opening address says:

I come to you today with the record of the year's labor. I come, not as one who has ruled, but as one who has sought to serve, who has tried to look upon the position of Grand Master as the greatest opportunity for service ever given to man in Masonry.

The problem of Masonic Relief asked because of the war, had his serious consideration, and for reasons well stated he concludes:

Though the need of our brethren is urgent, I have deemed it wise not to ask for relief until assured that the funds gathered would be properly administered and reach the object for which they were con-

tributed. In the confusion incident to the unfortunate strife the question of administration is not only a serious problem, but the disposition of the funds themselves calls for most delicate handling.

He recommended that a special committee with the incoming Grand Master have charge of the entire matter, gather the necessary data, and determine the method of distribution. He reports thirteen decisions; all were practically approved by the Grand Lodge. Under their law if a brother, member of one of their lodges, signs a petition for a new lodge, when the dispensation is granted it acts as a demit to the signer of such petition. It ought to be the universal law of Freemasonry. He laid eight corner-stones, dedicated five lodge homes, and issued dispensations for four new lodges. He condemns all attempts to exploit private enterprises among Masons, and unauthorized so-called Masonic lectures.

A resolution offered by Past Grand Master Newton M. Littlejohn, was adopted; it directs the Worshipful Master of the lodge, when there is no degree work, to have prepared and introduced exercises of an interesting and instructive character, such as addresses and readings.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks; it consists of one hundred and fifty-seven pages, in which he reviews sixty-five Grand Lodge proceedings, Nebraska being among the number.

WYOMING, 1915.

The Grand Lodge met at Casper, September 8th, 1915. There was an address of welcome by the Mayor, M. W. Brother E. P. Rohrbaugh, P. G. M., and a response by R. W. Brother T. Blake Kennedy, Grand Junior Warden.

The Grand Master, J. J. Jewett, reports the affairs of the Grand Lodge in a satisfactory condition. He refers to the death of Past Grand Master Frank M. Foote and R. W. Brother William L. Kuykendall, Grand Secretary, who had entered upon the thirtieth year of his service in that office. He reports six decisions; granted six dispensations; paid six official visits; and recommends that no subordinate lodge be allowed to commence the erection of a Masonic building until approved by the Grand Lodge.

Brother Charles E. Winter delivered an address on "Masonry" in which he says: "The ideal Blue Lodge is one where all its members take an active interest, one in which the Past Master is as much in evidence as the youngest member in the Northeast Corner."

The Grand Secretary, after paying a tribute to his predecessor, reports the activities of his office.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund report \$652.28 expended during the year for temporary relief. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows \$11,455.50 in the Masonic Home Fund.

"Masonry's Essentials" was the theme of the Grand Orator, Brother W. A. Riner. The report on foreign correspondence is by R. W. Brother Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary, Nebraska being among the reviewed.

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