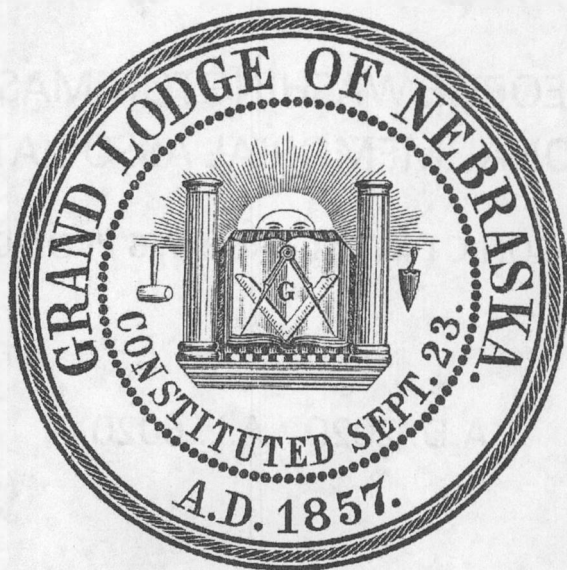


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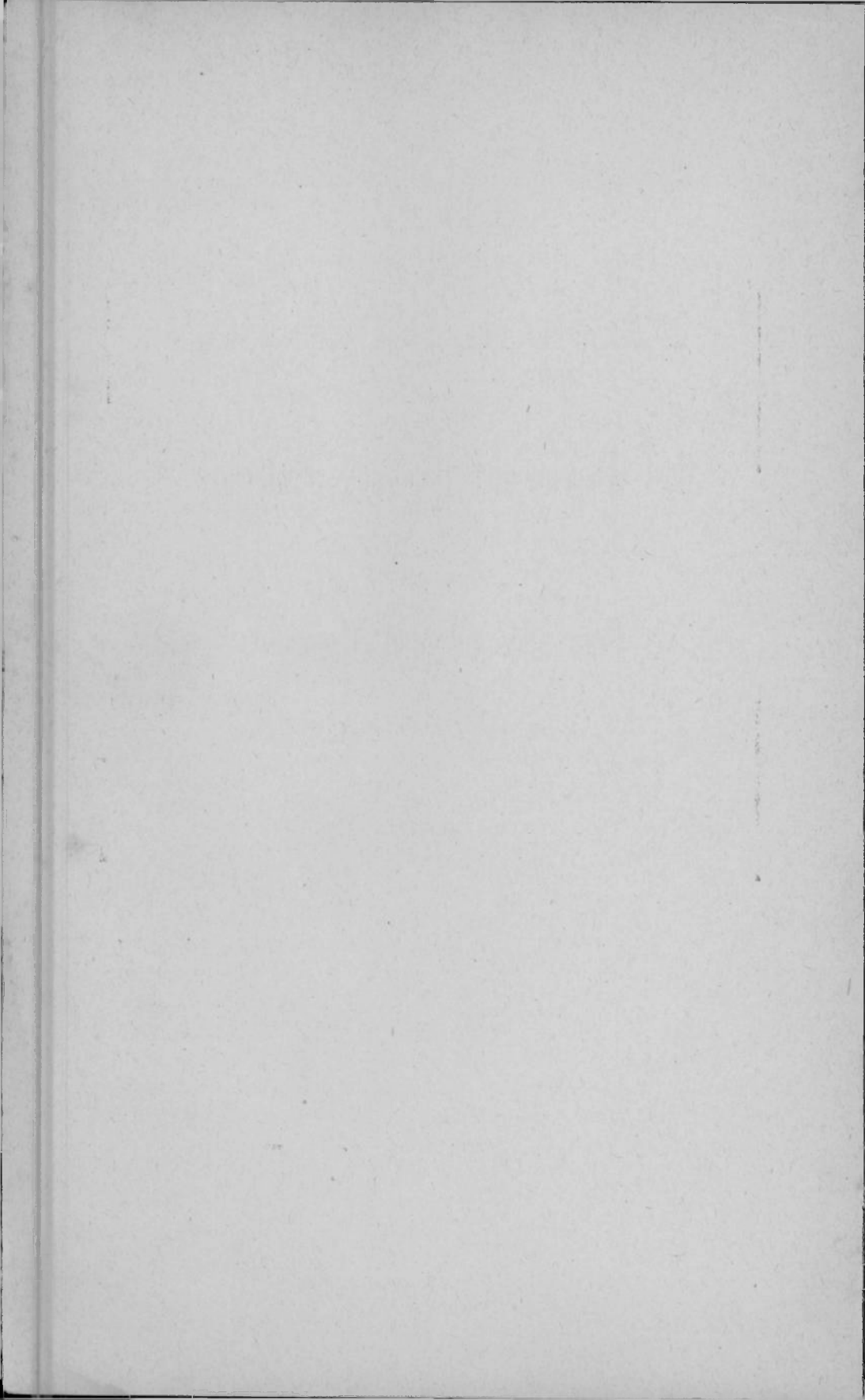
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SIXTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD IN OMAHA, JUNE 5TH AND 6TH, 1917.

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 5th, A. L. 5917, A. D. 1917, there being present:

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

and representatives from two hundred and forty of the two hundred and seventy chartered lodges.

The Deputy Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order, and in accordance with the law a lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form.

Deputy Grand Master Temple announced that there was in attendance a large number of Past Grand Masters who had done much for Masonry in the past, and stated that it was fitting and proper that they be received with due honors, thereby showing our appreciation of their valuable services to the Craft. He directed the Grand Senior Deacon and the Grand Junior Deacon to repair to the reception room and present to the Grand Lodge all of the Past Grand Masters who were in attendance. W. .Brothers Smith and Wellman thereupon retired and escorted M. .W. .Brothers George H. Thummel, James R. Cain, Sr., Edwin F. Warren, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Frank H. Young, William W. Keysor, Robert E. Evans, Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, Henry Gibbons, James R. Cain, Jr., Alpha Morgan, Thomas M. Davis, and Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Masters, to the altar, where they were introduced by W. .Brother Lewis E. Smith, Grand Senior Deacon, and welcomed by R. .W. .Brother Frederic L. Temple, Deputy Grand Master, and saluted with the honors of Masonry.

It being announced that M. .W. .Brother Andrew H. Viele, Grand Master, was in waiting, Past Grand Masters George H. Thummel and Edwin F. Warren, accompanied by the Grand Senior and Junior Deacons, were requested to retire and escort him to the lodge room. The M. .W. .Grand Master entered the lodge room during the playing of the organ and the singing of "Welcome Greeting," page 731, and on reaching the altar was saluted with the Grand Honors. After being escorted to his station in the East and being presented with the gavel, the Grand Master replied to the welcome with a few appropriate remarks.

It having been ascertained by roll-call that a constitutional number of lodges was represented, the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the sixtieth annual communication duly opened for the transaction of such business as

might regularly be brought before it, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Secretary read a letter of greetings and good wishes from Past Grand Master Frank E. Bullard, with regrets that he could not attend the communication.

Grand Master Viele requested M. W. Brother George H. Thummel, the oldest Past Grand Master present, and Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, a veteran of the Civil War, to retire and present the flag of our country to the Grand Lodge. They returned bearing the Stars and Stripes, and the remark of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt: "It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to this Grand Lodge, 'Old Glory,' " brought forth the most enthusiastic and hearty greeting ever witnessed in the Grand Lodge. When the applause had subsided the Grand Master ordered the flag saluted with the Grand Honors, and displayed on the platform during the session. The brethren thereupon joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Grand Master made a few remarks breathing loyalty, devotion, and patriotism, and asked W. Brother John F. Poucher, 41, to address the Throne of Grace. Brother Poucher delivered a tender and touching prayer, appealing to the Great Architect of the Universe for strength to do our full duty in these trying times, and for protection to our army and navy, and to all those who risk their lives in defense of our country, our rights, our freedom, and liberty. At the conclusion of the prayer, the Grand Master called upon V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, to address the Grand Lodge with reference to the times we are facing. The Grand Chaplain responded in a most eloquent manner, speaking especially of our duty as Americans and what we are and can and must do in this crisis to help to sustain the right of a free people to govern themselves. The address aroused great enthusiasm in the Grand Lodge, and at its conclusion every member rose to

his feet and applauded vigorously. At the order of the Grand Master all joined in singing "America."

If the enthusiasm of the members of the Grand Lodge is any criterion of the feeling of the people, it can be said that they are united in their loyalty to our country, and that there is a firm resolution, no matter what follows, that we will make any and all sacrifices necessary until our honor is vindicated and every right restored. At no time in the history of our Grand Lodge has such a meeting as that of today been held. Patriotism was breathed with every word; men accustomed to public speaking were overcome by their emotion, and many eyes were dim; tears of which men were not ashamed trickled down their cheeks, as in their hearts they consecrated themselves to the cause of liberty, freedom, and fraternity.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, a state of war exists between the United States of America and the Imperial Government of Germany,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Masons of Nebraska in Grand Lodge assembled, realizing most keenly the gravity of the hour, yet firmly convinced that the principles of autocracy are subversive of the liberties of a free people, that it is impossible for nations holding such widely divergent views to long exist as neighbors; that whenever ambitions and greedy Imperialism are strong enough then Government of the People, by the People and for the People must perish from the earth;

THEREFORE, with faith in the justice of our cause, with malice towards none, with charity for all, contending not only for the perpetuity of our free institutions, but for the liberty of all peoples and nations, we pledge to our President our unswerving loyalty, and our devotion to the cause in which we are now entering.

RESOLVED, that it is our patriotic duty to assist and contribute in every manner possible towards the success of this gigantic war, perhaps Man's decisive war for Liberty, possibly Autocracy's last stand.

RESOLVED, that we most heartily approve of the action of our Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in subscribing for ten thousand dollars of Liberty Bonds;

RESOLVED, that as a further evidence of our devotion to our country, this Grand Lodge hereby authorizes the purchase of five thousand dollars additional Liberty Bonds, the same to be turned over to the Trustees of the Home as part of its Endowment Fund.

RESOLVED, that as Masons we will in every possible manner conserve our resources, practise economy, aid in financing the war, and

with love of Country in our hearts instill in our children love of Home and Country.

The Grand Master called up the Grand Orator, W. Brother William E. Andrews, to address the brethren, which he did in a very eloquent and impressive manner, taking the American "Star Spangled Banner," the British "Union Jack," and the French "Tricolor," and handing them to three brethren; they were held aloft in a triangle, and Brother Andrews explained the grouping of the flags and their significance, as follows:

The American and French flags were used to represent the military and naval power that won victory for liberty over monarchy at Yorktown. In that contest the British flag stood for monarchy. But note the marvelous changes that have occurred since that time. Today Great Britain stands for the principles of liberty and freedom for which we fought in the Revolutionary War. Hence we now group together the Stars and Stripes, the Tricolor, and the Union Jack in the pending contest for liberty and freedom around the world.

On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel a collection was taken to be turned over to the War Relief Society, to be used in purchasing supplies for making hospital dressings. Brother Thummel made a strong appeal for each one to contribute personally to this cause. The collection amounted to \$250.65.

At twenty minutes past twelve o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M., the brethren uniting in singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, June 5th, 1917.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the morning session, Grand Master Viele presiding. All joined in singing one stanza of "The Star Spangled Banner."

On motion of Past Grand Master Samuel S. Whiting, the contemplated visit to the Childrens Homes at Fremont was indefinitely postponed.

Most Worshipful Andrew H. Viele, Grand Master, delivered the following:

ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Grand Lodge:

Dear Brethren:

The sands of time in the mystic hour-glass have again shifted, betokening the close of another Masonic year for this Grand Jurisdiction, so in the name of the All-wise Father we have gathered in this our annual communication, I, as Grand Master, to render an account of my stewardship, and you to review the same and to enact such measures as in your judgment are necessary for the best interests of the Craft.

In welcoming you to this, our sixtieth anniversary, we are reminded that we have arrived at the three-score mark, the allotted time of most men, yet Masonry, it seems to me, is just entering its youth in its endeavors for the betterment of mankind, for the raising of a higher standard of higher ideals and grander achievements. For if we are to be instruments in spreading the light of wisdom, extending the principles of righteousness, dispensing the beauty of morality, and lessening the sum of human misery and degradation, then we have but entered upon our career of usefulness, of high and holy aspirations. When we look to the signs of the times, we see those countries who boast of their culture, their civilization, and aristocracy, grasping each other by the throat, sharpening their swords, tearing down from their fastenings the peaceful bells that were intended to call the people together to offer up their adorations to the great I Am, and moulding them into cannon and bullets with which to shed the blood of their fellow-men, those whom God has created in His own image. Even our own fair land, where dwells a peace-loving people, has been caught in the whirlpool and has been drawn into the awful maelstrom. Is this the enlightened Twentieth Century, of which we so proudly boast? Is it not high time we awoke from our slumber of satisfaction and took cognizance of our surroundings? As the ominous clouds are gathering we can almost hear the thunder crash of arms. Let us not give up hope; there is a potent force in the world that has stood the test of all time. God still lives and His love soothes the dying and brings comfort to the afflicted. Is it not meet and just that the church of the

living God and the brotherhood of Masonry should become comrades in arms, and work in a common cause and have the same aims in view? In this endeavor this Grand Jurisdiction can take a most prominent part. While the past year has been one of great activity and excitement, all within our borders has been at peace; not a single case of grievance of a serious nature has been presented to me for adjustment. Equally true is this in our connection with all the Grand Jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal relationship; in all my correspondence with them it has been most cordial and fraternal. Every request I have made has been granted when it possibly could be, and it has been a real pleasure to me to fraternize with such Royal Craftsmen.

Then, my brethren, let us close up our ranks and shoulder to shoulder, march in solid phalanx, waging a warfare, not for conquest of greed or of gain, but of right, righteousness, and humanity.

“Then the whole world will lend a hand

To make way for the brotherhood, make way for man.”

NECROLOGY.

“Man proposes—God disposes.”

While our custom does not require the Grand Master to refer to or comment upon the passing away of our beloved fraters, I feel it not only a privilege but partially a duty to speak of those who have been called in the past year.

Just as I was beginning to think we would be spared the ordeal of being called to the obsequies of any of our official family, past or present, like a flash of lightning from a clear sky came the message announcing the death of Past Grand Master Zuingle M. Baird. While I did not know Brother Baird very intimately, I have learned since his death how little he was really known to any of us; that beneath a rough exterior was a MAN, one whose heart was as true as steel, whose charity was as boundless as the wants of his fellow creature and his ability to give; in his home where he was best known he was best loved.

Scarcely had the bells ceased tolling o'er the death of Past Grand Master Baird than they rang out again their mournful peal of the passing of Levi D. Phipps, Assistant to the Grand Custodian. Brother Phipps was a man who was beloved by all who ever came in touch with him. Just the week before his death he was holding a school of instruction in his own lodge and fifty Masons turned out to receive his instruction; little thinking how soon he would be taken from them.

How forcibly this record reminds us of the uncertainty of life; that we too are passing away; that however exalted our station or humble our birth, we will soon meet on the common level of the tomb. I can-

not refrain from quoting a distinguished personage of the past when he said: "In the democracy of the dead all men are equal. There is neither rank nor station nor prerogative in the republic of the grave. At this fatal threshold Dives relinquishes his millions and Lazarus his rags. The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man is as poor as the pauper. The creditor loses his usury and the debtor is acquitted of his obligation. Here at last is nature's final decree in equity. The wrongs of time are redressed, injustice is expiated, the irony of fate is refuted, all ceases in the realm of death. The strongest has no supremacy, and the weakest needs no defense. The mightiest captain succumbs to that invincible adversary who disarms alike the victor and the vanquished."

So my brethren, let us not think that death or the grave is our worst enemy; that dark cloud that we look upon with so much dread is but a mantle that shuts out the glory ineffable that lies beyond. Let us think that the friends waiting over there are but just waiting for the lifting of the veil to welcome us home. With this thought of our loved ones we watch and wait.

"With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,.....
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here.....
He is not dead—he is just away."

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

I feel that it would be useless for me to make any extended explanation of our splendid Home at Plattsmouth after the excursion there last year by this Grand Lodge. I feel that nearly all the delegates are fully advised as to what the Home really is. However, to satisfy myself in full, later in the year I again visited the Home unannounced, the Superintendent not knowing that I was coming until I arrived at the door. I had with me Past Grand Master Frank H. Young, President of the Home Board.

We went over the property, investigating every detail from the heating plant to the storage-room, as well as the different apartments. I found the Home in as neat and homelike condition as it was on the day we were there as a Grand Lodge. I met nearly all of the residents, and they seemed to be contented and happy; one old gentleman and his wife told me it was the best home they had ever had. We are now caring for at the Home twenty-four women and twenty men; the average age of the women is sixty-six and seven-tenths, and of the men, seventy-one and three-tenths years.

On October 5th I attended the meeting of the Home Board in Omaha. I was favorably impressed with the business-like manner in which the affairs of the Home were conducted. No greater interest or more careful management could be used in the conducting of one's own affairs than these brethren give to the management of the business before them. I was also present and represented the Grand Lodge at the annual meeting of the stockholders held on January 23d. The same painstaking methods were used as at the meeting in October, there being present representatives of each of the Masonic bodies, and also of the Order of Eastern Star. A great amount of business was disposed of, and everyone seemed to be working in absolute harmony. At this meeting of the stockholders, Past Grand Master Thummel introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved that the reception and care of persons entitled to admission at the Home who are mentally unbalanced be referred to Grand Master Viele for such consideration and recommendation as he may deem advisable." After due consideration and discussion the same was unanimously adopted.

The care at the Home of our unfortunate wards who are more or less unbalanced has been from the beginning a problem exceedingly difficult of solution. Some of the residents have been violent and hard to manage, and you all know we have no hospital facilities for even properly caring for our sick. At times it has seemed that our Home was more of a hospital than a home. Many of our wards are old people and require more and better nursing facilities than we have thus far been able to extend; it is only a question of time when we must seriously consider hospital service in connection with our Home.

At present it is impossible to care for those mentally unbalanced; their relatives do not like to send them to the State Asylums where they properly belong. Often their true condition is not fully given, and they are received and the Home management tries to make the best of an unfortunate situation to the detriment and discomfort of other residents, and even to the patient, as we are unable to give the healing care and attention that the asylums could give.

From all the study and observation that I have been able to give the subject, I do not think that persons mentally unbalanced so as to be termed insane should be received into our Home. If the Grand Lodge should otherwise conclude, then some arrangements must be made to properly care for such mentally unbalanced persons as may come to our Home.

I therefore leave the matter in your hands for your consideration and action.

BOYS AND GIRLS HOME.

As directed by the Grand Lodge at its session last year the special Committee on Childrens Home have erected an additional cottage on the grounds at Fremont. This cottage is occupied by the boys. Our orphan children are nicely housed and have all the comforts of a modern home. I have visited the homes on different occasions, and here, as at Plattsmouth, the buildings are kept in a neat and home-like condition. The children all seem happy and contented and I am sure we are doing a great work in bringing these children up to be useful men and women instead of letting them run at large to become vagabonds and criminals, as they surely would if left to themselves.

These Homes are not incorporated and therefore have no stock as the one at Plattsmouth has. They are managed jointly by the Order of Eastern Star and the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge furnishing the food supply, and the Order of Eastern Star paying the salaries of the matrons and other expenses. The Order of Eastern Star pays twenty-five cents per capita for maintenance, and in addition to this has donated about one thousand dollars in money, besides Christmas gifts and a large amount of canned fruit. The boys and girls are all taught to work, the girls doing the ironing and helping with the laundry and house work. The boys are to work in the gardens and fields and assist in raising as much of the food supply as possible, and at the same time learn how to work.

We have at the present time, May 1st, eleven boys and eleven girls at the Home. May I urge upon all members of the Grand Lodge to pay a visit to the Home at Fremont and see for yourselves what you have there. I am sure you will agree with me that we have a fine Home for our orphans and that we are doing a great work.

PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

This is to me one of the most important matters we have to consider, and one in which I have a deep interest. Being closely associated with one of our Assistant Custodians, I improved the opportunity of becoming proficient enough to be a fair judge of the accuracy of the letter of the work, and I am pleased to say that I have had the opportunity to hear the different Assistants give the esoteric work in different places and at different times, and I am fully satisfied that it is possible for more than one man to give the work in the same wording and without error.

At our last Grand Lodge meeting I think I gave more than my usual close attention to the reports of the different committees, but

especially to those that would affect the government of the Craft in the future; and one that deeply impressed me was the report of the Committee on Promulgation of the Work, especially that part which reads: "Because of the improved methods of instruction, and the greater ease in becoming more proficient in the work, we urge the importance of the more rigid compliance with and enforcement of Section 8, Chapter II. of the law." It is not necessary to quote Section 8, Chapter II. of the law, as all ought to be familiar with it.

Being thus interested as stated above, soon after I was installed as your Grand Master, and as soon as my duties would permit, I paid a visit to the office of our Grand Custodian and for one whole day we studied the situation from its many angles. First of all, to my surprise, the work as we are trying to carry it out, and as our law directs, and with which I am in hearty accord and would not think of changing, is such that it is impossible for our Grand Custodian, efficient, faithful, and hard-working as he is, to perform all the work alone. For this reason it was a wise provision when the law creating the assistants was made. What then was to be done? We went over the systems of other Grand Jurisdictions and finally decided on this plan: The Grand Custodian should hold one-day Schools of Inspection, and wherever lodges were found that had not had a School of Instruction in two years, and were in need of it, an Assistant Custodian should be sent at the expense of the Grand Lodge. In addition to this, (taking our idea as set forth in other Grand Jurisdictions) we decided to hold a series of Central Schools to be held at some central point where it would accommodate the largest number of lodges, with the understanding that the Grand Master and Grand Chaplain would attend, if conditions would permit. With this understanding, we arranged to have eight of these Central Schools, and I am pleased to say that in most cases they proved a great success. In one instance it was not, partly because of the date being so close to the Presidential election; in another it was cancelled for lack of attendance. In the others there was a total attendance of something over fifteen hundred, which I think warrants us in saying that the effort was worth the trial. I feel confident that a great amount of good was accomplished and I would most heartily recommend a continuance of the custom. In this connection I wish to emphasize the good that has come from the assistance of our Grand Chaplain; his inspiring talks at the social sessions of the Central Schools have furnished food for thought to thinking minds.

There can be no question but that the one-man system has outlived its day and generation by reason of the following proof; it cannot meet the demands of the lodges to enable them to keep in close enough touch with the letter of the work so that they can substantially comply with the letter or spirit of the law. Believing that any procrastination in this all-important matter is detrimental to the best interests of Masonry, and with an earnest desire to serve this Grand Lodge to the best of my ability, and that there may be no further delay, I have referred the whole matter to the Committee on Promulgation of the Work, with the assistance of the Grand Custodian, fraternally requesting and formally directing them that they formulate a systematic method based on such principles of justice, equity, and economy, that it will readily adjust itself to any and all conditions, local or general, and that they present the same to this Grand Lodge at this session for its information, consideration, and adoption, and thus be enabled to meet any and all exigencies that may arise from any conditions whatever, and thus relieve the Grand Master of some of the responsibility of this all-important matter.

I do not wish to be understood that I refer to any modification or amending of Section 8, Chapter II. of the law; what I desire is specific rules and definite regulations as to the mode and manner of the application of the law in the promulgation of work—a method that will insure practical results without loss of time and useless expenditure of funds. The knowledge of all the facts convinces me that what I ask is right because it is just.

LIBERTY LOAN.

The action of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home at their meeting held May 5th, 1917, in tendering a subscription of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000.00), for the purpose of purchasing Government Bonds in what is known as the "Liberty Loan," said bonds to bear interest at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum, has my hearty approval and commendation. The Masonic Fraternity is of necessity patriotic, and should be among the first to rally not only to the defense of the Government, but to assist in financing its necessities.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

On January 2d, I received an invitation from Charles H. Callahan, Secretary of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, to attend the seventh annual convention to be held in

Alexandria, Virginia, on February 21st. Being unable to attend in person, I wrote to Past Grand Master Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., to serve in my stead. He immediately replied requesting some person younger in years, and suggesting the name of our Grand Orator, W. Brother William E. Andrews; I asked Brother Andrews to represent me and received his reply accepting the commission; I have no doubt he will have a report of the meeting to submit to this Grand Lodge.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

I am pleased to say that our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are of the most pleasant and fraternal. During the year I have had a great deal of correspondence with the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, principally consisting in matters relative to the conferring of degrees on brethren who have moved into their jurisdictions, or moved from their jurisdictions into ours. In all instances but two in requesting degrees conferred, I met with most cordial response and my requests were granted, and I have reciprocated in every instance where requests were made of me. In one instance, that of Pennsylvania, their law would not permit their lodges to do work for lodges in another Grand Jurisdiction, nor do they permit other Grand Jurisdictions to do their work for them. In Wyoming, their law does not permit them to confer the Entered Apprentice degree for other Grand Jurisdictions. They do, however, confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees, and have done so in a number of cases for our lodges. The vast difference in the laws governing the different Grand Jurisdictions creates considerable confusion in the matter of conferring degrees. Great care has to be taken in asking for the conferring of degrees, so that our law in regard to balloting for each degree may not be violated. Almost my first correspondence with other Grand Jurisdictions was to correct an error made when one of our brethren had been illegally made, according to our law. It would seem to me that we should enact a law that when one of our members receives the degree in another Grand Jurisdiction, and it is done according to their law, we might recognize him as being a lawfully made Mason. We recognize and affiliate with Masons coming from these Grand Jurisdictions, and why should we not recognize our own brethren who are compelled to take the degrees in some other Grand Jurisdiction? I therefore recommend the enactment of some law that will cover this point.

MASONIC WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

As you are well aware, on November 20th, 1914, this Grand Lodge was placed in communication with other Grand Jurisdictions to form the Masonic War Relief Association to relieve the distress of the belligerent nations of Europe. Our Grand Lodge responded most nobly, and the sum of \$7,790.20 was raised for this fund. So much was subscribed by this Grand Jurisdiction and others that only \$2,000.00 of our fund was needed at the time. The remainder of the fund was invested in interest bearing securities, since which time only the interest has been used. Twice during the year I issued an order to the Grand Secretary to use such portions of the interest as were due for the relief of these sufferers; the last hundred dollars, however, was to be invested in supplies on condition that should our own country need them, they would be retained for relief in the United States. I feel that this is a most commendable proposition, showing as it does our interest in our fellow-man as well in his distress as in the time of his prosperity.

INVITATIONS.

On November 1st, I received an invitation from the Grand Master of Oregon to attend the Grand Masters' Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, May 15th, 1917, as a guest of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

On November 21st, I received an invitation from Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, to attend the annual communication of their Grand Lodge to be held May 22d, 1917.

I declined both of these invitations for the reason that they were so close to our annual meeting that it would conflict with the duties I owed to my own Grand Lodge in completing arrangements for this annual communication. I regretted very much my inability to attend the Grand Lodge of Michigan, it being my old home state and the state where I was made a Mason. It would indeed have been a great pleasure to have renewed old acquaintances and to have been their guest, but I felt, under the circumstances, that I owed my services to the home of my adoption.

DECISIONS.

Thanks to the framers of our laws, they have been made so plain that very little is left for the Grand Master to do in the matter of rendering decisions. While I have received a great amount of correspondence relative to the interpretation of the law, it is so plain that usually merely by citing the section, the questions were answered

without the Grand Master making any other decision. There were, however, a few that I did interpret, as follows:

1. Is a brother who has presided as Master or Warden in a lodge in a Grand Jurisdiction that does not require the Past Masters degree eligible to receive the Past Masters degree here? Answer. I decided he was not, citing Section LXIII. of the law.

2. A man has lost the index and second fingers of the left hand. Is he eligible for the degrees of Masonry? Answer. Yes.

3. A brother pays dues in advance; wants demit. Should lodge refund dues paid? Answer. Section CXXXVIII. requires Grand Lodge dues paid before granting demit. Honesty would suggest the return of the unearned local dues.

4. A young man whose father lives at A goes to B to teach school, and casts his vote there. Can he petition the lodge at A for the degrees? Answer. No. He lost his Masonic residence when he voted at B and would have to establish a Masonic residence before petitioning.

5. Can the White Shrine of Jerusalem use the lodge rooms dedicated to Masonry? Answer. Under the law as declared at the last communication of the Grand Lodge it is not lawful to permit the White Shrine to use the hall or building dedicated by the Masonic Fraternity to the uses and purposes of Masonry.

6. A bridge foreman moving from place to place and living in boarding cars desires to apply to some lodge for the degrees of Masonry. Answer. He will have to first establish a Masonic residence in some lodge jurisdiction.

7. Does the law as declared prohibit holding a policy in the Masonic Protective Association? Answer. No.

8. Can a lodge vote its funds to be paid into a civic league, said league organized for charitable purposes? Answer. No.

9. Can a petition be received and degrees conferred on a candidate who is paralyzed from his hips to his feet? Answer. No.

FUNERALS ATTENDED AND CONDUCTED.

On June 13th at the request of Plainview Lodge No. 204, I attended and conducted the funeral services of Brother Samuel J. Plymesser.

On December 19th I conducted the funeral services of Past Grand Master Baird at his home in Hartington.

On January 2d I attended and conducted the funeral services of Assistant Custodian Levi D. Phipps, at the request of Tekamah Lodge No. 31.

REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED AND APPOINTED.

On December 28th I recommended the appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, of Brother Louis P. Tonner of Evergreen Lodge No. 153, to succeed Past Grand Master Zuingle M. Baird, deceased.

On June 9th by request of the Grand Master of Nevada, I commissioned Brother Harry A. Atkinson representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Nevada. On August 2d, by request of the Grand Master of Oklahoma, Randall W. Livesay, representative near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma; October 25th, by request of Grand Master of New Jersey, Robert J. Hanna, representative near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey; December 15th, by request of Grand Master of New York, Joseph Gottlieb, representative near the Grand Lodge of New York.

APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS.

During the year I have been called upon to approve the by-laws or amendments thereto of a number of lodges, as follows:

By-laws approved: Hubbell Lodge No. 92, June 15th; Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, July 1st; Shelton Lodge No. 99, July 3d; Kimball Lodge No. 294, July 3d; Cowles Lodge No. 296, August 10th; Geneva Lodge No. 79, October 24th; Blue River Lodge No. 30, October 28th; Minatare Lodge No. 295, January 4th; Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, January 13th.

Amendments to by-laws approved: June 21st, James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267; June 27th, Waterloo Lodge No. 102; June 27th, Clay Centre Lodge No. 139; July 24th, North Bend Lodge No. 119; August 12th, Minden Lodge No. 127; August 25th, Incense Lodge No. 182; September 4th, Granite Lodge No. 189; September 4th, Porter Lodge No. 106; September 4th, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221; October 12th, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32; October 14th, Diamond Lodge No. 291; October 31st, Guide Rock Lodge No. 128; November 24th, Evening Star Lodge No. 49; December 14th, Utica Lodge No. 96; January 4th, Albion Lodge No. 78; January 4th, Minatare Lodge No. 295; January 30th, Silver Lodge No. 266; February 26th, Alliance Lodge No. 183; February 26th, Trowel Lodge No. 71; February 28th, Nebraska Lodge No. 1; March 15th, Doniphan Lodge No. 86; April 23d, Hooper Lodge No. 72; April 23d, Israel Lodge No. 187; May 9th, Silver Lodge No. 266; May 10th, Alliance Lodge No. 183; May 18th, Ogalalla Lodge No. 159.

ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

On June 8th I re-appointed the following Assistants to the Grand Custodian, all having passed their examinations and having been recommended by the Grand Custodian: Walter W. Wells, No. 192; Ensign J. Rix, No. 55; James D. Phillips, No. 93; Frederick L. Wolff, No. 135; Edward M. Wellman, No. 1; Charles A. Eyre, No. 268; Earl M. Bolen, No. 130; Barclay M. Hickman, No. 38; Fred A. Howe, No. 119; Benjamin Wood, No. 210; Ira C. Freet, No. 56; Frank L. Haycock, No. 207; Robert B. Walker, No. 170; Levi D. Phipps, No. 31; Frank W. Boyer, No. 11; Frank W. Farrand, No. 36.

OTHER ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS.

The full quota of Assistant Custodians being twenty in all, I completed the number as follows: On July 15th, the application having been made by Samaritan Lodge No. 158, for Brother George A. Stevens to be commissioned, and he having passed a satisfactory examination certified to by the Grand Custodian, I issued my formal commission to him. On August 10th, on application from Lotus Lodge No. 289 for Alfred G. Hunt, and the recommendation of the Grand Custodian, I issued my formal commission to him. On September 16th, on application of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, for Brother George Burgert, and on recommendation of the Grand Custodian, I issued my formal commission to him. Also, on the same date, to Brother Harry L. F. Proffitt, on application of Hastings Lodge No 50, and recommendation of the Grand Custodian.

CORNER-STONES LAID.

That the ceremonies of laying a corner-stone as carried out by this Grand Jurisdiction are becoming very popular is evidenced by the fact that I have received requests to lay the corner-stones of sixteen public buildings during the past year, two of which were cancelled for good and sufficient reasons I have laid the following:

On June 26th the corner-stone of the Federal Building at Aurora.

On August 8th the corner-stone of the Scottish Rite Cathedral at Lincoln

On August 29th the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Surprise.

On September 1st the corner-stone of the Boys Home at Fremont.

On October 4th the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Omaha.

On October 18th the corner-stone of the High School Building at Niobrara.

On October 19th the corner-stone of the Industrial Training Building of the Wayne State Normal School at Wayne.

On November 14th the corner-stone of the Methodist Church at Tekamah.

On November 17th the corner-stone of the Federal Building at Alliance.

On December 12th the corner-stone of the Public Library Building at Blair.

On January 11th the corner-stone of the Public Library Building at Loup City.

On February 27th the corner-stone of the Burt County Court House at Tekamah.

On May 11th the corner-stone of the High School Building at Cozad.

On May 16th the corner-stone of the Public Library Building at Orleans.

All of these occasions were made distinguished events and memorable ones in the communities where they took place. In some places the business houses were closed and the people attended in large numbers, and in each instance, judging from the comments, they felt well repaid for the time given. Especially was this true at the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple in Omaha. I believe it would be of interest to the Craft to quote extracts from the minutes of this occasion as compiled by our Grand Secretary:

"The laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple above referred to was without doubt the largest and most successful Masonic gathering ever held in the state of Nebraska. It was estimated by those who were able to judge such matters that the number in attendance was larger than that at our Semi-centennial held September 23d, 1907."

"One of the interesting features of the ceremony was the gavel used. The history of this gavel is quite interesting. It was of great antiquity and came from an Egyptian tomb, being presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by M..W..George W. Lininger, Past Grand Master, who was present at the opening of the tomb when the gavel was found."

This gavel was no myth, as it shows evidence of having been in actual service, and was undoubtedly used by some stone cutter. The nature of the wood was hard to determine, but it was much heavier than any now in use of equal size.

"One of the pleasant features of the occasion was the presence of three of the brethren who forty years ago helped to lay the corner-

stone of the Masonic Temple now being used. They were George H. Thummel, Omaha, who was Grand Master at the time the old stone was laid and presided at the ceremonies, and Louis H. Korty, also of Omaha, and Eben K. Long, of Plattsmouth."

"One of the notable features in the line of music was the Fairbrothers' Band, composed entirely of members of our Fraternity."

I was assisted in these services by every officer of the Grand Lodge excepting one. There were present a large number of Past Grand Masters whose presence I very much appreciated. The Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, were represented by some of their Grand Officers. R. W. George E. Knepper, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was a distinguished guest. Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, of Omaha, over two hundred strong, acted as escort to the Grand Lodge. The Arab Patrol, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was also in the procession.

DEDICATIONS.

During the year I have dedicated the following Masonic Temples:

On March 30th I dedicated the fine new temple of Alliance Lodge No. 183. The brethren at Alliance have a beautiful building and a fine home for the different Masonic bodies, the apartments being so arranged as to make them very convenient and appropriate for the use for which they were designed.

On April 18th I dedicated the new temple of Tuscan Lodge No. 130 at Surprise. The brethren of Tuscan Lodge are to be commended for the zeal and energy they have displayed in the erection of this building. A great amount of the work was done with their own hands; even their furniture was made by themselves, and there is none better or more neatly made in the state.

On April 20th I dedicated the splendid new temple of Fairbury Lodge No. 35. Here, too, as at Alliance, the brethren have erected a temple of which any one can be proud, in fact these two buildings are so similar in beauty and convenience that one would be led to think they were planned by the same mind. Especially was I impressed with the wide, spacious entrance; four abreast could enter without inconvenience.

At each of these ceremonies I was assisted by the Grand Custodian and the Grand Chaplain. The occasions were made ones of prominence in the lives of the members and memorable ones in the communities. Our Grand Chaplain delivered most excellent addresses at each place which were greatly appreciated by the large audiences present.

At Alliance a banquet was served at which over two hundred sat down, and a greater number attended the dedication ceremonies.

At Fairbury a luncheon was served after the ceremonies. It was stated that the attendance was over three hundred. Addresses were made by members present, and a very interesting part of the program was the reading of the minutes of the first lodge U. D. G. held in 1871, and the presence of the first Master who gave a fine talk, describing the workings of the lodge from its first meeting to the present time. At these ceremonies the occasion was made enjoyable by the presence of Brother John W. Hughes, Past Grand Commander of Nebraska, who took part in them.

VISITATIONS.

Being aware that it would be a physical impossibility to visit all of the two hundred and seventy lodges in the state, and being desirous of meeting as many of the Craft as possible, I determined to make my visitations at some central point where the brethren could be invited, and I could come in contact with more of them than to attempt to visit the lodges individually, and at a great saving of Grand Lodge funds.

With this aim in view I visited the following lodges:

On July 7th, in company with Past Grand Master Frank H. Young, I visited Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

On July 17th I visited Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, and conferred the Master Masons degree in the presence of a large gathering of brethren. After conferring the degree refreshments were served and good talks given by a number of the brethren present.

On July 18th I visited Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and conferred the Master Masons degree on a young man whose father was one of the officers of the lodge. After conferring the degree a banquet was served. There was a large number of the brethren present, and some excellent speeches made. I was accompanied on this occasion by our Grand Chaplain.

On October 16th I visited Scribner Lodge No 132 and conferred the Master Masons degree on the son of a Past Master, an old friend, and a boy whom I had known from his infancy. After conferring the degree a luncheon was served and participated in by a large number of brethren from the surrounding lodges, and splendid addresses were made.

On November 28th I visited Fidelity Lodge No. 51 and conferred the Master Masons degree on one of the candidates. There was a very large attendance of visitors and members of Fidelity Lodge, it being estimated that over one hundred and twenty-five were present. A six

o'clock banquet was served. Brother Charles M. Shepherd, our Grand Chaplain, accompanied me and delivered one of his inspiring addresses.

On December 21st I visited Mosaic Lodge No. 55 and conferred the Master Masons degree in the presence of a large number of Masons.

On February 9th I visited Long Pine Lodge No. 136. Here I witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree by our Grand Senior Deacon, Lewis E. Smith, who did the work in a most excellent manner, although greatly handicapped for want of room, there being an attendance of one hundred and fifty. Visitors were there from all directions and a most enjoyable time was had.

On February 22d I visited Evening Star Lodge No. 49 and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree upon four candidates, I conferring the degree on one. Here, as elsewhere, a banquet was served and was attended by a very large number of visiting brethren.

I have also accepted the invitation of York Lodge No. 56, to attend a meeting to be held on May 29th. Knowing full well their reputation for hospitality, I have no doubt that we shall be royally entertained,—this being written before it would be possible to give a full account of the meeting.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On June 13th, I installed the officers of Evergreen Lodge No. 153 at Pierce; on June 16th, the officers of Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont; on June 19th, the officers of Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton; on June 28th, the officers of Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk; on June 29th, the officers of Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne. Nearly all of these occasions were of a public nature, and were attended by the members of the Eastern Star and invited guests.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

In company with Grand Custodian Robert E. French and Grand Chaplain Charles M. Shepherd, I constituted the following lodges: July 20th, Kimball Lodge No. 294, Kimball; July 21st, Minatare Lodge No. 295, Minatare; August 30th, Cowles Lodge No. 296, Cowles. In each instance the occasion was made a gala one, and the services were of a public nature, the halls being filled to overflowing. At Cowles, had it not been for a severe rain storm, which kept a large number away it would have been impossible to have had the people all within the building. A banquet was served in each instance, and addresses made by the Grand Lodge Officers and others present.

APPROVAL OF SEALS.

On July 8th, I approved of the seal of Cowles Lodge No. 296; October 28th, the seal of Minatare Lodge No. 295; December 13th, that of Kimball Lodge No. 294.

SPRINGVIEW LODGE NO. 260.

On January 17th, I was advised by the Secretary of Springview Lodge No. 260 that the lodge room which they had been occupying had been leased, and they had been instructed to vacate; that there was no other hall in the town suitable for their meeting place, but they were advised that early in the spring new buildings would be erected and in one of these they expected to be able to secure new quarters; in the meantime, they asked information as to what they could do with their paraphernalia. I wrote the Secretary advising them to store their paraphernalia in some safe place; to invoice same and have it insured; their charter and other important papers to be placed in some vault until such time as their proposed lodge room could be secured. I would advise that this matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master for his consideration and such disposition as he may see proper.

EVENING STAR LODGE NO. 49.

There has been a great amount of trouble and dissension in this lodge for a number of years. Grand Masters at different times have found it necessary to go in person or send a representative to visit the lodge, to try to harmonize their differences.

Very soon after assuming the office of Grand Master complaint was filed with me against the Master of the lodge. I had considerable correspondence with the Master, and as I thought had matters straightened out, but later complaint was again made to me.

At about this time the Master invited me to visit the lodge when they would have work in one of the degrees. I accepted this invitation and in company with the Grand Custodian, M. W. Brother Robert E. French, made the visitation. I was somewhat surprised to find that the brethren who had been most active in making complaint against the Master had absented themselves to attend another function, notwithstanding their knowledge that we were to make the visit and to make inquiry regarding the trouble of which they had complained. However, the Grand Custodian and myself went over the records from the time of the installation of the Master to the date of our visit. We did not find any offense of a serious nature that the Master or any member had committed, and as the accusers were not

present we came to the conclusion that conditions had adjusted themselves.

Soon after our visit I received specific charges of unmasonic conduct against the Master, signed by some eleven members of the lodge. The charges were of such a nature that I deemed it my duty to have the Master placed on trial. I therefore appointed a commission consisting of R. W. Brother Frederic L. Temple, Deputy Grand Master, as chairman, R. W. Brother Ambrose C. Epperson, Grand Senior Warden, and Past Grand Master James P. A. Black to try the case, first arresting the jewel of the Master and placing the lodge in charge of the Senior Warden, which was done and the trial was held.

The evidence in the case did not reach me until late, and as I had so much work to do to prepare for this session of the Grand Lodge I could not go into it as thoroughly as I should, to be enabled to render a just and fair decision. I therefore have referred the case and the evidence to this Grand Lodge, for such decision as in its wisdom seems best.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES.

No Grand Master ever entered into the discharge of his duties more determined not to issue dispensations of this kind than I, but I have learned that there are conditions under which such dispensations are permissible and wise. After due consideration of the reasons presented, I concluded that Masonry would be better served in some instances by granting these dispensations. I believe that we are justified in granting special dispensations for men who are willing to offer their lives as a sacrifice on the altar of their country, and Masonry would be doing herself an injustice did she refuse to assist these noble patriots. In each case I required the lodge to notify all resident members of the night that the ballot would be spread for each degree, and that the candidates pass a satisfactory examination in the essentials of the preceding degree before being advanced. The fees required by law were in each instance paid and the same remitted to the Grand Secretary.

I refused several applications to grant dispensations for what I considered were good and sufficient reasons.

On July 8th I issued a special dispensation to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees without regard to time.

On January 5th I issued a special dispensation to George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 to confer the Master Masons degree without regard to time.

On April 24th I issued a special dispensation to St. Johns Lodge Lodge No. 25 to confer the Master Masons degree without regard to time.

On April 25th I issued a special dispensation to Euclid Lodge No. 97 to confer the Master Masons degree without regard to time.

On May 1st I issued a special dispensation to Lincoln Lodge No. 19 to confer the Master Masons degree without regard to time.

On May 2d I issued a special dispensation to Humboldt Lodge No. 40 to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Masons degrees without regard to time.

On May 4th I issued a special dispensation to Friend Lodge No. 73 to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees without regard to time.

On May 7th I issued a special dispensation to Beaver City Lodge No. 93 to confer the Master Masons degree without regard to time.

On May 14th I issued a special dispensation to Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 to confer the Master Masons degree without regard to time.

On May 31st I issued a special dispensation to Albion Lodge No. 78 to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees without regard to time.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT OFFICERS.

On May 18th I issued a special dispensation to Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 to elect a secretary.

On May 18th I issued a special dispensation to Level Lodge No. 196 to elect its officers.

On May 25th I issued a special dispensation to Cedar River Lodge No. 89 to elect officers.

On June 1st I issued a special dispensation to Minatare Lodge No. 295 to elect officers.

On June 4th I issued a special dispensation to Lebanon Lodge No. 58 to elect a secretary.

FIRES.

On January 8th I received a letter from the Secretary of Hubbell Lodge No. 92 stating that they were unfortunate in having a fire which burned their home, this being the second one through which they passed in the last two years. They were able, however, to save their charter and most of their records and paraphernalia. He advised me that Zeredatha Lodge No. 160 of Reynolds kindly offered them the use of their lodge room in which to hold their meetings, and asked my permission for them to hold their meetings in the hall of this lodge, un-

derstanding of course that it did not extend their jurisdiction and that they were merely occupying the hall at Reynolds through the courtesy of the brethren of that lodge. Later these brethren asked permission to hold their meetings in a room over the ticket office in the Burlington depot. They advised me that the room would have to be quite extensively repaired; inferring from this letter that even at that it would not be suitable for its purposes, I declined to give my permission unless they would certify under seal of their lodge and the signatures of three Past Masters as to the safe and suitable condition of the room. My understanding is that they are still holding their meetings at Reynolds.

THE CHAIN-LETTER NUISANCE.

My attention has been called several times to the matter of the chain letter nuisance, lodges or members asking my opinion as to what should be done. In each case I have advised them to treat them as they would all waste paper. I believe there are too many people imploring God to be on their side, and making no effort to get on God's side. I dislike to think of the great, kind, and beneficent Ruler of the Universe as One whose throne has to be bombarded with a chain of paper missiles, meaningless to all except a desire on the part of the sender to comply with the request of a friend, but rather do I desire to think of Him as a kind and indulgent parent, who is ever ready to give everything that is for my good and which I should receive in thankfulness, and render to Him my daily supplications and ask Him to guide me in His ways, and to Whom all men should render their individual prayers for guidance and His Divine protection and strive to walk in His ways, for His ways are ways of pleasantness, and His paths are paths of peace.

PETITIONS FOR LODGES U. D. U.

I have had several petitions presented to form lodges U. D. U. Two have not been completed so far as to be ready for examination by the Grand Custodian. The one from Palmer was referred to me at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, and after a great deal of correspondence, they decided to postpone action, and asked to have their petition returned to them, which accordingly was done. I understand they will petition again later.

I also have a petition signed by twenty-four brethren at Bethany and recommended by the nearest lodge. They have complied with all the requirements and I believe a dispensation should be issued to them, and would have done so had I received their petition sooner.

but it came to me so late that they could not get organized before their dispensation would be terminated by law. I have, however, referred their petition to the Grand Custodian, and authorized him to make the necessary examination. All papers relative to this matter are in the hands of the Grand Custodian, except the fee which was turned over to the Grand Secretary.

I also have the petition of nineteen brethren at Chester. This is the petition that was brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge last year, but not having come up in the regular way, nothing was done with it. These brethren then appealed to me and asked for a dispensation. I went carefully into the matter and found the facts in the case to be as follows: The brethren residing at Chester are for the most part young men, progressive, capable, and honorable gentlemen, very much alive and interested in the upbuilding of Masonry. They petitioned to form a lodge U. D. at Chester, and met all the requirements and presented their request to the nearest lodge, Hubbell. This lodge refused to take any action on their petition, neither recommending it nor refusing to, but did not return the petition to the brethren at Chester. They therefore procured a new petition, had it completed and presented it to me. I took the matter up with the Master of Hubbell Lodge in person, and he advised me that the lodge at Hubbell would not recommend a new lodge at Chester for the reason that it would cut so much off their territory that they would be too small to subsist and their lodge would be practically killed. I then talked to the brethren at Chester. We went over the whole matter and they expressed themselves as perfectly willing to grant concurrent jurisdiction with Hubbell Lodge. I then made examination of Art. XII., feeling confident of the justness of the request and that the Grand Master had the authority. I had decided to issue my dispensation to the brethren at Chester, but before doing so I determined to find a precedent for such action. This I did not find, but on the contrary I found a parallel case wherein Bassett attempted to form a lodge, and Long Pine would not recommend it. The matter was presented to the Grand Lodge who referred it to the incoming Grand Master, Brother Robert E. Evans, who made careful inquiry into the case, but referred it back to the Grand Lodge who ordered a dispensation granted. I felt that I should follow this precedent, and therefore ask this Grand Lodge to take some action in this case, for the reason that it would be unfair to put these brethren to so much expense and then deprive them of their dispensation. These brethren at their own expense have secured a regularly commissioned Assistant Custodian to post them and at their request and expense, I ordered the Grand Custodian

dian to make formal examination of their proficiency and surroundings, which he did and he gives them a most excellent report. All papers in this case are herewith submitted.

On May 19th I received a petition of nineteen brethren at Sutherland to form a lodge U. D. I referred the petition and all papers attached to the Grand Custodian and gave a formal order for him to make the usual examination. The fee accompanying was forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF A LODGE.

The matter of appeal of a member of Amethyst Lodge No. 190, from a sentence of expulsion was referred to me, or to be heard at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

In going over the evidence in this case, I became convinced that the heinousness of the crime of which the brother was charged was such that if he was guilty, he should be more severely dealt with than by expulsion from the Masonic fraternity; if innocent, it would be wrong to have these charges hanging over him for a whole year. I, therefore, went into the case very carefully, and discovered several errors in the manner in which the trial was conducted. I therefore decided to sustain the appeal and remand the case for new trial.

My first efforts were to ascertain why this brother had not been tried by the civil courts, and I learned that before the crime of which he had been accused became known, the statute of limitation covering such cases had expired in our civil law. I am glad to say that there is no statute of limitation in our Masonic law over such offenses as this brother was charged with.

I appointed Past Grand Master Alpha Morgan my proxy to proceed to Gandy and re-try the case. Brother Morgan very kindly accepted and in my behalf, notified the lodge and the offending brother, and on December 6th convened the lodge and directed notice to be served on all resident members and summoned the brother to appear, with their respective witnesses. The trial proceeded and every opportunity was given the brother to prove himself innocent. He was also represented by a counsel. After all testimony was in and argument made, he was declared guilty of the crime with which he was charged and a sentence of expulsion was pronounced against him.

All papers concerning this case are on file in the Grand Secretary's office.

REMOVAL TO NEW LOCATIONS.

I granted permission to the following lodges to occupy new locations: Fairbury, No. 35; Doniphan, No. 86; Alliance, No. 183; Scotts Bluff, No. 201; and Minatare, No. 295.

All of these lodges, excepting Minatare, had erected temples of their own, and I am pleased to say that in each instance it gave them much better quarters in which to meet, and afforded them fine homes. In each instance I either made personal examination as to the favorableness and appropriateness for the purposes for which they were built, or received the information from Past Grand Masters whom I had commissioned to act for me, or a certificate signed by three Past Masters of the lodge under seal of the lodge.

On May 18th I gave permission to Litchfield Lodge No. 278 to remove to a new location.

HALLS CONDEMNED.

On July 21st notice reached me of the unsafe condition for the purposes for which they were being used, namely, the work of Masonry, of the rooms occupied by Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, and Oasis Lodge No. 271. I commissioned M. W. Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, to make examination of these halls, and on July 24th he reported that they were not safe for the purposes for which they were being used. I immediately issued my formal order to both these lodges not to use their halls again until they were placed in a safe and suitable condition, certified to me by the Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, under seal of their lodges. On August 11th I received notice signed by the Master and Wardens of Oasis Lodge under seal of their lodge that the repairs had been made to their hall as directed and same was considered safe. I, therefore, issued my formal order for them to again use their hall. On September 25th I received notice signed by the Master and Wardens, under seal of their lodge, of Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, that they had made such repairs to their hall as they had been directed to make, and it was now safe and suitable for the purposes of all Masonic meetings. I at once issued my order to them to again occupy their hall and resume their labors. On March 20th I learned through the report of the Assistant Custodian who had held a school of instruction in Antelope Lodge No. 276, that the room they were occupying was neither safe nor suitable for the purposes for which it was being used. On this date I issued my formal order that they discontinue their meetings until they had made said hall safe and suitable or had procured one that would comply with all the requirements, certified to me

under seal of their lodge and signed by three Past Masters or the Master and Wardens. I later received a letter from the Master stating that they were planning to occupy a hall that they had formerly used. On April 21st I received a certificate from this lodge signed by three Past Masters, attested by the Secretary, and under the seal of the lodge, that they had secured a place of meeting and that it was safe and secure. I at once issued my official order for them to occupy it.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

On June 14th I approved the waiver of Springview Lodge No. 260, over a candidate who wished to join Gregory Lodge at South Dakota, for the reason that he lived very close to the lodge at Gregory and some distance from the lodge at Springview. I received a very cordial letter from the Grand Secretary of South Dakota thanking me on behalf of the Gregory Lodge of South Dakota for the action, and suggesting that they hoped to enact a similar law to ours relative to concurrent jurisdiction; as yet I have heard nothing further.

On November 21st I approved the waiver over a candidate from Pythagoras Lodge No. 156 in favor of Reed City Lodge of Michigan, the candidate having moved within its jurisdiction.

On January 5th I approved of the petition for waiver from our Cedar River Lodge No. 89, to Butte Lodge No. 22, Butte, Montana, over a candidate, and the same was granted.

On January 8th I approved of a petition of our Square Lodge No. 151 for a waiver over an Entered Apprentice of Narka Lodge No. 349, of Kansas; request was granted.

On January 13th I approved of the petition of Sincerity Lodge No. 982, Illinois, to our Covert Lodge No. 11 for a waiver over an Entered Apprentice candidate.

On March 7th, I approved of a request of Boaz Lodge No. 185 to Norcatut Lodge No. 317 of Kansas, for a waiver of jurisdiction over a candidate who lived within two miles of our Boaz Lodge and about twenty miles from the nearest lodge in Kansas. The Deputy Grand Master of Kansas replied that their law would not permit a waiver over material residing in their Grand Jurisdiction to join a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction.

On March 21st I approved of the petition of Naval Lodge No. 24, Florida, to our Meridian Lodge No. 188, for a waiver of jurisdiction over a candidate serving in the United States Navy, and now residing within the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following lodges not being represented at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, I wrote to each of them calling their attention to the law governing such non-attendance: Nos. 23, 64, 117, 118, 140, 144, 202, 216, 222, 232, 243, 246, and 292. I received satisfactory replies from all but one, giving good reasons for their non-attendance.

On August 12th I appointed Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham a member of the special Committee on Childrens Home to succeed Brother Charles L. Mielenz, deceased.

On September 30th I ordered a former member of Nebraska City Lodge No. 12, extinct, reinstated, he having paid all dues to date.

I gave Springview Lodge No. 260 permission to hold a meeting in the office of the Master, for the purpose of electing officers. They are expecting soon to secure a hall in which to meet.

One of our lodges made application for relief for two of its members. On investigation it was found that the dues they were assessing were not enough to meet their expenses. I therefore ordered them to increase their dues to a sufficient amount to meet all expenses and have some remaining for emergencies.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The constituting of our chartered lodges comes at a time of year when the weather is extremely hot and all new lodges hold their meetings in small and poorly ventilated rooms, making the work of constituting very irksome and in some instances dangerous, on account of some being overcome with the heat. I, therefore, recommend changing the wording of Article XII., paragraph 3, of the Constitution which reads "such lodge shall be duly constituted within ninety days thereafter" to read "such lodge shall be duly constituted within one hundred days thereafter."

I recommend the striking out of that part of Section 36, Chapter VI. of the law, which reads "The action of the lodge or lodges shall be advisory only." Why should we ask the advice of a lodge and then ignore it?

I recommend that an appropriation be made to cover the actual expenses of the Grand Marshal in the discharge of his official duties other than attending the annual communication. Why should we have a Grand Lodge function at the expense of a subordinate lodge?

I recommend the continuance of holding central schools of instruction, and that the Assistants to the Grand Custodian be required to

attend one of the central schools and their per diem be fixed at \$2.00 per day and actual expenses.

I recommend that the Grand Custodian be required to visit schools of instruction in other Grand Jurisdictions once each year, unless excused by the Grand Master, his expenses to be paid by the Grand Lodge.

The method of leaving off the rolls in the Grand Secretary's office the suspended members, Entered Apprentices, and Fellow Crafts who have been carried on these rolls for more than five years has not proven satisfactory. So many changes have to be made in taking members from one class and putting them in another that it takes a great deal of time, and serves no good purpose. I therefore recommend that Section 57 of the law, found on page 599 of the proceedings for 1916, be amended by striking out the second sentence which reads as follows:

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.

AN APPRECIATION.

Such, my brethren, have been my labors among you and for you during the past year. In performing these duties, I have traveled nearly twelve thousand miles. I have devoted every hour of my time to the discharge of my official duties. If I have made errors, I trust you will cast over them the mantle of Masonic charity, for they have been of the head and not of the heart. As you know, there is no money consideration connected with the office of Grand Master, other than his actual traveling expenses for which I am truly thankful. But I must say that I have received the greatest salary I have ever had or expect to get, all paid in kind words and loving deeds. I can find no words to express my gratitude for the association during the past year with the Grand Custodian. His sharing my labors with me and his kindly counsel has surely been an inspiration for higher ideals that will never be forgotten. Our Grand Marshal has ever been ready to assist me in every way possible, no weather conditions being too severe nor distance too great to keep him from performing the duties asked of him. Our Grand Secretary has ever stood with ready hand and willing counsel to assist me in all my work. Yes, all have been so kind that words fail me to express my gratitude.

CONCLUSION.

Thus as we are about to close another chapter of our history, let us pause a moment and review the past and contemplate the future. One year ago you placed on my shoulders the mantle of Grand Master. I thought I fully realized the greatness of the honor, but how little did I understand the blessed heritage with which I had been endowed. Language fails me when I attempt to express my gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown me by all my associates in the Grand Lodge. The Past Grand Masters have all seemed to vie with each other in their efforts to assist, and with kindly counsel and brotherly devotion have been my right arm of strength in guiding this grand old ship of Masonry into peaceful harbors.

The many intimate acquaintances made, the many friendships formed, have all tended to make the year one of the happiest of my life. My only regret is that I could not do more for Masonry and for my brethren.

But what of the future? That Masonry in the past has been one of the greatest elements for the uplift and benefit of mankind, there is no doubt, and its usefulness in the future is just as certain. For if that time of universal peace ever comes, Masonry must be its handmaiden; for just as it was instrumental in establishing liberty and free government, so must it by the practice of its principles, the symbolizing of its emblems, be first in the ranks of the onward march of the Prince of Peace.

So, my brethren, let us not be dismayed. May God in his goodness and wisdom so guide us that the principles we teach and the influence we render will be such that their beauty and potency will be acknowledged by all mankind, that the madness of war will cease, that out of this bitterness and hatred, death and destruction, there will come a time of peace, love, and fraternity.

“Yet the black smoke of battle it will pass—

Sometime, sometime,—like vapor from a glass;
There will be rest for all the weary flags,
And rest for bugles on the battle crags
Still there will be no rest for man's strong soul;
Before him shines an ever-flying goal;
Still must he seek for freedom ever-more;
No halt for any soul on any shore;
Man is the conscript of an endless quest,
A long divine adventure without rest;
Each hard-earned freedom withers to a bond;
Freedom forever is beyond—beyond.”

ANDREW H. VIELE,
Grand Master.

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 5th, 1917.

RETURNS FROM LODGES.

After much labor, correspondence, and some feeling on the part of some of the Secretaries, I have succeeded in getting returns with the amount due the Grand Lodge, from all of our chartered lodges. Some system should be devised or method taken requiring more care on the part of some Secretaries to keep correct records of the members; also steps should be taken to compel Secretaries to comply with the law in regard to sending in their returns.

In regard to delays in sending in the returns, it is a task of great magnitude to make up the table of statistics, close up the accounts, adjust the amount due the Relief Fund, settle with 270 lodges, and make and change from 2,000 to 3,000 cards, also to count separately more than 35,000 cards, and none of this work can be completed until the last return has reached the office. From the tenth of April to the tenth of May gives only thirty days to do all of this work, and this year the last return reached my office on May 9th. As the business of the office increases some method will have to be devised to eliminate the matters referred to or at a not very far distant day it will be impossible for the Grand Secretary to have the returns from lodges ready for the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

VOLUME 11.

When the proceedings of 1917 are published, they will complete Volume 11. No arrangements are being made for printing and binding this volume, prices for work of this kind have very nearly doubled, and it would seem to be the part of economy for the Grand Lodge to postpone this work until more normal conditions are attained. Every lodge is supplied with the proceedings when published, and there is no necessity for the bound volumes which cannot be supplied by the pamphlets.

SUPPLIES.

The cost of white lambskin aprons has about doubled during the past year, and although they are purchased in large lots, the price is

increasing with each order. These aprons are sold to lodges at cost, and Secretaries should take into consideration the increase in cost when ordering; if possible lodges are notified of the change.

Almost all books and other supplies are increasing in price, also.

Our supply of small monitors being almost exhausted, I arranged with the printers for a new lot, and was fortunate enough to be able to contract for this work at the same price as the last. The printer has enough specially prepared paper on hand to make the books, and was willing to do the work at the former price, hence the monitors can be sold to lodges at the same price as hitherto.

EUROPEAN WAR RELIEF FUND.

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Amount on hand last report..... | \$ 5,927.04 | |
| Interest to April 14th..... | | 360.85 |
| Paid to War Relief Society, Omaha..... | \$ 193.75 | |
| Certificate of deposit, First Trust Company, Omaha | 3,085.10 | |
| Certificate of deposit, Custer State Bank, Broken Bow | 3,000.04 | |
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| | \$6,287.89 | \$ 6,287.89 |

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH DEBIT.

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|---|-------------|
| Balance on hand May 20th, 1916..... | \$34,116.45 |
| Received for fees for charters for three new lodges..... | 150.00 |
| Received for dues on 23,664 members, less 22 in lodges U. D. S., and 128 exempt, net number collected on, 23,514 @ \$1.50 each..... | 35,271.00 |
| Received for fees on 2,132 initiations at \$5.00 each..... | 10,660.00 |
| Received for supplies sold to lodges..... | 1,756.20 |
| Received for penalties assessed against lodges in 1916..... | 22.67 |
| Received for 1 Jordan medal sold..... | 1.00 |
| Received for fee for lodge U. D. S., at Bethany..... | 25.00 |
| Received for interest..... | 558.78 |
| Received for special dispensations issued..... | 150.00 |
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| Total | \$82,711.10 |

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH CREDIT.

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|---|-------------|
| Pay-roll, session of 1916..... | \$ 4,363.52 |
| 375 railroad fares to Plattsmouth and return..... | 312.06 |
| Committee on Foreign Correspondence, 1916..... | 200.00 |
| Grand Tyler, session of 1916..... | 15.00 |
| Organist, session of 1916..... | 10.00 |

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| Silk American Flag..... | \$ 16.25 |
| Samuel S. Whiting, balance due for expenses as Grand Master, 1915-1916..... | 22.44 |
| Expense of Grand Chaplain, 1915-1916..... | 123.83 |
| Insurance on supplies, office furniture, etc. | 38.75 |
| Committee on Relief, 1916..... | 2,639.75 |
| Stenographer, session of 1916..... | 10.00 |
| Special Committee on Childrens Homes..... | 12,000 00 |
| The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Ass'n.... | 100.00 |
| Printing three charters for new lodges..... | 30.00 |
| Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada | 118.32 |
| Premium on Grand Secretary's bond..... | 15.00 |
| Printing reports of officers..... | 32.25 |
| Printing advance copies of proceedings..... | 58.50 |
| Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1916..... | 565.15 |
| Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax, 1917..... | 17,635.50 |
| Purchasing supplies for sale and issue..... | 2,100.56 |
| Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, salary, 1916-1917..... | 1,500.00 |
| Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, salary, 1916-1917..... | 2,400.00 |
| Grand Secretary's clerk hire..... | 1,560.00 |
| Grand Master's clerk hire..... | 210.00 |
| Grand Master's expense | 300.00 |
| Promulgation of the work..... | 1,000.00 |
| Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage..... | 220.00 |
| Blanks | 156.25 |
| Stationery | 66.72 |
| Janitor | 61.00 |
| Incidental expenses | 38.96 |
| Expense of the Grand Custodian..... | 500.00 |
| Expense of the Grand Chaplain..... | 150.00 |
| Past Grand Master Whiting, expenses at laying of cornerstone, Wayne | 27.18 |
| Telephone | 30.00 |
| Balance in the Norfolk National bank, Norfolk..... | 34,084.11 |
| Total | \$82,711.10 |

GENERAL LEDGER BALANCE AFTER CLOSING THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ending May 20th, 1917.

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|---|--------------|
| Inventory | \$115,339.60 |
| 516 shares of stock in Nebraska Masonic Home.\$ | 51,600.00 |
| Supplies for sale and issue..... | 430.22 |
| Fee for a lodge at Bethany..... | 25.00 |
| Grand Lodge jewels..... | 233.00 |

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| Grand Lodge library..... | \$ 1,182.18 | |
| Grand Lodge library furniture..... | 1,664.64 | |
| Childrens Homes at Fremont..... | 29,000.00 | |
| Cash in Norfolk National bank..... | 34,084.11 | |
| Due the Committee on Relief for 1917-1918..... | | \$ 2,829.55 |
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| | \$118,194.15 | \$118,194.15 |

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

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| Amount on hand as per last report..... | \$ 195.51 | |
| Purchased during the year..... | | 2,100.56 |
| Sold during the year..... | \$ 1,756.20 | |
| Issued free during the year..... | 109.65 | |
| On hand | 430.22 | |
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| | \$ 2,296.07 | \$ 2,296.07 |

RELIEF FUND.

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|---|-------------|-------------|
| Amount on hand as per last report..... | \$ 2,639.75 | |
| May 20th, 1917, ten per cent. of the fees and dues..... | | 2,829.55 |
| June 8th, 1916, paid Committee on Relief..... | \$ 2,639.75 | |
| Amount on hand June 5th, 1917..... | 2,829.55 | |
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| | \$ 5,469.30 | \$ 5,469.30 |

INVENTORY.

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|--|--------------|------------|
| 516 shares stock in Nebraska Masonic Home..... | \$ 51,600.00 | |
| Supplies for sale and issue..... | 430.22 | |
| Cash in the Norfolk National Bank..... | 34,084.11 | |
| Childrens Homes at Fremont..... | 29,000.00 | |
| Grand Lodge jewels | 233.00 | |
| Grand Lodge library..... | 1,182.18 | |
| Grand Lodge library furniture..... | 1,664.64 | |
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| Gross assets | \$118,194.15 | |
| Amount due for relief, 1917-1918..... | \$2,829.55 | |
| Amount due for lodge at Bethany..... | 25.00 | 2,854.55 |
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| Net assets | \$115,339.60 | |
| Net assets, 1916 | | 103,352.03 |
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| Increase for the year, 1917..... | \$ 11,987.57 | |

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

All lodges in the jurisdiction, and all Past Grand Masters, were supplied with pamphlets containing full and complete transactions for

the year, 1916. The following data relating to the Home is taken largely from the reports made to the stockholders on January 23d, 1917:

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| During the year 1916, the cash on hand and the amount received was | \$62,146.32 |
| The disbursements were..... | 60,980.62 |

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| Balance on hand..... | \$ 1,165.70 |
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The above statement includes the Orphans Educational Fund, which is managed by the Trustees of the Home.

During the year 1916 thirteen residents were received at the Home and nine children were admitted to the Fremont Homes. Seven adult residents died during the year and three adults and five children left. Since the first of this year one resident has died and one has left, and three adults and four children have been admitted. There are now at the Homes twenty-five women and twenty men, twelve boys and four-teen girls, three girls and one boy being at the cottage at Plattsmouth.

Bids are asked for all supplies used at the Home, and contracts are let to the lowest bidders. The total cost of food used at the Home during the year 1916 was \$4,545.25, which includes all products raised on the Home grounds and all gifts at market prices.

The average number of residents for the year, deducting for absent days, was 41 25/100 per month. The average number of residents and employees, including meals furnished to visitors (554), was 57 94/100.

The per capita food cost was \$6.21 per month. In 1915 it was \$6.30; in 1914, \$5.64; in 1913, \$5.87; and in 1912, \$6.54.

The per capita of meat eaten was 12.4 lbs. per month, at a cost of \$1.50, as against 13.8 pounds in 1915 at \$1.88.

The total cost per capita, including repairs which are charged to the running expenses, was \$26.65 per month, or \$319.80 per year.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is assisting twenty-eight people outside of the three Homes; these brethren, their widows, or families are partly able to care for themselves and can remain in their own homes with a little financial assistance. For the year ending in June, 1916, \$2,087.13 was paid to these people by the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

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

Commanderies contributed as a Christmas Offering to purchase medical supplies at the Home, the sum of \$473.13. Cash donations amounting to \$39.00 were made, cash donations of \$47.00 for Christmas were made direct to the Home, and many useful gifts were also made at that time. The net profit from produce, etc., was \$346.28.

The cost of maintaining the Home for 1916, not including repairs, insurance, furnishing, etc., was:

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| Printing, stationery, and office supplies..... | \$ 160.95 |
| Postage | 26.00 |
| Entertainment | 8.80 |
| Medical supplies..... | 229.94 |
| Nursing | 688.78 |
| Physician's services..... | 125.00 |
| Hospital account..... | 111.55 |
| Maintenance | 5,453.67 |
| Salaries and labor..... | 3,312.73 |
| Fuel | 1,400.12 |
| Light | 132.90 |
| Power for laundry and refrigeration..... | 265.25 |
| Clothing | 47.94 |
| Water | 193.50 |

Total.....\$ 12,157.13

Against the above should be credited:

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| Amount received for clothing..... | \$ 3.50 | |
| “ “ “ medical supplies, \$1.90; nurs- ing, \$3.00; physician, \$1.25.. | 6.15 | |
| “ “ and charged to residents for main- tenance | 1,464.45 | 1,474.10 |

Net amount paid for by Trustees.....\$10,683.03

Comparison of amounts paid:

| | 1915 | 1916 | Increase | Decrease |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Printing, stationery, and office supplies | \$ 124.37 | \$ 160.95 | \$ 36.58 | |
| Postage | 23.00 | 26.00 | 3.00 | |
| Entertainment | 16.35 | 8.80 | | \$ 7.55 |
| Medical supplies | 145.25 | 229.94 | 84.69 | |
| Nursing (charged to salaries and labor last year)..... | | 688.78 | 688.78 | |
| Physician's services | | 125.00 | 125.00 | |
| Hospital account | | 111.55 | 111.55 | |
| Maintenance | 4,990.93 | 5,453.67 | 462.74 | |
| Salaries and labor..... | *3,781.00 | 3,312.73 | | 468.27 |
| Fuel | 1,242.92 | 1,400.12 | 157.20 | |
| Light | 136.57 | 132.90 | | 3.67 |
| Power | 337.33 | 265.25 | | 72.08 |
| Clothing | 54.00 | 47.94 | | 6.06 |
| Water | 164.13 | 193.50 | 29.37 | |

Total

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|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| \$11,015.85 | \$12,157.13 | \$1,698.91 | \$ 557.63 |
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Decrease\$ 557.63

Increase for the year.....\$1,141.28

*Included expense of nursing.

In addition to the above amounts, the Order of the Eastern Star paid out for their last fiscal year, \$8,149.00 for caring for the children at Fremont. The per capita cost per month for these Homes was, \$20.91; the food cost, \$2,073.00; per capita food, \$7.53.

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:

The hand on the dial of time indicates that the hour has arrived to call from the labors of the past year, for the information of the present, as to what has been done, how it has been done, where it has been done, and what it has cost to do it. We hope that our efforts will be approved and that they may be improved upon in the future. We have done absolutely nothing but what was approved by and under the formal direction and official order of the Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE FUNCTIONS.

Perfected all of the preliminary arrangements and assisted in the laying of corner-stones at Aurora, Surprise, Cozad, and Orleans.

Was present and assisted the Grand Master in the formal ceremonies of constituting the new lodges that were chartered at the last annual communication of the Grand lodge, viz.: Kimball, Minatare, and Cowles.

Perfected all the preliminary arrangements for the formal ceremonies of dedicating the Masonic Halls at Alliance, Surprise, and Fairbury.

By order of the Grand Master and in compliance with the code, I formally examined the petitioners for a lodge under dispensation at the town of Chester, Thayer County, Nebraska, and submitted my findings, with such recommendations as I deemed judicious and for the best interest of all concerned, to the Grand Master.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

Total number of schools held by the Grand Custodian and the Assistants, one hundred and sixteen.

Of which formal reports were filed with the Grand Master as has been the invariable rule for the last sixteen years, and a record of the same is on file in the office of the Grand Custodian, in regular card sys-

tem form as to when, where, and by whom held, open for inspection to all who may be interested in the same.

An itemized expense account of the cost of conducting all of the above schools has been submitted to the Committee on Accounts, with receipts and vouchers. No doubt they will formally report to the Grand Lodge their findings as to the correctness of the same in detail.

In addition to the above schools, the Assistants to the Grand Custodian have held formal schools of instruction in the lodges of which they are members without any cost to the Grand Lodge or to their own lodges. (Note: This means a saving of about \$400.00 to the Grand Lodge.)

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS.

In addition to the recommending of the re-appointment of sixteen of the former Assistant Custodians (several of whom have rounded out their seventh year of service) after a formal examination as to their knowledge and proficiency in the letter of the work and lectures of this Grand Jurisdiction and their ability to impart the same in an intelligent and instructive manner, I formally recommended the following to the Grand Master for commissions as Assistant Custodians, viz:—Wor. Bro. Alfred G. Hunt, P.M., Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna. Wor. Bro. Harry L. F. Proffitt, P.M., Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings. Wor. Bro. George Burgert, P.M., Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney. Wor. Bro. George A. Stevens, S.W., Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron. All of the above brethren were formally recommended by their respective lodges. This fills the allotted number allowed by the Grand Lodge (twenty all told). Now that you have the above number of competent and well qualified brethren to impart the work in accordance with Section 8, Chapter II, of the code (and as the present Grand Custodian is the instigator and to some degree responsible for the instituting of the present method of Assistant Custodians, because the absolute necessity demanded it) and it has been proven that the proposition of Assistant Custodians is a practical one beyond all question or cavil, when properly adjusted to a practical method, a system which will be just, equitable, and economic in every respect, one that will insure practical results, I earnestly suggest that this Grand Lodge give this all important subject matter careful and conscientious consideration and give us such a perfect method that it will never need to be tampered with again.

By a formal ruling of the Grand Master, no Assistant Custodians are eligible to be commissioned or re-commissioned who are elective officers of the Grand Lodge or who do not reside in the jurisdiction of the lodge of which they are members.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

A proposition of holding a series of central schools was submitted to the Grand Master and met with his approval and an expression of a desire on his part to co-operate in the same by being present in person. By and under his official order, central schools of three days duration were formally dated, at the following places, viz: Norfolk, Red Cloud, St. Paul, Columbus, Fremont, Lincoln, Auburn, Gering, and Beatrice. In several instances the effort proved a success, and there are reasons to believe practical results will follow. One school was a failure, a useless waste of time and funds—not sufficient interest manifested in the attendance to justify the effort.

Some lodges conceived the idea that the central schools meant the abolishing of formal schools in their home lodges. Not at all! Each and every lodge will maintain its right of schools in due time and regular turn. It is not an invention or an imagination born in this Grand Jurisdiction, but is an established custom in vogue in some of the largest Grand Jurisdictions in the United States. Three full days are ample time to carefully review the entire work and all accompanying lectures of each of the degrees, a happy getting together along fraternal lines, a cultivating of the social feature of "Brotherly Love and Friendship," that is possible will defy the frosts of time—a real old time Masonic camp meeting. Shall this custom be established and perpetuated in this Grand Jurisdiction? We await your action and advice in this particular matter.

CLASS AND INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION.

Much of the time during the summer months (much more than at any time in the last sixteen years) was devoted to class and individual instruction at my home, some brethren traveling eleven hundred miles and remaining for five days, at their own expense, to perfect themselves in the work. Surely such zeal to become proficient "is truly commendable and worthy of imitation." If a brother has a retentive memory and even although it may require a persistent effort on his part along what may be termed strenuous lines, it will bring its own reward in the fact of the knowledge of absolute proficiency in the letter of the work, and a better understanding of the principles which the letter expresses, and its intended application in our march "from darkness to light." Might it not be well to devise a more systematic method whereby those who are anxious and willing to apply themselves may have an opportunity to do so? We await your conclusions; what say you?

MISCELLANEOUS.

Presided at Masonic funerals in Lodges No. 46 and No. 189. By reason of the letter of the law and the exacting duties of the Grand

Custodian, all other requests had to be declined during the past year, as they will have to be in the future, under the present rulings.

Inspected proposed halls at Gering, Bridgeport, and Morrill and formally reported my findings as to their safety and suitability, to the Grand Master.

Installed the officers of Rob Morris, No. 46.

THE STUDY SIDE.

At my request the Grand Master kindly modified the rule heretofore in vogue, viz:—That the Custodian must devote a part of the time of each school to the "Study side of Masonry." It may be true that in some instances this subject may be of some interest to the few (fewer perhaps than we may suppose). If dealt with at all, it should be only by those who know whereof they speak (and then perhaps, they will be misunderstood). For as Masons we are supposed to be free-born and of lawful age, with the right of free thought, free conscience, and free action. If we demonstrate in our lives what we profess as Masons: "An abiding trust in God," and sincere love for our fellow man, with honest endeavors to live up to the Golden Rule, are we not, at least to some degree, "Wiser, better and happier men?" I feel that where lodges are in need of instructions in the letter of the work, my first duty should be to improve all the allotted time along these lines, leaving each brother the right to solve the problems of the meaning of the symbols, traditions, and legends as he may see proper from his standpoint of spiritual intuition. I hope that my version of this matter will meet with your approval, for I believe that this is the proper construction of the letter of the law pertaining to the formal duties of the Grand Custodian. Am I correct in my conclusions?

There could have been many more schools held if the conditions would have warranted the expense. By reason of the prospective holiday trade, virtually all the lodges formally dated for the month of December requested their dates to be cancelled which, of course, was complied with for, as we are taught, Masonry does not intend to interfere with any of our paramount duties "to God, our neighbor or ourselves" and that "it is not meant that Masonry should interfere with our necessary vocations, for these are on no account to be neglected." These old charges may be said to border very close to what may be termed "Ancient Land Marks" in the eyes of many of the Craft.

AFTER-WORD.

To those with whom the Grand Custodian's duties bring him in close association—the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary: In Grand Master Viele we have a conscientious and efficient official, a Grand Master just in all of his formal directions, reasonable in all of

his official orders, unflinching in his fidelity to the principles of Masonry, suffering keenly for the indiscretion of others. Our Grand Master is one whom to know is to love.

WELCOME GREETING.

Inscribed to our beloved Grand Master.

(Air—"Onward, Christian Soldiers.")

Welcome, Dear Grand Master, welcome to our band:

Loyal Craftsmen greet thee with a welcome hand,

Kings may rule with power on their gilded thrones

But our own Grand Master rules with love alone.

Welcome, welcome, welcome, welcome to our band,

Loyal Craftsmen greet thee with a welcome hand.

Welcome, Dear Grand Master, to our chequered floor;

Round our sacred altar meet the rich and poor.

Trusting God our Father, all are brethren we;

Loyal Craftsmen one and all, of the Ancient—Free.

Welcome, welcome, welcome, welcome to our band.

Loyal Craftsmen greet thee with a welcome hand.

All have passed the pillars—climbed the winding stair;

All meet upon the level and part upon the square;

Cheerfully we labor, and honestly we toil

For the Craftsmen's wages of corn, and wine, and oil.

Welcome, dear Grand Master, thrice we welcome thee,

Loyal Craftsmen greet thee with a THREE TIMES THREE.

(Grand Honors.)

Freely my muse hath given to me

Freely her verse I give unto thee.

To the Grand Secretary, "Brother Frank," I can say no more now than I have said in the past. It is not for me to express in words the esteem, friendship, and love that I cherish for this honest man, this true friend, this loyal Mason, this beloved Brother.

To the Brethren at large: I sincerely thank you, one and all for your kindly consideration and liberal forbearance of my many human frailties, faults, and foibles. At times some may have thought that I was somewhat disposed and inclined to censure or criticize. I never meant to be personal. I only meant to deal from a standpoint of what I believed to be principle.

And as I have oftimes said before:

And here again repeat it once more,

That differ, and differ we always will
 What e'er the difference we'll be friends still!

GRAND LODGE CREDIT.

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| May 1st, 1916, Balance on hand unexpended..... | \$ 66.17 |
| June 7th, 1916, Appropriation for 1916 and 1917..... | 600.00 |
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| | \$666.17 |

GRAND LODGE DEBTOR.

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| Transportation, railroad | \$132.39 |
| Maintenance (hotel) | 206.00 |
| Postage | 30.28 |
| Telephone and telegrams..... | 40.36 |
| Buss and baggage..... | 14.10 |
| Stationery and printing..... | 38.84 |
| Supplies | 4.25 |
| Stenographer | 8.12 |
| Paid on account of promulgation of the work..... | 21.78 |
| Not drawn from appropriation..... | 100.00 |
| Balance on hand unexpended, May 2d, 1917..... | 70.05 |
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| | \$666.17 |

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS' EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

GRAND LODGE CREDIT.

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|--|----------|
| By deposit in the State Bank of Omaha..... | \$850.33 |
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GRAND LODGE DEBTOR.

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|---|----------|
| Samuel S. Whiting for conducting Six schools..... | \$ 82.19 |
| James D. Phillips " " Eight " | 115.25 |
| Walter W. Wells " " Three " | 41.05 |
| Fred A. Howe " " Seven " | 100.20 |
| Frederick L. Wolff " " Three " | 37.16 |
| Ensign J. Rix " " Ten " | 140.67 |
| Frank L. Haycock " " Two " | 20.00 |
| Robert B. Walker " " One " | 18.42 |
| Ira C. Freet " " Four " | 44.35 |
| Earl M. Bolen " " Two " | 21.40 |
| Frank W. Farrand " " " " | 27.68 |
| Benjamin Wood " " Four " | 49.22 |
| Levi D. Phipps " " Two " | 20.86 |
| George A. Stevens " " " " | 24.53 |
| Harry L. F. Proffitt " " " " | 15.72 |
| George Burgert " " One " | 6.67 |

Alfred G. Hunt for conducting Five schools.....\$ 60.15
 Grand Custodian, printing, postage and stenographer... 16.55
 Grand Custodian, refund to Lodges Nos. 198 and 212... 8.26

 \$850.33

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, 1917, is frat-
 ternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

Securities on hand last report.....\$ 83,150.00

Securities purchased:

No. 230, Masonic Temple Craft, Callaway.....\$1,800.00
 No. 231, Maria A. Hart, on 160 acres of land, Burt
 County 3,500.00
 No. 232, Anna M. Kipling Trimble, on 80 acres of
 land, Nemaha County..... 3,200.00
 No. 233, James G. Leibhart, on 160 acres of land,
 Merrick County..... 5,000.00
 No. 234, Joseph M. Fisher, on 160 acres of land,
 Valley County..... 3,000.00
 No. 235, John C. Ackerman, on 80 acres of land,
 Burt County..... 5,000.00 21,500.00

 \$104,650.00

Securities paid off or renewed:

No. 188, Masonic Temple Craft, Callaway.....\$1,850.00
 No. 191, Hart 1,500.00
 No. 192, Hart 1,500.00
 No. 194, Mathews 1,000.00
 No. 197, Woodman 5,000.00
 No. 198, Horn 2,800.00
 No. 200, Iauch 2,000.00
 No. 214, Moe 400.00 \$ 16,050.00
 Securities on hand..... 88,600.00

 \$104,650.00

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

| NO. | BORROWER. | PROPERTY LOCATED IN | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 201, | Olson | 100 acres, Dixon County..... | \$ 3,500.00 |
| 202, | Bring | 80 acres, Thurston County..... | 3,000.00 |
| 203, | Fendrich...118 & 85/100 | 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..... | 2,100.00 |
| 215, | Bombek | 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 & 11/100 | 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 |
| 230, | Masonic Temple Craft Assn., | Callaway, Masonic Temple. | 1,800.00 |
| 231, | Hart | 160 acres, Burt County..... | 3,500.00 |
| 232, | Trimble | 80 acres, Nemaha County..... | 3,200.00 |
| 233, | Leibhart | 160 acres, Merrick County..... | 5,000.00 |
| 234, | Fisher | 160 acres, Valley County..... | 3,000.00 |
| 235, | Ackerman | 80 acres, Burt County..... | 5,000.00 |
| Total..... | | | \$88,600.00 |
| Securities last report..... | | | 83,150.00 |
| Gross increase..... | | | \$ 5,450.00 |
| Due Nebraska Masonic Home..... | | | 802.15 |
| Net increase for the year..... | | | \$ 4,647.85 |

All interest is paid to date. The rate of interest is from five to six per cent.; all late purchases or renewals of loans are at five per cent. The net increase is not as large this year as it would have been had

the rate of interest not been reduced and nearly fifty dollars been paid for interest accrued on loans purchased in May, 1917.

One of the loans exceeds by a small amount forty per cent. of the appraised value of the security. We found it impossible to procure loans for forty per cent. of the appraised value as provided by our law. We have taken one loan with the understanding that if it is not satisfactory to the Grand Lodge it will be taken up. We recommend that the forty per cent. clause in our law be changed to not less than fifty per cent., as it is impossible to purchase loans by complying with the law as it now stands.

CASH.

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|---|----|-----------|-------------------------|
| Interest on securities purchased..... | \$ | 87.82 | |
| Securities purchased | | 21,500.00 | |
| Securities paid off..... | | | \$16,050.00 |
| Interest collected | | | 4,718.82 |
| Due from the Nebraska Masonic Home, 1916..... | | | 16.85 |
| Due the Nebraska Masonic Home, 1917..... | | | 802.15 |
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| | | | \$21,587.82 \$21,587.82 |

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

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Secretary.

The Grand Master announced the following committees:

Jurisprudence:—All Past Grand Masters present, with M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, as chairman.

Codification of the Law:—Bros. Frederick L. Wolff, 135; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Edward M. Wellman, 1.

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

Fraternal Dead:—Bros. John F. Poucher, 41; Walter W. Wells, 192.

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

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; 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.: William J. Birkofer, 249; Charles E. Alter, 116; Martin S. McDuffie, 113; Elbert M. White, 200.

Doings of Grand Lodge Officers:—Bros.: George H. Thummel, 33; Robert M. Rankin, 56; David C. Spangler, 41.

Accounts:—Bros.: Orville A. Andrews, 19; Thomas Falconer, 11; Maro C. Shipherd, 15; Walter C. Moulton, 258; Theophilus I. Minier, 241.

Charters and Dispensations:—Bros.: Morris H. Evans, 220; Lorenzen P. Ronne, 210; Fred J. Weidman, 204; J. Hugo Johnson, 46.

Credentials:—Bros.: William T. Poucher, 31; Joseph D. Codington, 9; Karl J. Stern, 183; Allen C. Kirby, 190.

Ways and Means:—Bros.: Robert R. Dickson, 95; Francis Rainbow, 153; Clarence A. Luce, 98; Henry J. Kierstead, 55; Arthur C. Rumery, 170.

Grand Lodge Office:—Bros.: Carl W. Bradway, 1; Oliver C. Dovey, 6; Oscar M. Meyer, 54; George W. Long, 288.

Returns:—Bros.: Leander E. Gosselin, 3; John O. Moore, 287; Fred N. Morgan, 254.

Pay-roll:—Bros.: James C. Lomax, 148; Eugene Atkins, 26; Charles H. F. Steilmeyer, 176.

Unfinished Business:—Bros.: Charles E. Burnham, 166; Sigfried L. Jacks, 198; George S. Austin, 60.

Visitors:—The Grand Custodian and Assistants.

W.: Brother Leander E. Gosselin, 3, presented the following report, and on motion it was adopted as printed:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

The Committee on Returns reports that returns for all lodges have been received and carefully examined. Cards for new members have been made, all changes have been entered, 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. 64. \$3.10; No. 156. \$15.66; No. 164. \$4.84; No. 226. \$2.00; No. 244. \$5.76; No. 269, 29c; No. 283. \$1.24; No. 286. \$2.05; total, \$34.94.

The following lodges did not report whether or not they carried insurance: Nos. 77, 127, 171, 226, and 296.

The following lodges report carrying no insurance: Nos. 34, 83, 117, 213, 254, and 260.

The following lodges did not report the mileage: Nos. 38, 46, 51, 53, 58, 73, 97, 108, 113, 121, 124, 127, 160, 167, 171, 206, 221, 226, 257, 259, and 270.

The following lodges report no delinquent dues: Nos. 11, 13, 27, 33, 37, 48, 63, 67, 70, 72, 76, 90, 98, 100, 116, 119, 126, 130, 168, 227, 229, 237, 240, 241, 243, 252, 255, 256, 260, 272, 273, 277, 280, 282, 284, 285, 286, 287, 290, and 292, a total of 40, the same number as last year. Twenty of these last year reported that they had no delinquent dues.

The following lodges do not report whether or not they have any delinquent dues: Nos. 29, 42, 73, 87, 88, 97, 106, 112, 121, 156, 193, 197, 218, 226, 267, 268, 269, 270, 275, 289, and 294.

From the returns 3,011 members are delinquent in paying their dues, and the total amount delinquent is \$15,134.30, about \$5.00 each. This amount is larger than was reported last year by \$2,075.59, but many of the lodges account for their delinquencies by saying that they are caused by the change in time of collecting, all lodges being now required to charge dues January 1st, which become delinquent December 31st; it is probable that when this matter is adjusted the delinquencies will be less.

This year, as last, many errors were found in returns, which necessitated much correspondence. If secretaries would include in the returns all of the work, and any changes in membership from April 1st of the previous year much of this correspondence would be unnecessary.

For the last few years the plan of deducting all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and suspended members, who have been on the rolls more than five years, has been tried. It does not prove satisfactory, as a large number who have been on these rolls for over five years wish either to be advanced or reinstated. While it reduces the number carried on these rolls it serves no other purpose, and the committee recommends that the law requiring the omission of these members from the returns be repealed. This can be accomplished by amending Section 57 of the Grand Lodge Law, by omitting the second sentence of the same. See page 599, proceedings of 1916.

RETURNS.

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| Number of chartered lodges..... | 270 |
| Number of lodges under dispensation..... | 0 |
| | — |
| Total..... | 270 |
| Number initiated during the year..... | 2,132 |
| Number passed during the year..... | 1,908 |

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| Number raised during the year..... | 1,864 | |
| Number affiliated during the year..... | 369 | |
| Number reinstated during the year..... | 105 | |
| Number gained by other causes during the year | 59 | |
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| Total gross increase..... | | 2,397 |
| Number demitted during the year..... | 482 | |
| Number deceased during the year..... | 339 | |
| Number suspended during the year..... | 189 | |
| Number expelled during the year..... | 7 | |
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| Total loss | | 1,017 |
| Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1917.. | | 1,380 |
| Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1916..... | 23,664 | |
| Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1917..... | 25,044 | |

FEES, DUES, AND OTHER ITEMS.

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|---|-------------|-------------|
| Fees on 2,132 initiations during the year at \$5.00 each..... | \$10,660.00 | |
| Dues on 23,664 members, less 22 of three lodges chartered last year, at \$1.50 each..... | 35,463.00 | |
| Due for supplies..... | 1,756.20 | |
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| | | \$47,879.20 |
| Due the Nebraska Masonic Home..... | \$17,635.50 | |
| Due lodges for exemption certificates..... | 192.00 | 17,827.50 |
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| Net amount due the Grand Lodge..... | | \$30,051.70 |

The number of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and suspended Master Masons, on the rolls, 1,173, 567, and 955 respectively, are the number who have been on these rolls for less than five years.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31st, 1917.

| NAME OF LODGE | No. of Lodge | E. A. A. | | F. O. C. | | SUSP. | | MASTER MASONS | | | | | | | | | | No. of Lodge | |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-------|--------------|--------------|----------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | No. Initiated | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. Passed | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. Suspended | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | GAIN | | | | Total | LOSS | | | | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | | |
| | | | | | | | | No. April 1, 1916 | By Raising | By Admission | Reinstatement | | Other Causes | By Demission | By Death | By Suspension | | | By Expulsion |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nebraska | 1 | 74 | 31 | 79 | 12 | 12 | 40 | 699 | 77 | 18 | 5 | 799 | 12 | 5 | 12 | 29 | 770 | 1 | |
| Western Star | 2 | 11 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 157 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 168 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 163 | 2 | |
| Capitol | 3 | 74 | 26 | 60 | 13 | .. | 23 | 661 | 51 | 5 | 1 | 718 | 7 | 7 | .. | 14 | 704 | 3 | |
| Nemaha Valley | 4 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 5 | .. | 4 | 57 | 6 | .. | 2 | 65 | 2 | 4 | .. | 6 | 59 | 4 | |
| Omadi | 5 | 9 | 1 | 10 | 1 | .. | 2 | 103 | 9 | 1 | .. | 113 | 1 | 2 | .. | 3 | 110 | 5 | |
| Plattsmouth | 6 | 16 | 4 | 16 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 128 | 13 | 2 | .. | 143 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 138 | 6 | |
| Falls City | 9 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 3 | .. | 11 | 168 | 15 | 4 | .. | 187 | .. | 3 | .. | 3 | 184 | 9 | |
| Solomon | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 34 | 2 | .. | .. | 36 | 2 | 1 | .. | 3 | 33 | 10 | |
| Covert | 11 | 68 | 26 | 65 | 12 | 7 | 37 | 800 | 75 | 7 | 4 | 866 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 26 | 860 | 11 | |
| Orient | 13 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | .. | 3 | 36 | 4 | 2 | .. | 42 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 41 | 13 | |
| Peru | 14 | 20 | 8 | 18 | 8 | .. | 6 | 49 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 64 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 62 | 14 | |
| Fremont | 15 | 16 | 5 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 292 | 17 | 2 | .. | 311 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 303 | 15 | |
| Tecumseh | 17 | 11 | 3 | 12 | 3 | .. | 3 | 108 | 11 | 1 | .. | 120 | 2 | 3 | .. | 5 | 115 | 17 | |
| Lincoln | 19 | 90 | 44 | 69 | 20 | 8 | 13 | 746 | 67 | 18 | .. | 831 | 14 | 5 | 8 | 27 | 804 | 19 | |
| Washington | 21 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | .. | 5 | 103 | 4 | 1 | .. | 108 | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 106 | 21 | |
| Pawnee | 23 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 116 | 5 | 2 | .. | 123 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 112 | 23 | |
| St. Johns | 25 | 69 | 17 | 66 | 12 | .. | 11 | 782 | 71 | 11 | 2 | 866 | 6 | 7 | .. | 13 | 853 | 25 | |
| Beatrice | 26 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 270 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 283 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 268 | 26 | |
| Jordan | 27 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | .. | .. | 57 | 8 | .. | .. | 65 | .. | 3 | .. | 3 | 62 | 27 | |
| Hope | 29 | 5 | 6 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 23 | 1 | .. | .. | 24 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24 | 29 | |
| Blue River | 30 | 4 | 2 | 2 | .. | 3 | 2 | 55 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 55 | 30 | |
| Tekamah | 31 | 9 | 2 | 9 | 2 | .. | 3 | 141 | 9 | 2 | .. | 152 | 3 | 2 | .. | 5 | 147 | 31 | |
| Platte Valley | 32 | 19 | 15 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 226 | 7 | 3 | .. | 236 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 14 | 222 | 32 | |
| Ashlar | 33 | 27 | 12 | 27 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 349 | 27 | 12 | 1 | 389 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 25 | 364 | 33 | |
| Acacia | 34 | 4 | 6 | .. | 3 | .. | 14 | 63 | .. | 1 | 2 | 66 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 65 | 34 | |
| Fairbury | 35 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 169 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 183 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 170 | 35 | |
| Lone Tree | 36 | 18 | 3 | 17 | 2 | .. | 2 | 135 | 19 | 2 | .. | 156 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | 154 | 36 | |
| Crete | 37 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | .. | 2 | 90 | 2 | 2 | .. | 94 | 4 | 1 | .. | 5 | 89 | 37 | |
| Oliver | 38 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | .. | 6 | 111 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 120 | 2 | 1 | .. | 3 | 117 | 38 | |
| Papillion | 39 | 6 | 5 | 7 | .. | .. | 2 | 42 | 7 | 2 | .. | 51 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 50 | 39 | |
| Humboldt | 40 | 3 | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 53 | 2 | .. | .. | 55 | 3 | 2 | .. | 5 | 50 | 40 | |
| Northern Light | 41 | 10 | 3 | 10 | 7 | .. | 3 | 62 | 6 | .. | .. | 68 | 1 | 2 | .. | 3 | 65 | 41 | |
| Juniata | 42 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | 2 | 3 | 51 | 1 | .. | 1 | 53 | .. | 2 | 2 | 4 | 49 | 42 | |
| Hebron | 43 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | .. | 3 | 92 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 98 | 3 | 3 | .. | 6 | 92 | 43 | |
| Harvard | 44 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 54 | 2 | .. | .. | 56 | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 54 | 44 | |
| Rob Morris | 46 | 11 | 4 | 14 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 231 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 247 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 16 | 231 | 46 | |
| Fairmont | 48 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 2 | .. | 2 | 56 | 8 | .. | 1 | 63 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 62 | 48 | |
| Evening Star | 49 | 16 | 5 | 18 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 60 | 20 | 1 | 2 | 83 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 76 | 49 | |
| Hastings | 50 | 23 | 12 | 21 | 6 | .. | 8 | 320 | 18 | 11 | 2 | 351 | 4 | 9 | .. | 14 | 337 | 50 | |
| Fidelity | 51 | 11 | 2 | 11 | 3 | .. | 9 | 104 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 117 | 6 | 3 | .. | 9 | 108 | 51 | |

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31ST, 1917.

| NAME OF LODGE | No. of Lodge | E. A. F. C. | | SUSP. | | MASTER MASONS | | | | | | | | | | No. of Lodge | | | |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| | | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | | GAIN | | | | LOSS | | | | | |
| | | No. Initiated | No. Passed | No. Suspended | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. on April 1, 1916 | By Raising | By Admission | Reinstatement | Other Causes | Total | By Demission | By Death | | By Suspension | By Expulsion | Total Loss |
| | | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. on April 1, 1916 | By Raising | By Admission | Reinstatement | Other Causes | Total | By Demission | By Death | By Suspension | By Expulsion | Total Loss | | | | |
| Hiram | 52 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 58 | 11 | 1 | 70 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 67 | 52 | | | | | |
| Charity | 53 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 96 | 4 | 3 | 103 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 100 | 53 | | | | | |
| Lancaster | 54 | 79 | 39 | 70 | 17 | 4 | 14 | 599 | 66 | 10 | 3 | 678 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 21 | 657 | 54 | |
| Mosaic | 55 | 19 | 13 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 168 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 187 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 178 | 55 | |
| York | 56 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 255 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 270 | 2 | 4 | .. | 6 | 264 | 56 | |
| Mt. Moriah | 57 | 14 | 10 | 4 | .. | .. | 2 | 64 | 6 | 3 | .. | 73 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 71 | 57 | |
| Lebanon | 58 | 9 | 7 | 8 | .. | 1 | 6 | 153 | 8 | 7 | .. | 168 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 162 | 58 | |
| Wahoo | 59 | 16 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 114 | 18 | 3 | .. | 135 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 131 | 59 | |
| Melrose | 60 | 5 | 3 | 4 | .. | .. | 3 | 79 | 5 | 1 | .. | 85 | 3 | 1 | .. | 4 | 81 | 60 | |
| Thistle | 61 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | .. | 7 | 95 | .. | .. | .. | 95 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 94 | 61 | |
| Keystone | 62 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 61 | 2 | 1 | .. | 64 | 1 | 2 | .. | 3 | 61 | 62 | |
| Riverton | 63 | 2 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | 51 | 3 | .. | .. | 54 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 53 | 63 | |
| Blue Valley | 64 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 62 | 7 | .. | .. | 69 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 62 | 64 | |
| Osceola | 65 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 1 | .. | 7 | 101 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 110 | 6 | 1 | .. | 7 | 103 | 65 | |
| Edgar | 67 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | .. | 1 | 102 | 2 | 4 | .. | 108 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 105 | 67 | |
| Aurora | 68 | 12 | 10 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 140 | 13 | 3 | .. | 156 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 152 | 68 | |
| Sterling | 70 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 59 | 5 | .. | .. | 64 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | 62 | 70 | |
| Trowel | 71 | 9 | 5 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 91 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 105 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 22 | 83 | 71 | |
| Hooper | 72 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 72 | 6 | 1 | .. | 79 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 74 | 72 | |
| Friend | 73 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 1 | .. | 2 | 62 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 74 | 4 | 1 | .. | 5 | 69 | 73 | |
| Alexandria | 74 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 34 | 2 | 1 | .. | 37 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 37 | 74 | |
| Frank Welch | 75 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 2 | .. | 4 | 140 | 9 | 5 | .. | 154 | 11 | 2 | .. | 13 | 141 | 75 | |
| Joppa | 76 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 5 | 53 | 1 | .. | .. | 54 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 49 | 76 | |
| Nelson | 77 | 1 | .. | 3 | 1 | .. | 4 | 68 | 3 | 1 | .. | 72 | 1 | 2 | .. | 3 | 69 | 77 | |
| Albion | 78 | 22 | 15 | 11 | 3 | .. | .. | 81 | 9 | .. | .. | 90 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 89 | 78 | |
| Geneva | 79 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | .. | 3 | 162 | 2 | 1 | .. | 165 | 1 | 3 | .. | 4 | 161 | 79 | |
| Composite | 81 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | 2 | 41 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 44 | 81 | |
| St. Paul | 82 | 7 | 9 | 3 | .. | 2 | 12 | 145 | 5 | 1 | .. | 151 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 143 | 82 | |
| Corinthian | 83 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 45 | 2 | .. | .. | 47 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 47 | 83 | |
| Fairfield | 84 | 4 | 4 | 3 | .. | .. | 9 | 69 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 77 | 2 | 2 | .. | 4 | 73 | 84 | |
| Tyre | 85 | 12 | 5 | 8 | .. | .. | 3 | 38 | 8 | .. | .. | 46 | 1 | 3 | .. | 4 | 42 | 85 | |
| Doniphan | 86 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 32 | 1 | 1 | .. | 34 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 34 | 86 | |
| Ionic | 87 | 9 | 15 | 5 | 4 | .. | 6 | 83 | 7 | 1 | .. | 91 | 4 | 1 | .. | 5 | 86 | 87 | |
| Star | 88 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | 3 | 58 | 2 | 1 | .. | 61 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 60 | 88 | |
| Cedar River | 89 | 2 | 4 | 3 | .. | .. | 4 | 92 | 3 | 1 | .. | 96 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 96 | 89 | |
| Elk Creek | 90 | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 29 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 36 | 3 | 1 | .. | 4 | 32 | 90 | |
| Oakland | 91 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 3 | .. | 1 | 80 | 6 | .. | .. | 86 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 85 | 91 | |
| Hubbell | 92 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 45 | 2 | .. | .. | 47 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 46 | 92 | |
| Beaver City | 93 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 117 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 124 | .. | 3 | 1 | 4 | 120 | 93 | |
| Bennett | 94 | 6 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 5 | 43 | 4 | 1 | .. | 48 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 46 | 94 | |

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| | | No. Initiated | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. Passed | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. Suspended | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. April 1, 1917 | GAIN | | | | LOSS | | | | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | By Raising | By Admission | Reinstatement | Other Causes | Total | By Demission | By Death | By Suspension | | | By Expulsion | Total Loss |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Garfield..... | 95 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 66 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 74 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 67 | 95 | | | | |
| Utica..... | 96 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 54 | 2 | 1 | 56 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 55 | 96 | | | | | |
| Euelid..... | 97 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 58 | 2 | 1 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 58 | 97 | | | | | |
| Republican..... | 98 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 61 | 1 | 1 | 63 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 63 | 98 | | | | | |
| Shelton..... | 99 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 2 | 1 | 56 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 51 | 99 | | | | | |
| Creighton..... | 100 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 103 | 8 | 3 | 115 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 103 | 100 | | | | | |
| Ponca..... | 101 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 75 | 1 | 1 | 75 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 72 | 101 | | | | | |
| Waterloo..... | 102 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 91 | 8 | 2 | 101 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 97 | 102 | | | | | |
| Ord..... | 103 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 70 | 5 | 2 | 77 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 76 | 103 | | | | | |
| Wymore..... | 104 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 146 | 16 | 4 | 168 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 163 | 104 | | | | | |
| Stella..... | 105 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 74 | 6 | 1 | 81 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 75 | 105 | | | | | |
| Porter..... | 106 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 58 | 4 | 1 | 63 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 60 | 106 | | | | | |
| Table Rock..... | 108 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 56 | 4 | 2 | 62 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 58 | 108 | | | | | |
| Pomegranate..... | 110 | 11 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 118 | 10 | 5 | 133 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 122 | 110 | | | | | |
| De Witt..... | 111 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 58 | 111 | | | | | |
| Springfield..... | 112 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 71 | 3 | 1 | 75 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 73 | 112 | | | | | |
| Globe..... | 113 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 53 | 1 | 1 | 53 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 113 | | | | | |
| Wisner..... | 114 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 81 | 4 | 2 | 87 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 83 | 114 | | | | | |
| Harlan..... | 116 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 60 | 3 | 2 | 66 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 62 | 116 | | | | | |
| Hardy..... | 117 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 51 | 1 | 1 | 51 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 51 | 117 | | | | | |
| Doric..... | 118 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 31 | 118 | | | | | |
| North Bend..... | 119 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 97 | 1 | 1 | 98 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 97 | 119 | | | | | |
| Wayne..... | 120 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 109 | 6 | 4 | 119 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 117 | 120 | | | | | |
| Superior..... | 121 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 134 | 5 | 1 | 141 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 136 | 121 | | | | | |
| Auburn..... | 124 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 98 | 3 | 1 | 102 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 100 | 124 | | | | | |
| Mount Nebo..... | 125 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 74 | 6 | 1 | 80 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 79 | 125 | | | | | |
| Stromsburg..... | 126 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 89 | 8 | 1 | 97 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 97 | 126 | | | | | |
| Minden..... | 127 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 59 | 1 | 1 | 61 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 59 | 127 | | | | | |
| Guide Rock..... | 128 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 3 | 2 | 40 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 36 | 128 | | | | | |
| Blue Hill..... | 129 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 54 | 6 | 3 | 63 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 59 | 129 | | | | | |
| Tuscan..... | 130 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 3 | 1 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 56 | 130 | | | | | |
| Scribner..... | 132 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 58 | 6 | 2 | 66 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 65 | 132 | | | | | |
| Elm Creek..... | 133 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 41 | 133 | | | | | |
| Solar..... | 134 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 66 | 4 | 1 | 70 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 69 | 134 | | | | | |
| McCook..... | 135 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 175 | 5 | 2 | 185 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 168 | 135 | | | | | |
| Long Pine..... | 136 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 68 | 4 | 3 | 75 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 73 | 136 | | | | | |
| Upright..... | 137 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 3 | 1 | 64 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 64 | 137 | | | | | |
| Rawalt..... | 138 | 9 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 71 | 10 | 1 | 81 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 78 | 138 | | | | | |
| Clay Centre..... | 139 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 62 | 2 | 1 | 64 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 62 | 139 | | | | | |
| Western..... | 140 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 61 | 3 | 1 | 64 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 61 | 140 | | | | | |

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| | | No. Initiated | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. Passed | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. Suspended | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. April 1, 1916 | GAIN | | | | LOSS | | | | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | By Raising | By Admission | Reinstatement | Other Causes | Total | By Demission | By Death | By Suspension | | | By Expulsion | Total Loss |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crescent..... | 143 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 70 | 4 | 1 | .. | .. | 75 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 73 | 143 |
| Kenesaw..... | 144 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 3 | .. | 6 | 57 | 6 | 1 | .. | .. | 64 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 63 | 144 |
| Bancroft..... | 145 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | .. | 5 | 72 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 75 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 72 | 145 |
| Jachin..... | 146 | 19 | 7 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 133 | 16 | 1 | 1 | .. | 151 | 6 | .. | 2 | .. | 8 | 143 | 146 |
| Siloam..... | 147 | 1 | 3 | .. | 2 | .. | 6 | 39 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 39 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 39 | 147 |
| Emmet Crawford | 148 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 4 | .. | 4 | 127 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 134 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 131 | 148 |
| Jewel..... | 149 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | 149 |
| Cambridge..... | 150 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 64 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 68 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 67 | 150 |
| Square..... | 151 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 55 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 59 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 57 | 151 |
| Parallel..... | 152 | 4 | .. | 4 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 55 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 58 | 2 | .. | 5 | .. | 7 | 51 | 152 |
| Evergreen..... | 153 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | 62 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 63 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 61 | 153 |
| Lily..... | 154 | 10 | 4 | 7 | .. | 4 | 5 | 47 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 54 | 2 | .. | 4 | .. | 6 | 48 | 154 |
| Hartington..... | 155 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | 6 | 6 | 72 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 73 | 3 | 1 | 6 | .. | 10 | 63 | 155 |
| Pythagoras..... | 156 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | .. | .. | 58 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 61 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 58 | 156 |
| Valley..... | 157 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 4 | 43 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 44 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 43 | 157 |
| Samaritan..... | 158 | 7 | 3 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | 141 | 10 | 2 | .. | .. | 153 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 5 | 148 | 158 |
| Ogalalla..... | 159 | 17 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 82 | 7 | 1 | .. | .. | 90 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 4 | 86 | 159 |
| Zeredatha..... | 160 | 2 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 33 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 35 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 32 | 160 |
| Mount Zion..... | 161 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | 3 | 41 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | 47 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 47 | 161 |
| Trestle Board.. | 162 | 5 | .. | 6 | 1 | .. | 2 | 64 | 6 | 2 | .. | .. | 72 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 69 | 162 |
| Unity..... | 163 | 7 | 6 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 49 | 7 | 3 | .. | .. | 59 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | 55 | 163 |
| Atkinson..... | 164 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 1 | .. | .. | 44 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | 50 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 49 | 164 |
| Barneston..... | 165 | 2 | .. | 3 | .. | 2 | 2 | 33 | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | 37 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | 4 | 33 | 165 |
| Mystic Tie..... | 166 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 42 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 3 | 39 | 166 |
| Elwood..... | 167 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 5 | 47 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 50 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 50 | 167 |
| Curtis..... | 168 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 3 | .. | .. | 47 | 7 | .. | 1 | .. | 55 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 52 | 168 |
| Amity..... | 169 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 59 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 64 | 3 | 1 | 2 | .. | 6 | 58 | 169 |
| Mason City..... | 170 | 4 | 4 | 2 | .. | 4 | 4 | 51 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 53 | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | 5 | 48 | 170 |
| Merna..... | 171 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 75 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 80 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 3 | 77 | 171 |
| Grafton..... | 172 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | .. | 2 | 57 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 61 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 60 | 172 |
| Robert Burns.. | 173 | 3 | 4 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 22 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 25 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 24 | 173 |
| Culbertson..... | 174 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | 31 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 33 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 31 | 174 |
| Temple..... | 175 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 60 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | 65 | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | 5 | 60 | 175 |
| Gladstone..... | 176 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 | .. | .. | 89 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 94 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 91 | 176 |
| Hay Springs.... | 177 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 42 | 6 | 1 | .. | .. | 49 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 47 | 177 |
| Prudence..... | 179 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | 3 | 67 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 68 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | 65 | 179 |
| Justice..... | 180 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 1 | .. | 3 | 55 | 11 | 2 | 1 | .. | 69 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 65 | 180 |
| Faith..... | 181 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | 10 | 112 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | 115 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | 5 | 110 | 181 |
| Incense..... | 182 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | 46 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 50 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 47 | 182 |
| Alliance..... | 183 | 31 | 17 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 198 | 24 | 1 | 3 | .. | 226 | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | 5 | 221 | 183 |

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| | | No. Initiated | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. Passed | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. Suspended | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | GAIN | | | | LOSS | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total Loss |
| Bee Hive..... | 184 | 25 | 4 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 273 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 299 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 292 | 184 |
| Boaz..... | 185 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 62 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 64 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 64 | 185 |
| Israel..... | 187 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 53 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 56 | 187 |
| Meridian..... | 188 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 88 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 96 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 93 | 188 |
| Granite..... | 189 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 61 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 65 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 61 | 189 |
| Amethyst..... | 190 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 47 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 46 | 190 |
| Crystal..... | 191 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 57 | 191 |
| Minnekadusa..... | 192 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 119 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 131 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 126 | 192 |
| Signet..... | 193 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 42 | 193 |
| Highland..... | 194 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 33 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 194 |
| Arcana..... | 195 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 82 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 87 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 83 | 195 |
| Level..... | 196 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 38 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 196 |
| Morning Star..... | 197 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 55 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 62 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 61 | 197 |
| Purity..... | 198 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 51 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 48 | 198 |
| Gavel..... | 199 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 199 |
| Blazing Star..... | 200 | 11 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 79 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 92 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 89 | 200 |
| Scotts Bluff..... | 201 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 45 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 56 | 201 |
| Golden Sheaf..... | 202 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 94 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 95 | 202 |
| Roman Eagle..... | 203 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 56 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 56 | 203 |
| Plainview..... | 204 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 69 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 77 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 74 | 204 |
| Golden Fleece..... | 205 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 57 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 65 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 62 | 205 |
| Naphthali..... | 206 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 55 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 56 | 206 |
| Parian..... | 207 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 75 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 77 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 77 | 207 |
| Gauge..... | 208 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 46 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 46 | 208 |
| Canopy..... | 209 | 16 | 5 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 78 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 92 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 90 | 209 |
| East Lincoln..... | 210 | 43 | 15 | 39 | 10 | 10 | 21 | 318 | 44 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 368 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 17 | 351 | 210 |
| Cement..... | 211 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 72 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 77 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 73 | 211 |
| Compass & Square..... | 212 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 40 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 43 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 39 | 212 |
| Square & Compass..... | 213 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 213 |
| Plumbline..... | 214 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 50 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 53 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 51 | 214 |
| Occidental..... | 215 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 73 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 76 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 74 | 215 |
| Palisade..... | 216 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 52 | 216 |
| Wauneta..... | 217 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 34 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 37 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 35 | 217 |
| Bloomfield..... | 218 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 90 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 95 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 91 | 218 |
| Relief..... | 219 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 50 | 219 |
| Magnolia..... | 220 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 77 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 84 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 82 | 220 |
| Wood Lake..... | 221 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 58 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 64 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 63 | 221 |
| Landmark..... | 222 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 77 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 84 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 82 | 222 |
| Eminence..... | 223 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 50 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 57 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 55 | 223 |
| Silver Cord..... | 224 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 68 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 74 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 73 | 224 |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cable | 225 | 15 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 60 | 4 | 2 | ... | 66 | 2 | 1 | ... | 4 | 62 | 225 | |
| Grace | 226 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 6 | 40 | 1 | ... | ... | 41 | 4 | 2 | ... | 6 | 35 | 226 | |
| North Star | 227 | 19 | 7 | 16 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 138 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 155 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 140 | 227 | |
| Bartley | 228 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 | ... | 1 | 41 | ... | ... | ... | 41 | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 39 | 228 | |
| Comet | 229 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | ... | 4 | 48 | 4 | 1 | ... | 53 | 2 | 1 | ... | 3 | 50 | 229 | |
| Delta | 230 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 3 | 1 | ... | 58 | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 56 | 230 | |
| Mount Hermon | 231 | 5 | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 63 | 2 | 2 | ... | 67 | 1 | 1 | ... | 2 | 65 | 231 | |
| John S. Bowen | 232 | 4 | 1 | 3 | ... | ... | 3 | 48 | 3 | ... | ... | 51 | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | 49 | 232 | |
| Gilead | 233 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 43 | 4 | ... | ... | 47 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 46 | 233 | |
| Zion | 234 | 14 | 9 | 10 | 5 | ... | 2 | 74 | 12 | 2 | ... | 88 | ... | ... | ... | 88 | 234 | | |
| Fraternity | 235 | 9 | 4 | 5 | ... | ... | 4 | 44 | 6 | ... | ... | 50 | ... | ... | ... | 50 | 235 | | |
| Golden Rule | 236 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | ... | 2 | 33 | 4 | ... | ... | 37 | 3 | 1 | ... | 4 | 33 | 236 | |
| Cubit | 237 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | ... | 2 | 50 | 3 | ... | ... | 53 | 1 | 1 | ... | 2 | 51 | 237 | |
| Friendship | 239 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 45 | 7 | 1 | ... | 53 | 1 | ... | 2 | 3 | 50 | 239 | |
| Pilot | 240 | 5 | 1 | 5 | ... | 1 | 9 | 66 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 79 | 1 | ... | 1 | 2 | 77 | 240 | |
| George Armstrong | 241 | 4 | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 77 | 2 | 1 | ... | 80 | ... | ... | ... | 80 | 241 | | |
| Tyrian | 243 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 33 | 5 | 1 | ... | 39 | ... | ... | 2 | 37 | 243 | | |
| Sincerity | 244 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | 32 | ... | ... | ... | 32 | ... | ... | ... | 32 | 244 | | |
| Hampton | 245 | 6 | 5 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | 54 | 7 | ... | ... | 61 | ... | ... | ... | 61 | 245 | | |
| Nehawka | 246 | 7 | ... | 7 | 1 | ... | 2 | 58 | 7 | ... | ... | 65 | ... | ... | ... | 65 | 246 | | |
| Corner-stone | 247 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 62 | 5 | 1 | ... | 68 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 64 | 247 | |
| Laurel | 248 | 4 | 1 | 5 | ... | ... | 4 | 58 | 6 | 1 | ... | 65 | 1 | 2 | ... | 3 | 62 | 248 | |
| Gothenburg | 249 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | ... | ... | 49 | 6 | 2 | ... | 57 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 56 | 249 | |
| George Washington | 250 | 17 | 4 | 19 | 1 | ... | 14 | 108 | 20 | 2 | 3 | 133 | 2 | 1 | ... | 3 | 130 | 250 | |
| Wausa | 251 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | ... | ... | 59 | 1 | ... | ... | 60 | ... | 3 | ... | 3 | 57 | 251 | |
| Hildreth | 252 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 1 | ... | 1 | 45 | 9 | 1 | ... | 55 | ... | ... | ... | 55 | 252 | | |
| Beemer | 253 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | ... | 2 | 50 | 1 | ... | ... | 51 | 4 | 1 | ... | 5 | 46 | 253 | |
| Bassett | 254 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 4 | ... | 4 | 50 | 3 | 2 | ... | 55 | 1 | 1 | ... | 2 | 53 | 254 | |
| Bradshaw | 255 | 2 | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 58 | 1 | ... | ... | 59 | ... | ... | ... | 59 | 255 | | |
| Hickman | 256 | 2 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 35 | 1 | ... | ... | 36 | 3 | ... | ... | 3 | 33 | 256 | |
| Holbrook | 257 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 55 | 2 | ... | ... | 57 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 56 | 257 | |
| Anselmo | 258 | 7 | ... | 12 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 75 | 9 | 1 | ... | 85 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 80 | 258 | |
| Bee | 259 | 2 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 32 | 3 | ... | ... | 35 | ... | ... | ... | 35 | 259 | | |
| Springview | 260 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | ... | 2 | 25 | 1 | 1 | ... | 27 | ... | ... | ... | 27 | 260 | | |
| Ornan | 261 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | ... | ... | 54 | 2 | 1 | ... | 57 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 56 | 261 | |
| Endeavor | 262 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 36 | ... | 1 | ... | 37 | ... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 34 | 262 | |
| Mitchell | 263 | 4 | ... | 5 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 59 | 6 | 4 | ... | 69 | ... | 1 | 3 | 4 | 65 | 263 | |
| Franklin | 264 | 1 | 3 | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 61 | 4 | ... | ... | 65 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 60 | 264 | |
| Robert W. Furnas | 265 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | ... | 1 | 79 | 2 | 4 | ... | 85 | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | 83 | 265 | |
| Silver | 266 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | ... | 2 | 30 | 1 | ... | ... | 31 | 1 | 2 | ... | 3 | 28 | 266 | |

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31st, 1917.

| NAME OF LODGE | E. A. S. | | F. C. C. | | SUSP. | | MASTER MASONS | | | | | | | | | | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. of Lodge | |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------|--------------|----------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | No. of Lodge | No. Initiated | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. Passed | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. Suspended | No. on Rolls, March 31, 1917 | No. April 1, 1916 | GAIN | | | | Total | LOSS | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | By Raising | By Admission | Reinstatement | Other Causes | | By Demission | By Death | By Suspension | | | By Expulsion |
| A. Tulleys | 267 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 57 | 2 | 1 | | | 60 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 58 | 267 |
| W. Lininger | 268 | 13 | 3 | 12 | 3 | | 148 | 5 | 8 | | | 161 | | | | | | 161 | 268 |
| side | 269 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 29 | 2 | 1 | | | 32 | | 1 | | | 1 | 31 | 269 |
| ey | 270 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 31 | 2 | | | | 33 | | | | | | 33 | 270 |
| | 271 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 41 | 2 | 1 | | | 44 | 1 | | | | 1 | 43 | 271 |
| Gillette | 272 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 4 | | 48 | 7 | | | | 55 | | | | | | 55 | 272 |
| on | 273 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 51 | 2 | 1 | | 54 | | | 2 | | 2 | 52 | 273 |
| Branch | 274 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 5 | | 63 | 7 | 1 | | | 71 | 2 | 1 | | | 3 | 68 | 274 |
| h. | 275 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 23 | 3 | | | | 26 | 1 | | | | 1 | 25 | 275 |
| ope | 276 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 30 | | | | | 30 | | | | | | 30 | 276 |
| | 277 | 4 | 1 | 4 | | | 35 | 4 | 1 | | | 40 | | | | | | 40 | 277 |
| ield | 278 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 3 | | | | 55 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 53 | 278 |
| ace | 279 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | 35 | 2 | 1 | | | 38 | | 1 | | | 1 | 37 | 279 |
| ika | 280 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | 43 | 5 | 1 | | | 49 | 2 | | | | 2 | 47 | 280 |
| nce | 281 | 18 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 53 | 8 | 2 | | | 63 | | 1 | | | 1 | 62 | 281 |
| n | 282 | 8 | 4 | 7 | | | 42 | 7 | | | | 49 | 2 | 1 | | | 3 | 46 | 282 |
| r | 283 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 1 | | 31 | 7 | 1 | | | 39 | | 1 | | | 1 | 38 | 283 |
| a | 284 | 4 | 6 | 2 | | | 58 | 4 | | | | 62 | 1 | | | | 1 | 61 | 284 |
| Clarke | 285 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 7 | | 52 | 5 | | | | 57 | 3 | | | | 3 | 54 | 285 |
| sh | 286 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 2 | | 41 | 1 | 1 | | | 43 | 1 | | | | 1 | 42 | 286 |
| | 287 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | 28 | 2 | | | | 30 | | 2 | | | 2 | 28 | 287 |
| a | 288 | 67 | 18 | 61 | 13 | | 104 | 61 | 3 | | | 168 | 1 | | | | 1 | 167 | 288 |
| | 289 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | 53 | 4 | | | | 57 | | 1 | | | 1 | 56 | 289 |
| J. Mercer | 290 | 14 | 1 | 13 | | | 50 | 13 | 4 | | | 67 | 1 | | | | 1 | 66 | 290 |
| ond | 291 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 3 | | 22 | 5 | | | | 27 | | | | | | 27 | 291 |
| ach | 292 | 4 | | 6 | | | 25 | 8 | 2 | | | 35 | | | | | | 35 | 292 |
| ment | 293 | 3 | | 4 | | | 26 | 7 | | | | 33 | | | | | | 33 | 293 |
| all | 294 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | 12 | 1 | | 21 | | 34 | 1 | | | | 1 | 33 | 294 |
| are | 295 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | | 6 | 4 | 2 | 21 | | 33 | 2 | | | | 2 | 31 | 295 |
| s | 296 | 4 | | 5 | 1 | | 4 | 4 | | 16 | | 24 | 1 | | | | 1 | 23 | 296 |
| ct | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | |
| Totals | 2132 | 1173 | 1908 | 567 | 189 | 955 | 23664 | 1864 | 369 | 105 | 59 | 26061 | 482 | 339 | 189 | 7 | 1017 | 25044 | |

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF
GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers make report thereon as follows:

That so much of the address of the Grand Master as refers to the Care of Residents of Our Masonic Home who are mentally unbalanced be referred to a Special Committee of three to report next year.

That all matters relating to Promulgation of the Work, including two paragraphs under Recommendations, be referred to the Committee on Promulgation of the Work.

That the matter of Springview Lodge No. 260 and the petition for a Lodge U. D. D. at Sutherland be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

That the granting of a dispensation for a new lodge at Chester be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That all matters of grievance be referred to the Committee on Grievances.

That all decisions, sub-heading "Other Grand Jurisdictions" and "Recommendations" (excepting the two paragraphs relating to Grand Custodian and Schools, which have been referred to the Committee on Promulgation of the Work), be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That all other acts, doings and recommendations be approved.

The report of your Grand Master shows a year of hard, earnest work, most willingly performed and with full consciousness of the exalted character of the service that it was his to do. Nobly has it been performed and your Grand Master is entitled to your most hearty commendation and approval. He leaves behind a record of which he may well be proud, the effects of which will be the uplifting of Masonry throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. The Craft appreciate your work and worth. May you live long to enjoy with us the fruits of your labors.

That so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to Returns from Lodges be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the "Printing and Binding of Volume 11" be deferred for the present.

That the financial report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

That so much of the report of your Grand Custodian, paragraphs "Assistant Custodians," "Central Schools," "Class and Individual Instruction," be referred to the Committee on Promulgation of the Work.

The report of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund is

certainly most gratifying and must be a source of ever increasing satisfaction to the Masons of our Grand Jurisdiction. The wisdom of those illustrious Masons who planted the seed is now bearing fruit and every possible precaution is taken and exercised in safeguarding the fund. It is yours to foster and every possible endeavor should be made to increase the fund, for as our jurisdiction grows in numbers, the greater will be the demands made upon our institutions for the care of the residents of our Homes, and all recognize that as soon as possible hospital facilities now so greatly needed must be provided. It's something to work for, and the Craft we know will do their part in providing the means to render all possible care to our residents of our Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and our children at Fremont.

To this report of your Trustees, we commend careful study, and we recommend that the recommendation that the forty per cent. clause relating to appraised value of loans being increased to fifty per cent. be approved.

On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, the following telegram was ordered sent to Past Grand Master William E. Hill, now a resident of Los Angeles, California:

The Grand Lodge in its sixtieth annual communication sends to you, its oldest Grand Master, its heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

A petition for a dispensation to form a new lodge at Homer was presented, and referred to the incoming Grand Master.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt read a communication from the officers of Union Lodge No. 287, of Palmyra, regarding a transfer to them of a lot in the cemetery at Palmyra, which formerly belonged to Palmyra Lodge No. 45, now extinct. On motion the letter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The following report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted by Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, was adopted, and his review of other Grand Jurisdictions was ordered published in the proceedings:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama and a copy of their constitution, and copies of the Canal Zone Orient, containing a treaty of recognition and jurisdiction between the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Especial Envoy of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Grand Master, M. W. Guillermo Andreve, and the ratification by the two Grand Lodges, reports as follows:

There seems to be such an intimate relation between the members of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite and the French and York Rite that your committee would want to make further investigation before reporting any recommendations for the establishment of fraternal relations. We would therefore, recommend that the matter be deferred until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

Regarding a communication from the Secretary of the George Washington Lodge in Belgium your committee would respectfully report:

This lodge is to be formed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of Belgium. Inasmuch as this Grand Lodge is not in fraternal relations and does not recognize the Grand Orient of Belgium, your committee would recommend that the entire matter be deferred until such a time as fraternal relations may be established between the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the said Grand Orient of Belgium.

After singing one stanza of "America," at five o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until eight o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 5th, 1917.

M. W. Andrew H. Viele, Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to order at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the previous session. "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the brethren, all standing.

The Grand Master introduced W. Brother William E. Andrews, Grand Orator, and he delivered the following oration:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

We are approaching the close of a day that will be historic. Within this temple, patriotism has been flowing at high tide.

Throughout the states of the Union, the young men of our country have been registering under federal statutes for military service. Approximately ten millions have thus taken the first step in a call to the colors. Are the floods of rain now falling from the skies prophetic of the tears that must be shed by the American people to wash away the sins of monarchy from the civilization of the world? May God grant that the sacrifice may be as small as possible, especially on the part of our young men.

Turning now to the theme for the evening, I greet you with the sentiments—

FRATERNITY AND PATRIOTISM—

Fraternity as broad as the race and as genuine as the gold standard. Patriotism unbounded, yes "free and unlimited" without regard to "ratio."

The electric current seeks to encircle the earth and its pulsations are felt at the portals of victory. Likewise the spirit of genuine fraternity encircles the world and its paeans of victory are heard on land and sea as it proclaims the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. As the electric current lights up the highways of commerce and travel, so has patriotism illuminated the pathway of an advancing civilization and thrown its searchlights upon the great problems of the present and future. As Masons we laud the principle of fraternity, and as Americans we extol the idea of patriotism. Fraternity and patriotism are potential factors at this juncture of our national and international affairs. But what do these words mean? What is the logical content of each? We use them frequently, even flippantly at times. We may handle rough pieces of ore without any conscious knowledge of their value and beauty until the skilful craftsman reveals their secrets. Then the gold, the diamond, and polished ashlar appear in the structure and adornments of the temple that rises in matchless beauty and fame.

Fraternity involves equality, liberty, and freedom—as native endowments of the human soul, and as Masons we seek knowledge with respect to man's native endowments and rights.

Patriotism involves love of country not only in times of prosperity and peace, but likewise in the days of cruel war.

The rich fruitage of the principle of fraternity and patriotism may be gleaned from the pages of sacred and secular history as they reveal God's dealings with the human race on its grand march from a paradise lost to a paradise regained.

Then turn to the first great light in Masonry, the Holy Bible, and with true Masonic faith in God as the Creator, benefactor, and leader of

humanity, open the pages at the second chapter of the book of Daniel and read the fascinating story of a dreamer and his dream.

The ancient Nebuchadnezzar was the dreamer and his dream was an outline of the existing and future civilizations of the world. The scene and its incidents are described in the second chapter of the book of Daniel in which the prophet groups and reveals the great events that were to occur along the future journey of the human race. There stood in the night time before the mind of the ancient king a human image of gold, silver, brass, iron, and clay, representing the monarchy and tyranny of the ancient world.

The gold represented the Chaldean Empire, the silver the Medo-Persian Empire, the brass the Alexandrian Empire, and the iron the Roman Empire, each ruling in its turn the civilization of its time.

Monarchy is represented as reaching its height under Augustus Caesar, who ruled from 31 B. C. until 14 A. D. Recall if you please its vast range of political, ecclesiastical, and military power. You remember that the Roman eagles then dominated the civilized world.

Let us suppose for a few moments that we stand in the Imperial City and behold the splendors of the Augustan age. Unfold the map of the Roman Empire and cast the eyes northward, then eastward, southward, westward, and northward until the survey of the Empire is completed. What an inspiring view sweeps across the vision! Historic countries appear on every hand and the waters of the great sea, itself historic, play upon historic shores. Who will dare challenge the power that has wrested these nations and kingdoms from their former places in the political world and given them places in this grand constellation of nations among which Italy shines like the moon among the smaller planets, yes even like the sun at noonday, eclipsing all the rest?

But while our impulses are swayed to and fro by this vast range and remarkable variety of national scenery held in place by the majestic power of arms, let us turn our attention toward the land of Palestine, as the Star of Bethlehem rises o'er the hills and mountains of Judea to guide the footsteps, not only of the wise men of the East, but of the nations of earth, into the presence and knowledge of Him who spake as never man spake and revealed the future mission and glories of the human race.

Note the dates limiting the rule of Augustus Caesar, 31 B. C. to 14 A. D.

From the land of the Tigris and Euphrates through the mists, the clouds, storms, and tempests of centuries, the ancient king caught a vision of these national splendors on the banks of the Tiber. He saw the little stone striking the feet of the image where the iron met the clay, and he saw the gold, silver, brass, iron, and clay crumbling into fragments and passing away like chaff from a summer threshing floor.

The little stone represented the kingdom of Christ which was not only to break in pieces and consume all other kingdoms, but to stand forever and fill the whole earth. But where was the ground of hope while hostilities resounded on every hand and culminated in Calvary's wonderful tragedy? Nevertheless Christianity became the religion of the Roman Empire in 376 A. D. Then followed the Dark Ages in which nations and kingdoms were rising and falling like the waves of an ocean in tempest. That period marked the transition from monarchy to representative government. That sublime declaration, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," was wielding its divine influence and power among the nations.

The prophet seemed to see in the visions of the king those great epochs known as the Revival of Learning, the Religious Reformation, and the Political Revolution that swept throughout the countries of the old world, crossed the trackless waste of unknown waters, laid the foundations of a new civilization on the western hemisphere, wrote the Declaration of American Independence and the Constitution of the United States, and enriched the air of heaven with the Stars and Stripes symbolizing the world's highest achievements in the progress of christian civilization.

Thus divine retribution brought justice to the doors of men's hearts whether they slumbered in apathy or opposed with madness. God, to whom we have pledged our faith, was wielding an overruling power in the affairs of nations and making the wrath of men praise him and bless humanity.

Out of such principles, God has laid the foundation of genuine fraternity involving the ideas of equality, liberty and freedom, and the matchless Prince of Peace is our elder brother.

As Masons we stand on the level, each as the peer of all others whether we mingle with kings, princes, potentates, or peasants. It is our duty to act in harmony with the plumb-line of divine rectitude in our conduct with all men.

EQUALITY.

You will evidently find much interest in tracing the idea of equality in the course of its evolution in civic affairs. It is emphasized first in our country's history by the compact drafted in the cabin of the Mayflower, which compact Bancroft described as the first formal expression of constitutional liberty. In accordance with its terms the colonists were empowered to enact such *equal laws* as should be deemed best for the welfare of the colony.

These principles found expression in many public declarations made by the colonies, among which may be mentioned the famous bill of rights of 1765, the Declaration of Independence in 1776, and our national Constitution and the statutes enacted by Congress in harmony therewith.

We witness it in the discussions of the great problems of taxation, the distribution of privileges and opportunities among the citizens of our country.

LIBERTY.

As Masons we believe in the principle of liberty as a native birth-right. Its evolution from the rule of centuries of oppression constitutes some of the most interesting chapters of national history. Around it and in support of it the heroism and chivalry of the middle ages rallied with all their enthusiasm and power. To its advancement in modern times the courage, statesmanship, and loyalty of millions have been devoted.

It is gratifying indeed to find such close relationship between the principles of the Masonic Fraternity and the highest and best civilization of modern times.

FREEDOM.

But by its title our Fraternity emphasizes in advance of all others the idea of freedom,—Freemasonry. Out of such principles Freemasonry builds character and honors its own workmanship. In the realm of operative Masonry, we behold in thought thousands of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons, in the quarries, the forests, and the ancient temple, transforming the rough into the polished ashlar and rearing the temple in beauty to challenge the admiration of the ages. We likewise behold the millions employed in speculative Masonry, constructing the spiritual temple out of lives and hearts of men, which surpasses in beauty the ancient temple and proclaims to all the world the sublime mission of the Craft.

The principles, equality, liberty, and freedom are embodied in the character of the American Republic. Hence every man who loves the Masonic Fraternity because of his admiration for such principles must necessarily love the American Republic; moreover American patriotism flows forth naturally and irresistibly from the heart of every American who is a true Mason.

Thus genuine fraternity and intelligent patriotism will bridge many chasms, solve difficult problems, and add increasing lustre to the flag of our country. One million seven hundred sixty-nine thousand Masons in the United States located in the states and territories of the Union, can wield helpful influence in guiding the nation aright, increasing its power and standing among the nations of the world. With such ennobling principles of fraternity embodied in its own character we can justly claim the possession of a nation that is worth loving, worth fighting for, worth dying for, if need be to preserve and perpetuate among the nations of the world the blessings of equality, liberty, and freedom under our national symbol, the Stars and Stripes.

As Masons we are taught to think in symbols and you readily recall the fact that the world always has been and always will be full of

symbols. Nature seems to have made it so. Even the words that we speak are the symbols of ideas that rush through our minds like armies to fields of action. All the way from the valley of the Nile, across Arabian sands to the summit of Calvary, and down to the present hour, the race has displayed symbols expressive of controlling motives and purposes. But Our Symbol epitomizes the highest realization of the best that can be found in all that have preceded it. It is the starry banner of the free,—Old Glory proclaiming to the world intellectual, civil, and religious freedom! It symbolizes the transition of the race from the land of bondage and monarchy to the land of freedom and representative government. It reminds us not only of victories won, but also of the unhappy conditions through which the race was compelled to pass on its splendid march through centuries of oppression, sorrow, and warfare. It seems to have come out of the tempests and darkness of the past like a beacon light to guide the footsteps of an advancing civilization toward higher and better things.

Its thirteen stripes remind us of the original thirteen states, and its forty-eight stars in the field of blue suggest the fascinating story of the expansion of the American constellation. Loyalty, patriotism, and courage moved the minds and hands that carved and placed the stripes and stars in the original flag of our country. There were Washington, Ross, and Morris composing the Committee of the Continental Congress. Their efforts were supplemented by the skill of the fair dame of Revolutionary days, whose name, Betsy Ross, will forever live in connection with our banner of freedom. Think of the emotions that must have actuated their hearts and the hearts of the members of the Continental Congress as it wrote the resolution adopting the thirteen stripes and the thirteen stars,—red, white, and blue—to represent their thoughts and hopes and ambitions for the future. To that banner they pledged their honor, their fortunes, and their lives. It was to guide the armies destined to battle for freedom!

In prior centuries Roman legions had turned their eyes to their eagles and their hearts toward the imperial city on the banks of the Tiber, but our Revolutionary heroes and patriots turned their eyes toward this new banner unfurled for the first time among the insignia of nations, and by-and-by in the progress of years they turned their hearts with increasing devotion, not to an imperial city on the banks of the Tiber, not to pyramids in the valley of the Nile, not to the relics and symbols of the old world, but to the city of American freemen on the banks of the peaceful Potomac. Washington, not Rome! Washington, not Constantinople! Washington, not Carthage! Washington, the Capital City of one hundred millions of freemen. This name has eclipsed the names of Caesar, Alexander, and the chieftains and rulers of the ancient world! This name is perpetuated not only by that

splendid marble shaft that rises yonder in our National Capital as if to pierce the skies, but is perpetuated and cherished in the hearts of the lovers of liberty around the world. "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." Recount his deeds of valor and statesmanship performed in originating, establishing, and perpetuating our national ensign. Imagine, if you can, the feelings that must have filled his soul as he stood under the old elm at Cambridge and watched the chosen flag of his country rise to enrich the air of heaven and bless all mankind. What a thrill of joy must have swept along the rank and file of the American army as the Stars and Stripes were unfurled at the battle of Brandywine and at Germantown in 1777. Listen to the shouts of victory as it waves in triumph o'er the defeat of Burgoyne at Saratoga, see how it cheers the hearts of the hungry, struggling soldiers at Valley Forge, and rises to inexpressible honor and glory at Yorktown, and waves parting salutations to the defeated British evacuating New York. In our thoughts we must live with it in its early history, battles, and triumphs in order that our hearts may be filled with the patriotism, loyalty, and service that have made, established, and perpetuated it among the nations of the world.

It has been fittingly said that during the war of 1812 the folds of our flag "seemed to be filled with voices that called aloud the names of gallant seamen."

It passed through the Mexican war and became triumphant "even in the halls of the Montezumas." Up to this time it had been supported enthusiastically by a united country, but in 1861 its supremacy was seriously challenged by eleven of the thirty-one states of the American Union. Granting the same measure of sincerity to others that we claim for ourselves with respect to the merits of that "irrepressible conflict," we open the pages of our national history and recount the perilous events of that dreadful contest waged for and against our national flag. Do you see it lowering yonder under the guns of Beauregard at Sumter? Do you hear the dreadful notes of war? Let your eyes follow that banner as it is borne by the federal army on that dreadful though courageous march all the way from Sumter, over mountains, rivers, valleys, hills, and plains, until it ascends in victory on the field of Appomattox.

Through all those years of carnage, it carried within its folds the loyalty, patriotism, and valor that led our beloved country from the storms and tempests of battle through a crimson flood into the cloudless days of tranquil peace.

Although the sword of the North had conquered its foe, and brought the seceded states back into the Union, it could not subdue the passions of a half a century and the bitterness of defeat. As the brave soldiers of both armies left the tented fields and entered the pursuits of peace,

time, the leveler of all things, began to work out its miracle of reconciliation.

It is a matter of profound gratification that sectional strife has been gradually vanishing with the passing years. In 1861 a population of thirty-one millions of people was divided, but today one hundred millions stand behind this banner of freedom with the firm purpose of perpetuating its existence and extending its blessings to the nations of the world. In thought I see a noble patriotic character extending one hand of national fellowship to the North and the other to the South. In the spirit of fraternal greetings he draws both sections of the country nearer and still nearer together until the North and South meet and greet each other in the heart of McKinley with a friendship that had been unknown for more than half a century. When he fell at the hands of a wicked assassin the entire nation wept, crowned his tomb with the richest and sweetest flowers of earth, and bathed them with tears of genuine sorrow, while Old Glory waved at half-mast over a reunited country. Here I see the rich fruitage of fraternity and patriotism in the character of a Master Mason, William McKinley, answering back across the years to fraternity and patriotism in the character of another Master Mason, George Washington. Their deeds and influence demonstrate the loyalty of the Masonic Craft to the American Republic.

Now let us turn our attention for a few moments to the rotunda of our National Capitol and look upward toward the top of the dome and study that group of figures representing people clasping hands from all the nations of the world.

Read those words, "E pluribus unum"—one out of many! One nation out of the nations of the world! From this panorama of national scenery and life, what do we behold as distinctively American Ideals?

There were the cavaliers of Virginia, the Scotch and Irish in the Carolinas, the Puritans in New England, the Hollanders in the Empire State, William Penn in Pennsylvania, and Roger Williams in Rhode Island, thoroughly imbued with the customs, religions, and politics of their native countries. In view of these facts, what transforming and unifying power could possibly bring all of those divergent opinions, characters, customs, religions, and politics into a unity of purpose and action to build one nation out of the nations of the world? The answer to this question has been easier and clearer to my mind since Mrs. Andrews and I witnessed a very interesting scene one Sunday afternoon in August, 1908, on the Boston Common. After we had walked about under the shade of the trees for a time, we saw thousands of people coming from various directions for an open air concert. That audience of 12,000 to 15,000 people was composed largely of men, women, and children of foreign birth. Not more than one-fourth of them were native

Americans. Various selections on the program were applauded quite heartily and the audience seemed to have enjoyed the music with quiet satisfaction. Just as they were dispersing at the conclusion of the regular program the band played the Star Spangled Banner. Immediately hats were removed and the audience stood at attention until the conclusion of the selection. Then they cheered most heartily even to an echo. Those who were evidently born under other flags seemed to cheer most enthusiastically.

As I asked the question, "Why so?" the answer came with ever increasing force. These men and women of foreign birth have evidently come from less fortunate conditions in their native countries. They had heard the story of better opportunities under the Star Spangled Banner, and they had come and tested that story and found it true as evidenced by better homes, better food, better clothing, better advantages in every way. They were then enjoying the blessings which the early Pilgrims foresaw as the native birthright of the human soul. But what could the Pilgrims do under such tremendous embarrassments? There stood the proud empires of the old world, defeating, if possible, every movement toward representative government. Around them and far in advance of them dwelt the wild savages of the forest. What could they do? Let history answer, for fruits of their deeds are recorded upon every page of American history since the old Independence Bell rang out the first note of freedom.

The Pilgrims, laying aside the old models, went behind the governments and ruins of the past and studied the philosophy of history and government in the light of the philosophy of the human soul. Thus they pointed out the true corner-stone from which the whole field of true government must be surveyed. At this crisis, they declared to the world the grand doctrine of political equality. It moved before them like a pillar of fire during the dark and perilous night of the revolution.

The principles of fraternity and patriotism bound them together and fired their hearts throughout the Revolutionary War. But note the fact that monarchy has again thrown the challenge across the pathway of representative government and we are now involved in the greatest war of all time. Today approximately ten millions of our citizens have registered in *response* to a call to the colors. American citizens, native and naturalized alike, must bravely face the issue and defend our flag against any and every foe, foreign or domestic. Of course, the native promptings of the human soul bind it to the fatherland, even across the seas—yes, we almost instinctively repeat the words,—

"How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood,

When fond recollection presents them to view,

The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wildwood,

And every loved spot which my infancy knew—

And e'en the old oaken bucket, the iron-bound bucket,
The moss-covered bucket that hung in the well."

Nevertheless, in the pending contest, the fires of patriotism should consume the remnants of monarchy in the heart of every citizen of this country and leave nothing but American gold in the crucible of war.

Some years ago Mrs. Andrews and I were the guests of the Bankers State Convention of South Carolina. On the last evening a banquet was served for about three hundred people. Near one o'clock in the morning, I said to Mrs. Andrews that the toastmaster seemed inclined to call upon me for some remarks. I had already addressed the Convention twice. I asked her what I should say. Just then my name was called. Her reply was "Say something good." As I was rising to my feet the lines of the "Old Oaken Bucket" flashed into my mind. I realized that we were on the old national homestead, whose soil is sacred to every American citizen. The room was beautifully decorated with the Stars and Stripes alone. I had a thrill of keen delight in greeting the men and women then living on that part of our national homestead. While I was thanking them for what their ancestors had done in helping to make that flag and carry it to victory at Yorktown, a thrill of patriotism revealed to me a broader vision of its sublime mission among the nations of the world.

As we left the banquet room, Mrs. Andrews said, "What was the matter with you tonight?" When I inquired whether I had made a serious mistake, she said: "No, you just seemed to grow six inches taller all at once."

Fraternity as taught by Masonry, and patriotism as revealed by the history and flag of our country are an inspiration to human life everywhere.

Our flag was dedicated to the cause of freedom by the American Revolution. The loyal citizenship of the country has always borne it in triumph against foreign and domestic foes, and today sustains it in its proud position among the nations of the world. Then "Long may it wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died;
Land of the Pilgrims' pride;
From ev'ry mountain-side
Let freedom ring."

Yes, liberty bells ring on, ring on! "Proclaim liberty throughout all lands unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Yes, "Ring out the old" and "Ring in the new"; "Ring out the false," and "Ring in the true."

Then ring on, ring on if this you do!

Yes, yes! the schools of monarchy, bondage, and error are closing and the grand University of American Liberty has been opened by the Pilgrims, is still open, and will remain open for ages to come. Then let the struggling millions of the world enter, study our curriculum from the primer of its early sacrifice up through its sublime philosophy of human rights under free government, and take their degrees while fraternity and patriotism preside in a land without a chain and under a flag without a stain.

At the conclusion of the oration Past Grand Master James P. A. Black moved and it was carried unanimously that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to W. Brother Andrews for his eloquent oration, and he was requested to furnish a copy for publication in the proceedings.

At the suggestion of Past Grand Master Samuel S. Whiting, one stanza of "America" was sung by the brethren.

Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson offered the following resolution and asked that it be considered without being referred to the Committee on Ways and Means; consent was granted, and the resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$146.00, half payable now, and half in one year from this date, be and the same is hereby appropriated to maintain two French orphans for two years, such orphans to be one boy and one girl, to be selected by the Grand Master.

At half past nine o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 6th, 1917.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 6th, 1917.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour with officers and members present as at the previous session. Grand Master Viele presided and "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the brethren.

W. Brother Allen C. Kirby, 190, presented the report of

the Committee on Credentials, and it was adopted 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 5, 34, 53, 74, 77, 81, 88, 90, 105, 112, 125, 130, 145, 146, 149, 151, 156, 164, 191, 195, 202, 209, 212, 234, 235, 239, 257, 266. and 284.

GRAND OFFICERS.

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

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M. W. Brothers George H. Thummel, James R. Cain, Sr., Edwin F. Warren, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, Frank H. Young, William W. Keysor, Robert E. Evans, Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, Henry Gibbons, James R. Cain, Jr., Alpha Morgan, Thomas M. Davis, and Samuel S. Whiting.

REPRESENTATIVES.

| LODGE | | MASTER | SENIOR WARDEN | JUNIOR WARDEN |
|----------------|-------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Nebraska | No. 1 | Carl W. Bradway | John W. Cooper | |
| Western Star | " 2 | Henry W. Carson | Henry H. Bartling | |
| Capitol | " 3 | Leander E. Gosselin | | |
| Nemaha Valley | " 4 | | Robert W. Furnas | |
| Omadi | " 5 | | | |
| Plattsmouth | " 6 | Oliver C. Dovey | | |
| Falls City | " 9 | Joseph D. Codington | | |
| Solomon | " 10 | *N. Sheridan Craig | | |
| Covert | " 11 | Thomas Falconer | Charles T. Johnson | |
| Orient | " 13 | *Simon Schrieber | Simon Schrieber | |
| Peru | " 14 | Frank P. Majors | | |
| Fremont | " 15 | Maro C. Shipherd | | |
| Tecumseh | " 17 | | Harry S. Villars | *John S. Harman |
| Lincoln | " 19 | Orville A. Andrews | David C. Hilton | |
| Washington | " 21 | C. Ray Gates | Charles R. Mead | |
| Pawnee | " 23 | | John H. Pyle | |
| Saint Johns | " 25 | Eugene Atkins | | |
| Beatrice | " 26 | *Joe VanHemert | Joe VanHemert | |
| Jordan | " 27 | Joseph F. Zajicek | | |
| Hope | " 29 | Benjamin T. Skeen | | |
| Blue River | " 30 | | Frank Smiley | |
| Tekamah | " 31 | William T. Poucher | | C. Farry Smith |
| Platte Valley | " 32 | Chester C. Williams | H. Clay Brock | |
| Ashlar | " 33 | *Emil Wolbach | Emil Wolbach | |
| Acacia | " 34 | | | |
| Fairbury | " 35 | Francis C. Hedges | | |
| Lone Tree | " 36 | | Ben H. Breckon | |
| Crete | " 37 | | Wilfred K. Smith | |
| Oliver | " 38 | *Arthur Stewart | Arthur Stewart | |
| Papillion | " 39 | Oswald H. Magaret | | |
| Humboldt | " 40 | Max B. Crannell | | |
| Northern Light | " 41 | David C. Spangler | | |
| Juniata | " 42 | Harrison M. Saddler | | |
| Hebron | " 43 | Charles E. Day | | |
| Harvard | " 44 | | D. Russell Salisbury | |
| Rob Morris | " 46 | J. Hugo Johnson | Roy E. Cochran | *George W. Ware |
| Fairmont | " 48 | Herman H. Stottko | | |
| Evening Star | " 49 | | Sidney W. Dunham | |
| Hastings | " 50 | *John J. Stanley | John J. Stanley | *John J. Stanley |
| Fidelity | " 51 | *Alex E. Etting | | |
| Hiram | " 52 | Gothilf I. Pfeiffer | | |
| Charity | " 53 | | | |
| Lancaster | " 54 | Oscar M. Meyer | Jacob S. Baer | Leslie E. Robinson |
| Mosaic | " 55 | Henry J. Kierstead | John H. Zurbrigen | |
| York | " 56 | Robert M. Rankin | Lewis P. Green | |
| Mount Moriah | " 57 | D. Horace Schall | | |
| Lebanon | " 58 | *Carroll D. Evans | | |
| Wahoo | " 59 | Denis A. Moyer | | |
| Melrose | " 60 | George S. Austin | | |
| Thistle | " 61 | | Milburn C. Whitaker | |
| Keystone | " 62 | George E. Dixon | | |

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| LODGE | MASTER | SENIOR WARDEN | JUNIOR WARDEN |
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| erton | No. 63 Francis E. Nail | | |
| le Valley | 64 Joseph L. Grimm | Louis J. Bouchal | |
| reola | 65 * <i>Oliver E. Mickey</i> | | |
| gar | 67 James H. Shields | | |
| ora | 68 * <i>Amos D. Travis</i> | | |
| rling | 70 * <i>H. Paul Lehrack</i> | | |
| owel | 71 J. Carlton Harris | David C. Fletcher | |
| pper | 72 * <i>John E. Marsh</i> | | |
| end | 73 * <i>Edward F. Seibert</i> | | |
| xandria | 74 | | |
| nk Welch | 75 Leon Fine | | |
| pa | 76 * <i>Verne L. Dunn</i> | | Verne L. Dunn |
| son | 77 | | |
| ion | 78 * <i>Oscar M. Needham</i> | | |
| eva | 79 | | George H. Nelson |
| posite | 81 | | |
| nt Paul | 82 C. Lee Pickett | | |
| inthian | 83 * <i>Herbert P. Shumway</i> | | |
| rfield | 84 | Fred L. Hill | |
| e | 85 John M. Falwell | Myron S. Connett | |
| iphian | 86 * <i>John Gallacher</i> | | |
| ic | 87 * <i>John H. Stimpson</i> | | |
| r | 88 | | |
| ar River | 89 William H. Davis | * <i>Jacob D. Counts</i> | |
| Creek | 90 | | |
| land | 91 John E. Wallace | | C. William Force |
| bbell | 92 Oscar D. Gooden | | |
| ver City | 93 Allen T. Nickerson | | |
| inett | 94 | William A. Overman | |
| rfield | 95 Robert R. Dickson | | |
| ca | 96 | | William C. Brown, Jr. |
| lid | 97 * <i>John T. McKay</i> | | |
| ublican | 98 Clarence A. Luce | | |
| lton | 99 | Verner S. Pierce | |
| ighton | 100 Harry C. Kuester | | |
| ica | 101 Warren Lee McCool | | |
| terloo | 102 | | |
| l | 103 * <i>Ernest J. Williams</i> | James C. Robinson | |
| more | 104 John S. Jones | | |
| lla | 105 | | |
| ter | 106 * <i>Clarence R. Sweetland</i> | * <i>Clarence R. Sweetland</i> | Clarence R. Sweetland |
| le Rock | 108 Dann Andrew | | |
| negranate | 110 Bennett H. Clark | G. William Loofe | Lewis L. Laughlin |
| Witt | 111 | Frank L. Wilkens | |
| ingfield | 112 | | |
| be | 113 Martin S. McDuffee | | |
| sner | 114 | Lewis G. Thompson | |
| rlan | 116 Charles E. Alter | | |
| rdy | 117 Thomas D. Griffin | | |
| ic | 118 * <i>W. Russell Freidell</i> | | |
| th Bend | 119 | Guy H. Teeter | |

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| LODGE | MASTER | SENIOR WARDEN | JUNIOR WARDEN |
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| Wayne No. 120 | *James G. Mines | | |
| Superior " 121 | *John W. Mitchell | | |
| Auburn " 124 | Joseph N. Simmons | | |
| Mount Nebo " 125 | | | |
| Stromsburg " 126 | David L. Hallquist | *John P. Carlson | |
| Minden " 127 | George E. Hammond | *Charles A. Chappell | Vaughn H. Clearn |
| Guide Rock " 128 | Dana L. Burr | | |
| Blue Hill " 129 | Albert L. Graham | | |
| Tuscan " 130 | | | |
| Scribner " 132 | | Henry Boll | |
| Elm Creek " 133 | | John L. Daul | |
| Solar " 134 | Marvin Chamberlin | | Claude M. Dexter |
| McCook " 135 | *Edward D. Perkins | Edward D. Perkins | |
| Long Pine " 136 | *Arthur G. DeLong | George R. Patterson | |
| Upright " 137 | | | William A. Turnl |
| Rawalt " 138 | William A. Rhynalds | | |
| Clay Centre " 139 | | Hjalmer A. Swanson | |
| Western " 140 | *Morton T. Kilmer | | Morton T. Kilmer |
| Crescent " 143 | *Harry P. Hansen | Harry P. Hansen | |
| Kenesaw " 144 | | John S. Ramsey | |
| Bancroft " 145 | | | |
| Jachin " 146 | | | |
| Siloam " 147 | Leonard A. Roberts | | |
| Emmet Crawford " 148 | James C. Lomax | | |
| Jewel " 149 | | | |
| Cambridge " 150 | Justin M. Hollingsworth | | |
| Square " 151 | | | |
| Parallel " 152 | *John H. Geer | | Clifford E. Gregg . |
| Evergreen " 153 | Francis Rainbow | | |
| Lily " 154 | | Alfred F. Uzzell | |
| Hartington " 155 | | Horace E. Burkett | |
| Pythagoras " 156 | | | |
| Valley " 157 | William W. McGaw | | |
| Samaritan " 158 | | | Clendenon W. Mi |
| Ogalalla " 159 | Hugo Eymann | | |
| Zeredatha " 160 | Joseph A. Mosher | Frank E. Warren | |
| Mount Zion " 161 | *Charles Krumbach | | |
| Trestle Board " 162 | Ora A. Vandervort | | |
| Unity " 163 | William E. Hand | | John L. Graham . |
| Atkinson " 164 | | | |
| Barneston " 165 | *John A. Anderson | | |
| Mystic Tie " 166 | | George W. Irving | |
| Elwood " 167 | George T. Burt | | |
| Curtis " 168 | | Cecil Keith | |
| Amity " 169 | *Edmund Stamper | | |
| Mason City " 170 | Arthur C. Rumery | | |
| Merna " 171 | Lester J. Corlett | | |
| Grafton " 172 | *George C. Casten | | |
| Robert Burns " 173 | *Epaphro D. Craw | | Epaphro D. Craw . |
| Culbertson " 174 | *William C. Bullard | | |
| Temple " 175 | *Charles E. Wright | | Charles E. Wrigh |

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| LODGE | MASTER | SENIOR WARDEN | JUNIOR WARDEN |
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| dstone | No. 176 *Chas. H. F. Steinmeier | | |
| y Springs | " 177 *Frank Tullos | | |
| dence | " 179 Chris R. Bissey | | |
| tice | " 180 William C. Hanson | | |
| th | " 181 *Fred Hauser | Fred Hauser | |
| nse | " 182 Carl H. Brinkmann | | |
| ance | " 183 Karl J. Stern | | |
| Hive | " 184 J. Dean Ringer | Albert L. Hunter | J. Paul Kepler |
| z | " 185 | William S. Yates | |
| el | " 187 | Thomas D. Parks | |
| idian | " 188 Edgar C. Stanley | Ralph L. Ford | |
| nite | " 189 Calvin A. Gordon | | |
| ethyst | " 190 Allen C. Kirby | | |
| stal | " 191 | | |
| nekadusa | " 192 Lemuel R. Geyer | | |
| net | " 193 *Ruben H. Goodge | Ruben H. Goodge | |
| hland | " 194 *William Rohe | | |
| ana | " 195 | | |
| el | " 196 George J. Dold | | |
| ning Star | " 197 George C. Lanphere | | |
| ity | " 198 Sigfried L. Jacks | | |
| el | " 199 *James H. Bryant | | |
| zing Star | " 200 Elbert M. White | | |
| ts Bluff | " 201 Asa B. Wood | | |
| den Sheaf | " 202 | | |
| nan Eagle | " 203 *George A. Racely | | |
| inview | " 204 Fred J. Weidman | | |
| den Fleece | " 205 *William McCarty | *William McCarty | |
| thall | " 206 William A. Snyder | | |
| ian | " 207 *Frank L. Haycock | | |
| ge | " 208 *Cecil C. Hawthorne | | |
| opy | " 209 | | |
| t Lincoln | " 210 Lorenzen P. Ronne | William A. Robbins | |
| hent | " 211 A. Edsel Hauke | | |
| op. & Square | " 212 | | |
| are & Comp. | " 213 F. Ross Brown | | |
| mbline | " 214 James W. McKibbin | *James B. Coffman | |
| idental | " 215 *John H. Mackprang | | |
| tsade | " 216 *Solomon H. Blum | | |
| uneta | " 217 John W. Green | | |
| omfield | " 218 *Joachim J. Barge | | |
| ief | " 219 Jesse Lowther | | |
| gnolia | " 220 Morris H. Evans | | |
| od Lake | " 221 | Ralph A. Burbank | |
| dmark | " 222 | Edward E. Gaylord | |
| inence | " 223 | Alpheus Wright | |
| er Cord | " 224 | Herman C. Smith | |
| le | " 225 *John Finch | *Charles M. Blowers | *Pierre Steffen |
| ce | " 226 | Ferdinand V. Hulquist | |
| th Star | " 227 | Clarence V. Dixon | |
| rtley | " 228 *John E. Hathorn | | |

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| LODGE: | | MASTER | SENIOR WARDEN | JUNIOR WARDEN |
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| Comet | No. 229 | Otto Eliason | | Henry W. Hartson |
| Delta | " 230 | *John W. Currier | | |
| Mount Hermon | " 231 | | | |
| John S. Bowen | " 232 | | E. Lloyd Cook | |
| Gilead | " 233 | *David A. Beatty | | David A. Beatty |
| Zion | " 234 | | | |
| Fraternity | " 235 | | | |
| Golden Rule | " 236 | *August F. Erdmann | August F. Erdmann | |
| Cubit | " 237 | *Nathaniel C. Newlin | | |
| Friendship | " 239 | | | |
| Pilot | " 240 | | William F. Solt | |
| Geo. Armstrong | " 241 | Theophilus I. Minier | | |
| Tyrian | " 243 | | John L. Scroggin | |
| Sincerity | " 244 | *Frank E. Martin | | |
| Hampton | " 245 | | William F. Powers | |
| Nehawka | " 246 | | James W. Thomas | |
| Corner-stone | " 247 | *Ellis H. Whitehead | Ellis H. Whitehead | |
| Laurel | " 248 | *Nelson Utter | | |
| Gothenburg | " 249 | William J. Birkofer | | |
| Geo. Washington | " 250 | | Raymond E. Taylor | |
| Wausa | " 251 | Robert W. McConnell | | |
| Hildreth | " 252 | George M. Myers | | |
| Beemer | " 253 | Conrad Schwarz | | |
| Bassett | " 254 | Fred N. Morgan | | |
| Bradshaw | " 255 | | Charles D. Coburn | |
| Hickman | " 256 | Mitchell M. Franey | | |
| Holbrook | " 257 | | | |
| Anselmo | " 258 | Walter C. Moulton | | Joseph C. Kellenba |
| Bee | " 259 | Emery A. Hall | | |
| Springview | " 260 | Samuel M. Wyatt | | |
| Ornan | " 261 | Leo S. Legro | | |
| Endeavor | " 262 | | Joseph Reiter | |
| Mitchell | " 263 | Charles H. Blackburn | | |
| Franklin | " 264 | | Henry J. Walker | |
| Robt. W. Furnas | " 265 | | Harry J. Wisner | |
| Silver | " 266 | | | |
| Jas. A. Tulleys | " 267 | *Weston H. Hill | | |
| Geo. W. Lininger | " 268 | | William C. Ramsey | |
| Riverside | " 269 | | Frank McCormick | |
| Huntley | " 270 | Thomas E. Richman | | |
| Oasis | " 271 | Edwin A. Beard | | |
| Lee P. Gillette | " 272 | William G. Money | James P. Baker | |
| Crofton | " 273 | | Orlin D. Salley | |
| Olive Branch | " 274 | | | Fred E. Hoar |
| Ramah | " 275 | R. E. McWhorter | | Berton H. Scranter |
| Antelope | " 276 | *Samuel T. Jackson | | |
| Sioux | " 277 | | Albert L. Schnurr | |
| Litchfield | " 278 | | George W. Wolfe | |
| Wallace | " 279 | | Herbert C. Robbins | |
| Swastika | " 280 | *Roy W. Hicks | Roy W. Hicks | |
| Florence | " 281 | Albert E. Parmelee | | |

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| LODGE | MASTER | SENIOR WARDEN | JUNIOR WARDEN |
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| Allen | No. 282 *Arthur G. Humphrey. | | |
| Beter | " 283 *Arthur B. Stratton. | | |
| Beca | " 284 | | |
| Emp Clarke | " 285 Joseph E. Trinnier. | | |
| Elkosh | " 286 *Robert Quelle | | Robert Quelle |
| Elkosh | " 287 John O. Moore. | *John O. Moore. | *John O. Moore. |
| Elkosh | " 288 George W. Long. | Fred R. Daily. | Walter H. Mailand. |
| Elkosh | " 289 | Frank J. Benesh | |
| Elkosh | " 290 Earl W. Dean. | Howard E. Hutton. | Ernest H. Tindell. |
| Elkosh | " 291 | George W. Fannon. | *Jared L. Cook. |
| Elkosh | " 292 | William J. Marrs. | |
| Elkosh | " 293 *Israel Cauthra. | | |
| Elkosh | " 294 Will J. Davies. | Vert B. Cargill. | Eric G. Linn. |
| Elkosh | " 295 | Fred W. Smith. | |
| Elkosh | " 296 Stanley D. Long. | | |

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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; Ireland. Henry Gibbons; Kansas. James P. A. Black; Maine. Thomas K. Sudborough; Missouri. Samuel S. Whiting; Nevada. Frank L. Haycock; New Hampshire. Frederic L. Temple; New Jersey. James R. Cain. Sr.; New York. Edward M. Wellman; Nova Scotia. Henry H. Wilson; Philippine Islands. John J. Tooley; Prince Edward Island. Charles E. Burnham; Puerto Rico. John A. Ehrhardt; Saskatchewan. Claude L. Talbot; Scotland. William Cosh; South Australia. Joseph B. Fradenburg; South Carolina. James R. Cain, Jr.; Tennessee. Francis E. White; Utah. Robert E. French; Vermont. Frank H. Young; Washington. Andrew H. Viele; and Wisconsin. Robert O. Wolf.

Your committee also reports the presence of the following Assistants to the Grand Custodian: Edward M. Wellman, 1; Frank W. Boyer, 11; Frank W. Farrand, 36; George Burgert, 46; Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50; Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Ensign J. Rix, 55; Ira C. Freet, 56; Fred A. Howe, 119; Earl M. Bolen, 130; Frederick L. Wolff, 135; George A. Stevens, 158; Robert B. Walker, 170; Walter W. Wells, 192; Frank L. Haycock, 207; Benjamin Wood, 210; and Alfred G. Hunt, 289.

The following report of the Committee on Accounts, read by W. Brother Orville A. Andrews, 19, 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 and accounts of the Grand Lodge Officers and committees referred to us, also the securities in the hands of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home as Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund.

The balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge May 20th, 1917, we find to be \$38,084.11, as shown by the books of the Grand Secretary and the statement of the Norfolk National Bank; balance to the credit of the Committee on Relief, \$2,829.55; securities in the Orphans Educational Fund amounting to \$88,600.00. There is a balance of \$802.15 due the Nebraska Masonic Home Fund, making the net amount in this account \$87,797.85.

The securities are all first-class paper, the loans are accompanied by the necessary papers, and the proportion between the valuation and the amount of the loan is ample in all cases.

The books and accounts of the Grand Secretary are in excellent shape and the method of keeping the same is highly commendable.

We find that the Grand Chaplain has expended \$155.11, exceeding the appropriation \$5.11. We recommend that this amount be paid to him.

The report of "Uncle Bob," Grand Custodian, is a model one, all vouchers numbered and properly indexed.

We recommend that the bill of Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, amounting to \$164.46, for services in the case of Endeavor Lodge No. 262, of Indianola, and the request of Solomon Lodge No. 10 for a refund of \$10.00, paid for a special dispensation to elect officers, be allowed.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel presented the following report of the Committee on Promulgation of the Work, and on his motion it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Promulgation of the Work have had under consideration the various subjects relating to the work and its promulgation, as referred to in the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Grand Custodian, and have given the same careful consideration in conjunction with the Grand Master and Grand Custodian, and the recommendations herewith submitted meet their hearty approval and commendation.

Your committee urges upon the incoming Grand Master as far as

possible a strict enforcement of Section 8, Chapter II., of our law; to the end that there be no letting up of our earnest desire that all of our lodges make use of the facilities provided by the Grand Lodge for all to become proficient in the work.

That indifferent and weak lodges be given all possible aid and encouragement so that the officers may be able to confer the degrees and give the lectures in an efficient and impressive manner; and in all cases where lodges fail, neglect, or refuse to perfect themselves in the work to the satisfaction of our Grand Custodian, that the Grand Master give prompt attention thereto and adopt such measures as will in all things aid, advance, and protect the cause of Masonry.

Your committee would remind this Grand Lodge and the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction that the positions of Assistant Custodians were created to aid and assist the Grand Custodian so that all lodges and Masons so desiring could become proficient in the work, and that as far as possible the machinery being provided the per diem and expense of the visitations of our Assistant Custodians should be borne by the lodges so receiving the services.

We therefore recommend to the incoming Grand Master and Grand Custodian that all lodges availing themselves of the services of an Assistant Custodian pay his per diem of \$4.00 and expenses, unless the Grand Custodian shall deem it in the interests of Masonry that one-half or all of such per diem and expenses be paid by the Grand Lodge.

We further recommend that the Assistant Custodians attend *all* Central Schools of Instruction within their respective localities under the direction of the Grand Custodian, such visits to be at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

W. W. Brother Morris H. Evans, 220, submitted the following report, and it was adopted:

• REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND
DISPENSATIONS.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, having had under careful consideration the matter of the application of the brethren at Chester for a dispensation to form a lodge, and having carefully examined all reports, papers, etc., pertaining thereto, find that these brethren have become proficient in the work by having secured the services of an Assistant Custodian, and have maintained a lodge room for these purposes, recommend that this Grand Lodge authorize the Grand Master to issue the dispensation asked for.

We cite the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence of this Grand Lodge for the year 1902, in which *Bassett vs. Long Pine* is a parallel case, as a basis for our recommendation.

On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, half past ten o'clock, A. M., Wednesday, June 6th, was set as the time for election of officers.

The following report, presented by W. .Brother George S. Austin, 60, was adopted, and the amendment was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business fraternally report that they have carefully examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1916, and find no matters pending which are not now being considered, except that action on an amendment to Section 148 *d*. which was proposed in 1915, was postponed until this year. See page 444, proceedings of 1915, and page 590, proceedings of 1916.

Later in the session Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following resolution, which was adopted

Resolved, That consideration of the amendment to Section 148 *d* of the law, be indefinitely postponed, the circumstance out of which the question arose no longer existing.

W. .Brother Frederick L. Wolff, 135, Chairman of the Committee on Codification of the Law, moved and it was carried that the Grand Lodge refer to the Committee on Jurisprudence the advisability of adopting the amendments to the law referred to by the Special Committee on Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, etc.

Past Grand Master Frank H. Young, chairman of the committee, made the following report, and on his motion it was adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.

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

Your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans fraternally reports the following receipts and disbursements for the year ending May 30th, 1917 :

RECEIPTS.

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| June 1st, 1916.. | Balance on hand..... | \$3,356.61 |
| " 9th, " | Received from the Grand Lodge Relief Fund.. | 2,639.75 |
| | Received from rent of the Sargent property... | 70.00 |
| | Received from Mrs. McFarland, for clothing for her children..... | 100.00 |
| | Received from Mrs. Eastman, for clothing for her children | 117.10 |
| | Received from Brother Schloatman, for cloth- ing for his children..... | 100.00 |
| | Received from Mrs. M. Clarkson, for clothing for her children..... | 25.00 |
| | Received from Covert Lodge No. 11, for cloth- ing for children..... | 75.00 |
| | Received from Lincoln Lodge No. 19, for cloth- ing for children..... | 50.00 |
| | Received from Mrs. Boorman, for care of child | 67.00 |
| | Received from Mrs. Ferris, for care of child... | 5.65 |
| | Received from Frank H. Young, guardian of es- tate of Aileen Brewster..... | 53.68 |
| | Received from sale of cow..... | 77.00 |
| | Received from Brother Jacob C. Reeter, Co- lumbus, for Entertainment Fund, Childrens Home | 3.00 |
| | Received from Grand Lodge for Entertainment Fund, Childrens Home..... | 110.50 |
| | Refunded by Fairfield Lodge No. 84..... | 175.00 |
| | Received interest on daily balances at 4%..... | 83.71 |
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| | | \$7,109.00 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| For widow of late member of Covert Lodge No. 11..... | \$ 84.00 |
| For widow of late member of Ashland Lodge No. 18, extinct... | 48.00 |
| For mother and widow of late member of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, and seven children..... | 33.00 |
| For mother of late member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33..... | 40.00 |
| For widow of late member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33..... | 84.00 |
| For widow of late member of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, and five children..... | 5.00 |
| For member of Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 125, wife, and six children. | 218.03 |
| For widow of late member of Siloam Lodge No. 147, and two children | 300.00 |
| For widow of late member of Parian Lodge No. 207..... | 45.00 |
| For mother of member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210..... | 30.00 |

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| For member of George Washington Lodge No. 250.....§ | 50.00 |
| For daughter of late member of Springview Lodge No. 260..... | 145.19 |

\$1,082.22

For Childrens Homes:

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| Food | \$1,964.27 |
| Clothing | 458.32 |
| Medicine and hospitals..... | 50.64 |
| Entertainment | 163.52 |
| Books | 4.75 |
| Maintenance, Plattsmouth | 135.60 |
| Claim, railroad loss..... | 2.18 |

\$2,779.28

In addition to these regular expenditures there have been drawn out of the fund by M. W. Brother Alpha Morgan, Chairman of the Special Committee on Childrens Homes, the following amounts for the care and maintenance of the Childrens Home grounds:

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| For labor | \$ 156.00 |
| For live stock | 1,352.38 |
| For tools | 484.04 |
| For feed | 66.05 |
| For repairs | 4.55 |
| For improvements | 5.65 |
| For seed | 125.50 |
| For fuel | 3.90 |
| For insurance | 3.30 |
| Cash on hand, certificate of deposit herewith..... | 1,046.13 |

\$7,109.00

The Grand Lodge was called to attention while W. Brother John F. Poucher, 41, read the following report, after which it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

To the Grand Lodge:

Once more by the report of this committee we are called upon to remember the brethren who have fallen beside us in the peaceful battles of life. We constantly remember them in secret. When the shadows of evening fall and our eyes are closed in slumber, in our dreams they return to us. We feel the touch of a vanished hand and hear the sound of a voice that is still.

And in the busy day we get occasional glimpses of them. We seem to see them disappearing around the corner. We think they are sitting near until we turn to look at them, when they dissolve. They fly through the mind, as birds flutter in at one window and out at another.

But today we consciously and in a formal manner remember the dead in this silent hour spent in the chancel of memory. We open the Gate and those who labored beside us return for a moment and their faces and forms are distinguished in the soft mellow light of our yesterdays.

Once more God illumines the pathway that leads into the future. "If a man die, shall he live again?" This is the question of the ages, the question of all questions. If Youth whispers: "Man is fashioned like a God," Age echoes, "Man fades like a leaf." And when this little span is past, what then? Sir Walter Scott's last entry in his journal reads: "We slept reasonably, but on the next morning———" The sentence was never finished. What then? Who will answer? Bless God! We look beyond the grave and turn our eyes with faith and confidence upon the opening scenes of an endless Eternity, and behold the brother loved long since and lost awhile.

Today we remember the giant form of M. W. Brother Zuingle M. Baird, our beloved Past Grand Master, who departed this life December 17th, 1916. Large in physical proportions, with a heavy voice, and a generous soul, he was a "Giant Great-Heart." He loved the Craft and devoted his life to his Masonic labors. His untiring work for the cause of Masonry is not in vain. "The reward of his hands shall be given him."

Our memory brings back the form of Brother Levi D. Phipps, of Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Assistant Custodian, who laid by his working tools on December 31st, 1916. Brother Levi was so dependable, so large-hearted, so true that when the Most Worshipful Grand Master consigned his body to the earth there was the greatest number of grief-bowed brethren about the casket that ever assembled in his home city.

We have received notice of the deaths of the following distinguished brethren:

- W. ROBERT LIDDELL.....Grand Senior Deacon, Arkansas
- R. W. CHARLES B. CHAPMAN.....Grand Trustee, Connecticut
- M. W. JONAS W. BROWN.Past Grand Master and Grand Chaplain, Idaho
- M. W. ROBERT B. ASHLEY.....Past Grand Master, Illinois
- W. EDWARD HIGHLY WOLFE.....Grand Inspector, Indiana
- M. W. GEORGE E. GRIMES.....Past Grand Master, Indiana
- M. W. ALFRED W. EMERY.....Past Grand Master, Indiana
- M. W. WILLIAM M. SHAYER.....Past Grand Master, Kansas
- M. W. WILLIAM H. MEFFERT.....Past Grand Master, Kentucky
- M. W. JAMES WILLIAM HOPPER.....Past Grand Master, Kentucky

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| M. W. LUCIAN ELY WOOD..... | Past Grand Master, Michigan |
| M. W. ABRAHAM T. METCALF..... | Past Grand Master, Michigan |
| M. W. JAMES H. FARNUM..... | Past Grand Master, Michigan |
| M. W. JOHN SILAS BROOKS..... | Past Grand Master, Mississippi |
| M. W. CAMPBELL WELLS..... | Past Grand Master, Missouri |
| M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE..... | Past Grand Master, New York |
| R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS..... | Grand Secretary, New York |
| R. W. JOHN C. DREWRY..... | Grand Secretary, North Carolina |
| R. W. THEODORE F. BRANCH..... | Past Grand Junior Warden, North Dakota |
| R. W. WILLIAM J. AKERS..... | Past Deputy Grand Master, Ohio |
| V. W. WILLIAM PINCKNEY SMITH..... | Grand Chaplain, South Carolina |
| R. W. CASWELL A. GOODLOE..... | Past Grand Master, Tennessee |
| R. W. ARCHIBALD W. CAMPBELL..... | Past Grand Master, Texas |
| M. W. ROBERT CROSBY HILL..... | Past Grand Master, Washington |
| M. W. EDWARD R. HARE..... | Past Grand Master, Washington |
| M. W. NEIL ROBINSON..... | Past Grand Master, West Virginia |
| M. W. WILLIAM G. BENNETT..... | Past Grand Master, West Virginia |
| R. W. HARRY C. SNYDER..... | Grand Junior Warden, Wyoming |

Unanimous consent was asked for and granted to consider the following amendment to the law, proposed by Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans, and it was adopted unanimously:

Amend Section 9, Chapter III., of the law, by inserting after the words "(17) Promotion of the World's Peace," the following: "(18) Childrens Homes," and inserting after the words "each of the other committees except (5)," the words and figures "and (18)."

Also that a new section be inserted to be numbered (16) and to read as follows:

Sec. 16.—CHILDRENS HOMES.—The Committee on Childrens Homes shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, and who shall be Chairman of this committee, and four to be appointed by the Grand Master (one to be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and one to be appointed each year thereafter, for four years). Said committee shall have exclusive supervision and control of the construction, care, and maintenance of buildings and grounds owned or used by or in connection with the Childrens Homes.

Past Grand Master Alpha Morgan, for the special Committee on Childrens Homes, read the following report, and the same was adopted as read:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHILDRENS HOMES.

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

We, your Special Committee on Childrens Homes, beg leave to report that, acting under the authority conferred on us one year ago, we have erected the second building on the grounds at Fremont, and the same is occupied by eleven of our boys in charge of a Matron, whose salary is paid by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

The last Grand Lodge gave us \$12,000.00 for the erection of this building. Due to the high prices of material we have expended on this building\$13,144.46
 For tree planting, water main, etc..... 409.25
 For insurance, fire, boiler, and farm..... 143.86
 For repairs on farm and electric light, tenant house..... 46.37
 For expenditures on the Girls Home..... 383.43

Total expenditures, 1916-1917.....\$14,127.37
 Received from the Grand Lodge.....\$12,000.00
 Received from the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. 2,000.00
 Received from interest, daily balances..... 33.59
 Received from balance on hand from Girls Home. 102.15 \$14,135.74

Balance on hand..... \$ 8.37

In order to have proper access to these buildings and grounds we contracted for the building of about 650 feet of sidewalks, lineal measure, at 11 cents per foot, and a bridge, \$731.00; these bills have not been paid, as the work is not completed, but will amount to close to \$1,050.00. We deem it necessary to have more or less grading done about these buildings, and shrubbery planted, but this has not been done, as funds were lacking.

The latter part of February the committee met at Fremont and, after discussing the matter, concluded to employ a superintendent to do the farm work, and furnish employment for the boys during vacation periods. To this end we advertised among the various lodges and finally selected Brother William C. McDermott of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, at a wage of \$75.00 per month and the use of the tenant house already on the grounds. Brother McDermott took charge March 1st, 1917, and has satisfactorily conducted the operations to this time.

Owing to the adoption of the farming of the grounds, it was necessary to purchase live stock, machinery, and seed. We have expended the sum of \$2,201.37 in this line. We have planted \$116.00 worth of seed potatoes, a large garden, several acres to corn, and will seed about five more acres to alfalfa. We have purchased and have on hand five cows, but will dispose of one or more of them, three brood sows, fifty hens, and five cockerels. We have about 500 brooder chicks at this time. We are

trying to raise our own eggs, chickens, pork, and milk, aside from garden truck. We have set out several hundred plants of small fruit, currants, goose-berries, grapes, and raspberries.

During the year we have lost one of our most valued members. Brother Charles L. Mielenz departed this life June 11th, 1916. We take this occasion to speak of his genial, whole-hearted work; he was ever faithful in attendance at our meetings, his counsel was always wise and looking towards the best interests of our beloved Craft and the work in hand.

Grand Master Viele appointed M. W. Brother Charles E. Burnham, Past Grand Master, as the successor of Brother Mielenz.

Thus ends three years of the work of this committee. During that period we have purchased the forty acre tract, built two homes, and are housing twenty-two of our children there. The work is both interesting and painstaking. The time and expense of your committee has been freely and gratuitously given, and the good that may grow from this work is the only reward we are looking for.

Past Grand Master Morgan presented a report showing in detail the amount of money needed to pay back money borrowed from other Masonic bodies for improvements on the Childrens Homes and grounds, and to make other necessary improvements, and moved that an appropriation of \$10,000.00 be made to cover these various items of expense. The motion carried.

The following report of the Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace was made by Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, and on his motion it was adopted:

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

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

When your committee was appointed our country was at peace with all the world and was using every effort not only to make our peace perpetual, but to promote the peace of the world. Conditions over which our nation had no control have forced a law-abiding and peace-loving people into war. One year ago we were looking hopefully forward to the development of a World League of Enforced Peace—the evolution of a world tribunal to which nations could appeal for redress, and to the enforcement of whose decrees all civilized people would stand pledged.

Today the smoke of battle obscures the vision of the court and the roar of cannon silences the voice of the advocate. In the midst of arms the laws are silent.

Yet through the smoke of battle may we not see dimly emerging an agency of enforced peace—amid the roar of cannon may we not still faintly hear the increasing cry for justice and equity. The league of enforced peace which we were not able to establish when at peace may yet be forged and shaped in the white heat of conflict. Nations that fight side by side for common ideals and with a common purpose are thereby drawn more closely together. With three-fourths of the human race contending against a fraction of the other fourth have we not already a powerful league to enforce peace! When we have organized three-fourths of mankind into a league to obtain peace, shall we not continue that league to preserve and perpetuate such peace when once bought with so much blood and treasure?

Will not the very cruelties and barbarisms of this conflict determine all the contestants to so arrange the world's business that they shall never again be repeated? The patriotism, the energy, and the wisdom that are able to bring peace under these circumstances should be able to preserve and perpetuate it when acquired. May it not be that this great struggle will have cost so much in blood and treasure that all nations, the victors and the vanquished alike, will instinctively turn to some more reasonable, less wasteful, and more humane method of settling international disputes? May not this struggle convince the race that war has become too expensive, too destructive, too inhuman to be longer used as a method of settling international controversies? Let us then reverse the usual maxim and in the midst of war prepare for perpetual peace.

R. W. Francis E. White, 6, for the Committee on Grand Lodge Accommodations in the New Masonic Temple, made a report, stating that owing to delays in the building of the Temple quarters for the Grand Secretary would not be ready for some time, hence he had nothing definite to report. He asked for a continuance of the committee, with the same powers as those given at the last session of the Grand Lodge, and it was so ordered.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to elect its officers for the ensuing year, Grand Master Viele appointing as tellers all of the Assistant Custodians. The election resulted as follows:

- Bro. Frederic L. Temple, 61.....Grand Master
- Bro. Ambrose C. Epperson, 139.....Deputy Grand Master
- Bro. John J. Tooley, 258.....Grand Senior Warden
- Bro. Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3.....Grand Junior Warden
- Bro. Francis E. White, 6.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session the following appointments were made :

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| Bro. George G. Ware, 46..... | Grand Chaplain |
| Bro. John R. Webster, 3..... | Grand Orator |
| Bro. Robert E. French, 46..... | Grand Custodian |
| Bro. Lewis E. Smith, 136..... | Grand Marshal |
| Bro. Edward M. Wellman, 1..... | Grand Senior Deacon |
| Bro. Charles A. Chappell, 127..... | 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 Thomas M. Davis, 93 (1 year); Alpha Morgan, 148 (2 years); John A. Ehrhardt, 41 (3 years); Robert E. Evans, 5 (4 years); Frank H. Young, 207 (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; Walter W. Wells, 192; Roy E. Cochran, 46; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Frank H. Young, 207 (5 years); Oliver E. Mickey, 65 (4 years); Fred A. Howe, 119 (3 years); Carroll D. Evans, 58 (2 years); Charles B. Nicodemus, 15 (1 year); Committee on Childrens Homes.

Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; Samuel S. Whiting, 54; 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.

Brothers Robert E. Evans, 5; Andrew H. Viele, 55; George H. Thummel, 33; Special Committee on Dues to Lodges.

The Grand Master announced that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, M. W. Brother Thomas Arthur, was in waiting, and requested all of the Past Grand Masters present to retire with the Grand Senior Deacon and the Grand Junior Deacon, and escort the distinguished visitor to the Grand Lodge. On returning Grand Master Arthur was introduced to Grand Master Viele by Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, and Grand Master Viele in turn introduced Grand Master Arthur to the Grand Lodge, saying :

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you one with whom I have been touching shoulders during the past year, one we have learned to love, and one who measures up to the high ideals of Masonry. The pleasant relations that have existed between the Grand Jurisdictions of Iowa and Nebraska show that Masonry is not divided by the "Big Muddy."

Most Worshipful Brother Arthur was given the Grand Honors by the Grand Lodge, and responded to the welcome as follows:

I am glad of the opportunity to greet you and to extend to you the greetings of the 56,000 Masons of Iowa. Our relations have always been friendly and entirely harmonious, and so far as I know they have been harmonious throughout the history of Masonry in these two Grand Jurisdictions.

Pardon just a personal comment. Along last August I broke down and I was confined in the Clarkson Hospital here from August to November, and I know something of the warm-heartedness of Nebraska Masons, not as a matter of theory, but as a matter of fact. Your Grand Master, Brother Viele, came to see me there, and your Grand Secretary, Brother White, was a frequent caller, and the Masons of Omaha made me a debtor for ever. This grand Jurisdiction seems very close to the jurisdiction of Iowa, and especially close to me, as I live only thirty miles across the river. Of course we seem close to Missouri, South Dakota, Colorado, and the other states near, but we seem a little more interested in the Masons of Nebraska for the reason that you are so close to us.

These are strenuous times, not only for Masons, but for every one, and Masonry stands on the platform that subscribes to the principles of liberty and democracy as laid out by President Wilson.

The cement of Freemasonry has been the strongest binding force in America since its earliest day. I think the cement of Masonry will be strong enough to hold us together even with our European brethren. It was strong enough during the Civil War. There was no Masonry North or Masonry South. The church became divided; there was a North church and a South church, but the cement of Masonry held.

I trust that Masonry will not lose its force, but that it will be a powerful force to help bind up the wounds of war.

I am glad to have had this opportunity to appear before you, and I thank you.

At twelve o'clock M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M. The last stanza of "America" was sung by the brethren.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 6th, 1917.

M. W. Andrew H. Viele, Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to labor at the appointed hour, officers and members being the same as at the previous session, and all joined in singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" during the opening ceremonies.

Unanimous consent was asked for and granted to consider the following amendment to the law, offered by Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, and it was unanimously adopted:

Amend Section 57 by adding the following: "The Secretary shall also report to the Grand Secretary the names of all members of his lodge who have been called to military service in the army or navy of the United States, and the names of such brethren shall be printed in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge under the title of The Roll of Honor."

Past Grand Master Samuel S. Whiting presented the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

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 approve of the decisions of the Grand Master known as Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9.

No. 3. We recommend as a substitute for the answer to the query, the following: "This is a matter in the discretion of the subordinate lodge. See Sections 138 and 141," and that such we then approve.

No. 6. After amending the same to read as follows: "A bridge foreman having no *fixed domicile*, and moving from place to place, etc.," is approved, and we recommend that the Committee on Codification of the Law be requested to prepare an amendment to the law conforming to all occupations and persons.

We have considered the recommendations of the Grand Master and report as follows:

That the recommendation on page 701 as to the enactment of a law in relief of brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction who receive a degree or degrees in other Grand Jurisdictions in accordance with their law, be not approved.

That we do not approve of the first recommendation of the Grand Master, found on page 718 of his address.

That the recommendation known as No. 2, on page 718, relating to petitions for dispensations to form new lodges, be not approved.

That recommendation No. 3 as regards the expenses of the Grand Marshal be not approved.

That recommendation No. 4 as regards per diem and Assistant Custodians attending Central Schools be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

That recommendation No. 5 as regards rolls of members in the Grand Secretary's office be approved, and it is recommended that the Committee on Codification of the Law be requested to prepare an amendment to the law in conformity therewith.

As to the query from the Master of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57: It is the opinion of your committee that the brother not having been elected according to our law is not lawfully a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, and therefore can not serve as Secretary, and it will be the duty of the lodge to procure a special dispensation to elect a Secretary.

In the matter of the request from Northern Light Lodge No. 41 in regard to the petition of Brother Frank Salmon to change his name upon the Masonic record to "Frank Best," we recommend that the same be approved.

We recommend that the request of Union Lodge No. 287, as regards the lot in Rosewood Cemetery, at Palmyra, Nebraska, one of the assets of Palmyra Lodge No. 45, now extinct, be granted, and that the officers of the Grand Lodge be instructed to make the necessary transfer of the title to said lot to Union Lodge No. 287.

We recommend that the Committee on Returns be abolished, and that the law enacting said committee be repealed, and that the data heretofore furnished by said committee be furnished by the Grand Secretary.

We recommend that the recommendation of the Grand Secretary as to consolidating the Committees on Ways and Means and Accounts be concurred in and that the Committee on Codification of the Law be requested to prepare an amendment to the law in conformity thereto, and to provide that the accounts be annually examined and the result thereof certified to the Grand Lodge, with authority to employ an expert public accountant who is a member of the Fraternity to assist them, if in the judgment of the committee or the Grand Master, it is deemed necessary; the committee to be known as the Committee on Finance.

We recommend that so much of the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law as refers to Section 4, Chapter I., entitled Votes in Grand Lodge, be approved.

We recommend that the amendment to Section 133, Chapter XVII., entitled Demit Required, be referred to the Grand Lodge for further consideration.

The report was considered by sections and adopted as read, with the exception of that paragraph referring to Section 4 of the law, entitled Votes in Grand Lodge. The consideration of this paragraph was postponed pending the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law.

Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans proposed to amend Section 131 of the law by adding thereto :

Provided that the Grand Master may, in the exercise of his discretion, waive the requirement of the fee in cases where such dispensation is made necessary by reason of the candidate being called to the military service of the United States.

And on his motion the amendment was unanimously adopted.

W. .Brother William J. Birkofer, 249, presented the following report of the Committee on Grievances, and it was adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

We, your Committee on Grievances, have considered the matter of the petition for reinstatement of a member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, and find that the conditions which brought about his expulsion from said lodge no longer exist, that the offense for which this brother was expelled from said lodge involved no moral turpitude on his part, and that said brother has purged himself fully from the offense charged against him, and we recommend that the action of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 be confirmed and that his petition for reinstatement be granted.

After fully considering the matter of the charges preferred against the Master of Evening Star Lodge No. 49, of Sutton, Nebraska, your committee finds that such charges are not sufficiently sustained by the evidence to justify imposing a penalty upon the accused Master, and that his jewel should be restored to him. We do find, however, that said accused brother is not free from fault and has in some respects been derelict in the performance of his duties. We further find that there exists a feeling of malice and hatred between many of the brethren of said lodge, and that many of said brethren have not acted in peace and harmony with each other and with the accused Master, contrary to the spirit and best interests of Masonry.

We therefore recommend that unless the strife and discord existing in said lodge be immediately harmonized the Grand Master suspend the charter of said lodge for such period as he may deem best, that the

charges herein be dismissed, and that all of the expenses incurred in the matters involved herein be paid by Evening Star Lodge No. 49 as provided by Section 218 of our law.

Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans presented the following report of a special committee, and moved that it be adopted, with the understanding that the amendments, when presented by the Committee on Codification of the Law, should lie over one year. The motion prevailed:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENTERED APPRENTICES,
FELLOW CRAFTS, ETC.

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

Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of the jurisdiction over Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have not taken other degrees, and the practice as to annual reports with reference thereto, have had the same under consideration and submit the following as the result of their doings, and likewise their recommendations in the premises:

In 1915 circular letters were sent to all Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, submitting ten questions, most of which were for information on subjects in which the Grand Lodge is interested. Some of the information wanted was on other subjects than those submitted to us. The answers to the queries were so varied that it is impossible to give anything like a synopsis of the replies. There are no regulations in general use throughout the several Grand Jurisdictions.

We find that in many Grand Jurisdictions the lodges drop the names of suspended members, Entered Apprentices, and Fellow Crafts from the rolls. The period for which they are carried before being dropped varies from six months to five years. We do not find any special legislation for taking up these names after they have been dropped. In many jurisdictions suspended members are automatically restored upon the payment of their dues.

After carefully considering the entire subject your committee makes the following recommendations:

1st. That any Master Mason, Fellow Craft, or Entered Apprentice who is in good standing in his lodge, and against whom no charges are preferred nor objections filed, who desires to withdraw from the Masonic Fraternity on account of religious scruples entertained by himself or by immediate members of his family, or for other satisfactory reasons to be stated in the petition, may petition his lodge to withdraw from the Masonic Fraternity. The

petition must be presented at a regular meeting and take the same course of procedure as a petition for initiation, and if it is approved by two-thirds of the members present and voting, thereafter the petitioner's relation to the Masonic Fraternity, so far as receiving benefits therefrom, the right of visitation, and any and all other rights, shall cease and terminate to the same extent as though he had never been a member. And that reinstatement can be brought about only by an application made in writing to the lodge in which he formerly held his membership. When the application is made to the lodge it must be referred to a committee, lie over for report for one month, and be acted upon at a regular meeting. If the petition for reinstatement be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the lodge, the same should be endorsed under seal and transmitted to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The petition should state plainly the reasons why the petitioner withdrew from the Fraternity, also why he wishes to be reinstated to all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. The petition shall lie over for one year, and upon favorable action by the Grand Lodge the petitioner shall have the status of an unaffiliated Mason, and any petitioner restored by the Grand Lodge as aforesaid shall be entitled to a certificate of the facts from the Grand Secretary which will serve in place of a regular demit in case of application for membership in any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

2d. That the Committee on Codification of the Law be directed to present proposed legislation to carry into effect the foregoing recommendation with appropriate forms for petitions.

3d. That the Committee on Codification of the Law be required to prepare an amendment to our law, to lie over for consideration until the next annual communication, providing for the demission of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have permanently moved from the jurisdiction of the lodge in which they received the degree or degrees, provided that an application for a demit is made within two years after the degree or degrees were received.

4th. That the Committee on Codification of the Law prepare an amendment providing that a Master Mason who has been suspended for any cause, and who remains under the sentence of suspension for five years or more, be dropped from the rolls and be restored to good standing only upon a regular petition to take the same course in every particular as the petition for initiation.

W. Brother Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3, moved that the sum of \$250.00 be appropriated for the purpose of entertaining the

delegates of the National Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, which meets in Omaha in September of this year. The motion carried.

The following report of the Committee on Ways and Means, presented by the Chairman, W. Brother Robert R. Dickson, 95, was 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 again call attention to the law and custom of the Grand Lodge providing that this committee should consider and report upon the condition of the funds and property of the Grand Lodge, all matters relating to its revenue, and all proposed appropriations to be made therefrom, and we ask that this law and custom be enforced.

We again recommend that none of the money appropriated for the Grand Custodian's expenses 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, 1918, or as much thereof as may be necessary:

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| Pay-roll | \$ 4,200.00 |
| Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence..... | 200.00 |
| Grand Master's expense..... | 600.00 |
| Grand Master's clerk hire..... | 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 1917..... | 900.00 |
| Library, purchasing and binding..... | 200.00 |

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| Grand Tyler..... | \$ 15.00 |
| Expense of the Assistants to the Grand Custodian..... | 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 1917..... | 10.00 |
| Grand Chaplain's expense, 1917-1918..... | 150.00 |
| Assistant to the Grand Secretary..... | 1,200.00 |
| Stenographer | 10.00 |
| Home for Children at Fremont..... | 10,000.00 |
| Edwin F. Warren, attorney fees and expenses..... | 50.00 |
| Samuel P. Davidson, attorney fees and expenses..... | 50.00 |
| Henry H. Wilson, attorney fees and expenses..... | 164.46 |
| Balance due the Grand Chaplain..... | 5.11 |
| Return of special dispensation fee to Solomon Lodge No. 10... | 10.00 |
| For care of two French orphans..... | 146.00 |
| For Liberty Bonds..... | 5,000.00 |
| For entertainment of members of National Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada..... | 250.00 |
| Total | \$33,380.57 |

We further recommend that \$1,200.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated and placed subject to the order of the Committee on Grand Lodge Accommodations in the new Masonic Temple, to be used in arranging for quarters in the new Temple, making necessary contracts, procuring appropriate furnishings, and doing anything else in this connection that is required of them.

Past Grand Master Frank H. Young offered the following amendment to the law, and the same lies over until next year for consideration:

Amend Section 12, Chapter III., of the Grand Lodge law so that it shall read as follows:

Sec. 12.—CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.—The Committee on Codification of the Law shall digest the approved decisions of the Grand Master and the approved reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and any proposed law referred to it by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and after harmonizing the same as far as may be possible, shall submit them in the form of proposed by-laws to the Grand Lodge at the same communication.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel made the following motion and the same was adopted unanimously:

Moved that the pay-roll for 1918 and during the continuance of the war be made up for one day's pay at two (\$2.00) dollars per day.

W. Brother Frederick L. Wolff, 135, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, as follows, and requested its consideration by paragraphs:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submit the proposed amendments to the law by paragraphs, and request that the paragraphs be considered separately.

We recommend the adoption of the following paragraph:

1. Amend Sec. 4 by adding to the next to the last sentence the words: "Except as provided in Section 35 of this code," so that said section will read as follows:

Sec. 4.—VOTES IN GRAND LODGE.—Every officer and member of the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Tyler, shall be entitled to one vote in his individual right and no other, nor shall any member vote by proxy, except as provided in Section 2 of this code. A majority of the votes cast shall determine all questions except as provided in Section 35 of this code. A roll-call shall be ordered at the request of three members.

At the suggestion of the Committee on Jurisprudence we recommend that the following proposed amendments (paragraphs 2, 3, and 4) be printed in the proceedings and lie over for one year:

2. Amend Sec. 69-A and enact Sec. 210-A, so that said sections when respectively amended and enacted shall read as follows:

Sec. 69-A. Membership in a lodge may be terminated by suspension, expulsion, demission, or death, and in no other way, except that any Master Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, or Entered Apprentice Mason who is in good standing in his lodge, and against whom no charges are preferred nor objections filed and pending, who desires to withdraw from the Masonic Fraternity on account of religious scruples entertained by himself or by immediate members of his family, or for other satisfactory reasons to be stated in the petition, may petition his lodge to withdraw from the Masonic Fraternity. The petition must be presented at a regular meeting and take the same course of procedure as a petition for initiation, and if it is approved by two-thirds of the members present and voting, thereafter the petitioner's relation to the Masonic Fraternity, as far as receiving benefits therefrom, the right of visitation, and any and all other rights are concerned, shall cease and terminate to the same extent as though he had never been a member.

Sec. 210-A. When a brother's connection with the Masonic Fraternity shall have been terminated by withdrawal as permitted by Sec. 69-A., reinstatement can be brought about only by an application made in writing to the lodge in which he formerly held his membership. When the application is made to the lodge it must be referred to a committee,

lie over for report not less than four weeks, and be acted upon at a regular meeting. If the petition for reinstatement be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the lodge, the same must be endorsed under seal and transmitted to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The petition should state plainly the reasons why the petitioner withdrew from the Fraternity, also why he wishes to be reinstated to all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. The petition shall lie over for one year, and upon favorable action by the Grand Lodge the petitioner shall have the status of an unaffiliated Mason, and any petitioner restored by the Grand Lodge as aforesaid shall be entitled to a certificate of the facts from the Grand Secretary, which will serve in place of a regular demit in case of application for membership in any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The form of petition for withdrawal shall be as follows:

To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of _____
 _____ Lodge No. _____, A. F. & A. M.,
 _____, Nebraska.

The undersigned fraternally represents that he is a _____ Mason in good standing in the lodge described above; that no charge is preferred against him nor any objection filed and pending against him; that he now desires to withdraw from the Masonic Fraternity for the following reasons:

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 Residence Business Address.....
 Was born.....1....., at.....
 and by occupation is a.....
 Signature.....
 (One given name in full.)
, Nebraska.

Endorsed :
 Total Serial Number.....
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 Petition of

 for withdrawal.
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 Referred to Petition Committee
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 Balloted on59....
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 Entered in Compendium...59....

Committee Rooms of
 _____ Lodge No. _____
 A. F. & A. M.,
 _____, Nebraska.
59...
 The Petition Committee reports

 Committee.

MEMORANDA.

(Here note when and how the petitioner was notified of action on his petition, etc.)

The form of petition for reinstatement shall be as follows:

To the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of _____
 _____ Lodge No. _____, A. F. & A. M.,
 _____, Nebraska.

The undersigned fraternally represents that he was from the..... day of....., 19....., to the..... day of....., 19.....

a.....Mason in good standing in the lodge described above, from which he regularly withdrew for the following reasons:

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That he now desires to be reinstated to all of the rights and privileges of Freemasonry for the following reasons:

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and to acquire the status of an unaffiliated Mason, promising, if reinstated, to cheerfully conform to all the regulations and ancient usages of the Fraternity.

ResidenceBusiness Address.....
Was born..... 1..... at.....

and by occupation is a.....
Signature.....
(One given name in full.)

....., Nebraska....., 19.....
We recommend Bro.....

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Master Masons of.....Lodge No.

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A.F. & A.M.
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....., Nebraska.
The Petition Committee reports
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Committee.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska:
.....Lodge No., A.F. & A.M., certifies that
the within and foregoing petition was duly referred to a committee, laid

over for report not less than four weeks, acted upon at a regular meeting, and was approved by two-thirds of the members present.

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Worshipful Master.
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Senior Warden.
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Junior Warden.

Attest:

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(Lodge Seal.)

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Secretary.

MEMORANDA

(Here note when and how the petitioner was notified of action on his petition, etc.)

3. Amend Section 138 to read as follows:

Sec. 138.—HOW OBTAINED.—Any brother desiring a demit must apply therefor in writing, stating that it is wanted for the purpose of enabling him to join another lodge of Freemasons, and said brother need not state with what lodge of Freemasons he intends to affiliate. Such petition must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, and if, after opportunity is given, no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if the brother is clear on the books, the Master shall order that a demit be issued, and the Secretary shall make a record of such action. No demit should be granted a brother until he has paid his Grand Lodge dues to the end of the Masonic year; provided, a demit may issue to any Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason who shall have permanently removed from the jurisdiction of the lodge in which he received the degree or degrees, if an application for such demit shall be made within two years after the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason, or of a Fellow Craft Mason, as the case may be, shall have been received.

4. Repeal the last two sentences of Section 213, and enact Section 213-A, as follows:

Sec. 213-A.—A Master Mason who has been suspended for any cause and who remains under the sentence of suspension for five years or more shall be dropped from the rolls and be restored to good standing only upon a regular petition, which shall take the same course in every particular as the petition for initiation. After such a petition for reinstatement has been rejected the brother may not again petition for reinstatement until six months' time has expired.

5. As instructed we submit the following:

Amend Section 99 by adding to it the following: "Any person in any occupation having no fixed domicile and moving from place to place must first establish a Masonic residence in some lodge jurisdiction."

The Committee on Codification of the Law are unanimously opposed to the foregoing proposed amendment to Section 99.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

6. Amend Section 57 to read as follows:

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. Each name shall be written with one given name in full. The Secretary shall also report to the Grand Secretary the names of all members of his lodge who have been called to military service in the army or navy of the United States, and the names of such brethren shall be printed in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge under the title of The Roll of Honor. 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 are assessed.

7. Amend Sec. 9 by changing the word "Accounts" to "Finance," and striking out the words "Ways and Means," where the same now appear, and the numbers thereafter appearing in the section shall be changed accordingly.

Amend Section 19 to read as follows:

Sec. 19.—FINANCE.—The Committee on Finance shall examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary, and Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, shall ascertain the just balance due thereon, and report to the Grand Lodge the actual state of all of the different funds thereof; and shall 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, and it may report such other recommendations as it may deem for the financial benefit of the Masonic institution. The accounts shall be annually examined, and the result thereof certified by the Grand Lodge. The committee shall have authority to employ an expert public accountant, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, who shall be a Master Mason in good standing, to assist them, if in the judgment of the committee or the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary.

Section 22 shall be, and hereby is, repealed.

8. Repeal Section 24, and add to Section 7 the following:

The Grand Secretary shall examine and correct the annual reports of the subordinate lodges, make such recommendations with reference thereto as may seem advisable, and submit a tabular abstract of the condition of the Craft.

Strike from Section 9 the figures and word "(13) Returns." Correct the numbers appearing before the words "Pay-Roll, Visiting Brethren," etc., in said section.

On motion of Brother Wolff paragraph No. 1 was adopted as reported by the committee. On his motion paragraphs Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 7 were laid over for consideration for one year. Brother Wolff announced that the committee were unanimously opposed to the adoption of paragraph 5, and the same was laid over for one year. Paragraphs 6 and 8 were adopted.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt offered the following motion, which was adopted:

Moved that the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to prepare a proper blank to be sent to the secretaries of chartered lodges upon which to make returns for the Roll of Honor.

On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel the following was adopted:

Whereas, The dues in our subordinate lodges are not uniform or equitable, and as a result many lodges are unable to adequately meet the demands made upon them, and as a result other lodges bear the burdens that should be borne by all alike, therefore be it

Resolved, That the entire subject, including the proper amount of dues that the subordinate lodges should charge their members be referred to a committee of three to be named by the Grand Master, of which committee Past Grand Master Evans shall be chairman.

Said committee to report at our next annual communication.

On motion of Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., the further disposition of the funds collected for the relief of those suffering from the war in Europe, was left to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

On motion of Past Grand Master Samuel P. Davidson the thanks of the Grand Lodge, as well as those of the Masons of the state of Nebraska, were extended to M. W. Brother Andrew H. Viele, for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the term just closed.


Past Grand Master Henry Gibbons moved and it was carried that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the lodges of Omaha for their courtesy and hospitality during the session.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham, assisted by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel and W. Brother Walter W. Wells, 192, installed all of the officers for the ensuing year, and invested them with the jewels of their office.

At six o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 6th, A. D. 1917, A. L. 5917, no further business appearing the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, peace and harmony prevailing.

FREDERIC L. TEMPLE,

Grand Master.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis L. White". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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. 4.—VOTES IN GRAND LODGE.—Every officer and member of the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Tyler, shall be entitled to one vote in his individual right and no other, nor shall any member vote by proxy, except as provided in Section 2 of this code. A majority of the votes cast shall determine all questions except as provided in Section 35 of this code. A roll-call shall be ordered at the request of three members. 1917-785.

Repeal Section 24, and add to Section 7 the following:

The Grand Secretary shall examine and correct the annual reports of the subordinate lodges, make such recommendations with reference thereto as may seem advisable, and submit a tabular abstract of the condition of the Craft.

Strike from Section 9 the figures and word "(13) Returns." Correct the numbers appearing before the words "Pay-Roll, Visiting Brethren," etc., in said section. 1917-789.

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. Each name shall be written with one given name in full. The Secretary shall also report to the Grand Secretary the names of all members of his lodge who have been called to military service in the army or navy of the United States, and the names of such brethren shall be printed in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge under the title of The Roll of Honor. 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 are assessed. 1917-789.

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. 131.—DISPENSATIONS.—A fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each degree must be paid before a dispensation can be issued to confer the degrees in less than the prescribed period: Provided that the Grand Master may, in the exercise of his discretion, waive the requirement of the fee in cases where such dispensation is made necessary by reason of the candidate being called to the military service of the United States. 1917-780.

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. |
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| District of Columbia..... 7 | North Carolina..... 62 |
| Georgia..... 9 | Kentucky..... 109 |
| Mississippi..... 9 | Mississippi..... 173 |
| Michigan..... 10 | Oklahoma..... 180 |
| Alabama..... 11 | Connecticut..... 186 |
| Kansas..... 11 | Arkansas..... 210 |
| Illinois..... 12 | Texas..... 232 |
| Kentucky..... 12 | Missouri..... 259 |
| Texas..... 12 | California..... 277 |
| New Hampshire..... 13 | Alabama..... 317 |
| Arkansas..... 14 | Delaware..... 354 |
| Connecticut..... 14 | Virginia..... 364 |
| Missouri..... 14 | Nebraska..... 394 |
| North Carolina..... 14 | District of Columbia..... 407 |
| Ohio..... 14 | Kansas..... 445 |
| Oklahoma..... 14 | New York..... 447 |
| California..... 15 | Pennsylvania..... 455 |
| Delaware..... 15 | New Jersey..... 466 |
| Massachusetts..... 15 | Ohio..... 507 |
| Nebraska..... 15 | Washington..... 526 |
| New York..... 15 | Georgia..... 612 |
| Tennessee..... 15 | Illinois..... 644 |
| Virginia..... 15 | Montana..... 691 |
| Montana..... 17 | New Hampshire..... 790 |
| New Jersey..... 18 | Michigan..... 960 |
| Pennsylvania..... 19 | Massachusetts..... 1281 |
| Washington..... 22 | |
| Wisconsin..... 22 | |

| 1916 | or Chapter Members | Amount Received | Investment | and Cash on Hand | Old People | Child- ren | Total | Mainte- nance Per Month | Expense | p. c. | No. of Lodges | and Wages | Open | Per Capita Assessment |
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| 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 | 57,856 | 136,935 | 361,000 | 98,000 | 152 | | 152 | 50,470 | 27.70 | | | | | 1899 1.00 |
| California, Children | | | 41,000 | | 1 | 56 | 57 | 18,019 | 26.34 | | | | | |
| 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 | 1,327 | 4.76 | 7 | 1,710 | 1913 .37½ & .25* |
| Georgia | 42,749 | 12,000 | 40,000 | | | | | 9,658 | | 4,133 | | | 3,315 | 1904 Apprn. |
| Illinois | 148,055 | 160,112 | 350,000 | 90,900 | 137 | 4 | 141 | 38,088 | 22.50 | 12,673 | 7.50 | 16 | 10,705 | 1904 .55 |
| Illinois, Children | | | 165,000 | | | 97 | | 97 | 20,982 | 15.60 | 6,128 | 4.50 | 13 | 5,588 |
| Illinois* | 82,512 | 23,262 | 66,695 | 33,343 | 34 | | 34 | 14,627 | 35.80 | 4,367 | 8.30 | 10 | 3,857 | 1896 .20 |
| Iowa* | 40,625 | 12,130 | 53,000 | 4,506 | 16 | | 16 | 6,546 | 34.00 | 1,953 | 7.75 | 5 | 1,993 | 1914 .50 & .10* |
| Kansas | 44,062 | 32,528 | 202,000 | 67,985 | 49 | 50 | 99 | 17,326 | 16.80 | 4,653 | 3.52 | 11 | 4,280 | 1896 .75 |
| Kentucky | 44,437 | 25,724 | 76,528 | 4,322 | 49 | | 49 | 14,176 | 24.10 | 1,641 | 2.80 | 8 | 4,425 | 1901 .40† |
| Kentucky, Children | | 105,562 | 366,000 | 339,107 | 26 | 333 | 359 | 46,905 | 10.89 | 16,392 | 3.80 | 32 | 13,940 | 1871 .75 |
| 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 | 82,551 | 34,500 | 200,000 | 44,000 | 86 | | 86 | 26,961 | 26.13 | | | 18 | 8,605 | 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 | 66,853 | 144,664 | 437,500 | 152,987 | 162 | 96 | 258 | 72,039 | 23.27 | 32,090 | 10.36 | 44 | 19,157 | 1889 .75 & .15* |
| Montana | 9,902 | 13,809 | 83,410 | 66,514 | 16 | | 16 | 3,423 | 17.83 | | | 4 | 2,995 | 1909 1.00 |
| Nebraska | 23,664 | 32,316 | 58,257 | 190,665 | 42 | | 42 | 13,191 | 26.17 | 4,320 | 8.57 | 14 | 4,076 | 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 | 17.83 | | | | | |
| 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 | 107,039 | 117,217 | 365,000 | 222,934 | 157 | 54 | 211 | 45,779 | 18.08 | 10,431 | 4.12 | 35 | 12,354 | 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 | 125,600 | 120,875 | 1,210,800 | 149,000 | 248 | 37 | 285 | 62,416 | 19.19 | 32,552 | 9.25 | 135 | 61,345 | 1913 1.00 |
| Pennsylvania, Masonic Home | | 30,276 | 80,379 | 457,000 | 87 | | 87 | 24,345 | 23.25 | 7,593 | 6.20 | 15 | 4,411 | 1885 |
| Pennsylvania, Orphanage | | | 536,877 | | 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 | 68,324 | 118,243 | 301,260 | 169,795 | 44 | 213 | 257 | 53,459 | | 16,053 | | 38 | 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 | 1,559,970 | 1,696,446 | 7,176,246 | 2,997,192 | 2,192 | 2,247 | 4,439 | 975,728 | | 252,093 | | | | |

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TO JUNE 6TH, A. .L. .5907.

*Born November 23d, A. D. 1860, A. .L. .5860,
Died December 17th, A. D. 1916, A. .L. .5916.*

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| HARRY B. KING..... | Nebraska, | 1.. | May 21, 1916 |
| FRANK L. MOUER..... | Nebraska, | " 1.. | Oct. 3, 1916 |
| MOSES B. THOMPSON..... | Nebraska, | " 1.. | Oct. 4, 1916 |
| GEORGE W. COVELL..... | Nebraska, | " 1.. | Oct. 17, 1916 |
| DELL F. LOUGH..... | Nebraska, | " 1.. | Mar. 8, 1917 |
| JOHN M. WILLMAN..... | Western Star, | " 2.. | Jan. 29, 1917 |
| WILLIAM A. DEBORD..... | Capitol, | " 3.. | May 17, 1916 |
| MICHAEL E. CALANAN..... | Capitol, | " 3.. | Aug. 4, 1916 |
| RIDLEY H. LAWRENCE..... | Capitol, | " 3.. | Oct. 19, 1916 |
| BYRON STANBERRY..... | Capitol, | " 3.. | Nov. 24, 1916 |
| JAMES H. MACOMBER..... | Capitol, | " 3.. | Dec. 10, 1916 |
| JOSEPH C. COVER..... | Capitol, | " 3.. | Dec. 26, 1916 |
| WILLIAM W. McDONALD..... | Capitol, | " 3.. | Mar. 14, 1917 |
| CHARLES NEIDHART..... | Nemaha Valley, | " 4.. | Apr. 15, 1916 |
| ABRAHAM L. LAWRENCE..... | Nemaha Valley, | " 4.. | July 19, 1916 |
| JEREMIAH MARLATT..... | Nemaha Valley, | " 4.. | Aug. 7, 1916 |
| JOHN M. KAUFFMAN..... | Nemaha Valley, | " 4.. | Dec. 27, 1916 |
| DAVID C. STINSON..... | Omadi, | " 5.. | May 25, 1916 |
| WILLIAM W. ARMOUR..... | Omadi, | " 5.. | Sept. 26, 1916 |
| ROBERT SHERWOOD..... | Plattsmouth, | " 6.. | July 15, 1916 |
| WILLIAM D. JONES..... | Plattsmouth, | " 6.. | Dec. 30, 1916 |
| FRANK S. BRINKMAN..... | Plattsmouth, | " 6.. | Mar. 1, 1917 |
| JUNE E. MOORE..... | Falls City, | " 9.. | June 4, 1916 |
| ANDERSON MILLER..... | Falls City, | " 9.. | Aug. 6, 1916 |
| EPHRAM L. SANDUSKY..... | Falls City, | " 9.. | Oct. 13, 1916 |
| EDWIN N. GRENELL..... | Solomon, | " 10.. | Apr. 11, 1916 |
| WILLIAM E. MORRIS..... | Covert, | " 11.. | Apr. 21, 1916 |
| WILLIAM H. SHIELDS..... | Covert, | " 11.. | May 2, 1916 |
| GEORGE ROGERS..... | Covert, | " 11.. | May 18, 1916 |
| ALGERNON S. PATRICK..... | Covert, | " 11.. | June 15, 1916 |
| CONRAD G. FISHER..... | Covert, | " 11.. | July 23, 1916 |
| IRVIN S. HUNTER..... | Covert, | " 11.. | Oct. 11, 1916 |
| CARL E. KOCH..... | Covert, | " 11.. | Nov. 24, 1916 |
| ARNOLD T. AYRES..... | Covert, | " 11.. | Dec. 10, 1916 |
| RUFUS S. PARKER..... | Covert, | " 11.. | Mar. 16, 1917 |
| CLEMENT DAVIS..... | Orient, | " 13.. | May 19, 1916 |
| CHARLES E. BECKMAN..... | Fremont, | " 15.. | June 2, 1916 |

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| JAMES H. WINTERSTEEN..... | Fremont, | 15.. | Aug. 2, 1916 |
| MILON E. JAMES..... | Fremont, | " 15.. | Aug. 4, 1916 |
| MINOR H. HINMAN..... | Fremont, | " 15.. | Jan. 2, 1917 |
| WILLIAM H. CHAPIN..... | Tecumseh, | " 17.. | Apr. 25, 1916 |
| MICHAEL E. COWAN..... | Tecumseh, | " 17.. | June 5, 1916 |
| AUGUST C. ERICKSON..... | Tecumseh, | " 17.. | Jan. 16, 1917 |
| THOMAS CLYDE..... | Lincoln, | " 19.. | May 28, 1916 |
| ELLIOTT LOWE..... | Lincoln, | " 19.. | May 30, 1916 |
| CHARLES E. DECATUR..... | Lincoln, | " 19.. | June 20, 1916 |
| FRANK L. SEARLES..... | Lincoln, | " 19.. | Sept. 8, 1916 |
| NELSON HODDY..... | Lincoln, | " 19.. | Dec. 30, 1916 |
| JOHN A. MOORE..... | Washington, | " 21.. | Apr. 15, 1916 |
| JOHN L. TRACY..... | Washington, | " 21.. | May 29, 1916 |
| MADISON T. STIFFLER..... | Pawnee, | " 23.. | Mar. 6, 1917 |
| CARLETON S. SHEPARD..... | St. Johns, | " 25.. | May 24, 1916 |
| JOHN M. THURSTON..... | St. Johns, | " 25.. | Aug. 9, 1916 |
| SIGMUND LANDSBURG..... | St. Johns, | " 25.. | Nov. 11, 1916 |
| EDWARD L. DODDER..... | St. Johns, | " 25.. | Jan. 4, 1917 |
| THOMAS L. WIGHT..... | St. Johns, | " 25.. | Jan. 7, 1917 |
| REUBEN L. ROWE..... | St. Johns, | " 25.. | Jan. 20, 1917 |
| MILLARD F. FUNKHOUSER.... | St. Johns, | " 25.. | March 15, 1917 |
| WARREN T. WILLIAMS..... | Beatrice, | " 26.. | Sept. 20, 1916 |
| JESSE C. PENROD..... | Beatrice, | " 26.. | Oct. 24, 1916 |
| RICHARD F. RAMBO..... | Beatrice, | " 26.. | Febr. 10, 1917 |
| OLIVER M. ENLOW..... | Beatrice, | " 26.. | Mar. 22, 1917 |
| EDWARD K. VALENTINE..... | Jordan, | " 27.. | Apr. 11, 1916 |
| JEREMIAH D. ROMIG..... | Jordan, | " 27.. | Nov. 17, 1916 |
| WILLIAM A. BLACK..... | Jordan, | " 27.. | Mar. 14, 1917 |
| GEORGE E. TINDALL..... | Blue River, | " 30.. | Sept. 25, 1916 |
| LEVI D. PHIPPS..... | Tekamah, | " 31.. | Dec. 31, 1916 |
| GEORGE H. WIXER..... | Tekamah, | " 31.. | Mar. 20, 1917 |
| CLAUDE P. FAULKNER..... | Platte Valley, | " 32.. | Apr. 30, 1916 |
| GEORGE O. TREXLER..... | Platte Valley, | " 32.. | June 30, 1916 |
| WILLIAM WOODHURST..... | Platte Valley, | " 32.. | July 10, 1916 |
| HERMAN A. ERB..... | Platte Valley, | " 32.. | Sept. 3, 1916 |
| GUSTAVE F. MEYERS..... | Platte Valley, | " 32.. | Sept. 29, 1916 |
| WILLIAM FREDERICK CODY... | Platte Valley, | " 32.. | Jan. 10, 1917 |

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| WILLIAM EARL HAMILTON.... | Platte Valley, No. 32 | Jan. 23, 1917 |
| HENRY A. GALLUP..... | Ashlar, " | 33..Apr. 12, 1916 |
| WILLIAM A. DEUEL..... | Ashlar, " | 33..May 9, 1916 |
| GEORGE DOWNS..... | Ashlar, " | 33..May 19, 1916 |
| OWEN H. MAHAN..... | Ashlar, " | 33..Aug. 10, 1916 |
| MELVIN E. REED..... | Ashlar, " | 33..Oct. 9, 1916 |
| SILAS R. BARTON..... | Ashlar, " | 33..Nov. 7, 1916 |
| WILMER B. HOGE..... | Ashlar, " | 33..Mar. 1, 1917 |
| DANIEL A. WEBSTER..... | Ashlar, " | 33..Mar. 5, 1917 |
| MICHAEL MURPHY..... | Ashlar, " | 33..Mar. 9, 1917 |
| GILBERT L. PRITCHETT..... | Fairbury, " | 35..July 28, 1916 |
| ARTEMUS M. HUNGERFORD... | Fairbury, " | 35..Febr. 10, 1917 |
| JOHN P. MERGEN..... | Fairbury, " | 35..Febr. 26, 1917 |
| SAMUEL CONYBEARE..... | Lone Tree, " | 36..Jan. 6, 1917 |
| HUGH MCCARGAR..... | Crete, " | 37..Aug. 16, 1916 |
| JOHN LINN..... | Oliver, " | 38..Oct. 9, 1916 |
| RUMSEY SALING..... | Papillion, " | 39..Nov. 9, 1916 |
| E. CURTIS HILL..... | Humboldt, " | 40..Apr. 1, 1916 |
| SAMUEL M. PHILPOT..... | Humboldt, " | 40..Nov. 20, 1916 |
| FRED LEY..... | Northern Light, " | 41..Febr. 25, 1917 |
| WILLIAM T. MCFARLAND.... | Northern Light, " | 41..Mar. 6, 1917 |
| DAVID R. BIGELOW..... | Juniata, " | 42..June 16, 1916 |
| JACOB S. ROBEY..... | Juniata, " | 42..Mar. 17, 1917 |
| FREDERICK E. ROPER..... | Hebron, " | 43..Sept. 9, 1916 |
| JAMES HOBAN..... | Hebron, " | 43..Jan. 8, 1917 |
| LEWIS O. SECREST..... | Hebron, " | 43..Feb. 3, 1917 |
| ARTHUR D. DAVISON..... | Harvard, " | 44..June 20, 1916 |
| GEORGE F. WARREN..... | Harvard, " | 44..July 24, 1916 |
| PHILLIP BESSOR..... | Rob Morris, " | 46..May 15, 1914 |
| PHILLIP T. LAMBERT..... | Rob Morris, " | 46..May 5, 1916 |
| SYDNEY W. MORRISON..... | Rob Morris, " | 46..Aug. 4, 1916 |
| JOHN T. MALLALIEU..... | Rob Morris, " | 46..Nov. 24, 1916 |
| CORNELIUS L. SWARTSLEY... | Rob Morris, " | 46..Mar. 11, 1917 |
| ARTHUR C. BURLINGAME.... | Evening Star, " | 49..Apr. 15, 1916 |
| CHARLES J. BAUER..... | Evening Star, " | 49..Aug. 9, 1916 |
| ENOS H. REED..... | Hastings, " | 50..Apr. 28, 1916 |
| WILLIAM W. McDONALD..... | Hastings, " | 50..Oct. 9, 1916 |

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| JOHN N. LYMAN..... | Hastings, | 50.. | Nov. 10, 1916 |
| HARRY B. BORLEY..... | Hastings, | " 50.. | Dec. 14, 1916 |
| WILLIAM JANSSEN..... | Hastings, | " 50.. | Dec. 19, 1916 |
| DAVID M. MCKNIGHT..... | Hastings, | " 50.. | Jan. 21, 1917 |
| CHARLES A. OAKS..... | Hastings, | " 50.. | Jan. 31, 1917 |
| PRESTON K. HAYDEN..... | Hastings, | " 50.. | Febr. 6, 1917 |
| WILLIAM F. BUTTON..... | Hastings, | " 50.. | Febr. 24, 1917 |
| SIMON C. BEEDE..... | Fidelity, | " 51.. | June 1, 1916 |
| IRA W. MCKEAN..... | Fidelity, | " 51.. | Aug. 30, 1916 |
| WILLARD S. ROWE..... | Fidelity, | " 51.. | Oct. 27, 1916 |
| ALBERT B. MANSFIELD..... | Hiram, | " 52.. | May 4, 1916 |
| THOMAS A. JONES..... | Charity, | " 53.. | Nov. 28, 1916 |
| WILLIS P. FULTON..... | Charity, | " 53.. | Jan. 4, 1917 |
| CHARLES W. KALEY..... | Charity, | " 53.. | Jan. 8, 1917 |
| WILLIAM Z. POLLARD..... | Lancaster, | " 54.. | Apr. 10, 1916 |
| LEANDER W. MCFADDEN..... | Lancaster, | " 54.. | May 7, 1916 |
| A. TURNEY FISHER..... | Lancaster, | " 54.. | July 22, 1916 |
| DAVID B. HOWARD..... | Lancaster, | " 54.. | Oct. 4, 1916 |
| HENRY H. GRIMES..... | Lancaster, | " 54.. | Jan. 2, 1917 |
| ALBA BROWN..... | Lancaster, | " 54.. | Febr. 5, 1917 |
| EMANUEL T. WILSON..... | Lancaster, | " 54.. | Febr. 19, 1917 |
| DANIEL K. TINDALL..... | Mosaic, | " 55.. | Apr. 9, 1916 |
| ALFRED A. EVERNDEN..... | Mosaic, | " 55.. | Dec. 5, 1916 |
| J. SYLVESTER VAN ALSTIN..... | Mosaic, | " 55.. | Febr. 12, 1917 |
| WILLIAM J. CREECH..... | York, | " 56.. | Aug. 14, 1914 |
| BISHOP B. YORK..... | York, | " 56.. | Aug. 19, 1916 |
| JOHN H. PARKER..... | York, | " 56.. | Oct. 13, 1916 |
| LYMAN M. MILLER..... | York, | " 56.. | Nov. 8, 1916 |
| BAALIS S. LITTLEFIELD..... | Mt. Moriah, | " 57.. | Febr. 11, 1917 |
| ALBERT ARMSTRONG..... | Mt. Moriah, | " 57.. | Mar. 19, 1917 |
| WILLIAM H. XANDERS..... | Lebanon, | " 58.. | Jan. 19, 1917 |
| CHARLES L. MIELENZ..... | Wahoo, | " 59.. | June 11, 1916 |
| GEORGE M. BINKEY..... | Melrose, | " 60.. | Febr. 15, 1917 |
| LANE RICE..... | Thistle, | " 61.. | July 2, 1916 |
| WILLIAM J. DOUGLAS..... | Keystone, | " 62.. | Mar. 3, 1917 |
| WENCL VILDA..... | Blue Valley, | " 64.. | Apr. 10, 1916 |

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| ALBINUS NANCE..... | Osceola, | No. 65..Dec. 6, 1911 |
| CHARLES W. FYE..... | Aurora, | " 68..May 12, 1916 |
| SAMUEL H. NISSLEY..... | Sterling, | " 70..Jan. 24, 1917 |
| JULIUS H. GURNEY..... | Trowel, | " 71.. 1908 |
| JOHN C. EDGAR..... | Trowel, | " 71.. |
| JOHN L. FERREBY..... | Trowel, | " 71..June 6, 1916 |
| ANDREW J. ANDERSON..... | Trowel, | " 71..Jan. 16, 1916 |
| HORACE B. HAUSER..... | Trowel, | " 71..Mar. 9, 1917 |
| HENRY H. MEYER..... | Hooper, | " 72..June 2, 1916 |
| JACOB SCHWAB..... | Hooper, | " 72..Aug. 29, 1916 |
| PETER STEPANEK..... | Friend, | " 73..June 13, 1916 |
| NELS HAMMER..... | Frank Welch, | " 75..Aug. 14, 1916 |
| WILLIAM A. HORNADAY..... | Frank Welch, | " 75..Nov. 21, 1916 |
| RICHARD W. MONTGOMERY..... | Joppa, | " 76..June 13, 1916 |
| JOHN C. SMITH..... | Nelson, | " 77..Sept. 20, 1916 |
| SIDNEY H. HINITT..... | Nelson, | " 77..Febr. 1917 |
| GEORGE MOZEE..... | Geneva, | " 79..Jan. 15, 1917 |
| JAMES O. MERRYMAN..... | Geneva, | " 79..Febr. 16, 1917 |
| THOMAS MATSON..... | Geneva, | " 79..Mar. 1, 1917 |
| HENRY E. VAN DRUFF..... | St. Paul, | " 82..May 10, 1916 |
| ABRAM N. CONKLIN..... | St. Paul, | " 82..Aug. 12, 1916 |
| ABIJA BRISCOE..... | St. Paul, | " 82..Dec. 15, 1916 |
| DANIEL F. FISHER..... | Fairfield, | " 84..May 30, 1916 |
| JOHN C. HOWE..... | Fairfield, | " 84..Dec. 24, 1916 |
| ALFRED PERKINS..... | Tyre, | " 85..June 2, 1915 |
| JAMES W. ROSSBOROUGH..... | Tyre, | " 85..Apr. 13, 1916 |
| JAMES H. CASEBEER..... | Tyre, | " 85..Oct. 20, 1916 |
| HARRY A. WALKER..... | Ionic, | " 87..Jan. 30, 1917 |
| JOHN N. PEEBLES..... | Star, | " 88..July 29, 1916 |
| DELMAR D. TRACY..... | Elk Creek, | " 90..Oct. 27, 1916 |
| GEORGE COTTAM..... | Hubbell, | " 92..Mar. 17, 1917 |
| LAWRENCE KOHN..... | Beaver City, | " 93..Febr. 15, 1917 |
| DANIEL PAYTON..... | Beaver City, | " 93..Mar. 8, 1917 |
| LEVI F. GARRETT..... | Beaver City, | " 93..Mar. 30, 1917 |
| SAMUEL TAGGART..... | Garfield, | " 95..Sept. 25, 1916 |
| JOHN SKIRVING..... | Garfield, | " 95..Mar. 18, 1917 |
| CHARLES E. HALL..... | Garfield, | " 95..Mar. 31, 1917 |

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| ROBERT R. WILLIAMS..... | Utica, | 96.. | June 30, 1916 |
| ALBERT C. WELCH..... | Euclid, | " 97.. | June 2, 1916 |
| CHARLES S. BAILEY..... | Shelton, | " 99.. | June 10, 1916 |
| HUBERT V. HALE..... | Shelton, | " 99.. | Jan. 21, 1917 |
| ELMORE H. LEWIS..... | Creighton, | " 100.. | July 26, 1916 |
| LUDWIG MARTINSON..... | Creighton, | " 100.. | Sept. 12, 1916 |
| ARTHUR A. LOGAN..... | Creighton, | " 100.. | Dec. 22, 1916 |
| WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL..... | Creighton, | " 100.. | Febr. 8, 1917 |
| GEORGE A. BROOKS..... | Creighton, | " 100.. | Mar. 18, 1917 |
| JAMES R. POMEROY..... | Ponca, | " 101.. | May , 1916 |
| OLIVER P. SULLENBERGER.. | Ponca, | " 101.. | Aug. 15, 1916 |
| BENJAMIN F. BELL..... | Waterloo, | " 102.. | Sept. 16, 1916 |
| JARED W. SUMNER..... | Stella, | " 105.. | Dec. 27, 1916 |
| LEWIS G. CIPHERS..... | Stella, | " 105.. | Aug. 29, 1916 |
| DEADRECK A. WALKER..... | Stella, | " 105.. | Mar. 30, 1917 |
| JOHN McCAIG..... | Pomegranate, | " 110.. | June 2, 1916 |
| CLIFTON E. BLANKENSHIP.. | Pomegranate, | " 110.. | Mar. 28, 1917 |
| FRANK P. BAKER..... | DeWitt, | " 111.. | June 17, 1916 |
| JAMES B. HUME..... | Globe, | " 113.. | Mar. 8, 1917 |
| TIMOTHY D. RICH..... | Wisner, | " 114.. | Febr. 10, 1917 |
| WILLIAM D. CRIST..... | Doric, | " 118.. | June 11, 1916 |
| OLUS C. WILLIAMS..... | Superior, | " 121.. | Nov. 27, 1916 |
| LAWRENCE L. JESSEE..... | Auburn, | " 124.. | May 31, 1916 |
| GEORGE E. HOTCHINS..... | Minden, | " 127.. | Mar. 7, 1917 |
| ROBERT C. BEST..... | Blue Hill, | " 129.. | May 5, 1916 |
| ALBERT KOPISCH..... | Blue Hill, | " 129.. | Oct. 23, 1916 |
| AUGUST PIERSON..... | Elm Creek, | " 133.. | Sept. 1, 1916 |
| CYRUS ABEL..... | Solar, | " 134.. | Dec. 11, 1916 |
| JOHN A. GUNN..... | McCook, | " 135.. | Apr. 14, 1916 |
| ISAIAH H. WASSON..... | McCook, | " 135.. | May 8, 1916 |
| JAMES E. LUDWICK..... | McCook, | " 135.. | June 21, 1916 |
| BRADFORD ELLIS..... | McCook, | " 135.. | Sept. 13, 1916 |
| JOHN CALKINS..... | McCook, | " 135.. | Oct. 30, 1916 |
| CHARLES E. POPE..... | McCook, | " 135.. | Nov. 11, 1916 |
| WARD F. EVANS..... | McCook, | " 135.. | Nov. 20, 1916 |
| WILLIAM A. McMONAGLE, SR. | Long Pine, | " 136.. | Apr. 19, 1916 |
| FRANK E. OLDS..... | Long Pine, | " 136.. | June 10, 1916 |

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| HENRY W. L. JACKSON..... | Rawalt, | 138.. | Dec. 2, 1916 |
| CHARLES R. DRAPER..... | Rawalt, | 138.. | Oct. 19, 1916 |
| J. FRANK OXLEY..... | Clay Centre, | 139.. | May 18, 1916 |
| OLIVER C. WILLIAMS..... | Clay Centre, | 139.. | Dec. 19, 1916 |
| CHARLES F. SUMMERS..... | Western, | 140.. | May 27, 1915 |
| WILLIAM S. GRAFTON..... | Western, | 140.. | Aug. 29, 1916 |
| MORDACAI W. HENSLEY..... | Kenesaw, | 144.. | Oct. 11, 1916 |
| JOHN E. TURNER..... | Bancroft, | 145.. | Febr. 24, 1917 |
| ISAAC A. COLEMAN..... | Emmet Crawford, | 148.. | Nov. 17, 1916 |
| JOHN K. SPACHT..... | Emmet Crawford, | 148.. | Dec. 15, 1916 |
| EDWARD ROYSE..... | Emmet Crawford, | 148.. | Mar. 5, 1917 |
| HERMAN J. HECHT..... | Evergreen, | 153.. | Apr. 21, 1915 |
| ZUINGLE M. BAIRD..... | Hartington, | 155.. | Dec. 17, 1916 |
| JOHN A. WOOD..... | Pythagoras, | 156.. | May 15, 1916 |
| THOMAS H. KILLIP..... | Pythagoras, | 156.. | Nov. 12, 1916 |
| CHARLES W. McCOMB..... | Valley, | 157.. | Oct. 31, 1916 |
| S. EDWARD GRANT..... | Samaritan, | 158.. | June 16, 1916 |
| ADOLPH W. RIEKMAN..... | Samaritan, | 158.. | Aug. 5, 1916 |
| THOMAS R. RANDALL..... | Samaritan, | 158.. | Sept. 30, 1916 |
| GEORGE W. SNYDER..... | Ogalalla, | 159.. | Jan. 24, 1917 |
| GEORGE F. COPPER..... | Ogalalla, | 159.. | Mar. 30, 1917 |
| JAMES K. PERRY..... | Zeredatha, | 160.. | May 11, 1916 |
| EARL C. BOTHWELL..... | Zeredatha, | 160.. | Oct. 11, 1916 |
| ASBERRY EDMISTEN..... | Trestle Board, | 162.. | July 15, 1916 |
| WILLIAM C. CATHCART..... | Trestle Board, | 162.. | Jan. 25, 1917 |
| JACOB RAYLES..... | Unity, | 163.. | Nov. 12, 1916 |
| FRANCIS M. BARNES..... | Barneston, | 165.. | Aug. 17, 1916 |
| SAMUEL G. SHRIVER..... | Mystic Tie, | 166.. | Nov. 14, 1916 |
| FREDERICK G. SCHICK..... | Curtis, | 168.. | Oct. 6, 1916 |
| THOMAS S. MOORE..... | Amity, | 169.. | Apr. 21, 1916 |
| BENJAMIN F. EDWARDS..... | Merna, | 171.. | Sept. 9, 1916 |
| DeWITT C. GOODNOW..... | Merna, | 171.. | Jan. 24, 1917 |
| ORIN H. PARSONS..... | Grafton, | 172.. | Jan. 27, 1917 |
| CHARLES W. SHURTLEFF.... | Robert Burns, | 173.. | Dec. 27, 1916 |
| OSCAR BURD..... | Culbertson, | 174.. | June 2, 1916 |
| HENDRICK W. DAVENPORT.. | Culbertson, | 174.. | July 9, 1916 |
| STEPHEN F. HOLBROOK..... | Temple, | 175.. | Apr. 16, 1916 |

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At Rest

| NAME | LODGE | DATE OF DEATH |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| AUSMER C. TILTON..... | Temple, | No. 175..Sept. 14, 1916 |
| DANA M. SAVILLE..... | Gladstone, | " 176..June 4, 1916 |
| WALTER L. COOK..... | Prudence, | " 179..Nov. 5, 1916 |
| RILEY HORNADAY..... | Prudence, | " 179..Sept. 3, 1916 |
| HENRY W. PETERSON..... | Prudence, | " 179..Jan. 2, 1917 |
| HENRY R. ADAIR..... | Faith, | " 181.. |
| CARTER P. JOHNSON..... | Faith, | " 181.. |
| SAMUEL A. FRANKLIN..... | Alliance, | " 183..Nov. 24, 1916 |
| CLINTON E. SAPP..... | Bee Hive, | " 184..Oct. 11, 1916 |
| GEORGE A. SPELTS..... | Israel, | " 187..May 20, 1916 |
| JOHN W. VAWTER..... | Israel, | " 187..Oct. 15, 1916 |
| GEORGE D. CALLEY..... | Meridian, | " 188..Aug. 31, 1916 |
| FRANK HERSHEY..... | Granite, | " 189..May 28, 1916 |
| RUPERT E. ROGERS..... | Granite, | " 189..May 31, 1916 |
| ORLANDO McCONAUGHEY.. | Granite, | " 189..Dec. 28, 1916 |
| JESIAH SMEE..... | Amethyst, | " 190..Nov. 1, 1916 |
| ANDREW R. PEARCE..... | Crystal, | " 191..Nov. 12, 1916 |
| JOHN B. CHARBONNEAU..... | Minnekadusa, | " 192..June 26, 1916 |
| LOUIS B. LESSERT..... | Arcana, | " 195..Mar. 9, 1917 |
| JAMES K. YOUNG..... | Level, | " 196..Nov. 28, 1916 |
| HENRY C. LANPHERE..... | Morning Star, | " 197..Nov. 6, 1916 |
| GEORGE W. HAIT..... | Purity, | " 198..Mar. 12, 1917 |
| BYRON CORNWALL..... | Blazing Star, | " 200..Sept. 15, 1916 |
| GEORGE F. SCOTT..... | Blazing Star, | " 200..Sept. 21, 1916 |
| GEORGE W. HILPERT..... | Blazing Star, | " 200..Oct. 12, 1916 |
| ANDREW P. McDONALD..... | Golden Sheaf, | " 202..Jan. 16, 1917 |
| POTTER D. H. BURNHAM.... | Golden Sheaf, | " 202..June 24, 1916 |
| SAMUEL J. PLYMESSER..... | Plainview, | " 204..June 11, 1916 |
| CLAUS OHM..... | Canopy, | " 209..Apr. 26, 1916 |
| OLIVER W. MILLHOUSE..... | Compass & Sq're | " 212..Mar. 22, 1917 |
| SAMUEL BARRETT..... | Occidental, | " 215..Jan. 27, 1917 |
| DUNCAN C. McCALLUM..... | Wauneta, | " 217..Febr. 21, 1917 |
| GEORGE METCALF..... | Wauneta, | " 217..Mar. 20, 1917 |
| STEPHEN E. COBB..... | Magnolia, | " 220..Nov. 3, 1916 |
| FRED BLUME..... | Magnolia, | " 220..Jan. 2, 1917 |
| OTTO P. MICHEEL..... | Wood Lake, | " 221..Aug. 14, 1916 |
| THOMAS LEONARD..... | Landmark, | " 222..Febr. 21, 1917 |

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| NAME | LODGE | DATE OF DEATH |
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| JAMES HUGHES..... | Silver Cord, | No. 224.. Aug. 19, 1916 |
| HIRAM R. BLACK..... | Cable, | " 225.. Apr. 28, 1916 |
| HENRY A. COX..... | Grace, | " 226.. May 13, 1916 |
| CHARLES W. LeBAR..... | Grace, | " 226.. Dec. 31, 1916 |
| HENRY C. BEEBE..... | North Star, | " 227.. May 20, 1916 |
| HENRY LEE..... | North Star, | " 227.. Febr. 28, 1917 |
| ALBERT H. STEVENS..... | Comet, | " 229.. June 19, 1916 |
| JUDSON C. WILSON..... | Delta, | " 230.. Mar. 16, 1917 |
| HENRY LIVINGSTON..... | Mt. Hermon, | " 231.. Jan. 17, 1917 |
| JAMES F. BERRY..... | John S. Bowen, | " 232.. Nov. 15, 1916 |
| JOSEPH C. NEAL..... | John S. Bowen, | " 232.. Dec. 29, 1916 |
| ALSON M. LLOYD..... | Golden Rule, | " 236.. Nov. 9, 1916 |
| SIDNEY A. HAZELTON..... | Cubit, | " 237.. Febr. 13, 1917 |
| ALLIE A. DAVIS..... | Corner-stone | " 247.. Febr. 24, 1917 |
| WILLIAM E. G. OXBY..... | Laurel, | " 248.. June 2, 1916 |
| ARTEMAS N. JEFFREY..... | Laurel, | " 248.. Nov. 21, 1916 |
| EDGAR W. LEWIS..... | Geo. Washington | " 250.. Apr. 15, 1916 |
| OTTO S. SWANSON..... | Wausa, | " 251.. Sept. 16, 1916 |
| ABRAM B. WALRADT..... | Wausa, | " 251.. Sept. 25, 1916 |
| GEORGE N. JORGENSEN..... | Wausa, | " 251.. Jan. 7, 1917 |
| HUGO MUELLER..... | Beemer, | " 253.. Nov. 27, 1916 |
| SAMUEL S. HARRIS..... | Bassett, | " 254.. Nov. 7, 1916 |
| HARVEY B. ANDREWS..... | Anselmo, | " 258.. May 8, 1916 |
| IRA M. FOSTER..... | Anse' o, | " 258.. Dec. 5, 1916 |
| GEORGE JARVIS..... | Endeavor, | " 262.. Sept. 11, 1916 |
| FREMONT C. SMITH..... | Endeavor, | " 262.. Oct. 10, 1916 |
| JOHN M. TOBIAS..... | Mitchell, | " 263.. Sept. 29, 1916 |
| SIDNEY B. TURNIPSEED..... | Franklin, | " 264.. May 4, 1916 |
| RALPH A. GRIGSBY..... | Robt. W. Furnas | " 265.. May 5, 1916 |
| HARRISON J. FETTERS..... | Robt. W. Furnas | " 265.. Oct. 14, 1916 |
| AARON P. SUTTON..... | Silver, | " 266.. Aug. 18, 1916 |
| WILLIAM H. TOLMAN..... | Silver, | " 266.. Nov. 9, 1916 |
| ALFRED GIBSON..... | James A. Tulleys | " 267.. Nov. 15, 1916 |
| JOHN E. NELSON..... | Riverside, | " 269.. Oct. , 1916 |
| LOUIS NEALS..... | Olive Branch, | " 274.. Dec. 23, 1916 |
| GEORGE A. CURRY..... | Litchfield, | " 278.. June 20, 1916 |
| WILLIAM H. MERRILL..... | Wallace, | " 279.. Oct. 15, 1915 |
| WILLIAM I. KINDRED..... | Florence, | " 281.. Febr. 9, 1917 |
| RUSH F. BOON..... | Mullen, | " 282.. Febr. 1, 1917 |
| NATHAN S. BABCOCK..... | Exeter, | " 283.. Febr. 26, 1916 |
| WILLIAM A. CHARLTON..... | Union, | " 287.. June 6, 1916 |
| JAMES A. WHITE..... | Union, | " 287.. Nov. 30, 1916 |
| JOHN H. PENN..... | Lotus, | " 289.. Nov. 11, 1916 |

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-
45 Years. 91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-
09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17.
- Frank H. Young, 1877-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-
38 Years. 98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-
16-17.
- Edwin F. Warren, 1873-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-89-92-93-94-
36 Years. 96-97-98-99-00-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-13-15-16-17.
- Samuel P. Davidson, 1875-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-
36 Years. 96-97-98-99-00-01-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-12-13-14-15-
16-17.
- George H. Thummel, 1872-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-85-89-90-94-97-98-99-00-
33 Years. 02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17.
- Robert E. French, 1885-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-
32 Years. 03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17.
- John A. Ehrhardt, 1881-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-
32 Years. 02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-15-16-17.
- 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-
27 Years. 07-08-09-10-12-13-15-16-17.
- Henry H. Wilson, 1888-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-
27 Years. 07-08-10-12-13-14-15-16-17.
- James R. Cain, Sr., 1875-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-84-85-86-87-89-91-92-93-94-97-
26 Years. 98-99-12-13-14-15-16-17.
- Robert E. Evans, 1889-92-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-
26 Years. 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17.
- Henry Gibbons, 1879-80-81-85-87-90-92-97-98-99-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-
25 Years. 09-10-11-12-14-15-17.
- Manoah B. Reese, 1881-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-91-92-93-97-98-99-00-02-04-
24 Years. 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.

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| *Robert C. Jordan..... | 1857-58-59 |
| *George Armstrong..... | 1860-61-62 |
| *Daniel H. Wheeler..... | 1863-64 |
| *Robert W. Furnas..... | 1865-66 |
| *Orsamus H. Irish..... | 187-686 |
| *Harry P. Deuel..... | 1869-70 |
| 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, Willow Springs, Howell Co., Missouri..... | 1903 |
| Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk..... | 1904 |
| *Melville R. Hopewell..... | 1905 |
| *Zuingle M. Baird..... | 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 |
| Andrew H. Viele, Norfolk, 400 South 8th Street..... | 1916 |

*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..... | Stephen Y. Taylor..... | Calgary. |
| Arizona..... | George J. Roskruge..... | 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..... | Jose Marti..... | Apartment 72, Havana. |
| Delaware..... | Harry J. Guthrie..... | 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..... | Francis F. Baker..... | 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. Flavelle, Dep'y..... | Freemasons Hall, Dublin. |
| Kansas..... | Albert K. Wilson..... | Topeka. |
| Kentucky..... | Dave Jackson..... | Louisville. |
| Louisiana..... | John A. Davilla..... | Masonic Temple, New Orleans. |
| Maine..... | Charles B. Davis..... | Portland. |
| Manitoba..... | James A. Ovas..... | Masonic Temple, Winnipeg. |
| Maryland..... | George Cook..... | Masonic Temple, Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts..... | Frederick W. Hamilton..... | Masonic Temple, Boston. |
| Michigan..... | Lou E. 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..... | Masonic Temple, Omaha. |
| Nevada..... | Edward D. Vanderlieth..... | Carson. |
| New Brunswick..... | J. Twining Hartt..... | Ritchie's Bldg., St. John. |
| New Hampshire..... | Harry M. Cheney..... | Concord. |
| New Jersey..... | Isaac Cherry..... | Masonic Hall, Trenton. |
| New Mexico..... | Alpheus A. Keen..... | Albuquerque. |
| New South Wales..... | Arthur H. Bray..... | 283 Castlereagh St., Sydney. |
| New York..... | Robert J. Kenworthy..... | Masonic Hall, New York. |
| New Zealand..... | Malcolm Niccol..... | P. O. Box 926, Christchurch. |
| North Carolina..... | William W. Wilson..... | 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..... | S. 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..... | Frank A. 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..... | Lander. |

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 E. Hatfield, 56..... | Grand Island..... | Aug. 4, 1908 |
| Arizona..... | Charles E. Gallagher, 251..... | Coleridge..... | Aug. 22, 1906 |
| Arkansas..... | Walter W. Wells, 92..... | 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..... | Aug. 17, 1904 |
| Cuba..... | Charles W. Kraft, 54..... | Lincoln..... | Aug. 3, 1900 |
| Delaware..... | Carroll D. Evans, 58..... | Columbus..... | June 12, 1912 |
| Dist. Columbia..... | Albert W. Jefferis, 1..... | Omaha..... | Sept. 12, 1907 |
| Egypt..... | Harry A. Cheney, 100..... | Creighton..... | Sept. 12, 1907 |
| England..... | *Francis E. White, 6..... | Omaha..... | Sept. 20, 1912 |
| Florida..... | Ambrose C. Epperson, 139..... | Clay Center..... | Mar. 31, 1883 |
| Georgia..... | Edwin F. Warren, 2..... | Nebraska City..... | Nov. 2, 1909 |
| Idaho..... | Fred A. Howe, 119..... | North Bend..... | Jan. 1, 1915 |
| Illinois..... | George H. Thummel, 33..... | Omaha..... | Mar. 1, 1915 |
| Indiana..... | Earl B. Brooks, 23..... | Pawnee City..... | June 10, 1911 |
| Ireland..... | Henry Gibbons, 46..... | Kearney..... | Nov. 21, 1893 |
| Kansas..... | James P. A. Black, 50..... | Hastings..... | Dec. 18, 1915 |
| Louisiana..... | Adam McMullen, 104..... | Wymore..... | Oct. 15, 1890 |
| Maine..... | Thos. K. Sudborough, 25..... | Omaha..... | May 7, 1903 |
| Manitoba..... | Elias W. Beghtol, 146..... | Holdrege..... | Mar. 8, 1911 |
| Maryland..... | Chas. L. Fahnestock, 135..... | McCook..... | Dec. 19, 1912 |
| Michigan..... | Charles L. Shook, 288..... | Omaha..... | Mar. 17, 1904 |
| Minnesota..... | George A. Beecher, 268..... | Hastings..... | Dec. 31, 1869 |
| Mississippi..... | John M. Burks, 19..... | Lincoln..... | Sept. 10, 1914 |
| Missouri..... | Samuel S. Whiting, 54..... | Lincoln..... | April 9, 1915 |
| Montana..... | Charles S. McGill, 11..... | Omaha..... | Oct. 25, 1915 |
| Nevada..... | Frank L. Haycock, 207..... | Callaway..... | Lincoln..... |
| New Brunswick..... | *James W. Wynkoop, 210..... | Lincoln..... | Oct. 11, 1910 |
| New Hampshire..... | Frederic L. Temple, 61..... | Lexington..... | Sept. 24, 1878 |
| New Jersey..... | James R. Cain, Sr., 9..... | Falls City..... | July 26, 1905 |
| New So. Wales..... | Frederick M. Weitzel, 78..... | Albion..... | May 29, 1916 |
| New York..... | Edward M. Wellman, 1..... | Omaha..... | July 22, 1905 |
| New Zealand..... | Frank E. Ward, 31..... | Ft. Calhoun..... | June 8, 1911 |
| North Carolina..... | Walter M. Hopewell, 31..... | Tekamah..... | June 27, 1913 |
| North Dakota..... | Henry H. Andrews, 207..... | Callaway..... | Feb. 26, 1892 |
| Nova Scotia..... | Henry H. Wilson, 19..... | Lincoln..... | June 23, 1905 |
| Ohio..... | George W. Little, 240..... | Lyons..... | Jan. 13, 1917 |
| Oklahoma..... | Louis P. Tonner, 153..... | Pierce..... | May 18, 1909 |
| Oregon..... | William T. Bourke, 268..... | Omaha..... | Oct. 10, 1913 |
| Philippine Is..... | John J. Tooley, 253..... | Anselmo..... | Oct. 21, 1902 |
| P. Edward Is..... | Charles E. Burnham, 166..... | Norfolk..... | July 8, 1915 |
| Puerto Rico..... | John A. Ehrhardt, 41..... | Stanton..... | July 26, 1901 |
| Quebec..... | James Tyler, 19..... | Lincoln..... | July 30, 1903 |
| Queensland..... | *Robert B. Walker, 170..... | Mason City..... | July 3, 1908 |
| Rhode Island..... | Michael Dowling, 119..... | Omaha..... | Aug. 6, 1914 |
| Saskatchewan..... | Claude L. Talbot, 184..... | South Omaha..... | July 12, 1907 |
| Scotland..... | William Cosh, 11..... | Omaha..... | Mar. 30, 1885 |
| South Australia..... | *Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3..... | Omaha..... | July 25, 1917 |
| South Carolina..... | James R. Cain, Jr., 105..... | Omaha..... | May 3, 1915 |
| South Dakota..... | Manoah B. Reese, 19..... | Lincoln..... | May 4, 1888 |
| Tennessee..... | Charles E. Allen, 188..... | Cozad..... | Oct. 21, 1899 |
| Texas..... | Robert R. Dickson, 95..... | O'Neill..... | Feb. 19, 1904 |
| Utah..... | Robert E. French, 46..... | Kearney..... | July 14, 1900 |
| Vermont..... | Frank H. Young, 207..... | Broken Bow..... | Oct. 10, 1910 |
| Victoria..... | John S. Bishop, 54..... | Lincoln..... | Sept. 26, 1904 |
| Virginia..... | John S. Davisson, 136..... | Omaha..... | July 3, 1900 |
| Washington..... | Andrew H. Viele, 55..... | Norfolk..... | Sept. 7, 1915 |
| West Australia..... | Ornan J. King, 54..... | Lincoln..... | |
| West Virginia..... | Frank M. Knight, 183..... | Alliance..... | |
| Wisconsin..... | Robert O. Wolf, 54..... | Lincoln..... | |

*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..... | John Linn McGrew..... | Washington, 707 20th St. N. W..... | July 6, 1917 |
| 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..... | Halley..... | 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..... | Robert J. Hanna..... | Paterson..... | Oct. 25, 1916 |
| New So. Wales..... | William T. Wearne..... | Randwick, Sydney..... | Oct. 17, 1914 |
| New York..... | Joseph Gottlieb..... | New York City, 518 W. 159th St..... | Dec. 11, 1916 |
| New Zealand..... | Oliver Nicholson..... | Auckland..... | Feb. 14, 1903 |
| North Carolina..... | Will X. Coley..... | Raleigh..... | July 20, 1908 |
| North Dakota..... | James B. Coolidge..... | Leeds..... | July 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 C. Comfort..... | Manila..... | Nov. 14, 1913 |
| P. Edward Is..... | James D. Stewart..... | Georgetown..... | July 5, 1915 |
| Puerto Rico..... | Manuel del Valle Atilas..... | San Juan..... | July 5, 1915 |
| Quebec..... | Alex J. McRoble..... | 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. Grenshaw..... | 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. Noves..... | Marinette..... | Dec. 23, 1904 |

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- Palestine, U. D., (extinct)
 Palisade, 216.
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 Papillion, 39.
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| Summit, No. 7* | Parkville, Colorado | | May 6, 1861 | June 5, 1861 | |
| Rocky Mountain, No. 8* | Gold Hill, Colorado | | May 21, 1861 | June 5, 1861 | |
| Peru, U. D. | Peru | Nemaha | June 13, 1861 | | June 23, 1863 |
| Central City, U. D. | Central City, Colorado | | 1860 or 61 | | |
| Decatur, No. 7 | Decatur | Burt | | June 3 or 4, 1862 | June 18, 1873 |
| Bannack City, U. D. | Bannack City, Idaho | | { April —, 1863 or } | | |
| Monitor, U. D. | United States Army | | { June 21, 1863 } | | Prior to 1867 |
| Columbus, No. 8 | Columbus | Platte | July 30, 1863 | | June 25, 1868 |
| Idaho, U. D. | Nevada City, Idaho | | Aug. 25, 1863 | June 23 or 24, 1864 | June 23, 1864 |
| Nebbraska City, No. 12 | Nebbraska City | Otoe | Nov. 17, 1863 | | Mar. 10, 1903 |
| Eureka, No. 16 | Arago | Richardson | Feb. 19, 1866 | June 22, 1866 | Dec. 23, 1875 |
| Ashland, No. 18 | Ashland | Saunders | Jan. 27 or 29, 1868 | June 24, 1868 | Aug. 17, 1881 |
| Rock Bluff, No. 20 | Rock Bluff | Cass | { Jan. —, or } | June 24, 1868 | July 16, 1884 |
| Macoy, No. 22 | Plattsmouth | Cass | { April 10, 1868 } | June 24 or 25, 1868 | Dec. 31, 1877 |
| Lafayette, No. 24 | Lafayette Pct. (later Grant) | Nemaha | July 15, 1867 | Oct. 29, 1869 | Mar. 27, 1877 |
| Wyoming, No. 28† | South Pass City, Wyoming | | Feb. 10, 1869 | Oct. 27 or 28, 1869 | |
| Harmony, U. D. | Saint Deroin | Nemaha | Nov. 29, 1869 | June 23, 1870 | 1870 |
| Columbus, U. D. | Columbus | Platte | Nov. 26, 1870 | | May 12, 1871 |
| Harmony, U. D. | Saint Deroin | Nemaha | Jan. 3, 1871 | | June 19, 1873 |
| Palmyra, No. 45 | Palmyra | Otoe | Jan. 3, 1871 | June 26, 1874 | Nov. 20, 1901 |
| Salem, No. 47 | Salem | Richardson | Jan. 9, 1872 | June 26, 1874 | June 18, 1891 |
| Livingstone, No. 66 | Firth | Lancaster | Feb. 21, 1873 | June 20, 1877 | June 5, 1907 |
| Fortitude, No. 69 | Ulysses | Butler | Feb. 16, 1877 | June 19, 1878 | July 14, 1887 |
| Waco, No. 80 | Waco | York | April 24, 1877 | June 23, 1880 | Jan. 31, 1885 |
| Steele City, No. 107 | Steele City | Jefferson | Mar. 20, 1880 | June 19, 1883 | Aug. 13, 1902 |
| Arapahoe, No. 109 | Arapahoe | Furnas | Jan. 23, 1883 | June 19, 1883 | June 8, 1904 |
| Brainard, No. 115 | Brainard | Butler | Feb. 10, 1883 | June 24, 1884 | Sept. 5, 1903 |
| Jasper, No. 122 | Odell | Gage | July 11, 1883 | June 24, 1884 | Apr. 24, 1901 |
| Indianola, No. 123 | Indianola | Red Willow | Nov. 26, 1883 | June 24, 1884 | June 8, 1904 |
| Ark & Anchor, No. 131 | Ainsworth | Brown | Dec. 8, 1883 | June 24, 1884 | Sept. 26, 1890 |
| Summit, No. 141 | North Loup | Nemaha | July 3, 1884 | June 24, 1885 | Feb. 5, 1900 |
| Anchor, No. 142 | Silver Creek | Valley | Dec. 6, 1884 | June 24, 1885 | June 5, 1901 |
| Silver Creek, U. D. | Battle Creek | Merrick | Dec. 18, 1884 | Feb. 26, 1886 | June 17, 1886 |
| Battle Creek, U. D. | Battle Creek | Madison | Feb. 26, 1886 | Aug. 23, 1886 | June 21, 1888 |
| Trenton, U. D. | Trenton | Hitchcock | Aug. 23, 1886 | June 27, 1887 | June 20, 1889 |
| Bromfield, U. D. | Bromfield | Hamilton | July 1, 1887 | July 1, 1887 | June 20, 1890 |
| Hesperia, No. 178 | Shickley | Fillmore | Jan. 11, 1888 | June 20, 1889 | Sept. 9, 1905 |
| Palestine, U. D. | Beatrice | Gage | Jan. 11, 1888 | June 20, 1889 | June 20, 1889 |
| Plumb, No. 186 | Grant | Perkins | July 9, 1888 | June 20, 1889 | Nov. 15, 1897 |
| Adams, U. D. | Adams | Gage | Jan. 31, 1889 | June 20, 1889 | June 20, 1890 |
| Armada, U. D. | Armada, Miller and Sumner | Buffalo | Jan. 18, 1890 | | 1891 |
| Exeter, U. D. | Exeter | Fillmore | Aug. 26, 1890 | | June 10, 1896 |
| Ithmar, No. 238 | Crab Orchard | Johnson | Feb. 21, 1894 | June 10, 1896 | Feb. 9, 1903 |
| Royal, U. D. | Savage | Antelope | Aug. 29, 1895 | | June 6, 1901 |
| Orion, No. 242 | Ravenna | Buffalo | Nov. 13, 1900 | June 16, 1898 | July 6, 1904 |
| | | | Mar. 31, 1897 | | |

*Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, Aug. 2, 1861, †Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, Dec. 15, 1874,

June, 1917.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

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ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES,
WITH LOCATIONS, DATES OF REGULAR MEETINGS, OFFICERS, ETC.

| LODGE | | TOWN | COUNTY | REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING | MASTER | SECRETARY |
|-------|----------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Nebraska, No. 1 | Omaha | Douglas | First Tuesday | John W. Cooper | Frank Wilcox |
| | Western Star, " 2 | Nebraska City | Otoe | Third Friday | Henry H. Bartling | Joy N. Tait |
| | Capitol, " 3 | Omaha | Douglas | First Monday | George S. Ticknor | Walter Wills |
| | Nemaha Valley, " 4 | Brownville | Nemaha | Wednesday on or before○ | Robert W. Furnas | Abraham L. Lawrence |
| 5 | Omadi, " 5 | Dakota City | Dakota | Saturday on or before○ | Sidney T. Frum | John H. Ream |
| | Plattsmouth, " 6 | Plattsmouth | Cass | First and third Mondays | William J. Streight | William T. Adams |
| | Falls City, " 9 | Falls City | Richardson | Second and fourth Mondays | Joseph D. Codington | Isaac M. Branum |
| | Solomon, " 10 | Fort Calhoun | Washington | Tuesday on or before○ | William H. Michelsen | A. Clyde Allen |
| | Covert, " 11 | Omaha | Douglas | First Wednesday | Charles T. Johnson | Frank W. Boyer |
| 10 | Orient, " 13 | Rulo | Richardson | First and third Mondays | Simon Schreiber | John C. Shepherd |
| | Peru, " 14 | Peru | Nemaha | Saturday on or before○ | N. Stephen Harajian | John B. Lewis |
| | Fremont, " 15 | Fremont | Dodge | First Tuesday | Glenn O. Pope | Matthew A. Priestley |
| | Tecumseh, " 17 | Tecumseh | Johnson | First and third Saturdays | Harry S. Villars | Leo B. Heskett |
| | Lincoln, " 19 | Lincoln | Lancaster | First Tuesday | David C. Hilton | John Wright |
| 15 | Washington, " 21 | Blair | Washington | Second Tuesday | Charles R. Mead | M. Ray Lippincott |
| | Pawnee, " 23 | Pawnee City | Pawnee | First and third Tuesdays | John H. Pyle | John H. Tracy |
| | Saint Johns, " 25 | Omaha | Douglas | First Thursday | Gilbert H. Worley | Carl E. Herring |
| | Beatrice, " 26 | Beatrice | Gage | Second and fourth Mondays | Joe VanHemert | C. Ray Macy |
| | 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○ | <i>*Carl Skeen</i> | <i>*William E. Seid</i> |
| | Blue River, " 30 | Milford | Seward | Thursday on or before○ | Frank Smiley | Henry J. Matzke |
| | Tekamah, " 31 | Tekamah | Burt | First and third Wednesdays | Frank O. Lundstrom | Clyde G. Tunberg |
| | Platte Valley, " 32 | North Platte | Lincoln | Second Tuesday | H. Clay Brock | Robert A. Armstrong |
| | Ashlar, " 33 | Grand Island | Hall | Second Thursday | Emil Wolbach | Robert R. Watson |
| 25 | Acacia, " 34 | Schuyler | Colfax | First Tuesday | George E. Winslade | Lester W. Dickinson |
| | Fairbury, " 35 | Fairbury | Jefferson | First and third Mondays | Clel R. Shelley | Elbert W. Mason |
| | Lone Tree, " 36 | Central City | Merrick | First and third Saturdays | Ben H. Breckon | Carroll E. Clark |
| | Crete, " 37 | Crete | Saline | First Friday | Wilfred K. Smith | William L. Lovell |
| | Oliver, " 38 | Seward | Seward | First Friday | Fredk. W. C. Guthmann | Smith D. Atkins |
| 30 | Papillion, " 39 | Papillion | Sarpy | First Thursday | Robert E. Armstrong | Horace D. Patterson |
| | Humboldt, " 40 | Humboldt | Richardson | Second & fourth Thursdays | Max B. Crannell | J. Frank Snetten |
| | Northern Light, " 41 | Stanton | Stanton | Wednesday on or before○ | David C. Spangler | John Schindler |
| | Juniata, " 42 | Juniata | Adams | Monday on or before○ | Frank R. Hughes | Calvin H. Harting |
| | Hebron, " 43 | Hebron | Thayer | First Thursday | Charles E. Day | John R. Sutton |
| 35 | Harvard, " 44 | Harvard | Clay | First and third Tuesdays | David R. Salisbury | Griffith J. Thomas |
| | Rob Morris, " 46 | Kearney | Buffalo | First Wednesday | Roy E. Cochran | James D. Hawthorne |

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| | Fairmont, | No. 48 | Fairmont..... | Fillmore..... | Tuesday on or before○ | Donald Frazier..... | Harry W. Smith |
| | Evening Star, | " 49 | Sutton..... | Clay..... | Second & fourth Thursdays. | Nathaniel G. Bender | Herman H. Schultz |
| | Hastings, | " 50 | Hastings..... | Adams..... | First Tuesday..... | John J. Stanley..... | Robert R. Damerell |
| 40 | Fidelity, | " 51 | David City..... | Butler..... | First Tuesday..... | Ralph D. Fuller..... | Alex E. Etting |
| | Hiram, | " 52 | Arlington..... | Washington..... | Thursday on or before○ | Gotthilf I. Pfeiffer..... | James C. Badger |
| | Charity, | " 53 | Red Cloud..... | Webster..... | First and third Fridays..... | Fred E. Maurer..... | H. Chalmers Gellatly |
| | Lancaster, | " 54 | Lincoln..... | Lancaster..... | First Friday..... | Jacob S. Baer..... | Robert O. Wolf |
| | Mosaic, | " 55 | Norfolk..... | Madison..... | First Tuesday..... | John Zurbrigen..... | George H. Burton |
| 45 | York, | " 56 | York..... | York..... | Last Friday..... | Lewis P. Green..... | John Muir |
| | Mount Morlah, | " 57 | Syracuse..... | Otoe..... | Thursday on or before○ | D. Horace Schall..... | Wm. O. Stanbro, Acting |
| | Lebanon, | " 58 | Columbus..... | Platte..... | Second Wednesday..... | Newell R. Wilcox..... | Frank N. Stevenson |
| | Wahoo, | " 59 | Wahoo..... | Saunders..... | First Wednesday..... | Charles A. Tindall..... | Ernest S. Schiefelbein |
| | Melrose, | " 60 | Orleans..... | Harlan..... | Saturday on or before○* | Joseph N. Campbell..... | George M. Wallace |
| 50 | Thistle, | " 61 | Lexington..... | Dawson..... | Second Tuesday..... | Milburn C. Whitaker..... | Samuel C. Mullin |
| | Keystone, | " 62 | Phillips..... | Hamilton..... | Saturday on or before○ | Robert D. Killion..... | Alexander S. Gilbert |
| | Riverton, | " 63 | Riverton..... | Franklin..... | Monday on or before○ | <i>*Roland C. Shelter</i> | <i>*Paul P. Eastwood</i> |
| | Blue Valley, | " 64 | Wilber..... | Saline..... | Tuesday on or before○* | Louis J. Bouchal..... | Joseph M. Korbel |
| | Osceola, | " 65 | Osceola..... | Polk..... | First and third Fridays..... | William O. Hansen..... | John L. Heald |
| 55 | Edgar, | " 67 | Edgar..... | Clay..... | Second and fourth Mondays | J. Harve 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○ | H. Paul Lehrack..... | Charles E. Zink |
| | Trowel, | " 71 | Neligh..... | Antelope..... | First and third Tuesdays..... | David C. Fletcher..... | Charles A. Mohrman |
| | Hooper, | " 72 | Hooper..... | Dodge..... | Saturday on or before○ | John E. Marsh..... | Henry Edelmaier |
| 60 | Friend, | " 73 | Friend..... | Saline..... | Thursday on or before○* | Edward Seibert..... | Malcolm L. McFarlane |
| | Alexandria, | " 74 | Alexandria..... | Thayer..... | Second and fourth Mondays | Benjamin F. Allen..... | William C. Beer |
| | Frank Welch, | " 75 | Sidney..... | Cheyenne..... | First Tuesday..... | Leon Fine..... | Leslie Neubauer |
| | Joppa, | " 76 | Bloomington..... | Franklin..... | Friday on or before○..... | Guy W. Green..... | William T. Britton |
| | Nelson, | " 77 | Nelson..... | Nuckolls..... | Thursday on or before○ | Charles R. Imler..... | Basil C. Wehrman |
| 65 | Albion, | " 78 | Albion..... | Boone..... | Second and fourth Tuesdays | Roy E. Smith..... | Harry E. Hallstead |
| | Geneva, | " 79 | Geneva..... | Fillmore..... | Friday on or before○* | George H. Nelson..... | Tyler Edgcombe |
| | Composite, | " 81 | Rising City..... | Butler..... | Tuesday on or before○..... | <i>*George A. Cooley</i> | <i>*Leon O. Stoke</i> |
| | Saint Paul, | " 82 | Saint Paul..... | Howard..... | Third Thursday..... | Charles Iams..... | Frank E. Pope |
| | Corinthian, | " 83 | Wakefield..... | Dixon..... | Friday on or before○ | Herbert P. Shumway..... | Samuel E. Mills |
| 70 | Fairfield, | " 84 | Fairfield..... | Clay..... | First and third Mondays..... | Fred L. Hill..... | Samuel M. Williams |
| | Tyre, | " 85 | Blue Springs..... | Gage..... | Tuesday on or before○..... | Myron S. Connett..... | Floyd J. Patton |
| | Doniphan, | " 86 | Doniphan..... | Hall..... | First Friday†..... | Otis Robb..... | Willie G. Smith |
| | Ionic, | " 87 | Niobrara..... | Knox..... | Thursday on or before○..... | John H. Simpson..... | George J. Howe |
| | Star, | " 88 | Decatur..... | Burt..... | First Tuesday..... | William R. Eagleton..... | John G. Maryott |
| 75 | Cedar River, | " 89 | Fullerton..... | Nance..... | First and third Mondays..... | Jacob D. Counts..... | Marshal Castle |
| | Elk Creek, | " 90 | Elk Creek..... | Johnson..... | Thursday on or before○..... | John D. Bell..... | John A. Fellers |

†And June 24th each year.

*And two weeks thereafter.

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| LODGE | | TOWN | COUNTY | REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING | MASTER | SECRETARY |
|---------------|--------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Oakland | No. 91 | Oakland | Burt | Second & fourth Wednesdays | C. William Force | Roy W. Hanson |
| Hubbell | " 92 | Hubbell | Thayer | Second and fourth Saturdays | Oscar D. Gooden | Ario P. Wilcox |
| Beaver City | " 93 | Beaver City | Furnas | Saturday on or before○ | Noon McMurrin | William B. Whitney |
| 80 Bennett | " 94 | Bennett | Lancaster | Tuesday on or before○ | William A. Overman | 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 | Ralph C. Fry | 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 | Daniel J. DeBeer |
| Ponca | " 101 | Ponca | Dixon | Friday on or before○ | Albert D. Townsend | Marion I. Mellon |
| Waterloo | " 102 | Waterloo | Douglas | Tuesday on or before○ | James C. Robinson | Charles C. Peabody |
| Ord | " 103 | Ord | Valley | Wednesday on or before○ | Ernest J. Williams | Rudolph Sorensen |
| 90 Wymore | " 104 | Wymore | Gage | Second & fourth Wednesdays | Charles H. Hanson | John C. Glenn |
| Stella | " 105 | Stella | Richardson | Wednesday on or before○ | Edward W. James | Elvis C. Roberts |
| Porter | " 106 | Loup City | Sherman | Second and fourth Tuesdays | George W. Collipriest | Clarence M. Coltrane |
| Table Rock | " 108 | Table Rock | Pawnee | Second and fourth Tuesdays | Elmer D. Wood | Linnaeus R. Trout |
| Pomegranate | " 110 | Ashland | Saunders | First Friday | G. William Ioofoe | Clyde M. Pancoast |
| 95 DeWitt | " 111 | DeWitt | Saline | Monday on or before○ | Frank L. Wilkens | James M. Norton |
| Springfield | " 112 | Springfield | Sarpy | Second & fourth Saturdays | William G. Kieck | LeRoy B. Harberg |
| Globe | " 113 | Madison | Madison | Tuesday on or before○ | Martin S. McDuffie | Isaac B. Lonneker |
| Wisner | " 114 | Wisner | Cuming | Second & fourth Wednesdays | Lewis G. Thompson | George W. Mooney |
| Harlan | " 116 | Alma | Harlan | First and third Fridays | Charles E. Alter | Philetus P. Bentley |
| 100 Hardy | " 117 | Hardy | Nuckolls | Friday on or before○ | Jacob E. Hart | James H. Fair |
| Doric | " 118 | Dorchester | Saline | Thursday on or before○ | W. Russell Freidell | J. Frank Longanecker |
| North Bend | " 119 | North Bend | Dodge | Second Tuesday | Guy H. Teeter | 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○ | William F. Gingrich | John T. Robbins |
| 105 Auburn | " 124 | Auburn | Nemaha | Monday on or before○ | William H. Bousfield | Fredk. G. Bosshammer |
| Mount Nebo | " 125 | Genoa | Nance | Second & fourth Saturdays | Charles R. Wright | C. John Elm |
| Stromsburg | " 126 | Stromsburg | Polk | Tuesday on or before○ | Alex Scott | James D. Edwards |
| Minden | " 127 | Minden | Kearney | Wednesday on or before○ | Vaughn H. Clearman | Charles A. Chappell |
| Guide Rock | " 128 | Guide Rock | Webster | Thursday on or before○* | John H. Crary | Earl B. Crary |
| 110 Blue Hill | " 129 | Blue Hill | Webster | Friday on or before○ | Albert L. Graham | Humphrey Jones |
| Tuscan | " 130 | Surprise | Butler | Thursday on or before○ | W. Frank Payne | Amasa S. Chapman |
| Scribner | " 132 | Scribner | Dodge | First Wednesday | Henry Boll | Emanuel A. Bauer |
| Elm Creek | " 133 | Elm Creek | Buffalo | First Tuesday | John L. Daul | Elwin C. Krewson |
| Solar | " 134 | Clarks | Merrick | Tuesday on or before○ | Claude M. Dexter | William R. Morse |
| 115 McCook | " 135 | McCook | Red Willow | First and third Tuesdays | Edward D. Perkins | Thomas G. Rees |
| Long Pine | " 136 | Long Pine | Brown | Second Tuesday | George R. Patterson | Lewis W. McDonald |
| Upright | " 137 | Burchard | Pawnee | Wednesday on or before○* | Monta E. Milligan | John F. Cox |

*And two weeks thereafter.

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| LODGE | TOWN | COUNTY | REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING | MASTER | SECRETARY |
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| Faith, No. 181 | Crawford | Dawes | First and third Thursdays | Ray H. Moss | Thomas Vondruska |
| Incence, " 182 | Ohioa | Fillmore | First and third Fridays | 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 | Albert L. Hunter | Ralph K. Towl |
| Boaz, " 185 | Danbury | Red Willow | Wednesday on or before○ | William S. Yates | Loyal T. Parker |
| Israel, " 187 | Ulysses | Butler | Tuesday before○ | Thomas D. Parks | Anson B. Andrew |
| Meridian, " 188 | Cozad | Dawson | Third Saturday | Ralph L. Ford | John T. Buckley |
| 165 Granite, " 189 | Gibbon | Buffalo | First Tuesday | J. Bradley Buck | Ira A. Kirk |
| Amethyst, " 190 | Gandy | Logan | Second and fourth Saturdays | Bert H. Smee | Henry A. Tunnell |
| Crystal, " 191 | Scotia | Greeley | Saturday on or before○ | Frank Miller | John C. Poppe |
| Minnekadusa, " 192 | Valentine | Cherry | Third Tuesday | Thomas C. Hornby | Luke M. Bates |
| Signal, " 193 | Leigh | Colfax | Friday on or before○ | Reuben H. Goodge | Francis N. Nichols |
| 170 Highland, " 194 | Cortland | Gage | First Monday | Frank H. Brown | William Rohe |
| Arcana, " 195 | Gordon | Sheridan | First and third Mondays | Roy S. Ross | 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○ | Perle W. Scott | John T. Johnston |
| 175 Gavel, " 199 | Carleton | Thayer | Tuesday on or before○ | J. G. Wm. Westerhoff | Nathaniel 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 | Enos S. DeLaMatter | 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○ | J. Sterling Taylor | 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○ | William McCarty | William H. Thompson |
| Napthali, " 206 | Diller | Jefferson | Second and fourth Tuesdays | Ellis S. Dunn | Wilfred E. Anderson |
| Parian, " 207 | Callaway | Custer | Thursday on or before○ | John Frederick, Jr. | Arthur J. Higbee |
| Gauge, " 208 | Arcadia | Valley | Tuesday after○* | Cecil C. Hawthorne | 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 | William A. Robbins | 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○ | John H. Bliss | Roy W. Johnson |
| Square & Compass, " 213 | Miller | Buffalo | Friday on or before○ | Frank Ross Brown | Lester W. Hall |
| 190 Plumbline, " 214 | Adams | Gage | Monday on or before○ | James W. McKibben | John E. Killen |
| Occidental, " 215 | Cedar Bluffs | Saunders | Wednesday on or before○ | John H. Mackprang | Robert J. Fleming |
| Palisade, " 216 | Palisade | Hitchcock | Tuesday on or before○ | Oliver W. Willis | Archie G. Gruver |
| Wauneta, " 217 | Wauneta | Chase | First and third Thursdays | Joseph O. Walker | Leland H. Peterson |
| Bloomfield, " 218 | Bloomfield | Knox | Tuesday on or before○ | Harry Henatsch | Joachim J. Barge |
| 195 Relief, " 219 | Coleridge | Cedar | Second Friday | Jesse Lowther | Stanley H. Rogers |
| Magnolia, " 220 | Emerson | Dixon | Wednesday on or before○ | Julius H. Bonderson | George H. Haase |
| Wood Lake, " 221 | Wood Lake | Cherry | Fourth Saturday | Ralph A. Burbank | Henry Lausen |
| Landmark, " 222 | Herman | Washington | Tuesday on or before○ | Edward E. Gaylord | Henry Truhlsen |

*And two weeks thereafter.

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| | Eminence, | No. 223 | Giltner..... | Hamilton..... | Second and fourth Tuesdays. | Alpheus Wright..... | Charles W. Wagner |
| 200 | Silver Cord, | " 224 | Ainsworth..... | Brown..... | Second Friday..... | Herman C. Smith..... | John K. Cassel |
| | Cable, | " 225 | Arnold..... | Custer..... | First and third Saturdays | Charles F. McGuire..... | Charles M. Fisher |
| | Grace, | " 226 | Wilcox..... | Kearney..... | Monday on or before○* | Ferdinand V. Hulquist..... | Arel L. Marsteller |
| | North Star, | " 227 | University Place | Lancaster..... | First Wednesday† | Clarence V. Dixon..... | Cecil C. Gates |
| | Bartley, | " 228 | Bartley..... | Red Willow..... | Wednesday on or before○ | John E. Hathorn..... | Fred Reimer |
| 205 | Comet, | " 229 | Ceresco..... | Saunders..... | Thursday on or before○* | Joseph W. Blodgett..... | Ray R. Turney |
| | Delta, | " 230 | Saint Edward..... | Boone..... | Second and fourth Tuesdays | George W. Sullivan..... | Alfred Powell |
| | Mount Hermon, | " 231 | Cook..... | Johnson..... | Wednesday on or before○ | Emory B. Platt..... | *Hadley R. Proffitt |
| | John S. Bowen, | " 232 | Kennard..... | Washington..... | Third Saturday..... | E. Lloyd Cook..... | Alfred L. Cook |
| | Gilead, | " 233 | Butte..... | Boyd..... | Second and fourth Mondays | Willis W. Mahannah..... | Ed. Briggs |
| 210 | Zion, | " 234 | Hyannis..... | Grant..... | Wednesday on or before○ | Rufus Haney..... | *Roy A. Carter |
| | Fraternity, | " 235 | Winside..... | Wayne..... | Wednesday on or before○ | Harry E. Siman..... | William H. Prettyman |
| | Golden Rule, | " 236 | Allen..... | Dixon..... | Tuesday on or before○* | August F. Erdmann..... | 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 |
| 215 | Pilot, | " 240 | Lyons..... | Burt..... | Third Friday..... | W. Frank Solt..... | 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. | John L. Scroggin..... | William H. Nelson |
| | Sincerity, | " 244 | Battle Creek..... | Madison..... | Second Tuesday..... | Frank E. Martin..... | Clyde E. Baker |
| | Hampton, | " 245 | Hampton..... | Hamilton..... | First and third Wednesdays. | William F. Powers..... | Stephen C. Houghton |
| 220 | Nehawka, | " 246 | Nehawka..... | Cass..... | Wednesday on or before○ | James W. Thomas..... | David D. Adams |
| | Corner-stone, | " 247 | Osmond..... | Pierce..... | Friday on or before○ | Ellis H. Whitehead..... | Oliver H. Benison |
| | Laurel, | " 248 | Laurel..... | Cedar..... | Second & fourth Wednesdays | Charles L. Woodruff..... | Guy R. Stewart |
| | Gothenburg, | " 249 | Gothenburg..... | Dawson..... | Wednesday on or before○ | Lee R. Sampson..... | John J. Jennings |
| | Geo. Washington, | " 250 | Havelock..... | Lancaster..... | Second and fourth Thursdays | Raymond E. Taylor..... | Frank B. Young |
| 225 | Wausa, | " 251 | Wausa..... | Knox..... | Wednesday on or before○ | Peter H. Peterson..... | William Berridge |
| | Hildreth, | " 252 | Hildreth..... | Franklin..... | Wednesday on or before○* | William B. Anderson..... | Herman S. Kirkbride |
| | 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..... | Charles D. Coburn..... | Emile C. Roggy |
| 230 | Hickman, | " 256 | Hickman..... | Lancaster..... | Thursday on or before○ | DeWitt C. Swiggart..... | John T. Weatherhogg |
| | Holbrook, | " 257 | Holbrook..... | Furnas..... | Second and fourth Fridays | Samuel F. Davis..... | Albert Phillipson |
| | Anselmo, | " 258 | Anselmo..... | Custer..... | Wednesday on or before○ | Joseph C. Kellenbarger..... | Chalmers G. Empfield |
| | Bee, | " 259 | Bee..... | Seward..... | Thursday on or before○ | Emery E. Hall..... | James T. Noxon |
| | Springview, | " 260 | Springview..... | Keya Paha..... | Saturday on or before○ | Samuel M. Wyatt..... | William E. Ripley |
| 235 | Ornan, | " 261 | Spencer..... | Boyd..... | First and third Mondays | Emmet C. Hamilton..... | William D. Spicknall |
| | Endeavor, | " 262 | Indianola..... | Red Willow..... | Thursday on or before○ | Paul H. Hume..... | Arthur C. Crabtree |
| | Mitchell, | " 263 | Mitchell..... | Scotts Bluff..... | Second Monday..... | Charles H. Blackburn..... | Oscar K. Barnes |
| | Franklin, | " 264 | Franklin..... | Franklin..... | Second and fourth Mondays. | Henry J. Walker..... | Henry Plank, Sr. |

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

‡Elected, no report of installation.

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS, DATES OF REGULAR MEETINGS, OFFICERS, ETC.—Continued.

| LODGE | TOWN | COUNTY | REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING | MASTER | SECRETARY | |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | Robt. W. Furnas, No. 265 | Scottsbluff | Scotts Bluff | Second and fourth Mondays | Harry J. Wisner | Charles E. McElroy |
| 240 | Silver, " 266 | Silver Creek | Merrick | First Wednesday | Arthur K. Roth | John W. Jackman |
| | Jas. A. Tulleys, " 267 | Overton | Dawson | Saturday on or before O | Dwight R. Thomas | Weston H. Hill |
| | Geo. W. Lininger, " 268 | Omaha | Douglas | First Friday | William C. Ramsey | Thomas F. Bourke |
| | Riverside, " 269 | Belgrade | Nance | Friday before O* | Frank McCormick | William P. Logan |
| | Huntley, " 270 | Huntley | Harlan | Tuesday on or before O* | Thomas A. Richman | William Lowe |
| 245 | Oasis, " 271 | Morrill | Scotts Bluff | Thursday on or before O | David B. Hemby | Alfred A. Kearney |
| | Lee P. Gillette, " 272 | Dunbar | Otoe | Monday on or before O | James P. Baker | William G. Hall |
| | Crofton, " 273 | Crofton | Knox | Thursday on or before O | Orlin D. Salley | Charles Ruden |
| | Olive Branch, " 274 | Walthill | Thurston | Monday on or before O | Fred E. Hoar | Karl J. Knoepfler |
| | Ramah, " 275 | Bertrand | PHELPS | Thursday on or before O | Berton H. Scranton | Charles E. Hendrix |
| 250 | Antelope, " 276 | Elgin | Antelope | First and third Tuesdays | Arthur L. Alcott | Rollie C. Huffman |
| | Sioux, " 277 | Harrison | Sioux | Second and fourth Mondays | Albert L. Schnurr | Francis H. Wallace |
| | Litchfield, " 278 | Litchfield | Sherman | Thursday on or before O | George W. Wolfe | Ray S. Waterbury |
| | Wallace, " 279 | Wallace | Lincoln | Tuesday on or before O | Herbert C. Robbins | Lewis B. Spencer |
| | Swastika, " 280 | Sargent | Custer | Tuesday on or after O | Roy W. Hicks | Frank L. Hicks |
| 255 | Florence, " 281 | Florence | Douglas | First Monday | William Lonergan | Jacob Weber, Jr. |
| | Mullen, " 282 | Mullen | Hooker | Tuesday on or before O | 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 O | James C. Clary | Charles E. Westring |
| | Camp Clarke, " 285 | Bridgeport | Morrill | First Tuesday | Kenneth W. McDonald | William B. Meeker |
| 260 | Oshkosh, " 286 | Oshkosh | Garden | Wednesday on or after O | Robert Quelle | David F. Fickes |
| | Union, " 287 | Palmyra | Otoe | Wednesday on or before O | George W. Eggleston, Jr. | Walter E. Barnes |
| | Omaha, " 288 | Omaha | Douglas | First Saturday | Fred R. Daily | Charles L. Shook |
| | Lotus, " 289 | Ravenna | Buffalo | Tuesday on or before O* | Frank J. Benesh | Edward Cronau |
| | John J. Mercer, " 290 | Benson | Douglas | First Tuesday | Howard E. Hutton | Daniel Westergard |
| 265 | Diamond, " 291 | Royal | Antelope | Saturday on or before O | William E. Butler | George W. Holm |
| | Wolbach, " 292 | Wolbach | Greeley | First and third Wednesdays | William J. Marrs | Frank W. Bissell |
| | Monument, " 293 | Arapahoe | Furnas | Second and fourth Mondays | Jasper N. Snyder | Kelsey Chindor |
| | Kimball, " 294 | Kimball | Kimball | First Monday | Vert B. Cargill | Irving S. Walker |
| | Minatare, " 295 | Minatare | Scotts Bluff | Second and fourth Fridays | Frederick W. Smith | Irving L. Lyman |
| 270 | Cowles, " 296 | Cowles | Webster | First and third Wednesdays | Stanley D. Long | Horace G. Morse |

*And two weeks thereafter.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

I herewith submit my second report, reviewing all the proceedings that have come into my possession during the Masonic year. I regret that Delaware and Massachusetts are among the missing.

The burden of the English-speaking Grand Lodges, aside from those in our own beloved country, has been the most causeless, cruel, and criminal war recorded in the annals of time, and while closing this report, we too have been drawn into the struggle, and with aching hearts and tearful eyes, we bow to the will of our American Congress, since in its judgment we are at war, and are ready to pledge our support of the government at Washington in every way possible for the success of our arms.

Other subjects which seem to have attracted the attention of the reviewers are the great benevolent works being done by our Masonic homes and schools; some adhere to the old plan of finding private and Christian homes for their indigent, but no better method has been employed and no better care taken of the unfortunates than in our own jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. EHRHARDT, P. G. M.,

For the Committee.

ALABAMA, 1916.

The ninety-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge met in the city of Montgomery, December 6th, 1916, with M. W. Brother Walter Smith, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master reports eight decisions, none of them of particular interest outside of the jurisdiction. He organized five new lodges and granted a large number of dispensations; was liberal in his dispensations for conferring degrees out of time; arrested two charters and granted one dispensation to a lodge to surrender its charter and cease to do work as a regular lodge. He reports the death of many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions; reports the laying of seven corner-stones and reports fully on the Masonic Home.

He attended the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and reports the condition, and in closing his very interesting address says:

Some of the duties that have come before me for action have not been pleasant for me to perform, but I have tried to perform those

duties to the best of my ability. If I have erred, it has been error of the head, and not of the heart. All of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge have given me valuable assistance, and if the results of the past year shall show a satisfactory year's work, or shall show progress in any way, to my co-workers I ascribe all honor, for without such co-operation and assistance, I could have accomplished nothing.

There was an address by P. G. M. James A. Bilbro, which was ordered printed in the proceedings, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have printed 2,500 copies of the same in pamphlet form to be sent to the lodges in the jurisdiction. Did space permit, we would like to quote the entire address, but in the following there is a lesson that the brethren of this jurisdiction, as well as the brethren of Alabama, might well ponder over:

I am informed by a distinguished member of this Grand Lodge, who is present, that on one occasion a brother went to Brother Brundidge and boastingly said, "I do not need any instruction; I am perfect in the work, and there are about 20 members in my Lodge who are also perfect." Brother Brundidge asked him about as follows:

My brother, how many indigent widows and orphans of deceased Masons in the jurisdiction of your Lodge?

How many Masons in your Lodge who need brotherly advice and a helping hand in their weakness?

How many Masons buried in your cemetery whose graves are unmarked?

How much attention is being shown to the widows and orphans of deceased Masons?

To these questions the brother replied, "I don't know!"

Brother Brundidge then said, "Have you tried to find out?" "Have you given these matters any attention?"

The brother replied, "I have not."

Brother Brundidge then said to him, "Go home, my brother, and study these questions for twelve months, and you will then be in a condition to receive and appreciate the light the unwritten work is designed to impart."

Brethren of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, go thou and do likewise.

They have a way in Alabama of getting reports of lodges on constitutional amendments by summoning the Master to appear at the next session of the Grand Lodge and give reasons for failing to report. Fifteen pages of the proceedings are taken up in giving a detailed statement of the vote on a proposition to amend the constitution; too much waste of paper in these strenuous times of H. C. L. The issue of \$22,000.00 of bonds for general purposes of the Masonic Home was authorized by the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not deem it advisable to specify the particular instance which would authorize the waiver of physical infirmities or deformities under their amended clause of the

constitution, leaving the matter to the deliberate judgment of the subordinate lodges and the Grand Master.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the first by Brother Oliver Day Street, who after weighing all considerations, pro and con, has decided to discontinue the "Topical" plan followed by his predecessor. He reviews the proceedings of sixty-three jurisdictions; Nebraska for 1916 being given full consideration.

ALBERTA, 1916.

The eleventh annual communication met in the city of Banff, May 31st, 1916, with M. W. Brother Stephen Y. Taylor, Grand Master, presiding.

All Grand Officers, four Past Grand Masters, and many Past Masters and representatives of lodges were present.

About the first business transacted was the cabling of a resolution to his Majesty, the King, pledging fealty to His August Person and to the Empire.

The Grand Master in his address says:

The supreme thought which occupied my mind when you honored me, just one year ago, by electing me to the highest office in the gift of my brethren, was that of enlarged opportunity for service. I had hoped to be able to devote my whole time throughout the year to the interests of the Craft, but circumstances which I could not control decreed otherwise.

He reports the distinguished dead of his own and other jurisdictions. In the many visitations made he traveled 5,668 miles in the performance of his duties; he constituted four lodges. In visiting a lodge under dispensation he was compelled to travel 500 miles, 300 of which were by means of construction trains, wagon, and scow. He instituted a number of lodges. He reports an Inter-Provincial meeting; laid one corner-stone; dedicated one lodge room; and reports the loss by fire of several lodges—some of them had no insurance. He visited the scene of the Hillcrest disaster in order to investigate the needs of the widows and children bereaved on account of the disaster of the year before. He recommends a special committee to revise the constitution and closes his address with,

'He's true to God who's true to men;
Wherever wrong is done,
To the humblest and the weakest
'Neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us; and
They are slaves most base
Whose love of right is for themselves,
And not for all their race.'

The Grand Treasurer reports the total Home Fund amounting to \$9,077.20.

The Committee on Benevolence reports having expended \$751.35 during the year.

M. W. George H. Hogbin, P. G. M., for the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence made a report, but it was not published in the proceedings.

ARIZONA, 1916.

The thirty-fourth annual communication was held at the city of Tucson, commencing Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 1916, M. W. George A. Bridge, Grand Master, presiding, with all Grand Officers and representatives from twenty-four lodges, a number of Past Masters, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and thirty-six Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master in opening his address says:

By the Grace of Divine Providence we have been permitted to convene once more as Brother Masons to review our year's work and lay plans for the future. While peace and harmony have marked our progress we have beheld with grief and sympathy the titanic struggle in which our brethren have been engaged across the sea.

May God grant before another year has passed that hate may yield to brotherly love, and that brethren again may dwell together in unity.

He reports the death of Grand Lecturer and Past Grand Master Francis Asbury Shaw, and Past Grand Master Martin W. Kales, also the death of all the brothers in subordinate lodges in Arizona that occurred during the Masonic year. He also notes the death of many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions, among them five Past Grand Masters from Nebraska.

He refused to sanction an appeal of a lodge in Wyoming to the subordinate lodges of Arizona, and gives four excellent reasons for his action, any one of them a sufficient justification for frowning upon the circularizing of subordinate lodges in another jurisdiction.

Among his decisions he holds that the wife and children of an expelled Mason are not entitled to relief after the brother has been expelled, and that any action for the relief of such wife and children must be as individuals and funds be not taken from the lodge treasury.

The Grand Master reports a number of visitations and the laying of three corner-stones, and in closing his address says:

As I am about to return to you my emblem of authority that you may place it in the hands of another, allow me to urge you to more earnest efforts in behalf of the vital exemplification of your Masonic

teachings. Let us not for an instant allow the formal ritual of our Order to hide the living truths which this ritual illustrates. It is better to practise, Brethren, Love, Relief and Truth, than it is to be the most regular attendant or the most bejeweled past officer. Let us make our Lodges refuges where each member tired from the merciless struggle for title, position and existence may come and from all his comrades receive the helping hand, the word of encouragement, the co-operation and sacrifice which the world often fails to give.

The Committee on Jurisprudence in discussing one of their regulations, No. Ten, which is as follows:

Resolved, That the following regulation be and is hereby adopted by this Grand Lodge as its definition of eligibility of candidates: The person who desires to be made a Mason must be a man; no woman or eunuch; free born, being neither a slave nor the son of a bond woman; a believer in God and a future existence; of moral conduct; capable of reading and writing; having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, and physically able to conform literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him.

says:

Unless it is the desire of the Grand Lodge to do away with all qualifications as to the eligibility of candidates, there is nothing to be done. There will always be found some Brother who does not "sanction" any law, rule or regulation, but he would like to be a law unto himself. A Worshipful Master and Investigating Committee that cannot apply the law as laid down in Regulation No. Ten, to each particular case, and determine the fitness of the candidate, are themselves out of place.

The Grand Lodge, A.·F.·& A.·M.· of the Philippine Islands, and also the Grand Lodge, A.·F.·& A.·M.· of Queensland, received fraternal recognition.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

There is no report on fraternal correspondence.

ARKANSAS, 1916.

The seventy-fifth annual communication met in the city of Little Rock, November 21st, 1916, M.·W.·Lee P. Kemper, Grand Master, presiding. There were present a full list of officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, forty-one Grand Representatives, besides the representatives of the chartered lodges. The Grand Lodge being duly opened, the roll of the deceased Past Grand Masters was called in compliance with their law. After announcing the committees, the Grand Master delivered his address. He notes the death of P.·G.·M.·Antonio Brooks Grace and many distinguished dead of

other jurisdictions. This, from his address, is good enough to reprint:

I have been compelled to make several subordinate lodges pay to other lodges money that had been expended for the purpose of caring for the sick, and in some instances burying the deceased.

It is a deplorable fact that some of the lodges of this jurisdiction have allowed Sister Jurisdictions to care for their sick and bury their dead, and then repudiate the debt, on account of being financially poor. And in this connection I want to take the time to express to the representatives of the subordinate lodges my utter contempt for a lodge which refuses to pay for the care of a sick brother or the burial of a dead one. If it is wrong to defraud a lodge of Master Masons, under ordinary circumstances, it is doubly so to refuse to pay the expense incurred by a sister lodge in caring for our sick and afflicted, and a lodge that will not do that, should have their charter arrested and have their organization wiped off the map, for of all the contemptible, mean things it is possible for a lodge to do, I think that is the worst, and I would feel more kindly to a lodge that would wilfully violate every edict of the Grand Lodge than the one who obeys every edict implicitly and then refused to pay the funeral expenses of a deceased brother, when such expense was incurred by a sister lodge.

He reports but two decisions and the constitution of one lodge; he issued dispensations for four lodges; four dispensations for laying corner-stones, one to elect and install officers; granted one dispensation to confer degrees out of time and refused a number of others. He reports his visit to the Orphans' Home and School at Bentonville and made many visitations to the lodges. He recommends the assessment of a per capita tax of not less than fifty cents per year for the purpose of building a home for dependent brother Masons, their wives and widows.

The Committee on the Seventy-fifth Anniversary reported, finding that their present communication was the seventy-eighth instead of the seventy-fifth year of their existence.

The Trustees of the Masonic Orphans' Home submitted a detailed report showing that the Home is rather overcrowded, the total number of children therein at the time of the meeting of the Board being one hundred and nineteen.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by Brother Louis Bauerlein, chairman, presented an interesting report of three pages.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, in reporting the recommendation of the Grand Master for the establishment of a Home for Old Masons and widows of Masons says the time is not come and means are not in hand for such a work, and recommended that the recommendation be disapproved, but the following resolution offered by P. .G. .M. .Harry H. Myers was adopted:

Resolved: That the recommendation of the Grand Master be approved, and that a committee of five be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to consider the feasibility of establishing a Home for Widows and Aged Masons of Arkansas, and to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge, as to ways and means, maintenance, operation, and all other matters pertaining to the subject; with such recommendations as in their wisdom may seem appropriate.

The Grand Orator, R.·W.·Brother R. B. Bacon, delivered an address while the Grand Lodge was at refreshment, (the members of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star being seated in the Grand Lodge Hall) for which a vote of thanks was in due time extended by the Grand Lodge, and the address was directed to be printed in the proceedings.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1916.

The forty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia met at Vancouver, June 22d, 1916, with M.·W.·William C. Ditmars, Grand Master, presiding. Besides the Grand Officers, there were twelve Past Grand Masters, twenty-five Grand Representatives, and a large number of representatives from the chartered lodges present.

The Grand Master in his address reports the Craft of the jurisdiction in a satisfactory condition; but that many of the lodges are feeling the effects of the war and are working under disadvantages on account of the absence, in many cases, of their most active members. He notes the death of two Past Grand Masters and a number of officers and Grand Officers of his own and other jurisdictions. He reports a large number of official visits, and he submits several rulings, two of them on the question of physical qualification. He reports the dedication of one hall and granted a number of dispensations. He makes no other mention of the war, and says that it has been a pleasure to meet the various brethren throughout the jurisdiction, and feels that in this way he had made warm friendships, which he trusted would continue through life.

There was an address of welcome by Brother M. McBeath, Mayor of the city of Vancouver, and a suitable acknowledgment by the Grand Master.

A long list is furnished of brothers of the several lodges who have enlisted for active service.

Much of the proceedings is taken up by reports from the Deputy District Grand Masters.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands received fraternal recognition

An address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain on OBLIGATIONS.

The report on foreign correspondence is by R. W. William A. DeWolf-Smith; he reviews most of the proceedings and Nebraska for 1915 is given fraternal consideration.

CALIFORNIA, 1916.

The seventy-sixth annual communication met in the city of San Francisco, Tuesday, October 10th, 1916, with M. W. Albert G. Burnett, Grand Master, presiding. A full list of officers and fourteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master in his excellent address says:

The world is distracted by strife, contention, selfishness and brutality, a large part of the human race is waging a ruthless war of death and destruction, and some of us may be ready to conclude that fraternity has become a mere empty phrase and that love as a principle of conduct has lost its charm and power.

Not so, my brethren. The principles we teach are the only influence that can save and redeem the world, and their beauty and potency will yet be acknowledged by all mankind. Out of this bitterness, hatred, devastation and death will come a realization of the futility of violence and war, and the glory of love and peace and fraternity will be revealed to mankind as never before in the history of the world.

This madness will pass away, and yet, as Edwin Markham says, there will be still unrest and contention, but it will have in view, not the destruction of men, but the achievement of real freedom and the highest development of character.

He reports many visitations to the different lodges, and reports twenty decisions, among them "that it was not proper to hold Masonic services over the ashes of a brother whose body has been cremated," which decision was disapproved by the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge.

At the laying of the corner-stone of the new Home at Covina, Brother Samuel E. Burke, Grand Orator, delivered an inspiring address; we have room only for the following:

We who have made possible this ceremony today are not dispensers of sweet charity. Instead, we are the recipients of a wonderful privilege. To be permitted to have in our keeping these youthful minds and souls at the very time their characters are being moulded for all the years to come; to be able to give to the world in after years men and women of integrity, with sane minds in sound bodies, is an honor far greater than ever conferred by medal or silken ribbon. It is at once not only the greatest honor that could be bestowed on us today, but the greatest responsibility. We are thankful to God for the honor; we will not shirk the responsibility.

In the Decoto Home for the Aged, they have one hundred men and fifty-two women.

There is an effort being made to raise an endowment of one million dollars for the Masonic Homes of California, and Thanksgiving Day, November 30th, 1916, was set apart as Endowment Day, and on that day every member in the jurisdiction was solicited to contribute something to the fund.

The Grand Secretary submits an interesting report on Masonic education, and among other things says:

If ever there was a time in the history of our fraternity when men need enlightenment and understanding that time is now. They need the understanding which shall help them to understand themselves. They need the understanding which shall deepen their sympathies for their fellows. They need the understanding which shall broaden their outlook in life. They need the understanding which shall make them more kind and tolerant of all men, particularly of those they call their brethren. The trend of events the past year or so will verify all this.

The oration delivered by Brother Samuel E. Burke, Grand Orator, delighted the Grand Lodge, for which he received its thanks. We would like to publish the entire oration, but we can only quote a few of the gems:

Time destroys material monuments erected by man. Beneath the waves of the mid-Atlantic are buried the relics of the cities of the lost Atlantis. The cities of Palestine are ruins; the pyramids and the sphinx are slowly decaying; in our own domain the ruins of Casagrandes and of prehistoric aqueducts may be seen. But the principles of Truth, of Justice, of Equity, of Fraternal Love, of Charity, of Faith, of Hope, are indestructible, and because they are attributes of God, they cannot die.

There is no taint of evil in Masonry. Its temples are dedicated to Love and Charity, and still retain the master idea of ages old; still rear their proportions a perpetual rebuke to tyranny, and always a stronghold of rectitude and justice, catching glints even through the quagmires of the superstition of heathen nations, or the jungles of obscure faiths, of that celestial light that shall endure forever.

O Masonry! with origin vested in mystery, yet whose pathway is luminous with the love of humanity; whose life is the spirit of ever-working benevolence; whose mission is the divinest charity; may thy standards advance, thy temples rise, until Truth, Justice, Faith, Charity and Fraternal Love encompass with their holy influences every tribe and every nation.

A memorial service was held in honor of Past Grand Master William Abraham Davies and John Morton Eshleman, Grand Orator.

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother Edward H. Hart, P. G. M., who submits his eighth annual report, reviewing Nebraska for 1915 with fraternal consideration.

CANADA, 1916.

The Grand Lodge of Canada met in the city of London, Ontario, in the sixty-first annual communication on Wednesday, July 19th, 1916, with M. W. Brother Sydney A. Luke on the Throne.

There was an address of welcome by the Mayor of London and a response by the Grand Master. There was an address of the Craft in London to the Grand Master on behalf of the eight lodges of London, to which the M. W. Grand Master replied.

Very much of the opening address of the Grand Master is devoted to the war, and he pays a splendid tribute to our brother, Lord Kitchener.

He reports having issued 480 dispensations for various purposes. Under Decisions, he holds that a lodge cannot form a Masonic Social Club. He reports many visitations; he thinks a leaning toward a tendency of a competitive spirit among city lodges may prove harmful if permitted to grow. How would it be to limit the membership in all lodges?

He concludes his address with:

During the year you have permitted me to rule over this craft, I have done what in me lay to forward the interests of Masonry in this Province. If I have succeeded in saying one word, or doing one act that has or will have good influence, I am satisfied, for my creed has been:

"To leave some simple mark behind,
That I lived for men to find:
If enmity to aught I show
To be an honest, generous foe:
To play my little part, nor whine
That greater honors are not mine;
This, I believe, is all I need
For my philosophy and creed."

The Special Committee on Proposed Masonic Music Ritual made a report, which was adopted.

M. W. Brother A. T. Freed, P. G. M., submits his report on foreign correspondence, reviewing sixty-eight Grand Lodges; Nebraska being favored with due consideration.

COLORADO, 1916.

The fifty-sixth annual communication met at Denver, September 15th, 1916, with M. W. Brother Robert M. Simons, Grand Master, presiding, and with all Grand Officers, twenty-four Past Grand Masters, and representatives from 123 of the 129 chartered lodges present.

The roll of the deceased Past Grand Masters was called and responded to by the Grand Master.

The Grand Representatives were invited to the East and were received and welcomed by the Grand Master; the response was by Brother John W. Sleeper.

The Grand Master in his address says:

It has been a beautiful year, a year that will remain in my memory while life lasts, sacred by the friendships that have been cemented and the love that has been so freely given me.

He reports the death of the distinguished Masons of his own jurisdiction; made thirty-three official visitations; constituted one lodge; dedicated one Masonic Temple; laid five corner-stones; refused a number of dispensations for new lodges; granted thirty-two special dispensations; and makes full report of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Black Hawk Lodge No. 11, which was a remarkable Masonic event and one that is without parallel. It seems that fifty years before Brother Chase Withrow was nominated Worshipful Master of Black Hawk Lodge U. D. . ., a charter was granted by the Grand Lodge, and Brother Withrow was installed into office. On the following day, at the election of the Grand Officers, Brother Withrow was elected Grand Master, and now, fifty years afterwards, at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Black Hawk Lodge, we find Brother Withrow Master of the lodge.

The Grand Master closed his address with.

“Give Love, and love to your hearts will flow,
A strength in your utmost need;
Have Faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

For Life is a mirror of king and slave;
It is just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will flow back to you.”

The report of the Trustees of the Masonic Benevolent Fund shows they have \$45,255.28 in the permanent fund.

The Grand Lecturer reports that in some lodges every officer was able to confer some degree, and in addition, degrees can be conferred by brethren who never held an office, but that there are some lodges in which none of the officers is able to confer the degrees.

M. W. Lawrence M. Greenleaf submits his thirty-second report on correspondence, reviewing sixty-six proceedings of other jurisdictions. He accords Nebraska fraternal consideration and in concluding his excellent report says:

The question of a General Grand Lodge still finds advocates, but is no nearer accomplishment than it was in the early years of the nation.

There is a movement in the direction of Masonic Research Societies and Study Clubs which should result in a more intelligent membership.

Do Masons realize that they possess the grandest symbolism in the world, which finds expression not only in the ritual, but in the highest forms of oratory and poetry?

As noted in our last report, physical qualifications are being relaxed in a number of Jurisdictions.

The identification card has been very generally adopted.

CONNECTICUT, 1916.

The one hundred and twenty-eighth annual communication was held at Hartford, commencing February 2d, 1916, with M. .W. . Clarence R. Austin, Grand Master, presiding.

A full complement of officers, representatives, eleven Past Grand Masters, and thirty-nine representatives of other Grand Lodges, were present.

The Grand Master granted twenty-seven special dispensations; frowns upon Masonic newspaper publicity; recommends that the law requiring dispensations for lodges to attend Divine service be modified in some suitable way so as to allow the lodges to attend such service upon vote of the lodge. He commends the Eastern Star for its assistance to the Masonic Charity Foundation; recommends the increase of the Board of Managers from nine to twelve, the three additional members to be selected from the Eastern Star.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland received fraternal recognition.

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Brother George A. Kies, who submits his third annual report, reviewing seventy-two Grand Lodges, among them Nebraska for 1915. Noting the death of P. .G. .M. . Charles J. Phelps he says: "His chief characteristics as such were discretion in comment, but logical and analytical handling of questions which he deemed worthy of discussion, but never transcending the bounds of fraternal comity."

CONNECTICUT, 1917.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1917, were received May 29th, 1917.

The Grand Lodge met February 7th in the city of Hartford with M. .W. . Thomas McKinzie, Grand Master, whose portrait faces the title page of the proceedings, presiding. All the Grand Officers, eight District Deputy Grand Masters, eleven Past Grand Masters, thirty-

eight representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives from all of the 110 chartered lodges were in attendance.

The Grand Master in his address reports a most prosperous and happy year; notes the death of Past Grand Master Asa P. Fitch and other distinguished Masons of his own and other jurisdictions, among them Past Grand Masters DeBord and Baird from Nebraska.

He reports granting nineteen dispensations and refusing four; made a number of visitations; reports three decisions, all approved by the Grand Lodge; commends the Masonic Home; and congratulates the Craft on the wise counsel of those who had been selected to govern its affairs. He pays a tribute of honor and respect to the Order of the Eastern Star, and commends the Masonic Veteran Association and recommends the usual appropriation. He reports attending the sixth annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and commends the project to the Craft of Connecticut; urges the Grand Lodge to affiliate with the National Masonic Relief Association, and also recommends an increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary, which recommendation was approved by the Grand Lodge.

At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1916, they authorized the Grand Secretary to employ a competent stenographer at future annual communications of the Grand Lodge, but being "struck with horror" the Grand Lodge this year overwhelmingly rejected a resolution authorizing the Grand Master to appoint an official stenographer to assist in transcribing the minutes of the annual communication, whereupon the authority given the Grand Secretary in 1916 was rescinded.

The Committee on the Bi-Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of England report that at this time it was inadvisable to take any definite step looking to the celebration of the anniversary.

A motion was adopted directing the incoming Grand Master to appoint a committee to solicit contributions to the amount of \$150,000.00 for the purpose of replacing their present frame building with a fire proof structure for their Masonic Home.

The Committee on Delinquencies had no business to report, which speaks well for the peace and harmony of the brethren.

After the conclusion of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Memorials made an interesting report on the death of four valued members of the Grand Lodge and twenty-nine brothers of other jurisdictions.

The report on correspondence is prepared by M. W. Brother George A. Kies, P. G. M., who presents a very interesting review

of 130 pages. Under Nova Scotia, in speaking of the correspondence by Brother James C. Jones, who presents the review for that jurisdiction and who in his first report refrains from commenting or criticizing and says "This had better be left until I was more comfortably placed in my seat at the 'round table.'" he says "this is on a par with the idiotic 'unwritten law' that during his first term a new Congressman must not be heard, even though the interest of his constituents may thereby suffer. To the scrap-heap with all 'unwritten laws,' except so far as the latter are deductions from sound principles."

Nebraska received fraternal consideration and the reviewer quotes the opinion of the writer under Arizona in our former report.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1916.

They hold four stated communications in the District of Columbia during the year. At one, no other business is done, except to exemptify the work of the degrees; this communication was held March 16th, 1916, with M. W. Brother William W. Jermane, whose photograph faces the title page of the proceedings, presiding, and all Grand Officers, five Past Grand Masters, and representatives from thirty-two out of the thirty-three chartered lodges present.

On May 10th, 1916, a stated communication was held, at which time our Past Grand Masters Milton J. Hull and Samuel P. Davidson were among the distinguished visitors received and welcomed by the Grand Lodge.

A special committee to inquire into the management of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home made a full report.

A committee to revise the burial service and funeral regulations report an abridged burial service to be used in the discretion of the Master in inclement weather and in emergency cases. The committee report a condensed service, but by a close vote the report was not adopted.

A long report from the Committee on Jurisprudence of a revised constitution was submitted and acted upon. One of the new sections provides that members in arrears for dues are dropped, and if the dues are not paid within a year, they become unaffiliated Masons, and if arrearages are paid after one year, the lodge issues a certificate equivalent to a demit. The law was changed providing for the appointment of the Grand Deacons instead of their election, but not to apply until all appointed officers now in line have passed to an elective office under the old law.

The regular annual communication was held December 20th, 1916. The Grand Master reports the largest gross gain in membersh:

recorded in the annals of the jurisdiction, and says the greatest achievements in the year have been in the realm of the immaterial, rather than in that of the material. He thinks we attach too little importance to the moral and spiritual values in Masonry. He pays a tribute to the Masters' Association, whose most important work was the management of their annual baseball game that netted the Masonic and Easter Star Home over five thousand dollars.

He reports three recommendations, upon which he took a referendum vote. He also reports the death of four Past Grand Masters of his jurisdiction and notes the death of many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions. He argues for a move in the interest of a closer co-operation between the Scottish and York Rites of Masonry, and recommends that the flag be displayed in their lodges.

He reports many visitations to the different lodges and the activity of the Masonic Employment Bureau. He gives unstinted praise to Masonic clubs; reports thirteen active Masonic clubs in the city. He issued six dispensations to confer the degrees upon six candidates at the same time, but refused similar requests at numerous other times and reports a number of other dispensations.

He was not called upon to render any decision upon Masonic law or usage during the Masonic year, and shows that harmony and good will prevailed in the District of Columbia.

The Masonic Employment Bureau made a full report of their work for the year.

There was held what they call a St. John's Day Communication of the Grand Lodge on the 27th day of December, 1916, where the address of the Grand Master was reviewed by the committee and the officers for the ensuing year were elected and the Grand Master installed.

M. W. Brother George W. Baird, P. G. M., Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits an excellent report of 190 pages, wherein he reviews seventy-two Grand Lodges and the International Bureau, and concludes his report with a discussion of matters that seem to have attracted the attention of the reviewers during the year, under the head of:

1. The war in Europe and the interest Masons have in it.
2. Masonic Homes and Schools.
3. Irregular and fraudulent Masons.
4. Territorial Jurisdiction.
5. The growth of the Order.
6. Exchange of courtesies and Grand Lodge usurpation.

He devotes over two pages to Nebraska; thinks the "committee report on promotion of the world's peace is a grand and magnanimous

essay worthy of the best Masons, but, we fear, is futile. The committee does not realize that our Republic is the most hated Nation on earth; jealousy kindles the hate of the stronger nations of Europe, while all of the Central and South American nations hate us because of our treatment of Mexico; the Pope speaks of the United States as 'the youngest and richest daughter of the church,' while the European nations made it very plain to us through their treatment of Brother Henry Ford and his big hearted shipmates on board the Oscar II that they scorned our offers of mediation."

He speaks a good word for the first work of this correspondent and thinks it was a splendid beginning.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, 1916.

The annual Grand Festival was holden at Freemason's Hall, London, April 26th, 1916.

The published proceedings consist of the names and titles, with a vote of thanks to the Board of Stewards for their services and kind attention to the accommodation and comfort of the brethren.

Quarterly Communication was holden at Kingsway Hall, London, W. C., June 7th, 1916.

There is a report of the death of R. W. Brother Earl Kitchener, and a beautiful tribute was paid to his memory by the R. W. Rt. Hon. Thomas Frederick Halsey, Deputy Grand Master.

There was a report of the Board of Benevolences showing expenditures of £3,540 for Masonic relief.

The Board of General Purposes made a report and some amendments to the Book of Constitution were passed, so as to give direct representation to provincial brethren on the Board of General Purposes.

FLORIDA, 1917.

The eighty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida met in Jacksonville, Tuesday, January 16th, 1917, with R. W. Brother A. S. York as acting Grand Master, who presided in the absence of M. W. Brother James E. Crane, Grand Master, who was unable to be present at the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Masters from the twenty-nine Masonic Districts, eleven Past Grand Masters, and representatives from the subordinate lodges were present.

The Grand Master's address, read by Past Grand Master Haskell, gives a full report of the activities of the office during the year. He notes the death of distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions, among them Past Grand Masters DeBord and Baird. He reports constituting

eight lodges, granted dispensations for eight new lodges, and granted eight dispensations for laying corner-stones, eighteen to elect and install officers, twenty-five to confer degrees out of time, and five for miscellaneous purposes. He directed the Grand Secretary to issue duplicate charters of four that were destroyed by fire. He reports four special communications of the Grand Lodge, three for laying corner-stones and one for the dedication of a Masonic Temple. He reports twenty-three decisions, six of which were not approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. His ruling that it did not conflict with the recent edict of the Grand Lodge providing for clubs to be formed exclusively of Masons and that such clubs can affiliate with the National League of Masonic Clubs, if they do not use for a name the word Masonic or any word that would indicate a connection with Freemasonry was disapproved, and Masonic Clubs in Florida that have affiliated with the National League of Masonic Clubs are required to withdraw such affiliation.

The Grand Master submits the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the districts, and closed his interesting report with:

“It is not while riches and splendor surround us
 That brothers or friends can be put to the test;
 'Tis but when affliction's cold presence has bound us,
 We find which the hearts are that love us the best.
 In youth love's light
 Burns warm and bright,
 But it dies ere the winter of age be past;
 While Fidelity's flame
 Burns ever the same,
 Or grows but the brighter, the nearer the last.”

Brother Charles A. Wilson of Louisville, Kentucky, was introduced by P. G. M. Endel and delivered an instructive address on Masonic Homes, which the writer would like to commend to the brethren of a number of jurisdictions that do not believe in Masonic Homes. He closes with the exhortation, as follows:

And now, my brethren, when the sun has gone down upon this day, may we on bended knee, thank the All Wise One for His boundless love as we again accept the trusteeship of His children, our little brothers and sisters, the widow and the aged. To the world at large send forth another proof of Florida's worthiness in the announcement, “This day shall Florida build her Home.”

The oration by W. Brother Lincoln Hulley, LL.D., Grand Orator, on “The Masonic Ideal: A character of stainless honor,” is well worth the time of any brother to read and digest.

The Masonic Relief Committee report the expenditure of \$4,310.21 for relief. A special Committee on location of the Home and Orphan-

age reported a resolution recommending the appointment of seven brothers to receive offers of proposed sites and donations for the location of a Masonic Home, which, being amended, gave them authority to determine the site and proceed to the erection of a Home and Orphanage, and reported \$38,198.71 on hand.

The 210 page report on correspondence is by M. W. Silas B. Wright, P. G. M., who in his introduction says:

It is a common saying that only a woman is permitted to change her mind. Our mothers being women, some of their sons have inherited that unpleasant habit of a changeable mind, and I am free to confess that I have, to a considerable extent, changed my mind as to the best form for a Report on Correspondence.

We had fully determined to conform more to the topical method, but in actual practice are not pleased with the result.

In reviewing Nebraska, to which he devotes three pages of his excellent report, he quotes the resolution adopted at the last session of our Grand Lodge, and in that connection says:

In the matter of the recognition by the Grand Lodge of the Scottish Rite, the following resolutions were adopted by which it will be seen that this Grand Lodge has gone even further than any of the others, and in a way recognizes the Shrine as being a part of the Masonic Order.

GEORGIA, 1916.

The one hundred and thirtieth annual communication met in the city of Macon, October 31st, 1916, with M. W. N. H. Ballard, Grand Master, presiding, and with six Past Grand Masters, three other Past Grand Officers, permanent members of the Grand Lodge, a large number of representatives of lodges, Past Masters, and Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions present.

The Grand Master in opening his address says:

The Masonic Home is the most important question that I have to present for your consideration. In its inception it met with serious opposition. It took many years for the few who fought so nobly for the realization of their hopes and the fulfillment of their dreams, yet, today it is firmly implanted in the love and affection of Georgia Masonry. Long may it live and flourish and ever be our "pride and sweet glory."

He reports twenty-four decisions, all but three of them being approved by the Grand Lodge; he held in one that where a member of a lodge has drifted into a life that is very unbecoming and has almost gotten on a line of a dead-beat, and whose presence is very repulsive to a majority of the membership, the lodge would be authorized to find him guilty on such charge and expel him if they saw fit.

He reports the death of their Grand Secretary and the death of many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions. He issued 168 dispensations, says that he issued too many to confer degrees out of time, but claims he is criticized because he had refused many for the same purpose, especially such as requests that the candidate might be able to join the Shrine at a certain date. He granted five dispensations for new lodges and issued eight dispensations for the constitution of new lodges. He reports the laying of thirteen corner-stones and the laying of the boundary stone of the Stone Mountain Confederate Monument Association.

He urges the establishment of Masonic research societies and libraries; commends the National Masonic Research Society and the "Builder." He says the Scottish Rite brethren of Atlanta are maintaining a hospital for crippled children, and that it is a purely charitable institution and no money is received for the treatment of any cripple, neither will they receive a child whose parents are able to pay for the treatment. No question is asked as to whose child it is, whether a Mason's or not, but simply whether the child is a cripple and whether this institution can be of any help to it. It is a great constructive charity, exemplifying the broad catholic teachings of Masonry.

Grand Master Ballard submits a form of petition for the degrees that is well worth considering by the Grand Jurisdictions. He arrested one charter; granted a change of venue in two cases; says the relation existing between their Grand Lodge and other jurisdictions is one of perfect harmony; and recommends a uniform receipt for dues.

The address is so full and complete that we would transgress the rule were we to quote all that is really worth while in this excellent paper; a full appreciation of this from the committee to whom the address was referred is shown in the following:

His faithfulness commands our respect, his ability commands our esteem and his devotion to duty has captured our hearts. His report is an enduring evidence of his constancy. In his official life he has abundantly shown his love for the Fraternity, and in all his walks he has profoundly illustrated the vows assumed.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands received fraternal recognition, and the protest of the Regional Lodge of the Philippines was disregarded.

The report of the Treasurer of the Masonic Home Fund shows \$67,145.74 on hand in all funds. There is a report from the Masonic Home Commission recommending the appointment of a committee of twelve to be known as the Endowment Committee, whose duty it is to

raise a fund of \$300,000.00 as an endowment for the Masonic Home. The sum of \$50,000.00 was appropriated for the purpose of making additions to the Masonic Home, and that amount was withdrawn from the sum set apart for building a new Masonic Temple. Good work.

They have been cleaning house in Georgia, as the Committee on Appeals and Grievances report recommending the expulsion of forty-six members for un-masonic conduct, and ninety-eight were expelled for non-payment of dues who had been heretofore suspended.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Worshipful Brother Raymund Daniel, who presents his first report as chairman of the committee, and in opening it says:

In every review I have endeavored to present matters of profit to Georgia Masons. It is my conscientious opinion that readers will be more interested in learning what has been done and thought in other Grand Jurisdictions than in any comment I might make. So, I have attempted the work, not as a critic, but as a chronicler. If any criticism be apparent it crept in unawares and then only in a spirit of love or in the defense of a principle.

Speaking of the drama of the war and the action of some of the Grand Lodges whose members are engaged in that mighty struggle, and in this connection referring to the relation of the Masons during the Civil War, he says:

The drama, or rather pitiless tragedy of War occupies the stage of the world and the Proceedings of foreign Grand Jurisdictions are mostly devoted to its discussion. Masonic patriotism runs through the pages of every recounting of the countries involved. Between the lines can be seen the unwritten horror and concern. In some instances all evidences of Brotherly Love are eliminated, as illustrated by the action of the Grand Lodge of England and other foreign Grand Bodies in the severance of all relationships with Grand Jurisdictions of the enemy country. While their individual feeling can be well recognized, the Masonic sentiment comes as a distinct shock. Masons will remember the spirit that prevailed between the contending forces in our War Between the States, when, although brother was pitted against brother, Masonry was recognized by military foes, even though all other principles were at variance.

He reviews eighty-four proceedings; submits a table of membership in the United States, which would indicate that there are 14,785 lodges and 1,750,957 members, showing a net gain of 69,947. He calls Grand Master Whiting's address a straightforward report of his year's labor; quotes his opening address, and notes the death of five Past Grand Masters of this jurisdiction. He quotes liberally from the report of "Uncle Bob."

IDAHO, 1916.

One emergent communication was held for the purpose of attending the funeral of R. W. Theophilus W. Randall, Grand Secretary Emeritus, and one special communication for laying a corner-stone was held.

The forty-ninth annual communication met in Twin Falls, September 12th, 1916, with M. W. Francis Jenkins, Grand Master, presiding, and with the usual number of Grand Officers, representatives of lodges, and Grand Representatives present. The roll of the deceased Past Grand Masters was called by the Grand Secretary, and the response given by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his scholarly address pays a loving tribute to the memory of R. W. Theophilus W. Randall, Grand Secretary Emeritus. He reports granting twelve dispensations, approving a number of by-laws, and what he deems important decisions; holds that a brother, who while under suspension for non-payment of dues, conducts what is known as an "Original Package Saloon," selling intoxicating liquors by the bottle, is entirely without the pale of Masonry and has no claim nor right, not even the right of trial, until he is reinstated, which ruling was disapproved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Referring to the protest of the Gran Logia Reginal de Filipinas, he says it traces its lineage no farther than the Grand Orient of Spain, and holds that said body is irregular and clandestine.

The Grand Master seems to be in favor of the organization of a General Grand Lodge, or a court of appeal; thinks the American flag should be displayed as the background of the Master's and Wardens' stations in all Masonic lodges in their jurisdiction; thinks a brother who habitually uses profane and indecent language is a thoughtless prevaricator and a bond-jumper; says Masons should be clean of speech, clean thinking, clean acting, and live clean and creditable lives.

He recommends the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of their Grand Lodge, and asks a sufficient appropriation for the necessary arrangements. He thinks freedom and toleration, together with all tenets of Freemasonry, should be the watchword.

The Grand Secretary reports an uneventful year and makes full report of all matters pertaining to his office.

The Grand Orator, W. Brother Arch Cunningham, delivered the annual oration. He says the Rock of Masonry is Universal Brotherhood and the superstructure is brotherly love, relief, and truth, and

that the insistent policy of the Masonic institution is quality and not quantity.

The trustees of the orphans fund made a report of the condition of the funds.

The following resolution was submitted and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but no action by the committee seems to have been taken:

Resolved: That the Grand Lecturer be hereby empowered and instructed to prepare a suitable ritualistic form for the use of the various lodges whereby a lodge being open on the third degree of Masonry may revert to either of the lower degrees, or from either one of them to the other; or from the second to the first if originally opened in the second; and then return to the higher degree for closing without the necessity of closing in any but the degree in which the lodge was originally opened. This form to become a part of the adopted work of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The writer, in visiting one of the lodges in Idaho, was present one night when the Master Masons lodge was opened and closed three times.

R. . W. . Brother George E. Knepper, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits his fifteenth annual report, but owing to the fact that the report went to press three months earlier than usual, Nebraska was necessarily omitted.

The report consists of 119 pages and is a scholarly production.

ILLINOIS, 1916.

Grand Lodge met in its seventy-seventh annual communication in the city of Chicago, October 10th, 1916, and was opened in ample form by R. . W. . Brother Austin H. Scrogin, Deputy Grand Master. After prayer by the R. . W. . Grand Chaplain, the Grand Marshal, by direction of the Deputy Grand Master, retired and presented the flag, which was placed in the East while the brethren sang "My Country, 'tis of Thee." A musical program followed which must have been of more than usual interest to elicit this from M. . W. . Brother Owen Scott:

Brethren. If we did nothing else in coming to this Grand Lodge but listen to the strains of this Divine music, upon which I feel sure our souls have feasted, we would have served a good purpose. I move that a vote of thanks be extended to Bro. Geo. J. Kurzenkabe and all those who have assisted him in the sublime music to which we have just listened.

The Grand Secretary announced the list of committees appointed for the session, after which, the report of the Grand Master, M. . W. . Ralph H. Wheeler, was read. Previous to reading his report, the

Grand Master announced that 50 out of 51 District Deputy Grand Masters, the entire membership of the committees, except one, who was detained at home on account of serious illness in the family, and all permanent members of the Grand Lodge, except M. W. Brother Albert B. Ashley, P. G. M., who was in a Chicago hospital, were present at the session.

In the beginning of the report, he says:

My purpose as Grand Master has been to serve rather than to rule and govern, and in serving I have found much pleasure. The duties of a Grand Master are varied and numerous, and at times it seemed as though I should not be able to fulfill but my many friends have always stood ready and willing to assist, and with their help I have managed to keep up the work. The opportunity to serve at the head of so noble an institution as a Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons is one that comes to but few, and I am conscious of a very great honor, but in addition to that, a wonderful benefit to myself. The examples of devotion, loyalty, zeal, sacrifice and enthusiasm that I have witnessed have been a splendid series of object lessons to me and I feel that I am a broader, kinder, tenderer and more devoted man and Mason than I was a year ago. The business of the office of Grand Master is so great that without help the incumbent must give practically his entire time to it and I have, with the able assistance given me on every hand, been permitted to follow my chosen profession without material interruption. My appreciation and gratitude are here expressed to one and all.

Upon his introduction into office, the Grand Master appointed an Advisory Council, consisting of the Deputy Grand Master and the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.

He reports the constituting of twelve lodges, the instituting of eleven new ones, the dedicating of six Masonic Temples, and the laying of nine corner-stones. In regard to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, he says:

This Grand Lodge has been sending representatives to the meetings of this association for a considerable period of time and were it not for the fact that the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois is in need of every dollar available for the development and maintenance of its charitable institutions, I would be heartily in accord with the recommendation of our illustrious Deputy Grand Master, but under the circumstances which exist I do not feel that we should make any effort at this time to raise money for this memorial. If the individual members of the craft in this jurisdiction care to participate in the financing of this memorial, it is their privilege so to do and their money will be well spent in commemorating one of the noblest and most devoted patriots the nation has ever known, as well as a most distinguished Mason.

The Grand Master made 103 visitations. He acknowledged receipt of a check for \$5,000.00 from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be used in the maintenance of the Royal Arch Memorial

Hospital and Home at Sullivan, Illinois. He reports the publication of the Joseph Robbins Memorial and says it met with commendation wherever distributed. The writer desires to acknowledge receipt of a copy which he has read, not only with intense interest, but also with much profit.

The Grand Master condemns lodge publications, unless they are under the immediate supervision of the Master of the lodge.

At the conclusion of the reading of the Grand Master's report and the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, the Grand Master relieved the Deputy Grand Master and took charge of the lodge.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$64,109.40 cash in the Charity Fund and \$8,000.00 in the Home for Aged Fund, \$84,150.00 in the Orphans Home Fund, and a total of \$313,728.07 in all funds, \$151,278.07 being cash, and the balance securities.

The Committee on Obituaries paid a splendid tribute to M.:W.: Brother William H. Scott, P.:G.:M.:, who died December 30th, 1915, and they noted the death of Past Grand Masters Dinsmore and DeBord in their report.

The Grand Lodge, while at ease, were surprised when the Superintendent and Matron introduced forty-nine boys and thirty-five girls from the Homes to the members of the Grand Lodge. The children rendered a short program and retired from the platform amid the tears and applause from the brethren.

Brother Robert J. Daly, president of the Board of Managers of the Masonic Homes, presented their report.

The oration was delivered by R.:W.: Brother Oscar Kropf, the Grand Orator. He says:

The greatest thing on earth is not genius, but just manhood. The greatest power on earth is not electricity, not armies, not money, but character. We have skyscrapers, steam yachts, zeppelins, and a million other things, but they are mere by-products, mere means to an end, and that end is the upbuilding of the human individual, into a character. The aim of creation, its ultimate object, is not populous cities, not impregnable forts, not man-created kings or princes, but you, my friend, who sit before me, individual man. For you the winged messenger of old was enabled to return with the green branch as a harbinger of hope, that the devastating floods were receding. For you, the ten thousand Greeks marched through the desert wastes of Asia Minor, and for you the wooden walls of Athens were built. For you did priests sacrifice in the forests of Dodona, and the Cumæan Sybil seek to read the message of the fates upon her elusive leaves. For you a Galileo went to the dungeon of the Inquisition, and a John Huss to its funeral pyre. For you a Livingston crept through the miasmatic swamps of darkest Africa, and a Peary trod the ice floes beneath the Boreal lights. For you was the French Revolution, the

German Reformation, the American Declaration of Human Rights.
For you men have endured,

"The uplifted axe,
The agonizing wheel,
Luke's iron crown,
And Damien's bed of steel,"

that in you and me there might be developed, and in us there might be realized that higher possible manhood, which is the one end towards which all creation and civilization is tending.

The following, that was not intended as a part of the oration, is too good not to be quoted:

I am going to take the privilege of interpolating one thought here. It was my good fortune to arrive just in time to see that healthy, wholesome, happy, aggregation of boys and girls that were brought in here from the Masonic Orphans' Home at La Grange. My mind naturally was centered on the aims and objects of Masonry, and what we were doing to carry out those aims and objects. As I saw those children, there occurred to me the words of the Roman matron, who, when she was asked about her worldly wealth, pointed to her children and said, "These are my jewels." And it occurred to me what a source of gratification it must be to you, most Worshipful Sir, what a source of satisfaction it must be to these Brethren who handle the details connected with the immediate care of these children, and what a source of pride and pleasure it should be to you and to me, and to every Mason in the State of Illinois, that we may look at these children and say, though fortuitous chance bereft them of a father's protecting care, and although it deprived them of a mother's love, we as an institution, are supplying that of which misfortune has robbed them, and are in a position today to say of these children, "These are our jewels."

I want to express the hope—yes, it would not be sacrilegious for me to say the prayer—that they and others similarly situated may be provided for as these children are being cared for; that they may be educated, that they may be trained and fitted for some useful occupation so that we may send them out in the world to be useful citizens, to be valuable members of society, and that they may indeed shine as jewels in the crown of Masonry.

The Committee on the Second Centennial reported that by reason of the unsettled condition of affairs throughout the world it was inadvisable for the Grand Lodge to celebrate the Second Centennial of the first Grand Lodge of Masons, as suggested.

The report on correspondence is by Brother Charles H. Martin, who, in 256 pages reviews all proceedings received by him. Nebraska is generously treated; he quotes the action of the Grand Lodge in the resolution adopted, and says in that connection:

In other words in the matter of side issues it is "so far and no farther" in Nebraska, and all degree peddlers may take notice and govern themselves accordingly, no matter how bad they may need the money. It may be shown that the systems they propose to exploit

are laudable and highly beneficial, and that their organic laws have been duly indorsed by Frederick II, Henry VIII, Brigham Young, or even Tubal Cain himself, the lid is on in Nebraska. When a body composed of ancient craft masons, constituting a unit of the masonry of the ancient charges, which knows no distinction save those of apprentice, fellow and master, (*and there is no other masonry,*) attempts to express approval or disapproval of any side issue, it thereby renders itself to most of us as nothing short of ridiculous.

He says some nice things about this reviewer, which modesty forbids repeating.

INDIANA, 1916.

The Grand Lodge met at Indianapolis May 23d, 1916. There was a preliminary meeting at nine o'clock when the Deputy Grand Master, R.·W.·Brother Harry B. Tuthill, called the brethren to order, and after music, P.·G.·M.·L. Ert Slack, delivered a beautiful address on 'The Spirit of Masonry.' At the close of his address, the Grand Lodge was convened in its ninety-ninth annual communication by M.·W.·Brother Charles P. Benedict, Grand Master. All Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, twenty-three representatives from other jurisdictions, and representatives from 544 of the 556 chartered lodges were in attendance.

The Grand Master in opening his address pays a tribute to Past Grand Masters Daniel McDonald and Sidney W. Douglas, and many distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

He reports constituting three lodges; granted dispensations for four others, and reports a number of special dispensations for the election of officers and to change place of meeting. He laid one corner-stone and granted dispensations for laying nine others. He dedicated three halls and two by proxy; he suspended one charter and one Master. He commends the study side of Masonry and reports splendid progress in the erection of the buildings for their Masonic Home.

They are preparing to celebrate the centennial of the organization of their Grand Lodge. He reports having made many visitations and attended the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. He commends the Acacia Fraternity; reports few decisions and says in closing:

I am not fearful of the future of Masonry. Its characteristics may change to some degree, but the fundamental truths will abide. There is a slight tendency in some Lodges to add the club feature, thereby emphasizing the social benefits. I would warn the Grand Lodge against such a departure. Masonry is pure gold and needs no alloy. In my opinion such additions, though based on apparent demand, will only weaken our beloved and ancient institution.

The total Home Fund for the year amounted to \$220,741.31, of which there was expended in the erection of buildings the sum of \$143,230.58. The building committee of the Home made a detailed report of its work during the year, and when the buildings are all completed and paid for, they will have expended \$201,717.79 and have a net balance on hand of something more than \$21,000.00.

A beautiful feature of the meeting was when Past Grand Master Charles N. Mikels, carrying a large American flag and followed by the representatives of the Marion County lodges, each with a small flag, entered the Grand Lodge Hall, and presented the large flag for the rostrum. On his motion, it was ordered that all lodges in the state of Indiana provide themselves with an American flag of suitable size for their lodge rooms, and that the leading thought in the lodges the coming year should be patriotism.

The Committee on the Study Side of Masonry made a report recommending that one meeting in February be set aside for the purpose of discussing the origin of Masonry and during the months of February and March over one hundred lodges reported to the chairman of the committee that they had observed the occasion.

R. W. Brother Calvin W. Prather, Historian, presented his report.

There is a long list of donations to the Masonic Home from the several chartered lodges, showing total donations of more than \$144,000.00.

At the close of the last day's session they had an annual dinner at which some fine addresses were delivered.

The Committee on Jurisprudence in reporting upon the club features in Masonic lodges, say:

That we oppose the social life in or about Masonic quarters to which all members do not have free access.

That any restricted organization inside of Lodge membership or exclusive social life is inimical to our philosophy of Masonic equality of opportunity. We should meet upon the level in Masonic social life the same as in the Lodge room

The report on foreign correspondence is by Past Grand Master Elmer F. Gay, who submits his third annual review. He reviews the proceedings of forty-nine other Grand Jurisdictions in a concise report of 116 pages, Nebraska for 1915 receiving fraternal consideration.

IOWA, 1916.

The seventy-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge met in Davenport, Tuesday, June 13th, 1916, and was opened in ample

form by M. W. Brother Frank Seward Moses, Grand Master. All Grand Officers except the Deputy Grand Secretary, ten Past Grand Masters, twenty-seven other permanent members, and 652 representatives from 468 of the 522 chartered lodges were present.

The Grand Master in his address says:

We meet today under the beautiful flag whose very colors are symbolic in Masonry—the oldest national banner now floating in the breeze—one on which the sun never sets. It is fitting that this flag waves over a nation whose formation and existence sprang from the earnest determination of the early brethren of this continent, that here should be a country under a government founded upon the Masonic principles of equality, liberty, and fraternity, where all who believe in these great fundamentals might find a hospitable home.

He pays a loving tribute to the memory of Past Grand Masters Ball, Granger, and Cleveland. He reports the constitution of two lodges; the surrender of one charter; the granting of dispensations for six new lodges; the dedication of four new temples, and the laying of eleven corner-stones.

A substantial bequest was made to the Grand Charity Fund, it being named as one of the legatees in the will of Brother Max D. Petersen, whereby the trustees of this fund receive a one-fifth share of the annual income to accrue on a trust fund of \$200,000.00 which is estimated to yield a net income of approximately \$2,000.00 per annum.

On European War Relief Funds, the Grand Master says:

Upon examination of the report of the above Association, I found that only a small percentage of funds in their hands were going abroad promptly, the statement being made that they could be used to better purpose in fraternal hands following the cessation of hostilities. I thereupon ordered that our funds be retained under our control, in special certificates of deposit, until some opportunity offered for actual use as designated. This fund, with additions and accretions, now amounts to nearly \$1,000.00. I suggest that it be remitted abroad to relieve the distress of the starving and naked women and children reported to be so abundant there, regardless of whether it is distributed by or to those of the fraternal tie.

Speaking of the study side of Masonry, he says:

If there is a single lodge in Iowa, or principal officer of any such lodge, which is not receiving the monthly visits of "The Builder," let me assure them that they are depriving themselves of an aid as valuable to their Masonic welfare as code, manual, or ceremonial.

Grand Master Moses says:

I am not in accord with the application to our speculative Masonry of the ancient regulation that a candidate must be "a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body," when he is otherwise capable of "learning the art and serving his Master's Lord."

He reports a number of decisions, all of which, with one exception, were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge. He commends the Order of the Eastern Star for its beneficent labors in the jurisdiction.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address says:

The masterful document which comes to us today from the pen of our beloved Grand Master should be a matter of congratulation to this Grand Lodge in more ways than one. First, because it contains within itself conclusive evidence that this Grand Lodge made no mistake when, one year ago, it elected to the Grand East a man who, by ability as well as by experience, has shown that he has the true grip of a Master upon the affairs of Masonry in Iowa.

The report of the trustees of the Grand Charity Fund says that they have \$43,800.00 in their permanent fund and \$2,668.15 in their temporary fund.

Past Grand Master Hutchinson was invited to address the brethren on the "Manhood of Masonry," and his address was greatly appreciated by all present.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances wisely determined:

A brother is not guilty of unmasonic conduct because he may owe another brother, or a lodge, money which he cannot or does not repay in the absence of a showing of fraud, or of the making of false and fraudulent representations in incurring the indebtedness. Indebtedness between Masons, untainted by fraud, cannot be made the basis for charges of unmasonic conduct and this Grand Lodge has frequently given its approval to the doctrine that the order is not intended as a collection agency for the enforcement of bad debts.

Past Grand Master George L. Schoonover made report on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, commending the association and instructing the Grand Secretary to canvass the constituent lodges, and recommending that representation in succeeding conventions be continued.

On physical qualifications, here is their last pronouncement:

A man to be eligible for the degrees must have possession of the five senses, particularly those of hearing, seeing, and feeling. He must be able to substantially conform to all the ceremonies required in the work of the degrees. The substitution of artificial parts or limbs for portions of his natural person, provided such are under practical control of the petitioner, shall not necessarily be held as an absolute disqualification. Deformities or blemishes of the natural person may or may not be disqualifications, depending on the nature and extent of the same.

The lodge has full discretion to determine the physical fitness of the petitioner to conform to the ceremonies, and to sustain his good standing in the fraternity, and this discretion must be exercised with the utmost care and prudence.

A tribute to the memory of Brother Max Dortu Petersen by M. W. Brother Louis Block, P. G. M., is published in the proceedings.

The report on fraternal correspondence is by M. W. Brother Louis Block. In his Foreword he deploras the action of the Grand Lodge of England in passing the resolution excluding brethren of alien birth, whose nation is at war, from attending any of the lodge meetings during the continuance of the war; quotes the remarks of Brother A. L. Collins and Reverend Brother, Canon Foakes-Jackson in opposition to the resolution, and concludes his Foreword with the following:

But hate ruled the day and even he was barred out of his own lodge.

And this—this happened in the Grand Lodge of England—the Mother Grand Lodge of the world—from whom has come down to us all the sweet, tender, and sacred traditions of our beloved order! It almost sweeps the foundations from beneath our feet! We feel, as does the son, who learns that his sweet and sainted mother, unable to withstand temptation has yielded to the tempter's snare and has fallen. Canon Foakes-Jackson is right! The Grand Lodge of England is on trial before the Masonic world for violation of the great Masonic principle of human brotherhood. She cannot palliate or excuse her sin on the ground that the German Masons may have set her an evil example. The Masonic world has a right to look for better things from its Masonic mother. Nor can she be allowed to excuse her conduct on the ground that the passage of the resolution was necessary to the preservation of Masonic harmony in England. Such a "harmony" is like a disgraceful, dishonorable, and cowardly peace; it is not worth the terrible sacrifice of principle which it costs.

His Afterword is "A plea for better Masonic Unity."

He reviews the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, Nebraska receiving generous treatment.

IRELAND, 1916.

A stated communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was held in Dublin on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1916.

One striking feature of the annual report, received by the writer, is that it is not encumbered with a list of names, names, names and titles.

R. W. Charles A. Cameron, C. B., Deputy Grand Master, who, in the absence of the Grand Master, the Earl of Donoughmore, who was in Red Cross work in France, delivered his address, after the Grand Secretary had read two letters from the Grand Master. He devotes very much of his address to the war.

The Deputy Grand Secretary makes a report, very much of which is devoted to charities and war relief funds, and acknowledges receipt of £500 from the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States. He discusses the Sinn Fein Revolt, and from the report we learn that the members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and the Dublin Metropolitan Police are to be prohibited from joining the Masonic Order. This was justified by the Chief Secretary for Ireland on the ground that it was necessary for the safety of the Government to prohibit membership in any secret society on the part of the police, the action of the Government growing out of the Sinn Fein Revolt.

Due respect is paid to the distinguished dead of the jurisdiction, and a unique Masonic meeting is recorded as being held near the firing line, and it is said it was perhaps the first time that Masonic brethren had to meet in lodge fully armed and equipped with their gas helmets.

There is a full report of Masonic charities, showing that the brethren are active in their Masonic benevolence.

A meeting held by the Grand Lodge on the 15th day of April, 1916, was in the nature of a memorial for Brother William John Chetwode Crawley; the address was delivered by Brother Henry F. Berry, Litt. D.

The last of the proceedings is taken up with a list of the officers of the Grand Lodge for 1917.

KANSAS, 1917.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas met in the city of Wichita on the 21st day of February, 1917, with M. W. Brother Giles H. Lamb, Grand Master, presiding.

After the opening ceremony and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the several Grand Representatives were introduced to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master extended a cordial welcome and an invitation to all Master Masons to attend the annual communication. All the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, thirty-eight District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Representatives, many Past Masters, and representatives from 528 of the chartered lodges were present.

The Grand Master in his address reports the death of M. W. Brother William Mitchell Shaver, Past Grand Master, and 646 members of their lodges who departed this life during the Masonic year. He issued five dispensations for new lodges; and reports violations of Masonic law in conferring degrees in less time than required by their law, saying that about forty lodges have offended, and in each case he reprimanded the lodge and issued edicts legalizing the membership of the candidate. He says a number of the lodges are using a sort of

so-called lodge ritual purporting to give the Kansas work—this is to be expected where they use the official cipher.

The Grand Master reports five decisions, says he had the usual number of applications for dispensations, but has, in the main, followed the course laid down by his predecessors. He refused dispensations in cases where they endeavored to reduce the time for taking degrees in order to hasten the time when the candidate could join some other Masonic body.

He reports a number of visitations, and makes special mention of visiting the lodge in Indiana where he was raised to the sublime degree thirty odd years before.

He recites the saddest chapter in the history of Masonry in Kansas in referring to the burning of the Masonic Home, December 22d, 1916, and on the 30th of December he issued a circular to the brethren of the jurisdiction. After reciting the fact that all the children were rescued, he stated that the lives of five of their household went out with the destruction of the building, they being four old people from sixty to eighty years of age, and one employee aged twenty years; and made an appeal to the brethren for the reconstruction of the Home. He quotes the picture of the judgment recorded in the 25th chapter of Matthew, and in concluding his excellent address, he says:

My first act after my election to this great office was to decline to be a candidate for political preferment to an office I had long cherished an ambition to hold. I have little respect for the man who would attempt to coin the influence of a great office like that of Grand Master of Masons into political gain, and I had rather be Grand Master of Masons in Kansas, honored, trusted and loved by this great brotherhood, than to hold the office of Congressman, Senator or Governor for the same length of time.

The oration was delivered by Brother William A. Johnston, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas.

The Secretary of the Masonic Home Board made a report, which was followed by a report of the Special Committee on Ways and Means (Masonic Home). The report discusses fully the financial needs of the institution, setting forth the resources, present and prospective, and submits a plan of procedure that would provide without delay ample funds to reconstruct the buildings destroyed by fire. The report was unanimously adopted.

M. W. : Brother Matthew M. Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented a supplemental report on the Philippine Islands, Panama, and France, which was adopted. It reaffirms the position of the brethren of Kansas. That part relating to the

Republic of Panama was deferred for consideration until the next communication of the Grand Lodge, and in reference to the "Grand Lodge Nationale Independente and Reguliere Pour La France & Les Colonies Francaise," the committee says there seems to be no evidence forthcoming or obtainable that the so-called Grand Lodge is either National, Independent, or Regular, and the request for recognition was declined.

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother Matthew M. Miller, P. G. M., who submits 125 pages, wherein he reviews the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, Nebraska being accorded its full share.

KENTUCKY, 1916.

The one hundred and sixteenth annual communication met at Louisville, October 17th, 1916, with M. W. Brother Thomas J. Adams, Grand Master, presiding. The Grand Officers, twenty-six Past Grand Masters, and many Past Masters and representatives of the chartered lodges were present.

The Grand Master in opening his address, says:

From a practical, every-day business man, whose only claim to distinction is by reason of your kindness, which has elevated him to the exalted position of Grand Master of one of the greatest jurisdictions of the world, you cannot expect a report of such finish and completeness as might be expected from one more fortunate in educational opportunities. I trust, therefore, that a plain statement of official acts and existing conditions may satisfy your expectations, and if so, it will be but another evidence of that fraternal spirit which has brought so much of sunshine into my life.

He reports granting twenty-three dispensations to confer degrees on more than five candidates at one meeting; four for laying cornerstones; six for dedicating halls; four to elect officers; four to continue work after the charters were destroyed by fire; ten to change locations of lodges; three for new lodges; and refused a number of dispensations for different purposes. He reports seventy-seven decisions, all of which were approved, except one, wherein the Grand Master holds that a demitted Mason has a right to visit a lodge if no member objects; the committee says he has the privilege, not the right of visitation. In one opinion he holds that one who is not twenty-one years of age can petition for initiation provided he becomes of age before the ballot is taken. While this was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, it is not in accordance with the opinion of the writer, our conviction being that the candidate must be of lawful age at the time he signs the petition.

He deprecates the waste of means in the expenditure of lodge funds to induce a respectable attendance at lodge meetings. There are many Masons of the "Knife and Fork Degree" in all our jurisdictions.

They have a St. John's Day League whose object is to raise funds for their Widows and Orphans' Home, and incidentally to furnish innocent amusement and pleasure to the Craft and their children on June 24th of each year. The financial success of the celebration last year netted \$12,000.00 to the Building Fund of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home. The Grand Master reports 26 widows, 152 girls, and 184 boys residing at the Home, and the assessment for the maintenance is seventy-five cents a year. He reports a debt of \$10,279.64 on the Home, and appeals to the Craft for a free-will offering sufficient to wipe out the indebtedness, keeping in mind the admonition that, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

He heartily approves the Masonic Employment Bureau for Louisville and vicinity, and says that for the first ten months of 1916 they received 406 applications and secured employment for 291 people; says the best way in the world to help people is to help them to help themselves.

A resolution was adopted to appoint a commission of five brothers to arrange for the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the revival of Masonry by the formation of the Grand Lodge of England.

The report of the committee on the proceedings of Grand Lodges is by M. W. Brother William W. Clarke, P. G. M., who reviews the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges, Nebraska, to our sorrow not being included.

LOUISIANA, 1917.

The one hundred and sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge convened in the city of New Orleans, February 5th, 1917, with M. W. Brother B. B. Purser, Grand Master, presiding; eighteen Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Officers, fifty-five Grand Representatives, and representatives from 190 lodges were present.

The Grand Master delivered an address, and referring to the state of the order says:

There was a time when the deep significance of its ceremonies, coming down, as they have, from the dim past, were wonderfully attractive because they taught us not alone the customs of man when he was struggling out of animalism, but they showed us how these customs and ceremonies had been preserved through the ages. But it has begun to appear that the show of tinsel and brass, and the blare of trumpet and newspaper notoriety, public parades, garbed in fantastic and gaudy costumes, have become the center of attraction, and the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason is about to become, in the minds

of the thoughtless and the profane, nothing more nor less than a "door mat" spread before the portals of appendant degrees and organizations.

And the question is asked not, how useful may I become to humanity when I become a Master Mason, but how long will it take me to become a "Shriner?"

In these later days we hear much of the "playground of Freemasonry" and the "flower garden of Freemasonry," catch phrases invented and put forth, often by well-meaning Masons and friends of the organizations, but Masonry has no playground nor flower garden; it is a progressive, moral science; it respects the Ancient Landmarks; it works silently, but not the less effectively; and it sanctions ethical standards. It has and should have nought to do with vaudeville, red and green fire, blatant street parade and that class of notoriety.

He reports the death of 268 brothers; commends the work of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1; reports the expenditure of the Grand Master's Relief Fund; and recommends the recognition of the Grand Orient of France, and in this connection says:

A comparison of the Declaration of Principles in Anderson's Ancient Constitutions and in the present Book of Constitutions of the Grand Orient of France does not show that difference which has been claimed to exist, and which has been the basis of withdrawal of recognition from the Masons of this great country.

Our understanding is that the relations between these Grand Jurisdictions and the Grand Orient of France, were severed by reason of the violation of the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction, which persists in creating lodges in territory occupied by American Grand Lodges. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the matter of resumption of fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, requested and were granted leave to continue the investigation of the propriety of the resumption of fraternal relations.

He does not speak favorably of the recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. Among other recommendations is the following:

I recommend that, for the purpose of showing the great importance of the actual Masonry—that is, the Blue Lodge—that a delay of sixty days be placed between the initiation and passing and a delay of sixty days between the passing and raising, and that between these dates the initiates be required to attend such communications of the lodge as work in the degrees they have already received.

On the question of so-called Masonic bodies taking part in promiscuous parades he issued the following:

Certain Brethren, for reasons satisfactory to themselves, and to accomplish purposes of their own, have formed organizations, one of the sacramental prerequisites for membership in which is Masonic membership in good standing.

Whilst these are not "Masonic" organizations, they are organizations of Masons, and, as such, every individual member being a Mason, is bound by the Landmarks, Constitution and General Regulations.

Taking into consideration that these organizations have adopted distinctive regalia, uniform or covering, and also have declared that they are all Masons, the indiscriminating and profane do not separate the "organizations" from the Craft, and whatever is said and done by these organizations is placed at the door of Masonry.

You will, therefore, strictly observe the Masonic Law which prohibits going out in public processions with distinguishing badges, regalia or covering (ordinary buttons, pins and watch charms excepted), unless you shall have first obtained a dispensation from the Grand Master.

This applies to all constituent Lodges and to all Masons belonging to any and all organizations which require Masonic membership as a prerequisite for membership therein.

Masonic funerals and Sts. John Day celebrations, and public processions composed exclusively of Masons belonging to the appendant orders, when such appendant order is in control of the procession, are excepted.

The oration was by Worshipful Brother George Soule, his subject being "Masonic Miscellany."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely upon the resolution requiring the examination of Master Masons within twelve months after raising, and say in that connection that the committee is not in favor of allegations which tend to compel a man to do something for his own benefit which he does not care to do, the doing of which cannot be enforced.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Brother Herman C. Duncan, Chairman, who submits a report of 50 pages, and quotes the action of this Grand Lodge in passing the resolution at our last communication in reference to membership in societies styling themselves Masonic.

MAINE, 1916.

The ninety-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine met at Portland on Tuesday, May 2d, 1916, with M.·W.· Thomas H. Bodge, Grand Master, and all Grand Officers, except the Grand Deacons, 233 delegates, representing 186 of the 205 chartered lodges, 4 of the 8 living Past Grand Masters, 31 out of 43 permanent members, including 38 of the 59 representatives of other Grand Lodges, and a number of visiting brethren, present.

The Grand Master reports the membership at 31,328, being a gain of 444 for the Masonic year. He also reports the death of M.·W.· Fessenden Irving Day, Grand Master in 1885, and M.·W.· William Roscoe Green Estes, Grand Master in 1883, and many other noted Masons.

The Grand Master reports two decisions, and discusses the question of physical perfection and other live Masonic subjects. In the matter of the black ball, he says it still holds its usual prominent place in the correspondence, and adds: "While it is doubtless true that it is occasionally used by members in an unworthy manner, I am frank to state, brethren, I am more afraid of the misuse of the white than the black ball."

He strongly recommends the reading in the lodge of the record of the meeting of the Grand Lodge as soon as convenient after being received, and approves the study side of Masonry. He calls attention to the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, published as part of the proceedings, and to the unbound copies, which are on the table for distribution. He pays a just tribute to M. W. Brother Chase, and says that they have one of the best and most careful reviewers, and he is pleased to observe that he is so recognized by the rest of the Guild. So say we all.

The annual address is, in the mind of the writer, one of the best that he has read during the year, it being confined to fifteen pages of the proceedings, with nothing neglected.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Brother Albro E. Chase. He quotes freely from the report of "Uncle Bob," and calls it a most excellent report, which ought to be of great value to all who can read and understand it.

MANITOBA, 1916.

The forty-first annual communication met at Winnipeg, June 14th, 1916, with M. W. William Fenwick, Grand Master, presiding. There was a full list of Grand Officers present, also seven Past Grand Masters, many other Past Grand Officers, twenty-eight representatives of Grand Lodges, among them R. W. Brother Henry E. Bletcher, representing Nebraska, and a large list of Past Masters, Masters, and Wardens of the particular lodges.

The Grand Master in his address pays a tribute to the departed brethren; devotes three pages to the great war; reports a number of official visits; and says that the most cordial and brotherly relations exist between Manitoba and other Grand Jurisdictions with which they have intercourse.

A handsome chain, collar, and jewel were presented to M. W. Brother Lynds S. Vaughan, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer reports \$6,585.41 in the aged and indigent Mason's fund.

According to the report of the Grand Secretary many dispensations were issued for special purposes.

The receipts for the War Relief Fund amounted to \$3,652.00.

The Committee on Condition of Freemasonry submitted a report wherein they call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the large amount of dues remaining unpaid, reporting in one of the Masonic Districts an arrearage of \$8,900.00, and also to the small average attendance of members of lodges at their meetings throughout the year.

The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence submit a report of sixteen pages wherein is discussed Masonic Ideals, Masonic Research, Masonic War Charity, Local Masonic History, Inter-lodge Visiting, and many other subjects. Under Masonic Homes, the Committee quotes a part of the report the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of West Virginia that is devoted mostly to an argument against the establishment of Masonic Homes, except in strong jurisdictions. On the subject of Masonic Unity the committee argues very strongly for fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge of France, and the Grand Orient of Belgium, notwithstanding that the members of the Fraternity in those jurisdictions have removed the Bible from the altar, and says in this connection:

In the removal of the Bible, your committee believe that they did not violate any of the original landmarks of Masonry. Even though the Bible is one of our great lights, it had not a place in Masonry from time immemorial. The Bible was not mentioned in Masonic ritual until 1724, and it was in 1760 that Preston moved that it be made one of the great lights of Masonry.

MARYLAND, 1916.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland met in the two hundred and fifty-third semi-annual communication at Baltimore on the second Tuesday of May, 1916, with R. W. Brother Charles C. Homer, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, presiding. All Grand Officers, except the Grand Stewards, and a number of Past Grand Officers were present. They have no Past Grand Masters in that jurisdiction, as the present Grand Master has held the position for more than thirty years.

The Grand Master made an address in which he welcomed the brethren of the Grand Lodge to this communication. The proceedings of this semi-annual communication are taken up by reports of officers and committees. The Treasurer of the Board of Relief reports \$232.00 expended for relief.

The one hundred and thirtieth annual communication was held the third Tuesday of November, 1916, in the city of Baltimore, with Brother Warren S. Seipp, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

The M. W. Grand Master was escorted into the Grand Lodge, the Grand Honors were given, and Most Worshipful Brother Thomas J. Shryock was conducted to the East.

The Treasurer of the Board of Relief reported \$355.71 expended for relief for sojourning Master Masons, their widows and orphans.

The report on correspondence is by R. W. Brother Henry Branch, Past Grand Senior Warden, who presents an interesting report of eighty pages, reviewing the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges, Nebraska for 1915 receiving fraternal consideration. He says the incorporating of all chartered lodges does not find favor in Maryland.

MICHIGAN, 1916.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan are embellished with pictures of all the Grand Officers.

The seventy-second annual communication met at Battle Creek, May 23d, 1916, with M. W. George L. Lusk, Grand Master, presiding.

There was an address of welcome by Brother J. L. Hooper and one by the Mayor, Brother James W. Marsh, and a response by the Grand Master.

After the reception, the Grand Lodge resumed labor at two o'clock, when the Roll of Honor was called, being all deceased Grand Masters from Lewis Cass, the first Grand Master, down to William T. Mitchell, the last who departed this life.

The Grand Master submits an address of forty-six pages and in opening says:

The great virtue of our association from time to time is not because we have a record to review, not to analyze figures, nor count material gain; not to boast of the past, nor exhibit prideful prejudices of the future.

The great virtue is that we are enabled to strike the heartstrings of a common fellowship; to blend into harmonious and tuneful melodies our joys, aspirations and hopes; reduce our varied stations to the level of perfect equality, and in the greater light of unswerving confidence and trust in mankind, imbibe richly of the true spirit of fraternity and brotherhood.

He reports the death of distinguished Masons of other Grand Jurisdictions, noting those of three Past Grand Masters of Nebraska. He reports a large number of visitations; issued dispensations for four new lodges; instituted four; laid nine corner-stones for public buildings, and four for Masonic Temples; dedicated five Temples and three Masonic Halls; issued a large number of special dispensations; and reports having attended nearly every meeting of the Masonic Home Board during his incumbency. He reports the Masonic Home in first-class condition, in good state of repair, cleanly and wholesome, inviting and cheerful. The per capita cost is \$4.71 a week. He reports a balance in cash and securities in the Home Fund of approximately \$44,000.00.

The Grand Master calls attention to the neglect of some lodges in meeting obligations to some other jurisdictions, growing out of aid extended to members of Michigan lodges, and recommends, or rather favors a law with the following substantial provisions:

It is the duty of each lodge to take care of its own members in distress, wherever they may be. In case of its inability so to do, the duty devolves upon the Grand Lodge from which it holds its charter. It being understood that in no case is the lodge furnishing relief, and asking reimbursement to go beyond actual necessities, and to produce evidence always of its prior endeavor to secure authority from the reimbursing body.

He calls their attention to the following subjects: Lodge jurisdiction, personal jurisdiction, uniform receipts, invasion of territory, granting of demits, appeals for aid, and qualifications for membership.

He endorses the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada; says a good word for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; and includes in his address the report of Past Grand Master James E. Dillon, Grand Lodge representative of the association.

On side issues, Grand Master Lusk has this to say that meets with the hearty approval of the writer:

During my term my attention has been directed toward the operation of a new organization whose membership is based upon Blue Lodge affiliation. It has had a growth of considerable proportions in a limited number of our largest cities. I have frequently noticed references to it in the press, and its literature has come from time to time into my possession. I have knowledge of the character of its meetings, and social functions only by hearsay. Opinions as to this organization have been frankly expressed to me by its members.

I hope my relation to Masonry and my general attitude toward all my brethren, will protect me from any charge of unfairness or narrowness in discussing this subject. My observation leads me to the conclusion that such organizations having the form of lodge systems, conducting ceremonies, street displays, giving much publicity to their gatherings—all these under the guise of Masonry and all connected therewith holding or receiving membership based on Blue Lodge affiliation, are not for the highest good of the brethren themselves or the institution we love and here represent.

The Blue Lodge is the foundation stone on which all Freemasonry is builded. It should not be made a stepping stone for unrecognized side issues. It is fundamental and inspirational, holding the germ of latent powers which should develop into something better. The time has come for the Grand Lodge to put a ban on this or similar creations—that are non-essential to Masonry in its service of social progress and moral uplift.

If I did not entertain deep convictions on this subject, I would certainly not present the subject for your consideration.

And in concluding his excellent address he says:

Let Masonry be an exemplar and not a follower—always honoring our history and our traditions.

War came and the world is deathly sick. Savage emotion fills the heart of man across the seas.

Civilization scarred and bleeding.

To what depths of infamy hath selfish ambition plunged our brethren beyond the great waters?

“Lord God of Hosts, be with Us yet, lest We forget.”

Our country—Masonic America—child of destiny—land of the free—home of the brave:

Know ye! that there are no national boundaries to science, righteousness, fraternity, progress?

Know ye! the invisible power of co-ordinated human energy; the dynamic force and potential greatness of your institutions; created and preserved by master minds and noble souls?

In this crisis of world history, will you learn the lesson of the hour?

Will you calmly pursue the path of duty, maintain your poise with a world's gaze upon you? Keep yourself within due bounds, and with the infinite wisdom of Abraham Lincoln:

“Seek ever to achieve and cherish a lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.”

The warning words of Kipling never seem more significant to thoughtful men and nations than now.

and closes with Kipling's Recessional.

The Board of Control of the Masonic Home submits a very full report, prepared by Lucian E. Wood, P.G.M., President of the Board. The total membership of the Home is eighty-six, of which number thirty-six are women and fifty men.

There is published in the proceedings a Masonic oration delivered at Zanesville, Ohio, December 27th, A.L. 5810, by Brother Lewis Cass, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

On report of the committee, the Grand Lodge adopted the uniform receipts for dues.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported an amendment prohibiting lodges in the jurisdiction from circulating any appeal for financial aid for any purpose, unless authorized by the Grand Master.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M.W. Brother Lou B. Winsor, who reviews seventy-two proceedings from sixty-eight Grand Lodges, including Nebraska for 1915. Brother Winsor quotes almost two pages of the address of Grand Master Davis, and copies Grand Master Whiting's letter to the Grand Secretary declining the salary voted by the Grand Lodge.

MINNESOTA, 1917.

The sixty-fourth annual communication met in the city of St. Paul, Wednesday, January 17th, 1917, with M.W. Alfred G. Pinkham, Grand Master, presiding.

There were sixteen Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, and two other permanent members, 308 representatives of 222 out of 264 chartered lodges present.

The Grand Master in his address, after paying a high tribute to the memory of the dead of the jurisdiction, made report of attending the convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. He sets forth its object, and recommends that an appropriation of at least \$500.00 be made to the association to aid in the erection of the proposed temple. The committee to whom that part of the address was referred, approved the appropriation to be made in five annual payments, the first payment to be made when work in the erection of the temple was begun.

The Grand Master reports constituting four lodges, and granting four dispensations for new lodges; laid five corner-stones and dedicated one hall; approved the by-laws of fourteen lodges and many amendments to by-laws of others; granted a number of dispensations and reported six decisions; made full report of visitations to the lodges; and condemned in unmeasured terms the use of the cipher.

He recommended the recognition of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the United States, and the Grand Chapter of the Order in the state, and among other recommendations, submits the following:

No lodge shall initiate, pass or raise more than one candidate at the same time, but the lecture and charge may be given to any number at the same time.

And in that connection says:

There is danger in the popularity of Masonry. There is such a thing as the enthusiasm of numbers working more for woe than for weal. Better material and less of it would not be a policy wanting in both sense and judgment. It is not desirable that all men should be Masons. I am afraid there are times when we are too anxious and too ready to take men in for the sake of their numbers, their fees, or the making of a good record of activity. Are we simply becoming a factory for turning out Master Masons? There is danger that we are. What makes me a Mason? My obligation. The best Mason is he to whom the obligation is most intelligently and instructively given. Many of the Jurisdictions around us, and some of the largest, allow only one candidate to be obligated at one time. The Ancient Landmarks had only one in mind. So, too, our own Minnesota work. Moreover, every candidate is entitled to have the whole work exemplified upon himself alone.

In connection with another matter that is receiving the attention of thoughtful Masons all over the Masonic world, he says:

Our attention has been called to physical disability, but what about mental or moral disability? When a candidate for our degrees

states that it is his intention and ambition to get into the Shrine as quickly as possible every black ball in the ballot box should be cast against him. While I am a member of the A. A. O. N. M. S., it is my opinion that the Shrine is becoming (yes has already become) a curse to Ancient Craft Masonry. The Shrine is not Masonry; and has nothing whatever to do with Masonry, except in so far as it requires its novitiates to be members of the Craft. It misrepresents Masonry.

And closes his excellent address with the following:

“My struggling soul may never gain the prize
It covets so;
It may not reach the gates of Paradise
At sunset's glow;
But I have faith that in the shadows blue,
At set of sun
I shall be judged by what I've tried to do—
Not what I've done.”

There was a very instructive oration by the Grand Orator, Worshipful Brother John Boden, on Masonic Realities.

The report on foreign correspondence is by that ideal reviewer, Irving Todd, who, in sixty-six pages reviews the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges, Nebraska receiving more than a page.

The report of the Masonic Veteran Association, published with the proceedings, consists of seventy-eight pages, and gives a very full account of the proceedings and addresses of the annual meeting.

MISSISSIPPI, 1917.

The ninety-ninth annual communication met in the city of Jackson, February 13th, 1917. There was a public reception and an address of welcome by Brother W. A. Scott and one by Brother O. B. Taylor; the response was by Past Grand Master William A. Roane. Mrs. Bertha M. Scales addressed the Grand Lodge on behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star, after which she presented the flag, “Old Glory,” to the Grand Master, who accepted it with an appropriate speech. After these preliminary exercises, the Grand Lodge was opened by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master, M. W. Brother George Boyd Power, in his address says that the station of Grand Master affords the greatest opportunity for service—the opportunity to serve his fellow-men. He speaks feelingly of the decease of members of his own and distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions; is somewhat concerned in regard to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and makes many useful suggestions in reference to the improvement of their financial condition. He thinks there are more lodges in the state than they ought to have, and that they have what he calls “Charity Lodges,” that is lodges that pay less for the support of the Grand Lodge than the

amount paid the representatives for mileage and per diem in attending the Grand Lodge. He commends highly the Masonic Home and the work of the Board of Managers and Superintendent. He made many visitations; reports the laying of two corner-stones in person and one by proxy, and declined to lay two where the work on the building had progressed so far that the corner-stone could only have been shoved into place and not laid. In spite of his conviction that there were already too many lodges in the state, he granted dispensations for two new ones.

He recommended a change in the law relating to perpetual jurisdiction, which was approved by the Grand Lodge; he also recommended one ballot for the three degrees, which recommendation was not approved. He reports purchasing a lot adjoining the Masonic Home property for fear that the lot would be used for negro tenement property, and this action was approved by the Grand Lodge. He suggests that they should adopt more uniform regulations regarding jurisdiction over candidates. He commends the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and the work of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He reports twenty-five decisions; among them is one that a petitioner with a cork leg cannot be made a Mason; he makes a plea for practical Masonry, and closes with this sentiment to Freemasonry:

"Long may her beauteous temple stand
 To light this darkened sphere,
 To gild the gloom of error's night
 And dry the falling tear;
 And when the filial winds of time
 Shall sweep this reeling ball—
 Oh, may the spires of Masonry
 Be the last on earth to fall."

The Superintendent of the Masonic Home reports 129 residents, 49 boys, and 80 girls, the average attendance of the year having been 124, and submits a detailed report of the work of the boys and girls, and the donations received. From the financial statement it appears that the average cost per month for each child is \$12.42.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the chain letter pest, heartily commend the suggestion of the Grand Master that whenever a chain letter reaches a member of the institution, begging for money or asking for prayer, it be consigned to the waste basket. In other words, to toss it in the rubbish.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Brother Henry C. Yawn, P. G. M., who reviews the proceedings of forty-three Grand Lodges, Nebraska not being noted.

MISSOURI, 1916.

The ninety-sixth annual communication met in St. Louis, September 19th, 1916, with M. W. Brother Frank R. Jesse, Grand Master, presiding, and with 19 Grand Officers, 18 Past Grand Masters, and 539 representatives of 460 out of 639 chartered lodges, present.

The Grand Master in his address says:

One more year has been checked off the record of time. All its hopes, all its joys, all its sorrows are history. What a history. Today the discord of nations clangs through the universe, breaking the waves of its harmony.

Fifteen of the great nations of the world, with millions of men, vast armies, such as were never before seen, equipped with the most diabolical engines of modern warfare, are dealing death and destruction everywhere, causing untold misery and ruin. * * * *

Freemasonry has always been in the van of every enterprise which has for its purpose the amelioration of the condition of mankind. It has stood firm and unshaken, an impregnable fortress amid the throes and turmoil of contending factions.

It has defied the fury of disappointed ambition and the bigotry and superstition of the middle ages. It has partaken of all the benefits and defeats of the world's conflict for right.

It has been the defender of justice, the patron of art and the protector of the defenseless.

It has been the guardian of the weak, the friend of education and the foe of ignorance.

It has been the bulwark of freedom, the comfort of the oppressed and the relief of the distressed.

It has withstood the acid test of time, the horrors of war and the wreck of empires, and it stands today unchanged and changeless, faithful among the faithless, firm among the faltering, steadfast in its purpose, sublime in its integrity, grand, glorious and eternal in its devotion to mankind.

He reports a prosperous year in the jurisdiction, but notes the death of R. W. Brother Alphonso Chase Stewart, Grand Treasurer. Speaking of the Masonic Home he says:

Out on Delmar avenue in this city the Freemasons of Missouri have erected a monument to that Masonic virtue which, "next to a belief in Deity, lies at the foundation of Freemasonry;" it is the Masonic Home. In this splendid building and equipment we have a concrete manifestation of that truly Masonic virtue, charity, without which our beloved institution could have never survived the shock of the ages.

He reports the dedication of two halls; and twenty decisions. Speaking of the limitations of a Grand Master, he says:

A Grand Master at the beginning of his term of office is a very important personage. He is lord of all he surveys, is under no restraint, but he soon learns that there are limits even to his powers. This knowledge comes to him almost every day, and then his star begins to grow dim, until at the end of his term it is extinguished.

He laid three corner-stones and granted dispensations for the laying of sixteen others. He reports many visitations, and attended the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and pays a beautiful tribute to the name and fame of Washington, saying:

And after laying down the great office to which he was twice elected, thought it derogated nothing from his greatness to wear the insignia and preside over the deliberations of a Lodge of Freemasons.

He who spurned the title of King proudly bore the title of Worshipful Master. He who refused to wear a crown rejoiced to wear the badge of a Freemason.

After reading his address, the Grand Master announced the death of M. W. Brother William M. Williams, P. G. M., who died the day before the convening of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary submits a very full report of all the transactions of his office. He read a letter from M. W. Brother Arthur M. Hough donating \$5,000.00 to the permanent endowment fund of the Masonic Home, for which a vote of thanks was tendered Brother Hough, who was called for and responded; whereupon M. W. Brother Jacob Lampert observed that he was not going to let an old bachelor of Jefferson City outdo an old bachelor living in St. Louis, and therefore donated \$5,000.00 to the Masonic Home to be known as the "Jacob Lampert Masonic Home Endowment Fund," for which a vote of thanks was tendered.

An oration was delivered by R. W. Brother Karl M. Vetsburg and another one by R. W. Brother George F. Rixey. At the conclusion, the Grand Master observed that they were fortunate in having no other Grand Orators, saying that if they did they wouldn't have enough votes of thanks to go around.

A very interesting report of the President and Secretary of the Masonic Home is printed with the proceedings, and shows the estimated value of the assets of the Home to be \$569,948.59. The endowment fund of the Home amounts to \$132,448.59. They have as residents of the Home eighty-five men, seventy-seven women, forty-two boys, and fifty-four girls.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Brother Charles C. Woods, P. G. M., who reviews the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges in a carefully written paper of 125 pages; Nebraska for 1915 being fraternally considered.

MONTANA, 1916.

The fifty-second annual communication met in the city of Butte, August 30th, 1916, and concluded its session at the town of Virginia, the place of its birth.

M. W. William H. Allen, Grand Master, presided, and a full list of Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters, thirty-seven representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions, ninety-two Past Masters, and two hundred and twenty-nine representatives from ninety of the ninety-five chartered lodges were present.

Past Grand Master Sol Star was introduced by Past Grand Masters Charles W. Pomeroy, S. C. Kenyon, and Theodore Brantly. Brother Star was presented to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master and addressed the Grand Lodge, giving a resume of his Masonic life. He was present at and assisted in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Montana in 1866, and was the eighth Grand Master of the jurisdiction. Other distinguished brethren were introduced, after which the Grand Master delivered his address.

He thinks that "the nearly two million Masons, who give allegiance to the Stars and Stripes, by their teachings and practice of brotherly love, relief and truth, honesty of purpose, equity, and above all, the Golden Rule, have had much influence in shaping and maintaining our peaceful relations with other countries; and although our relations with Mexico were strained almost to the breaking point, wiser counsels prevailed, hot blood was cooled, and those malignant forces, which were scheming to embroil this nation in war with those in Mexico, who are endeavoring to throw off the spiritual bondage of four hundred years, are foiled."

He also says:

I believe that, out of this war will arise a new civilization, refined as by fire, that the precepts taught in the "Great Light of Masonry" will more generally prevail, and that men will more fully come to a realization of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

He notes the death of M. W. Brother John G. Bair, Past Grand Master, W. Brother Charles C. Proctor, Senior Grand Steward, and R. W. Brother John Potter, Past Deputy Grand Master.

He constituted nine new lodges and granted dispensations for the formation of six others. He reports many visitations; laid four corner-stones, three for Masonic Temples, and one for a Federal Building; reports eleven decisions; in one of them he held that a lodge should not appear in public, except on strictly Masonic occasions. He recommends that a flag service be established for the Grand and subordinate lodges of the jurisdiction, and closes his address with the following:

"If we sit down at set of sun
And count the things that we have done,
And, counting, find
One self-denying act, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind,
That fell like sunshine where it went,
Then we may count the day well spent."

The trustees of the Masonic Home made a full report.

On the 31st day of August, at the High School Auditorium was celebrated the semi-centennial of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Montana, with M. W. Brother H. S. Hepner presiding at the meeting. There was an address by the Grand Master and the minutes of the organization of the Grand Lodge on January 24th, 1866, were read. An historical address by M. W. Brother Lew L. Callaway gives a very interesting history of the establishment of Masonry in the Territory of Montana, together with a vivid description of the first settlers, the discovery of gold, the coming of the Road Agents, and incidentally, the formation of the Vigilantes Committee, and the first Masonic funeral.

The oration delivered by R. W. T. J. Dimsdale, Grand Orator in 1866, is reproduced and it discusses the character of the men composing the Masonic citizenship in Montana at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge.

There was the usual presentation of a signet ring to the Grand Master-elect, M. W. Brother Robert W. Getty.

After the conclusion of the Grand Lodge, the brethren repaired to the front steps of the court house of Madison County, in Virginia City, where a short address was made by Governor Stewart, who introduced M. W. Brother Edward C. Day, who delivered a very interesting address on the Mission of Masonry. There were many other addresses and greetings from Grand Lodges. A Masonic Veteran Association was organized with M. W. Brother Lew W. Callaway as President, and R. W. Brother Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Secretary.

The report of the committee on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Brother H. S. Hepner, who reviews the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges, Nebraska for 1915 receiving full consideration. He quotes liberally from the address of Grand Master Davis, and copies in full "Observations on the Way," by "Uncle Bob."

NEVADA, 1916.

The fifty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was held at Reno, commencing June 13th, 1916, with M. W. Brother Benjamin W. Coleman, Grand Master, presiding. There were present thirty-six representatives from twenty-one out of thirty-one chartered lodges, and fifteen Grand Officers.

The Grand Master in his address says that the tenure of his office was notable in that nothing of great consequence demanded his consideration and solution, and adds:

We have much to give thanks for. No withering, blighting plague has laid its heavy hand upon our country; no enemy has set foot upon our shores; peace and harmony prevail in our Fraternity, and though there has been no appreciable growth in numbers, we feel that the

true, fraternal spirit more thoroughly imbues our ranks than for some years past.

He reports many visitations and pleads for a higher degree of efficiency in the standard work of the jurisdiction. He made no decisions that he deemed of sufficient importance to justify reporting. He recommends Masonic research and culture, and argues for the organization of a Supreme Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of America, but the Committee on Address make the following recommendation, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

In the matter of taking steps looking toward the formation of a General Grand Lodge, we can only express the recommendation of the committee that the action of this Grand Lodge in 1914, which was adopted unanimously and unqualifiedly, be sustained. This resolution was as follows: "We recommend that the Grand Master attend the gathering * * * and oppose the formation of any General Grand Masonic Body." With a strong belief that the above resolution reflects the desire of the present Grand Lodge, we make such a recommendation.

Grand Master Coleman hopes that the spirit of this great Fraternity will so permeate our own nation that the brazen monster of conquest may never rear his head among us.

The Committee on Masonic Home made a full report wherein they recommend that ten per cent. of the gross revenues of the Grand Lodge be set aside as a Grand Lodge Charity Fund, to be administered by a committee, such committee to give a bond and make an annual accounting.

Much of the argument of the committee is devoted to the idea that it is not necessary to have a Home to provide the relief that we owe to the needy, and the committee says that there is a probability that the care of the needy may be more beneficently worked out along other lines than by maintaining an institution. The brethren in this jurisdiction are well satisfied with our method of caring for the distressed, that is, maintaining a Home for the homeless and assisting those who are worthy in their own homes, if such they have.

The correspondence is by V. W. Brother Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary, who furnishes a review of 207 pages which is replete with many good things, Nebraska for 1915 is accorded fraternal consideration.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1916.

The semi-annual communication was held at Manchester, December 28th, 1915, with M. W. Stephen S. Jewett, Grand Master, presiding, the usual complement of officers, Past Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, and representatives of lodges attending.

At the afternoon session a lodge of Entered Apprentices was opened

in due form and a candidate, duly elected, was initiated. A Fellow Crafts lodge was opened and a candidate, elected and initiated, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and in the evening the Master Masons degree was conferred. No other business was done at the semi-annual meeting. A number of special communications were held for dedicating halls.

The one hundred and twenty-seventh annual communication met at Concord on May 17th, 1916, with M. W. Stephen S. Jewett, Grand Master, presiding. He in his address pays a tribute of respect to M. W. William Russell Burleigh, Past Grand Master, and other distinguished brethren. He deploras the stupendous war then raging and says:

In this crisis of the world's history, what is our duty to God, our country and our families? My answer is that we should be men and manfully face any crisis that presents itself. Our forefathers, in the War of the Revolution, laid down their lives on many battlefields, that this republic should have its place among the nations of the world, where liberty, in its full extent and meaning, should be enjoyed by every law-abiding citizen. Again, in the years from 1861 to 1865, the blood of thousands was spilled to prove that only one flag could exist in the territory of the United States.

Today, Brethren, as a result of all this sacrifice, we are living in the grandest Republic ever known in the history of man. * * * *

Let us fervently hope, Brethren, that the distressing conflict now raging in the old world will soon come to an end and that we of this country may not again be called upon to draw our swords in defense of truth, justice and rational liberty.

"For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and peace to spring forth before all nations."

He reports a number of decisions, none of special interest to those outside of the jurisdiction. He says there is no more worthy object in the line of Masonic endeavor than the Masonic Home. He regrets that he was unable to attend the annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria.

The proceedings show very full reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Under the provision of their Grand Constitution, any brother, who can get sufficient votes, can be elected a permanent member of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence report that no questions have been referred to them for their consideration during the year.

"Behold, how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

P. G. M. Harry M. Cheney submits his tenth report for the Committee on Foreign correspondence. He thinks the "Knife and Fork" degree is a minor matter if one aspires to be rightly termed a

Master Mason. Nebraska is accorded three pages of his excellent review.

Under Iowa, he says:

We give *The Builder* first place of all the myriad of Masonic papers that come through our doorway. If you want something superficial don't read it. The editors have a big job to maintain the pace but so far have passed the first year. It is the only Masonic paper we receive whose issues are to be bound. Others are preserved in their original covers, but *The Builder* deserves hand-tooled leather. If you think our judgment is worth investigating, come into our office and look over the copies we have—this a suggestion to our New Hampshire readers.

The report of the proceedings of the New Hampshire Society of Veteran Freemasons is published, as is also that of the Masonic Home.

NEW JERSEY, 1916.

The one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication met at Trenton, April 19th, 1916, with M. W. Edward M. Searing, Grand Master, presiding. All the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, twenty District Deputy Grand Masters, and representatives from 194 out of 196 chartered lodges, 107 visitors, and Grand Representatives of fifty-three other jurisdictions were present.

The Grand Master reports the death of M. W. Brother Hamilton Wallis, P. G. M. He reports constituting two new lodges, and granting dispensations for two others; laid three corner-stones; and made many visitations. He frowns upon the McKinley chain letter scheme; recommends that all funds of subordinate lodges be deposited in the bank in the name of the lodge; and reports the affairs at the Masonic Home satisfactory. There were many distinguished visitors from the adjoining jurisdictions.

The Committee on Masonic Home reports ninety-five residents at the Home; the per capita cost of maintenance is 70.7 cents per day.

The Committee on Necrology presented a beautiful report of the dead, giving in a concise way the Masonic history of the deceased brethren.

The Committee on old Masonic Temple reported having purchased and restored the same, and it was turned over to the Grand Lodge, whereupon all the officers of the Grand Lodge proceeded to the old Masonic Temple where the session was continued.

Brother Wilbur F. Sadler, Jr., delivered an excellent historical address on the two battles of Trenton, and vividly described Washington crossing the Delaware.

The Masonic Employment Bureau submits a report of their expenditures during the year.

The report on foreign correspondence is by W. Brother Robert A.

Shirrefs, who reviews the proceedings of all the American Grand Lodges, except Arkansas, Costa Rico, Minnesota, and Oklahoma. In reviewing Nebraska, he notes that the report of Grand Custodian Robert E. French contains much that the average Craftsman could study and derive profit from.

NEW MEXICO, 1916.

The thirty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico met in East Las Vegas, Monday, October 9th, 1916, with M. W. Amos W. Pollard, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master in his address says:

Masonry has always been a potent influence for good in every community, a builder of character and of good citizenship, ever subservient and obedient to the laws of the state and never waivering in its allegiance. It is a leveler of persons in every rank and state of life, recognizing every Mason as a brother and an equal. Our lives are but passing events in the world, pawns in the game of life, living entities today and gone tomorrow, but Masonry will continue in its present high plane so long as this world shall survive. The whole world may be at war and nations and empires crumble and fall, but the ravages of warfare will not affect the principles upon which Masonry is founded and it will rise up from the ashes of such devastation and ruin unsullied and unchanged.

He reports sixteen decisions and a number of visitations.

There was no work for the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported a number of amendments to the law, one against brethren who directly or indirectly engage in the liquor traffic, and one making ineligible for the degrees any one engaged in the saloon business.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Brother John Milne, who gives us one hundred pages of interesting reading, reviewing fifty-five jurisdictions, Nebraska not included.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1916.

A quarterly communication of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was held at Sydney, September 8th, 1915, with M. W. Brother William Thompson, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master in his address reported a number of installation meetings attended by him; he constituted one new lodge; reported many visitations; noted the death of a number of distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions; and he reports issuing 124 dispensations, among them 53 for permission to wear regalia. He reports £1,000 in the War Benevolent Fund.

The Board of General Purposes made a report of their doings, among which we find the following:

A complaint was preferred by the District Grand Inspector of Workings of No. 1B District against the Master of Lodge Chatswood, No. 285, for balloting for candidates *in globo*. The matter was heard by the Board and the Master admitted the fact that he had taken the ballot *in globo*, his contention being that there was nothing in the Constitution to prevent it. The Master also admitted that his Immediate Past Master had advised him that it was wrong. The Board found the complaint proven, and fined the Worshipful Master the sum of £2 2s.

The idea of attaching a fine in dollars and cents against an officer of a lodge for transgressing the law is a new proposition to the writer.

The Grand Treasurer reports £62,807 6s. on hand.

A long Roll of Honor of brethren, active members of the lodges, who had enlisted in the Australian Expeditionary Forces is reported, and among them thirty who laid down their lives at the Dardanelles.

The regular quarterly communication was held at Sydney, Wednesday, the 8th day of December, 1915. The Grand Master in his address reports an active term; notes the death of one of their Grand Stewards and many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions. He reports that 895 of the brethren are at the front and about forty have already fallen. An additional Roll of Honor is published in the proceedings reporting ten more of the brethren killed at the Dardanelles.

The regular quarterly communication was held at Sydney, March 8th, 1916. There was a short address by the Grand Master, who reports the death of Brother Sir Samuel Way, the Grand Master of South Australia from 1884 to 1890 and from 1896 to the time of his death, and also notes the death of distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions, among them one of our own.

The Board of General Purposes made a full report, as did the Grand Inspector of Workings.

Another regular quarterly communication was held June 14th, 1916. The Grand Master in his address reports the death of many distinguished Masons, among them Lord Kitchener, to whom he pays a loving tribute. He calls attention to the fact that for the last ten years they had 12,800 members and 15,450 unattached.

The report on foreign correspondence is by the committee, Nebraska being reviewed by W. Brother J. R. B. Campbell, who devotes a page to this Grand Lodge.

NEW YORK, 1916.

The one hundred and thirty-fifth annual communication met in the city of New York on the 2d day of May, 1916, with M. W. Brother George Freifeld, Grand Master, presiding.

In opening his address he says:

The brief and fleeting days have carried into a momentous and interesting past the thousand hopes and fears, plans and acts; efforts

and achievements, that make up the web and woof of that wonderful tapestry of human life which we call history.

"The Moving Finger writes, and, having writ,
Moves on: nor all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

He pays a tribute to the distinguished dead of his own and other jurisdictions, and reports having issued six dispensations, and having constituted eleven lodges. They are raising a million dollar Redemption Fund, of which they have in hand \$703,635.55, and are now planning on raising another million. The Grand Master reports the beneficent work of the Masonic Home at Utica in caring for the Masonic wards. Of the war he says:

Since our last meeting in general assembly the monstrous conflict which bathes nations in blood and a world in tears and mourning has continued in determination and ferocity. The titanic and unnatural struggle has embroiled other nations and peoples and spread ruin and misery broadcast. The partisans in this dreadful crime have not been too proud to fight. Neutral countries have suffered, for it is in the very nature of war to affect the innocent and the guilty in almost equal degree. At the same time, neutrals have been appealed to for means to lessen and allay the distress caused by the terrible strife.

He indulges in the hope that the world may be at peace in time so that a suitable and dignified celebration of the bi-centenary of the organization of the first Grand Lodge will be held.

The Judge Advocate, R. W. John A. Dutton, presents a very full report of all cases submitted to him during the Masonic year.

An interesting report is that by the Grand Historian, R. W. Brother Ossian Lang, who discusses the question, "Was Freemasonry derived from the Medieval Craft Guilds of Masons?" It is in fact, an interesting paper on the origin of Freemasonry and in his conclusion he finds:

(1) That Freemasonry, as we know it, is in nowise derived from operative Masonry.

(2) That a "symbolic" fraternity existed, whose members, under Anglo-Saxon conditions, frequently chose to obtain the freedom of the Masonic craft gild by "acceptance."

(3) That the explanation for the preference accorded to the Masonic gild may be inferred from the aspect of cathedral building in the medieval age, more especially the function of Masons, to give form to symbols of predetermined significance, the brotherhood striving to unite men of diverse interests and to preserve the "geometry" of sacred things.

(4) That on the European continent the brotherhood had not even an elbow-touch connection with craft guilds, the latter being exclusively trade organizations.

(5) That the history of the "Laws, Forms and Usages" of the Fraternity, while of less significance than that of "The Arts and

Sciences thereof." nevertheless is of considerable interest, and serves to interpret much that could not otherwise be accounted for.

(6) That "Laws, Forms and Usages" are largely derived from association with Masonic craft guilds and form merely the outer shell or mold into which the substance was poured which developed into the kind of Freemasonry we know.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with Brother William Sherer as chairman, submitted their report wherein they reviewed forty-eight Grand Lodges of the United States, Nebraska being accorded fraternal consideration. Nine Grand Lodges of the Dominion of Canada and thirty-eight foreign jurisdictions, are also reviewed.

NEW ZEALAND, 1916.

The twenty-seventh annual communication met at Auckland, on Wednesday, May 10th, with M. W. John Joseph Dougall, Grand Master, presiding, who in greeting the Grand Lodge observed that the proceedings of the communication would not be lengthy, as no controversial matters had been submitted for consideration. He refers to the loss which Masonry sustained during the year by reason of the deaths of M. W. Brothers F. C. Binns and A. S. Russell, Past Grand Masters. The Grand Master says that though passing through exceedingly perilous times, notwithstanding the war, their progress had been of such a character as justified him in saying that Freemasonry had prospered during the past year.

He refers to the circular issued during the year asking the lodges to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquor during the war; said he was not a prohibitionist, but at the same time he was not going to take back one solitary paragraph of the appeal he had issued; that while he had been subjected to a certain amount of opprobrium and an attack had been made upon him in the "Craftsman" (a Masonic journal), he had stated that he would not touch a drop of liquor in the lodge, or attend a lodge where it was used, and he repeated that statement in the Grand Lodge. It might restrict his usefulness in Freemasonry, but he expressed the conviction that we as Freemasons should take the stand he suggested in the interests of Freemasonry and of the nation.

Very little business is left for the Grand Lodge to do other than that referred to them by the Board of General Purposes.

There is a report of voluntary contributions to the Special (war) Benevolent Fund by lodges and brethren, amounting to £8,510 10s. 2d. There was contributed to the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund the sum of £1,533 18s. 7d.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands received recognition.

A contribution to the Belgian Masonic Relief Fund, amounting to £77 9s. was given.

This, from the Board of General Purposes, meets with the unqualified approval of the writer:

Our brethren continue to give proof of the truth contained in one of our old lectures, which says, "There exists in every true man's breast an indissoluble attachment to that country which gave him birth and infant nurture," and it is apparent that the attachment is not merely personal, but extends from sire to son through endless generations.

There was an effort made to allow the next session of the Grand Lodge to lapse, and devote the sum required to pay the expense to War Relief, but after discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

There is no report on correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1916.

The one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication met at Raleigh, January 18th, 1916, with M. W. Brother F. P. Hobgood, Jr., Grand Master, and with thirteen Past Grand Masters, twenty-four representatives of other Grand Lodges, a full complement of Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters, and representatives from chartered lodges present.

A number of distinguished Masons from South Carolina and Kentucky were received with the Grand Honors and invited to seats in the Grand East.

The Grand Master delivered a very short address, as he was absent from the state on important business half of the time. He reports no decisions, as, under their law, "a decision can be made only in case of an appeal from the decision of a lodge or its Master."

The Deputy and Acting Grand Master, R. W. Brother Alexander B. Andrews, Jr., presents an interesting report and says:

A war may develop a great leader, but such development is at a cost of widow's tears, orphan children, desolate homes and blasted ambitions for the thousands. We, in our country, wish no heroes made at such a terrible cost, and again let us be thankful that our nation is at peace and not engaged in this terrible struggle.

He reports the death of many distinguished Masons from his own and other jurisdictions, among them five Past Grand Masters from Nebraska.

He issued six dispensations for new lodges. He reports not less than forty-eight decisions, all of a local color, and with the exception of six, all were approved by the Grand Lodge, and four of the others were modified.

He recommends an appropriation of \$500.00 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and \$250.00 to the Masonic War Relief Fund. He recommends a change in their regula-

tions requiring a petition for initiation to be signed by the hand of the petitioner, who must be able to read and write.

The Grand Orator, M. W. Brother Hezekiah A. Gudger, delivered an address that is well worth careful reading. He says:

To study with diligence and assimilate them is a part of Masonic life and it is the bounden duty, and should be the pleasure, of every Mason to do so. It must not, however, be forgotten that it is the spirit and not the form that counts. Harmony—Brotherly Love—Charity. These are the essentials.

I would tonight that I could speak to all Masons of this grand jurisdiction and if they were grouped before me I would propound the all-important question and would ask them to give me a serious and truthful answer. This question would be: "Are you a true Mason?" If such were propounded I would hear from one group of this assembly the answer, "I have taken the vows, I have bowed at the altar, I have been raised to the sublime degree and I am a Mason, but I must confess that I am indifferent, I hardly ever attend the lodge. I am doing nothing for the poor and in truth I take no interest in anything that is thought of by the fraternity."

The Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum submitted their report. It seems there are 275 orphans in the Oxford Home receiving the kindly cares of the Masonic Fraternity. The receipts for the year were \$87,568.24 and the expenditures \$86,912.72.

The Treasurer of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home submits a report.

The foreign correspondence is by Brother John A. Collins, who submits a report of 119 pages, reviewing the transactions of fifty-six Grand Lodges, Nebraska getting its due portion.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1917.

The one hundred and thirtieth annual communication convened in the city of Raleigh, January 16th, 1917, with M. W. Brother Alexander B. Andrews, Jr., Grand Master, presiding. All elected Grand Officers except the Grand Secretary, the appointed Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, twenty District Deputy Grand Masters, twenty-six representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives from 294 lodges were present.

The Grand Master in an address of fifty-six pages makes full report of the activities of his office; he notes the death of many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions and pays a just tribute to Brother Gustav Rosenthal, who was a Director for twenty-seven years of their Oxford Orphan Asylum, and to Right Worshipful Brother John C. Drewry, the efficient Grand Secretary of their Grand Lodge for twenty-two years, who, by his will, bequeathed to the Grand Lodge the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be known as the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund, to be held in trust by the Grand Lodge and when its accumulations or

additions amount to twenty thousand dollars, the proceeds or income are to be used to pay the salary of the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master reports seventy-four decisions, most of which were approved. In one he says: "A Lodge may or may not, as it sees fit, require an affiliation fee from those affiliated." This is not in accordance with the law in this jurisdiction.

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Andrews appointed seven Associate Grand Chaplains and recommends that all ministers who are appointed Grand Chaplains, or Associates, be placed on the mileage roll and be paid mileage; he thinks it will mean a great deal to the Grand Lodge to have them present.

He commends the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; granted four dispensations for new lodges; commends the great work of the Oxford Orphan Asylum which cares for 375 children, and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home which looks after the comfort of thirty residents. He recommends the appointment of an auditor, and suggests that the Grand Historian, Auditor, and Grand Librarian be stricken from their law as officers composing the Grand Lodge, for the reason that they have no Masonic function to perform, their work being while the Grand Lodge is not in session.

An interesting address was delivered by the Deputy Grand Master in paying a tribute to their late Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother John C. Drewry.

The Grand Secretary reports four charters surrendered.

The oration on "Whence Came Masonry, What Is It, What Is It Doing?" was delivered by Brother F. C. Harding.

The Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home submitted a very full report and one that the writer could commend to the careful consideration of the brothers of the jurisdictions where they don't believe in maintaining Masonic Homes and Orphanages.

M. W. Brother James W. Witten, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, was a guest of the Grand Lodge and he extended to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina the greetings of his own Grand Lodge.

The report on foreign correspondence is by W. Brother Marshall DeLancey Haywood, who succeeds W. Brother John A. Collins, who for twenty years had reviewed the proceedings for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Brother Haywood reviews the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges in a 112 page report, Nebraska being duly considered; he thinks our committee to promote the World's Peace has a man's job on their hands, and wishes for them speedy and unbounded success.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1916.

The twenty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was held at Fargo, beginning June 21st, 1916, with

M. W. Harry Lord, Grand Master, presiding. All the Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Chaplain, were present, also ten Past Grand Masters, thirty-three Grand Representatives, and representatives from 94 of the 109 chartered lodges.

The Grand Master in his address pays a just tribute to M. W. Halfdan Bendeke, P. G. M., and appointed a time for memorial services to be held by the Grand Lodge.

He reported a number of dispensations; continued one lodge under dispensation and granted dispensations for two others. He reports a number of visitations, the laying of one corner-stone, and the dedication of one Masonic Temple. He rendered three decisions, one against a lodge holding a communication on Sunday, except to conduct a funeral or for divine worship; held that an appointive officer might resign, and that a Worshipful Master could appoint a successor without procuring a dispensation. He reports the approval of some by-laws, and made a recommendation that the Committee on Finance give special attention to the matter of increasing the Masonic Relief Fund, or the establishing of a Grand Charity Fund. He recommends that the Grand Lodge be incorporated, and that a committee be appointed to plan for celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Secretary reports \$5,171.60 in the Relief Fund, and a net gain in membership in the jurisdiction of 462. He reports the expenditure of \$100.00 for relief.

From the report on the Grand Lodge Library, we note that they have about 5,500 volumes of proceedings and reference books, of an estimated cost of \$7,722.42; in addition, they support ten traveling libraries.

The Frank J. Thompson Memorial Prize in Oratory was awarded to Mr. William Landis of Jamestown College, the winner of the State Oratorical Contest, held in Fargo, March 9th, 1916; his subject was "The Signs of the Times."

On the afternoon of the 20th a memorial service was held and M. W. Brother Grant S. Hager, P. G. M., delivered a splendid memorial address on the life and character of their late Past Grand Master, Halfdan Bendeke.

The minutes of the Veterans' Association, published with the proceedings, show a present membership of 106.

The report on fraternal correspondence is by M. W. William E. Hoover, Past Grand Master, who gives us an interesting report of seventy pages, Nebraska receiving its due portion.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1916.

The fifty-first annual communication was held at Bear River, June 14th, 1916, M. W. Donald F. Fraser, Grand Master, presiding, and a full complement of officers and representatives being present.

Much of the address of the Grand Master is devoted to the war, war funds, and the Honor Roll. They have organized a lodge of research. This lodge confers no degrees and its members must be in good standing in some other lodges in the jurisdiction. Its object is education and the compiling of Masonic history, to interest study in the practice of a more uniform ritual, and to publish a Masonic journal. The Grand Master commends highly the Masonic Home, reports many official visits, and attributes the length of his address to his journalistic weakness.

The executive committee report on the condition of the Home, and quote largely from an address delivered by M. W. Brother Lincoln Cravens, P. G. M., at the ceremony of the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Home at Franklin, Indiana. The income from the Home farm during the year was \$1,761.65.

The limit seems to have been reached in this jurisdiction on the question of "physical perfection" where they hold "That the petition of a candidate who has lost the index finger of the right hand about the third joint, and has had thumb injured to a lesser extent, cannot be received."

The report on fraternal correspondence is by R. W. James C. Jones, acting Grand Secretary, who says, "No reports have been received from Alabama, Nebraska, South Carolina or Washington since 1914." England, Scotland, and Ireland are reviewed for the first time. The report is well written and covers 183 pages of the proceedings.

OHIO, 1916.

The one hundred and seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge met at Columbus, October 18th, 1916, with M. W. Brother Frank H. Marquis, presiding. All the Grand Officers, twenty-three Past Grand Masters, and 530 representatives from 528 of the 541 chartered lodges were present.

There was an address of welcome on behalf of the city by the Mayor, Hon. George J. Karb, and one on behalf of the Masons of Columbus by Brother Charles J. Pretzman, and a response by M. W. Brother Nelson Williams, P. G. M.

The Grand Master in his address reports a busy year and a phenomenal addition to the membership. He pays a tribute to the distinguished dead of his own and other jurisdictions, noting the death of two Past Grand Masters from Nebraska.

He granted 100 dispensations and dispensations for six new lodges;

dedicated nine Masonic Temples and lodge rooms, and issued proxies for the dedication of eight others. He reports the laying of ten cornerstones, and made thirty-six visitations. He does not believe in complicating their code by unnecessary decisions from the Grand Master, so reports no decisions. Speaking of Masonic study and research, he says:

Of recent years the study side of Freemasonry has made vigorous strides. Abroad and at home there has been turned upon our beloved Fraternity the far-reaching eye of devoted research. Our sister Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Iowa, has planned and set at work the National Masonic Research Society, with which some fourteen thousand Masons are now affiliated. Other Jurisdictions in these United States are alive to the situation and have special committees busy.

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

Their Committee on Grievances took pleasure in reporting that no matter had been referred to them during the session.

The annual reports of the officers of the Masonic Home are very full and complete; it is an inspiration to read these reports, and to realize the great work being done by the brethren of Ohio in caring for the aged and the boys and girls of their jurisdiction. They have ninety-four men, sixty-three women, thirty-one boys, and twenty-three girls as residents of their Home. They have a total of \$184,125.95 in their several Home funds.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Brother Nelson Williams, P. G. M., who submits a splendid report of 163 pages, reviewing sixty-five Grand Jurisdictions, it being his sixth review. He refers to the action of the Grand Lodge of England in barring from the lodge rooms of its subordinate lodges their own members who were born in those countries which are at war with England, and quotes with approval the Foreword of M. W. Brother Louis Block of Iowa on the subject. He reviews the proceedings of Nebraska, and says some nice things about this correspondent, which are highly appreciated by the writer.

The proceedings are embellished with some fine pictures of Masonic Temples in ten of the progressive cities.

OKLAHOMA, 1916.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was held at Oklahoma City, beginning February 14th, 1916. It was convened by R. W. Arthur J. Weir, Deputy Grand Master, who announced that M. W. Almer E. Monroney, Grand Master, was in the reception room. The Grand Master was received with the private Grand Honors and presented with a fine, beautiful apron on behalf of Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36. On receiving it he remarked:

I have labored three hundred and sixty-five days this year without an apron, and I have tried during that time to gather no smut. Now I have two days work to perform and I shall endeavor to keep this apron spotless.

All the Grand Officers, twenty-one Past Grand Masters, thirty-five Grand Representatives (not, however, including the representative from Nebraska), and representatives from 307 lodges, with a voting strength of 745, were present.

Grand Master Dan S. McMillin of Texas was received with Grand Honors.

The Grand Master reports a busy year; he notes the deaths of three Past Grand Masters, Gray, Douglas, and Ayers, of Emeritus Grand Secretary Hunt, and others, and says:

As the sun sets in the West to close the day and herald the approach of night, so one by one we lay us down in the darkness of the tomb to wait in its calm repose for the time when the Heavens shall pass away as a scroll and man, standing in the presence of the Infinite, shall realize the true end of his pilgrimage here below. While, therefore, nature will have its way and our tears will fall upon the graves of our departed brethren, let us be reminded by the Evergreen, symbol of our faith in immortal life, that the dead are but sleeping, and be comforted by the reflection that their memories will not be forgotten—that they will still be loved by those who are so soon to follow them, that in our archives their names are written, and that in our hearts there is still a place for them. And so, trusting in the infinite love and tender mercy of Him, without whose knowledge not even a Sparrow falls, let us prepare to meet them where there is no parting and where with them we shall enjoy eternal rest.

He reports the dedication of three lodge rooms by proxy, and the constitution of seven new lodges, also by proxy. He reports issuing a number of dispensations to lodges to attend divine services on Easter Sunday, and refusing one where no reason was given for desiring to attend church. He granted three dispensations to confer degrees without regard to statutory time and *charged no fee therefor*, "for the reason occasion of meeting of a number of lodges and visitation of Grand Master," etc. He granted nine dispensations to confer degrees without regard to the statutory time required by Masonic law; and granted duplicate charters where charter was destroyed by fire. He held that the minimum fee for dues from January 1st, 1916, must not be less than four dollars, and refused permission to a lodge to reduce the dues, as, to his mind, it was not good business judgment, and in that connection says:

Masonry is not a cheap institution and surely few members but can afford the Four Dollars (\$4.00) a year dues. In extreme cases, if a brother's financial condition was such that this amount would be a burden, he should bring this fact to the attention of the officers of his lodge and

have them remitted. Any lodge has the right to do this when satisfied such a condition exists with any of their members. Reducing dues is an unwise proposition for a poor lodge, or one in good circumstances either. It takes life blood to run an organization, and, aside from fees for degrees, your dues are your real life blood, so you are in error when reducing your income. A Masonic Lodge with the proper spirit of charity imbued in the hearts and minds of its members, will never accumulate more funds than can be wisely expended.

Five lodges surrendered their charters on account of inability to have enough members present to constitute a quorum to attend to business. Grand Master Monronev arrested one charter and says in that connection: "This should be an object lesson to Masons throughout the state and clearly demonstrates that booze and Masonry will not mix." He reports the consolidation of two lodges, and granted dispensations for five new ones. He frowns upon begging letters; reports that he had received twelve from lodges within the Grand Jurisdiction asking the privilege to circulate the same to the constituent lodges, and refused the request of a foreign jurisdiction to circulate an appeal to help discharge an indebtedness on a Masonic Temple in one of their cities.

He reports thirty-two rulings and states that he had made several hundred more, and suggested that if the Committee on Law and Usage desired to review them he would be pleased to place them in their charge. He says they are of all phases, propositions, and that a great many simply refer the questions to particular sections of their Masonic law by title, number, and page.

The Grand Master makes very full report of the correspondence with other Grand Bodies and jurisdictions, and submits a full report on the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States of America, and the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. Of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association he says: "I have had the usual correspondence that former Grand Masters may have received. I have answered all letters, but have done nothing toward it and have no recommendations to offer in this regard." He endorsed Masonic research, lectures, study, and reading of Masonic books and literature by the lodges and members, and gives a very full report of the Masonic Home.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands received recognition, and the Grand Lodge National of France was denied recognition.

The Board of Control of the Masonic Home presented a very full report, showing the value of the Home property to be \$178,643.40. The average number of residents in the Home is 161, and the average monthly cost for maintenance is \$15.28.

The oration was delivered by R. W. Woodson E. Norvell, Grand Orator, his subject being "Master Builders," his theme, "The Building of Human Character."

The report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master Thomas Chauncey Humphry, who reviews the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges, among them Nebraska, which receives fraternal consideration.

OKLAHOMA, 1917.

The ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the state of Oklahoma was held "Somewhere in Oklahoma," February 20th, 1917, and was opened by M. W. Brother Arthur James Weir, Grand Master, with a full complement of Grand Officers, twenty Past Grand Masters, sixteen Deputy Grand Masters, and representatives from 377 chartered lodges. Past Grand Master Lee P. Kemper of Arkansas was introduced, and saluted with private Grand Honors; he conveyed the fraternal greetings of his Grand Lodge. Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were called up, and they were received and greeted by the Grand Master. At the beginning of his address he says:

As Masons, let us not fall short of our whole duty to God, our country and ourselves, and guard well such splendid privileges, and stand by the colors, the greatest flag of all, the Stars and Stripes. We, the children of many lands, salute thee, symbol of beauty and grandeur and glory, emblem of what we aim to be, and what we have done.

After a demonstration of bringing the flag to the rostrum in the Grand East and singing "America," the Grand Lodge resolved that the United States flag shall be a part of the paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge and of each of its constituent lodges, and shall be spread upon the altar, upon which shall rest the Three Great Lights of Masonry. Whereupon the Grand Master continued:

My Brethren, it may seem strange to you that a foreign-born citizen should give expression to such patriotic sentiments, but did you ever stop to think that it is an historical fact that the first salute to our flag from a foreign power was demanded and received by a thoroughbred Scotchman, Admiral John Paul Jones? But it is not my intention to extol only my own countrymen. Our great George Washington, whose birthday we celebrate on the 22nd of this month, was of English descent. Lafayette, who greatly helped us in Revolutionary days, was French, and at a more recent period of our history a sturdy American patriot, Carl Schurz, banished from his native land by despotic rule, was a German. At this crucial moment of our history let us not be too critical of our foreign citizenship. They are entitled to revere the country in which they were born and reared. And in my opinion the man who does not cherish his mother country is no man at all.

But should the time come, which I hope it never will, I believe you will find the foreign-born citizens marching shoulder to shoulder with you native-born Americans to the defense of this country and this Flag and standing by President Woodrow Wilson in the Nation's trials.

He approved an application of Brother H. R. Coleman of Kentucky to lecture to lodges in the state, but learned that he had been charging

fees for conferring degrees of some kind. This was the same lemon handed to some of the brethren in this jurisdiction twenty-odd years ago.

Grand Master Weir reports progress and efficiency in the conduct of the affairs of the Masonic Home; says they have 146 children and thirty-one adults, and that all seem to be comfortable, happy, and contented. He notes the death of M. W. Brother Henry W. Furman, Past Grand Master, and other distinguished brethren of his own and other jurisdictions. He granted eleven dispensations to elect and install officers out of time, and a number for other purposes—ten to confer degrees out of time. He reports a number of emergent communications for laying corner-stones and dedicating halls. He granted four dispensations for new lodges, and reports a donation of \$1,000.00 from W. Brother H. P. Trudgeon to be used as a hospital fund to pay for necessary operations upon the children of the Home. He arrested one charter and the gavel of one Master; reports a number of Masonic trials; visited seventy-nine lodges, and met the representatives of one hundred and eighty-six others; and closes his address with:

Attention, ye Soldiers of Masonry, Present Arms, to the order which has always stood for the good of Man, for the Sanctity of the Home, for our Country, for God, through all eternity.

The report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home says the property owned by the Home is of the value of \$177,075.95, and that the farm equipment and live stock, grain, hay, seed, and miscellaneous goods and equipment belonging to the Home are of the value of \$214,302.20. The value of the products of the farm, consisting of 640 acres, was \$22,941.50.

Another great oration by their Grand Orator, Woodson E. Norvell, on the Federations of the Future, is well worthy the careful consideration of the Craft.

They maintain a pastor at the Masonic Home, one-half of his salary being paid by the Order of Eastern Star and the other by the Grand Lodge.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, M. W. Brother Freeman presented the retiring Grand Master with a beautiful jewel.

Another splendid report of sixty-six pages reviewing the proceedings of fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions, is by P. G. M. Thomas Chauncey Humphry, whose kindly face greets you opposite the title page of his report, wherein Nebraska is accorded two full pages. He quotes liberally from the address of Grand Master Whiting, and excerpts about half of our review on Oklahoma for last year.

OREGON, 1916.

The sixty-sixth annual communication met at Albany, June 7th, 1916, and was called to order by M. W. Frank J. Miller, Grand Master. There was a reception of Grand Representatives, who were welcomed by the Grand Master, and a response by P. G. M. George H. Burnett.

The Grand Master in his address, reviewing the year, says:

In striking our balance we necessarily find some entries upon the credit, and others upon the debit side; some acts of which to be proud, some the reverse. With how many acts of kindness, charity and helpfulness can we credit ourselves, and what sins of omission, or commission, must be charged against us? What attributes of strength have we developed, and what of weakness; what strides forward, what backward; what acts of courtesy, and what of neglect? It has been truly said, it matters not so much what we have been as in what direction we are headed.

He reports the death of distinguished Masons of his own and other jurisdictions; he reports twelve decisions, nine of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge. They were mostly of local interest, but in one he held:

An applicant who has his right leg amputated six inches below the knee, who has an artificial foot which he uses with ease, who is in all other respects well fitted, and is capable of easily and readily giving and receiving the instructions contemplated by our statutes, should not be disqualified by section 180.

which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

He granted thirty-one special dispensations; authorized two lodges to incur indebtedness; restored one charter; approved a number of by-laws, and says about Masonic benevolence:

During the past year as never before I have been impressed with the need of more adequate provisions for furnishing relief to distressed worthy members of our Order, and those dependent upon them. This matter has been delayed longer than is consistent with the benevolent purposes of the Fraternity, and we cannot further neglect the duty incumbent upon us if we are to maintain the dignity which we possess.

On Masonic War Relief he says:

We cannot but reflect with horror upon the dreadful conflict raging in the world today with all its loss of life, its poverty and suffering, misery, woe and hatred, and consider that if men would only accept and acknowledge the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, all of this distress, this dreadful sacrifice of blood and treasure, would be avoided.

He quotes the resolution passed at the conference of Grand Masters, held at St. Louis in 1914, and argues rather strongly for a General Grand Lodge, and in that connection says:

I have no fear of the sovereignty of any jurisdiction being invaded or menaced by a continuance of these General Conferences, and I can foresee much good resulting from them. They will bring the several Grand Jurisdictions into closer touch with each other. They will have a tendency to standardize the work, make more uniform the laws, harmonize rules and regulations, and they can do no possible harm.

The Grand Secretary reports \$2,956.44 expended for relief. A beautiful incident occurred during the second's day session, at which time the Deputy Grand Master entered the hall carrying the American Flag, and the Grand Lodge arose in a body amidst applause. The flag was presented before the altar where it was welcomed by the Grand Master in fitting words.

Worshipful Brother William J. Kerr, Grand Orator, delivered a beautiful address, for which he received the thanks of the Grand Lodge and an order for the publication of the address in the proceedings.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the matter of a National Grand Lodge to be composed of all American Grand Lodges, was given until the next annual communication to submit a report, "which it will be prepared to defend." Better take more time.

The Special Committee on Masonic Relief made a very full report and recommended some changes in the law, one to assess each Master Mason twenty-five cents for a relief fund in addition to any dues or fees heretofore provided by law.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M.'W.'.Brother David P. Mason, who presents a report of 175 pages, wherein he reviews all the English-speaking jurisdictions with which they are in fraternal relations. Nebraska for 1915 receives its due portion, liberal quotations being made from the address of Grand Master Davis and some observations from "Uncle Bob."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1916.

The fourth annual communication met in the city of Manila, February 8th, 1916, with M.'W.'.George R. Harvey, Grand Master, presiding.

There were the usual number of officers, two Past Grand Masters, and a number of Past Masters and representatives of lodges present. Under their law, the Past Masters of a lodge have collectively one vote. There were twenty-one representatives of foreign jurisdictions present, among them Brother Newton C. Comfort, Grand Secretary, representing Nebraska.

The Grand Master in his address reports the Craft in healthy financial condition; there was a net gain of 119 in membership. He pays tribute to R.'W.'.Brother Burton Whitcomb, Deputy Grand Master, who died during the year. He constituted two lodges, and reports the fraternal relations harmonious. He issued a dispensation for one new

lodge; reports a large number of visitations; and laid one corner-stone, that of the new Masonic Temple in Manila.

The report on foreign correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Newton C. Comfort, who, in 143 pages, reviews fifty-seven jurisdictions, Nebraska receiving its due portion. He quotes liberally from the address of Grand Master Davis.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1917.

The fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands met in the city of Manila, February 13th, 1917, with M. W. Brother William H. Taylor, Grand Master, presiding. There were present all Grand Officers, three Past Grand Masters, thirty Past Masters, and representatives from the chartered lodges, also from the lodges under dispensation.

Under their present law, all Past Masters are members of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge is liable to find itself in the condition of the Grand Lodge of New York in June, 1849, when the rapid increase of Past Masters induced the Grand Body to amend its laws so as to exclude such members in the future. This created a dissension and the Past Masters of New York City seceded from the Grand Lodge of New York and organized a revolutionary body known as the Phillips Grand Lodge. It will be sufficient to say that the Grand Lodge of New York is still doing business and the Phillips Grand Lodge has ceased to exist.

There were fifty-nine Grand Lodges represented by Grand Representatives, among them Nebraska, represented by P. G. M. Newton C. Comfort, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his address reports peace and harmony in the jurisdiction, with not a cloud in the Masonic sky, and notes a very prosperous year. He reports visiting all lodges in the jurisdiction, and notes the death of nine members of the chartered lodges. He states that the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands has been recognized by all the Grand Lodges in the United States, except New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Tennessee, and reports twenty-four additional recognitions during the past year, among them being seven German Grand Lodges, the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and the Grand Lodges of Norway and Uruguay. None of these Grand Lodges is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He reports making no decisions, issued a dispensation to twenty-three Master Masons creating a new lodge, and also issued dispensations for thirty-one lodges that formerly were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of Spain; makes a number of recommendations, one in reference to physical qualification following the action of the Grand Lodge of California in substituting "substantially" for "literally" in complying with forms and ceremonies of initiation.

The annual oration was delivered by Brother Charles S. Banks on "The Practical Nature of Our Craft," and he says:

As the chain is no stronger than the weakest link in its construction, so is man no nobler than his gravest fault, no more generous than his most refined egoism, no more truthful than his sharpest desire to deceive, no more patient than his chiefest ambition, no more loving than his most trivial pique, no more law-abiding than his least endeavor to evade the moral, the civil or the intellectual code, and no more charitable than his smallest desire to overlook his own sin while condemning the same fault in his brother. * * *

We have been taught from our earliest infancy that it is not sufficient that a thing be merely ornamental or merely utilitarian in order to have a place as a factor in the betterment of human conditions; the man who is content to plod along like the dumb cattle and to perform only the measure of required labor is as much to be censured as the social parasite who finds his sole sphere of activity in adorning the club, the tea party, or the turf.

The law was changed so that a brother suspended for non-payment of dues is not liable for dues during the term of suspension.

They had no grievances and the committee made no report.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported favorably upon an amendment to their code on the subject of Electioneering, which is as follows:

Sec. 2. No member shall solicit for himself, or for any other member of any lodge any elective or appointive office in a lodge; nor shall any electioneering, canvassing, or soliciting of votes, or support, for any member be allowed. Nominations of candidates for office shall not be made. A violation of this section shall be deemed unmasonic conduct, and shall subject the offender to such discipline as the Lodge may determine. This section shall be read in open lodge by the Master at the stated meetings of October, November, and December of each year.

Charters were granted to thirty-one lodges, and after presenting the report of the Committee on Charters, the Grand Secretary spoke feelingly of the unification of Masonry in the Islands.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Brother Walter William Weber, the Grand Chaplain, who gives us a splendid review of 180 pages, reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges, devoting four pages to the review of Nebraska for 1916. He quotes P. G. M. Whiting's reference to the Masonic Home, says "Uncle Bob" is a live wire, and quotes considerable of his report, and says some nice things about the writer.

These proceedings were received June 2d, 1917, as the writer was packing his paraphernalia to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, June 5th.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1916.

The forty-first annual communication met at Charlottetown on June 28th, 1916, with M. W. Brother James D. Stewart, Grand Master, presiding.

In his address he devotes considerable time to the war; reports the Honor Roll of Masons in active military service, and pays a tribute to the distinguished dead of his own and other jurisdictions. He reports that he had officially visited all the lodges in the jurisdiction during his term of office, and recommends that special consideration be given to obtain a better attendance at meetings of the subordinate lodges, and hopes for more uniformity of ritual work throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands received recognition.

There is no report on foreign correspondence.

QUEBEC, 1916.

The forty-sixth annual communication met February 9th, 1916, in the city of Montreal, with M. W. Edward A. Evans, Grand Master, presiding. All but two of the Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, and a number of other Past Grand Officers, thirty-three Grand Representatives, including R. W. Brother Alex J. McRobie, representing Nebraska, and representatives from sixty-three of the sixty-five lodges were present.

M. W. Brother Sydney A. Luke, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was received with Grand Honors.

The Grand Master in his address says:

Owing to the continuance of the war, I decided that it would not probably be in the best interest of Masonry to accept any invitations where the social features of Freemasonry were likely to predominate, and, as a consequence, I have confined my visits (except those to my own lodge) to such lodges where my presence was officially necessary.

He reports the dedication of one hall, instituted one new lodge; reports the death of many prominent Masons in his own and other jurisdictions; granted a number of dispensations, and declined to issue dispensations to three different lodges to receive petitions of candidates under twenty-one years of age. He reports one ruling of local interest, and closes his address with a prayer for a righteous and abiding peace.

The Grand Secretary reports the present membership to be 8,255. He reports that 375 brothers from fifty-nine lodges in the jurisdiction are on the Roll of Honor; of these seven were killed, eighteen reported wounded, one missing, and one a prisoner in Germany.

The Grand Treasurer reports the assets of the Grand Lodge \$86,646.17.

The District Deputies make full report of their doings.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland. The Grand Lodge refused to grant recognition to the National, Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France and of the French Colonies, and also to the Mexican Symbolic Rite, termed the "Mexicano," and to the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic. Recognition was also accorded to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and as to Swedish Masonry, they report:

That in the absence of sufficient evidence to enable it to judge of the regularity of Swedish Masonry, and also in view of the present condition of affairs in Europe, this Grand Lodge deems it inexpedient to take any action such as suggested by Montreal-Kilwinning Lodge and by Brother Carleson, and that this Brother and the Secretary of the Lodge be so informed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that no matter of any kind had been submitted to them and they had nothing to report. The Grand Master complimented the committee.

According to the proceedings there was expended for benevolence and charity during the year the sum of \$1,179.50.

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Brother J. Aiken Clark, M. A., delivered an address on the secrets of Masonry, for which a vote of thanks was tendered and the Grand Secretary was instructed to print the same as a part of the proceedings.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Brother E. T. D. Chambers, P. G. M., who devotes three or four pages of his report to Freemasonry and the War. He discusses the General Grand Lodge idea, and does not think that the organization of an International Tribunal for the settlement of national disputes would necessarily mean the establishment of a Supreme Grand Lodge. He gives us an interesting discussion of the symbolism of "Burning tapers," and renews his expression that the teachings of Masonry lead to more active service in the cause of God and Humanity. He reviews the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for 1915, and quotes from Grand Master Davis with reference to the European War.

QUEBEC, 1917.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the forty-seventh annual communication, that met in the city of Montreal, February 14th, 1917, were received after the report was practically completed, and now on the first day of June, four days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, cannot receive the careful consideration of the writer.

The Grand Lodge was presided over by M. W. Edward A. Evans, Grand Master, with a full list of Grand Officers, six Past Grand Masters, a number of District Deputy Grand Masters, and representatives from

sixty-two of the sixty-six chartered lodges present. Three hundred and thirty-six paper ballots were issued.

The Grand Master in his address, after extending a hearty welcome, pays a loving tribute to the memory of M. W. Brother Sir Melbourne M. Tait, Past Grand Master, and late Chief Justice of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec. He regrets that the conditions of the war forbid an extensive celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. He reports a number of official visitations, the granting of many dispensations, recommends a contribution to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and reports peace and harmony prevailing throughout the year.

R. W. Brother C. Brodie Brockwell, District Grand Chaplain of the Montreal District, delivered a very scholarly address, and one that requires careful reading and study, for which he received the thanks of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to print it in the proceedings.

The Committee on Jurisprudence report against the practice of allowing members to commute their lodge and Grand Lodge dues and thereby become life members.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Brother E. T. D. Chambers, P. G. M., who submits a report of one hundred and thirty-eight pages, and having been the correspondent of his Grand Lodge for thirty years, and having made the report annually, except two years while he was serving as Grand Master, submits a strong report. He discusses the relation of the Grand Lodge of England and German Freemasons, the war, the universality of Masonry, Swedish Masonry, the Grand Lodge National of France, the General Grand Lodge absurdity, the Masonic Home system, and the growth of Canadian Freemasonry. He quotes in full the remarks of Brother Vanderlieth of Nevada, who made the strongest possible presentation of the views of the brethren who do not believe in Masonic Homes, and says in that connection that while admiring the splendor of the Masonic Home, the belief is expressed that "a better and more economical system of relief was possible and that the institutional system was not that likely to prove most desirable and most acceptable to the recipients of the bounty." The trouble with the brethren in other jurisdictions that do not maintain Masonic Homes is that they lose sight of the fact that where Homes are not maintained, the pittance usually allowed does not give the beneficiary the care and comfort of our Masonic Homes. The writer is thoroughly convinced that a Home for the aged, one separate and apart for the children, and a substantial relief fund expended by a careful committee for those of our unfortunates who can be maintained better in their own homes or in a private family, is the best system of Masonic relief yet devised.

In reviewing Nebraska for 1916, the reviewer commends the ad-

dress of Grand Master Whiting, and thinks the writer found a difficult task in being called upon to follow such an experienced reviewer as our late M. W. Brother Phelps. Yes, Brother Chambers, we have appreciated that fact from the very beginning, when first advised that the task was assigned to the writer.

QUEENSLAND, 1916.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was held at Brisbane, on Tuesday, August 10th, 1915.

M. W. Brother A. M. Hertzberg was installed as Grand Master. In the beginning of his address he says:

At the close of any given period in the history of men or the progress of human institutions, it is wise to take a retrospect as to (I) The progress made; (II) How we have used or neglected opportunities for good; (III) How we have succeeded in the resolutions we have made, and what has been the response to our efforts from those whose support we had a right to expect.

And he then proceeds to report upon the three sub-divisions; among other observations he says:

Toleration in its fullest sense must always be a Freemason's platform. Love, charity, and hospitality must always prompt us to welcome whatever good we find in others who are not members of our Fraternity, or who differ from us in race or creed. Freemasons should be ready to see the good in all men, and appreciate those truths which every sect stands for. They should readily listen and give a sympathetic ear to any man who has a sincere word to utter. We naturally understand better and sympathize with those whose ideals and ideas have most in common with our own; but, to be truly charitable, we must show love to strangers and welcome messages of truths, no matter whence they emanate.

He pays tribute to the fraternal dead, especially to those who lost their lives in the war now raging.

A stated communication was held at Brisbane, Monday, September 13th, 1915. They received the report of the Board of General Purposes and the report of the Board of Benevolence.

Another communication was held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1916. The Grand Master announced the death of Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel J. Way, Bart., Grand Master of South Australia. The President of the Board of General Purposes made a report, and the Deputy Grand Secretary reported the dispensations issued by the Grand Master.

The addresses delivered by the M. W. Grand Master at the consecration of lodges were published in the proceedings.

Another special communication of the Grand Lodge was held on Sunday, May 28th, 1916, and was opened as a Lodge of Sorrow in memory of M. W. Brother William Jones, P. G. M.

A stated communication was held Monday, June 12th, 1916, at which simply routine business was transacted. The Board of General Purposes made its report, and the balance sheet was submitted.

The eighth annual report of the Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution is published with the proceedings.

RHODE ISLAND, 1916.

The Grand Lodge met in semi-annual communication at Providence, November 15th, 1915, with M. W. Reuben S. Bemis, Grand Master, presiding, and received the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence; among other things, the committee recommends:

That nothing shall appear in any lodge notice, program or any printed matter which shall in the least particular refer to the esoteric work of Free Masonry: any notice or other paper containing the names of the candidates to be balloted upon or for the work of any degree shall be sent in a sealed envelope.

The committee appointed reported a memorial to P. G. M. Cyrus M. Van Slyck.

The Committee on Credentials report 205 officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Masters, and Masters of lodges, wardens and proxies, of whom 107, or more than one-half, were Past Masters.

A special communication was held at Greenville, May 13th, 1916, for the purpose of dedicating to Freemasonry the new Masonic Hall, during which ceremonies R. W. Brother Herbert A. Rice, Senior Grand Warden, pronounced the eulogy on Freemasonry, and Grand Chaplain Levi Brooks Edwards preached the sermon.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Providence, May 15th, 1916, and there were present representatives from thirty-three lodges.

The Grand Master in his address pays tribute to the distinguished dead of his own and other jurisdictions; and reports making a number of requests on behalf of Rhode Island lodges for the conferring of the degrees by lodges in other jurisdictions. He made a number of visitations, all of which were fully reported; he reports no official decisions; and recommends that due consideration be given the making of such changes in the regalia of their Grand Master as will cause it to conform substantially with that of the corresponding officers of the Grand Lodge of England. He appointed a committee to procure portraits of the Past Grand Masters which were not in possession of the Grand Lodge.

He recommended that the question of physical qualification of candidates be considered by the Committee on Jurisprudence, to the end that their standing order may be made clearer. The standing order is as follows:

No man who is unable to perform every part of the work in the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry is eligible to receive those degrees.

He reports \$5,657.79 in the Masonic Home Fund.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland received recognition, and the application of the National Independent Regular Grand Lodge of France and of the French colonies was indefinitely postponed; the application of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, together with the protests of the so-called Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, was continued until the next semi-annual communication.

There is no report on correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1916.

The Grand Lodge met in its tenth annual communication at Swift Current, June 21st, 1916, with M. W. Brother William Murray Thomson on the Throne.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by the Mayor of the city and also by V. W. Brother W. A. McPhail, who extended a welcome on behalf of the Masons of the city. Responses were by Brothers J. H. Anderson and N. B. Williams.

The first part of the address of the Grand Master is devoted to the development and progress of the Province, and it would turn a real estate agent "green with envy" who was engaged in business in any other Province of the Dominion, but this is too good not to copy:

Did we join the Masonic Fraternity simply that we might have the privilege of wearing Masonic jewelry on our neckties, our fingers, our watch chains or the lapel of our coats? To look at the persons one meets on our sidewalks, or on our street or railroad cars, one would think that 50 per cent. of the men of the country were members of our Fraternity; but how few of the vast quantity of Masonic bejeweled individuals do we find in our Lodges on the night of a regular or emergent meeting? I think it would be a good thing for Masonry if the Grand Lodges throughout the world would prohibit the wearing of Masonic jewelry except officially. A Mason has the means of making himself known to another Mason without the necessity of scarf pin, ring, locket or any other piece of useless jewelry; the man on the street who is not a Mason has no interest in knowing that we are Masons—besides these articles of adornment can be purchased in almost any jewelry store by anyone whether a Mason or not, so that, when all is said and done, the wearing of any of these branded articles is no guarantee of the *bona fides* of the wearer.

He reports official visits and the dedication of a Masonic Hall; pays tribute to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions; discusses the war at considerable length, and reports \$3,980.60 realized to date in the Benevolent Fund. He reports eighty-two special dispensations and approved a number of by-laws. Among his rulings was one that it was not permissible to pass the collection plate when the candidate was in the North East angle of the lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report say:

The progress of Masonry must go hand in hand with the development and upbuilding of any community and we congratulate the Grand Master upon his happy thought in opening his address by a review of the development of the Province in which the Grand Lodge is situated.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Brother A. S. Gorrell, P. G. M., Chairman. In submitting his report, he urges the brethren to read it, not only for their own edification, but that by digesting what is contained therein they may be enabled to form an intelligent estimate of the progress of Masonry throughout the Anglo-Saxon world.

He reviews the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges; Nebraska does not seem to be in it.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1915.

The half-yearly communication was held October 20th, 1915, at Adelaide, M. W. Brother the Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel J. Way, Grand Master, presiding. A large list of officers and members attended. A resolution to establish Homes for aged and disabled Freemasons and widows of Freemasons was adopted. The Grand Master delivered a feeling address on the war then raging. He reports the contribution of £50 toward the cost of an ambulance, and that every lodge in Australia sent contributions for that purpose, bringing the total to £575. He reports that 300 of the 6,000 members of the Craft are at the front, and notes the death of Lieutenant Colonel A. Miell.

A Lodge of Sorrow was held at Adelaide, Thursday, February 3d, 1916, in memory of their Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel J. Way, who died January 8th, 1916, in his eightieth year and who had been Grand Master from 1896 to the time of his death. A beautiful oration was delivered by V. W. Brother B. Benny, and suitable resolutions were adopted.

On Wednesday, April 19th, 1916, the annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Adelaide, South Australia, with M. W. Brother Eustace B. Grundy, K. C., Pro. G. M., acting Grand Master, presiding; forty-five Masters, twenty-five Wardens, and seventeen representatives were present.

Considerable space in the proceedings was devoted to recording the election and investiture of the Grand Officers and the report of the Board of General Purposes. The balance sheet shows the total worth of the Grand Lodge funds to be £35,770 6s. and their report having expended from the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund the sum of £1,183.

The reviews are written by a committee of ten, Brother F. Lathlean reviewing Nebraska, who wonders why the Grand Master decided that Grand Lodge could not lay a corner-stone for a church on Sunday.

Simply because in laying a corner-stone the Grand Lodge is at labor, and work is prohibited on Sunday by our Masonic law.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1915.

Six special communications of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina were held for the purpose of laying corner-stones.

The one hundred and thirty-ninth annual communication met at Charleston, December 14th, 1915, with M. W. Brother George T. Bryan, Grand Master, presiding. A complement of Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, representatives from 260 of the 262 chartered lodges and Grand Representatives of forty-three Grand Jurisdictions, including Brother Theo. E. Wannamaker of Nebraska, were present.

The Grand Master in his address reports peace and harmony prevailing throughout the entire jurisdiction and notes that there is not a single case of appeal, or real or fancied grievance, to be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances for investigation and adjustment. He reports that no official member of the Grand Lodge had died during the year; but that a large list of members of the subordinate lodges laid down their working tools of life and have gone to their reward. He reports the death of many distinguished Masons from other jurisdictions, among them five Past Grand Masters from Nebraska.

He reports thirty official visits and the granting of many dispensations; continued three dispensations to lodges U. D. S., and granted four for new lodges. He disapproved an application from one of their lodges to apply to other subordinate lodges to aid them in building a more convenient and suitable lodge room; declined an invitation from the Grand Master of Oregon to attend a convention of Grand Masters; and refused to give his consent to a lodge in Wyoming to make an appeal to the lodges of his jurisdiction for aid in building its Temple.

He attended the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia.

He reports a number of rulings, all of local interest, and closes his address by quoting the song of the Bishop of Exeter "Give us Men."

The District Deputies report the condition of the Craft in their several districts. The Grand Secretary reports \$1,403.02 contributed to the Masonic War Relief Association, \$500.00 of which was contributed by the Grand Lodge, \$60.75 by individuals, and \$842.27 by the several lodges.

R. W. Brother Warren S. Seipp, Senior Grand Warden, and Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, delivered an address setting forth the purpose and hope of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. \$3,000.00 was subscribed to this association, to be paid in three annual payments.

The Masonic Board of Relief reported the expenditure of \$80.88

during the year. The compensation of the Grand Secretary was raised to \$1,800.00.

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother James L. Michie, who reviews the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Jurisdictions, among them Nebraska. In it he says that original poetry is Uncle Bob's "strong card," and quotes from his report of 1915. In concluding his review he says:

We are glad to notice that one or two Jurisdictions who considered the feasibility of erecting a Masonic Home, have abandoned the idea in favor of the Private Relief Plan. The more we think of the huge sums spent in salaries and "betterments," and the loss of interest on the money invested in brick and mortar, the more are we convinced that a Masonic Home is by far the most expensive way of dispensing Masonic relief. In the preceding pages we have given this subject more prominence than usual, to bring the matter directly to the notice of our South Carolina Brethren.

Comparing the relief afforded by the Grand Jurisdictions that have erected Masonic Homes with the jurisdictions that have abandoned the idea in favor of the *private relief plan*, it will be found that in most of the jurisdictions that are so opposed to Masonic Homes, Masonic relief does not show to the advantage of these jurisdictions. Nebraska, with its Masonic Home to care for its needy and its two splendid cottages to care for its children, expends outside of supporting these institutions, as much money per capita as nine-tenths of the jurisdictions that talk of boarding their indigents at first-class hotels.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1916.

The Grand Lodge of South Carolina met in the one hundred and fortieth annual communication in the city of Charleston, December 12th, 1916, with M. W. Brother R. A. Cooper, Grand Master, presiding. There were eight Past Grand Masters, nineteen District Deputy Grand Masters, forty-five Grand Representatives, and representatives from 258 of the 268 chartered lodges present.

The Grand Master reports harmony within the jurisdiction; pays a loving tribute to the memory of their Grand Chaplain, R. W. Brother William P. Smith, and notes the death of a large number of brothers of the jurisdiction as well as distinguished Masons from other jurisdictions, among them P. G. M. William A. DeBord.

He suggests that in the event that they definitely abandon the idea of building a Masonic Home and adopt permanently their present method of extending relief, the word "Home" be omitted in the designation of the Masonic Home Trustees.

He reports nine official visitations; granted sixty-eight dispensations; refused three; approved a number of by-laws; issued three dispensations for new lodges; laid three corner-stones; dedicated one

Temple; approved two circular letters; and refused the approval of the third. He reports attending the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and quotes an interesting letter from Past Grand Master Michie, on the organization and history of the Grand Lodge of England, that did space permit, we would like to copy. He reports receiving an invitation for the Grand Master's Conference; personally approved the idea, but noted that the Grand Lodge, as well as he himself, was opposed to the idea of forming a General Grand Lodge. He reports thirty-two decisions, most of which were approved.

The committee appointed under resolution to look into the matter of the age of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina submitted their report, and from their conclusions they were holding the 180th anniversary of the oldest Grand Lodge in the Western Hemisphere, the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

Past Grand Master James L. Michie presents a report of over 200 pages, reviewing seventy-two proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. He accords Nebraska over two pages, quotes the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, says some nice things about our first review, and in his conclusion says:

The all-absorbing topic of the War has claimed the attention of every Grand Master whose address I have read this year. The Masonic War Relief Association and other kindred Societies are doing a great work among the needy dependents of our Brethren on the Continent of Europe, their noble deeds of Charity and Benevolence being circumscribed only by the funds available. It behooves all Masons, of whatever Country, Nation, Creed or Sect, to help, by every means in their power, the noble and glorious work of healing the sick, of being as eyes to the blind and feet to the lame, of feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, for that is the true symbolism of our preparation for initiation into Masonry.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1916.

The forty-second annual communication met at Sioux Falls on June 7th, 1916, and was presided over by M.'W.' Marshall R. Brown, Grand Master.

There was an address of welcome by Brother Roy G. Stevens, Master of Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, and also one by Brother George R. Lanning, Master of Unity Lodge No. 130, and a response by M.'W.' Brother Harvey J. Rice, P.'G.'M.'.

A full complement of Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, thirty-five representatives of Grand Lodges, and representatives from 111 lodges were present.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports a quiet year; with but one exception all questions submitted to his office had been covered by their law. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Grand

Jurisdiction and their fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges remained undisturbed. He reports the death of many noted Masons, among them four Past Grand Masters from this jurisdiction.

He granted one dispensation to form a new lodge and a number for other purposes, approved numerous by-laws, and decided "That a Lodge cannot levy an assessment for any purpose," but the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that the decision of the Grand Master be not approved, which report was concurred in. The Committee on Jurisprudence goes on to say:

However, your Committee do not favor the levying of assessments by our Lodges for any purposes. Therefore, in order to establish a definite law on the question, we recommend that the matter be referred to the Special Committee on By-Laws, with instructions to present a specific By-Law regarding the levying of assessments by the subordinate Lodges.

In this jurisdiction we can make a levy and charge it as dues.

He reports the laying of one corner-stone and the dedication of a new lodge room, made a number of visitations, and was represented at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association by proxy. His report is concise, covering less than eight pages. The Grand Secretary's report is very full and complete, and includes much that is usually set forth in the Grand Master's address.

The Grand Lodge had a visit from a committee from the Order of the Eastern Star, who presented it with a beautiful flag of our country. The Grand Representatives were called by the Grand Secretary, and each responded with some account of the doings of his Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the Two Hundredth Anniversary made a report and recommended that the Masons of South Dakota should meet in their several lodges on the 24th day of June, 1917, or some evening out of the week following, and carry out some program suitable to commemorate the anniversary, which report was concurred in.

The Committee on Jurisprudence also most heartily congratulates the M. W. Grand Master on the conciseness and brevity of his address and the highly satisfactory manner in which he had conducted the affairs of his office

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother Samuel A. Brown, P. G. M., who accords to Nebraska fraternal consideration, and noting the last report of P. G. M. Charles J. Phelps, he says:

It was his last work. He laid down his working tools and was transferred to the Supreme Grand Lodge above on the fourth of August. We are glad that his last thought of South Dakota was one of pleasure. He was a faithful reporter and a just and upright Mason.

TENNESSEE, 1917.

The one hundred and third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee met at Nashville on Wednesday, January 31st, with M. W. Brother Charles Barham, Grand Master, presiding, and the Grand Lodge Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, many Past Masters, Grand Representatives, and representatives from the chartered lodges present.

The Grand Master in his address notes the illustrious dead of his own and other jurisdictions. He reports having made 158 visits, submits a very interesting report upon the state of the order in the jurisdiction, and devotes a number of pages of his valuable report to statistics. He shows that while the membership in the entire state has increased from 17,000 in 1875 to 28,000 in 1915, there are 27 counties in the jurisdiction that have fewer Masons now than they had in 1875. After giving the matter careful consideration, he submits a number of recommendations for the increase of the Board of Custodians and abolition of the District Lecturers, the division of the state into twenty districts, an annual school of instruction in each district, the instructors to be paid by the Grand Lodge, the Custodians to designate by certificate or commission those qualified to instruct, a list of certified Masons to be printed in the annual proceedings, and each lodge to be required to call for a visit of instruction at least once a year.

There are so many good things in the report of the Grand Master that we would be encroaching upon the space allotted us in this report were we to attempt to simply enumerate. He reports a number of decisions; recommends the appointment or election of a Judge Advocate to interpret the Masonic law during the recess of the Grand Lodge; emphasizes the condemnation of the Grand Lodge on the use of ciphers and chain letters; recommends the adoption of a stricter rule on visiting brethren; and the printing of the list of Grand Lodges that have established fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

He reports the suspension of the charters of four lodges, and issued three duplicates of charters destroyed by fire.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Brother Henry A. Chambers, P. G. M., who, in opening it, discusses the questions that are engaging the attention of Masons of the United States, especially physical qualifications, Masonic benevolence, Masonic Homes, liquor, religion, General Grand Lodge, documentary evidence, and recognition, and submits a list of recognized Grand Lodges to be published annually in their proceedings. He quotes from the address of Past Grand Master Whiting on the Nebraska Masonic Home and the decisions reported by him.

TEXAS, 1916.

The eighty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge met in the city of Waco, Tuesday, December 5th, 1916, with M. W. Dan S. McMillin, Grand Master, presiding. All the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, with sixty-three out of one hundred and eleven District Deputy Grand Masters, sixteen Past Grand Masters, thirty-eight Grand Representatives, many Past Masters, and representatives from subordinate lodges were present.

Quite a number of distinguished visitors were introduced, a number of whom addressed the Grand Lodge, and their addresses were responded to by Past Grand Master Fly.

The Grand Master in an interesting address, says:

The history of Masonry in Texas is the history of Texas, because those who are foremost in making Texas a free country, making it what it was, what it is, and what it is destined to be, also planted Masonry in Texas. Many of her most noted soldiers, statesmen and jurists have occupied the prominent positions in the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge of Texas and directed its destinies with the same intelligence and patriotism displayed in the formation and guidance of the new Republic and State, and leading to the great success it has now attained and the even greater success which no Mason doubts it will attain in the future. For we see before us the flower of the young manhood of Texas, strong in their knowledge and zeal for the principles of Masonry, which they have learned to love and practice in the years of their young manhood, and it is a joy to know that those who are following after us are so much better qualified than we have been to carry on the great work that means so much to humanity.

The character of its people is the measure of a Nation's greatness. Money, power, commercial leadership, even learning itself, may not hinder its decline and decay unless these forces are controlled and guided by individuals of strong, upright, patriotic character. Such men are the real wealth of a community, fraternity, State or a Nation. They are the leaders of a progress that endures.

We all indorse the following:

The most valuable asset of a Grand Lodge is its Grand Secretary, and I take pleasure in acknowledging my indebtedness to our present efficient Grand Secretary for his invaluable assistance during the year.

He notes the death of Past Grand Master James Harvey McLeary and Worshipful Brother William G. Newby; he also notes the death of distinguished brethren of other jurisdictions, among them M. W. Brother William A. DeBord, P. G. M.

Grand Master McMillin reports the constitution of twelve lodges, the granting of fifty permissions or dispensations to confer degrees upon applicants who failed to measure up to the standard of physical qualifications, and the refusing of thirty-eight such requests. He reports sixty-five requests to lodges in his jurisdiction to confer degrees for other Grand Jurisdictions, and forty-three degrees con-

ferred by other Grand Jurisdictions for lodges in his state; and two dispensations for conferring degrees out of time, one on brethren who are serving in the regular army who were ordered to the border for service, and the other for a brother who had been ordered to China before the expiration of the time between receiving the Fellow Craft and Masters degrees. He reports granting two dispensations for new lodges and refusing two; issued twenty-five dispensations for laying cornerstones, seven for public installation of officers, four to dedicate lodge rooms. He included in his report the minutes of the lodge meeting of Sierra Madre Lodge (without number), that met in a pass of the Sierras due east of the Headquarters encampment of the United States Punitive Expeditionary Forces, near Namiquipa, Mexico. Among the officers of the lodge was Lieutenant Charles D. McMurdo of the Tenth Cavalry, a member of our Faith Lodge No. 181, of Crawford, who for a time occupied the station of Senior Deacon. This was meeting in a low dale.

Speaking of the Orphans' Home and School, he says:

If our Home is not the most symmetrical and magnificent of structures ever erected by human hands, it is to every true and devoted Mason the most beautiful Masonic emblem ever contrived. In its structure there are no cedars from Lebanon, nor marbles from the quarries of the East, but its foundation is Trust in God, and its pillars are Faith, Hope and Charity. The gold of Ophir does not adorn its portals, nor precious stones from afar gem its corridors, but the smiles of cheered widowhood and orphan children illuminate its hall, and its gems are the teardrops of gratitude sparkling in the eyes of orphan children.

My brethren, that Home is our Mount Moriah, that is our Temple, sacred to Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Worshipful Brother Andrew L. Randell, Grand Orator, delivered an address on the necessity for Masonic study and research, which is well worth a careful perusal.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan received fraternal recognition. The Board of Directors of the Masonic Orphans' Home made a full report, as did also the Superintendent, who reports the per capita cost of maintaining the children in the school as \$20.52 per month, but figured on the basis of the children, officers, teachers, and other employees this is reduced to \$17.50 per month. They have one hundred and twenty-six boys and eighty-seven girls in their school, and have forty-four widows in the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented by M. W. George W. Tyler, P. G. M., who presents a very interesting report of 200 pages. He reviews sixty-four Grand Lodges, one for two years, being all the proceedings reaching him before closing his report October 10th. Nebraska is generously considered, being given four pages. He quotes the action of this Grand Lodge on divers

and sundry societies and organizations seeking to establish themselves in Nebraska and build on Masonry as their foundation-stone, and wants to know who was hit.

UTAH, 1916.

The forty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah met at Salt Lake City on the 18th day of January, 1916, with M. W. William J. Shealy, Grand Master, presiding.

All but one of the Grand Lodge Officers were present, with sixteen Past Grand Masters, one Past Senior Grand Warden, a number of Past Masters, and Grand Representatives of thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, including M. W. Brother Abbott Rodney Heywood, Past Grand Master, representing Nebraska.

After the opening of the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master introduced W. Brother Louis L. Baker, Grand Orator, who gave an interesting and instructive address on matters pertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry.

At the afternoon session the Committee on Credentials reported and the Grand Master read his address. He reports an uneventful year, both within the Order and among the citizens of Utah; he pays a tribute of respect to Past Grand Master John Shaw Scott; deplores the war and reports sending in a contribution to the Committee of Mercy in New York, a non-sectarian society that is reported as doing much good. He reports harmony with all jurisdictions, and says all questions have been adjusted with the utmost courtesy. He granted two dispensations to change places of meeting and one to confer degrees out of time. He instituted two lodges and constituted one; dedicated one hall; and reports a number of visitations.

The Grand Master makes three recommendations, one of which was that the lectures in the Masters degree might be given at some future meeting of the lodge, if the lodge so desired. This recommendation was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, but disapproved by the Grand Lodge. The second recommendation was in regard to the examination of candidates as to proficiency, he recommending that the examination could be made before a committee, if the lodge so elects, which was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and adopted by the Grand Lodge. The third recommendation was to give lodges the privilege of conferring more than one Masters degree at a meeting, which was approved by the Committee Masters degree at a meeting, which was approved by the Committee

The Grand Treasurer reports \$5,187.38 in his account.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland received fraternal recognition. The Grand Representatives of Grand Lodges in attendance were invited to the Grand East by the M. W. Grand Master, and were received with Grand Honors and extended a hearty and fraternal welcome. The

response on behalf of the Grand Representatives was by P. G. M. Fred C. Schramm, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. Brother Charles Clifton Griggs, a former Nebraska boy, was elected Grand Master.

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother Sam H. Goodwin, P. G. M., and covers 124 pages; Nebraska being given due consideration. He closes his report with a strong protest against what he calls a "most unmasonic resolution" passed by the Grand Lodge of England, for the following reasons:

1. Because it deprives Brethren of every Masonic right and privilege without charges, summons, or trial, and with no opportunity to defend themselves. As one speaker declared: " * * * the fact remains that until a member commits a Masonic crime, he is a Brother in Freemasonry. * * * But as to the particular point, the question of excluding Brethren, not enemies, not aliens, but Brethren whom we ourselves have considered fit and proper material for Freemasonry and have admitted into the Craft and made members of our Lodges, we are to take such a drastic resolution as to practically expel them from the Craft without trial? I say we cannot do it."

2. Because it violates the principle of the universality of Masonry. As expressed by Brethren who oppose this step in Grand Lodge: "We take an obligation to every Brother, which means not only Brethren under our own particular jurisdiction, but it means, and has meant in war time, in all times past, the Brethren of another constitution, though unhappily their countries may be at war."

3. Because it appears to have been conceived in passion and born of the elemental prejudices which all too long have cursed mankind. The Brethren allowed themselves to be swayed in this respect, to such an extent, that even the mover of the resolution felt impelled to warn Grand Lodge against "making a very grave mistake in following in this matter the voice of passion."

4. Because, to accept such action as being in harmony with the principles of Freemasonry; to allow it to pass without protest, would be to take a long step toward establishing a precedent, which few Masons would care to cite or defend. This was felt and voiced by at least one Brother who spoke to the question. He said: "A decision of this Grand Lodge must influence Masonry throughout the world; and I earnestly trust that none may be arrived at till every Brother is convinced that no violation of the great principles on which our truly universal Order is founded has been in any way sanctioned by the greatest Masonic Court on earth." The absurdity—the impossibility—of such a precedent must appear the moment we think of our own country—with its 51 Grand Lodges—becoming involved in war with other nations, and those Grand Lodges following the example of the Mother Grand Lodge!

In our judgment, this unmasonic resolution, allowed to pass unchallenged, or only diplomatically dealt with, will prove to be

" * * * the little rift within the lute,
That by and by will make the music mute,
And ever widening slowly silence all."

UTAH, 1917.

The forty-sixth annual communication met in the Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City, January 16th, 1917, with M. W. Brother Charles Clifton Griggs, Grand Master, and with all Grand Officers except the Grand Stewards, thirteen Past Grand Masters, two other Past Grand Officers, representatives of thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions, and representatives from twenty lodges present.

After the opening of the Grand Lodge and the appointment of a Committee on Credentials, the Grand Orator, Brother John E. Carver, delivered an address on "Apprenticeship," after which the Grand Representatives were received with the Grand Honors and welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address reports a pleasant year, and in opening pays this tribute to his state:

Utah is a wonderful state. Our mountains are higher and grander than anywhere else on earth. Our canyons are narrower and deeper, our valleys are richer and wider, the coloring of nature is more gorgeous and beautiful, our days are warmer and more sunshiny, and the nights cooler and pleasanter. The moon shedding its benign rays over highest hill and lowest dale, seems to bear a message from the Infinite. "This is the land of peace and harmony, wake all ye people and spread the Light."

He pays a loving tribute to the distinguished Masons of his jurisdiction, who had died during the year; he constituted two lodges; granted one dispensation to elect an officer and one to install another; granted six waivers of time; made many lodge visitations; approved by-laws and pays a tribute to the flag. He reports four decisions, all of which were in accordance with Masonic law and custom, except the fourth, wherein he held that when requested by another Grand Jurisdiction to confer degrees upon a candidate who had been given the E. A. or F. C. degree, and it is found he has not received all the work as prescribed by the Grand Jurisdiction of Utah, it shall be the duty of the lodge to confer the remainder of the work of the preceding degree and instruct him in the lecture, before advancing him. This was disapproved by the Committee on Jurisprudence who say it would not be consistent and would hardly be showing that regard for the work and the proficiency of other Grand Jurisdictions which would be essential and brotherly.

He calls attention to the fact that Salt Lake City is the headquarters of the clandestine body known as the Masonic Federation. He referred the matter to an attorney and an action was suggested, but the Committee on Jurisprudence thinks "that the wiser course would be to pursue our own high purpose and leave them without any recognition of any kind from us." This recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was not approved and the matter was referred

to a committee of three to investigate and report at the next annual communication.

The Grand Master concludes his interesting address with the following:

“Master! to do great work, for Thee, my hand
Is far too weak. Thou givest what may suit,
Some little chips to cut with care minute,
Or tint, or grave, or polish, * * *
Yet take the tiny stones which I have wrought,
Just one, by one, as they were given by Thee
Not knowing what came next in thy wise thought,
Set each stone by thy master-hand of grace,
Form the mosaic as thou wilt for me,
And in Thy temple pavement give it place.”

A signet ring and a Past Grand Master's jewel were presented to M.'W.'Brother Charles C. Griggs, the retiring Grand Master.

The report on correspondence is by M.'W.'Brother Sam H. Goodwin, Grand Correspondent, who submits his third survey of proceedings and presents a very interesting report of 111 pages, Nebraska receiving due consideration.

VERMONT, 1916.

The one hundred and twenty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Burlington, beginning Wednesday, June 14th, 1916, with M.'W.'Charles H. Darling, Grand Master, presiding.

There were present eighteen officers of the Grand Lodge, twenty-three permanent members, eleven District Deputy Grand Masters, representatives from 181 subordinate lodges, and thirty-five Grand Representatives, among them Edward C. Woodworth, representing Nebraska.

The Grand Master begins his address by paying tributes to P.'G.'M.'Marsh O. Perkins and Past Grand Senior Warden William H. Vinton, who died during the Masonic year.

He reports the total membership at 14,241, a net gain of 186 during the year. He reports two years of harmony among all the workmen and that \$2,416.80 was expended for charity, being \$348.06 less than was expended the previous year. Of this sum the Grand Lodge paid \$1,000.00. He reports the Grand Lodge free from debt, after having erected a Masonic Temple costing more than \$87,000.00. It seems they began in 1895 and from that time on assessed the membership of the jurisdiction thirty cents per capita to be applied to the construction of a Masonic Temple.

He reports a number of decisions, all in accordance, we suppose, with their law; and recommends that there be prepared a digest of their Grand Lodge proceedings. He devotes considerable space to the question of foreign correspondence, and his recommendation tends

toward the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in dispensing with such a report.

For the fifth time the Committee on Grievance made the gratifying report that no business had been presented to them for consideration.

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother Kittredge Haskins, P. G. M., who was called upon to take up the work left by Brother Perkins, and who gives us an excellent review of 139 pages, reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, Nebraska being well considered.

VIRGINIA, 1916.

The one hundred and thirty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia met in the city of Richmond, February 5th, 1916, with R. W. Brother James Alston Cabell, Deputy Grand Master, presiding in the absence of the Grand Master, M. W. Brother James B. Wood, who was prevented from being present on account of illness.

M. W. Brother John H. Cowles, P. G. M. of Kentucky, and M. W. Brother J. Claude Keiper, P. G. M. of the District of Columbia, were introduced and saluted with Grand Honors.

The Grand Master's address was read by R. W. Brother H. Wood. He notes the death of many distinguished Masons, among them five beloved Past Grand Masters of Nebraska; he reports twenty-three decisions, one: "Any Mason can visit a Virginia Lodge that comes from any Grand Lodge that Virginia has not severed communication with." This was reported adversely by the Committee on Jurisprudence and the decision was not approved. They do not claim jurisdiction after a party removes from the state.

Virginia, like Nebraska, maintains a Masonic Home and in addition they have a Grand Charity Fund that is expended by a committee. The Committee on Appeals reported: "Your Committee on Appeals respectfully reports that it had nothing to do, and did it." The Committee on Grand Officers report that from an examination of the books of the Grand Treasurer, they are convinced "that his present salary is inadequate, and that the same is by no means commensurate with the duties and responsibilities involved."

A full list of the officers and members of all lodges in the jurisdiction is published in the proceedings.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Brother Joseph W. Eggleston, P. G. M., who submits 214 pages, quoting liberally from other Grand Lodges, and says in reviewing Nebraska:

We of the East have little conception of what Masonry means and does beyond the Mississippi. There is a live, moving, changing population, with new faces constantly appearing from all the world—good men, bad men, and indifferent men, some pure gold, virile young men

who ultimately make good citizens; some, failures elsewhere, are failures there. Many are there vainly seeking restored health. Many—far more in number than we would think—become charges on the communities and on the lodges. Masons come from every jurisdiction, bringing a knowledge of various rituals and various ideas as to the conduct of Masonic affairs. How those efficient Masons of the West have crystalized their Masonry, derived from so many and varied sources, and at the same time carried their financial burdens, is a mystery indeed. They have produced marvelous results, often over all but inconceivable obstacles. All honor to Masonry in our great West.

He quotes the conclusion of the address of Grand Master Davis, and concludes with the following tribute of esteem to him:

Judging from the whole address, we estimate this Thomas M. Davis as a Mason of high worth and ability, and feel like putting him in the class of his Virginia namesake, save the middle initial. Our Thomas N. Davis put Virginia Masonry many steps higher in his two years' service as Grand Master, and won the personal love of all who learned to know him.

He says Virginia in 1914 fared poorly in our foreign correspondence report.

The Foreword to his correspondence is of more than usual interest and for the information of the Craft, especially the young Masons of this jurisdiction, we quote the following:

Another matter of interest, little known, is the relation of Virginia Masonry to what we fondly call the Mother Grand Lodge of 1717. The fact is that, while our descent can be traced back to that source, the Grand Lodge of Virginia repudiated and held it clandestine more than one hundred years ago. This Grand Lodge was formed in 1717 in London by four Lodges, and for years seems to have had no thought of territorial jurisdiction, even at home. The idea evidently was to organize and keep records for the first time, and this was a then modern innovation, so that one or more seceding bodies dubbed them "Modern Masons." These seceding bodies formed the Grand Lodge of "Ancient York Masons," or "Grand Lodge of All England," and were also called the "Atholl" Grand Lodge. They claimed to be the legitimate successors of what they called the "Grand Lodge at York." We know that there was a Lodge there as early as 1630, the constitution of which was in existence and in its possession in 1777. The feud between the Ancients or York Grand Lodge (All England) and the Moderns (England, London, 1717) continued with bitterness till 1813, when they came together. In 1798 the Grand Lodge of Virginia passed the following "Gen. Regulation." It may be found, page 114 in "Masonic Laws," by James Henderson, Master of Manchester Lodge, No. 14 (afterwards Grand Secretary). This was our Digest of that day. It reads:

"7th. If any member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall visit or work in any Lodge of Masons commonly called Modern Masons, or any Lodge of Masons not working agreeably to the ancient usages of York Masons, he shall be reprimanded by the Lodge to which he belongs, and if he should afterwards be guilty of a

similar offense, he shall be expelled from the Lodge and excluded from the benefits of Masonry."

The above is written as a partial answer to the often asked question: "What does 'York Masonry' mean, and why do we call ourselves 'York Masons'?" Some writers dispute the existence of a controlling force at York in ancient times, and essays have been written on both sides of the controversy. Most probably the Masons of that whole region held there what is often alluded to as "The General Assembly of Masons," to choose their Grand Master. They published nothing, perhaps recorded nothing. But if this is not true, how did this "All England" "York" schism ever arise?

Now, studious young Masons, rouse yourselves and delve for the real facts. Anyhow, Virginia Masons have always called themselves "Ancient York Masons."

WASHINGTON, 1916.

The fifty-ninth annual communication convened in the city of Tacoma, June 13th, 1916, with M.'W.'Robert L. Sebastian, Grand Master, presiding. Seventeen Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, over two hundred Past Masters, representatives of all but fourteen chartered lodges, and forty-four representatives of Grand Lodges, among them M.'W.'Archibald W. Frater, of this jurisdiction, were present.

There was an address of welcome on behalf of the Masons of Tacoma and a response by the Junior Grand Warden.

The Grand Master reports the death of M.'W.'Brother Robert C. Hill, P.'G.'M.'. Of the protest from the Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippines No. 2, he says:

As the protesting lodge is not a sovereign body, and as the Grand Lodge referred to has already been recognized by this Grand Lodge, I could not see that any special good would be done by taking notice of the protest.

He reports no decisions; approved many by-laws and amendments; constituted six lodges, two by proxy; laid ten corner-stones, seven by special deputy; dedicated one hall; issued eight dispensations for new lodges, and continued one; and granted nine special dispensations, and refused three. He strongly urges the necessity for more room and better accommodations for the residents of the Masonic Home; recommends an appropriation of \$3,000.00 for Masonic instruction; and commends the Acacia Fraternity; and of the Past Masters degree says:

Among thoughtful writers on the subjects connected with our Craft, the opinion is growing stronger that the manner that is in vogue in this and some other jurisdictions of conferring the Past Master's degree, or communicating the so-called "secrets of the chair," is not in keeping with the dignity of our Institution. I am fully in accord with that view.

A Masonic gathering is no place for buffoonery. It is with a positive shock that some Masters witness the conferring of the degree, for the methods only too frequently followed are totally at variance with their ideas of things Masonic.

The Masonic Institution stands for the serious things of life. If there are any "secrets of the chair" to be communicated, let the business be done in a simple, dignified manner—one that is in keeping with the things for which we stand.

I recommend that the method that has hitherto obtained in this jurisdiction of conferring this "degree" be abandoned, and that the degree be either omitted altogether or so changed in its workings that no Master Mason need feel like apologizing for it.

This calls to mind "Ye Olden Days" in this jurisdiction, but, thanks to the good work of "Uncle Bob," we have no more horse-play or buffoonery in our work.

In closing, he says:

This year has been a busy one; it has also been a good one. What is done, is done. The moving finger has written and, having written, has passed on. The record is made. Whether I shall go down in the Masonic history of this State as an error or an accident is yet to be determined; but, brethren, I assure you that I have kept my promise of a year ago: I have given you the best that was in me. If I have failed in any particular, it has been because of limitations that I could not overcome. If there have been errors, they were of the head and not of the heart.

The finances of the Grand Lodge seem to be in excellent condition. The Grand Secretary reports \$122,118.07 invested in bonds and mortgages. Recognition was denied the Independent Grand Lodge of France. An automobile trip to the Masonic Home was one of the diversions.

The oration was by M. W. Brother Francis S. Thompson, Grand Orator, his theme, "Mastership Through Symbols" being received with applause and ordered published in the minutes.

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother Ralph C. McAllister, P. G. M. His review is topical, splendidly written, full of good things, but the separate Grand Lodges are lost in the shuffle.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1915-1916.

A quarterly communication was held at Boulder, July 22d, 1915, M. W. Brother, The Most Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., V.D., Archbishop of Perth, Grand Master, presiding. A long list of names and a longer list of apologies occupy the first pages of the proceedings.

The theme of the Grand Master's address is the war. He reports personal visitations to a number of the lodges and the granting of eleven dispensations.

The Board of General Purposes made a full report, as did also that of Benevolence, showing an expenditure of £214 during the quarter.

Another quarterly communication was held October 28th, 1915, at Perth with the same Grand Master presiding, and about as many

apologies for non-attendance. The Grand Master in opening his address, says:

Welcome once again to Grand Lodge. As each Communication comes we hope it will be the last one held under the cloud of a great and dreadful war. We keep full of hope as is our nature, but still the months go wearily along. All the time we hardly dare to think of what each hour's agony means to thousands, nay, now millions of human beings. * * * *

At a time like this I dare say many of you are downhearted about the influence and power which we thought Freemasonry would have, and does not seem to have exercised among the nations of the world. Therefore, I would like just in two minutes to point out to you one direction at all events in which Freemasonry may be of the utmost value amongst us. There is no doubt that most of us are losing our friends, some of them are lost in the tragic way of war, and we are wondering, from day to day, what friend will be the next to go. That is not the only way in which we are losing friends. The fact is that friendship, or the cultivation of friendship demands leisure. That is why the poor have so few friends—that is what they say themselves; they are always so busy they have little time for leisure, and therefore are without friends.

The Board of Benevolence report the expenditure of £144 5s.

Another quarterly communication was held at Perth, January 27th, 1916, with the same Grand Master presiding and the usual number of apologies.

The Grand Master in opening his address says:

I had hoped for a cool evening tonight in which to welcome you to our gathering, but the fates are against us. I will, therefore, try and make the Proceedings as brief as possible, and will at once proceed with the business of the quarter.

We, who live in the Northern Hemisphere, have to think twice before fully appreciating the hot days of January.

The Grand Master speaks feelingly of the death of the Grand Master of South Australia, and devotes some considerable part of his address to the war.

The annual meeting was held April 27th, 1916, at Perth. The Grand Master in his address reports fourteen official visitations, the granting of twenty-four dispensations, and makes a very full report of the proceedings for the year, touching on the war still raging.

The Board of General Purposes made full report of the transactions of the year, as did also the Board of Management of Western Australia Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund.

There is a full report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the proceedings of Nebraska for 1915 being fully reviewed by J. S. B., who thinks the refusal of the Grand Lodge to lay a church corner-stone on Sunday seems rather curious.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1916.

The fifty-second annual communication met at the city of Huntington, November 15th, 1916, with M. W. Brother T. Wilbur Hennen, Grand Master, presiding. All the Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, fourteen District Deputy Grand Masters, representatives from 143 lodges, and forty-three representatives of other Grand Lodges were present.

The Grand Master in opening his address says:

The greater part of my time has been spent in endeavoring to fill the high office with which you entrusted me one year ago. Fortunately, personal affairs have in no wise interfered with my giving the duties devolved upon me as Grand Master almost undivided attention.

He notes the death of Past Grand Masters Robert White, George Hatch, William George Bennett, and Neil Robinson, as well as the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

He issued fifteen dispensations and refused seven; laid six cornerstones; dedicated one Masonic Temple; reports thirty-two decisions, all of which were approved; and reports attending the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and gives it his unqualified support. He recommends that the minimum fee for the degrees be raised from \$20.00 to \$40.00, and that the minimum dues be placed at \$4.00, and wants the dues collected in advance.

The Grand Secretary reports that in compliance with the resolution adopted at a former communication, he procured and delivered to each of the twenty-seven living Past Grand Masters, a Past Grand Master's Apron.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that nothing had been referred to them during the year, but they submitted the report of the chairman of the committee, reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

Very careful consideration was given to the properties coming under the control of the Grand Lodge from the Krug Estate, the appraised value of the properties coming into the hands of the Board amounting to \$136,756.56, and a comprehensive plan for the procuring of a site and the erection of a Home was discussed and adopted.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M. W. Brother George W. Atkinson, P. G. M., who submits his twenty-fifth annual review, covering the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges, five of them being for two years. Nebraska received its due proportion of complimentary comments.

WISCONSIN, 1916.

The seventy-second annual communication met in the city of Milwaukee, June 13th, 1916, with M. W. George O. Kellogg, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master delivered a model address of thirteen pages. After speaking of the holocaust of war in Europe he rejoices at the peace, prosperity, comfort, and happiness surrounding the brethren of his jurisdiction. He impresses upon the membership the duty of our order and says:

Our mission should be to help produce in this age the highest type of manhood. Never has there been such a demand for a strong, virile manhood as today. Let us not forget the responsibility that rests upon us as Masons of counseling the rising generation of young men and women who are soon to take our places that it is honesty and integrity of purpose that are the sure foundation of a republic that shall deserve to stand forever.

He reports the death of three Past Grand Masters of his jurisdiction, among them Brother Newton M. Littlejohn, the great Masonic jurist. He also notes the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions, among them four Past Grand Masters from Nebraska.

He reports seventy-three dispensations for various purposes, and three dispensations to form new lodges. He approves the organization of a Masonic Employment Bureau, reports ten decisions; and looks back over a year's work with special pleasure.

The Grand Trustees report \$7,689.14 in the Charity Fund and \$52,300.00 invested in real estate securities.

A beautiful incident during the proceedings, on June 14th, Flag Day, was when Past Grand Master Charles E. Whalen entered the Grand Lodge bearing the Stars and Stripes, and from the East of Grand Lodge delivered an oration, said to be an incentive to every American citizen to uphold the traditions for which Old Glory stands.

A Committee on Masonic Research, with Brother Silas H. Shepherd as chairman, was authorized by the Grand Lodge and appointed by the Grand Master.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks, who dedicates his review to the thinking brothers of the Craft, and hopes they will find something in it to pay them for its perusal. He submits a report of 170 pages reviewing sixty-three Grand Jurisdictions, Nebraska being fully reviewed. He considers the address to the American Flag in the Entered Apprentice degree as out of place in the Masonic lodge—not that Masons are not patriotic, but that it is entirely unnecessary and foreign to the general scope of the teachings of the Craft.

WYOMING, 1916.

The forty-second annual communication was held at Sheridan, September 13th, 1916, with M. W. William H. Dickinson, Grand Master, presiding. An address of welcome was delivered by Brother Frank H. Fraser of Sheridan Lodge No. 8, and the response was by Brother David J. Howell, of Acacia Lodge No. 11, Cheyenne.

A telegram was sent to Brother Harry C. Snyder, the Senior Grand Deacon, who was detained at home on account of illness.

The Grand Master in his address reports a material growth of the Fraternity in Wyoming. Among his decisions, he holds "where a candidate can take all the positions required in giving and receiving the work that he is qualified, physically, to make application for the degrees."

The report of the Grand Master is a terse business paper.

They have about \$3,642.38 in their Masonic Home Fund.

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