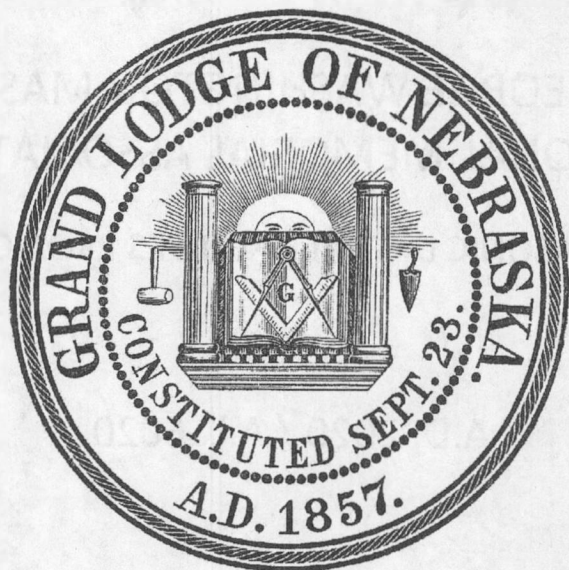


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**In Annual Communication, Held at Masonic Temple,
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June 6th and 7th, 1922.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
OF NEBRASKA
AT THE
Sixty-fifth Annual Communication,
Held in Omaha, June 6th and 7th, 1922.

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 the Masonic Temple, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 6th, A. D. 1922, A. S. L. 5922, at ten o'clock A. M., there being present:

M. S. W. Lewis E. Smith.....	Grand Master,
R. S. W. Edward M. Wellman.....	Deputy Grand Master,
R. S. W. Charles A. Chappell.....	Grand Senior Warden,
R. S. W. Robert R. Dickson.....	Grand Junior Warden,
R. S. W. Francis E. White.....	Grand Secretary,
V. S. W. Charles M. Shepherd.....	Grand Chaplain,
M. S. W. Robert E. French.....	Grand Custodian,
W. John Wright.....	Grand Marshal,
W. Edwin D. Crites.....	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. Albert R. Davis.....	Grand Junior Deacon,
W. Alexander E. Porter.....	Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and sixty-one of the two hundred and eighty-three chartered lodges.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. S. W. Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master, and all of the Past Grand Masters present were received at the Altar and were cordially welcomed. Past Grand Masters Ehrhardt,

Evans, and Whiting escorted M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, to the lodge room, where he was warmly greeted by the brethren, given the honors of Masonry by three times three, and he assumed his station as Grand Master. The audience joined in singing "America," all standing, after which the Scottish Rite Quartette, composed of Brothers Austin L. Vickery, Harry M. Cooper, Charles A. Bothwell, and Charles S. Haverstock, accompanied by Brother Eliash D. Bellis, sang "The Faith of Our Fathers" in a most delightful manner and to the enjoyment of the brethren.

Greetings and regrets at being unable to be present were presented from Past Grand Masters Frank E. Bullard and Ambrose C. Epperson, also from the Grand Lodge of Utah through Past Grand Master Robert E. French, the representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Telegrams of sympathy were ordered sent to Past Grand Masters William W. Keysor and Frank E. Bullard, who were detained at home by illness, and hopes were expressed for their speedy recovery.

Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, delivered the following:

ADDRESS.

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

Brethren:

It is with more than ordinary pleasure that I welcome you to the sixty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

We are here to review the activities of the past year and plan what may be the best for the future. The reconstruction period has been as pronounced in Freemasonry as it has been in the business and social world. The problems that have been presented this year have been numerous and some have been extremely weighty. Early in the year I discovered that there seemed to be a distinct tendency of the lodges and the brethren to stray away from the tenets of the institution as laid down by our fathers; that the dignity of Ancient Craft Masonry was not being maintained in its purity; that there was altogether too much laxity in the lodges and among the brethren in the enforcement of the law. My conception of conditions leads me to believe that if we are to maintain our dignified position in the world

as Master Masons we must, ourselves, dignify the institution. We have grown so rapidly in the last few years that many of the younger brethren do not realize that Freemasonry is an institution with a foundation peculiar to itself and that every member should be a man, set apart, with high and lofty ideals.

With this thought in mind, believing that Masonic law was made to be enforced, I have required a strict obedience to the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge. I have endeavored in every way to use moderation, yet keeping in mind that, regardless of the individual, the lodge is entitled to our first consideration. I have endeavored to administer the law with fairness to all, whether the lodge was large or small and whether the member who was involved was influential or not.

After carefully reviewing the many perplexities that have confronted me during the year, I am fully convinced that my efforts have been in the right direction.

With this short foreword, I will now give you a resume of my year's labors.

NECROLOGY.

It is my pleasure to report that for the first time in several years death has not entered the ranks of our Grand Officers nor Past Grand Officers. However, the silent messenger has been active and many brethren who have been prominent in the activities of other Grand Jurisdictions have been called upon to lay down their working tools. Many of our own beloved brethren, whom we have known and with whom we have labored in the years gone by have also been called to their reward.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead will, later in the session, pay a proper tribute of respect to those whom we have loved and lost.

LAW ENFORCEMENT.

CROFTON LODGE NO. 273.

This lodge not having been represented at the last three communications of the Grand Lodge, I therefore, on June 28th, 1921, arrested the charter. After receiving assurance from the Master and Wardens that they would make it their special duty to see that the lodge was represented at the Grand Lodge in the future, on July 13th, 1921, I restored the charter.

BLOOMFIELD LODGE NO. 218.

This lodge had not been represented at the last two communications of the Grand Lodge. I wrote the Secretary, asking him for an explanation and assurance that they would be represented in the future. I received a reply from the Secretary stating that the matter would be taken up at the next regular meeting and that I would be informed of the result of their deliberations. If the lodge took any

action, I was not informed of it; accordingly on July 26th I arrested the charter of this lodge. After receiving assurance from the Master and the Wardens that they would hereafter be represented at the communications of the Grand Lodge, I restored the charter on August 11th, 1921.

SCOTTS BLUFF LODGE NO. 201, GERING.

On July 30th, 1921, I wrote the Secretary of this lodge regarding their insurance, they having failed to report to the Grand Secretary, whether or not their paraphernalia was insured, according to our law, requiring a reply in thirty days. On August 30th, 1921, I had not received a reply. I wrote the Master, calling his attention to the fact that I had written the Secretary for certain information thirty days previous, that no reply had been received, notifying him that if I did not receive the information by September 15th I would arrest their charter. On September 21st, 1921, having received no reply from either the Master or the Secretary of the lodge, I arrested the charter. On September 28th the Master of the lodge personally visited me, assuring me the lodge carried insurance and that it was a matter of neglect on the part of the Secretary that it had not been reported, and promised that hereafter communications from the Grand Master's office would receive prompt attention. I accordingly restored the charter on September 28th, 1921.

CULBERTSON LODGE NO. 174, CULBERTSON.

On December 16th, 1921, I received a complaint from the Secretary of Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege, that Culbertson Lodge No. 174 had conferred the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry upon a candidate who had been rejected by Jachin Lodge No. 146, on June 15th, 1916. I wrote the Master of Culbertson Lodge No. 174, requesting him to send me the original petition together with any and all information that he might have in this case. Upon receiving the original petition, I found that the petitioner had filled out the blank stating that he had petitioned the lodge at Holdrege and been rejected. I also found that on November 5th, 1920, the Secretary had written to the Secretary of Jachin Lodge No. 146, stating that they had received a petition from this rejected candidate and asking why his petition had not been accepted. On November 6th, 1920, the Master of Jachin Lodge replied to the Secretary of Culbertson Lodge, advising him that the candidate had been balloted upon and rejected. Notwithstanding this information, the petition was received on November 17th, 1920, and referred to a committee, who reported favorably, and on January 5th, 1921, the petitioner was elected to receive the degrees. The Master and Secretary of Culbertson Lodge No. 174 admitted in a letter under date of January 19th, 1922, all the facts in the case. I accordingly arrested the charter on January 27th, 1922, for a period of ninety days, beginning January 31st and ending on the 30th day of April, 1922. I

also directed that ten days before the time of restoration of the charter the Master and Secretary must certify to me under the seal of the lodge that they had fully complied with my order; that no meetings had been held during this period. Having received this certificate on May 1st, 1922, I restored the charter of Culbertson Lodge No. 174.

ZEREDATHA LODGE NO. 160, REYNOLDS.

Early in December information came to me that the Master of this lodge had been installed without receiving the Past Masters degree. On December 19th, 1921, I took the matter up with the Master, who admitted that this was true, claiming that he did not know that it was necessary for the Master to receive the degree before installation. I discovered, after a careful investigation, that through some oversight this had happened once before. I required the Master to meet me in Lincoln on February 1st, where, assisted by M.:W.:Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master, and W.:John M. Paul, Master of North Star Lodge No. 227, I conferred the Past Masters degree upon George E. Warren, following which I declared him regularly and duly installed as Master of Zeredatha Lodge No. 160. I also issued an order to the lodge requiring that the brother who had formerly been installed as Master of the lodge without receiving the Past Masters degree, together with the present Master, should be sent to this communication of the Grand Lodge at the lodge's expense, that they might receive the Past Masters degree in full form.

SIGNET LODGE NO. 193, LEIGH.

November 21st, 1921, I received a complaint that a member of this lodge was made a Master Mason March 21st, 1921, that he received the degrees of the Scottish Rite from the fourth to the 32nd inclusively on November 13th to the 17th inclusively; I therefore on December 17th, 1921, directed this lodge to place the brother on trial for violating section 148, paragraph o, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska. The brother was placed on trial January 13th, 1922; he pleaded guilty to the charge; the lodge voted to censure him, which was accordingly done at this meeting by the Master.

HEBRON LODGE NO. 43, HEBRON.

Early in December, complaint having been made to me that a member of this lodge had absconded with the funds of the school district of which he was the treasurer and that he was a fugitive from justice, I investigated and found the charges to be true. On December 12th, 1921, I directed the lodge to place the brother upon trial. The trial was held on February 8th, 1922. The brother was found guilty. By a vote of 19 to 4, he was indefinitely suspended.

PRUDENCE LODGE NO. 179, BEAVER CROSSING.

On February 23d, 1922, the Master and Senior Warden of this lodge met me by appointment in Lincoln, asking advice in regard to a trial which had been held in their lodge. The brother had pleaded guilty to part of the charges of unmasonic conduct, yet when it came to voting penalty, the lodge voted against expulsion, also against indefinite suspension. The Master, feeling that the good name of Freemasonry was going to suffer because the brethren would not assume the responsibility or do their duty by sentencing the brother, called the trial to a halt and appealed to me. Being unable myself to make a trip to Beaver Crossing at this time, I appointed a commission, consisting of M.:W.:Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, W.:Orville A. Andrews, and W.:Francis A. Robey, Assistant Custodians, who went to Beaver Crossing on March 22nd, 1922, and carefully investigated all the conditions. Their report led me to believe that this brother must be adequately punished in order that the good name of Freemasonry be maintained in this town. Therefore, on April 11th, 1922, I set aside the proceedings of the trial and directed that the lodge proceed to try this brother and that he be adequately punished for the offense committed. I also advised the Master that I would either be present in person or have a representative present to see that the dignity of the institution was fully maintained. This trial will be held during the month of May.

KIMBALL LODGE NO. 294, KIMBALL.

Complaint was made to me in October that this lodge was apparently in serious trouble. I found upon investigation that a large number were being either black-balled or objected to each year and had been for several years past. Early this year rumors again reached me that conditions were not as they should be. I therefore, on February 27th, 1922, appointed a commission consisting of M.:W.:Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and W.:Vincent S. Ramsey, Assistant Custodian, to proceed to Kimball and carefully investigate conditions. The report of the committee revealed that the brethren would apparently receive a petition from anybody regardless of his standing in the community. These petitioners would be black-balled or objected to, as they should be because they were not good material. The report also disclosed that there were three members of the lodge who had, for a limited period at least, been violating section 148, paragraph c, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska. This condition was carefully gone into by the committee. The three brethren acknowledged their fault and promised that there would be no more cause for complaint in this regard. The entire membership of the lodge signed a pledge that the conditions both as to petitions and the violation of section 148-c, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, would immediately cease and that hereafter they would endeavor to maintain the dignity of the institution.

I sent them an order to be read at each regular meeting until June, particularly calling their attention to conditions and insisting that they should not receive petitions from unworthy petitioners, also calling their attention to the fact that if complaint was again made regarding the violating of the law by the three brethren, I would at once order them placed on trial, advising them further that I would turn over all the papers in the case to the incoming Grand Master, that he might be fully advised as to the conditions and keep a watchful eye upon them for the ensuing year. I am inclined to believe that we will not have further complaint from this lodge.

MOSAIC LODGE NO. 55, NORFOLK.

Complaint having been made to me that a member of this lodge had been found guilty in the civil courts of violating section 148, paragraphs *a* and *l*, on October 4th, 1921, I directed the lodge to place this brother on trial. On December 20th, 1921, the trial was held and by a vote of 25 to 10 the brother was found not guilty on both charges, although a transcript of the record of conviction of the district court and the police court were produced as evidence. I therefore instructed the Master to call a meeting of the lodge for the evening of January 25th, 1922, and to notify all the brethren. At this meeting I called the lodge's attention to the duty that they owed themselves and the Fraternity at large and to the fact that no man should be permitted to be a member in good standing of the lodge who was continuously bringing the Fraternity into disrepute. I set aside the sentence for irregularities in the first trial, and directed that a new trial be held. The second trial was held March 14th, 1922, at which time the brother was found guilty on both charges and was suspended for a period of six months. I at once wrote the Master of the lodge, suggesting to him that the case ought to be appealed. He later informed me that he had talked with several of the brethren and that the brethren generally did not want it appealed. Accordingly on April 17th, 1922, I directed the Master to appeal this case to the Grand Lodge. The majority of the brethren of this lodge apparently resent the fact that they were directed to bring a brother to trial for unmasonic conduct. They feel that it is not within the power of this Grand Lodge or the Grand Master to make them conform to the law of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. And this sentiment is more or less prevalent throughout the jurisdiction.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG LODGE NO. 241, CRAIG.

On March 24th, 1922, I received a complaint from the Master and Secretary of this lodge that they had placed a brother upon trial for gross unmasonic conduct and that notwithstanding the fact that the evidence was clear, the lodge voted him not guilty. I therefore, on April 3d, 1922, visited George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, went over

the evidence carefully, also talked with the Master of a lodge in a near-by town, and found that this man had continuously for a period of five years at least violated section 148, paragraph c, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska. I set the sentence aside and directed that a new trial be held. The second trial was held on April 18th, 1922, at which time the lodge voted him guilty and voted a sentence of indefinite suspension. The case has been appealed to the Grand Lodge by the officers, they believing that the sentence is not sufficient.

HASTINGS LODGE NO. 50, HASTINGS.

Complaint was made to me that a member of this lodge had been sentenced to the penitentiary for attempted murder, had been paroled and was asking for a demit. I at once took the matter up with the Master, who very gladly agreed to bring charges without being directed, which he did. The trial was held on March 10th, 1922, and by a vote of 63 to 19, the brother was found not guilty. I asked the Master to notify the brethren that I would be present at the next regular meeting of their lodge, April 4th, 1922. At this meeting I called the attention of the brethren to the fact that a man who had brought the Fraternity into disrepute must not remain a member of any of our lodges, and after carefully examining the evidence I set the sentence aside and directed that a special communication of the lodge be called within ten days, at which communication charges should be preferred against the brother and the trial be held at the earliest possible moment. The second trial was held on April 21st, 1922, at which time he was expelled.

NEBRASKA LODGE NO. 1, OMAHA.

July 23d, 1921, I received a complaint from Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton, relative to the unmasonic conduct of a member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1. Within the following week I received numerous complaints from other parts of the jurisdiction regarding this same brother. I at once took the matter up with the Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, who seemed disinclined to prefer charges. After considerable correspondence and several personal interviews, on October 15th, 1921, I directed the lodge to prefer charges against the offending brother. The trial was held on December 20th, 1921, and the brother was indefinitely suspended. This case has been appealed by Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to the Grand Lodge for your consideration.

RIVERTON LODGE NO. 63, RIVERTON.

On March 21st, 1922, I received a letter from Riverton Lodge No. 63, Riverton, advising me that a member of their lodge had been tried for unmasonic conduct in Wray Lodge No. 71, Wray, Colorado, and been expelled. I at once took the matter up with the Grand Master of Colorado. He sent me the letter of complaint which had first been sent to the Grand Master of Kansas, under the impression that this

brother belonged in that Grand Jurisdiction, who in turn had sent it to the Grand Master of Colorado, who had ordered the lodge at Wray to try the brother. This they did, with the above result. On March 29th, 1922, I affirmed the decision of the Colorado lodge and directed Riverton Lodge No. 63 to place the brother on the rolls as expelled by Wray Lodge No. 71, Wray, Colorado. On April 4th, 1922, the Master of Riverton Lodge No. 63 met me in Hastings. The matter was carefully gone over. The brethren of Riverton Lodge No. 63 felt that the brother had been too severely penalized. Desiring to give him every opportunity to prove his innocence, I issued a letter to Riverton Lodge advising them to hold my order of March 29th, 1922, in abeyance until they could send a personal representative to Wray, Colorado, to investigate all the conditions in regard to this trial. On April 24th, 1922, I received a letter from the Master of this lodge, who had personally visited Wray, Colorado, and spent two and one-half days carefully investigating the case, and I am pleased to report that he found that the trial had been fairly conducted; that there was no question as to the brother's guilt, and that the lodge would be glad to carry out my order of March 29th, 1922, affirming the sentence of expulsion imposed by Wray Lodge No. 71, Wray, Colorado. I believe this action to be in conformity with the well-defined rule of Masonic jurisprudence.

FIDELITY LODGE NO. 51, DAVID CITY.

On November 29th, 1921, I received a complaint from a member of this Lodge regarding the misconduct of one of the members. I investigated the charges and found that the brother had embezzled the funds of at least three customers of his bank; that he forged the name of a member of Fidelity Lodge as a subscribing witness to a legal paper; that he forged at least eight promissory notes, signing the names of various customers thereto and selling them to innocent purchasers; that he had made false and fraudulent statements to the customers of the bank and to the state banking department as to its condition; by this means he had not only defrauded numerous people out of a great deal of money, but had also wrecked the bank of which he was the active head; that he deserted his family on the 28th day of July, 1921, and that he was then and is now a fugitive from justice.

The complaint containing the above charges was made out by the Junior Warden on the 19th day of December, 1921. The trial was held on May 2d, 1922, at which time he was found not guilty on each and every specification. No report was made to me by the lodge, but I was informed by a brother of the result of the trial. On May 26th, 1922, I wired the Master of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 for a copy of the complaint and the proceedings of the trial, which I received on May 29th, 1922. I at once set the sentence aside, and directed the lodge to prefer charges at the next regular communication of the lodge and to

hold the trial within 60 days after the charges were filed. I also wrote them a letter calling their attention to their duty and responsibility in this case.

As this trial will not be held until after this annual communication of the Grand Lodge, I recommend that the Grand Lodge affirm the setting aside of the sentence and directing the Lodge to place this brother on trial.

YORK LODGE NO. 56, YORK.

On September 10th, 1921, written charges were presented to me relative to the unmasonic conduct of a brother of York Lodge No. 56, who was a resident of the city of Omaha. After a careful investigation of the charges, deeming them of sufficient importance, on September 22nd, 1921, I directed York Lodge No. 56 to place the brother on trial.

The trial was held on November 29th. The brother pleaded guilty and asked that he be given the privilege of doing his part in correcting the abuses that had crept into the institution. I recommended to the lodge that no further action be taken for one year; to this the lodge did not agree, and the case was continued indefinitely, for a period not to exceed one year, so that the matter could be taken up at any time the lodge might so direct. At the regular meeting of the lodge in February, the brother was expelled by an almost unanimous vote.

The brother, in a letter to me, complained that the action of the lodge in passing sentence was irregular, and after giving the matter consideration I ordered that the sentence of expulsion as voted by York Lodge be set aside, and that all resident members of the lodge be summoned to appear at any regular or special meeting to be called for further consideration of the case, the accused brother to have at least three days' notice. The lodge would then proceed to vote upon the guilt or innocence of the accused, and if he should be found guilty by a vote of the lodge, in accordance with the law, sentence should be voted in accordance therewith.

On May 31st, 1922, accompanied by R. W. Brother Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master, I visited York Lodge No. 56. The lodge voted upon the guilt or innocence of the accused, and he was found guilty on each of the four specifications, following which he was expelled by more than the necessary two-thirds vote.

ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. 25, OMAHA.

Repeated complaints having been made to me relative to the unmasonic conduct of a Past Master of this lodge, on December 8th, 1921, I wrote to the Master of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, asking for an interview. On December 13th, 1921, the Master met me in my office in Omaha. The matter was carefully gone over and it was agreed that he was to prefer charges against this brother at the regular business meeting in February, 1922.

On February 10th, 1922, I write to the Secretary of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, asking him to send me a copy of the charges that had been filed at the regular meeting in February, and was informed that no charges had been filed, but that the Master had appointed a committee consisting of the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Secretary of the lodge to investigate the conduct of this brother.

On February 22nd, 1922, I wrote to the Master, calling his attention to our agreement, and directed that these charges must be prepared and preferred at the next regular meeting, March 2nd, 1922. On March 1st, 1922, the Master wrote me a letter, inclosing the report of the committee claiming that no evidence could be found to bring the brother to trial. At the regular meeting held March 2nd, 1922, the Master was not present and no charges were preferred against the brother.

The unwillingness of the Master to prosecute this case, which at first was not so apparent, was now an absolute certainty in my mind. Feeling that the Master was the one obstacle to placing this brother on trial in accordance with Masonic law, on April 6th, 1922, I arrested the jewel of the Master of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, and placed the lodge in charge of the Senior Warden, as Acting Master. At this meeting I issued an official order directing that the lodge meet within twenty days, at which special meeting they were to prefer the charges against this brother, and that the trial be held at the earliest possible time according to our law.

The trial was held on May 8th, 1922. The brother was tried upon six charges. On the three more serious charges, the vote stood 75 guilty to 55 not guilty; 80 guilty to 53 not guilty; 77 guilty to 52 not guilty, lacking a few votes of the necessary two-thirds majority to find the brother guilty. As the trial lasted until after 4:00 o'clock in the morning, many of the older members found it impossible to stay. This case has been appealed to the Grand Lodge for your further consideration. In this connection, I desire to express my appreciation to the Acting Master and officers of St. Johns Lodge No. 25 for their earnestness and desire to uphold the honor of their lodge.

The trial having been completed and appealed to the Grand Lodge, on May 15th, 1922, I issued an order restoring the jewel of the Master of St. Johns Lodge No. 25.

OTHER TRIALS.

In addition to the above cases, ten trials have been held. In these cases where the lodges have written and asked my advice, I have advised that the brother be brought to trial. This the lodges were glad to do without being directed.

REFUSAL TO SET SENTENCE ASIDE.

August 20th, 1921, I received a request from a former member of Hickman Lodge No. 256, who had been indefinitely suspended by the

lodge, the decision being affirmed by the Grand Lodge in June, 1921, asking me to set the sentence aside and order a new trial. I reviewed the evidence carefully and considered the case closed.

On September 21st, 1921, I received a request from a former member of Seneca Lodge No. 284, who had been expelled by the lodge June 15th, 1921, requesting that I set the sentence aside. I wrote the lodge for a transcript of the record and after reviewing the evidence carefully I decided not to reopen the case.

On April 21st, 1922, I received a request from a member of Parallel Lodge No. 152, Liberty, to set aside the sentence of indefinite suspension against his son, a former member of this lodge, who was tried March 9th, 1922. I wrote to the Master and after receiving a transcript of the record and statement of the facts in the case, I decided not to reopen it, but advised the brother that he might appeal to the Grand Lodge if he so desired.

Brethren:

In giving you the facts in the above cases of law enforcement, I have done so with two ideas in mind; first, that you as members of the Grand Lodge are entitled to know just what has occurred this year, just what conditions and opposition have been encountered in the enforcement of the law; second, that you may in having these facts before you be enabled to decide whether you want the law of Freemasonry enforced or not.

During the interval between the communications of this Grand Body shall the Grand Master, who is your representative, endeavor to uphold the high standard of Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction?

Shall the influence of other organizations be used to hamper the work of your lodges and your Grand Master in the discharge of their duties?

Is this law, which you, yourselves, have compiled, designed for the rich and the poor alike, for the influential and the lowly, for the large lodge as well as the small?

That the brethren who will succeed me as Grand Masters may know the desire of this Grand Lodge and that the enforcement of law may never again be questioned, this should be settled here and now.

REMOVAL OF A SECRETARY.

The Master of one of our lodges advised me that the Secretary of the lodge had been taken seriously ill and removed to a hospital. He had appointed a brother acting Secretary, who discovered a shortage. The lodge did not care to prefer charges against this brother while he was dangerously sick, fearing that it might result seriously, yet in the lodge it was necessary to have a permanent Secretary. I therefore, on August 5th, 1921, issued an order to the Master of the

lodge to arrest the jewel of the Secretary and declare the office vacant.

The course of action to be taken in such a case is not clearly defined by our law, but the circumstances were such that I deemed that it was for the best interest of this lodge that this action be taken. All papers in connection therewith are submitted for your consideration.

CONTROVERSIES OVER JURISDICTION.

Ornan Lodge No. 261 vs. Oak Leaf Lodge U. D. S.

On November 1st, 1921, I received a complaint from the Master of Oak Leaf Lodge U. D. S., Lynch, stating that Ornan Lodge No. 261, Spencer, had been receiving petitions from residents of the town of Bristow, which he claimed was in the jurisdiction of Oak Leaf Lodge U. D. S. On November 3d, 1921, I wrote to each lodge, suggesting that a committee consisting of the Master and Wardens of each lodge meet and establish the line of jurisdiction between the two lodges. The matter was agreed upon between the two lodges and it was found that the town of Bristow was within the jurisdiction of Oak Leaf Lodge U. D. S.

On February 22nd, 1922, I received a second complaint from the Master of Oak Leaf Lodge U. D. S., that Ornan Lodge No. 261 had conferred the degrees upon three brethren out of their jurisdiction. I took the matter up through correspondence with Ornan Lodge No. 261, but was unable from the correspondence to arrive at a conclusion as to the facts. On March 9th, 1922, I appointed W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Junior Deacon, my proxy, to visit both lodges, thoroughly investigate, and report the conditions to me. On March 15th, 1922, Brother Davis made this investigation and from his findings I found that two brethren had been given the degrees by Ornan Lodge No. 261 who were the lawful material of Oak Leaf Lodge U. D. S. On March 18th, 1922, I issued an order requiring Ornan Lodge No. 261 to return the fees collected by them from the two brethren to Oak Leaf Lodge U. D. S., less \$5.00 for Grand Lodge fees. I am pleased to report that Ornan Lodge No. 261 has complied with my order, and I feel certain that there will be no more controversy regarding jurisdiction between these lodges.

Kimball Lodge No. 294 vs. Potter Lodge U. D. S.

April 4th, 1922, I received a complaint from the Secretary of Kimball Lodge No. 294, stating that Potter Lodge U. D. S. at Potter had been receiving petitions from residents of the town of Dix, which he claimed was in the jurisdiction of Kimball Lodge No. 294. On April 11th I wrote to the Master of each lodge, suggesting that a committee be appointed consisting of the Master and Wardens of each lodge to meet and endeavor to settle the line of jurisdiction between the two lodges. I am in receipt of a letter from both lodges

stating that the matter had been agreeably settled between them and that there will be no further controversy over the matter of jurisdiction.

Nehawka Lodge No. 246 vs. Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

On May 12th, 1922, I received a complaint from the Master of Nehawka Lodge No. 246, Nehawka, that Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, had conferred the degrees upon a candidate out of their jurisdiction. I at once wrote to the Master of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, who advised me that the matter would be investigated, and if it was found that they had trespassed upon the jurisdiction of Nehawka Lodge No. 246, that they would immediately adjust the matter.

WEAK LODGES.

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge the condition of the weak lodges was considered very fully. Following out your instructions, I have personally visited most of the weak lodges; have gone into conditions as carefully as it was possible to do in the time allotted to each visit, and believe that with the exception of two or three lodges, with careful supervision they will in time be self-reliant and able to look after themselves.

SOLOMON LODGE NO. 10, FORT CALHOUN.

Pursuant to your instructions, September 10th, 1921, accompanied by R.:W.:Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master, I visited Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun. The entire resident membership of the lodge, with the exception of one brother, was present. Every phase of the situation was carefully considered. After spending the entire evening, I finally agreed that I would restore their charter with the understanding that if the brethren could not agree among themselves the lodge would be moved to the city of Omaha. On November 5th, 1921, I issued my proxy to R.:W.:Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master, authorizing him to restore the charter, and issued a dispensation for the lodge to hold an election, and install the officers. He reports having complied with my request on November 12th, 1921. From reports that I have received, the lodge is making some progress and apparently working in harmony. On account of restricted territory and a very small town, this lodge can never be expected to do very much. In my judgment, they should be carefully supervised. If at any time in the future discord again arises, I believe that the lodge should be moved. It does not seem to me that this lodge, created August 15th, 1865, rich in Masonic history and years, should be permitted to die, and I feel sure that if it is moved to the city of Omaha it will in a few years become one of our strong lodges.

EXETER LODGE NO. 283, EXETER.

On November 1st, 1921, accompanied by W.:Brother Ira C. Freet, Assistant Custodian, I visited Exeter Lodge No. 283. The

entire resident membership of the lodge was present, together with several visiting brethren from surrounding lodges. Conditions were carefully talked over. I firmly believe that the trouble in this lodge was that they did not really understand that Freemasonry is an institution and not merely a lodge. I talked to them along the line of the duties and responsibilities that they owed the lodge, and the brethren promised me that they would endeavor to build up a real lodge in this place. Brother Freet held a three-day school of instruction immediately following my visit. Later in the year they procured the services of a Masonic Lecturer, and from reports that I have received I believe that this lodge is in the way of better things. However, I think that they should be carefully supervised for a few years at least.

BEE LODGE NO. 259, BEE.

On January 30th, 1922, I spent the afternoon with the Master, Secretary, and two other brethren of Bee Lodge No. 259. Conditions were gone into with extreme care, and I found that there were but two members of the lodge living in the town and seven members living in the adjacent country. The community at one time had been American, but in recent years the entire population has changed. It is now composed largely of Bohemians who are ardent Romanists. It is a serious situation. I could find no fault with the officers or members of the lodge, but circumstances have been greatly against them. The brethren present still had hope that conditions might yet improve and that they could maintain a lodge. I therefore suggested to them that they use their best endeavors to maintain a lodge, and that I would recommend to the Grand Lodge and the incoming Grand Master that they be permitted to endeavor to work out their own salvation until the communication of the Grand Lodge of 1923. They fully agreed with me that if conditions at that time had not improved, they would be willing to surrender their charter. They are, in my judgment, entitled to our consideration, as they may be likened unto a listening post in no-man's land.

GRAFTON LODGE NO. 172, GRAFTON.

On January 9th, 1922, M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, inspected this lodge and found that they were not able to exemplify the degrees or give the lectures, also that their lodge room was not safe, and recommended that certain repairs be made. On January 12th, 1922, I issued an order to this lodge that they must perfect themselves in the work; that if they did receive a petition for the degrees I should be notified; and that they should not attempt to confer any degrees until after they had secured the services of some Assistant Custodian, so that they might be able to confer the degrees in a creditable manner. I have also more or less indirectly heard some very bad reports of the members of this lodge. Owing to the stress of other duties, it has been impossible for me to verify the reports. It is a grave

question in my mind if the charter of this lodge should not be arrested. I would recommend that this lodge be very carefully supervised by the incoming Grand Master.

DORIC LODGE NO. 118, DORCHESTER.

The condition of this lodge has not been encouraging and from a report just received I find that, while the officers are doing everything in their power to maintain a lodge, the brethren are apparently divided into two factions. The report came in so late in the year that it was impossible for me to personally visit this lodge. Conditions are such that the lodge should be carefully supervised and need the attention of the incoming Grand Master at the earliest possible moment.

SINCERITY LODGE NO. 244, BATTLE CREEK.

This lodge failed to send in their returns within the time prescribed by the law. On May 2nd, 1922, I requested M. W. Andrew H. Viele, Past Grand Master, to go to Battle Creek, procure the returns and send them to the Grand Secretary's office. He very gladly complied with my request. He informed me that the lodge had not held any meetings for some time, and that they were considering surrendering their charter. This lodge should be carefully investigated by the incoming Grand Master.

LODGES UNABLE TO PROPERLY CONFER THE DEGREES.

I have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Custodian and the Assistant Custodians, who have visited approximately one-half of our lodges this year. I found several lodges who were unable to confer the degrees and give the lectures according to our standard work. I therefore issued an order to the following lodges to employ some Assistant Custodian and be able within a period of ninety days to confer the degrees and give the lectures substantially correct or I would arrest their charters:

On October 11th, to Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 125, Genoa.

On October 18th, to Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips.

On October 28th, to Ramah Lodge No. 275, Bertrand.

On November 1st, to Hildreth Lodge No. 252, Hildreth.

On December 9th, to Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace.

On February 7th, to Tuscan Lodge No. 130, Surprise.

All of these lodges have certified to me under seal that they now can confer the degrees and give the lectures substantially correct.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

I have approved by-laws or amendments thereto for the following lodges: Nebraska, No. 1; Lincoln, No. 19; Beatrice, No. 26; Blue River, No. 30; Fairmont, No. 48; Nelson, No. 77; Euclid, No. 97; Mt. Nebo, No. 125; Stromsburg, No. 126; Bancroft, No. 145; Jachin, No.

146; Pythagoras, No. 156; Curtis, No. 168; Grafton, No. 172; Meridian, No. 188; Arcana, No. 195; Parian, No. 207; Canopy, No. 209; East Lincoln, No. 210; Compass & Square, No. 212; Cable, No. 225; North Star, No. 227; George Washington, No. 250; Florence, No. 281; Omaha, No. 288; Diamond, No. 291; Minatare, No. 295; Liberty, No. 300; Golden Rod, No. 306; William E. Hill, No. 307; Perkins, No. 308; Winnebago, No. 309; Victory, No. 310; and Polk, No. 311.

SEALS APPROVED.

The Grand Secretary having certified that the designs for seals chosen by the newly chartered lodges were separate and distinct from any other design now in use, I approved seals for the following lodges:

July 8th, Winnebago, No. 309; July 26th, Polk, No. 311; July 26th, William E. Hill, No. 307; July 26th, Golden Rod, No. 306; August 10th, Victory, No. 310; and October 3d, Perkins, No. 308.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES WITHOUT REGARD TO TIME.

June 10th, 1921, I issued my special dispensation to St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha, to confer the Master Masons degree without regard to time upon a Fellow Craft Mason, a sailor in United States Navy, who was called to China for a long period of service.

June 24th, 1921, I issued my special dispensation to Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees without regard to time upon an Entered Apprentice Mason, a missionary, who had been called to India for five years' service.

Having always been very much opposed to granting dispensations without regard to time, except in very extraordinary circumstances, I issued only these, deeming them cases of this character.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES WITHOUT REGARD TO TIME REFUSED.

I refused to issue dispensations to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees without regard to time to the following lodges: Lancaster, No. 54; Geneva, No. 79; Zion, No. 234; Sioux, No. 277; and to confer the Master Masons degree to the following lodges: St. Paul, No. 82; Samaritan, No. 158; Perkins, No. 308; and Oak Leaf, U. D. S.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

July 10th, 1921, I issued my special dispensation to Melrose Lodge No. 60 to elect officers out of time, they having elected their officers June 1st, 1921, contrary to Grand Lodge law.

July 11th, 1921, I issued my special dispensation to Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington, to elect and install a Junior Warden July 12th, 1921.

August 13th, 1921, I issued my special dispensation to Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha, to elect and install a Secretary on or before September 1st, 1921.

August 24th, 1921, I issued my special dispensation to Sterling Lodge No. 70, Sterling, to continue their work, they having lost their hall and charter by fire. This dispensation was granted without fee.

August 25th, 1921, I issued my special dispensation to Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, Tecumseh, to install the Junior Warden on or before November 1st, 1921. On December 1st, 1921, I extended the time to read on or before December 31st, 1921, without additional fee.

November 8th, 1921, I issued my special dispensation to Solomon Lodge No. 10, Ft. Calhoun, to elect and install officers, they having been unable to elect at the lawful time on account of their charter having been arrested. I waived the fee in this case.

March 25th, 1922, I issued my special dispensation to St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha, to receive charges and set date for trial of a brother at a special communication to be held by my order on or before April 26th, 1922. Fee waived.

March 25th, 1922, I issued my special dispensation to Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings, to receive charges and set date for trial of a brother at a special communication to be held by my order on or before April 14th, 1922. Fee waived.

May 16th, 1922, I issued my special dispensation to Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth, to elect officers on or before May 31st, 1922, the Master-elect refusing to accept the office.

May 22nd, 1922, I issued my special dispensation to Boaz Lodge No. 185, Danbury, to elect officers on or before May 31st, 1922, the lodge being prevented from holding election at the time fixed by the law on account of a storm.

May 25th, 1922, I issued my special dispensation to York Lodge No. 56, York, to hold a special meeting for the further and final consideration of the matter of an accused brother, on May 31st, 1922. Fee waived.

PERMISSION FOR REMOVAL OF LODGE.

October 6th, 1921, I granted permission to Florence Lodge No. 281 to move into the I. O. O. F. hall for a period of ninety days while their temple was being rebuilt, it being certified by the W. Master, Secretary, and four Past Masters that this hall was a safe and suitable place to hold meetings.

Later this permission was extended for a period of sixty days.

February 12th, 1922, I granted permission to Florence Lodge No. 281 to move into their new Masonic Temple, it having been certified to me by the W. Master, Secretary and two Past Masters that the room was a safe and suitable place to hold meetings.

REPRESENTATIVES.

June 15th, 1921, I recommended the appointment of Worshipful Brother Alexander E. Porter, Past Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, and our Grand Tyler, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island near this Grand Lodge.

June 15th, 1921, I recommended the appointment of Worshipful Brother Albert R. Davis, Past Master of Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne, and our Grand Junior Deacon, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho near this Grand Lodge.

August 20th, 1921, I recommended the appointment of Very Worshipful Brother Charles M. Shepherd of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, and our Grand Chaplain, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico near this Grand Lodge.

November 16th, 1921, I recommended the appointment of Worshipful Brother John Wright, Past Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, and our Grand Marshal, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near this Grand Lodge.

September 21st, 1921, I issued a commission to Brother Arthur H. Cole to represent the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near that of Missouri.

April 24th, 1922, I issued a commission to Brother John K. Kollock to represent the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near that of Oregon.

June 5th, 1922, I issued a commission to Brother Henry Herz, to represent the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near that of New York.

DECISIONS.

I have had innumerable inquiries regarding interpretation of the law. None of these inquiries I deem of sufficient importance to call decisions.

However, I have made a great many interpretations of the law passed at the last communication of the Grand Lodge regarding the qualifications of a Master Mason to petition for the so-called higher degrees. I have held that a Master Mason must have three qualifications; first, he must have been a Master Mason for twelve months; second, he must have attended twelve regular communications of a Master Masons lodge or lodges; third, he must have complied with section 66 of the Grand Lodge law as to proficiency.

I have also held that where a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than three years makes application for reinstatement, and his application is approved by the lodge, in case of his death before the Grand Master has acted upon his application for reinstatement, no further action shall be had except recording his death.

DEGREES CONFERRED FOR AND BY LODGES IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

I deem it unnecessary to encumber the record with a list of the degrees that I have requested the Grand Masters of the various Grand Jurisdictions to confer as a courtesy to our lodges. There have been a limited number of requests made from various Grand Jurisdictions to have degrees conferred by our lodges as a courtesy to them. Every Grand Master that I have requested to confer the degrees has with uniform courtesy had the degrees conferred for our lodges. Our lodges have also conferred all the degrees that have been requested by other jurisdictions.

INSTALLATIONS.

June 13th, 1921, I installed the officers of Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Long Pine.

June 21st, 1921, I attended a joint installation of the officers of Minnekadusa Chapter No. 246, Order of the Eastern Star, and Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, of Valentine, where I installed the officers of the lodge. After the installation services a reception and luncheon was held, where Mrs. Smith and myself were most royally entertained.

June 24th, 1921, I conferred the Past Masters degree upon the Master-elect of Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill, following which I installed the officers, assisted by R. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Junior Warden, who acted as Grand Marshal.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

On June 16th, 1921, I issued my proxy to M. W. Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master, to constitute William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, Otoe. He reports having formally constituted this lodge and installed their officers June 20th, 1921.

July 5th, 1921, I constituted Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, and installed their officers. I was assisted in this function by R. W. Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain.

July 6th, 1921, I constituted Winnebago Lodge No. 309, Winnebago, and installed their officers. I was assisted in this function by M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain.

July 18th, 1921, I constituted Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole, and installed their officers. I was assisted in this function by M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain.

July 19th, 1921, I constituted Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant, and installed their officers. I was assisted in this function by M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain.

July 21st, 1921, I constituted Polk Lodge No. 311, Polk, and installed their officers. I was assisted in this function by M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain.

In every case large numbers of brethren from surrounding lodges were present and each occasion was enjoyable.

LODGES INSTITUTED.

On June 23d, 1921, I issued a dispensation to form a lodge at Lynch, Boyd County, Nebraska, under the name of Oak Leaf Lodge U. D., with George B. Tonner as W. Master, George G. Shuber as Senior Warden, and William B. Sweet as Junior Warden, and twenty other brethren. This lodge was instituted June 28th, 1921, by W. Brother William D. Spicknall, Past Master of Ornan Lodge No. 261.

On September 10th, 1921, I issued a dispensation to form a lodge at Potter, Cheyenne County, Nebraska, under the name of Potter Lodge U. D., with Joseph A. Johnson as W. Master, Ray A. Babcock as Senior Warden, Carl A. Larsen as Junior Warden, and twenty-nine other brethren. This lodge was instituted September 12th, 1921, by W. Brother Herman Schroeder, Past Master of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.

On March 22nd, 1922, I issued a dispensation to form a new lodge at Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, under the name of Craftsmen Lodge U. D., with William A. Robbins as W. Master, Frederick M. Andrus as Senior Warden, William S. Holmes as Junior Warden, and twenty-two other brethren. This lodge was instituted March 25th, 1922, by Most Worshipful Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES REFUSED.

During the year I have had petitions for dispensations or correspondence relative to the formation of new lodges from the following towns: Pleasantdale, Trenton, Bingham, Oakdale, Ong, Johnson, and Bladen.

After due consideration, and feeling that it was not for the best interest of Freemasonry to establish a lodge in any one of these towns, I refused to grant a dispensation in each case.

In this connection, I particularly desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that most of the weak lodges are located in small towns and have been established within the last fifteen years. In my judgment, there are very few towns in this Grand Jurisdiction that do not have a Masonic lodge, that are capable of maintaining one. I believe the Grand Lodge should take some decided stand on this subject, so that the Grand Master may be guided by your wishes. Very few towns of less than 600 people can maintain a Masonic lodge that will be a credit to itself and to this Grand Lodge.

CORNER-STONES LAID.

July 11th, 1921, I laid the corner-stone of the Presbyterian Church at Kearney. In this ceremony I was assisted by R.·W.·Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master; R.·W.·Charles A. Chappell, Grand Senior Warden; R.·W.·Robert R. Dickson, Grand Junior Warden; V.·W.·Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; M.·W.·Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, Acting Grand Marshal; M.·W.·Henry Gibbons and John J. Tooley, Past Grand Masters. The Grand Lodge was escorted by Mt. Hebron Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, stationed at Kearney. Over 150 Master Masons of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and surrounding lodges participated in this Grand Lodge function. The day was ideal and a large gathering witnessed the ceremony.

July 22nd, 1921, I laid the corner-stone of the Colfax County Court House at Schuyler. I was assisted in this ceremony by V.·W.·Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, and M.·W.·Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master, Acting Grand Marshal. About 100 Master Masons of Acacia Lodge No. 34 and surrounding lodges were present and assisted in the ceremony. The day was extremely warm, yet a large number of people were present.

September 10th, 1921, I laid the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple of Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha. I was assisted in this ceremony by R.·W.·Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master; R.·W.·Francis E. White, Grand Secretary; V.·W.·Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, and W.·John Wright, Grand Marshal. About 75 Master Masons of Florence Lodge No. 281 and a few visitors were present. The day was extremely cold and windy and for this reason there were but few people present to witness the ceremony.

September 23d, 1921, I laid the corner-stone of the Central High School, Norfolk. I was assisted in this ceremony by R.·W.·Robert R. Dickson, Grand Junior Warden; V.·W.·Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; W.·Edwin D. Crites, Grand Senior Deacon; W.·Albert R. Davis, Grand Junior Deacon; M.·W.·Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master, Acting Grand Marshal; M.·W.·John A. Ehrhardt, Charles E. Burnham, and Harry A. Cheney, Past Grand Masters, and Lute M. Savage, Assistant Custodian. About 150 Master Masons of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 and surrounding lodges assisted in the ceremony. The day was extremely warm, but an immense throng of people witnessed the ceremony.

October 31st, 1921, I laid the corner-stone of the Girls' Dormitory of Hastings College, Hastings. I was assisted in this ceremony by R.·W.·Charles A. Chappell, Grand Senior Warden, Acting Grand Marshal, and V.·W.·Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain. The Grand Lodge was escorted by Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar, stationed at Hastings. About 75 Master Masons of Hastings Lodge No. 50 assisted in the ceremony. The day was ideal, though

windy. The ceremony was witnessed by the entire student body of the college and a large number of residents of Hastings.

November 15th, 1921, I laid the corner-stone of the High School building at Valentine. In this ceremony I was assisted by V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; W. George A. Beecher, Grand Orator; W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Senior Deacon, and W. Franklin E. Stump, Acting Grand Marshal. The Grand Lodge was escorted by my own commandery, Bethel, No. 28, Knights Templar, stationed at Long Pine. There were about 200 Master Masons, members of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 and surrounding lodges, present. This was, without any question, the most successful Grand Lodge function this year. The procession was several blocks long. Among the immense throng of people who witnessed the ceremony were quite a number of Sioux Indians. At noon, preceding the ceremony, a barbecue dinner was served to the visitors and residents of Valentine.

November 17th, 1921, I laid the corner-stone of the High School building at Chadron. I was assisted in the ceremony by W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Senior Deacon, and W. George A. Stevens, Assistant Custodian, Acting Grand Marshal. The Grand Lodge was escorted by Melita Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar, stationed at Chadron. About 100 Master Masons of Samaritan Lodge No. 158 were present. Notwithstanding the fact that there were five inches of snow and the thermometer stood at zero, approximately 1,000 people witnessed the ceremony. The condition of the roads made it impossible for the brethren of the surrounding lodges to drive in to assist in the ceremony.

November 30th, 1921, I issued my proxy to R. W. Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master, to lay the corner-stone of the Polk County Court House at Osceola, who was assisted by M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master, Acting Grand Marshal. Brother Wellman reports a very successful occasion. Fifteen lodges were represented and 1,500 people were present to witness the ceremony.

March 4th, 1922, I laid the corner-stone of the Garden County Court House at Oshkosh. In this ceremony I was assisted by R. W. Charles A. Chappell, Grand Senior Warden, Acting Grand Marshal. About 125 Master Masons from Oshkosh Lodge No. 286 and surrounding lodges were present. Brethren came from as far as North Platte, and several brethren drove from Julesburg, Colorado, to witness the ceremony. The day was ideal and it is said that it was the largest gathering of people ever gathered together in the county. I had to travel nearly 1,200 miles to lay this corner-stone.

March 24th, 1922, I laid the corner-stone of the new Public School building at Hay Springs. In this ceremony I was assisted by W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Senior Deacon, Acting Grand Marshal, and W. George A. Stevens, Assistant Custodian. The Grand Lodge was escorted by Melita Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar, stationed

at Chadron. About 125 Master Masons from Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 and surrounding lodges assisted in this function. The town was gaily decorated. Every business house closed and a very large number of people witnessed the ceremony.

DEDICATION.

March 2nd, 1922, I dedicated the lodge room of Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha. I was assisted in this ceremony by R. W. Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, Acting Grand Marshal; M. W. James R. Cain, Jr., Past Grand Master; W. Charles A. Eyre, Lute M. Savage, Assistant Custodians, and W. John T. Poucher, as Grand Orator. The Grand Lodge was escorted by fifteen members of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, stationed at Omaha, in full uniform. A very large number of brethren and their ladies were present. A very fine musical program was given following the dedication. This was one of the most delightful Grand Lodge functions that has been held this year.

FUNERALS CONDUCTED.

June 19th, 1921, at the request of the Master of Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth, I conducted the funeral ceremonies for Brother Louis Osborn, a member of that lodge.

January 3d, 1922, at the request of the Master of Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth, I conducted the funeral ceremonies for Brother Frederick W. Sisson, a member of that lodge.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

September 9th, 1921, I visited Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, and witnessed the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree.

October 7th, 1921, I visited Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Long Pine, and conferred the Master Masons degree upon Kenneth G. Bucklin, the son of a Past Master of the lodge and a friend of many years' standing.

October 11th, 1921, I visited Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine, and conferred the Master Masons degree.

November 15th, 1921, I again visited Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine. This was an evening session following the corner-stone laying in the afternoon. There were a large number of brethren present. The Grand Chaplain and the Grand Orator both delivered addresses on this occasion.

November 17th, 1921, I visited Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron. This was an evening session following the laying of a corner-stone in the afternoon. I was tendered a six o'clock banquet and in the evening I conferred the Master Masons degree. A large number

of brethren were present and the entire day proved to be very instructive and delightful.

November 29th, 1921, I held a conference in the afternoon with the Master of Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward.

December 15th, 1921, I visited St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha, and witnessed the conferring of the Fellow Craft degree.

December 28th, 1921, I conferred with the Master and Secretary of Crystal Lodge No. 191, Scotia.

December 28th, 1921, I conferred with the Master of Ord Lodge No. 103, Ord.

December 28th, 1921, I visited Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, Burwell. Although the lodge had had less than twenty-four hours' notice of my intended visit, there were over sixty members present, and we had a very enthusiastic meeting.

January 23d, 1922, I visited Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree.

January 24th, 1922, I visited Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree.

January 30th, 1922, I visited Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward. This was a special meeting called for my visit. There were a large number of brethren present and many visitors from the surrounding lodges.

January 31st, 1922, I visited Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood. This was an afternoon meeting especially called for my visit. The weather was stormy, but there was a very good attendance and an enthusiastic meeting was held.

January 31st, 1922, by special invitation, I visited Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree by the members of North Star Lodge No. 227. The lodge room was filled to the capacity and we had a very delightful occasion.

February 22nd, 1922, I attended the afternoon and evening sessions of a central school held in Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City. The Grand Custodian and three Assistant Custodians were present at this school, and the Master Masons degree was conferred in the evening. It proved to be a very instructive meeting.

February 23d, 1922, I visited Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree.

March 3d, 1922, I visited Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte. This was a meeting called especially for my visit. There were a large number of brethren present from North Platte and surrounding lodges. A very interesting meeting was held.

March 6th, 1922, accompanied by R. W. Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master, I visited Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland. This was a meeting called especially for my visit. Although the weather was bad, a great many brethren were present and it proved to be an enjoyable occasion.

April 5th, 1922, I visited Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha.

April 19th, 1922, I visited Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree.

On May 17th, 1922, I visited Occidental Lodge No. 215, Cedar Bluffs. This visit was made by special request of the Master, who desired my presence at a trial.

On May 18th, 1922, I visited East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree in the afternoon. Following a 6:00 o'clock dinner, a fine musical program was rendered and several of the brethren from surrounding lodges delivered short addresses. The lodge room was taxed to its capacity. Hospitality and good fellowship certainly predominate in this lodge.

On May 19th, 1922, I visited Minden Lodge No. 127, Minden. Fourteen of the surrounding lodges were represented at this meeting and a very large number of brethren were present. This is the home lodge of R. W. Charles A. Chappell, Grand Senior Warden, who assisted in making this occasion very enjoyable.

On May 20th, 1922, I visited Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree.

RECEPTIONS.

June 20th, 1921, my home lodge, Long Pine, No. 136, held a public reception, to which all the members of the lodge and of the chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and many of the old residents and friends were invited. A very interesting program was rendered. The oldest living Past Master of the lodge, Brother John S. Davisson, who had conferred the degrees upon me, came from Omaha, a distance of 250 miles, to be present at this reception. Words fail me to express my appreciation of the uniform courtesy and support that my own lodge has given me, for while we may be few in numbers, the true Masonic spirit prevails among the brethren.

July 8th, 1921, I was tendered a reception by the lodges of my home county at Ainsworth. Practically every Master Mason in the county was in attendance at this reception, which was one of the largest gatherings that I have attended this year. Every lodge from Valentine to O'Neill, a distance of 120 miles along the North Western line, was represented, with one exception. R. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Junior Warden, was also present. Many interesting talks were given, followed by a luncheon. This occasion was particularly pleasing to me, because I have lived in the county for nearly forty years and have been intimately acquainted with practically every Master Mason therein. I shall always look back upon this as one of the delightful events of my life.

July 20th, 1921, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, tendered a reception to the Grand Officers. There were present R. W. Charles A. Chappell, Grand Senior Warden; M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian; V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, and W.

George A. Beecher, Grand Orator, whom I had the pleasure of publicly installing on this occasion. A large number of the brethren and their families were present. A delightful program was rendered and several interesting talks were made by the brethren. This being the home lodge of our good Uncle Bob, the brethren vied with each other to show their appreciation of the long years of service he has rendered to this Grand Lodge. This was one of the delightful occasions of the year.

On May 5th, 1922, I was tendered a reception by the officers and members of Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon. The lodge met at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon; a dinner was served at the usual hour, followed by an interesting evening in the lodge room. Practically the entire membership of the lodge was present and several visitors. True western hospitality prevailed and a delightful evening was spent by all who were privileged to be present.

JORDAN MEDALS.

Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo, and Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, having certified to me that they had lost their Jordan Medals, I therefore instructed the Grand Secretary to forward a medal to each lodge to replace the one lost.

January 23d, 1922, I attended a dinner given in honor of the oldest living member of Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, Brother William J. Connell. Following the dinner, I had the pleasure of presenting this brother with a Jordan Medal. He had been a member of this lodge for fifty-two years.

February 16th, 1922, I visited Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill, and had the pleasure of presenting the oldest living member of this lodge, Brother Charles H. Stowell, with a Jordan Medal. This was the fiftieth anniversary of his being made a Master Mason, he having originally received his degrees in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York.

Both of these occasions were extremely pleasant and I believe this is one custom of this Grand Jurisdiction which should never be allowed to be discontinued.

OTHER VISITS.

On June 24th, 1921, in company with R. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Junior Warden, I attended a union meeting of all the lodges in Holt County at Atkinson, this being the seventh annual reunion held on this date. On account of an auto accident, I arrived late in the evening, but had an opportunity to address the brethren, a large number of whom were present from the four lodges in Holt County. This is the only organization of the kind in this Grand Jurisdiction, and is a very worthy one. The place of meeting is rotated among the lodges in the county, and it gives them an opportunity to become better acquainted and has strengthened the bond of fraternal friendship among the brethren. This was indeed a very enjoyable occasion.

January 22nd, 1922, I was invited to attend a union church service held in Trinity Methodist Church of Lincoln, to which all the Masons and their families of Lincoln and surrounding towns were invited. A large number of the brethren and their families were present.

On April 18th, 1922, I was invited to visit Trowel Lodge No. 71, Neligh, who had as their guests the other two lodges in Antelope County, one lodge from Holt County and one lodge from Madison County. There were 160 brethren present. I was given an opportunity to address the brethren during the evening. Following the banquet, several good talks were given along Masonic lines and a very delightful and profitable evening was had by all who were permitted to be present.

REINSTATEMENTS.

I have received during the year 58 applications for reinstatement of brethren who have been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than three years. These have all been referred to the committee for their consideration. Forty-eight applications have been approved, four have been refused, and one brother died before I had acted upon his application. After reading over carefully all of these applications, I am more firmly convinced than ever that this is a very wise provision of our law. I have a feeling that in the future applications will increase and may become quite a burden upon the Grand Master, but nevertheless the Grand Lodge should safeguard these reinstatements carefully.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Early in February I was advised that our lease on the Grand Secretary's office and library in the Masonic Temple would expire January 1st, 1923, and that the Temple Craft desired the appointment of a committee to confer relative to a new lease. On February 27th, 1922, I appointed M. W. George H. Thummel, Past Grand Master; M. W. James R. Cain, Jr., Past Grand Master, and R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, a committee with power to act, to confer with the Temple Craft of Omaha in regard to a new lease. The committee has performed their duty and will report to you later in the session.

TAXATION.

The State Tax Commissioner has announced that he intends to tax the property of all fraternal institutions and societies. This is a matter of importance to our lodges. So long as church property of all kinds is not assessed, I see no reason why our property, which is used exclusively for charitable and benevolent purposes, should be taxed. This matter should be carefully considered by the Grand Lodge and some unified action be provided for, that the interests of the lodges may be fully protected.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

On November 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1921, accompanied by R. W. Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, I attended the third annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, which was held in Chicago, Illinois.

I was very much impressed with the meeting. Some very fine addresses were delivered and in fact it was the greatest Masonic gathering that it has ever been my privilege to attend. The program as outlined by the executive committee is worthy of our consideration, and from my observation, traveling over all parts of the jurisdiction that I have this year, I find that the brethren everywhere are anxious for information regarding Masonic activities of every description.

If we are to remain an active member of this association, I feel that we ought to appoint a committee and appropriate a small amount of money to have this program carried into the lodges throughout the jurisdiction. It will not be an easy matter to find the brethren who will take the needed time to organize a speaker's bureau, but I feel confident that when this is once accomplished the brethren will be delighted to receive the information which the executive committee have so carefully compiled.

The Grand Masters of several jurisdictions in which they have organized and are carrying out this program say that it is bringing wonderful results; that the attendance at the lodges has been augmented, and that the brethren generally are taking more interest in their lodges.

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MASONIC
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

On account of various other duties, I found it impossible to attend the annual meeting of this association held in Alexandria, Virginia, February 22nd and 23d, 1922. I issued my proxy to M. W. Robert E. Evans, Past Grand Master, who was able to attend the meeting. W. George C. Mason, chairman of the committee to solicit funds, was also privileged to attend the meeting.

Both brethren have reported to me that there was a very large attendance, representing practically every Grand Jurisdiction in the United States. Approximately two-thirds of the funds needed for this memorial have been raised. Many jurisdictions have already raised their quota of one dollar per member in full, and it is hoped that active building operations will begin this year. An endeavor is being made to lay the corner-stone on November 4th, 1922, which is the anniversary of the date on which George Washington received his Entered Apprentice degree.

The chairman of the committee reports to me that \$7,500.00 has been collected for the memorial in this jurisdiction. The brethren

ought to decide at this communication of the Grand Lodge whether they desire to complete the quota asked of us or not.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

Finding it impossible to attend the meeting of this association held in New Orleans, October 3d, 4th, and 5th, 1921, I issued my proxy to R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, and directed him to attend the meeting and represent this Grand Lodge.

MASONIC HOME.

On January 22nd, 1922, in company with M. E. William W. Metz, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M.; M. I. Frederick W. Tyler, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., and V. E. Arthur C. Stem, Deputy and Acting Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T., I visited the Nebraska Masonic Home.

We had not notified the President nor the Superintendent that we intended to visit, as we desired to see the Home under ordinary conditions.

A very thorough examination of the Home was made. I visited all the residents who were able to receive visitors, and I am pleased to report that our residents are contented and happy. They are receiving every comfort and care that it is possible to give to them. In fact, it is a haven of rest for those of our brethren and their families who, through infirmities of age, are no longer able to care for themselves. During the afternoon, it being Sunday, a Pastor of one of the local churches held services in one of the parlors, which was attended by all the residents who were able to be present.

This is a real Home in every sense of the word and the brethren may well feel proud of the part that they are taking in maintaining it.

On January 23d, 1922, I attended the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home. Nine hundred and seven shares of the 955 shares issued were represented at this meeting. Full reports were made by the President, Secretary, and Superintendent. I need not go into detail, as a full record of this meeting has been printed and mailed to each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. Sufficient to say that the finances of the Home are in excellent condition; that the Board of Trustees, who attend the meetings every month, receive no salary and pay their own expenses to attend these meetings. Many of the brethren do not fully appreciate the sacrifices made and the earnest labor that the Board of Trustees is performing for them, without the hope of fee or reward. At this meeting it was suggested that so many of the residents of the Home need medical care and constant attention of nurses that an infirmary is almost a necessity. It was therefore suggested to the Board of Trustees that the matter be carefully con-

sidered and that some plan be formulated whereby an infirmary might be built in the near future.

On March 6th, 1922, I attended the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Home. At this meeting tentative plans for the infirmary were looked over and it was decided to hold the next meeting at the Home, in order that the Trustees might look over the grounds, note the condition of the residents, who need medical and nursing care, and be in better position to act intelligently upon the proposition.

On April 5th, 1922, I attended the Board of Trustees' meeting at Plattsmouth. A large majority of the Board of Trustees was present. The grounds were carefully looked over and the matter of building an infirmary was carefully considered. It was the unanimous opinion of the Trustees present that such a building should be erected in the very near future.

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, at its annual convocation held in April, voted to donate \$10,000.00 to help in the erection of this building. I have carefully considered the subject from every angle and I am firmly convinced that we should build an infirmary at the earliest possible moment and that this Grand Lodge should appropriate sufficient funds that the buildings may be erected, that the comfort and health of our sick residents may be fully protected.

CHILDRENS HOME.

During the year I have been privileged to visit the Childrens Home at Fremont on five different occasions. On one of these visits I made a careful investigation of the buildings and the grounds.

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge \$30,000.00 was appropriated to build a new cottage. The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star has approximately \$20,000.00 which they are going to use to build an infirmary or isolation ward, which will be built in connection with this cottage. The committee has the plans drawn up and approved, but has not yet started active operations, waiting until material and labor are more reasonable. It is hoped, however, that active operations may be started this summer, as the committee in charge of the children are renting one house in Fremont and expect to have to rent another one to accommodate the children whom we are being called upon to care for.

We now have forty-three children in our Home, with an ever-increasing number whom it is necessary for us to provide for. From every indication this part of our work is going to increase from year to year.

I can not speak too highly of the Matrons who are so earnestly endeavoring to make real men and women out of these children whom circumstances have placed in our charge.

While our residents at the Home have all long since passed the meridian of life and the only thing we can do for them is to see that

they have every comfort and pleasure until the setting of the sun. these children are going to be the men and women of tomorrow, the fathers and mothers of the generation that will follow us. What a wonderful responsibility for us. The brethren may well feel proud that our children are all healthy, contented, and good students of the public schools of the city of Fremont.

PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

For several years there has been a Committee on Promulgation of the Work. At the last communication of the Grand Lodge, the committee reported that its duties were merely nominal and of no practical benefit to either the Grand Custodian or to the Craft, and recommended that it be discharged from further service. This report having been adopted, the entire consideration of the Promulgation of the Work was left to the Grand Custodian under the direction of the Grand Master.

We had several consultations and much correspondence over various phases of the work, and finally decided that an added interest in perfecting the esoteric work could be created by issuing Certificates of Proficiency; first to lodges, whose officers are able to confer all the work of the degrees and the lectures substantially correct; second, to any brother who is able to confer the work of all the degrees and the lectures substantially correct.

I have issued during the year certificates to eight lodges and to forty-nine brethren.

I have discovered that interest is growing materially in these certificates, and I feel very certain that they will do more to interest many of the brethren who have heretofore never been interested in perfecting themselves, than any other mode of promulgating the work. This means that in addition to our twenty regular commissioned Assistant Custodians, we have forty-nine brethren who are able to teach the standard work of this Grand Jurisdiction.

I recommend the approval of the Certificates of Proficiency, both for lodges and for members.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS.

One of my first official acts was to commission the Assistant Custodians who were then in service. Later in the year one of the brethren, unable to serve in this capacity any longer, resigned. His resignation was accepted. On August 1st, 1921, I issued a commission to W. Brother Lamont L. Stephens, Past Master of Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City. On August 13th, 1921, I issued a commission to W. Brother Francis A. Robey, Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. These brethren were recommended by their lodges and passed satisfactory examinations conducted by Most Worshipful Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, who certified to me that they were substantially correct in all the esoteric work.

May I, at this time, speak a word of commendation for these brethren who so unselfishly devote a great deal of their time and energy to the perfecting of our esoteric work? I believe that our lodges generally are on a higher plane of proficiency than ever before, and while there is plenty of room for improvement, yet I believe the work is improving from year to year, and all the credit for this is due entirely to the Grand Custodian and his Assistants.

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANCE.

I note in checking over our proceedings that we have fourteen brethren who have attended twenty-one or more communications of the Grand Lodge. Among these veterans, I desire to particularly call your attention to Right Worshipful Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, who is today attending his fiftieth communication of our Grand Lodge. He first attended in 1871 and since that time has missed but two sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Very few brethren have been privileged to have fifty years of activities in a Grand Lodge. The service that he has rendered to this Grand Body can not be recounted in words, for not even we, who have been permitted to labor with him, have a full conception of his unselfish loyalty and devotion to Freemasonry. No words that I might add here can either take away or add to the wonderful service that he has rendered this Grand Body.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a form of a questionnaire to be used in connection with the petitions for the degrees, and that when approved by the Grand Master its use be made obligatory on all lodges.

I recommend that Article 10, Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be amended, giving the Grand Master the power to remove any elective officer of a lodge for good reason shown until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

I recommend that a suitable jewel be purchased for the Grand Master at a cost not to exceed \$200.00, this jewel to be kept in the custody of the Grand Master and at the time of installation be turned over to his successor in office.

I recommend that in accordance with the approved recommendation of Past Grand Master Fradenburg, the history of Monitor Lodge U. D. G., as compiled by our Grand Secretary, Francis E. White, be published. This history in years to come will be extremely interesting and of untold value to this Grand Lodge, and should be published this year, regardless of cost.

I further recommend that the Grand Secretary shall not sell, give, or exchange any of the bound volumes of the Grand Lodge to any association or individual except Past Grand Masters and new lodges.

I further recommend that Section 174 of the Grand Lodge Law be amended so as to provide that a majority vote of the members of the lodge shall be necessary to sustain any charge or specification, instead of a vote of two-thirds as is now provided.

I further recommend that Section 27-A be amended by adding after the words "solvent banks" in the seventh line, the following: "or trust companies."

I further recommend that the figures \$5,000.00 in the third line of Section 27-A be changed to \$7,500.00, so that loans may be made not to exceed \$7,500.00 to any one person or corporation.

I further recommend that the clause, "or for other satisfactory reasons to be stated in the petition," be stricken out of Section 69-A, which provides for terminating membership other than by suspension, expulsion, demission, or death, so that withdrawal may be had on account of religious scruples only, and that this section be not used to escape Masonic trials and punishment.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

Although the growth has not been as large this year as for several years preceding, I deem this a healthy condition. We have been, in the last few years, growing with abnormal rapidity. Too many are knocking at our doors and gaining admission to our lodges who have but a faint conception of the real purpose of Freemasonry.

We are today facing a big problem, possibly the greatest crisis that our institution has ever had to face. Whether we are to maintain the high standard which has been set by our fathers; whether the dignity of Ancient Craft Masonry shall be maintained as an institution; or whether we shall become simply a lodge proud of our numbers and our wealth, we must decide for ourselves.

I have been asked repeatedly, at meetings where I addressed the brethren, why I did not discuss religious organizations. My judgment is that we need have little fear of the enemy on the outside, if we properly concern ourselves about the enemy on the inside. The biggest problem before us is not a question of numbers, of wealth, of fine temples, or perfection in the work. What Masonry needs today is men; real men; men of unselfishness; men of rugged and old-fashioned honesty; men of vision; men of courage; and men of cleanliness, both of mind and body. If we will measure our applicants by these standards we need have no fear of the future. We must get back to the fundamental principles of our time-honored institution, that we may be able to transmit to posterity the heritage which has been placed in our keeping.

SUMMARY.

During the year in the discharge of my official duty I have traveled by railroad 18,500 miles, besides several hundred miles by auto, of which I have not kept accurate account. There have been over

3,000 letters answered from my office. I have presided at 15 Grand Lodge functions. I have attended 86 other lodge meetings, conferences, and Masonic gatherings during the year.

CONCLUSION.

I would indeed be remiss if I did not express my appreciation of the uniform courtesy that I have received and the entertainment that has been provided for me in every part of the jurisdiction where it has been my good fortune to have visited. It has been my endeavor to accept every invitation during the year. I have not been able to accept all the strictly social invitations, but otherwise there have been very few occasions that I have had to decline to meet with the brethren. To my associate Grand Officers, words indeed fail me to express my deep appreciation for the splendid support and help that I have received from these brethren with whom I have been so closely associated this year. No Grand Master ever presided in the Grand East who has had more loyal support and unselfish devotion than I have had. No single word of discord has arisen in the official family during the year, but each has vied with the other in honest, loyal, hard-working support.

I have as fully as possible advised you of all my official acts during the year, calling your attention to conditions as I see them. May we then, for a moment, in concluding, ask ourselves the question: what does the future hold in store for us? What are our duties and responsibilities as Master Masons? It seems to me that the call for good citizenship was never clearer than today. We should as individuals stand squarely behind honest government, clean politics, and the public school system. In the many perplexities confronting the nation today clear thinking, clean minded, honorable men are needed in every walk of life, and every Master Mason should make it his individual duty to see that the community in which he lives is cleaned of grafting, unscrupulous politicians who, while in many cases are in a minority, yet control the destiny of the many. What a power for good we may be if we will but do our part! Wringing our hands, praying, or whining will accomplish very little if we do not have the courage to raise our voices and fight for our priceless heritage of liberty, justice, and free government. Too many of our brethren, through the fear of personal unpopularity or for business reasons, sit idly by and permit others, who have joined our ranks for mercenary motives, to persuade them that Masons should not take an active part in public affairs, though they themselves have dragged their lambskin aprons into the very dust. Brethren, are we going to sit in contentment and self-complacency, or are we going to be a force in the world? What a wonderful responsibility rests upon the older members of our institution and the Past Masters of our lodges in setting an example to the young men who have in the last few years joined our ranks in such great numbers. It seems to me that our duty was

never clearer than now. Have we the courage to carry forward the ideals of this great institution that peace and concord may once again reign throughout a united country?

May I at this time express my deep appreciation of the honor that you bestowed upon me one year ago and express the hope that my efforts may have added something to the upbuilding of our ancient and honorable Fraternity?

Fraternally submitted,

LEWIS E. SMITH,

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 Nebraska Masonic Home in charge 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, 1922.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Application for charters, with records, statement of work, and all papers, have been filed with the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, for Oak Leaf Lodge U. D., at Lynch, and Potter Lodge U. D., at Potter. A petition for the continuation of the dispensation issued to Craftsmen Lodge U. D., at Lincoln, has also been referred to the same committee.

RETURNS FROM LODGES.

All lodges have made returns and paid the amount of the indebtedness to the Grand Lodge. There is no improvement perceptible in the manner in which returns are made out, certified to, and sent in. More than one hundred letters were sent to lodges to correct errors, and all of the correspondence has been referred to the Committee on Returns.

COLLECTION OF ANCIENT WEAPONS.

In the lease with the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha for the use of rooms, arrangements have been made for properly displaying the ancient weapons, armor, etc., that have been presented to the Grand Lodge by Mrs. John J. Monell, as a memorial for her husband. It is proposed to build cases with glass fronts on the east side of the reading room in the Masonic Temple, maintained by the lodges of

Omaha. If this arrangement is carried out, the collection can be seen by thousands, whereas if it were placed in the Grand Lodge Library no one except the few who go to this room for books would see it. The appropriation made last year for the completion of the work should again be made available for 1922-1923.

GRAND LODGE WAR RELIEF FUND.

\$26,600.00 Victory Loan bonds, cost.....	\$24,897.60
600.00 Victory Loan bonds, cost.....	571.86
700.00 Victory Loan bonds, cost.....	690.55
Certificate of deposit, First Trust Company.....	650.00
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Total.....	\$26,810.01
Less amount due the Grand Lodge.....	10.81
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Net assets	\$26,799.20
Amount of net assets 1921.....	25,519.07
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Increase from interest on Victory Loan bonds.....	\$1,280.13
If bonds sold at par increase would be.....	1,139.99
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Making a total increase for the year of.....	\$2,420.12

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

May 20th, 1921, amount on hand.....	\$1,333.52
Amount purchased during the year.....	2,702.54
Profit as shown by the books.....	253.11
By amount sold during the year ending March 20th, 1922.....	\$4,050.32
By amount issued free to lodges.....	238.85
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	\$4,289.17
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	\$4,289.17

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.

May 20th, 1921, balance on hand.....	\$6,730.90
May 20th, 1922, 10 per cent. of dues March 31st, 1922.....	5,179.50
May 20th, 1922, 10 per cent. of fees, March 31st, 1922	1,393.50
June 30th, 1921, paid to Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	\$6,730.90
May 20th, 1922, balance on hand.....	6,573.00
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	\$13,303.90
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	\$13,303.90

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Debit.

Amount on hand June 7th, 1921.....	\$ 55,309.72
Repayment of loan to the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	8,000.00
Interest on loan to the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	65.17
Balance due on charter fee from Perkins Lodge No. 308.....	25.00
Interest on War Relief Fund.....	1,280.13
Amount returned on account of error in pay-roll.....	61.10
Fees for special dispensations.....	80.00
Interest on daily balances.....	989.66
Fee for dispensations for lodges at Potter and Lincoln.....	50.00
Interest on Government bonds.....	425.00
Supplies sold to lodges.....	4,050.32
Dues on 34,598 members @ \$1.50 each.....	51,799.50
Penalties assessed in 1921.....	83.34
Fees collected on 2,791 initiations @ \$5.00 each.....	13,955.00
Fees collected on four initiations @ \$5.00 each and returned to lodges	20.00
New charter for Nelson Lodge No. 77.....	19.33
Charter fees for lodges at Lynch and Potter.....	150.00
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	\$136,363.27

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Credit.

Nebraska Masonic Home, loan.....	\$ 8,000.00
Railroad fare to Plattsmouth and return, session 1921.....	421.08
Pay-roll, Grand Lodge session 1921.....	4,872.76
Grand Tyler, Grand Lodge session 1921.....	15.00
Committee on Correspondence.....	200.00
Organist, Grand Lodge session 1921.....	10.00
Stenographer, Grand Lodge session 1921.....	10.00
Rent of Grand Lodge quarters to December 31st, 1921.....	556.00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	15.00
Lecturer, Masonic Service Association, session 1921.....	72.50
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, 10% fees and dues, 1921	6,730.90
Janitor	80.00
Postage	400.00
Stationery	64.70
Incidental expenses	45.31
Childrens Homes, Fremont.....	36,000.00
Expenses, Grand Master Fradenburg, balance due.....	52.31
Expenses, Grand Master Lewis E. Smith.....	1,000.00
Expenses, Grand Custodian.....	600.00

Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, salary.....	1,800.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	2,170.00
Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, salary.....	2,400.00
War Relief Fund, Victory Loan bonds, par value \$700.00....	690.55
Supplies for sale and issue.....	2,702.54
Blanks	128.51
Charters for new lodges and to replace one destroyed by fire	136.00
Expenses of Deputy Grand Master Edward M. Wellman to Chicago, to attend the meeting of the Masonic Service Association.....	65.04
Expenses of Grand Secretary Francis E. White to Chicago to attend the meeting of the Masonic Service Association	70.64
Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, expenses.....	150.00
First Trust Company of Omaha, Certificate of Deposit....	650.00
Fire insurance on books, papers, etc., Grand Secretary's office	38.50
Telephone, Grand Secretary's office.....	52.80
Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax.....	25,916.00
Fees on four initiations paid in error and returned to lodges	20.00
300 copies, List of Regular Lodges.....	100.00
Badges, Grand Master Smith and Past Grand Master Fraden- enburg.....	19.00
Reports of Grand Officers, advance proceedings, and pro- ceedings, Grand Lodge, 1921.....	1,067.70
Expenses of Grand Secretary Francis E. White to New Orleans to attend the meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.....	109.64
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	600.00
Promulgation of the Work.....	915.53
Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, per capita tax, 1921.....	173.24
Masonic Service Association.....	1,039.41
May 20th, 1922, balance in the Norfolk National Bank, Nor- folk, Nebr.	36,202.61
	<u>\$136,363.27</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

The annual meetings of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home are held on January 23d of each year, and the record of the meeting is printed as soon thereafter as possible and given a wide distribution. As it contains the account of the affairs of the Home for 1921, there is no need for reprinting the same here. The following facts, however, may be of interest:

The 516 shares of stock were represented at the meeting by M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, and a total of 907 of the 955 shares issued were represented. On January 23d, 1922, 20 men and 15 women were at the Home; one man and one woman have died since that time.

and three women and one man have been admitted, and one woman has been readmitted. Several applications are pending. The Home also pays monthly sums of money to three men and their wives, who are able to live at their own homes with some assistance, and pays for the maintenance of one woman at an institution better fitted to care for cases of her type than the Home itself.

Of the residents, the last report of the Superintendent shows that 5 are helpless, 9 others require daily attendance of physicians and nurses, and three others require occasional care. The average age of the residents is more than 73 years, the oldest Freemason in the state, and the wearer of the Gold Jordan Medal, Brother Eben K. Long, being 96 years. Four residents died during 1921.

Eleven children were admitted to the Homes for Children, and four left during 1921, leaving 22 boys and 22 girls. Forty-two members of the Fraternity or their dependent relatives are given some assistance by the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of the Grand Lodge.

The average cost of food per meal per capita at the Home was .1203 cents, and the average cost of food per month per capita was \$10.82. This is a reduction over 1920. Three hundred and forty-eight meals were served to visitors.

At the Christmas Observance of 1921, commanderies of Knights Templar contributed \$689.02 for the Medical Supply Fund, which is also applied to the salaries of physicians and nurses as far as it will go.

Additional ground to the east of the Home has been purchased by the Home board, and the house on the west of the Home proper has been sold and removed. Improvements to the Home proper and to the grounds, which were being made when the Grand Lodge visited the Home last year, have been completed, and as a result they present a much better appearance. Many trees and much shrubbery have been planted, which will also enhance the beauty of the grounds.

Lodges and individuals displayed much interest in the Home and the residents during 1921, and the Christmas season especially was a happy time for the old people in our charge.

Comparison of Amounts Paid.

	1920	1921	Increase	Decrease
Printing, stationery, etc.....\$	95.56	\$ 174.10	\$ 78.54	\$.....
Postage	42.88	15.00	.....	27.88
Salaries and labor.....	5,832.79	5,576.75	.....	256.04
Fuel	2,508.78	2,490.93	.....	17.85
Light	235.57	293.26	57.69	.....
Power for laundry, etc.....	204.07	298.05	93.98	.....
Water	218.85	101.45	.....	117.40
Maintenance	8,768.60	6,694.49	.....	2,074.11
Expense of residents visiting				
Omaha physicians	32.27	12.74	.....	19.53

Nursing	1,799.80	1,964.23	164.43	.....
Physicians' services, regular..	326.00	366.00	40.00	.....
Physicians' services, special...	.....	75.00	75.00	.....
Medical supplies	581.38	472.73	.....	108.65
Expense visiting applicants for admission.....	20.31	73.00	52.69	.....
	<u>\$20,666.86</u>	<u>\$18,607.73</u>	<u>\$562.33</u>	<u>\$2,621.46</u>
Decrease				\$2,621.46
Increase				562.33

Net decrease for the year.....	\$2,059.13
Net increase for the year 1920.....	\$3,821.91
Net increase for the last three years.....	\$4,365.19

Endowments, Bequests, and Donations of \$100.00 or More.

September 2, 1910, Samuel Johnson, Canopy Lodge No. 209...	\$1,000.00
January 24, 1911, Miss Laura MacColl, for her brother.....	1,000.00
April, 1912, Henry E. Palmer, Covert Lodge No. 11.....	500.00
Sept. 27, 1912, Thomas Wilkinson, Washington Lodge No. 21..	1,000.00
February 27, 1913, Frank G. Recknor, Atkinson Lodge No. 164.	250.00
September 16, 1916, Past Grand Master William E. Hill, West- ern Star Lodge No. 2.....	1,000.00
February 10, 1915, Edwin J. Carter, Temple Lodge No. 175....	2,700.00
December 5, 1917, Liberty Class, Hastings Consistory, A. & A. S. R., Hastings (Liberty Bond).....	100.00
December 5, 1917, Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 (Liberty Bond)...	100.00
May 1, 1918, Orin A. H. Bruce, Creighton Lodge No. 100.....	270.00
March 7, 1919, George Tilden, Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	500.00
May 5, 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Houghton, Hampton Lodge No. 245.....	100.00
June 6, 1921, Northern Light Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., Stanton	300.00
Total.....	\$8,820.00

GENERAL LEDGER BALANCES AFTER CLOSING THE
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 20th, 1922.

Inventory	\$201,792.13
516 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 51,600.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,068.47
General Relief Fund.....	6,573.00
United States Liberty Loan bonds.....	10,000.00
Supplies	253.11
Cash in the Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk....	36,202.61
Oak Leaf Lodge U. D., for charter fee.....	75.00

Potter Lodge U. D., for charter fee.....		75.00
Childrens Homes, Fremont.....	103,500.00	
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00	
Stock in the O. E. S. Hospital, Fremont.....	1,000.00	
John J. Monell library.....	971.17	
Grand Lodge library.....	1,182.18	
War Relief Fund.....		26,799.20
Victory Loan bonds.....	26,160.01	
Certificate of Deposit, First Trust Co.....	650.00	
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	\$235,567.44	\$235,567.44

INVENTORY.

Assets.

516 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 51,600.00	
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,068.47	
United States Liberty Loan bonds.....	10,000.00	
Cash	36,202.61	
Childrens Homes, Fremont.....	103,500.00	
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00	
Stock in the O. E. S. Hospital.....	1,000.00	
John J. Monell library.....	971.17	
Grand Lodge library.....	1,182.18	
Victory Loan bonds.....	26,160.01	
Certificate of Deposit, First Trust Co.....	650.00	
	<hr/>	\$235,567.44

Liabilities.

General Relief	\$ 6,573.00	
Supplies	253.11	
Charter fees for two lodges.....	150.00	
Due the War Relief Fund.....	26,799.20	
	<hr/>	33,775.31
Net assets as shown by the ledger.....		\$201,792.13

RETURNS.

Number of chartered lodges.....	283	
Number of lodges under dispensation.....	3	
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Total.....	286	
Number initiated during the year.....	2,791	
Number passed during the year.....	3,046	
Number raised during the year.....		3,279
Number affiliated during the year.....		609

Number reinstated during the year.....	109	
Number gained by other causes during the year.....	160	

Total gross increase.....		4,157
Number demitted during the year.....	793	
Number deceased during the year.....	386	
Number suspended during the year.....	230	
Number expelled during the year.....	8	
Number lost by other causes during the year.....	7	

Total loss		1,424

Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1922	2,733	
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1921.....	34,647	
Number of Master Masons on the rolls March 31st, 1922.....	37,380	

Returns from all of the lodges have been received, the cards made up, checked and counted, and the statistical table is presented herewith.

All lodges report carrying insurance on their real or personal property.

Personal letters to eight lodges which did not report the mileage, brought replies, so that all lodges have reported on this.

The following lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 1, 11, 30, 32, 33, 37, 44, 56, 58, 61, 62, 67, 70, 76, 82, 83, 87, 96, 100, 101, 104, 127, 130, 149, 158, 164, 172, 180, 185, 188, 233, 240, 241, 243, 256, 264, 269, 273, 275, 279, 282, 286, 287, 298, 299, 304, 306, 307, 309, and 311; a total of fifty, three more than last year. Of these, twenty-four reported having no delinquent dues last year.

The total number of delinquent members is reported as 2,496, as compared with 1,889 last year. The amount is \$16,730.01 this year, as compared with \$13,235.92 last year; and the average is \$6.75 this year, 26 cents less than last year. It is but fair to state that a number of lodges report that the amount is being reduced.



Francis E. White

Grand Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31ST, 1922.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. T.		F. C. S.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS											No. of Lodge		
		No. Initiated	No. on Rols. March 31, 1922	No. Passed	No. on Rols. March 31, 1922	No. Suspended	No. on Rols. March 31, 1922	No. April 1, 1921	GAIN				Total	LOSS				No. on Rols. March 31, 1922			
									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other causes	Total Loss
Nebraska	1	76	82	84	22	12	83	1318	106	31	2	1457	22	8	12	42	1415	1			
Western Star	2	15	31	26	12		42	209	42	8	1	260	6	4		10	250	2			
Capitol	3	61	76	61	33	4	137	1007	68	9	5	1089	9	13	4	127	1062	3			
Nemaha Valley	4		7		3		2	20	68		1	69	1	1	2	4	65	4			
Omadi	5	8	18	8	7	2	23	135	13	1	1	150	1	2		3	147	5			
Plattsmouth	6	9	28	6	8		24	183	8	1	1	192	4	7		11	181	6			
Falls City	9	18	35	19	8	3	40	258	23	6		287	3	3	3	9	278	9			
Solomon	10	1	10	1	1		1	28	1			29					29	10			
Covert	11	69	86	77	39	5	158	1179	78	14		1271	13	9	5	229	1242	11			
Orient	13	7	6	7	3		3	56	8	1		65	2			2	63	13			
Peru	14	8	9	8	1		15	94	9	2		105	5			5	100	14			
Fremont	15	44	13	48	7		21	444	51	3		498	6	2		8	490	15			
Tecumseh	17	3	22	3	5		26	146	4	1		151	1			1	150	17			
Lincoln	19	65	73	72	25	31	105	1190	77	11	1	1279	30	19	31	80	1199	19			
Washington	21	5	4	7	6		17	116	9	1		126	1			1	125	21			
Pawnee	23	3	8	5	4		22	129	6	1		136	2	5		7	129	23			
St. Johns	25	69	95	92	35	1	169	1173	99	17	9	1298	14	15	1	30	1268	25			
Beatrice	26	29	45	34	26	4	76	362	24	3	1	390	11	4		15	375	26			
Jordan	27	5	7	4	4		13	78	4	1		83	2			2	81	27			
Hope	29	6	10	7	5		21	32	8	1	1	42	1			1	41	29			
Blue River	30	9	4	10	2		10	86	10	3		99	3			3	96	30			
Tekamah	31	5	7	7	3		8	161	7	2		170	2	3		5	165	31			
Platte Valley	32	34	42	35	21	7	43	293	27	7	5	332	7	4	7	18	314	32			
Ashlar	33	82	47	84	26	1	50	529	85	16	1	631	14	3	1	18	613	33			
Acacia	34	14	13	23	7		26	89	20	3		112	6	3		9	103	34			
Fairbury	35	21	42	15	10		36	209	11	4	1	225	5	3		8	217	35			
Lone Tree	36	18	9	19	6		35	216	21	5	1	243	3	4		7	236	36			
Crete	37	8	14	10	6		26	144	11	4		159	4	1		5	154	37			
Oliver	38	8	19	9	6	1	32	155	9	1		165	5	5	1	11	154	38			
Papillion	39	14	14	13	3		16	74	15	1		90	2	2		4	86	39			
Humboldt	40	5	12	5	3		10	89	8	3		100	3	1		4	96	40			
Northern Light	41	5	5	10	6		18	82	9	1		92	1	1		2	90	41			
Juniata	42	2	12	5	3	3	17	58	3			61	2	3		5	56	42			
Hebron	43	7	13	8	5	3	32	109	6	1		116	2	3		5	111	43			
Harvard	44	10	11	12	1		10	64	13	2		79	1			1	78	44			
Rob Morris	46	42	41	37	18		51	314	37	4		355	5	3		8	347	46			
Fairmont	48		14	3	2		28	80	3	5	1	89	5	1		6	83	48			
Evening Star	49	13	9	16	3	2	14	106	16	3		125	1	2		3	122	49			
Hastings	50	39	43	39	11	3	37	467	40	4	2	513	10	3	3	16	497	50			
Fidelity	51	12	17	14	3	2	32	146	16	4		166	5	2		7	159	51			

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		No. Initiated		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. Passed		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. Suspended		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		GAIN				LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		
		By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By	By		By
Hiram	52	4	8	6	5	1	23	73	5	1	79	2	1	1	1	1	4	75	52				
Charity	53	15	19	18	9	2	32	117	16	7	141	7	5	2	1	14	127	53					
Lancaster	54	75	86	76	18	20	69	904	84	22	1017	31	16	20	1	67	950	54					
Mosaic	55	17	35	18	9	2	44	254	16	5	275	5	2	2	1	10	265	55					
York	56	10	8	10	3	..	20	300	8	9	319	1	8	..	1	10	309	56					
Mt. Moriah	57	8	19	8	3	..	8	95	8	3	107	2	3	..	..	5	102	57			
Lebanon	58	21	22	24	7	..	21	207	24	4	235	4	2	..	..	6	229	58			
Wahoo	59	14	9	15	3	..	18	181	20	2	204	4	1	..	..	5	199	59			
Melrose	60	6	10	6	1	..	11	86	6	3	96	2	1	..	..	3	93	60			
Thistle	61	6	8	6	5	..	18	146	4	1	151	2	2	..	..	4	147	61			
Keystone	62	5	8	7	1	1	10	68	7	1	76	2	1	..	..	3	73	62			
Riverton	63	3	8	3	..	..	12	49	3	..	52	..	..	..	..	..	52	63
Blue Valley	64	6	3	1	3	..	14	89	1	..	90	1	1	..	..	2	88	64			
Osceola	65	1	7	9	5	2	15	126	14	1	143	5	1	2	1	9	134	65					
Edgar	67	5	5	6	2	..	4	132	5	1	138	3	3	..	..	6	132	67			
Aurora	68	7	20	14	8	..	41	176	16	6	198	8	2	..	..	10	188	68			
Sterling	70	5	15	8	1	..	12	81	11	..	92	2	2	..	..	4	88	70			
Trowel	71	2	15	3	6	1	22	111	4	7	123	4	3	1	..	8	115	71					
Hooper	72	5	12	7	1	..	7	102	6	1	109	4	4	..	..	4	105	72			
Friend	73	10	9	9	3	..	13	78	11	2	91	2	..	..	..	2	89	73		
Alexandria	74	3	3	3	2	..	7	55	3	..	58	1	1	..	..	2	56	74			
Frank Welch	75	21	16	30	8	..	21	278	31	9	318	3	..	..	..	3	315	75		
Joppa	76	1	4	1	2	..	11	59	1	..	60	1	1	..	..	2	58	76			
Nelson	77	12	11	12	4	..	20	74	12	..	86	2	..	..	..	2	84	77		
Albion	78	9	19	8	10	..	14	111	11	1	123	2	..	..	..	2	121	78		
Geneva	79	11	11	14	8	3	20	175	15	5	195	4	4	3	..	11	184	79					
Composite	81	4	7	3	4	..	13	61	2	1	64	..	..	..	..	..	64	81
St. Paul	82	9	14	12	5	..	33	177	16	1	195	4	2	..	..	6	189	82			
Corinthian	83	6	8	4	4	2	9	59	3	1	63	1	2	..	..	3	60	83			
Fairfield	84	7	18	5	1	2	20	89	5	..	94	3	2	..	..	5	89	84			
Tyre	85	4	15	5	1	..	22	41	6	2	50	2	..	..	..	2	48	85		
Doniphan	86	4	6	3	5	..	15	47	3	2	52	1	..	..	..	1	51	86		
Ionic	87	4	25	5	3	..	15	120	8	..	128	3	3	..	..	6	122	87			
Star	88	2	12	4	1	..	11	74	5	..	79	2	..	..	..	2	77	88		
Cedar River	89	8	16	8	6	..	19	112	7	1	120	1	1	..	..	2	118	89			
Elk Creek	90	2	5	6	5	..	11	45	7	..	52	1	..	..	..	1	51	90		
Oakland	91	14	8	16	2	..	3	98	17	3	118	..	..	..	..	..	118	91
Hubbell	92	4	8	2	..	..	7	33	2	3	38	1	1	..	..	2	36	92	
Beaver City	93	4	8	6	3	..	28	126	7	1	134	2	2	132	93					
Bennett	94	1	9	1	1	2	14	69	1	3	73	2	2	4	69	94					

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		E. A.			F. C.			SUSP		GAIN				LOSS					
		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. April 1, 1921				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922					
		No. Initiated	No. Passed	No. Suspended	No. Initiated	No. Passed	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1921	By Re-joining	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Garfield.....	95	6	13	5	2	3	26	75	7	3	1	86	2	2	3	..	7	79	95
Utica.....	96	9	6	12	2	..	4	79	13	1	..	93	1	2	..	..	3	90	96
Euclid.....	97	5	7	6	3	2	16	91	8	2	..	101	1	2	..	..	3	98	97
Republican.....	98	5	7	7	4	..	5	68	5	..	..	73	5	1	..	..	6	67	98
Shelton.....	99	12	17	10	1	..	10	66	11	1	..	78	..	2	..	..	2	76	99
Creighton.....	100	12	15	13	5	4	21	100	13	1	2	116	2	1	4	..	7	109	100
Ponca.....	101	2	8	3	2	2	19	78	3	..	1	82	1	2	2	..	5	77	101
Waterloo.....	102	8	12	8	..	..	14	106	11	..	1	118	9	..	..	..	9	109	102
Ord.....	103	22	17	18	8	2	40	82	18	3	..	103	2	1	2	..	5	98	103
Wymore.....	104	4	20	3	10	2	32	168	5	2	2	177	6	..	2	..	8	169	104
Stella.....	105	2	5	3	1	1	9	73	4	1	..	78	2	..	1	..	3	75	105
Porter.....	106	1	5	3	1	..	10	63	5	2	..	70	4	2	..	..	6	64	106
Table Rock.....	108	2	3	4	..	2	10	72	5	..	..	77	3	1	2	..	6	71	108
Pomegranate.....	110	14	7	21	5	1	10	147	19	2	..	168	6	3	1	..	10	158	110
De Witt.....	111	7	17	7	2	..	28	75	7	..	1	83	2	1	..	..	3	80	111
Springfield.....	112	8	24	6	4	..	20	93	6	..	1	100	1	1	..	..	2	98	112
Globe.....	113	5	10	7	5	..	13	62	5	2	..	69	1	4	..	..	5	64	113
Wisner.....	114	2	11	4	1	..	13	113	6	..	..	119	9	2	..	..	11	108	114
Harlan.....	116	3	7	5	5	1	14	89	4	1	..	94	1	1	1	..	3	91	116
Hardy.....	117	5	5	6	1	2	8	46	8	2	..	56	..	1	2	..	3	53	117
Doric.....	118	1	7	1	1	1	10	54	1	..	..	55	1	..	1	..	2	53	118
North Bend.....	119	9	5	9	3	..	8	116	9	..	..	125	4	2	..	..	6	119	119
Wayne.....	120	7	13	12	4	..	11	166	16	..	..	192	5	1	..	..	6	176	120
Superior.....	121	20	14	11	2	..	18	158	18	4	..	178	6	1	..	..	7	171	121
Auburn.....	124	10	7	10	3	4	16	115	8	..	..	123	4	1	4	..	9	114	124
Mount Nebo.....	125	3	9	3	5	..	31	88	3	2	..	93	1	1	..	..	2	91	125
Stromsburg.....	126	1	3	5	3	..	6	136	7	2	..	145	20	..	..	20	125	126	
Minden.....	127	5	8	8	7	..	15	81	7	1	1	90	2	1	..	..	3	87	127
Guide Rock.....	128	2	8	2	2	..	3	39	2	..	..	41	..	1	..	..	1	40	128
Blue Hill.....	129	12	7	11	2	2	22	64	11	2	3	80	3	1	2	..	6	74	129
Tuscan.....	130	1	4	1	2	..	2	62	..	1	..	63	..	..	..	..	..	63	130
Scribner.....	132	5	6	5	4	1	6	66	7	..	1	74	..	1	..	..	1	73	132
Elm Creek.....	133	4	8	3	3	..	9	53	3	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	..	56	133
Solar.....	134	2	5	2	1	2	6	73	3	..	1	77	2	3	2	..	7	70	134
McCook.....	135	13	29	12	2	..	38	208	14	5	1	228	4	..	..	..	4	224	135
Long Pine.....	136	1	9	2	2	2	10	88	5	5	..	98	1	1	2	1	5	93	136
Upright.....	137	3	9	4	..	1	5	67	5	..	..	72	3	..	1	..	4	68	137
Rawalt.....	138	5	6	3	2	1	15	95	2	2	..	99	4	1	1	..	6	93	138
Clay Centre.....	139	5	2	9	2	..	12	75	7	2	..	84	1	3	4	80	139
Western.....	140	1	4	1	1	..	8	77	1	78	2	2	76	140

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	GAIN				LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922									
								No. on April 1, 1921	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death		By Suspension		By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss				
																						No. on April 1, 1921			
Crescent	143	9	10	9	4	11	82	10	1	1	1	1	1	92	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	91	143		
Kenesaw	144	4	10	4	3	10	82	4	1	1	1	1	1	88	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	86	144	
Bancroft	145	4	19	5	4	24	73	5	3	2	1	1	1	83	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	78	145	
Jachin	146	8	20	8	5	1	36	168	5	4	1	1	1	177	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	171	146	
Siloam	147	3	11	2	2	13	39	2	1	1	1	1	1	41	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	38	147	
Emmet Crawford	148	8	20	6	7	2	19	190	6	6	1	1	1	202	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	7	195	148	
Jewel	149	3	1	5	1	1	9	39	5	1	1	1	1	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	42	149	
Cambridge	150	5	8	7	2	1	7	92	8	1	1	1	1	101	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	98	150	
Square	151	6	17	7	5	1	14	72	6	1	1	1	1	79	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	76	151	
Parallel	152	3	11	6	8	1	22	57	9	1	1	1	1	66	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	64	152	
Evergreen	153	6	2	6	3	1	17	66	6	1	1	1	1	72	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	70	153	
Lily	154	7	4	7	2	1	7	74	7	1	1	1	1	82	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	81	154
Hartington	155	8	23	6	7	1	17	81	8	1	2	1	1	92	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	87	155	
Pythagoras	156	2	19	3	7	1	13	65	4	1	1	1	1	69	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	67	156	
Valley	157	8	13	7	1	1	14	62	11	1	2	1	1	76	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	72	157	
Samaritan	158	12	15	12	5	1	19	201	20	7	1	1	1	228	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	224	158	
Ogalalla	159	21	24	16	7	4	16	121	19	4	1	1	1	144	17	1	4	1	1	1	1	22	122	159	
Zeredatha	160	3	2	3	3	1	15	36	2	1	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	38	160	
Mount Zion	161	3	5	4	1	1	10	72	4	1	1	1	1	76	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	72	161	
Trestle Board	162	13	3	12	2	1	7	76	11	2	1	1	1	89	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	87	162	
Unity	163	4	13	3	1	1	8	73	5	1	1	1	1	79	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	163	
Atkinson	164	2	8	4	1	1	8	57	4	2	1	1	1	63	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	60	164	
Barneston	165	1	6	5	1	1	9	44	7	1	1	1	1	52	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	52	165	
Mystic Tie	166	3	6	3	2	1	8	64	2	1	1	1	1	66	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	62	166	
Elwood	167	4	5	5	3	1	12	65	7	1	1	1	1	72	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	70	167	
Curtis	168	7	10	12	7	1	11	90	11	1	1	1	1	101	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100	168	
Amity	169	10	16	5	3	1	4	78	7	1	1	1	1	85	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	82	169	
Mason City	170	4	5	5	9	1	11	73	6	1	1	1	1	80	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	76	170	
Merna	171	5	19	4	2	1	16	109	6	1	1	1	1	115	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	113	171	
Grafton	172	2	9	1	1	1	8	61	1	1	1	1	1	62	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	58	172	
Robert Burns	173	8	12	11	1	1	13	30	12	1	1	1	1	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	173	
Culbertson	174	3	5	4	3	1	10	41	6	1	1	1	1	48	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	45	174	
Temple	175	4	6	4	7	1	15	68	4	1	1	1	1	73	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	72	175	
Gladstone	176	1	9	2	1	1	7	133	3	1	1	1	1	136	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	133	176	
Hay Springs	177	10	6	8	1	1	6	70	9	1	1	1	1	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	79	177	
Prudence	179	3	14	3	2	1	17	83	5	1	1	1	1	88	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	86	179	
Justice	180	10	9	9	11	3	13	96	8	2	1	1	1	106	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	103	180	
Faith	181	7	13	13	5	2	38	139	12	2	1	1	1	153	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	149	181	
Incense	182	4	9	5	4	1	12	46	5	1	1	1	1	52	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	182	
Alliance	183	14	49	14	11	1	27	318	21	3	1	1	1	342	8	4	1	1	1	1	1	12	330	183	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. S.		F. O. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. of Lodge	
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. Suspended	GAIN					LOSS						
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1921	No. April 1, 1921		By Raising	By Admission		Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss			
																				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1921
Bee Hive.....	184	29	20	41	12	1	28	444	37	3	..	484	2	1	1	..	4	48	184	
Boaz.....	185	7	12	10	4	..	11	75	9	1	1	..	86	3	1	..	4	82	185	
Israel.....	187	1	4	2	2	..	22	62	4	..	..	..	66	2	1	..	3	63	187
Meridian.....	188	5	8	6	3	..	10	105	7	2	2	..	116	3	2	..	5	111	188	
Granite.....	189	9	9	8	3	..	14	78	12	..	..	..	90	1	..	..	1	89	189
Amethyst.....	190	5	16	2	2	..	1	56	1	1	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	58	190
Crystal.....	191	11	14	14	6	1	9	71	16	1	..	..	88	..	1	..	1	87	191
Minnekadusa.....	192	2	20	4	6	3	24	144	9	6	159	1	1	3	..	5	154	192
Signet.....	193	9	8	14	2	..	7	77	15	1	..	..	93	4	3	..	7	86	193
Highland.....	194	3	6	4	3	..	10	50	6	2	..	..	58	2	..	..	2	56	194
Arcana.....	195	4	12	9	4	..	10	112	8	4	124	..	1	1	123	195
Level.....	196	1	4	1	..	..	7	39	1	..	..	..	40	1	1	..	2	38	196
Morning Star.....	197	6	8	5	1	..	7	73	5	1	..	..	79	2	..	..	2	77	197
Purity.....	198	6	15	9	4	1	9	71	12	1	..	..	84	3	..	1	4	80	198
Gavel.....	199	1	2	1	2	..	6	51	2	..	1	..	54	2	1	..	3	51	199	
Blazing Star.....	200	2	5	3	1	..	7	111	4	1	1	..	117	2	1	..	3	114	200	
Scotts Bluff.....	201	9	19	10	5	..	6	100	9	1	110	3	3	107	201
Golden Sheaf.....	202	10	19	13	3	..	18	124	12	2	1	..	139	6	2	8	131	202
Roman Eagle.....	203	3	19	3	1	..	25	65	4	..	..	..	69	3	..	..	3	66	203
Plainview.....	204	5	8	9	4	..	7	102	10	3	..	..	115	6	2	..	8	107	204
Golden Fleece.....	205	5	4	6	3	1	7	86	7	1	94	2	4	1	..	7	87	205
Naphthali.....	206	4	8	3	4	..	7	66	6	..	..	..	72	1	..	..	1	71	206
Parian.....	207	5	8	4	3	1	6	89	4	1	..	..	94	4	..	1	5	89	207
Gauge.....	208	5	10	5	1	..	18	64	6	..	..	..	70	1	..	..	1	69	208
Canopy.....	209	9	9	14	3	1	8	139	16	2	157	..	1	1	..	2	155	209
East Lincoln.....	210	76	43	72	16	1	30	585	83	5	3	..	676	26	2	1	130	646	210	
Cement.....	211	8	4	7	2	..	6	85	6	..	..	..	91	1	2	..	3	88	211
Square & Compass.....	212	8	11	7	3	2	19	69	7	1	..	..	77	1	..	2	3	74	212
Plumblin.....	214	8	2	8	3	1	5	72	6	..	..	..	78	1	1	1	3	75	214
Occidental.....	215	13	3	15	1	..	7	89	14	..	..	..	103	1	3	..	4	99	215
Palisade.....	216	13	8	15	2	..	15	65	15	1	1	..	82	1	..	..	1	81	216
Wauneta.....	217	2	4	2	2	1	18	43	1	4	..	..	48	..	1	..	1	47	217
Bloomfield.....	218	12	16	10	2	..	18	115	10	2	..	..	127	3	1	..	4	123	218
Relief.....	219	3	12	5	1	..	..	65	4	1	..	..	70	2	..	..	2	68	219
Magnolia.....	220	5	5	6	3	..	9	90	4	3	..	..	97	2	2	..	1	92	220
Wood Lake.....	221	..	4	..	2	..	3	73	..	2	..	..	75	1	1	..	2	73	221
Landmark.....	222	9	..	10	1	..	4	111	12	2	..	..	125	2	3	..	5	120	222
Eminence.....	223	1	5	1	3	..	2	68	1	69	3	3	66	223	
Silver Cord.....	224	6	10	8	4	1	9	90	10	2	1	..	103	1	1	1	..	3	100	224

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A.		F. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. of Lodge		
		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		GAIN				LOSS						
		No. Initiated	No. Passed	No. Initiated	No. Passed	No. Suspended	No. Suspended	No. April 1, 1921	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion		Other Causes	Total Loss
		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922
Cable	225	4	9	2	2	..	2	96	2	..	..	98	..	1	..	..	..	1	97	225
Grace	226	2	1	5	3	..	6	38	5	1	4	48	2	..	..	..	..	2	46	226
North Star	227	36	31	23	4	..	13	206	22	15	2	245	10	1	..	..	..	11	234	227
Bartley	228	5	2	5	1	..	5	59	4	1	..	64	1	..	..	..	..	1	63	228
Comet	229	5	3	6	3	..	10	62	7	..	..	69	1	2	..	..	..	3	66	229
Delta	230	8	10	9	6	..	4	60	7	..	..	67	3	..	..	..	..	3	64	230
Mount Hermon	231	..	4	..	3	4	8	68	..	1	..	69	1	..	4	..	..	5	64	231
John S. Bowen	232	2	3	2	3	..	5	57	1	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	232
Gilead	233	2	16	1	5	..	7	49	1	..	..	50	..	2	..	..	..	2	48	233
Zion	234	7	19	2	3	..	3	111	2	2	3	118	5	..	..	..	..	5	113	234
Fraternity	235	3	6	4	2	1	9	53	4	..	..	57	1	..	1	..	..	2	55	235
Golden Rule	236	5	18	6	4	..	4	43	6	..	1	50	2	2	..	..	..	4	46	236
Cubit	237	5	2	6	..	..	5	69	7	3	..	79	2	3	..	1	..	6	73	237
Friendship	239	10	6	6	5	2	7	62	4	1	..	67	1	..	2	..	..	3	64	239
Pilot	240	1	8	4	2	..	11	92	4	3	1	100	3	..	..	..	..	3	97	240
George Armstrong	241	6	8	8	3	..	..	86	7	..	..	93	1	2	..	..	..	3	90	241
Tyrian	243	6	5	7	2	..	6	36	6	..	..	42	1	1	..	..	..	2	40	243
Sincerity	244	..	4	2	2	1	3	41	1	..	..	42	1	2	1	..	..	4	38	244
Hampton	245	..	11	5	1	..	..	78	4	..	..	82	1	..	..	..	..	1	81	245
Nehawka	246	6	3	6	1	..	2	88	10	..	..	98	3	..	..	..	..	3	95	246
Corner-stone	247	2	18	2	..	..	15	68	10	..	..	78	5	..	..	..	..	5	73	247
Laurel	248	6	13	13	4	..	13	100	13	2	..	115	3	1	..	..	..	4	111	248
Gothenburg	249	8	8	6	4	..	1	99	6	1	..	106	3	..	..	..	..	3	103	249
George Washington	250	22	12	21	..	..	19	177	30	2	3	212	1	1	..	..	..	2	210	250
Wausa	251	..	6	2	3	..	3	74	3	..	1	78	3	..	..	..	..	3	75	251
Hildreth	252	5	7	3	1	..	8	60	3	..	..	63	1	1	..	..	..	2	61	252
Beemer	253	7	5	7	1	..	5	60	7	..	..	67	..	1	..	..	..	1	66	253
Bassett	254	3	11	6	3	..	4	73	5	..	..	78	1	2	..	..	..	3	75	254
Bradshaw	255	3	6	4	3	4	4	57	2	..	..	59	6	..	4	..	..	10	49	255
Hickman	256	6	2	9	2	..	1	38	7	2	..	47	1	..	..	1	2	45	256	
Holbrook	257	7	6	8	1	..	4	63	9	2	..	74	..	..	..	..	..	..	74	257
Anselmo	258	10	14	7	6	..	4	97	7	..	..	104	1	1	..	..	..	2	102	258
Bee	259	..	2	..	..	..	5	33	..	..	..	33	2	..	..	..	..	2	31	259
Ornan	261	11	12	8	4	..	..	69	8	2	..	79	1	..	..	..	..	1	78	261
Endeavor	262	..	3	..	..	..	5	41	1	..	..	42	..	1	..	..	..	1	41	262
Mitchell	263	6	7	10	2	..	7	115	8	6	1	130	1	..	..	..	..	1	129	263
Franklin	264	6	4	6	1	1	2	75	5	2	..	82	2	..	1	..	..	3	79	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	12	14	15	2	3	3	147	19	8	..	174	2	2	3	7	167	265
Silver	266	12	8	9	1	..	2	40	12	52	52	266	

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		GAIN				LOSS						
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922		No. April 1, 1921	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension		By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
James A. Tulleys...	267	1	3	3	...	...	1	70	4	...	1	...	75	1	1	...	...	2	73	267
George W. Lininger	268	8	7	18	3	...	1	243	18	8	...	...	269	4	1	...	...	5	264	268
Riverside	269	2	10	2	4	...	1	48	1	1	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	50	269
Huntley	270	...	3	...	1	2	4	41	1	...	...	...	42	2	...	2	...	4	38	270
Oasis	271	8	11	10	6	...	2	99	11	3	...	...	113	...	...	...	...	...	113	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	2	6	5	2	...	...	83	4	1	...	...	88	1	...	...	...	1	87	272
Crofton	273	8	7	9	1	...	3	68	13	...	...	...	81	2	...	...	...	2	79	273
Olive Branch	274	5	7	8	7	...	...	97	7	...	...	...	104	22	...	...	...	22	82	274
Ramah	275	3	1	4	1	...	...	26	5	5	...	...	36	2	...	...	...	2	34	275
Antelope	276	1	2	3	5	...	...	42	3	...	...	...	45	1	...	...	...	1	44	276
Sioux	277	3	...	4	2	...	...	52	2	...	...	...	54	...	2	...	...	2	52	277
Litchfield	278	1	4	2	4	...	...	74	4	3	...	...	81	2	...	...	...	2	79	278
Wallace	279	...	7	...	...	...	1	44	1	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	45	279
Swastika	280	9	8	8	2	...	...	66	9	1	...	...	76	4	1	...	...	5	71	280
Florence	281	41	5	42	6	...	2	168	53	3	...	...	224	2	2	...	...	4	220	281
Mullen	282	4	5	6	3	...	...	65	3	2	...	...	70	1	2	...	...	3	67	282
Exeter	283	7	3	11	1	...	...	44	13	3	...	...	60	1	...	...	...	1	59	283
Seneca	284	1	9	1	4	2	2	94	4	...	...	...	98	2	2	1	...	5	93	284
Camp Clarke	285	13	18	17	8	1	1	96	16	3	...	...	115	3	3	1	...	7	108	285
Oshkosh	286	7	7	12	9	...	1	76	8	...	...	...	84	2	...	...	1	3	81	286
Union	287	1	3	3	1	...	...	57	2	...	...	...	59	1	...	...	...	1	58	287
Omaha	288	67	29	67	10	...	2	435	75	18	...	...	528	5	6	...	...	11	517	288
Lotus	289	14	11	15	5	3	3	101	13	...	...	...	114	4	...	3	1	8	106	289
John J. Mercer	290	23	9	21	3	2	2	165	22	11	...	...	198	2	1	2	...	5	193	290
Diamond	291	5	4	2	2	...	...	54	1	1	...	...	56	...	2	...	...	2	54	291
Wolbach	292	9	4	7	1	...	1	50	7	...	...	...	57	1	...	...	...	1	56	292
Monument	293	7	2	8	3	...	...	53	6	2	...	...	61	2	2	...	...	4	57	293
Kimball	294	9	2	11	2	4	4	88	10	3	1	...	102	1	...	4	...	5	97	294	
Minatare	295	8	4	9	2	1	1	53	9	...	...	...	62	1	2	1	...	4	58	295
Cowles	296	6	2	5	...	...	2	34	6	...	...	...	40	1	...	...	...	1	39	296
Cotner	297	13	17	8	2	...	...	74	7	3	...	...	84	3	...	1	...	4	80	297
Chester	298	4	1	3	1	...	...	37	3	1	...	...	41	2	1	...	...	3	38	298
Sutherland	299	9	8	7	1	...	...	42	9	3	...	...	54	...	1	...	...	1	53	299
Liberty	300	36	11	34	8	...	...	210	34	8	...	...	252	2	1	...	...	3	249	300
Bayard	301	10	9	12	9	...	...	38	12	3	...	...	53	3	...	...	...	3	50	301
Mizpah	302	85	17	87	15	...	...	240	95	8	...	...	343	4	1	...	...	5	338	302
Right Angle	303	54	15	50	2	...	...	129	59	7	...	...	195	...	1	...	...	1	194	303
Ruskin	304	2	1	3	2	30	3	1	34	2	2	32	304	
Newman Grove	305	5	2	6	2	33	5	2	40	40	305	
Golden Rod	306	6	...	6	1	5	5	1	22	...	33	33	306	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. S.		F. C. S.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS							No. on Rolls, March 1, 5022					
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1922	No. April 1, 5921	GAIN			Total	LOSS							
									By Raising	By Admission	By Reinstatement	By Other Causes		By Demission	By death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	
William E. Hill.....	307	4	1	4	1	.....	.....	13	6	.....	.....	21	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40
Perkins.....	308	7	5	7	1	.....	.....	4	7	3	.....	18	32	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	31
Winnabago.....	309	6	3	4	2	.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	34	39	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	37
Scientific.....	310	8	4	9	2	.....	.....	8	8	2	.....	36	54	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	53
Wolk.....	311	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	6	1	.....	.....	27	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
Frank Leaf U. D. ....	.....	9	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Other U. D. ....	.....	11	3	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Craftsmen U. D. ....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winnabel.....	.....	.....	71	.....	15	5 204	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Totals.....	2791	3540	3046	1210	230	4282	3464	3279	609	109	160	38804	793	386	230	8	71424	37380	.....	.....

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

I fraternally submit herewith my annual report for the year ending May 10th, 1922, it being my twenty-first annual report. It is my desire that it shall be one of fact and figure, void of superficial sentimentality as far as possible.

As Paul said in I Cor., 11th verse, "When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things"—we are said to be of lawful age when we arrive at the age of twenty-one years. A world of facts lies outside and beyond the world of words.

EXAMINATION OF LODGES U. D. :

Were made at Lynch, Potter, and Lincoln, Nebraska, in compliance with Article XII, Paragraph 3, of the constitution, and Section 36 of the law, and a full and concise report was made to the Grand Master of all the findings in the premises.

CONSTITUTING OF NEW LODGES.

In compliance with the Grand Master's formal request, we were present and assisted in the function of constituting of the new lodges at Lodgepole, Grant, Valley, Winnebago, and Polk.

FORMAL INSPECTIONS.

Were formally made by the Grand Custodian under an official order of the Grand Master in forty-three lodges, covering all the essentials of the work of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry and the seven accompanying lectures, as well as a careful examination of the rooms—paraphernalia, accessories, and records—and all other matters pertaining to the interest and welfare in the jurisdiction of each particular lodge inspected, also the assignment of a formal school of instruction if there were an actual necessity existing.

Out of a total number of forty-three lodges inspected, there were found to be thirteen lodges that were substantially correct in the esoteric work and lectures and in no need of a school.

Thirty of the lodges were found not to be complying strictly with Section 8, Chapter II, of the code, so as to enable them to confer the several degrees in a suitable and impressive manner. In all such cases formal assignments were made for schools of instruction to be held by duly commissioned assistant custodians.

There are several of the lodges whose present officers are not proficient in the letter of the work and lectures as required by the law, so as to enable them to strictly comply with all the requirements of the code, and have to depend on others to perfect the work as best

they can. Some of these officers are not, never were, nor never will be proficient in the work. They are not responsible for the correctness of the rendition of the work, and will not apply themselves by endeavoring to perfect themselves. All formal reports to the Grand Master of each and every school clearly show all the existing facts just as they are. To enforce the letter of the law means the suspension of many charters; *what is the remedy?* Just what was suggested last year when time and conditions will permit; viz.: Requiring that the Master-elect must have a formal certificate of proficiency from a custodian that he is competent and fully qualified to discharge all the duties incumbent on the Master of the lodge.

The letter of the law says just what it means, and means just what it says. It should be enforced. There must be a uniform system of the expression, manner, and method of disseminating and promulgating the letter of the work; otherwise we will have no work, but a potpourri of confusion worse than the confusion of tongues at the building of the tower of Babel.

In enforcing the letter of the law as well as standing to and abiding by our obligation, I do not wish to be taken for a poll-parrot or a devotee at the shrine of rote ritualism, but it is the official duty of the Grand Custodian to recognize that fidelity to obligation and obedience to constituted authority is the characteristic of a loyal Mason.

Personally speaking, I can not admit that I believe that the crossing of "t's" and the dotting of "i's" ever made or will make any man wise. Something more is needed than memorabilia or the memorizing of words, kindly sentiments, and the propaganda of man-made creeds, papacies, and synods because out-worn, and men are illuminated by the breath of the *infinite* beatitudes.

Rote ritualism without a clear comprehension, a true meaning and application of the words and word formations as expressed in the Ancient Symbols, which is the sacred cipher of Ancient Craft Masonry by which the interior sense or meaning appears in the exterior form or letter, is the Divine method of communicating *truth* and is as old as human language. The further back we go, the nearer to ancient times, the more we find that all teaching was originally symbolic. Meaningless words are tedious and laborious restrictions and limitations—"the blind leading the blind."

One kindly act in doing some good
Is far better than words not understood.

I know whereof I speak. (Perhaps I have spoken too much already.) What benefit would the A B C of the alphabet be to a child if he did not understand the word formations composed of the letters?

Words! Words! Meaningless words, oh, how many
Lofty ideals based on *truth*. No, not any!

CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

There were but eight assignments made under this head—two were failures. I have about concluded that they are another experimental failure because the practical results sought for are not obtained. The center of attraction is mostly in the two last sessions of the last day; viz.: actual work in the degree of a Master Mason, and the social feature with refreshments as an aftermath. The Central Schools were all conducted by the Grand Custodian. No expense was incurred by calling on the assistant custodians, but as these central schools are part and parcel of the plan of promulgating the work, therefore they are all subject to the will and pleasure of the Grand Master. Should he so direct, we will cheerfully comply with his orders.

REGULAR SCHOOLS.

Were all assigned to the assistant custodians, with a possibility of three sessions each day (two days) under favorable conditions. Out of a total number of these regular schools, there were forty lodges, based on the formal reports of the assistant custodians, who were not in need of formal schools to enable them to comply with the letter of the law. While on the other hand there were forty-two lodges who were not up to that standard of proficiency to enable them to render the work in that concise, correct, and impressive manner as a square deal and rugged honesty demands from a brother to a brother. Smacks too much of commercialism tinged with endeavoring to obtain something without returning an equivalent.

Would it not be more consistent, reasonable, and economical not to make arbitrary assignments until there is known to be an actual necessity for it, either by an official inspection by a custodian, or a formal request from the lodge that they are in need of correct and intelligent instruction to enable them to impart the work in that suitable and impressive manner that the standard and authorized work of this Grand Jurisdiction required?

Ofttimes it seems more of an imposition to take the time and funds of the Grand Lodge and the constituent lodges for that which they are not in need of, especially when other paramount duties demand their time and attention, which causes adverse reports to be made to the Grand Master, and this brings back censure and reproof from him. I may be wrong in my conclusions. It is said that an open confession is good for the soul. I do not think we are getting the practical results sought for in return for the time, talent, and money expended under the present method.

In my opinion individual instruction will accomplish more in the ultimate than hastily skimming over the surface as must be the case in the short time allotted to cover the entire work and lectures, as must be done in reviewing the work under our present method. True,

it will take time, patience, and perseverance to accomplish any strenuous task, but it will bring its reward.

If the Grand Lodge is satisfied with the present effort and method, expensive as it is, I have no complaint to offer, but I earnestly and sincerely ask that you do not hold me responsible for it. Lean on your own crutch. Selfishness seems as natural as breathing, and in the hourly struggle to put the "old man" out with his deeds, many battles are fought, many victories won, and many lessons gained through failure, as well as through success. Such is the school of experience. "It sometimes takes courage to insist you are right, but a lot more to admit that you are wrong."

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS.

Since our last report we have lost two of our efficient and trusty assistants by death—Brother Fred A. Howe of North Bend Lodge No. 119, and Brother Franklyn C. Tym of St. Johns Lodge No. 25. Thus one by one they pass away—the brothers of our adoption—the companions of our choice.

"Death with the might of his sunbeam
Touches the Flesh, and the Soul awakes."

We lost two by resignation—Brother Benjamin Wood of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, and Brother Maro C. Shipherd of Fremont Lodge No. 15.

There have been two applicants recommended by their respective lodges and certified to by the Grand Custodian as to their proficiency, and formally commissioned by the Grand Master, viz.: Brother Lamont L. Stephens, Past Master of Porter Lodge No. 106 of Loup City, and Brother Francis A. Robey, present Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 of Lincoln.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS.

We have respectfully declined all requests made along this line, as there is no appropriation covering the necessary expense. Neither should there be, for several reasons, principally that if the Grand Custodian attends strictly to all the duties incumbent on the office, he will have no time for fashionable vacations, nor will he ever be out of a job. I do not wish to be considered discourteous, nor would I intentionally offend anyone in declining to comply with their many complimentary requests.

Let it be understood for once and all time, whatever I may say will only be in the tiled precinct of a Masonic lodge in connection with the letter of the work, and that is all sufficient.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY.

Were issued by and under an official order of the Grand Master under date of July 25th, 1921, wherein he formally directed the Grand Custodian to issue certificates of proficiency to all lodges whose present officers as a whole are substantially observing, obeying, and enforcing all the provisions of Section 8, Chapter II, of the code, also to all brethren who after strict trial and due examination prove their efficiency and proficiency in all of the standard and authorized work and accompanying lectures of this Grand Jurisdiction.

I have much confidence in this proposition and that in the course of time it will be far-reaching in its practical results in the recognition of zealous craftsmen who have proved their loyalty to the principles of Masonry and are ever ready and willing to give as to receive without the hope of fee or reward. It may be that this method can be proved. Be that as it may, it is worthy of consideration and a fair trial.

Under this official order of the Grand Master, the following lodges and brethren have proved their worthiness and ability to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Custodian, and formal certificates have been issued, duly attested by the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian:

Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway.....	Certificate No. 1
Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City.....	" " 2
Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island.....	" " 3
Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Stromsburg.....	" " 4
DeWitt Lodge No. 111, DeWitt.....	" " 5
Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln.....	" " 6
Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln.....	" " 7
Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron.....	" " 8
Brother Charles E. Sharp, No. 50, Hastings.....	" " 1
W. Brother Leroy Babcock, No. 189, Gibbon.....	" " 2
" " Albert B. Lake, No. 46, Kearney.....	" " 3
" " Harry R. Belville, No. 146, Holdrege....	" " 4
" " Theophilus C. Wilson, No. 33, Gr. Island.	" " 5
" " D. Horace Schall, No. 307, Otoe.....	" " 6
" " Lemuel E. Fitch, No. 302, Omaha.....	" " 7
" " Theodore L. Haden, No. 37, Crete.....	" " 8
" " Wilfred W. Ilgenfritz, No. 126, Stromsburg	" " 9
" " John E. Spencer, No. 170, Mason City..	" " 10
" " Wm. D. Redmond, No. 170, Mason City	" " 11
" " Arthur C. Rumery, No. 170, Mason City	" " 12
" " George J. Anderson, No. 170, Mason City	" " 14
" " William J. Birkofer, No. 249, Gothenburg	" " 15
" " Willis F. Haycock, No. 207, Callaway...	" " 16
" " Chas. M. Frederick, No. 207, Callaway..	" " 17
" " Francis W. Wilcox, No. 33, Grand Island	" " 18

W. Brother	Silas A. Wilson, No. 33, Grand Island...	"	"	19
"	" Claude E. Reuting, No. 33, Grand Island	"	"	20
"	" Ross Gowdy, No. 111, DeWitt.....	"	"	21
"	" Charles E. Alter, No. 116.....	"	"	22
"	" Axtel T. Danielson, No. 116.....	"	"	23
"	" John R. Tapster, No. 119.....	"	"	24
"	" John B. Lichtenwallner, No. 272.....	"	"	25
"	" Henry F. May, No. 94.....	"	"	26
"	" James P. Hendry, No. 210.....	"	"	27
"	" Arthur F. Bailey, No. 297.....	"	"	28
"	" Ora A. Vandervort, No. 162.....	"	"	29
"	" James H. Teegarden, No. 162.....	"	"	30
"	" Norris F. Tym, No. 1.....	"	"	31
"	" Willie Burdette, No. 176.....	"	"	32
"	" Frank M. O'Brien, No. 170.....	"	"	33
"	" Hans Schultz, No. 170.....	"	"	34
"	" Carl M. Anderson, No. 170.....	"	"	35
"	" Vern F. McIninch, No. 170.....	"	"	36
"	" James N. Jacobson, No. 170.....	"	"	37
"	" Harry L. Mantor, No. 306.....	"	"	38
"	" William D. Edson, No. 53.....	"	"	39
"	" John R. Easley, No. 49.....	"	"	40
"	" John W. Cronley, No. 19.....	"	"	41
"	" Joe L. Hickman, No. 54.....	"	"	42
"	" Clenenden W. Mitchell, No. 158.....	"	"	43
"	" Eugene R. Phillips, No. 158.....	"	"	44
"	" Albert J. Wood, No. 158.....	"	"	45
"	" L. Edgar Sprague, No. 158.....	"	"	46
"	" George R. Patterson, No. 136.....	"	"	47
"	" Glen O. Pope, No. 15.....	"	"	48
"	" Carl A. Larsen, No. 292.....	"	"	49

To all those loyal Craftsmen who have demonstrated their talent, ability, and fidelity in virtually perfecting themselves in the letter of the work: This is a very important step—this qualifying yourselves to render practical service to the cause of Masonry and your individual lodges. It is far-reaching in its results.

As a brother, may I say to you as brethren, that this is but one step on the rung of the metaphysical ladder? Never cease your labors until you have reached the goal of your highest ideals of Ancient Craft Masonry. Let your knowledge of the letter establish the proof of the eternal principles upon which Masonry forever rests. Demonstrate its power in your daily lives abroad in the world. Preach and practice them around the hearth-stone in your home circle. Never close your lodge nor call off. Speak it from the pulpit, print it in the press, practice it at the bar, prove it in the shop, sing it in the field. Never lay aside:

That ancient badge of universal kin,
Plain, unadorned, the white lamb skin.
Long live those Ancient Craft Degrees.
Their philosophy is grand,
My very soul doth please.

It is a cheery smile and a glad hand,
A strong uplift in a strange land;
It is a brother in the time of need,
A true friend that is a friend indeed;
It is the last kind word at the tomb,
A faith in God that dispels all gloom;
It is a wisdom truth of an Ancient Clan,
The Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number of schools for inspection and regular school of instruction 125

Of which number six were Central Schools at Seward, Franklin, Nebraska City, Broken Bow, Morrill, and David City.

The Grand Master was officially represented at Seward by W.'. Brother John Wright, Grand Marshal; V.'.W.'.Brother Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; M.'.W.'.Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master; and Brothers Orville A. Andrews, Francis A. Robey, and Earl M. Bolen, Assistant Custodians, were all present and assisted in the work of the school.

Total number of lodges represented by their officers and visiting brethren 18
Total attendance at the nine sessions.....366

The Grand Master was officially represented at Franklin by V.'. W.'.Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain. W.'.Brother James D. Phillips, Assistant Custodian, was also present.

Total number of lodges represented..... 17
Total attendance at the nine sessions.....316

The Grand Master was officially represented at Nebraska City by R.'.W.'.Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master. Brothers Orville A. Andrews and Lute M. Savage, Assistant Custodians, were present and took an active part in the work.

Total number of lodges represented by regular officers and visiting brethren 21
Total attendance at the nine sessions.....209

The Grand Master was officially represented at Broken Bow by R.'.W.'.Brother Charles A. Chappell, Grand Senior Warden; M.'.W.'.

Alpha Morgan, Past Grand Master; Brothers Frank L. Haycock and Robert B. Walker, Assistant Custodians, also assisted in the work.

Total number of lodges represented..... 21
 Total attendance at eight sessions.....298

The Grand Master was officially represented at Morrill by W. Vincent S. Ramsey, Assistant Custodian.

Total number of lodges represented..... 31
 Total number attending at nine sessions.....707

This was the banner school of the year, almost doubling any other held in the jurisdiction. This record has never been excelled but twice by the central schools ever held in the jurisdiction.

The Grand Master was represented by M. W. Lewis E. Smith in person at David City. He gave the Craft a message from the heart that all should heed.

Total number of lodges represented..... 22
 Total attendance292

Brothers Wells, Bolen, and Freet, Assistant Custodians, were present and took an active part in the work of the evening. The last two days of this school were held under unfavorable conditions of weather—Old Boreas being on a bender!

A TRULY COMMENDABLE PLAN.

During the year the Grand Custodian issued a circular letter to the lodges in Omaha proper, tendering his services to them in the line of formal instructions in the work, whenever they might be in need of them.

Several of the lodges informed me that they had a plan of their officers meeting with the Assistant Custodians in their city and taking individual instructions (which is the proper way of acquiring the work correctly). As I understand it, this plan is a saving both to the lodges and to the Grand Lodge. This of itself is truly commendable and worthy of imitation. As I understand the situation, the lodges in Omaha have not cost the Grand Lodge any expense whatever the past year.

I understand that some of the lodges in Lincoln are holding private schools with some of the Assistant Custodians. If so, they are deserving of credit in their laudable undertaking. What is the use of depending upon someone else for what can be done without help?

There is one thing it might be well for the Grand Lodge to get out of its system, viz.: That this is a one-man proposition! There never was a time, to my knowledge, when there were so many proficient Craftsmen as there are at the present. Your present incumbent could step down and out and he would never be missed, except by the railway companies and the hotels. They would miss some of the coin of the realm which some of them love so well.

Examinations for lodges under dispensation	3
Constituting of new lodges.....	5
Central Schools by Grand Custodian.....	6
Regular Schools by Assistant Custodians.....	82
Regular Inspections by Grand Custodian.....	43
Regular examinations for Certificates of Proficiency by Grand Custodian	56
For individual certificates.....	49
Regular examinations for certificates of proficiency for lodges....	8
Special investigations by order of Grand Master by Grand Custodian	2
Grand Lodge functions by Grand Custodian.....	7
Total number of schools held	125
Total number of miles traveled by Grand Custodian.....	9,803
Total number of letters by Grand Custodian.....	6,775
Total loss of Assistant Custodians	4
Total gain of Assistant Custodians.....	2

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Balance in Peters National Bank not drawn.....	\$ 25.73
Appropriation June 9th, 1921.....	596.25

\$623.98

Paid out for transportation	\$240.08
“ “ “ maintenance	230.83
“ “ “ taxi	13.55
“ “ “ postage	31.21
“ “ “ supplies	55.80
“ “ “ telephones	34.45
“ “ “ telegrams	8.25
“ “ “ stenographer	4.00
Balance not drawn.....	5.81

\$623.98

It is hereby certified by Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, that the above expense account is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and has only been expended for the purpose for which it was appropriated—under action of the Grand Lodge as shown on page 618, proceedings of 1921, and by order of the Grand Master.

The Grand Custodian never handles any of the funds of the Grand Lodge. He advances his expense accounts and draws on the appropriation for the several amounts when due.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

To Grand Master Smith:

I owe a debt of gratitude which cannot be expressed in words, but will ever be cherished in the heart.

He has ever been a tower of strength to the Grand Custodian in

supporting him in his efforts to discharge the many onerous duties of the office, especially in his endeavor to obtain practical results for the time and means expended by the Grand Lodge—wise in all his directions; just in all his demands.

Surely our M. W. Brother has demonstrated his rare ability to represent the M. W. Grand Lodge as its official head. "Let him bear the palm that deserves it" for duty faithfully performed. "Honor to whom honor is due." If he can get anything real out of that empty bubble he is entitled to it.

"*Labor ipse voluptas*"—Nineteen twenty-two rounds out my fifty years as a Mason, thirty-eight years a member of this Grand Lodge without a furlough, twenty-one years as Grand Custodian without a vacation!

No doubt I should have done better,
 And perhaps I might have done worse.
 Masonry is not all in the letter,
 Nor its deeds all written in verse.

Fraternally thine,

ROBERT E. FRENCH, the Custodian.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME IN CHARGE 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, 1922, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

Securities on hand last report.....\$108,471.40

Purchased or renewed during the year:

No. 271, James E. Cornish.....	4,000.00
No. 272, John B. VanSickle.....	5,500.00
No. 273, Christ Hoeck	3,500.00
No. 274, John C. Castello.....	2,500.00
No. 275, Wilbert A. Summers.....	3,000.00
No. 276, Howard Morrison	5,000.00
No. 277, Luther L. Oliver.....	4,500.00
No. 278, William Grabowski	5,000.00
No. 279, Clinton Boucher	5,000.00
No. 280, Henry Kemp	4,300.00

Total.....\$150,771.40

Securities renewed or paid off:

No. 232, Anna M. K. Trimble.....	\$3,200.00	
No. 233, James Leibhart	5,000.00	
No. 235, James C. Ackerman.....	4,000.00	
No. 239, Charles M. Lederer.....	3,000.00	
No. 243, Grant Stickney	5,000.00	
No. 244, William G. Purcell.....	500.00	
No. 247, Willard H. Davidson.....	2,500.00	
No. 248, John Kelly	5,000.00	
No. 258, Jacob Ceder	3,000.00	
No. 264, Willard H. Davidson.....	4,000.00	
No. 265, Ernest Wegner	2,000.00	
No. 272, Olive VanSickle	5,500.00	42,700.00
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		\$108,071.40

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

Mortgages owned by the Orphans Educational Fund, May 20th, 1922:

No.	Borrower	Property located in	Amount
208,	Goll	40 acres, Burt county	\$ 1,000.00
236,	Whipperman	40 acres, Thurston county	2,000.00
238,	Mark	610.23 acres, Garfield county	4,000.00
240,	Addison	160 acres, Dixon county	4,500.00
241,	First Liberty Loan Bonds.....		5,000.00
242,	Kelly	160 acres, Thurston county	5,000.00
245,	Rafferty	159.05 acres, Thurston & Burt counties	2,500.00
246,	Nelson	128 acres, Douglas county	5,000.00
251,	Korff	80 acres, Cedar county	5,000.00
252,	Moe	160 acres, Merrick county	2,000.00
254,	Sandoe	320 acres, Boyd county	5,000.00
256,	Warren	92.13 acres, Burt county	5,000.00
262,	Beacom	97 acres, Dakota county	2,400.00
263,	Pendergast	80 acres, Pierce county	3,000.00
266,	Fendrich	80 acres, Thurston county	3,000.00
267,	Karre	160 acres, Greeley County	3,000.00
268,	Kayl	80 acres, Dixon county	3,600.00
269,	Smith	70 acres, Dakota county	5,000.00
270,	Wilcox	120 acres, Thurston county	5,000.00
271,	Cornish	80 acres, Burt county	4,000.00
273,	Hoeck	160 acres, Dixon county	3,500.00
274,	Costello	40 acres, Thurston county	2,500.00
275,	Summers	92¾ acres, Dawson county	3,000.00
276,	Morrison	80 acres, Cedar county	5,000.00
277,	Oliver	160 acres, Valley county	4,500.00
278,	Grabowski	160 acres, Knox county	5,000.00
279,	Boucher	150 acres Cedar county	5,000.00

No.	Borrower	Property located in	Amount
280,	Kemp	160 acres, Gage county	\$ 4,300.00
	Cash in the Omaha National Bank		4,749.73
Total assets May 20th, 1922			\$112,549.73
Total assets May 20th, 1921			108,471.40
Net increase for the year			\$4,078.33

CASH.

On hand in Omaha National Bank last report	\$ 271.40
Interest on Government bonds	212.50
Interest on mortgages and daily balances	6,070.60
Securities paid off	42,700.00
Interest due on mortgages when purchased	\$ 204.77
Committee on Childrens Home, Fremont	2,000.00
Mortgages purchased	42,300.00
Cash in the Omaha National Bank, Omaha	4,749.73
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	\$49,254.50 \$49,254.50

All of the securities renewed recently or purchased are based on from 5½ to 6½ per cent. interest, payable semi-annually. There are no mortgages due or unpaid at this time.

The cash on hand is larger than it should be, as we have not been able to secure satisfactory loans within the limit set by the Grand Lodge. It is, however, on deposit in the Omaha National Bank and drawing interest. If the Grand Lodge would amend its law providing for making loans of not to exceed \$7,500.00, and also to provide that money might be deposited in Trust Companies until satisfactory securities could be purchased, the Board of Trustees would have less difficulty in caring for the Fund, and it would not be in any way jeopardized.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,

*Secretary, Board of Trustees of the
Nebraska Masonic Home.*

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, announced the following committees; vacancies were filled where necessary, and they entered on the discharge of their duties:

Applications for Reinstatement: Bros. Bernard N. Robertson, 3; Andrew H. Vielle, 55.

Board of Masonic Annuities and Gifts: Bros. David C. Hilton, 19; George H. Thummel, 33; John R. Webster, 3; Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Frank Wilcox, 1.

Charters and Dispensations: Bros.. Alfred G. Hunt, 33; John S. Furnas, Jr., 4.

Childrens Homes: Bros.. O. Edwin Mickey, 65; Burlingame Walker, 119; Charles B. Nicodemus, 15; Alpha Morgan, 148; Carroll D. Evans, 58.

Codification of the Law: Bros.. Frank H. Woodland, 25.

Credentials: Bros.. Benjamin F. Thomas, 1; Theodore L. Haden, 37; Walter B. Sadilek, 34; Charles H. Gourley, 60; Alexander E. Etting, 51.

Doings of Grand Officers: Bros.. George H. Thummel, 33; Harry A. Sherman, 280; George H. Haase, 220.

Finance: Bros.. Charles A. Smith, 166; Floyd E. Wilson, 55; John R. Tapster, 119; Stanley P. Bostwick, 3.

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

Fraternal Dead: Bros.. Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Walter W. Wells, 192; Sheldon L. Kier, 210.

Grand Lodge Accommodations in New Masonic Temple: George H. Thummel, 33; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Francis E. White, 6.

George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association: Bros.. George C. Mason, 300; Orville A. Andrews, 19; Henry H. Andrews, 207.

Grievances: Bros.. George C. Mason, 300; Joseph H. May, 192; Reginald E. Davies, 96; John Gerry Stark, 209; Silas A. Wilson, 33.

Jurisprudence: Bros.. Joseph B. Fradenburg, George H. Thummel, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, John A. Ehrhardt, Robert E. Evans, Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, Henry Gibbons, James R. Cain, Jr., Alpha Morgan, Samuel S. Whiting, Andrew H. Viele, and Frederic L. Temple.

Nebraska Masonic Hospital: Bros.. Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; Charles E. Burnham, 166; O. Edwin Mickey, 65; John R. Webster, 3; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; George C. Mason, 300; James T. Begley, 6.

Pay-Roll: Bros.. Frank L. Haycock, 207; Edwin H. Gerhart, 305; Alexander McKie, 25; Arthur J. Bailey, 297; Lawrence M. Nichols, 15.

Plan to District the State: Bros.. Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; George H. Thummel, 33.

Relief and Care of Orphans: Bros.. O. Edwin Mickey, 65; Charles A. Chappell, 127; Alpha Morgan, 148; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Robert E. Evans, 5.

Returns: Bros.. Harry E. Siman, 235; Walter L. Cropper, 303; Will E. S. Thompson, 281; Walter E. Beck, 38.

Unfinished Business: Bros.. Charles E. Burnham, 166; I. Donald Huston, 311; James T. Begley, 6; John S. Davison, 136; Chester G. Marshall, 52.

Uniform Plan for Accounts: Bros.. James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Frank A. Hughes, 288; David Northup, 1.

Visiting Brethren: The Grand Custodian, the Assistants to the Grand Custodian, and Omaha brethren.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF
GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers herewith reports and recommends that certain portions of the Grand Master's address be referred as follows:

To the Grand Lodge:

- All matters relating law enforcement and weak lodges.
- Dispensations for new lodges refused.
- Reinstatements.
- Appointment of a special committee to make a lease with the Masonic Temple Craft, Omaha, for Grand Lodge quarters.
- The Masonic Service Association.
- The George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association.
- The Nebraska Masonic Home: infirmary.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

- The removal of a secretary, and the recommendation in regard to an amendment to the law.
- Promulgation of the Work.
- All recommendations.

To the Committee on Grievances:

- All matters of appeals and grievances.

To the lodges and the Craft throughout the jurisdiction:

- The address as a whole, and particularly so much as relates to the condition of the Craft and Law Enforcement.

We recommend that all other acts and doings of the Grand Master not especially referred, be approved.

The address of your Grand Master shows a year of strenuous and faithful work, with a high resolve to meet unflinchingly every duty, to overcome every difficulty, and to uphold the honor and dignity of our time-honored Institution; to urge that Masons and lodges should, as far as possible, be advised that the Grand Lodge expects that it is the duty of all to obey the laws of the land, and to perform every duty as men and as Masons, and that all should walk in the straight and narrow path as becomes children of the Light.

In his endeavor to hold all to a strict accountability, the Grand Master has encountered numerous obstacles, but he has performed his full duty in spite of adverse criticism and reported organized opposition, and he brings to this Grand Lodge the garnered sheaves of duty heroically performed in endeavoring to maintain the standard of Ancient Craft Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. We ap-

preciate his labors, and may he enjoy the satisfaction of feeling and knowing that he did his full duty and that the Craft is loyally behind him.

We refer the report of the Grand Secretary as follows:

To the Committee on Finance:

So much as relates to accounts and financial affairs.

The financial affairs of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in charge of the Orphans Educational Fund.

We recommend that all matters relating to the collection of ancient weapons be approved, and that the appropriation for the same, and the committee to arrange for cases for the same, be continued.

We approve the recommendation that our law be amended so that loans be authorized not to exceed \$7,500.00, also in regard to depositing funds with trust companies pending the selection and purchase of mortgages, and recommend that the Committee on Codification of the Law report the necessary amendments to carry them into effect.

The report of the Grand Custodian shows that this faithful officer has fulfilled every duty in an efficient manner. We approve of the issuing of certificates of proficiency to lodges and individuals, as we think that this is an admirable way in which to attain uniformity of the work. We recommend that this plan be continued and enlarged, under the direction of the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian. We also approve of the principle referred to by the Grand Custodian of requiring each Master-elect to have a formal certificate of proficiency before installation, and refer this matter to the Committee on Jurisprudence, for their consideration.

We recommend that the Central Schools of Instruction be continued, if in the judgment of the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian this is deemed advisable.

REPORT OF EXAMINATION.

Omaha, Nebraska, May 23, 1922.

Auditing Committee,

Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,

Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions, we have made an audit and examination of the books and records of the Grand Secretary, Omaha,

Nebraska, for the year ended May 20, 1922, and herewith submit report thereon.

Attached to and forming part of this report are the following statements, which reflect the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and the Orphans Educational Fund on May 20, 1922:

Exhibit A—Assets and Liabilities, May 20, 1922.

Schedule A-1—Analysis of Inventory, May 20, 1922.

Exhibit B—Receipts and Disbursements, year ended May 20, 1922.

Exhibit C—Resources and Liabilities, Orphans Educational Fund, May 20, 1922.

Schedule C-1—Analysis of Inventory, Orphans Educational Fund, May 20, 1922.

Exhibit D—Receipts and Disbursements, Orphans Educational Fund, Year Ended May 20, 1922.

The cash in banks was reconciled with certificates secured from the depositories. All receipts, as reflected by the books and records, were found to have been properly accounted for and deposited. All disbursements for the year have been properly vouched and accounted for.

The various securities listed were inspected by our representative and found to agree with the book reflection.

The Victory Loan bonds carried as an asset on Exhibit A at a book value of \$26,160.01, have a par value of \$27,300.00, and a market value slightly in excess of par.

The books and records were found to have been neatly and accurately kept, and every courtesy and facility was accorded us during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GILCHRIST CO.

John M. Gilchrist, Pres.

Certified Public Accountant.

Exhibit A:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.

Omaha, Nebraska.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

May 20, 1922.

ASSETS

Stock Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 51,600.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,068.47
U. S. Liberty Bonds.....	10,000.00
Cash in Bank.....	36,202.61
Childrens Home, Fremont.....	103,500.00

Grand Lodge Jewels.....	\$	233.00
Stock O. E. S., Fremont.....		1,000.00
Monell Library		971.17
Grand Lodge Library.....		1,182.18
Victory Loan Bonds.....		26,160.01
First Trust Company Certificate of Deposit.....		650.00
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		\$235,567.44

LIABILITIES.

Inventory	\$201,792.13
General Relief Fund.....	6,573.00
Supplies	253.11
Charter Fees:	
Oak Leaf U.'D.'.....	\$75.00
Potter U.'D.'	75.00
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	150.00
War Relief Fund.....	26,799.20
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	\$235,567.44

Schedule A-1:

GRAND LODGE A.'F.' & A.'M.'
Omaha, Nebraska.ANALYSIS OF INVENTORY.
May 20, 1922.

Balance May 20, 1921.....	\$185,967.55
Add Net Gain year ended May 20, 1922.....	15,824.58
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Balance as per Exhibit A.....	\$201,792.13

Exhibit B:

GRAND LODGE A.'F.' & A.'M.'
Omaha, Nebraska.RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.
Year Ended May 20, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Profit and Loss, May 20, 1921.....	\$25,469.46
Interest Received	1,479.83
Certificate of Deposit.....	650.00
Victory Loan Bonds.....	690.55
Nebraska Masonic Home Exemptions.....	32.50

Lodge Penalties	\$ 83.34	
Fees	66,457.00	
		<u>\$94,862.68</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$25,948.50	
Exemptions	97.50	
Supplies Issued Free.....	238.85	
General Relief Fund.....	6,573.00	
War Relief Fund.....	26,810.01	
Sundry Expense Items.....	19,370.24	
		<u>79,038.10</u>
Net Gain for year to Inventory, Exhibit A.....		\$15,824.58

Exhibit C:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.
May 20, 1922.

RESOURCES.

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 4,749.73	
U. S. Government Bonds.....	5,000.00	
Bills Receivable	102,800.00	
		<u>\$112,549.73</u>

LIABILITIES.

Inventory	\$112,549.73
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Schedule C-1:

ANALYSIS OF INVENTORY.

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.
May 20, 1922.

Balance May 20, 1921.....	\$108,471.40	
Add Securities Purchased.....	42,300.00	
		<u>150,771.40</u>
Deduct Securities Paid-up.....	42,700.00	
		<u>108,071.40</u>

Add Net Gain, year ended May 20, 1922.....\$ 4,478.33

Balance as per Exhibit B.....\$112,549.73

Exhibit D:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.
Year Ended May 20, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Government Bonds.....	\$ 212.50	
Interest on Mortgages and Loans.....	6,070.60	
Mortgages and Bills Receivable Paid.....	42,700.00	
		\$48,983.10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mortgages and Bills Receivable Purchased.....	\$42,300.00	
Accrued Interest on Mortgages Purchased.....	204.77	
Relief Committee, Childrens Home.....	2,000.00	
		44,504.77
Net Gain to Inventory May 20, 1922.....		\$4,478.33

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

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, June 6th, 1922.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding session, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, presiding. Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Brother Charles M. Shepherd.

The Grand Lodge was called to attention and all joined in singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," after which V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, read the following report; at the conclusion of the report, the brethren sang one

stanza of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and after prayer, by the Grand Chaplain, the report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

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

During the past year three hundred and eighty-six of the honored brethren of this jurisdiction have gone away from us, and the dear ones, of their earthly homes, and it is fitting that in the opening hours of this Grand Lodge session, we should wait a little while together, to bear witness to our love for the departed, and our sympathy for the bereaved.

The dead are like the stars by day,
 Withdrawn from mortal eye,
 But not extinct, they hold their way
 In glory through the sky.
 Spirits from bondage thus set free
 Vanish amidst immensity,
 Where human thought, like human sight
 Fails to pursue their trackless flight.

Yet we believe that if we could see now, the far reaches of the lives we love, we should behold them transfigured, glorious.

The river at our feet, a hand breadth silent and dark, seems only a current held between two banks of power, but way yonder in its yesterday it was a sweet deep spring, inviting its fellows of Rivulet and Fountain, into a journey, athwart the continent, with a prophecy of unhalting blessing on its way:

And out there in its tomorrow, broad and rich, it swings on its white shoulders the commerce of half a world, as it widens back into the vastness of the sea.

So we see but fragments of the life we look upon, but when from some high vantage ground, we see something of life's genesis—its yesterdays—its tomorrows—we shall see the sweet springs of life mingling in fellowship eternal; the uplift of strong and gentle forces, round about it, directing its unquenched splendor across the years.

And we shall not be surprised to find the life radiant in hope and faith, for it flows on, not in abandoned loneliness, but in tireless union with its Creator; every grace of mind and heart exalted by the infinite God, our Father.

THE FINENESS OF THE DIVINE TOUCH.

Have you marked the exceeding fineness of the Divine touch as God comes into stately comradeship with the ongoing life?

In Nature how the sunbeam sweeps across the sky, at the terrific speed of ninety-five million miles in eight minutes; and yet halting so

gently at the lily's lips, as not to mar its beauty, or destroy its fragrance, flinging the color of the rose on the face of the baby, cradled in the arms of mother love, and pausing to be the plaything of its tiny hands?

LIFE'S GREAT TASK.

Life's only great task is the housing of the soul. God said to each of us, "take this soul forth into the travail and toil of life, and bring it back housed in the sheltering of a noble character."

Side by side with the form we saw, another, dimly seen by these eyes, was being builded into symmetry, never lost to the great Over Soul, from whose power the Light of the World streams in unchanging radiance—in unfailing gentleness—through the eternal structure—cleansing—ripening—enriching.

So tenderly has He ministered to those who have gone out from us—that here, we can do no less than pledge anew our unfaltering faithfulness to Him.

THE GREAT LIGHT.

Those we recall today as we journey along memories' road were influenced too, toward all that blossomed so wondrously in character—more than we shall ever know here, by this book, open on the Altar before us. The sacred truths here recorded, gleaming back to their searching eyes, gave peace and comfort to overburdened hearts; revealed to troubled minds the abiding love of our Heavenly Father; and when the tired hands were folded, the weary feet halted, rest was found through the promises it contained.

When Henry Stanley, the great explorer, lay dying in the heart of England he called his wife who had left his side for a moment, "Alice, Alice, bring me the book"; "What book?" was her reply. Stanley answered, "There's only one book now, bring me Livingstone's Bible." She brought the treasured volume—and with hands growing cold in the chill of the Valley, the dying great heart pressed it to his lips, then—pillowing his head upon it, with a smile of content upon his face, went undaunted upon the greatest exploration of his life. Old Volume, you are very dear to us—for *Innocent Childhood*—reaching out its hands toward the first golden milestones; *Bright hopeful Youth* kissing a laughing good-bye to the shortening shadows of the morning; *Manhood*, *Womanhood* grown strong and grand in the shadowless mountain tops of noon; *And Old Age* way yonder in the lengthening shadows of the farther shore; have all found calmness and comfort in thy words and we shall never, never, never give thee up.

With quickened affection for the living and the dying, we write down the names of our immortals:

M. W. Russell McWhorter Cunningham. Past Grand Master, Alabama.

- M. W. Frank Church Past Grand Master, Colorado.
- M. W. George W. Musser Past Grand Master, Colorado.
- M. W. Robert M. Simons Past Grand Master, Colorado.
- W. Henry R. Palmer Third Grand Steward, Georgia.
- R. W. Isaac Cutter Grand Secretary, Illinois.
- R. W. James M. Keck Past Grand Junior Warden, Kansas.
- M. W. Dave Jackson Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Kentucky.
- M. W. Albro E. Chase Past Grand Master, Maine.
- M. W. Charles C. Homer, Jr. Past Grand Master, Maryland.
- W. John Harrison Ludwig Grand Tyler, Minnesota.
- M. W. James Frederick Lawless Past Grand Master, Minnesota.
- M. W. Robert Edward Denfield Past Grand Master, Minnesota.
- M. W. Oliver Lee McKay Past Grand Master and Grand Sec'y, Mississippi.
- M. W. Theodore Brace Past Grand Master, Missouri.
- M. W. James W. Boyd Past Grand Master, Missouri.
- M. W. Joseph C. Finagin Past Grand Master, Missouri.
- M. W. Merrill P. Freeman Past Grand Master, Nevada.
- M. W. Herman Davis Past Grand Master, Nevada.
- M. W. Adolphus L. Fitzgerald Past Grand Master, Nevada.
- M. W. Robert Lewers Past Grand Master, Nevada.
- R. W. Samuel Willis Chubbuck Past Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Secretary, Nevada.
- M. W. William Sherer Past Grand Master, New York.
- M. W. Carroll F. Clapp Past Grand Master, Ohio.
- M. W. Edward Lindsey Elwood Grand Master, Saskatchewan.
- M. W. George Sewell Mower Past Grand Master, South Carolina.
- M. W. John Hopwood McCord Past Grand Master, South Dakota.

- M.:W.:Thomas H. Brown.....Past Grand Master, South
Dakota.
- R.:W.:Benjamin Franklin Ives.....Grand Lecturer, South Da-
kota.
- M.:W.:Philip N. Matlock.....Past Grand Master, Ten-
nessee.
- M.:W.:Charles Fred Jennings.....Past Grand Master, Utah.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and it was ordered published with the proceedings. M.:W.:Brother Ehrhardt also presented the following report in regard to recognition of grand lodges, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Your Committee on Foreign Corresspondence would respectfully report that they have considered the application of the M.:W.:United Grand Lodge of Queensland, asking for recognition. We have been in fraternal communication with the Grand Lodge of Queensland for a number of years, but have had no fraternal relations with the Queensland Grand Lodge. These two Grand Bodies having now united and formed the Grand Lodge of Queensland, the committee would recommend that fraternal relations be established with the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and representatives exchanged.

Your committee would further report in reference to the application of the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, South America, that this Grand Lodge has declined to accord recognition to any Grand Lodge under the control of Grand Orient associations, and until your committee is satisfied that the Grand Lodge of Venezuela is entirely free from any control by the Grand Orient, we decline to recommend affiliation with it.

Mexican Masonry is still in such a condition that we deem it for the best interest of the Craft in this jurisdiction that the question of recognition with either one of the Grand Lodges of Mexico be deferred until such time that recognition will be justified. The Grand Lodge of Texas appointed a commission, who together with Past Grand Master Adams of California, spent considerable time in Mexico endeavoring to determine what would be the best step to take. The Texas brethren reported in favor of recognition of the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico, while Past Grand Master Adams reported in favor of the recognition of the York Grand Lodge. After giving the matter considerable consideration we were inclined to recommend the recognition of the York Grand Lodge, but under present conditions we deem it for the best in-

terests of Masonry that the matter be deferred until the next regular communication.

Your committee have had the application of the Grand Lodge of "Cosmos" of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, asking for the establishment of fraternal relations, and after giving the matter due consideration report that from the information at hand we do not deem it for the best interest of this jurisdiction that such fraternal relations be established. We therefore recommend that the application be not granted.

W. Brother David C. Hilton, 19, submitted the following report of the Board of Masonic Annuities and Gifts, together with the motion adopted in 1921, appropriating \$300.00 for the incidental expenses of the Board and that \$5,000.00 be set aside for the purpose of a reserve to be drawn on from time to time as contracts under the special Gift Agreements require, and on motion they were referred to the Committee on Accounts:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MASONIC ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, beg leave to submit our first annual report.

1. We are organized and ready for business.
2. We have received word informally that it would be best to hold off doing business until after this Grand Lodge, in order to give the brethren a final opportunity to suggest any modification of the Board as created by the Grand Lodge in 1921. See proceedings pp 603-604.
3. We have for general distribution at the Grand Secretary's desk pamphlets outlining some of the needs, functions, and proposed methods of the Board.
4. We recommend that the Board as created at the Grand Lodge session of 1921, be directed to proceed with its business forthwith.

The following report of the Committee on Plan to District the State was presented by Past Grand Master Joseph B. Fradenburg, and on his motion was adopted after discussion:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLAN TO
DISTRICT THE STATE.

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

We, your Committee on Plan to District the State, beg leave to report as follows:

That District No. 1, comprising Nemaha, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties, and containing twelve lodges, has a membership of 1,199; that District No. 2, comprising Cass, Otoe, and Johnson Counties, and containing fifteen lodges, has a membership of 1,420; that District No. 3, comprising Douglas and Sarpy Counties, and containing fifteen lodges, has a membership of 6,782; that District No. 4, comprising Dakota, Thurston, Burt, and Washington Counties, and containing fourteen lodges, has a membership of 1,196; that District No. 5, comprising Knox, Cedar, and Dixon Counties, and containing thirteen lodges, has a membership of 1,117; that District No. 6, comprising Pierce, Wayne, Madison, Stanton, and Cuming Counties, and containing fifteen lodges, has a membership of 1,315; that District No. 7, comprising Colfax, Dodge, Butler, and Saunders Counties, and containing fifteen lodges, has a membership of 1,776; that District No. 8, comprising Seward and Lancaster Counties, and containing fourteen lodges, has a membership of 3,889; that District No. 9, comprising Saline and Gage Counties, and containing fifteen lodges, has a membership of 1,418; that District No. 10, comprising Fillmore, Thayer, and Jefferson Counties, and containing fourteen lodges, has a membership of 1,062; that District No. 11, comprising Platte, Nance, Merrick, Polk, and York Counties, and containing fifteen lodges, has a membership of 1,616; that District No. 12, comprising Boone, Greeley, Valley, Garfield, Wheeler, and Antelope Counties, and containing eleven lodges, has a membership of 838; that District No. 13, comprising Sherman, Howard, Buffalo, and Hall Counties, and containing eleven lodges, has a membership of 1,590; that District No. 14, comprising Hamilton, Clay, and Nuckolls Counties, and containing fourteen lodges, has a membership of 1,198; that District No. 15, comprising Gosper, Phelps, Kearney, Adams, Franklin, and Webster Counties, and containing sixteen lodges, has a membership of 1,489; that District No. 16, comprising Red Willow, Furnas, and Harlan Counties, and containing fourteen lodges, has a membership of 1,158; that District No. 17, comprising Perkins, Chase, Hayes, Frontier, Dundy, and Hitchcock Counties, and containing nine lodges, has a membership of 479; that District No. 18, comprising Keith, Lincoln, and Dawson Counties, and containing nine lodges, has a membership of 989; that District No. 19, comprising Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball, Cheyenne, Morrill, Garden, and Deuel Counties, and containing twelve lodges, has a membership of 1,169; that District No. 20, comprising Holt, Boyd, Keya Paha, Rock, Brown, and Cherry Counties, and containing eleven lodges, has a membership of 842; that District No. 21,

comprising Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Custer, Logan, McPherson, and Arthur Counties, and containing twelve lodges, has a membership of 1,179; that District No. 22, comprising Sioux, Dawes, Box Butte, and Sheridan Counties, and containing seven lodges, has a membership of 970.

That the Grand Master shall have power to appoint in each jurisdiction an officer to be known as an Assistant to the Grand Master, whose duties shall consist of visiting each lodge in his district at least once during each Masonic year, and oftener if the circumstances require, and who shall report to the Grand Master, and shall have power of visitation to any lodge in his district at any time; and it shall be his especial duty to take such action as will promote the welfare of the lodge in his jurisdiction and the Craft in general.

For the Committee on Grand Lodge Accommodations, Past Grand Master George H. Thummel submitted the following report, and the same was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE ACCOMMODATIONS.

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

We were advised early in the winter that the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha, in accordance with its contract under which we were occupying quarters in the Masonic Temple, had notified the Grand Master that they desired to terminate this contract or lease on January 1st, 1923, which notice was given in exact accordance with our contract.

The Grand Master named as a committee to negotiate with the Temple Craft for the renewal of the contract or the making of a formal lease, Past Grand Masters George H. Thummel and James R. Cain, Jr., and Grand Secretary Francis E. White, with full power to act in the premises.

We have accordingly arranged for the making of a new lease for five years from January 1st, 1923, to December 31st, 1927, at an annual rental of \$1,800.00 per year or an increase of 80% over our present arrangement. Our Grand Lodge has been paying \$556.00 per year. This will make our rental for the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., \$1,000.00 from and after January 1st, 1923.

The lease also provides for permission to occupy the east wall of the Library Room in the Temple for the installation of the John J. Monell Collection, and also gives the Grand Lodge permission to remove all iron work, cases, cabinets, etc., at the expiration of the lease.

The lease has been duly signed by the committee on behalf of the Grand Lodge and executed by the proper officers of the Masonic Temple Craft.

We trust that our action will meet your formal approval and that the committee will be continued with directions to have the Monell collection installed.

On behalf of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, Past Grand Master George H. Thummel called attention to the matter of taxation of lodge property, and presented the following resolution, which was seconded and carried:

RESOLVED, That the matter of taxation as referred to in the address of our Grand Master, be referred to the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, with full power to take such action as they may deem necessary to protect the property interests of our Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges against unjust taxation; with full power and authority to employ counsel if necessary, and to draw warrants in payment for such services.

Past Grand Master Joseph B. Fradenburg presented the following report, and on his motion it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA
MASONIC HOSPITAL.

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

We the undersigned committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Body to consider the advisability of purchasing or building a Nebraska Masonic Hospital, have met and thoroughly canvassed the situation, and after mature deliberation have come to the conclusion that in view of the present financial condition of the state, it would be inadvisable at this time to undertake any program looking to the construction or purchasing of a Hospital. Your committee has been negotiating for the use of a portion of a Hospital for the use of Masons and their families, under a plan which will not impose any liability upon any Masonic body and we hope in this way to ascertain the sentiment of the Masons of this state regarding this project and the need for same, and in view of these conditions, we recommend that the same committee be continued for another year and report further at the 1923 session of this Most Worshipful Grand Body.

The recommendations of the Grand Master in regard to all matters relating to law enforcement, weak lodges, refusing dispensations for new lodges, and reinstatements, were considered and on motion were all approved.

The matter of the Masonic Service Association was presented and after full discussion, on motion of Past Grand Mas-

ter John A. Ehrhardt, notice was ordered served on the association severing our relations with it, in accordance with provisions in the by-laws and constitution.

W. .Brother James T. Begley, 6, moved that \$50,000.00 be appropriated for an infirmary for the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. The motion was referred to the Committee on Finance, after remarks by Brothers Begley, Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans, O. Edwin Mickey, 65, James W. Campbell, 89, and Theodore W. McCullough, 3.

W. .Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, asked for an appropriation of \$10,000.00 to complete the proposed new building at the Childrens Home at Fremont, stating that \$68,000.00 was necessary, and that but \$50,000.00 was available, although \$8,000.00 additional had been promised from the Order of the Eastern Star. The building when completed would care for fifteen children, or for from twenty-five to thirty for a short time in case of an emergency, and would also contain a small hospital unit and isolation ward. On motion the matter was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following report was made by W. .Brother George C. Mason, 300, Chairman, and was adopted:

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

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on George Washington National Masonic Memorial Fund has collected to June 1st, 1922, for the national committee \$8,784.00, of which \$7,800.00 has been sent them.

As all of this work up to this time has been by personal and individual correspondence, it is absolutely necessary that the committee be given a roster of the membership of all lodges, that all may have the opportunity of contributing if they so desire.

Since many of the lodges have pledged their support for the coming year, we recommend that the committee be continued. We further recommend that all lodges that have not sent in rosters be ordered to do so at once.

Fifty-one of our lodges have supplied their quota, and within the next thirty days they will receive their roll of honor diploma. This will be in part a stone engraving showing the outline of the Temple, which will be 160 by 200 feet, and will cost about \$1,750,000.00. The

contract has been let for the excavation, and as soon as that is completed the contract will be let for the foundation.

If all of the Masons of this Nation will contribute the sum of \$1.00, the National Committee proposes to set aside at least \$500,000.00, to be known as an endowment fund, for the perpetual upkeep of the Temple.

I attended the annual meeting of the association in Washington, in February of this year, at my own expense, thirty-nine states being represented at the meeting. Plans were presented and explained. It was reported that \$688,332.85 had been received by the National Committee.

A receipt has been mailed by your committee to every brother who sent in one dollar.

May we all look forward with hope and confidence and all return to our respective homes determined to assist in making this grand undertaking a complete success.

W. .Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, offered the following report and moved its adoption; the motion prevailed:

REPORT ON THE BUILDING FUND, CHILDREN'S HOMES.

To the Grand Lodge:

December 14th, 1921, received from the Grand Secretary.....	\$ 1,000.00	
April 7th, 1922, received from the Grand Secretary.....	9,000.00	
April 24th, 1922, received from the Grand Secretary.....	10,000.00	
May 22d, 1922, received from the Grand Secretary.....	10,000.00	
Total	\$30,000.00	
January 30th, 1922, paid W. F. Gernandt, Architect..	\$200.00	
March 18th, 1922, paid W. F. Gernandt, Architect....	85.67	
May 11th, 1922, paid W. F. Gernandt, Architect.....	400.00	
May 26th, 1922, paid Improvement Bulletin, advertising	45.60	731.27
Balance on hand.....	\$29,268.73	

The following report of the Committee on Childrens Homes, read by W. .Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S HOMES.

To the Grand Lodge:

Receipts.

June 3d, 1921, Hay sold.....	\$ 10.00
June 11th, 1921, Grand Lodge appropriation.....	6,000.00
July 1st, 1921, Return premium, insurance.....	3.93

September 13th, 1921, Hay sold.....	\$ 10.00
October 21st, 1921, Return premium, insurance.....	33.20
November 18th, 1921, Hay sold.....	30.00
December 3d, 1921, 2 hogs sold.....	60.00
December 7th, 1921, Hog sold, \$30.00; calf sold, \$23.00.....	53.00
December 7th, 1921, Return premium, insurance.....	10.10
December 15th, 1921, Hog sold, \$30.00; hay sold, \$30.00.....	60.00
December 24th, 1921, Hay sold.....	25.50
December 31st, 1921, Interest on open account, at 4%.....	98.84
January 12th, 1922, Hay sold.....	50.65
January 20th, 1922, Return premium, insurance.....	3.95
January 24th, 1922, Hay sold.....	20.00
January 28th, 1922, Hay sold.....	20.65
February 14, 1922, Hay sold.....	12.90
March 23d, 1922, Check No. 322, returned because of error....	6.69
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	\$6,509.41
Less total disbursements.....	5,639.32
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Balance on hand.....	\$870.09

Disbursements.

Overdraft	\$ 572.09
Feed and seed.....	205.51
Extra labor.....	124.51
Salary to Superintendent.....	1,200.00
Telephone, freight and express.....	43.42
Improvements	1,823.51
Betterments	134.51
Repairs and supplies.....	571.62
Light and power.....	61.97
Insurance	292.64
Live stock bought.....	440.00
Machinery bought	58.00
Miscellaneous	111.54
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Total expenditures, including overdraft.....	\$5,639.32

Inventory of Live Stock and Machinery, Masonic and Eastern Star Homes for Children, June 1st, 1922:

1 team horses	\$ 250.00	
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2 Jersey cows, pure bred.....	\$ 250.00	
3 Holstein cows, pure bred.....	600.00	
1 Holstein heifer, pure bred.....	100.00	
1 Holstein calf, pure bred.....	50.00	

1 Holstein bull, pure bred.....	\$ 175.00	
2 Holstein cows (high grade).....	250.00	
1 Jersey heifer (½).....	100.00	
2 Jersey-Holstein calves	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,625.00
3 Duroc-Jersey Sows (pure bred).....	\$ 150.00	
7 Duroc-Jersey sows (pure bred).....	250.00	
1 Duroc-Jersey boar (pure bred).....	50.00	
67 spring pigs.....	670.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,120.00
50 hens	\$ 50.00	
200 spring chickens	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 100.00
Farm machinery	\$ 350.00	
Harness and tools.....	50.00	
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 Total.....		<hr/> \$3,495.00

Live stock raised during the year ending June 1st, 1922:

2 calves raised	\$ 50.00	
1 calf sold	23.00	
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67 spring pigs raised.....	\$ 670.00	
7 pigs raised	175.00	
4 pigs sold	120.00	
2 pigs butchered	41.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,006.25
150 chickens raised.....	\$ 150.00	
Eggs	100.00	
Potatoes	170.00	
Vegetables	200.00	
Milk produced	1,460.00	
Alfalfa sold	\$ 199.70	
Alfalfa fed	250.00	
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Corn raised, 1,400 bushels.....		700.00
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Total.....		\$4,308.95

Products from Masonic and Eastern Star Homes consumed at the three Childrens Homes for the year ending June 1st, 1922:

Pork	\$ 41.25
Chickens	100.00
Eggs	100.00
Milk	1,460.00
Potatoes	170.00

Vegetables	\$ 200.00
Total.....	\$2,071.25

For the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, Past Grand Master Alpha Morgan read the following report, and the same was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.

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

Your committee on Relief and Care of Orphans fraternally submits a report of receipts and disbursements for the year ending May 31st, 1922, as per itemized statement herewith. It is the judgment of your committee that the same amount in general relief will be expended another year, together with such amount as may be necessary for any new cases:

RECEIPTS.

June 1st, 1921, balance on hand as per last report.....	\$ 1,142.81
10% of the fees and dues from the Grand Lodge, 1921.....	6,730.90
From the Orphans Educational Fund.....	2,000.00
Interest from the Custer State Bank, Broken Bow, at 4%....	255.40
	\$10,129.11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Widow of a member of Western Star Lodge No. 2.....	\$ 120.00
Member of Capitol Lodge No. 3 and wife.....	270.00
Widow of a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 and four children.....	100.00
Child of a member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	25.00
Member of Electa Chapter No. 8, O. E. S.....	180.00
Widow of a member of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 and four children.....	120.00
Child of a member of Wahoo Lodge No. 59.....	46.82
Child of a member of Fairfield Lodge No. 84.....	10.00
Widow of a member of Beaver City Lodge No. 93.....	300.00
Widow of a member of Hardy Lodge No. 117 and four children.....	200.00
Two children of a member of Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 125.....	13.00
Member of Evergreen Lodge No. 153 and his wife.....	120.00
Widow of a member of Atkinson Lodge No. 164 and four children.....	360.00
Widow of a member of Prudence Lodge No. 179 and three	

children	\$ 180.00
Member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.....	60.00
Widow of a member of Cubit Lodge No. 237 and seven children.....	200.00
Two children of a member of Belgrade Lodge No. 269.....	25.00
Eastern Star Home Board, for food and clothing.....	2,582.14
Eastern Star Home Board, from the Orphans Educational Fund.....	2,000.00
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Total.....	\$ 6,911.96
Certificate to balance.....	3,217.15
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	\$10,129.11

Checks and vouchers herewith.

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

DINNER TO THE GRAND LODGE.

Tuesday, June 6th, 1922.

The entire membership in attendance at the sixty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was entertained at dinner in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening, June 6th, 1922, at six o'clock P. M., as guests of the eleven Omaha Masonic lodges. The seats for the Past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, and the speakers of the evening were arranged in the center of the dining-room, in the form of an oblong square. About four hundred members were seated at the tables.

After the Divine Blessing had been invoked by Very Worshipful Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, the Scottish Rite Quartette, consisting of Brothers Austin L. Vickery, Harry M. Cooper, Charles A. Bothwell, and Charles S. Haverstock, sang "Still, Still with Thee," by H. Garish.

Dinner was served in several courses under the efficient supervision of Mrs. William W. Scott, and was bountiful and delicious; the committee in charge consisted of the Secretaries of all of the Omaha lodges, W. . Brother Frank Wilcox, 1, presiding.

After the dinner W. .Brother Wilcox directed the attention of the brethren to Home and Mother, and all of the brethren arose and with bowed heads and folded arms listened to Brother Charles S. Haverstock's singing of "Mother o' Mine."

Right Reverend Brother Ernest V. Shayler, 302, Bishop of the Diocese of Nebraska of the Episcopal Church, was then introduced, and delivered the address of welcome for the Omaha lodges. The splendid address was received with great applause. The quartette then sang "The Rose of Sharon," by Palmer, after which Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt was introduced and responded to the address of welcome. His remarks, feelingly given, were received with enthusiasm by the brethren.

Brother Vickery, of the quartette, accompanied by his sister, Miss Vickery, sang "My Soul Is Athirst for God," from Gauls' Holy City, his wonderfully sweet tenor voice touching the hearts of all of those present.

Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, was then introduced and was greeted with tumultuous applause, the brethren all rising to their feet. After a few remarks expressing his appreciation of the kindnesses shown him during the past year by all concerned, and wishing the brethren individually and collectively "God Speed," the brethren were dismissed.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Omaha, June 6th, 1922.

The Grand Lodge convened in evening session at eight o'clock P. M., M. .W. .Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, presiding, with officers and members as at the afternoon session.

The Grand Master introduced W. .Brother George Allen Beecher, 268, Bishop of the Missionary District of Western Nebraska, of the Episcopal Church, who delivered the following

ORATION.

FAITH AND PRACTICE.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge:

As Masons, we are taught that the fundamental principle of our order is Faith in God. The preliminary catechism recited in the ante-room before the candidate is received into the lodge is anticipatory of that Light which, in due time, is to dispel the darkness of his temporal blindness by his own solemn confession of his faith in that Supreme Being, to whom the "darkness and the light are both alike," (Ps. 139-12) and "in whom is no darkness at all." (I St. John, 1-5); and by his willingness to follow his trusted guide, and fear no danger.

When once we understand the meaning of this first step in the Entered Apprentice degree, it can readily be seen that no material cloud or covering can, from that moment, restrict the vision of the true Mason. No outward symbols or objective elements in the teaching of Masonry can change the clearness of that inward sense of confidence in his brethren, which is based upon the recognition of a mutual Faith in God.

It is upon this fundamental principle of Masonry that I wish especially to address you on this occasion. It must be apparent to every thoughtful man and Mason that this first principle, set forth with such emphasis in the Entered Apprentice degree, is not only the foundation upon which speculative Masonry is built, but it is also the "Key Stone" in the Great Arch of the whole superstructure. In fact, it is the beginning and the end of Masonry, as you and I have understood it and have affirmed our belief in it.

If we will consider for a moment the vast changes that have taken place in the history of the human race since the Creation, it will be seen that the guiding hand of Providence has been working out the noblest and highest attainments in the progress of our social relationships, and that it is impossible to conceive of the Spirit of Brotherhood among men, without first believing in the Fatherhood of God. We may call this impelling factor in civilization, "Principle," "Force," "Genius," "Theory," "Creed" or "Religion." The name we give it affects neither the character nor the power of its ever-increasing influence over the minds and hearts of men. It has by normal process broken down the barriers of national and racial antipathies, and paved the way for the more enlightened and progressive ideals of civic relationships.

It is the Fountain of Life, in which men find their better natures, and by means of which they discover the secrets of human happiness. The revelation of the principle of mutual responsibility and the acknowledgment of our duty one toward another is the essence of Fraternity; and until every Mason has thoroughly learned this first great

lesson in the Entered Apprentice degree, so that it has become a fixed principle in his mind and character, and manifested in his habits of thought and living, there is no possibility for him to improve himself in Masonry.

My brethren, I am standing on no platform or pinnacle of super-virtue, when I appeal to you as co-workers and sharers in the privileges and blessings of our common membership in this great brotherhood of men, for an honest measurement of our individual qualifications for the fulfillment of the requirements of this first degree in our Masonic obligations.

The influence of Masonry is never greater than the scope of vision in the soul of each individual Mason. In other words, the benefits to be derived from the Masonic Order are dependent, not upon the number of degrees a man receives, but upon the effect which his interpretation of Masonic principles reflects in his own life, in his habits of thought, and in his attitude and conduct toward his fellowmen.

Am I wrong in the statement that, too often, the first three degrees of Masonry have been regarded lightly, as a means to an end, rather than as containing the primary and fundamental teachings of Masonry as a whole? It matters not to what degree of preferment a Mason may attain, he will find, if he honestly studies the facts, that every lesson taught in the super-degrees is but the repetition of the same lessons inculcated in the teaching of these first three degrees. The significance of that letter "G" cannot be enlarged upon or made more emphatic than by its enshrinement in the heart of every Mason who has truly learned the meaning of the "Three Great Lights."

I speak of this matter, not because I depreciate the value of the post-Master degrees, but because I realize the vital necessity for every Mason to know, first of all, what it means to be a "Master Mason." Far be it from me to presume even to suggest to my worshipful brethren what measures or rules of discipline should govern the period of probation! I can simply state that the principle of promotion is inviolate; that unless a man has thoroughly proven himself worthy as a "Master," no honors or promotions or insignias of office can lift him up higher, or change him from what he is. There must be this permanent and fixed groundwork in the primary and essential elements of Masonic character before there can be growth and progress in Masonry as a whole.

But, having attained to some degree of efficiency in the knowledge of Masonry, even to the extent of being able to confer the degrees, and to give instruction in the use of our ritual, what application are we to make of our knowledge as members of society?

If we conceive of our Masonic obligations as being applicable only toward those who have taken like vows with ourselves, we have failed to understand the basic meaning of those obligations. While it is true that the candidate is informed that "these obligations con-

tain nothing which can conflict with the duty he owes to God, his country, his neighbor or himself," it is also true that those obligations are emphatically prescribed for the specific purpose of impressing indelibly upon his mind and conscience what those duties are.

Every Masonic altar, therefore, is made a central "post of observation," as well as a "shrine of devotions to Deity." The prayer of the Candidate for Light is the positive affirmation of his belief in and utter dependence upon his Maker, as the one and only source of Light and Wisdom; and, as the Author and Giver of "every good and perfect gift." On being brought from darkness to light, he observes not only the "Three Great Lights of Masonry," but he beholds his brethren. The one is the source of supply; the other is the field of action.

Light is the symbol of Life, and it is the symbol of Duty also. If, at this stage of his progress in Masonry, the candidate has grasped the significance of the scenes before him, and has not forgotten his obligation, he will realize that the ceremonies of initiation are not intended merely to make him a Mason, but to make him a better man, a better citizen, and a better husband and father.

A man's true worth in the world today is measured, not by what he has or pretends to be, but by what he is. The legacy of a good name, and a spotless character, is greater than the legacy of material wealth alone. The sordid conditions of society are due, in large measure, to false standards of value.

The ideals of our modern civilization have been greatly influenced by our excessive scientific inventions. We are living in an age of mechanical genius. The cog-wheels of industry have squeezed out the element of personality in labor to such an extent that the article made no longer bears the image of the maker, or any association or sentiment whatsoever in the mind of the buyer, as to the human relationship between the maker and the thing made.

The substitution of a machine in the place of a living human being has given to the world an enormous increase in the amount and rapidity of production; but it has cost the world the loss of the human soul out of labor, and the loss of the sense of appreciation in the minds of the masses who are the chief beneficiaries of this new material order of things. Human sympathy cannot exist except upon the common basis of mutual experience in the realm of living beings.

The very fact that a man can drive an automobile 200 miles in the same time that he could drive 30 miles with a team of horses, and without the slightest thought of having overtaxed its strength or capacity, does not induce him to stop to think that in the other instance he would be considered an inhuman and heartless wretch should he leave his horses without a keen personal interest in their having the very best care and attention. I believe I speak the truth when I say that we all love the horse today, just as much as we ever did; and that,

while we have adopted the machine as a social and commercial necessity, we find that the element of sympathy does not adhere to the mechanical substitute.

There can be no doubt but that the social and political unrest and confusion in the world today is due to the loss of this element of human sympathy. It has affected the home life; it shows itself in the tiled precincts of the lodge, and its destructive influence is felt in every phase of human activity. Out of it is developed, as an inherent and normal product, the spirit of suspicion and distrustfulness; a lack of confidence in our fellowmen; and an increasing tendency to criticize and condemn.

To face these conditions and to do all in our power to correct them, is the duty of every true and loyal Mason.

The effects of the late war upon the general habits and customs of the American people cannot be overlooked by the thoughtful student of social reform. Whether these conditions are the result of the war, or whether the war has been the means of bringing them to light, they have their roots far back in the tendencies of a previous generation.

The war has revealed, in a remarkable degree, to what extent and with what apparent natural adaptation the family unit can be broken up, and scattered to the four corners of the earth. Women, who as wives and mothers, had been the preservers and conservators of the purity and constancy of the domestic life, were compelled to apply themselves to occupations and responsibilities wholly uncondusive to their former ideals and habits. The home, instead of being a veritable training school for character and the growth of true manhood and womanhood, has deteriorated into a boarding house, or mere place for its members to eat and sleep.

Obedience is another element much lacking in the family life of the American people. Respect for authority must be inculcated in the relationships of the domestic life, with the children emphatically taught in early life the necessity of obeying their parents. No man who has assumed the responsibilities of his Masonic obligations, inculcated in the teachings of Masonry, can afford to ignore the prime necessity of exemplifying these first and rudimentary principles in the management of his own household. Respect for authority is the foundation of good citizenship. This means respect for law. If Masonry does not stand for the strict observance of law in the State and Nation, we better take down our flag and extinguish the lights.

The curse that is blighting the fair youth of our land today is that conception of law, which makes it a thing not to be respected or obeyed, provided it is possible to escape the penalty for breaking it.

The records of our criminal dockets will show conclusively the preponderance of youthful criminals during the past decade, as compared with the records of previous years.

It is incumbent upon every Mason to see to it that he himself sets a worthy example for his sons, and his neighbor's sons, to follow in this respect.

The false ideal of holy wedlock, as portrayed in the records of the divorce courts of our land, is a reflection upon the intelligence and moral purity of the state and the nation. When a state such as our beloved Nebraska is obliged to publish the record of a single county, showing that for every hundred marriage licenses issued, fifty divorces have been granted in the course of a single year, it is enough to bring the blush of shame to every self-respecting citizen and father. If this holy relationship, in which Almighty God has planned to establish the union of an enduring world, is to be looked upon merely as a legal contract, to be entered into as an experiment and to be dissolved by law, it must be apparent to every seriously-minded man that the time is not far distant when we shall have reverted to the moral standards of the Caesars, when we are told that women counted time, not by the shadows of the sun, but by their discarded or discarding husbands, at whose banquets the Roman ladies feasted on brains of peacocks and tongues of nightingales.

The time has come for us to realize, dear brethren, that the one thing upon which we must depend for the salvation of the world, is character, based upon the principles of religious training. We have been passing through, and are yet passing the critical stages of a great financial depression. The common cry heard upon all sides is for money, money, money!

Our great God in heaven is looking down upon this world with the same patience and forbearance and wisdom as is portrayed in the annals of the ancient people of Israel, when they set up the golden calf and began to worship it. There can never be prosperous times until men are brought to the realization that life means more than the accumulation of a few paltry dollars.

We pride ourselves as Americans in our works of charity and institutions of learning, and it is right and proper that we should, for such as ours are not surpassed by any nation on the face of the globe. But each and all of these are the direct and inherent products of that sturdy faith in God, which prompted our forefathers to face the perils and dangers of sea and land to establish the foundations of this great republic. Our only hope in the perpetuation of these institutions, and the carrying out of the divine faith which has been handed on to us from them as a sacred heritage, is to re-establish our whole civilization on the same foundation principles of faith in God and our duty toward our neighbor.

This, then, is the challenge for every true Masonic brother: Renew your faith in God; your personal allegiance to the principles of Masonry; and swear by High Heaven that, God helping you, the teachings of our Order shall not have been given in vain.

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

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 7th, 1922.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 7th, 1922.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, called the brethren to attention at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the preceding session. The Grand Chaplain, V. W. Brother Charles M. Shepherd, asked for Divine guidance in our deliberations.

W. Brother Benjamin F. Thomas, 1, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, subject to corrections during the session. As finally made and adopted, it is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are represented at this annual communication, except the following: Nos. 5, 13, 68, 71, 81, 83, 103, 121, 125, 157, 165, 194, 203, 231, 244, 255, 258, 266, 270, 274, 287, and 291; of these Nos. 125, 165, 255, 258 and 270 were not represented at the last annual communication.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith.....	Grand Master,
R. W. Edward M. Wellman.....	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. Charles A. Chappell.....	Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. Robert R. Dickson.....	Grand Junior Warden,
R. W. Francis E. White.....	Grand Secretary,
V. W. Charles M. Shepherd.....	Grand Chaplain,
W. George A. Beecher.....	Grand Orator,
M. W. Robert E. French.....	Grand Custodian,
W. John Wright.....	Grand Marshal,
W. Edwin D. Crites.....	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. Albert R. Davis.....	Grand Junior Deacon,
W. Alexander E. Porter.....	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Masters: George H. Thummel, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, John A. Ehrhardt, Robert E. Evans, Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, Henry Gibbons, James R. Cain, Jr., Alpha Morgan, Samuel S. Whiting, Andrew H. Viele, Frederic L. Temple, and Joseph B. Fradenburg.

Assistants to the Grand Custodian: Brothers Walter W. Wells, Ensign J. Rix, Robert B. Walker, Alfred G. Hunt, Andrew H. Viele, Charles A. Eyre, George A. Stevens, Vincent S. Ramsey, Earl M. Bolen, Ira C. Freet, Edward M. Wellman, Jesse Lowther, Lute M. Savage, Frank M. Johnson, Orville A. Andrews, Francis A. Robey, and Lamont L. Stephens.

Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: Brothers Alpha Morgan, Alabama; Charles E. Gallagher, Arizona; Walter W. Wells, Arkansas; John Finch, British Columbia; John R. Webster, Canada; Robert E. Evans, Colorado; Samuel P. Davidson, Connecticut; Albert W. Jefferis, Dist. of Columbia; Harry A. Cheney, Egypt; Francis E. White, England; Albert R. Davis, Idaho; George H. Thummel, Illinois; Henry Gibbons, Ireland; Henry H. Heiler, Kansas; Adam McMullen, Louisiana; Thomas K. Sudborough, Maine; John Wright, Manitoba; Lewis E. Smith, Michigan; George A. Beecher, Minnesota; Samuel S. Whiting, Missouri; Charles S. McGill, Montana; Frank L. Haycock, Nevada; Frederic L. Temple, New Hampshire; Edward M. Wellman, New York; Henry H. Andrews, North Dakota; Charles E. Burnham, Prince Edward Island; Charles M. Shepherd, Porto Rico; Edwin D. Crites, Quebec; Robert B. Walker, Queensland; Alexander R. Porter, Rhode Island; Claude L. Talbot, Saskatchewan; William Cosh, Scotland; Joseph B. Fradenburg, South Australia; James R. Cain, Jr., South Carolina; Charles A. Chappell, South Dakota; Robert R. Dickson, Texas; Robert E. French, Utah; John S. Davisson, Virginia; and Andrew H. Viele, Washington.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska No. 1	David Northup	David Northup	
Western Star " 2	D. W. McCallum	Daniel M. Hill	Varro E. Tyler
Capitol " 3	Stanley P. Bostwick	Theo. W. McCullough	Lute M. Savage
Nemaha Valley " 4	John S. Furnas, Jr.	Abraham L. Lawrence	
Omadi " 5			
Plattsmouth " 6	James T. Begley	Leon L. McCarty	Leslie W. Niel
Falls City " 9	Otto L. Lewis	Virgil Falloon	Alvin R. Davis
Solomon " 10			David W. Marr
Covert " 11	Ralph E. Hobart	John W. Disbrow	Royal D. Miller
Orient " 13			
Peru " 14	Spencer W. Hacker		*Loy J. Hacker
Fremont " 15		Lawrence M. Nichols	
Tecumseh " 17	Clifford W. Jones	*Harry S. Villars	James H. Cochran
Lincoln " 19	Francis A. Robey	John W. Cronley	Curtis S. Mahaffey
Washington " 21	Fred W. Jones	Walter Larsen	Wm. F. Hemphill
Pawnee " 23		J. Mervyn Haley	
Saint Johns " 25	Carl E. Herring	Alexander McKie	C. Blake Erb
Beatrice " 26	*Lemuel P. Gessell		
Jordan " 27		Emil M. Von Seggern	
Hope " 29	Samuel C. Lawrence		
Blue River " 30		Thomas H. Wertman	
Tekamah " 31	Bonno I. Penry	William F. Hopley	Fred E. Ericson
Platte Valley " 32	*Carl R. Greisen	Abner J. Westberg	*Olin H. Cressler
Ashlar " 33	Silas A. Wilson	Claude E. Reuting	*Jesse D. Whitmore
Acacia " 34	Walter B. Sadilek	George W. Smith	Louis J. Michaelson
Fairbury " 35		Frank R. Wallace	
Lone Tree " 36		Frank W. Jefferson	
Crete " 37	Theodore L. Haden	Estel D. Spadt	
Oliver " 38	Walter E. Beck		
Papillion " 39	William G. Startzer		
Humboldt " 40		S. Ray Gist	
Northern Light " 41	Henry J. Shultz	Perle J. Catlin	Edward Herbst
Juniata " 42	Frank R. Hughes		
Hebron " 43		Harvey W. Hess	
Harvard " 44			William G. Schwenk
Rob Morris " 46		Thomas E. Boothe	Earl Eickmeier
Fairmont " 48		Lewis H. Badger	
Evening Star " 49	*Herman H. Schultz		
Hastings " 50	*Henry H. Heiler	Robert Graham, Jr.	
Fidelity " 51	Alexander E. Etting	George D. Cooper	
Hiram " 52	Chester G. Marshall		
Charity " 53		William D. Edson	
Lancaster " 54		Alva A. Baer	
Mosaic " 55	Floyd E. Wilson	*Arthur B. Carpenter	
York " 56		Marion King	
Mt. Moriah " 57		Edwin F. Andrews	
Lebanon " 58		Francis C. Dussell	
Wahoo " 59	Ernest S. Schiefelbein		
Melrose " 60	Charles H. Gourley		
Thistle " 61	F. P. Naffzinger		

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Keystone	62 Scott E. Heinzman
Riverton	63 Nathan R. Morrow
Blue Valley	64 .....	.....	Vance F. Jelinek
Osceola	65 *Joel Hanson	*Claire L. Le Mar .....	.....
Edgar	67 *Edward S. Battom .....	.....	.....
Aurora	68 .....	.....	.....
Sterling	70	Elmer J. Johnson .....	.....
Trowel	71 .....	.....	.....
Hooper	72	Robert L. Schwab .....	.....
Friend	73	Edward C. Wagner	Chester A. Gallup
Alexandria	74 *Benjamin L. Terry	McKinley Hubbard	*Melvin A. Brinegar
Frank Welch	75 *Herman Schroeder .....	.....	.....
Joppa	76 Clarence W. Nobling .....	.....	.....
Nelson	77 Arthur F. Ely .....	.....	.....
Albion	78 Robert T. Flotree .....	.....	Lonnie E. Cummins
Geneva	79	Charles W. Deremiah .....	.....
Composite	81 .....	.....	.....
Saint Paul	82	C. M. McCracken .....	.....
Corinthian	83 .....	.....	.....
Fairfield	84	Fred W. Petry .....	.....
Tyre	85	Arley R. Hinman .....	.....
Doniphan	86 *Will G. Smith .....	.....	.....
Ionic	87	Justus P. Lessor .....	.....
Star	88 *Charles M. Ashley .....	.....	.....
Cedar River	89 James W. Campbell .....	.....	.....
Elk Creek	90 Frank A. Anderson	*Edwin E. Halverstadt .....	.....
Oakland	91 *Arthur B. Peden .....	.....	.....
Hubbell	92	John R. Posey .....	.....
Beaver City	93 Richard A. Bronhard .....	.....	.....
Bennett	94 *Henry F. May .....	.....	.....
Garfield	95 *Lloyd G. Gillespie .....	.....	.....
Utica	96 Reginald E. Davies	Fred H. Pieper .....	.....
Euclid	97 .....	.....	Lloyd P. Wolcott
Republican	98 *William Chapman .....	.....	.....
Shelton	99	Clyde S. Burkerd .....	.....
Creighton	100 .....	.....	Jesse R. Caley
Ponca	101 *John A. Wilbur .....	.....	.....
Waterloo	102 *Burton C. Whitmore	George E. King .....	.....
Ord	103 .....	.....	.....
Wymore	104 .....	.....	Ralph E. Fulton
Stella	105 *Alfred Shellenbarger .....	.....	.....
Porter	106	Andrew G. Johnson .....	.....
Table Rock	108	Lee D. Harman .....	.....
Pomegranate	110 Charles W. West	John W. Molzen	Henry C. Landon
DeWitt	111 *Ross Gowdy	*George H. Lake .....	.....
Springfield	112 Earl J. Haney .....	.....	.....
Globe	113 Newton A. Housel .....	.....	.....
Wisner	114 *Eugene F. Walker	Robert Werk
Harlan	116 *Everett E. McKee
Hardy	117 George B. McDowell

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Doric	" 118 *William E. Nelson...		
North Bend.....	" 119 John R. Tapster.....	*Burlingame Walker..	Edward L. Knight....
Wayne	" 120 Leslie W. Ellis.....	*James G. Mines.....	
Superior	" 121		
Auburn	" 124	Charles B. Thompson..	
Mt. Nebo.....	" 125		
Stromsburg	" 126 *Wilfred W. Ilgenfritz..		
Minden	" 127	James Robison.....	*Charles A. Chappell..
Guide Rock.....	" 128 Lloyd H. Hunter.....		
Blue Hill.....	" 129	Claus J. Rose.....	
Tuscan	" 130 *Lee Ludden		
Scribner	" 132	Peter L. Bauer.....	
Elm Creek.....	" 133	Roy Ulrich.....	
Solar	" 134 Charles A. Thomas.....		
McCook	" 135	Frederic L. Schwab..	*Thomas G. Rees.....
Long Pine.....	" 136 *George R. Patterson..	Harold D. Keith.....	*John S. Davisson....
Upright	" 137	Louis C. Borden.....	
Rawalt	" 138	William F. Bendler..	
Clay Centre.....	" 139	Harry V. Ellis.....	
Western	" 140	Frank H. Beer.....	
Crescent	" 143	James H. Watts.....	
Kenesaw	" 144	Gothardt S. Fischer..	
Bancroft	" 145	Charles W. Conn.....	
Jachin	" 146 Lawrence A. Trumbo..		
Siloam	" 147 John Shaal.....		
Emmet Crawford	" 148 *Charles S. Tooley.....		
Jewel	" 149 *Archie S. Muman.....		
Cambridge	" 150 Harley L. Bellamy.....		
Square	" 151	Fred V. Cooper.....	Tracy F. Tyler.....
Parallel	" 152 Nelson H. Olmsted.....		
Evergreen	" 153	Emmanuel D. Lundak..	
Lily	" 154 *Melvin M. Jennings..		
Hartington	" 155 *Rudolph H. Jenny.....		
Pythagoras	" 156 *William H. Graver.....		
Valley	" 157		
Samaritan	" 158	Eugene R. Phillips..	
Ogalalla	" 159 *Roscoe P. Moore.....		
Zeredatha	" 160 George E. Warren.....		
Mt. Zion.....	" 161	Thomas A. Reece.....	
Trestle Board...	" 162 Charles L. Yochum.....	*Edwin C. Yont.....	
Unity	" 163	Arsene Loofe.....	
Atkinson	" 164	Robert D. Cole.....	
Barneston	" 165		
Mystic Tie.....	" 166 Charles A. Smith.....		
Elwood	" 167 *Andrew Dow		
Curtis	" 168		Marion R. Dobbs....
Amity	" 169 John C. Dullaghan.....		
Mason City.....	" 170	James Jacobson.....	
Merna	" 171 Walter V. Davis.....	*Robert R. Duncan....	
Grafton	" 172	George C. Casten.....	

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Robert Burns . . .	" 173 Elmer Martin		
Culbertson	" 174 Osburn P. Simon		
Temple	" 175	John M. Veach	Walter E. Erickson . . .
Gladstone	" 176	Elmer F. Hollenbeck	
Hay Springs	" 177	Charles S. Sall	
Prudence	" 179	Robert Bissey	
Justice	" 180	Eli A. Hester	
Faith	" 181 Robert N. Henry	Herman M. Houston	
Incense	" 182 *Fred Wolter	William H. Weiss	
Alliance	" 183 Orson F. Tracy	Clifford E. Sward	
Bee Hive	" 184 Claude Clifton	John R. Hughes	James M. Patton
Boaz	" 185	McDonald Ryan	
Israel	" 187 Allen W. Withers	Leland J. Smith	
Meridian	" 188	Rexford A. Hecox	
Granite	" 189	Alvin C. Lund	
Amethyst	" 190 Allen C. Kirby		
Crystal	" 191	J. Russell Mitchell	John B. Maddox
Minnekadusa	" 192 Joseph H. May	William B. Hammon	
Signet	" 193 *Reuben H. Coodge		
Highland	" 194		
Arcana	" 195 *Dwight P. Griswold		
Level	" 196 George J. Dold		
Morning Star	" 197 Benjamin K. Sperry		
Purity	" 198 Joseph F. McLain		
Gavel	" 199	Thurston V. Bailey	
Blazing Star	" 200 *Robert P. Oliver		
Scotts Bluff	" 201 Edward S. Prohs		
Golden Sheaf	" 202 *Gustave A. Hanssen		
Roman Eagle	" 203		
Plainview	" 204 *Martin Sorenson	Lovel J. Foster	
Golden Fleece	" 205		Wilson K. Triplett
Naphali	" 206	Charles E. Waggoner	William G. Robertson . . .
Parian	" 207 Willis F. Haycock		*Henry H. Andrews
Gauge	" 208	Harold D. Weddel	
Canopy	" 209 John Gerry Stark		*Charles L. Ayers
East Lincoln	" 210 Sheldon L. Kier		
Cement	" 211	Carl L. McGlasson	
Compass & Square . .	" 212 *Jacob P. Serr		
Plumbline	" 214 Joseph B. Steidley		
Occidental	" 215 *Orson A. Scott	*David K. Miller	
Palisade	" 216 *Mark Scott		
Wauneta	" 217 Leland H. Peterson		
Bloomfield	" 218 H. F. Cunningham	Fred Berner	
Relief	" 219 *Charles E. Gallagher		
Magnolia	" 220 George H. Haase		
Wood Lake	" 221 James S. Kreycik		
Landmark	" 222 Allen J. Cameron	John H. Johnson	
Eminence	" 223	Perry O. Marvel	
Silver Cord	" 224 *George H. Thorley		
Cable	" 225	*Ira P. Mills	*John Finch

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Grace	" 226	Thorvald M. Jorgenson	
North Star.....	" 227	Arwid C. Eichberg...	George L. Carter.....
Bartley	" 228	Fred Reimer.....	
Comet	" 229	Charles Neff.....	
Delta	" 230	* Alfred Powell.....	
Mt. Hermon.....	" 231		
John S. Bowen..	" 232	Gabriel R. Stewart...	Martin T. Cedarlind..
Gilead	" 233	Guy C. Thatcher.....	
Zion	" 234		Millard M. Smith....
Fraternity	" 235	Harry E. Siman.....	
Golden Rule....	" 236	* Frank Clough.....	
Cubit	" 237	Gustavus J. Kahl.....	
Friendship	" 239	Adolph J. Frimann...	
Pilot	" 240	Frank B. Rhoda.....	George F. Osberg.....
Geo. Armstrong.	" 241	* William T. Minier...	
Tyrian	" 243	Ernest Meyer.....	
Sincerity	" 244		
Hampton	" 245	William H. McGuire...	
Nehawka	" 246	Robert H. Chapman...	
Corner-stone ..	" 247	* Burton Buchanan...	
Laurel	" 248	Roy L. Lathrop.....	
Gothenburg	" 249	Frank W. Westrand..	
Geo. Washington	" 250	Albert G. Wambach...	
Wausa	" 251	James W. Easton.....	
Hildreth	" 252	Dick Kool.....	
Beemer	" 253	Ernest L. Fried.....	Frank Cohee.....
Bassett	" 254	* Mark J. Lipman.....	
Bradshaw	" 255		
Hickman	" 256	Frederick A. Young..	
Holbrook	" 257	Albert Phillipson	
Anselmo	" 258		
Bee	" 259	Emery A. Hall.....	
Ornan	" 261	Alfred Loomis.....	
Endeavor	" 262	* Joseph Reiter.....	
Mitchell	" 263	Claud W. Wright.....	
Franklin	" 264	* Henry Plank, Sr....	Hay Morris.....
Robt. W. Furnas	" 265		John W. Bly.....
Silver	" 266		
J. A. Tulleys...	" 267	Harland M. Guffey...	
Geo. W. Lininger	" 268	Vincent C. Hascall...	* Charles A. Eyre.....
Riverside	" 269	* Bob Dopf.....	
Huntley	" 270		
Oasis	" 271	Charles M. Kearney..	
Lee P. Gillette..	" 272	Edgar E. Ashton.....	
Crofton	" 273	Lawrence S. Ross.....	
Olive Branch ...	" 274		
Ramah	" 275	William A. Shreck...	
Antelope	" 276	Homer C. McDonald...	
Sioux	" 277	Francis H. Wallace...	
Litchfield	" 278	Guy A. Richmond.....	

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Wallace	" 279	Loren L. Spencer.....	Jefferson C. Newman.
Swastika	" 280 Harry A. Sherman...	Harrison M. Smith.....	.....
Florence	" 281 Will E. S. Thompson.	Erik P. Eriksen.....	.....
Mullen	" 282	Nicholas J. Wirz.....	.....
Exeter	" 283 William C. Wullbrandt	Ralph O. Canaday...	.....
Seneca	" 284	David F. Fickes.....	.....
Camp Clarke	" 285	.....	.....
Oshkosh	" 285	Robert J. Jones.....	*Edward L. Cain.....
Ornan	" 287	Harry J. Klatt.....	.....
Omaha	" 288 Frank A. Hughes.....	Harry F. Payne.....	Charles M. Nye.....
Lotus	" 289	.....	.....
John J. Mercer	" 290 Wm. H. Rodabaugh.	.....	.....
Diamond	" 291	.....	.....
Wolbach	" 292 George D. Meredith.	*Ole Christensen.	.....
Monument	" 293	Clare C. Richards.....	.....
Kimball	" 294	George F. Nugent.....	.....
Minatare	" 295	Amzi A. Jessup.....	.....
Cowles	" 296 *Stanley D. Long	.....	.....
Cotner	" 297 Arthur J. Bailey.....	Imon T. Hensley.....	Charles M. McIntyre.
Chester	" 298	Cyrus E. Von Forell..	.....
Sutherland	" 299 Elmer A. Crosby.....	Harold P. Wiig.....	*George O. Gordon....
Liberty	" 300 *George C. Mason.....	*James Tyler, Jr.....	Herman N. Mattley..
Bayard	" 301	Leonard H. Calvert..	.....
Mizpah	" 302 Emery D. Shirey.....	Louis F. Schonlau...	*Walter MacCue.....
Right Angle.....	" 303 Walter L. Cropper...	Grant Parsons.....	*Raymond V. Cole....
Ruskin	" 304	Chauncey O. Hull.....	.....
Newman Grove.....	" 305 Edwin H. Gerhart.....	Leslie E. Martin.....	Carl J. Peterson.....
Golden Rod	" 306 Isaac L. Callison.....	Harry L. Mantor.....	William H. Goettsche.
William E. Hill	" 307 D. Horace Schall.....	.....	.....
Perkins	" 308 Rollo L. Carothers...	Firman M. Bell.....	.....
Winnebago	" 309	Orville E. Buckley....
Victory	" 310	George A. Harris.....
Polk	" 311 I. Donald Huston.....

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In answer to a request from the Chairman of the Committee on Pay-roll, Past Grand Master George H. Thummel moved and it was carried that the committee be instructed to make up the pay-roll for three days services, and for four days for the committees convened in advance.

The Grand Secretary presented the appeal of the Texas Tubercular Sanatorium, which is endorsed by the Grand Lodge of Texas, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Secretary referred to a communication from the Michigan Headquarters of the Near East Relief, asking

for contributions for this work, and Past Grand Master Samuel P. Davidson offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the latest reports from the Near East show continued intense suffering among the people, especially the children of Armenia and adjacent countries—who are the innocent surviving victims of the massacres and deportations carried out by the Turks during and since the great war, and

WHEREAS, American philanthropy is all that stands between these people and certain death, and the consequent annihilation of the oldest Christian nation—and the Near East Relief is incorporated by the United States Congress to provide for these people until they can be made self-sustaining,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska here assembled in Annual Communication, do hereby give our unqualified endorsement to the work of the Near East Relief, the chartered organization of the American Government, and pledge our moral support to this grand and noble work.

The Grand Custodian and the Assistants to the Grand Custodian were appointed tellers, and the election of officers resulted as follows:

- Bro. Edward M. Wellman, 1..... Grand Master.
- Bro. Charles A. Chappell, 127..... Deputy Grand Master.
- Bro. Robert R. Dickson, 95..... Grand Senior Warden.
- Bro. John Wright, 19..... Grand Junior Warden.
- Bro. Francis E. White, 6..... Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary who had just been re-elected for the twenty-fourth time, stated that he thought the time had arrived when owing to the increased work in the office, an assistant to the Grand Secretary should be chosen. After ascertaining that the present Grand Master would be willing to serve in this position if elected, and the names of two other brethren being mentioned to fill the position, the ballot was spread and M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith was elected. On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, M. W. Brother Smith was officially designated as DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY, and the Committee on Codification of the Law was directed to prepare an amendment to the law creating this office, if it was deemed necessary.

Later in the session appointment was made of the following:

Bro. Charles M. Shepherd, 54.....	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. Titus Lowe, 1.....	Grand Orator.
Bro. Robert E. French, 46.....	Grand Custodian.
Bro. Edwin D. Crites, 158.....	Grand Marshal.
Bro. Albert R. Davis, 120.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. Frank H. Woodland, 25.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. Alexander E. Porter, 19.....	Grand Tyler.

Brothers Frank H. Woodland, 25; Ira C. Freet, 56; Eugene R. Phillips, 158; Committee on Codification of the Law.

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

Brothers Charles A. Chappell, 127 (1 year); Alpha Morgan, 148 (2 years); John A. Ehrhardt, 41 (3 years); Robert E. Evans, 5 (4 years); O. Edwin Mickey, 65 (5 years); Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Marvin N. Long, 82; J. Paul Kepler, 184; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Alpha Morgan, 148 (5 years); O. Edwin Mickey, 65 (4 years); Burlingame Walker, 119 (3 years); Carroll D. Evans, 58 (2 years); Charles B. Nicodemus, 15 (1 year); Committee on Childrens Homes.

Brothers Bernard N. Robertson, 3; Charles H. Marley, 1; Andrew H. Viele, 55; Advisory Committee on Applications for Reinstatement.

Brothers George C. Mason, 300; Orville A. Andrews, 19; Robert O. Hodgman, 54; Henry H. Andrews, 207; Committee on George Washington Matinal Masonic Memorial Association.

Brothers Frank Wilcox, 1 (5 years); David C. Hilton, 19 (4 years); George H. Thummel, 33 (3 years); John R. Webster, 3 (2 years); Samuel S. Whiting, 54 (1 year); Board of Masonic Annuities and Gifts.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; Stanley P. Bostwick, 3; William McCormick, 268; Committee on Questionnaire.

Brothers Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; Charles E. Burnham, 166; O. Edwin Mickey, 65; John R. Webster, 3; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; George C. Mason, 300; James T. Begley, 6; Committee on Nebraska Masonic Hospital.

Past Grand Master Alpha Morgan offered the following amendment to the law, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Amend Section 51, page 33, of the by-laws by inserting after the word "any" in the fourteenth line the words "regular or," so that the last sentence will read as follows:

"The Senior Past Master of the lodge present may open a lodge and preside therein, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, at any regular or special meeting regularly called by the Master or Warden acting as such, or at a meeting called for the purpose of conducting a funeral."

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham submitted the following report, and moved its adoption, which was carried:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, having examined the proceedings of 1921, find the following matters to be disposed of at this session:

The George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association.

The proposition to establish a Nebraska Masonic Hospital.

The amendments to Section 81, Chapter XI of the law.

The amendment to Section 115, Chapter XIV of the law.

A report from the committee to devise a system of keeping account of all funds appropriated through this Grand Lodge.

The subject of returns from lodges.

After discussion of the proposed amendment to Section 115, Chapter XIV of the law, W. . Brother Edwin D. Crites, 158, moved to amend the section so that it will read as follows and the motion prevailed:

Sec. 115.—ESSENTIALS.—It is not necessary for an 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 any meeting either regular or special, thereof, and show a thorough knowledge of at least the first section of the lecture of the preceding degree. An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the examinations.

The following report was presented by W. . Brother Alfred G. Hunt, 33, and on his motion was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petitions of Oak Leaf Lodge U. .D. .of Lynch, Potter Lodge U. .D. .of Potter, and Craftsmen Lodge U. .D. .of Lincoln, beg

leave to report that we have carefully examined all records and papers submitted to us relative thereto, and we respectfully recommend that charters be granted by this Grand Lodge to the following:

Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312, at Lynch, Nebraska.

Potter Lodge No. 313, at Potter, Nebraska.

Owing to the fact that Craftsmen Lodge U. D. of Lincoln has not had time to comply with the law governing charters and dispensations, we recommend that a renewal of their dispensation be granted for the coming year.

In reference to the matter of a duplicate charter for Sterling Lodge No. 70, of Sterling, whose charter was destroyed by fire and the said lodge has been empowered to continue to work, by virtue of dispensation regularly issued by M. M. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, and said dispensation expiring at this meeting of the Grand Lodge, we report that no application for a duplicate charter has been referred to us. In the absence of all of these formalities, we your committee recommend that the whole matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

An oral report of the Committee on Uniform Plan of Accounts was presented by the Chairman, Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., in substance recommending a continuation of the system and method of handling accounts by the Grand Secretary, and that the same system be applied to all of the activities that the Grand Lodge may embark upon from time to time. The report was on motion declared adopted.

The Grand Secretary called attention to the fact that the last edition of the law was published in 1919, and inquired as to the wishes of the Grand Lodge in regard to publishing a new edition and devising a method of distribution among the lodges and members. W. Brother Frank H. Woodland, 25, moved and it was carried that 2,000 copies of the law as amended since 1919 be printed, each lodge to be supplied with three copies, the Grand Lodge Officers and committees to be supplied as heretofore, and that additional copies as ordered by the secretaries of the subordinate lodges be supplied at fifty cents per copy.

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

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 7th, 1922.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at two o'clock P. M., M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, presiding, and with officers and members present as at the preceding session.

W. Brother George C. Mason, 300, read the report of the Committee on Grievances; each section was acted on separately and the report of the committee as read was adopted after discussion by various members of the Grand Lodge and brethren, after which the report as a whole was adopted by a rising vote as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

To the Grand Lodge:

We, your Committee on Grievances, beg leave to make the following report:

We have carefully considered the appeal from the sentence of definite suspension of the brethren of Mosaic Lodge No. 55, and recommend that the appeal of the brethren be sustained and that the brother be expelled.

We have carefully considered the appeal of the Junior Warden of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, in the matter of a sentence of reprimand of a brother, and recommend that he be expelled.

We have carefully considered the appeal of the Junior Warden of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, in the matter of a sentence of indefinite suspension of a brother, and recommend that the appeal of the Junior Warden be sustained, and the brother be expelled.

We have carefully considered the appeal of a brother of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, from the decision of said lodge, in the matter of a sentence of indefinite suspension of a brother, and recommend that the appeal be sustained, and the brother be expelled.

We have carefully considered the appeal of the Junior Warden of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, in the matter of a sentence of indefinite suspension of a brother and recommend that the appeal of the Junior Warden be sustained, and that the brother be expelled.

We have carefully considered the appeal of the Junior Warden of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, in the matter of indefinite suspension of a brother, and recommend that the appeal of the Junior Warden be sustained, and that the brother be expelled.

We have carefully considered the appeal of a brother, a member of Saint John's Lodge No. 25, from the decision of said lodge, and recommend that the appeal of the appellant be sustained; We recommend

that the motion to dismiss the above appeal by the counsel for the accused brother, be not sustained. We have reviewed all the testimony in the case of the accused brother of Saint John's Lodge No. 25, and find him guilty as charged in specification No. 5 of the charges of said lodge, and recommend that he be expelled.

The Committee on Pay-roll, through the chairman, W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, 207, presented the report showing mileage and per diem amounting to \$4,782.18, and it was ordered paid.

Past Grand Master Joseph B. Fradenburg submitted the following report and asked that the various paragraphs be adopted separately as read:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, beg leave to submit the following report on matters referred to the committee.

Recommendation of Grand Master Smith:

No. 1. Your committee after careful consideration approves recommendation No. 1, and approves the appointment of a committee of three by the Grand Master, to prepare a form of questionnaire, and also approves the suggestions made by the Grand Secretary regarding petitions.

No. 2. It is unnecessary to amend Article 10, Constitution of the Grand Lodge, as the Grand Master already has power to suspend. No further legislation is necessary to carry into effect the object sought in this recommendation.

No. 3. Is approved.

No. 4. Is approved.

No. 5. Is approved.

No. 6. Is not approved.

No. 7. Is approved, and we recommend that Section 27-A be amended as follows: Substitute for the second sentence the following:

"All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks or trust companies, on interest, until required for the purpose of investment."

No. 8. Is approved, and we recommend that the figures \$7,500.00 in the third line of Section 27-A be changed to \$10,000.00.

No. 9. Is approved.

Removal of Secretary.

Your committee has had under careful consideration the action of the Grand Master in removing the secretary of one of our lodges, and approve of his action in arresting the jewel, and recommend that Section 49 of the law be amended so that it will read as follows:

Sec. 49.—VACANCIES.—An installed officer cannot resign or demit; if absent, the Master shall fill the station or place by temporary appointment. The arrest of a jewel of an officer does not of itself vacate the office, but the suspension of such an officer *ipso facto* vacates his office; but an officer-elect who has accepted shall not be deemed to have refused the office by reason of absence from installation.

We recommend that the matter referred to us by the Grand Secretary in regard to a card receipt issued by Clay Center Lodge No. 139, be referred to the incoming Grand Master, with instructions to see that the law is obeyed.

The report was considered separately and each paragraph adopted, after which the report as a whole was adopted.

W. Bro. George C. Mason, 300, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances, made the following statement:

In the Grievance Committee's first deliberations we found a case from York Lodge No. 56 in which a brother was charged with a Masonic offense, and he pleaded guilty, and the Master of the lodge pronounced the sentence of guilty upon him. An appeal was taken from that, but the Grand Master cured it on the 31st of May by holding another session convening York Lodge No. 56 in special communication at which the plea of guilty was accepted and the brethren voted on the accused and expelled him. There is nothing before this committee. We expected an appeal would be taken. There has been no appeal taken and the counsel for the brother appeared before this committee and said that he was satisfied that it should go over until the next grand lodge communication by agreement. I am making that as a statement, and move that such action be concurred in; my motion being to defer action in the matter of York Lodge vs. a member of that lodge, until the Grand Lodge session in June, 1923.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans offered the following amendments to the law, signed by nine Past Grand Masters, and asked that they lie over for consideration until 1923:

Amend Section 148, paragraph *n* so that it will read as follows:

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, or the Acacia Fraternity.

Amend Section 96-A so that it will read as follows:

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, and a chapter of the Acacia Fraternity and of the Achoth Sorority.

On motion the Grand Lodge decided to hold an evening session, at which the remaining business of the session would be disposed of.

W. Brother Harry E. Siman, 235, offered the following report and it was adopted, together with the recommended penalties imposed:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

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

We, your committee to whom was referred the matter of returns to the Grand Lodge, after having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that while the law which provides that the Grand Lodge returns shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before April 10th, of each year, is not generally disregarded, yet each year there are a number of lodges failing in this respect, which failure and delinquency cause great annoyance and inconvenience to the Grand Secretary, making and causing a large amount of extra labor, and further making it impossible for the Grand Secretary to complete the statistical table in time to incorporate in his report to the Grand Lodge and for the benefit of the Grand Lodge, and we also find that such failure on the part of such delinquent lodges to transmit their returns on time is entirely inexcusable and caused wholly by the inattention and neglect of the Secretary of such lodge; and we also find that the law as it now is, whereby the delinquent lodge is penalized to the extent of one cent per day for each member thereof is entirely inadequate and does not effect the purpose for which it was enacted, and in no wise or in a very slight degree tends to remedy the situation.

Our conclusions therefore are that the present penalty should remain and that the Master of the lodge should be held equally responsible with the Secretary to see that the returns are transmitted on time, and that the Master, Secretary and the lodge should all be penalized for a failure to observe and comply with the law in this respect.

Therefore your committee would recommend to this Grand Lodge that our present laws be strictly enforced and the delinquent lodge be subject to the penalty now provided for, from the time such penalty is

incurred until all correspondence from the Grand Secretary to such delinquent lodge is satisfactorily answered and the requests from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary are complied with.

We recommend that penalties for delay be assessed as follows:

Lodge No.	Returns Received	No. of Members	No. of Days	Penalty
34	.....Apr. 13	103	2	\$ 2.06
62	.....Apr. 12	73	1	.73
100	.....Apr. 14	109	3	3.27
127	.....Apr. 14	87	3	2.61
128	.....Apr. 21	40	10	4.00
149	.....Apr. 12	42	1	.42
160	.....Apr. 12	38	1	.38
164	.....Apr. 20	60	9	5.40
176	.....Apr. 21	133	10	13.30
202	.....Apr. 13	124	2	2.48
206	.....Apr. 26	66	15	9.90
221	.....Apr. 13	73	2	1.46
240	.....Apr. 13	92	2	1.84
244	.....May 3	38	22	8.36
271	.....Apr. 13	99	2	1.98
283	.....Apr. 19	44	8	3.52
286	.....Apr. 12	76	1	.76
306	.....Apr. 19	33	8	2.64
Total.....				\$65.11

W. Brother George A. Beecher, 268, Grand Orator, moved that in addition to approving the resolutions in regard to the Near East Relief, adopted at the morning session, the brethren be given an opportunity to make a voluntary offering; the motion carried, and \$101.65 was collected in a few moments.

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

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 7th, 1922.

M. W. Grand Master Lewis E. Smith called the Craft to attention at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the preceding sessions.

W. Brother Francis A. Robey, 19, moved to reconsider the action of the Grand Lodge in approving the report of the

Committee on Jurisprudence in regard to amending the law which provides for a two-thirds vote of the members present being necessary to convict, to a majority vote. Past Grand Master George H. Thummel moved as a substitute motion that the reconsideration of the action of the Grand Lodge in approving the recommendation, be postponed until next year. The substitute motion was lost, also the original motion.

W. Brother Charles A. Smith, 166, read the following report of the Committee on Finance:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

We, your Committee on Finance, fraternally submit for your consideration and approval the following report and recommendations:

We find upon examination that an audit of the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary has been made by a certified Public Accountant, that has assisted your committee materially and has saved them an endless amount of work, and we commend the Grand Lodge officers for having this audit made. We desire to call your attention to the complete statement as was made by the public accountant, and which is printed in full in the pamphlet containing the reports of the Grand Officers. The general expenses for the year, were: not including general

Relief and Care of Orphans and the Childrens Home.....	\$19,370.24
For the year 1920-1921 the expenses were.....	17,732.51

Increase for 1921-1922 over year 1920-1921.....	\$ 1,637.73
The receipts for the fees and dues for 1920-1921 were.....	67,309.00
The receipts for the fees and dues for 1921-1922 were.....	65,754.50

Net decrease was.....	\$ 1,554.50
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The dues increased \$5,815.50 and the fees decreased \$7,370.00. The receipts and disbursements of the various funds having been audited by the Public Accountant, the figures being contained in the pamphlet of the Grand Lodge Officers report, a copy of which no doubt each one of you have, we shall not attempt to include said figures in our report, as they would simply be a duplication of figures which you already have.

We have made an audit of the Grand Custodian's expense account and find the same correct in every respect; he having presented to us vouchers for every penny expended; we shall not duplicate the figures in this report as you have them in the pamphlet containing reports. We

find that the money that was expended by our Grand Custodian was expended for no other purpose than that for which the appropriation was made; *viz.*, holding schools of instruction. "Uncle Bob" is to be congratulated for the excellent manner in which the affairs of his office have been conducted.

We desire to call your attention to the statement of the Grand Secretary. You will note that \$103,500.00 under the heading of Childrens Homes, Fremont, is carried as an asset. This item includes all the money sent from the Grand Lodge to the Childrens Homes, Fremont, except such sums as have been drawn from the Orphans Educational Fund, and have been used for the purpose of helping to maintain the Childrens Homes, as well as for the purchase of land and erection of the buildings. In the opinion of your committee, the actual value of the land and buildings should be determined and this sum only should be carried as an asset, and the remainder should be charged to profit and loss and taken from the inventory account. Then, each year the Committee on Childrens Homes should advise the Grand Secretary how much of the funds furnished by the Grand Lodge for the Childrens Homes had been used for maintaining the Homes, and how much, if any remained, should be carried as an asset.

We have checked and verified the securities on hand as was shown by the report of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, in charge of the Orphans Educational Fund, and found that \$102,800.00 consisted of real estate mortgages, \$5,000.00 Liberty Loan bonds, and \$4,749.73 cash on hand, or a total of \$112,549.73.

At our last communication a resolution was adopted providing for a committee of three to devise a system of keeping accounts of all funds appropriated through the Grand Lodge, and to put such a plan into operation at once. The committee appointed, so far as we can learn, have not adopted a plan; or, if so, same is not in operation. We think this is a move in the right direction and would recommend that such a plan be adopted and put into operation at once.

We have checked the disbursements that have been made from the \$30,000.00 appropriated at our last communication for a cottage at Fremont and find that \$731.27 has been expended by the committee, still leaving unexpended and available for the building of the cottage, \$29,268.73.

The report of the Committee on Childrens Homes at Fremont as to receipts and disbursements, were checked and found to be O. K. Receipts being \$6,509.41, Disbursements \$5,639.32, leaving a balance on hand of \$870.09.

We have checked the receipts and disbursements as was shown in the report of our Grand Chaplain and find the same to be correct. The receipts being \$165.23 and the disbursements \$151.21, leaving a balance of \$14.02 on hand.

Relative to the Press Bulletin of the Tubercular Sanatorium commission of the M. W. Grand Lodges of Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico, as to the devising ways and means for the building and operation of such an institution, and which was referred to the committee, will say after due consideration, that on account of the great amount of relief appropriations that we were obliged to recommend in our Grand Jurisdiction, we feel it unwise to make any recommendation for an appropriation for this purpose at this time.

We extend, however, to these Grand Lodges our hearty congratulations and moral support, and trust they they may be successful in the erection and operation of such an institution.

We have made an examination from the records of the appropriations that were recommended by your Committee on Finance at your last communication. We find in some cases it will be necessary to increase the appropriation on account of having used a little more than was appropriated for certain things. As many of you as have the proceeding of 1921 and will turn to page 317, you will find the appropriations that were recommended at that time.

We, your committee, would recommend the following appropriations for the year ending June, 1923, or as much thereof as may be necessary:

Pay-roll	\$ 5,500.00
Balance due Grand Master Lewis E. Smith, for expenses....	254.12
Expenses of Deputy Grand Master Edward M. Wellman....	12.50
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	6,573.00
Printing Grand Officers reports, proceedings, etc.....	1,400.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	5,000.00
Stenographer for the session, as much as will be necessary.	
Grand Lodge office, rent, heat and light to December 31, 1922.	536.00
Grand Lodge office, rent, heat and light to June 30, 1923.....	500.00
Incidental expenses	250.00
Parchment charters for new lodges.....	50.00
Expenses for Grand Chaplain.....	150.00
Caring for Monell collection of ancient weapons, etc.....	2,200.00
Completing the furnishings in the Grand Secretary's office in Masonic Temple.....	500.00
Grand Master's expense.....	1,100.00
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	600.00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	2,700.00
Deputy Grand Secretary.....	2,400.00
Maintenance, Childrens Homes, Fremont.....	5,000.00
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,800.00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	600.00
Expenses of Assistants to the Grand Custodian.....	1,000.00
Grand Tyler, session 1922.....	15.00

Organist, session 1922.....	\$ 10.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	200.00
Membership in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.....	200.00
Library, purchasing and binding.....	200.00
Fire Insurance, books, supplies, etc.....	40.00
Grand Lodge office janitor.....	100.00
Grand Lodge office telephone.....	75.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls and expressage.....	450.00
Stationery	100.00
Blanks	300.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	20.00
Jewel for the office of Grand Master, what will be necessary, but not to exceed.....	200.00
Incidental expenses of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts	300.00
For the purpose of a reserve to be drawn on from time to time by said Board, as contracts under special gift agreements require	5,000.00
Amount due if any to the Masonic Service Association Towards the creation of a building fund for the erection of an infirmary at Plattsmouth.....	50,000.00
An addition to the building fund for the completion of the Childrens Home at Fremont.....	10,000.00

For the purpose of providing the funds to cover appropriations for the erection of an Infirmary at Plattsmouth, and an addition to the building fund for the completion of the Childrens Homes at Fremont; we would recommend that the amendments proposed at the last session of the Grand Lodge in 1921, be adopted.

These amendments you will find on page 605, proceedings of 1921, and we would recommend that the amendment to Section 81, increasing the fee for initiation payable to the Grand Lodge, from \$5.00 to \$15.00 be adopted, and that the amendments to Section 81, increasing the amount payable as Grand Lodge dues from \$1.50 to \$2.50, be adopted.

And that a fee of \$10.00 be charged each Master Mason affiliating with a Nebraska lodge, save that a Nebraska Mason who carries his demit not over one year and complies with Section No. 136, shall not be liable to affiliation fee.

The additional funds raised by the increases under Section 81, and the affiliation fee to be placed into a fund known as the Building and Improvement Fund.

In closing our report, we desire to commend and congratulate all of the Grand Lodge Officers and standing committees for the splendid manner in which the business of the Grand Lodge has been

conducted the past year—each one of you is entitled to receive the plaudits: "Well done, thou good and faithful servants."

W. . Brother Edward L. Cain, 288, presented the following amendment to the report:

"I move that the amount of fees to the Grand Lodge be changed from \$2.50 to \$3.50, and that the \$10.00 increase in the fee for initiation be eliminated."

After discussion by Brothers Theodore W. McCullough, 3, Edward L. Cain, 288, Past Grand Master, John A. Ehrhardt, James W. Campbell, 89, James T. Begley, 6, William D. Edson, 53, George A. Beecher, 268, Henry H. Andrews, 207, and Dwight P. Griswold, 195, the motion to amend the report was lost and the motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Finance was carried.

W. . Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, asked for unanimous consent to consider the following amendments to the law; consent was granted and the amendments were adopted:

Amend Section 81 by substituting in line three for the word "five," the word "fifteen."

Amend Section 81 by substituting in line six for the words "one dollar and fifty cents," the words "two dollars and fifty cents."

Amend Section 81 by inserting in line eight after the words "the Nebraska Masonic Home," the words "and ten dollars for each Master Mason affiliating therewith, save that a Nebraska Master Mason who carries his demit not over one year and complies with Section 136 shall not be liable for an affiliation fee. The additional funds for each initiation and affiliation, together with the sum of one dollar from the two dollars and fifty cents as Grand Lodge dues, shall be placed into a fund to be known as the Building and Improvement Fund. These increases to apply only on those initiated or affiliated on and after July 15th, 1922."

W. . Brother Frank H. Woodland, 25, submitted the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law begs leave to submit the following report:

I.

Amend Section 115 of the by-laws by striking out the words, "at a regular meeting thereof," in the sixth line of said paragraph, so that the second sentence shall read: "but he must be examined in open lodge and show a thorough knowledge of at least the first section of the lecture of the preceding degree."

II.

Amend Section 27-A of the by-laws by substituting "ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)" for "\$5,000.00" in the third line, and inserting the words "or trust companies" after the word "banks" in the seventh line.

III.

Amend Section 69-A of the by-laws by striking out the words, "or for other satisfactory reasons to be stated in the petition," in the ninth and tenth lines of said section.

IV.

Amend Section 49 of the by-laws by substituting therefor the language found in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence as adopted by the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to the Omaha lodges and brethren for their many courtesies during the session, particularly for the dinner and entertainment of the previous evening.

Past Grand Master Andrew H. Viele moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, for his faithful, efficient, and energetic services as Grand Master during the preceding year; the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, assisted by Past Grand Master Andrew H. Viele, who acted as Grand Marshal, installed all of the Grand Officers, except W. Brother Titus Lowe who was appointed Grand Orator. Authority was given to the Grand Master to install the Grand Orator at his convenience.

At eleven o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 7th, A. D. 1922, A. L. 5922, no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, peace and harmony prevailing.

EDWARD M. WELLMAN,
Grand Master.

Francis E. White
Grand Secretary.

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ABSALOM WAGGONER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..May 23, 1921
FRANKLIN F. ROOSE.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Aug. 2, 1921
WILLIAM S. FELKER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Sept. 17, 1921
ANDREW PATTULLO.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Jan. 8, 1922
WILLIAM C. McLEAN.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Jan. 14, 1922
EDWIN L. WARREN.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Jan. 21, 1922
EDWIN F. BRAILEY.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Febr. 18, 1922
WILLIAM G. SHRIVER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..March 14, 1922
GEORGE B. DARR.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Febr. 18, 1922
FRED. W. SCHWENKER....	Western Star,	No. 2..May 8, 1921
ALEXANDER CALMELET....	Western Star,	No. 2..Oct. 20, 1921
JOHN B. BALLARD.....	Western Star,	No. 2..Jan. 21, 1922
AUGUSTUS WADDINGTON..	Western Star,	No. 2..Mar. 7, 1922
THELOMIAH A. MEGEATH..	Capitol,	No. 3..June 11, 1920
DANIEL B. SARGENT.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Apr. 20, 1921
HENRY C. PETTINGILL....	Capitol,	No. 3..Apr. 22, 1921
JAMES B. McEACHRON....	Capitol,	No. 3..May 9, 1921
LOUIS H. KORTY.....	Capitol,	No. 3..May 17, 1921
FRED B. LAKE.....	Capitol,	No. 3..July 12, 1921
VIRGIL O. STRICKLER....	Capitol,	No. 3..Aug. 30, 1921
JOHN U. C. McDANIEL....	Capitol,	No. 3..Oct. 10, 1921
WILLIAM H. THORPE.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Nov. 29, 1921
WILLIAM H. GREENHOW..	Capitol,	No. 3..Febr. 6, 1922
THOMAS D. CAREY.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Febr. 20, 1922
WILLIAM JOHNSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3..March 9, 1922
LOUIS A. BORSHEIM.....	Capitol,	No. 3..March 27, 1922
JOHN A. ANDERSON.....	Nemaha Valley,	No. 4..Febr. 10, 1922
LEWIS F. SALLEE.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..May 4, 1921
RASMUS PETERSON.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..June 4, 1921
DANIEL B. SMITH.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..July 3, 1921
MAJOR A. HALL.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..Aug. 4, 1921
MARTIN L. FRIEDRICH....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..Aug. 14, 1921
JOHN WATERMAN.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..Sept. 12, 1921
JOHN H. BECKER.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..Febr. 17, 1922
SAMUEL PRATHER.....	Falls City,	No. 9..July 2, 1921
ELLIOT L. CLAYTON.....	Falls City,	No. 9..Dec. 13, 1921
JOHN B. STITZER.....	Falls City,	No. 9..March 20, 1922
LECLERC E. BALLARD....	Covert,	No. 11..Apr. 11, 1921
CASSIUS M. COCHRAN....	Covert,	No. 11..July 27, 1921
THOMAS STRANGLLEN....	Covert,	No. 11..July 28, 1921
MARTIN PAULSON.....	Covert,	No. 11..Oct. 8, 1921
FREDERICK W. SIMPSON..	Covert,	No. 11..Oct. 28, 1921
HERMAN T. D. GRABEMAN.	Covert,	No. 11..Jan. 16, 1922
GEORGE J. STONEY.....	Covert,	No. 11..Febr. 21, 1922

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JAMES E. ALMY.....	Covert,	No. 11..Febr. 27, 1922
CHARLES P. SOUTHARD...	Covert,	No. 11.. March 13, 1922
MARCUS G. PERKINS.....	Fremont,	No. 15..Apr. 19, 1921
GEORGE HEIN.....	Fremont,	No. 15..Dec. 28, 1921
THOMAS O. MOON.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Apr. 8, 1921
J. FRANK BARR.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Apr. 15, 1921
CHARLES C. CALDWELL...	Lincoln,	No. 19..May 24, 1921
ALEXANDER H. HUTTON..	Lincoln,	No. 19..June 13, 1921
ISAIAH BOOTH.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..July 22, 1921
ANDROS W. HOYT.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Aug. 14, 1921
JOHN H. PIERCE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Aug. 19, 1921
CHARLES H. RUDGE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Oct. 3, 1921
DANIEL C. BROWN.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Oct. 14, 1921
ROBERT E. MOORE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Nov. 6, 1921
CHARLES T. NEAL.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Nov. 10, 1921
WALTER A. LEESE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Dec. 28, 1921
WILLIAM SMITH.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Jan. 21, 1922
CHARLES E. YATES.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Febr. 7, 1922
ALANSON BOWERS.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Febr. 16, 1922
EDSON R. SPENCER.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Febr. 24, 1922
WILLIAM W. MARTIN.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..March 6, 1922
JOHN F. HAY.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..March 13, 1922
JOHN GREEN.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..March 31, 1922
KARL PETERSON.....	Washington,	No. 21..Febr. 9, 1922
CHARLES E. PIERCE.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..June 6, 1921
JOHN G. DORRANCE.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..July 10, 1921
CHRISTIAN PARLI.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..Aug. 16, 1921
SAMUEL H. AVEY.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..Jan. 27, 1922
JOHN C. TWING.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..March 30, 1922
WILLIAM H. COTTER.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Apr. 6, 1921
SAMUEL NORTH.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Apr. 8, 1921
BERT G. KING.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Apr. 14, 1921
WILLIAM J. TURNER.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Apr. 21, 1921
FRANKLIN C. TYM.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..May 14, 1921
HARRY L. ARNOLD.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..July 8, 1921
PERRY J. MILLER.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Aug. 26, 1921
FRED VOSS.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Nov. 2, 1921
CHARLES G. PETERSON...	St. Johns,	No. 25..Nov. 13, 1921
GUSTAVE E. SHUKERT...	St. Johns,	No. 25..Sept. 29, 1921
HARRY A. MOWERY.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Nov. 20, 1921
CHARLES ROSEWATER....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Nov. 23, 1921
OSCAR KRONSTEDT.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Dec. 7, 1921
COLUMBUS N. ADAMS.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Dec. 13, 1921

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CHARLES F. SPOONER.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Febr. 12, 1922
WM. K. LOUGHRIDGE.....	Blue River,	No. 30..May 19, 1921
JACOB H. CULVER.....	Blue River,	No. 30..Aug. 19, 1921
HENRY W. OWEN.....	Blue River,	No. 30..Dec. 28, 1921
MYRON H. MOREHOUSE...	Tekamah,	No. 31..May 20, 1921
WELLINGTON		
HARRINGTON.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..July 17, 1921
JULIUS C. SMITH.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..Oct. 11, 1921
MORGAN K. BARNUM.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Oct. 1919
HANSOM M. GRIMES.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Apr. 25, 1921
JOHN M. KNOX.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Apr. 29, 1921
JOSEPH M. MOONEY.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..July 2, 1921
HENRY W. HINES.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..May 30, 1921
CHARLES H. BLAISE.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..June 6, 1921
THOMAS A. TAYLOR.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Oct. 13, 1921
DONALD McLEOD.....	Acacia,	No. 34..Dec. 6, 1921
JOHN LOCHNER.....	Acacia,	No. 34..March 5, 1922
HENRY C. WRIGHT.....	Acacia,	No. 34..March 14, 1922
JUDSON CLARK.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..July 26, 1921
LON H. HINITT.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Nov. 10, 1921
FRANK B. WELPTON.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Jan. 21, 1922
JOSEPH B. WHITE.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..May 7, 1921
WILLIAM J. COPELAND...	Lone Tree,	No. 36..March 3, 1922
ROBERT M. HAYWORTH...	Lone Tree,	No. 36..March 3, 1922
WILLIAM KARCH.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..March 14, 1922
HERBERT B. ROLLAND...	Crete,	No. 37..Aug. 26, 1921
JOHN F. GEREKE.....	Oliver,	No. 38..July 27, 1921
WILLIAM F. DICKINSON..	Oliver,	No. 38..Jan. 3, 1922
FRANCIS M. AUSTIN.....	Oliver,	No. 38..Jan. 29, 1922
JOHN L. GREENE.....	Oliver,	No. 38..Jan. 30, 1922
SAMUEL C. OAKS.....	Oliver,	No. 38..Jan. 31, 1922
FRED D. RHODE.....	Papillion,	No. 39..Nov. 4, 1921
CAMPBELL D. BROWN....	Papillion,	No. 39..Dec. 25, 1921
THOMAS MAXWELL.....	Humboldt,	No. 40..Apr. 24, 1921
HENDERSON D. GRAVES..	Hebron,	No. 43..Aug. 6, 1921
HUGH E. McCAW.....	Hebron,	No. 43..Aug. 11, 1921
GEORGE H. BROWN.....	Harvard,	No. 44..June 28, 1921
GEORGE D. EAGLESTON...	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Oct. 3, 1921
HENRY F. J. FINKE.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Dec. 1, 1921
EDWARD M. VAN CLEAVE	Rob Morris,	No. 46..March 15, 1922
WILLIAM E. SMITH.....	Fairmont,	No. 48..Dec. 27, 1921
WILLIAM H. WEEKS.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Sept. 20, 1921
JONATHAN L. MILLER...	Hastings,	No. 50..Oct. 6, 1921
FRED BLAKE.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Nov. 8, 1921

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IRA A. CAHOON.....	Hiram,	No. 52..Apr. 26, 1921
GEORGE O. YEISER.....	Charity,	No. 53..March 15, 1907
DOUGLAS J. MYERS.....	Charity,	No. 53..Apr. 24, 1911
ROBERT J. MOORE.....	Charity,	No. 53..June 14, 1912
ROBERT F. RAINES.....	Charity,	No. 53..Apr. 20, 1913
EDWARD A. MACK.....	Charity,	No. 53..June 9, 1921
SVEN P. PEARSON.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Apr. 9, 1915
ASHLEY E. PATCH.....	Lancaster,	No. 54.. 1917
FRANK F. KAISER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54.. 1917
WILLIAM L. TUCKER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Nov. 28, 1918
SANFORD E. KERNEY.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Dec. 8, 1918
BERNARD B. LOWRY.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Dec. 1919
WARWICK M. COWGILL....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Jan. 1920
NICHOLAS RESS.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Apr. 16, 1921
WILLIAM D. WILHOIT....	Lancaster,	No. 54..June 6, 1921
ORLANDO W. WEBSTER....	Lancaster,	No. 54..June 6, 1921
WILLIAM S. WAYBRIGHT..	Lancaster,	No. 54..July 10, 1921
RAY O. CASTLE.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Aug. 2, 1921
JAMES H. MITCHELL.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Aug. 23, 1921
BENJAMIN L. GARRETSON..	Lancaster,	No. 54..Dec. 19, 1921
LEONARD W. BEANS.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Febr. 26, 1922
DOCTOR L. LANE.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Febr. 28, 1922
GILBERT HALVERSTEIN..	Mosaic,	No. 55..Jan. 11, 1922
J. HALE FIELDING.....	Mosaic,	No. 55..Febr. 20, 1922
ALFRED J. MARTIN.....	York,	No. 56..May 1, 1921
CHARLES A. SCHRANDT...	York,	No. 56..May 23, 1921
HENRY A. MURPHY.....	York,	No. 56..Oct. 14, 1921
THOMAS C. PRATHER.....	York,	No. 56..Nov. 2, 1921
ROBERT M. RANKIN.....	York,	No. 56..Jan. 8, 1922
RAYMOND L. BROTT.....	York,	No. 56..Jan. 13, 1922
JOHN B. CONAWAY.....	York,	No. 56..Jan. 13, 1922
WILLIAM M. KNAPP.....	York,	No. 56.. 1922
JESSE W. ANDERSON.....	Mt. Moriah,	No. 57..May 17, 1921
WILLIAM S. WHITTEN....	Mt. Moriah,	No. 57..July 28, 1921
JOHN M. MORGAN.....	Mt. Moriah,	No. 57..Febr. 4, 1922
HARRY J. ARNOLD.....	Lebanon,	No. 58..Apr. 14, 1921
THOMAS E. EATON.....	Lebanon,	No. 58..Dec. 8, 1921
JOHN STEEN.....	Wahoo,	No. 59..March 23, 1922
EDWARD S. WENGER.....	Melrose,	No. 60..Aug. 21, 1921
ALBERT E. COLE.....	Thistle,	No. 61..July 20, 1921
HUGH McLEAN.....	Thistle,	No. 61..July 29, 1921
THOMAS J. TAYLOR.....	Blue Valley,	No. 64..Oct. 30, 1921
EDWIN L. KING.....	Osceola,	No. 65..Apr. 22, 1921

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CHARLES E. SMITH.....	Edgar,	No. 67.. 1917
SAMUEL JOHNSTON.....	Edgar,	No. 67.. Jan. 12, 1922
JOHN G. PROSSER.....	Edgar,	No. 67.. Jan. 16, 1922
BERGE O. BERGESON.....	Aurora,	No. 68.. Nov. 1921
JAMES POWELL.....	Aurora,	No. 68.. Jan. 16, 1922
WILLIAM KNEELAND.....	Sterling,	No. 70.. Aug. 4, 1921
JOHN G. NEFF.....	Sterling,	No. 70.. March 10, 1922
WILLIAM F. CONWELL.....	Trowel,	No. 71.. Nov. 9, 1921
CHARLES A. HEWITT.....	Trowel,	No. 71.. Dec. 18, 1921
HARRY D. JACKSON.....	Trowel,	No. 71.. Jan. 23, 1922
SAMUEL D. HIBLER.....	Hooper,	No. 72.. May 10, 1921
FRED F. HEINE.....	Hooper,	No. 72.. July 5, 1921
STEPHEN L. BROWNE.....	Hooper,	No. 72.. July 12, 1921
GEORGE W. HEINE.....	Hooper,	No. 72.. March 4, 1922
FRANK W. HUBBARD.....	Alexandria,	No. 74.. May 12, 1921
WILLIAM E. HATCH.....	Joppa,	No. 76.. March 21, 1922
THOMPSON F. MARTIN.....	Albion,	No. 78.. Sept. 29, 1921
FRANK J. ECKERT.....	Albion,	No. 78.. Nov. 17, 1921
PETER YOUNGERS.....	Geneva,	No. 79.. Aug. 15, 1921
HIRAM L. SMITH.....	Geneva,	No. 79.. Sept. 18, 1921
TIMOTHY WILKINS.....	Geneva,	No. 79.. Oct. 27, 1921
EMIL SANDROCK.....	Geneva,	No. 79.. March 3, 1922
ALEXANDER LAMB.....	St. Paul,	No. 82.. July 29, 1921
THOMAS C. MINNICH.....	St. Paul,	No. 82.. Jan. 24, 1922
CHARLES T. BARTO.....	Corinthian,	No. 83.. Apr. 22, 1921
GEORGE W. HOWE.....	Fairfield,	No. 84.. Apr. 12, 1921
LEMUEL M. MUNN.....	Fairfield,	No. 84.. May 31, 1921
WM. E. UNDERKOFFER....	Fairfield,	No. 84.. Aug. 28, 1921
GUY W. HOLMES.....	Ionic,	No. 87.. Dec. 28, 1921
HENRY D. PALEN.....	Ionic,	No. 87.. Jan. 10, 1922
STACY IRVIN.....	Ionic,	No. 87.. March 18, 1922
JOSEPH R. R. KIRK.....	Cedar River,	No. 89.. March 22, 1922
LEONARD P. LUCE.....	Hubbell,	No. 92.. May 13, 1921
JOHN DICKSON.....	Bennett,	No. 94.. Apr. 9, 1921
MADISON WILLAN.....	Bennett,	No. 94.. Apr. 14, 1921
WILLIAM E. McROBERT....	Garfield,	No. 95.. Sept. 22, 1920
WESLEY T. EVANS.....	Garfield,	No. 95.. Nov. 3, 1921
ADOLPH REUBER.....	Utica,	No. 96.. Nov. 21, 1921
FRANKLIN G. BARBER....	Utica,	No. 96.. Febr. 25, 1922
ELIPHALET W. KELSEY....	Euclid,	No. 97.. Sept. 12, 1921
DANIEL I. GRUWELL.....	Republican,	No. 98.. Febr. 2, 1922
JAMES IRVINE.....	Shelton,	No. 99.. Febr. 26, 1922
JOHN A. HOGG.....	Shelton,	No. 99.. March 10, 1922

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ROBERT M. PEYTON.....	Creighton,	No. 100..Jan. 21, 1922
ROBERT H. POMEROY.....	Ponca,	No. 101..Dec. 19, 1921
ARTHUR SHAW.....	Ponca,	No. 101..Febr. 8, 1922
ANDY KJELDGAARD.....	Ord,	No. 103..Dec. 1921
RICHARD BAKER.....	Porter,	No. 106..Apr. 3, 1921
WILLIAM T. OWENS.....	Porter,	No. 106..May 19, 1921
ENOS O. JONES.....	Table Rock,	No. 108..Aug. 21, 1921
EPHRAIM D. LAUGHLIN...	Pomegranate,	No. 110..Apr. 21, 1921
SAMUEL S. SANDERS.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..Sept. 7, 1921
LYMAN R. BRUSH.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..Dec. 18, 1921
WILLIAM HOWLETT.....	DeWitt,	No. 111..Febr. 27, 1922
MILTON G. NICHOLSON...	Springfield,	No. 112..June 6, 1921
JAY C. GRAVES.....	Globe,	No. 113..Nov. 3, 1921
DAVID F. REYNOLDS.....	Globe,	No. 113..Nov. 14, 1921
ADAM YOUNG.....	Globe,	No. 113..Dec. 12, 1921
EDWARD A. POPELAR.....	Globe,	No. 113..
FRANK J. MALCHON.....	Wisner,	No. 114..Aug. 4, 1921
DAVID A. BRAUGHT.....	Wisner,	No. 114..Dec. 11, 1921
GEORGE McFARLAND.....	Harlan,	No. 116..Dec. 31, 1921
HARRY MILLIGAN.....	Hardy,	No. 117..Oct. 12, 1918
MICHAEL DOWLING.....	North Bend,	No. 119..May 5, 1921
FRED A. HOWE.....	North Bend,	No. 119..May 19, 1921
NED J. LLOYD.....	Wayne,	No. 120..March 8, 1922
JOHN W. MITCHELL.....	Superior,	No. 121..Aug. 27, 1921
WILLIAM WATSON, JR....	Auburn,	No. 124..Nov. 30, 1921
PIERRE O. PUGSLEY.....	Mt. Nebo,	No. 125..Sept. 28, 1921
OFFER PAULSON.....	Minden,	No. 127..June 7, 1921
EDWARD M. PARKER.....	Guide Rock,	No. 128..
ANDREW D. McNEER.....	Blue Hill,	No. 129..Jan. 16, 1922
ALFRED G. SWEET.....	Solar,	No. 134..May 14, 1921
CHARLES H. JOHNSON....	Solar,	No. 134..July 30, 1921
MELVIN L. ORMSBY.....	Solar,	No. 134..March 20, 1922
EARL W. HAHN.....	Long Pine,	No. 136..Dec. 6, 1918
J. HARVEY SHERWOOD...	Rawalt,	No. 138..Dec. 9, 1921
FRANK E. DE CONLEY....	Clay Centre,	No. 139..June 14, 1921
WILMER O. LEWIS.....	Clay Centre,	No. 139..June 19, 1921
CHARLES F. ALFORD.....	Clay Centre,	No. 139..July 24, 1921
HARLEY H. PARMENTER...	Kenesaw,	No. 144..March 20, 1922
ISAAC E. AUSTIN.....	Jachin,	No. 146..March 24, 1922
FOREST V. SHEARER.....	Siloam,	No. 147..May 1, 1921
EDWARD C. HOUSE.....	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148..May 2, 1921
CYRUS G. BRENIZER.....	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148..June 29, 1921
CHARLES C. KOOZER.....	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148..March 10, 1922

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SAML F. NUNEMAKER, JR.	Jewel,	No. 149..Nov. 4, 1921
JOHN TUREK.....	Evergreen,	No. 153..June 17, 1921
MILTON R. SMITH.....	Hartington,	No. 155..May 21, 1921
FRED M. KIMBALL.....	Hartington,	No. 155..Oct. 17, 1921
AMOS W. HUNT.....	Valley,	No. 156..May 26, 1921
SHADRICK WILBURN.....	Valley,	No. 157..July 8, 1921
MARION YATES.....	Valley,	No. 157..March 15, 1922
ALBERT C. WATSON.....	Samaritan,	No. 158..June 10, 1921
FRANK H. SMITH.....	Samaritan,	No. 158..Febr. 7, 1922
THOMAS BLACKBURN.....	Ogallala,	No. 159..
W. S. WILLOUGHBY, SR.	Zeredatha,	No. 160..Aug. 29, 1921
DANIEL A. BURRITT.....	Mt. Zion,	No. 161..Dec. 31, 1921
AMI L. GAUCHAT.....	Trestle Board,	No. 162..March 14, 1922
CHARLES MOULTON.....	Atkinson,	No. 164..Dec. 22, 1921
JOHN F. NEWHALL.....	Mystic Tie,	No. 166..Nov. 11, 1921
THOMAS K. HANSEN.....	Mystic Tie,	No. 166..Jan. 22, 1922
JONAS E. CHAMBERS.....	Elwood,	No. 167..July 29, 1921
MICHAEL DUNN.....	Amity,	No. 169..Nov. 25, 1921
JAMES GOULEY.....	Mason City,	No. 170..June 2, 1921
WAYNE COXON.....	Mason City,	No. 170..June 16, 1921
THOMAS J. WOOD.....	Mason City,	No. 170..Dec. 19, 1921
JAMES N. RIDENOUR.....	Merna,	No. 171..Febr. 10, 1922
JACOB T. SHROYER.....	Grafton,	No. 172..Sept. 16, 1921
CHARLES MILLER.....	Culbertson,	No. 174..Apr. 9, 1921
MILTON C. REYNOLDS.....	Culbertson,	No. 174..Nov. 27, 1921
CHARLES P. SIMONTON...	Prudence,	No. 179..Febr. 9, 1922
HARRY N. BIRNEY.....	Faith,	No. 181..Oct. 26, 1921
ROSSITER R. CHENOWETH	Incense,	No. 182..July 4, 1921
EDWIN P. SWEENEY.....	Alliance,	No. 183..June 22, 1921
CHARLES J. CARLSON.....	Alliance,	No. 183..Dec. 25, 1921
ARCHIE GREGORY.....	Alliance,	No. 183..Febr. 22, 1922
GUY A. REED.....	Alliance,	No. 183..March 30, 1922
ALFRED A. SAMUEL.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184..Febr. 2, 1922
ENOS M. WOODS.....	Boaz,	No. 185..Aug. 27, 1921
DOUGLAS W. PATRICK....	Israel,	No. 187..May 19, 1921
SAMUEL E. RUTLEDGE....	Meridian,	No. 188..June 18, 1921
CHARLES W. FISHER.....	Meridian,	No. 188..June 25, 1921
GUSTAVE GUNDERSON.....	Minnekadusa,	No. 192..Dec. 15, 1921
HENRY P. BENEDICT....	Signet,	No. 193..Sept. 1916
JOHN R. OASTLER.....	Signet,	No. 193..May 30, 1921
FRANCIS N. NICHOLS.....	Signet,	No. 193..March 5, 1922
FRANK M. STEWART.....	Arcana,	No. 195..June 15, 1921
JOHN A. SMITH.....	Level,	No. 196..Febr. 17, 1922

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ALFRED E. PATRICK.....	Gavel,	No. 199..Jan. 28, 1922
HARRY HALLOCK.....	Blazing Star,	No. 200..Oct. 27, 1921
A. LINCOLN FARRAN.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202..May 11, 1921
REUBEN T. FREDERICK...	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202..Oct. 21, 1921
DANIEL W. GAINES.....	Plainview,	No. 204..June 23, 1921
ALBERT HERBERT.....	Plainview,	No. 204..July 22, 1921
MARTIN MICKELSON.....	Golden Fleece,	No. 205..Aug. 19, 1921
JOSEPH C. JOHNSON.....	Golden Fleece,	No. 205..Oct. 12, 1921
WILLIAM G. BURKE.....	Golden Fleece,	No. 205..Sept. 30, 1921
AUGUST G. NEWMANN....	Golden Fleece,	No. 205..Nov. 16, 1921
ISAAC W. WOLF.....	Canopy,	No. 209..May 10, 1921
GEORGE V. HALL.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210..June 18, 1921
ROBERT A. KINNEY.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210..Oct. 16, 1921
THOMAS B. ROUNDS.....	Cement,	No. 211..June 30, 1921
MARTIN L. WISEMAN.....	Cement,	No. 211..Febr. 9, 1922
JAMES W. McKIBBEN.....	Plumblin,	No. 214..Aug. 10, 1921
WILLIAM J. HARMON.....	Occidental,	No. 215..June 4, 1921
RALPH C. JOHNSON.....	Occidental,	No. 215..July 3, 1921
ERNEST S. GRABLE.....	Occidental,	No. 215..Oct. 5, 1921
VICTOR PETERSON.....	Bloomfield,	No. 218..May 8, 1921
WILSHIRE F. DAVIS.....	Magnolia,	No. 220..Aug. 20, 1921
HERMAN H. STOLZE.....	Magnolia,	No. 220..Nov. 19, 1921
ALFRED E. MORRIS.....	Wood Lake,	No. 221..Apr. 11, 1921
JOHN M. GOSSARD.....	Landmark,	No. 222..Oct. 4, 1921
JAMES P. KEPLER.....	Landmark,	No. 222..
THOMAS B. LAUGHLIN...	Landmark,	No. 222..March 22, 1922
FRED W. SISSON.....	Silver Cord,	No. 224..Dec. 28, 1921
NATHAN ENGLISH.....	Cable,	No. 225..Nov. 23, 1921
WILLIAM PARKINSON.....	North Star,	No. 227..July 30, 1921
FRED C. C. HARKSON.....	Comet,	No. 229..Apr. 3, 1921
ALFRED PETERSON.....	Comet,	No. 229..Apr. 20, 1921
JACOB A. SNIDER.....	Gilead,	No. 233..Apr. 10, 1921
ASHFORD H. NELSON.....	Gilead,	No. 233..July 3, 1921
CHRIS. C. CLEVELAND.....	Golden Rule,	No. 236..July 14, 1921
GEORGE W. LIVERS.....	Golden Rule,	No. 236..Aug. 24, 1921
LA FAYETTE BROWN.....	Cubit,	No. 237..Oct. 26, 1921
FRANK L. PIERSON.....	Cubit,	No. 237..Dec. 24, 1921
HENRY S. HURST.....	Cubit,	No. 237..Febr. 14, 1922
SEVOLIA R. KING.....	George Armstrong,	No. 241..July 14, 1921
GEORGE A. BLACKSTONE.	George Armstrong,	No. 241..Sept. 2, 1921
FRED A. FERGUSON.....	Tyrian,	No. 243..June 25, 1921
WILLIAM BATES.....	Sincerity,	No. 244..Dec. 15, 1921
CLARK H. MILLER.....	Sincerity,	No. 244..Febr. 10, 1922

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CHARLES F. FURLEY.....	Laurel,	No. 248..Dec. 24, 1921
CHARLES R. HOLSTROM...	George Washington,	No. 250..Jan. 14, 1922
SQUIRE H. CARPENTER...	Hildreth,	No. 252..Febr. 25, 1922
JOHN C. BRIGGS.....	Beemer,	No. 252..Apr. 24, 1921
ERNEST L. MYERS.....	Bassett,	No. 253..Apr. 1, 1921
JOHN C. TOWLE.....	Bassett,	No. 254..Sept. 26, 1916
SAMUEL WADDINGTON...	Anselmo,	No. 254..May 8, 1918
WILLIAM H. SMITH.....	Endeavor,	No. 258..Aug. 21, 1921
ILOA J. SHIELDS.....	Robert W. Furnas,	No. 265..Dec. 21, 1921
ALVA G. RYAN.....	Robert W. Furnas,	No. 265..Febr. 7, 1922
PERCEY W. LAUB.....	James A. Tulleys,	No. 267..Apr. 26, 1921
JOHN E. GEORGE.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268..Sept. 25, 1921
NELS ANDERSON.....	Sioux,	No. 277..Apr. 8, 1921
EBENEZER D. HARRIS....	Sioux,	No. 277..Dec. 9, 1921
CHARLES ERAZIM.....	Swastika,	No. 280..March 5, 1922
WILLIAM R. DUNCAN.....	Florence,	No. 282..July 4, 1921
WILLIAM ONSLOW.....	Mullen,	No. 282..Oct. 19, 1921
WILLIAM F. OSBORN.....	Mullen,	No. 285..Oct. 20, 1921
MARTIN HANAWALD.....	Camp Clarke,	No. 285..Nov. 15, 1921
DAVID C. MCKINNON.....	Camp Clarke,	No. 285..Jan. 1922
JOHN W. WEHN.....	Camp Clarke,	No. 288..Apr. 7, 1921
ADOLPH GEIL.....	Omaha,	No. 288..May 22, 1921
WILLIAM G. BUSKIRK....	Omaha,	No. 288..Aug. 29, 1921
WILLIAM L. EDWARDS....	Omaha,	No. 288..Oct. 23, 1921
JOHN A. KEMP.....	Omaha,	No. 280..March 5, 1922
JESSE A. McDONALD.....	Omaha,	No. 288..Nov. 20, 1921
WILLIAM BALDWIN.....	Omaha,	No. 288..Febr. 21, 1922
EDWARD M. FLINDT.....	John J. Mercer,	No. 290..Febr. 10, 1922
GEORGE W. FANNON.....	Diamond,	No. 291..Nov. 6, 1921
MARTIN STORM.....	Diamond,	No. 291..Febr. 15, 1922
KELSEY CHINDOR.....	Monument,	No. 293..Apr. 4, 1921
CHARLES KOLP.....	Monument,	No. 293..March 7, 1922
HOPE BROWN.....	Minatare,	No. 295..May 23, 1921
HALSEY R. GIBSON.....	Minatare,	No. 295..Jan. 28, 1922
AUGUST KETTLEHUT.....	Chester,	No. 298..May 26, 1921
WILLIS C. KNIGHT.....	Sutherland,	No. 299..Jan. 10, 1922
PHINANDER C. EVANS....	Liberty,	No. 300..Oct. 17, 1921
JAMES E. HUGHES, JR....	Mizpah,	No. 302..Sept. 24, 1921
CARLOS E. HUGHES.....	Right Angle,	No. 303..Oct. 7, 1921
ERLE K. WILTSE.....	Winnebago,	No. 309..Jan. 28, 1922

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Francis E. White 50 Years.	1871-72-74-75-76-77-78-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88- 89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03- 04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22.
Samuel P. Davidson, 40 Years.	1875-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94- 96-97-98-99-00-01-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-12-13- 14-15-16-17-19-20-21-22.
George H. Thummel, 38 Years.	1872-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-85-89-90-94-97-98-99- 00-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22.
Robert E. French, 38 Years.	1885-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00- 01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22.
Edwin F. Warren, 37 Years.	1873-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-89-92- 93-94-96-97-98-99-00-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09- 10-13-15-16-17-18.
John A. Ehrhardt, 37 Years.	1881-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99- 00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-15-17- 18-19-20-21-22.
Robert E. Evans, 30 Years.	1889-92-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07- 08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-20-21-22.
Henry H. Wilson, 28 Years.	1888-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04- 05-06-07-08-10-12-13-14-15-16-17-19.
Frank E. Bullard, 28 Years,	1877-78-79-80-81-82-90-91-92-95-96-97-98-99-00-01- 02-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-11-14-15-21.
Henry Gibbons, 27 Years.	1879-80-81-85-87-90-92-97-98-99-01-02-03-04-05-06- 07-08-09-10-11-12-14-15-17-21-22.
John Finch, 24 Years.	1898-99-00-01-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22.
Charles E. Burnham, 23 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22.
Benjamin F. Pitman, 23 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22.
Samuel S. Whiting, 22 Years.	1901-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22.
Harry A. Cheney, 22 Years.	1897-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-22.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong	1860-61-62
*Daniel H. Wheeler	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish	1867-68
*Harry P. Deuel	1869-70
*William E. Hill	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.	1881
Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City	1882
*Samuel W. Hayes	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 322 Euclid Avenue	1884
*Manoah B. Reese	1885
*Charles K. Coutant	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., The Iowa, 13th & O Sts. N. W.	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	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln	1895
*Charles J. Phelps	1896
*John B. Dinsmore	1897
*Frank H. Young	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	1909
Harry A. Cheney, Creighton	1910

PAST GRAND MASTERS (Continued)

Henry Gibbons, Kearney	1911
James R. Cain, Jr., Omaha, 1039 South 30th Avenue	1912
Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow	1913
*Thomas M. Davis	1914
Samuel S. Whiting, Lincoln, First National Bank Bldg.	1915
Andrew H. Viele, Norfolk, 400 South Eighth Street	1916
Frederic L. Temple, North Platte.....	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson, Clay Center	1918
John J. Tooley, Broken Bow	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg, Omaha, 601 Keeline Bldg.	1920
Lewis E. Smith, Masonic Temple, Omaha.....	1921

*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. Roskrige.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	William A. DeWolf-Smith.....	New Westminster.
California.....	John Whicher.....	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada.....	William M. Logan, Act.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado.....	William W. Cooper.....	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Jose Fabio Garnier.....	P. O. Box 1047, San Jose.
Cuba.....	Felix V. Preval Perez.....	Apartment 72, Havana.
Delaware.....	John F. Robinson.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt.....	J. D. Panagotti.....	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England.....	Philip Colville Smith.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Francis F. Baker.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	George E. Knepper.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	Owen Scott.....	Decatur.
Indiana.....	William H. Swartz.....	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Newton R. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Jerry C. Shellard, Dep'y.....	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Alex. M. Woodruff, Act.....	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 B. Winsor.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John Pichel.....	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Edward L. Frangette.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Frank R. Jesse.....	Ninth and Locust Sts., St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada.....	Edward D. Vanderlieth.....	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	I. 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.....	George Barclay.....	P. O. Box 664, Dunedin.
North Carolina.....	William W. Willson.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Jacob H. Bromwell.....	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	William M. Anderson.....	Masonic Temple, Oklahoma City.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson.....	Masonic Hdqts., Multnomah Hotel, Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	P. O. Box 990, Manila.
Prince Edward Island.....	Edward T. Carbonell.....	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan.
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	P. O. Box 3172, 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.....	Freemason's Hall, Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	South Falls.
Tasmania.....	John Hamilton.....	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	William P. Pearson.....	Waco.
Utah.....	Sam H. Goodwin.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	Charles J. Barrow.....	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Charles A. Nesbitt.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia.....	J. D. Stevenson.....	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia.....	John M. Collins.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Joseph W. Lowndes.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.

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GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.**

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Alpha Morgan, 148.....	Broken Bow.....	July 25, 1903
Alberta.....	Homer R. Hatfield, 56.....	Grand Island.....	Aug. 4, 1908
Arizona.....	Charles E. Gallagher, 251.....	Coleridge.....	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas.....	Walter W. Wells, 192.....	Schuyler.....	Dec. 19, 1913
British Columbia.....	John Finch, 225.....	Arnold.....	Oct. 15, 1920
Canada.....	John R. Webster, 3.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 21, 1918
Colorado.....	Robert E. Evans, 5.....	Dakota City.....	Dec. 20, 1915
Connecticut.....	Samuel P. Davidson, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	Oct. 10, 1889
Costa Rica.....	Benoni J. Lane, 135.....	McCook.....	April 30, 1919
Cuba.....	Charles W. Kraft, 54.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware.....	Carroll D. Evans, 58.....	Columbus.....	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. of Columbia.....	Albert W. Jefferis, 1.....	Omaha.....	June 12, 1912
Egypt.....	Harry A. Cheney, 100.....	Creighton.....	Sept. 13, 1907
England.....	Francis E. White, 6.....	Omaha.....	Sept. 7, 1917
Florida.....	Ambrose C. Epperson, 139.....	Clay Center.....	Sept. 20, 1912
Georgia.....	Edwin F. Warren, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	March 31, 1883
Idaho.....	Albert R. Davis, 120.....	Wayne.....	June 20, 1921
Illinois.....	George H. Thummel, 33.....	Omaha.....	Jan. 1, 1915
Indiana.....	Earl B. Brooks, 23.....	Pawnee City.....	March 1, 1915
Ireland.....	Henry Gibbons, 46.....	Kearney.....	June 10, 1911
Kansas.....	Henry H. Heiler, 50.....	Hastings.....	April 10, 1919
Louisiana.....	Adam McMullen, 104.....	Bentrice.....	Dec. 18, 1915
Maine.....	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25.....	Omaha.....	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba.....	John Wright, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Nov. 25, 1921
Maryland.....	Charles L. Fahnestock, 135.....	McCook.....	March 8, 1911
Michigan.....	Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 29, 1917
Minnesota.....	George A. Beecher, 268.....	Hastings.....	March 17, 1904
Mississippi.....	John M. Burks, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Dec. 31, 1869
Missouri.....	Samuel S. Whiting, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 10, 1914
Montana.....	Charles S. McGill, 11.....	Omaha.....	April 9, 1915
Nevada.....	Frank L. McCoyck, 207.....	Callaway.....	Oct. 25, 1915
New Brunswick.....	James W. Wynkoop, 210.....	Lincoln.....	Aug. 30, 1917
New Hampshire.....	Frederic L. Temple, 61.....	North Platte.....	Oct. 11, 1910
New Jersey.....	Edwin G. Whitford, 9.....	Falls City.....	March 21, 1921
New So. Wales.....	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78.....	Albion.....	July 26, 1905
New York.....	Edward M. Wellman, 1.....	Omaha.....	May 29, 1916
New Zealand.....	Frank E. Ward, 31.....	Et. Calhoun.....	July 22, 1905
North Carolina.....	Walter M. Hopewell, 31.....	Tekamah.....	June 8, 1911
North Dakota.....	Henry H. Andrews, 207.....	Callaway.....	June 27, 1913
Nova Scotia.....	Henry H. Wilson, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 26, 1892
Ohio.....	George W. Little, 240.....	Lyons.....	June 23, 1905
Oklahoma.....	Louis P. Tonner, 153.....	Pierce.....	Jan. 13, 1917
Oregon.....	William T. Bourke, 268.....	Omaha.....	May 18, 1909
Philippine Islands.....	John J. Tooley, 258.....	Broken Bow.....	Oct. 10, 1913
P. Edward Island.....	Charles E. Burnham, 166.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 21, 1902
Puerto Rico.....	Charles M. Shepherd, 54.....	Lincoln.....	August 20, 1921
Quebec.....	Edwin D. Crites, 158.....	Chadron.....	April 20, 1920
Queensland.....	Robert B. Walker, 170.....	Mason City.....	Sept. 17, 1917
Rhode Island.....	Alexander R. Porter, 19.....	Lincoln.....	June 20, 1921
Saskatchewan.....	Claude L. Talbot, 184.....	Omaha, South Side.....	July 3, 1908
Scotland.....	William Cosh, 11.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 6, 1914
South Australia.....	Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3.....	Omaha.....	April 20, 1920
South Carolina.....	James R. Cain, Jr., 105.....	Omaha.....	July 12, 1907
South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell, 127.....	Minden.....	Aug. 26, 1918
Tennessee.....	Charles E. Allen, 183.....	Cozad.....	July 25, 1917
Texas.....	Robert R. Dickson, 95.....	O'Neil.....	May 3, 1915
Utah.....	Robert E. French, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 4, 1888
Vermont.....	Fred H. Barclay, 23.....	Pawnee City.....	Aug. 17, 1918
Victoria.....	John S. Bishop, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 19, 1904
Virginia.....	John S. Davison, 136.....	Omaha.....	July 14, 1900
Washington.....	Andrew H. Viele, 55.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 10, 1910
West Australia.....	Orman J. King, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 26, 1904
West Virginia.....	Frank M. Knight, 183.....	Alliance.....	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin.....	Robert O. Wolf, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 7, 1915

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Alabama.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery.....	July 30, 1909
Alberta.....	Frank Barnhouse.....	Edmonton.....	May 2, 1921
Arizona.....	Thomas A. Pascoe.....	Globe.....	June 24, 1913
Arkansas.....	Lewis C. Hall.....	Dardanelle.....	Feb. 15, 1911
British Columbia.....	Edward B. Paul.....	Victoria.....	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada.....	Henry T. Smith.....	Toronto.....	July 28, 1921
Colorado.....	Edward P. Huffard.....	Colorado Springs.....	Aug. 12, 1905
Connecticut.....	Henry H. Brautigam.....	Bridgeport.....	Feb. 27, 1919
Costa Rica.....	Cecilio Nieto.....	San Jose.....	Dec. 10, 1918
Cuba.....	Jose L. Hevia.....	Havana, Tejadillo, 1.....	May 12, 1919
Delaware.....	Harry J. Guthrie.....	Wilmington.....	Oct. 17, 1904
Dist. of 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.....	Francis Jenkins.....	Moscow.....	Dec. 21, 1918
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.....	William F. Broenning.....	Baltimore.....	July 25, 1919
Michigan.....	Frank W. Richey.....	Dowagiac.....	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota.....	Alfred G. Pinkham.....	St. Paul.....	April 7, 1906
Mississippi.....	James Finis Hill.....	Fayette.....	June 20, 1919
Missouri.....	Arthur H. Cole.....	Kansas City.....	Sept. 12, 1921
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	March 18, 1892
Nevada.....	Harry H. Atkinson.....	Tonopah.....	June 19, 1911
New Brunswick.....	LeBaron Wilson.....	St. John.....	March 7, 1921
New Hampshire.....	Justin O. Wellman.....	Newmarket.....	March 15, 1916
New Jersey.....	Robert J. Hanna.....	Paterson.....	Oct. 25, 1916
New So. Wales.....	William T. Wearne.....	Randwick, Sydney.....	Oct. 17, 1914
New York.....	Henry Herz.....	New York City, 29 Nassau St.....	June 5, 1921
New Zealand.....	Oliver Nicholson.....	Auckland.....	Feb. 14, 1903
North Carolina.....	Joshua P. Pillsbury.....	Raleigh.....	Oct. 8, 1917
North Dakota.....	Theodore S. Henry.....	Valley City.....	Aug. 24, 1917
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.....	John K. Kollock.....	Portland.....	Apr. 21, 1922
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	Manila.....	Nov. 14, 1913
P. Edward Island.....	James D. Stewart.....	Georgetown.....	July 5, 1915
Puerto Rico.....	Manuel del Valle Atilas.....	San Juan.....	July 5, 1915
Quebec.....	Alex J. McRobie.....	Westmount, 453 Claremont Ave.....	March 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.....	March 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.....	George S. Larson, Jr.....	Tulahoma.....	Jan. 21, 1922
Texas.....	James D. Greshaw.....	San Antonio.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah.....	Abbot R. Haywood.....	Ogden.....	Feb. 20, 1892
Vermont.....	Edward C. Woodworth.....	Arlington.....	Aug. 9, 1907
Victoria.....	Francis W. W. Morton.....	Melbourne, Collins St.....	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia.....	Sol Cutchins.....	Richmond.....	April 20, 1901
Washington.....	Archibald W. Frater.....	Seattle.....	April 13, 1900
West Australia.....	Thomas W. Paisley.....	Bunbury.....	July 19, 1902
West Virginia.....	Charles E. Bailey.....	Sistersville.....	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin.....	Frank E. Noyes.....	Marinette.....	Dec. 23, 1904

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- Acacia, 34.
 Adams, U. D., (extinct).
 Adoniram, 159.
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131).
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U. D., (236).
 Alliance, 183.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anchor, 142, (extinct).
 Anselmo, 258.
 Antelope, 276.
 Arapahoe, 109, (extinct).
 Arcana, 195.
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U. D., (extinct).
 Ashland, 18, (extinct).
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.
 Bancroft, 145.
 Bannack City, U. D., (ext.)
 Barnston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Bassett, 254.
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U. D., (179).
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U. D., (230).
 Bee, 259.
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Beemer, 253.
 Belgrade, U. D., (269).
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241).
 Benkelman, U. D., (180).
 Bennett, 94.
 Benson, U. D., (290).
 Blazing Star, 200.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue River, 30.
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85).
 Blue Valley, 64.
 Boaz, 185.
 Bradshaw, 255.
 Brainard, 115, (extinct).
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (223).
 Burchard, U. D., (137).
 Burnett, U. D., (166).
 Butte, U. D., (233).
 Cable, 225.
 Cambridge, 150.
 Camp Clarke, 285.
 Canopy, 209.
 Capitol, 3.
 Carleton, U. D., (199).
 Cedar, U. D., (13).
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215).
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143).
 Cedar River, 89.
 Cement, 211.
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D., (229).
 Chadron, U. D., (158).
 Chapman, U. D., (230).
 Charity, 53.
 Chester, 298.
 Clay Centre, 139.
 Columbus, U. D., (ext.)
 Columbus, U. D., (58).
 Columbus, 8, (extinct).
 Comet, 229.
 Compass and Square, 212.
 Composite, 81.
 Corinthian, 83.
 Corner-stone, 247.
 Cotner, 297.
 Covert, 11.
 Cowles, 295.
 Crab Orchard, U. D., (238).
 Crawford, U. D., (181).
 Creighton, 100.
 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Crystal, 191.
 Cubit, 237.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Cuming City, U. D., (21).
 Curtis, 168.
 Custer, U. D., (148).
 Dakota, (5).
 Danbury, U. D., (185).
 Davenport, U. D., (154).
 Decatur, 7, (extinct).
 Delta, 230.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Diamond, 291.
 Duniphan, 86.
 Doric, 118.
 Douglas, U. D., (237).
 East Lincoln, 210.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elwood, 167.
 Eminence, 223.
 Ennet Crawford, 148.
 Endeavor, 262.
 Euclid, 97.
 Eureka, 16, (extinct).
 Evening Star, 49.
 Evergreen, 153.
 Ewing, U. D., (156).
 Exeter, U. D., (extinct).
 Exeter, 283.
 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
 Falls City, 9.
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct).
 Fidelity, 51.
 Firth, U. D., (66, ext.)
 Florence, 281.
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct).
 Franklin, 264.
 Frank Welch, 75.
 Fraternity, 235.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Friendship, 239.
 Garfield, 95.
 Gauge, 208.
 Gavel, 199.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, U. D., (125).
 George Armstrong, 241.
 George Washington, 250.
 George W. Lininger, 268.
 Gibbon, (see 46).
 Gibbon, U. D., (189).
 Giddings, (2).
 Gilead, 233.
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rod, 306.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.
 Gothenburg, 249.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Granite, 189.
 Grant, U. D., (34).
 Grant, U. D., (186).
 Greenwood, U. D., (163).
 Gresham, U. D., (197).
 Guide Rock, 128.
 Hamilton, U. D., (68).
 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
 Harmony, U. D., (ext.)
 Harmon, U. D., (ext.)
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hermon, U. D., (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (extinct).
 Hickman, 256.
 Highland, 194.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29).
 Hiram, 52.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, U. D., (146).
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Huntley, 270.
 Hyannis, U. D., (234).
 Idaho, U. D., (extinct).
 Imperial, U. D., (198).
 Incense, 189.
 Indianola, 123, (extinct).
 Ionic, 87.
 Israel, 187.
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct).
 Jachin, 146.
 James A. Tulleys, 267.
 Jasper, 122, (extinct).
 Jephtha, U. D., (264).
 Jewel, 149.
 John J. Mercer, 290.
 John S. Bowen, 232.
 Johnson, U. D., (141, ext.)
 Joppa, 76.
 Jordan, 27.
 Junata, 42.
 Justice, 180.
 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.
 Kimball, 294.

- Lafayette, 24, (extinct).
 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Laurel, 248.
 Lebanon, 58.
 Lee P. Gillette, 272.
 Leigh, U. D., (193).
 Level, 196.
 Liberty, U. D., (152).
 Liberty, 300.
 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln, 19.
 Litchfield, 278.
 Livingstone, 66, (extinct).
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Lotus, 289.
 Loup Fork, U. D., (8, ext.)
- Mackey, U. D., (242).
 Macey, 22, (extinct).
 Magic City, U. D., (184).
 Magnolia, 220.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridian, 188.
 Merna, 171.
 Miller, 213, (ext.)
 Minatare, 295.
 Minden, 127.
 Minnekadusa, 192.
 Mitchell, 263.
 Mizpah, 302.
 Monitor, U. D., (extinct).
 Monument, 293.
 Morning Star, 197.
 Morrill, U. D., (271).
 Mosaic, 55.
 Mount Hermon, 231.
 Mount Moriah, 57.
 Mount Nebo, 125.
 Mount Zion, 161.
 Mullen, 282.
 Mystic Tie, 166.
- Naphthali, 206.
 Nebraska, 1.
 Nebraska City, 12, (ext.)
 Nehawka, 246.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha Valley, 4.
 Newman Grove, 305.
 Norfolk, U. D., (55).
 North Bend, 119.
 Northern Light, 41.
 North Loup, U. D., (142, ext.)
 North Star, 227.
- Oakland, 91.
 Oak Leaf, 312.
 Oasis, 271.
 Occidental, 215.
 Odell, U. D., (122, ext.)
 Ogalalla, 159.
 Ohlawa, U. D., (182).
 Olive Branch, 274.
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Omaha, 288.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Orion, 242, (extinct).
 Oman, 261.
- Oshkosh, 286.
 Overton, U. D., (207).
 Oxford, U. D., (138).
 Pacific, U. D., (310).
 Palestine, U. D., (extinct).
 Palisade, 216.
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct).
 Papillion, 39.
 Parallel, 152.
 Parian, 207.
 Pawnee, 29.
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23).
 Perkins, 308.
 Peru, U. D., (extinct).
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.
 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumb, 186, (extinct).
 Plumbline, 214.
 Polk, 311.
 Pomegranate, 110.
 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
 Potter, 313.
 Prudence, 179.
 Purity, 198.
 Pythagoras, 156.
- Ramah, 275.
 Rawalt, 138.
 Relief, 219.
 Republican, 98.
 Reynolds, U. D., (160).
 Right Angle, 303.
 Rising, U. D., (81).
 Rising Star, U. D., (20, ex.)
 Riverside, 269.
 Riverton, 63.
 Robert Burns, 173.
 Robert W. Furnas, 265.
 Rob Morris, 46.
 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct).
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).
 Roman Eagle, 203.
 Ruskin, 304.
- Saint Johns, 25.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47, (extinct).
 Saline, U. D., (73).
 Saline, U. D., (101).
 Saline, U. D., (118).
 Samaritan, 158.
 Samuel W. Hayes, U. D., (287).
 Scotia, U. D., (191).
 Scotts Bluff, 201.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seneca, 284.
 Seward, U. D., (38).
 Shelby, U. D., (161).
 Shelton, 99.
 Shickley, U. D., (178, ext.)
 Signet, 193.
 Siloam, 147.
 Silver, 266.
 Silver Cord, 224.
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Sincerity, 244.
 Sioux, 277.
 Solar, 134.
- Solomon, 10.
 Springfield, 112.
 Square, 151.
 Square & Compass, 213, (ext.)
 Stanton, U. D., (41).
 Star, 88.
 Steele City, 107, (extinct).
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, U. D., (196).
 Stromsburg, 126.
 Summit, 7, (transferred).
 Summit, 141, (extinct).
 Superior, 121.
 Sutherland, 299.
 Swastika, 280.
 Syracuse, U. D., (57).
- Table Rock, 108.
 Talmage, U. D., (162).
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Temple, U. D., (5).
 Temple, 175.
 Thistle, 61.
 Tobias, U. D., (149).
 Trenton, U. D., (extinct).
 Trestle Board, 162.
 Trilumular, U. D., (210).
 Truham, 71.
 Tuscan, 130.
 Tyre, 85.
 Tyrian, 243.
- Ulysses, U. D., (187).
 Union, 267.
 Unity, 163.
 Upright, 137.
 Utica, 96.
- Valentine, U. D., (113).
 Valley, 157.
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151).
 Victory, 310.
- Waco, 80, (extinct).
 Wahoo, 59.
 Wallace, 279.
 Washington, 21.
 Waterloo, 102.
 Waumeta, 217.
 Wausa, 251.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97).
 Western, 140.
 Western Star, 2.
 Wilcox, U. D., (226).
 William E. Hill, 307.
 Winnebago, 309.
 Winside, U. D., (235).
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265).
 Wisner, 114.
 Wolbach, 292.
 Wood Lake, 221.
 Wymore, 104.
 Wyoming, 28, (transferred).
- York, 56.
- Zeredatha, U. D., (98).
 Zeredatha, 160.
 Zion, 234.

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 Ainsworth, 224.
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, 236.
 Alliance, 183.
 Alma, 116.
 Anselmo, 258.
 Ansley, 176.
 Arapahoe, 293.
 Arcadia, 208.
 Arlington, 52.
 Arnold, 225.
 Ashland, 110.
 Atkinson, 164.
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 Bancroft, 145.
 Barneston, 165.
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 Battle Creek, 244.
 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Crossing, 179.
 Bee, 259.
 Beemer, 253.
 Belgrade, 269.
 Benkelman, 180.
 Bennett, 94.
 Benson, 290.
 Bertrand, 275.
 Bethany, 297.
 Blair, 21.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Bloomington, 76.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue Springs, 85.
 Bradshaw, 255.
 Bridgeport, 285.
 Brock, 162.
 Broken Bow, 148.
 Brownville, 4.
 Burchard, 137.
 Burwell, 200.
 Butte, 233.
 Callaway, 207.
 Cambridge, 150.
 Carleton, 199.
 Cedar Bluffs, 215.
 Cedar Rapids, 143.
 Central City, 36.
 Ceresco, 229.
 Chadron, 158.
 Chapman, 239.
 Chappell, 205.
 Chester, 298.
 Clarke, 134.
 Clay Center, 139.
 Coleridge, 219.
 Columbus, 58.
 Cook, 231.
 Cortland, 194.
 Cowles, 296.
 Cozad, 188.
 Craig, 241.
 Crawford, 181.
 Creighton, 100.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Curtis, 168.
 Dakota City, 5.
 Danbury, 185.
 Davenport, 154.
 David City, 51.
 Decatur, 88.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Diller, 206.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Dorchester, 118.
 Douglas, 237.
 Dunbar, 272.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elgin, 276.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elmwood, 209.
 Elwood, 167.
 Emerson, 220.
 Ewing, 156.
 Exeter, 283.
 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Falls City, 9.
 Filley, 175.
 Florence, 281.
 Fort Calhoun, 10.
 Franklin, 264.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Fullerton, 89.
 Gandy, 190.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, 125.
 Gothenburg, 249.
 Gordon, 195.
 Gering, 201.
 Gibbon, 189.
 Giltner, 223.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grand Island, 33.
 Grant, 308.
 Greenwood, 163.
 Gresham, 197.
 Guide Rock, 128.
 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harrison, 277.
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 60.
 Havelock, 250.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Herman, 222.
 Hickman, 256.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, 146.
 Hooper, 72.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Hyannis, 234.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Huntley, 270.
 Imperial, 198.
 Indianola, 262.
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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY	
Nebraska,	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	David Northup.....	Frank Wilcox.....
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	Third Friday.....	Daniel M. Hill.....	Henry W. Carson.....
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Theodore W. McCullough.....	Walter Willis.....
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	Wednesday on or before○	Abraham L. Lawrence.....	James W. Ford.....
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	Saturday on or before○	Walter E. Miller.....	John H. Ream.....
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	First and third Mondays.....	Leon L. McCarty.....	Frank A. Clويد.....
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Virgil Falloon.....	Daniel H. Weber.....
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	Tuesday on or before○	Otto Kruse.....	J. Howard Beales.....
Covert,	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Wednesday.....	John W. Disbrow.....	George R. Porter.....
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	First and third Mondays.....	§George Goodale.....	Henry M. Bryan.....
Peru,	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	Second Monday.....	Spencer W. Hacker.....	John B. Lewis.....
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	First Tuesday.....	Lawrence M. Nichols.....	Matthew A. Priestley.....
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	First and third Saturdays.....	James H. Cochran.....	Leo B. Heskett.....
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	John W. Cronley.....	John Wright.....
15 Washington,	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	Second Tuesday.....	Walter Larsen.....	Charles E. Gaydou.....
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	J. Mervyn Haley.....	John H. Tracy.....
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Alexander McKie.....	Frank E. Underwood.....
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Harold V. Stout.....	James B. High.....
Jordan,	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Emil M. Von Seggern.....	Peter Poellot.....
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City.....	Nemaha.....	Friday on or before○	Samuel C. Lawrence.....	William E. Seid.....
Blue River	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	First Thursday.....	Thomas H. Wertman.....	Davidson F. Todd.....
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	William F. Hopley.....	Ray V. Kennedy.....
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Abner J. Wessberg.....	Carl R. Greisen.....
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	Second Thursday.....	Claude E. Reuting.....	Robert R. Watson.....
25 Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	First Tuesday.....	Louis J. Michaelson.....	Walter B. Sadilek.....
Fairbury,	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Mondays.....	Frank R. Wallace.....	Arthur J. Denney.....
Lone Tree,	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Frank W. Jefferson.....	Seward E. Cogswell.....
Crete,	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	First Friday.....	Estel D. Spadt.....	Claude R. Davenport.....
Oliver,	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	First Friday.....	Fred O. Bannon.....	Smith D. Atkins.....
30 Papillion,	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	First and third Saturdays.....	William W. Startzer.....	Layton E. Bossard.....
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.....	S. Ray Gist.....	J. Krank Snetben.....
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	Wednesday on or before○	Perlee J. Catlin.....	George E. Pugh.....
Juniaata,	" 42	Juniaata.....	Adams.....	Monday on or before○	Frank R. Hughes.....	Kenneth Ormond.....
Hebron,	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	First Thursday.....	Harvey W. Hess.....	John R. Sutton.....
85 Harvard,	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	William G. Schwenk.....	Griffith J. Thomas.....

§Elected, no report of installation.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Omaha,

	Rob Morris,	No. 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	Thomas Elmer Boothe.....	Raymond H. Haase
	Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Wednesday.....	Lewis H. Badger.....	Albert A. Canfield
	Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.....	William A. Stewart.....	Herman H. Schultz
	Hastings,	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Robert Graham, Jr.....	Henry H. Heiler
40	Fidelity,	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	George D. Cooper.....	Marion A. Shaw
	Hiram,	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Thursday on or before○	Herald D. Weber.....	Joseph C. Chapman
	Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	First and third Fridays.....	William D. Edson.....	Benjamin F. Perry
	Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Alva A. Baer.....	Jack Matthews
	Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Guy F. Pumphrey.....	Fred W. Muller
45	York,	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Marion King.....	John Muir
	Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before○	Edwin F. Andrews.....	William N. Hunter
	Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Francis C. Dussell.....	Clarence A. Pittman
	Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Chase C. Dooley.....	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
	Melrose,	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○*	Charles H. Gourley.....	Albert J. Olson
50	Thistle,	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Frederick P. Naffzinger.....	Hanford D. Smith
	Keystone,	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday on or before○	Scott E. Heinzman.....	Emmet C. Arnett
	Riverton,	" 63	Riverton.....	Franklin.....	Monday on or before○	Vern C. Cady.....	Rolland C. Shetler
	Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Vance F. Jelinek.....	Joseph M. Korbel
	Osceola,	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First and third Fridays.....	Clair L. LeMar.....	Wilbur R. Olson
55	Edgar,	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Stephen E. Beck.....	William J. Breckenridge
	Aurora,	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Albert L. Johnson.....	George E. Funk
	Sterling,	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	Tuesday on or before○	Einer J. Johnson.....	Otto H. Stuve
	Trowel,	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	John S. Kay.....	John W. Lamson
	Hooper,	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	Robert L. Schwab.....	William M. Zellers
60	Friend,	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	Thursday on or before○*	Edward C. Wagner.....	Malcolm L. McFarlane
	Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	McKinley Hubbard.....	Benjamin L. Terry
	Frank Welch,	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	First Tuesday.....	Herman Schroeder.....	Leslie Neubauer
	Joppa,	" 76	Bloomington.....	Franklin.....	Friday on or before○	Clarence W. Nobiling.....	Edward D. Paulson
	Nelson,	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○	Arthur F. Ely.....	James F. Murphy
65	Allbon,	" 78	Allbon.....	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Robert T. Flotree.....	Albert N. Lamb
	Geneva,	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	Friday on or before○*	Charles W. Deremiah.....	Tyler Edgecombe
	Composite,	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○	George A. Cooley.....	Luther J. Saylor
	Saint Paul,	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	Christopher W. McCracken.....	Fred R. Haggart
	Corinthian,	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before○	Lewis W. Schwedhelm.....	C. J. Arthur Larson
70	Fairfield,	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays.....	Fred W. Petry.....	M. Homer Garvin
	Tyre,	" 85	Blue Springs.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○	Arley R. Hinman.....	James W. Marples
	Doniphan,	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	First Friday†	Charles H. Quigle.....	Thomas T. McCleery
	Ionic,	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before○	Justis P. Lessor.....	George Howe
	Star,	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	Charley M. Ashley.....	John G. Murynott
75	Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays.....	Gilbert F. Robinson.....	Frank E. Ward
	Elk Creek,	" 90	Elk Creek.....	Johnson.....	Thursday on or before○	Frank A. Anderson.....	William F. York
	Oakland,	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.....	Nevin W. Hopkins.....	Arthur B. Peden
	Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	John R. Posey.....	Earl D. Creswell
	Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	Monday on or before○	Earl E. Prideaux.....	Harry B. Hall

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
80 Bennett.	No. 94	Bennett.....	Lancaster.....	Tuesday on or before○	Louis W. May.....	Henry F. May
Garfield,	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	First and third Thursdays.	Elmer E. Surber.....	D. Henry Clawson
Utica,	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	Wednesday on or before○	Fred H. Pieper.....	Jeff S. McClain
Euclid,	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	First Monday.....	T. Arthur Wiles.....	Everett B. Taylor
Republican,	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○	William Chapman.....	Leonard L. Johnson
85 Shelton,	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	Friday on or before○	Clyde S. Burkard.....	Lawrence F. Hang
Creighton,	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	Tuesday on or before○	Jesse R. Caley.....	Walter T. Philbrick
Ponca,	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before○	Lloyd Lynde.....	Arthur H. Logan
Waterloo,	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	George E. King.....	Charles C. Peabody
Ord,	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	Wednesday on or before○	Frank T. Johnson.....	James F. Colby
90 Wymore,	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.	Ralph E. Fulton.....	Charles P. Philbrick
Stella,	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	Wednesday on or before○	Lyman C. Fankell.....	Dora C. Allen
Porter,	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Andrew G. Johnson.....	Lamont L. Stephens
Table Rock,	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Lee D. Harman.....	Clarence L. Bonham
Pomegranate,	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	John W. Molzen.....	S. Frank Woodward
95 DeWitt,	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○	Ross Gowdy.....	Charles A. Rowlinson
Springfield,	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.	Willis B. Saling.....	Joseph M. Elwell, Jr.
Globe,	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Newton A. Housel.....	Earl J. Moyer
Wisner,	" 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.	Robert Werk.....	Neil D. Saville
Harlan,	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	First and third Fridays.	Everette E. McKee.....	H. Jay Egelston
100 Hardy,	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○	George B. McDowell.....	James H. Fair
Doric,	" 118	Dorchester.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○	Thomas Gray.....	J. Frank Longanecker
North Bend,	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	Second Tuesday.....	John R. Tapster.....	James E. Cherny
Wayne,	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	Second and fourth Fridays	Paul R. Mines.....	J. Murray Cherry
Superior,	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Wednesday on or before○	Floyd A. Lyman.....	John T. Robbins
105 Auburn,	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	Monday on or before○	Charles B. Thompson.....	Homer L. Combs
Mount Nebo,	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.	C. John Elm.....	
Stromsburg,	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	Second Tuesday.....	Wilfred W. Ilgenfritz.....	Albin E. Rodine
Minden,	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	Wednesday on or before○	James Robinson.....	Charles A. Chappell
Guide Rock,	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	Thursday on or before○	Jerome L. Whaley.....	James H. Crary
110 Blue Hill,	" 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.	Claus J. Rose.....	Fred T. Hopka
Tuscan,	" 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	Thursday on or before○	Arthur Kunzman.....	Amasa S. Chapman
Scribner,	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Peter J. Bauer.....	Clarence Ransler
Elm Creek,	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Ray A. Ulrich.....	William A. Clarke
Solar,	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○	Charles A. Thomas.....	Charles E. Souser, Jr.
115 McCook,	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	First and third Tuesdays.	Frederic L. Schwab.....	Thomas G. Rees
Long Pine,	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	Second Monday.....	Harold D. Keith.....	Thomas M. Hutchinson
Upright,	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○	Louis C. Borden.....	Clay E. Cox
Rawalt,	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Thursday on or before○	William F. Bendler.....	James W. Anderson

*And two weeks thereafter.

	Clay Centre,	No. 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Harry V. Ellis.....	Earl Fryar.....
120	Western,	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Frank H. Beer.....	Edward Timmel.....
	Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids.....	Boone.....	Third Wednesday.....	James H. Watts.....	William A. Gibson.....
	Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before○	Gothardt S. Fischer.....	Liberty M. Robinson.....
	Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles W. Conn.....	Arthur A. Koepnick.....
	Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Clifford A. Baker.....	Earl Barnette.....
125	Siloam,	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or after○	John Shaal.....	Emil A. Storz.....
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Emery F. Bush.....	Herman F. Hanson.....
	Jewel,	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Archie S. Munau.....	Charles W. Boggs.....
	Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge.....	Saunders.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Lloyd C. Richardson.....	Arthur C. Easton.....
	Square,	" 151	Valparaiso.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Fred V. Cooper.....	Bohumil J. Bokacek.....
130	Parallel,	" 152	Liberty.....	Pierce.....	Thursday on or before○	Hazel Shannon.....	Rufus G. McCue.....
	Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Emmanuel D. Lunak.....	Edward B. Fanske.....
	Lily,	" 154	Davenport.....	Cedar.....	Friday on or before○	Melvin M. Jennings.....	Benjamin W. Showalter.....
	Hartington,	" 155	Hartington.....	Holt.....	Wednesday on or before○	Louis R. Eby.....	Rudolph H. Jenny.....
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing.....	Furnas.....	First Wednesday.....	Andrew J. Davis.....	Garry Benson.....
135	Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville.....	Dawes.....	Wednesday on or before○	Thomas L. Doherty.....	John B. McGaw.....
	Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron.....	Keith.....	First and third Thursdays	Eugene R. Phillips.....	William A. Danley.....
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Ogallala.....	Jefferson.....	Tuesday on or before○	Theodore F. Goold.....	Oscar E. Fernstrom.....
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds.....	Polk.....	First and third Thursdays.	George E. Warren.....	Harry D. Hazlett.....
	Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby.....	Nemaha.....	Monday on or before○*	Thomas A. Reece.....	Richard T. Buelow.....
140	Trestle Board.	" 162	Brook.....	Cass.....	Saturday on or before○	Charles L. Yochum.....	Almon C. DePue.....
	Unity,	" 163	Greenwood.....	Holt.....	Friday on or before○*	Arsene Looft.....	Walter Woißel.....
	Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson.....	Gage.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Robert D. Cole.....	Roy F. Griffin.....
	Barneston,	" 165	Barneston.....	Madison.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Roy A. Roberts.....	Peter Bednar.....
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden.....	Gosper.....	Fourth Thursday.....	George W. Irving.....	Henry Zinnecker.....
145	Elwood,	" 167	Elwood.....	Frontier.....	Wednesday on or before○	Elmer H. Ledyard.....	Charles A. Yeo-uan.....
	Curtis,	" 168	Curtis.....	Sheridan.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Marion R. Dobbs.....	Edgar L. Keith.....
	Amity,	" 169	Rushville.....	Custer.....	First and third Tuesdays.	John C. Dullaghan.....	Zadok T. Daniel.....
	Mason City,	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	Tuesday on or after○	James N. Jacobson.....	Ralph F. McCloughan.....
	Merna,	" 171	Merna.....	Fillmore.....	Saturday on or after○	Walter B. Davis.....	Francis Jacquot.....
150	Grafton,	" 172	Grafton.....	Hitchcock.....	First and third Wednesdays	§Charles A. Shoff.....	Henry Schwarz.....
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Willis E. Stewart.....	Wade R. Martin.....
	Culbertson,	" 174	Culbertson.....	Gage.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Osborne P. Simon.....	Arvene C. Eishhart.....
	Temple,	" 175	Filly.....	Custer.....	First and third Tuesdays.	John M. Veach.....	Earle G. Frushour.....
	Gladstone,	" 176	Anslay.....	Sheridan.....	Thursday on or after○	Elmer F. Hollenbeck.....	Harry I. Weekly.....
155	Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Seward.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles S. Sall.....	Richard Gustafson.....
	Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Crossing.....	Dundy.....	Tuesday on or before○	Robert E. Bissey.....	Philip Maurer.....
	Justice,	" 180	Benkelman.....	Dawes.....	Friday on or before○	Eli A. Hester.....	Lee R. Balderson.....
	Faith,	" 181	Crawford.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Thursdays	Herman M. Houston.....	Harvey W. Taylor.....
	Incense,	" 182	Ohlawa.....	Box Butte.....	First and third Thursdays	William H. Weiss.....	William L. Domeier.....
160	Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Douglas.....	Thursday on or before○	Clifford E. Sward.....	Perley I. Beach.....
	Bee Hive,	" 184	South Omaha.....	Red Willow.....	First Thursday.....	John R. Hughes.....	William N. Paxton.....
	Boaz,	" 185	Danbury.....		Wednesday on or before○	McDonald Ryan.....	George B. Morgan.....

*And two weeks thereafter.

§Elected, no report of installation.

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

LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Israel.	187	Ulysses	Butler	Tuesday on or before○	Leland J. Smith	Anson B. Andrew
Meridian,	188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	Rexford A. Hecox	Beryl C. Slade
165 Granite,	189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Alvin C. Lund	Ira A. Kirk
Amethyst,	190	Candy	Logan	Second and fourth Saturdays	Theodore H. Reasoner	William M. Baskin
Crystal,	191	Scottia	Greeley	Thursday on or before○	J. Russell Mitchell	Theodore J. Stoetzel
Minnekadusa,	192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	William B. Hammon	Luke M. Bates
Signet,	193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before○	Joseph F. McKinley	Jacob A. Kibler
170 Highland,	194	Cortland	Gage	First Monday	Frank T. Schowengerdt	Ivan H. Johnston
Arcana,	195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Charles R. Versaw	Roy S. Ross
Level,	196	Stockville	Frontier	Saturday on or before○	Luke H. Cheney	Arlo J. Lindsey
Morning Star,	197	Gresham	York	Friday on or before○	Benjamin K. Sperry	Samuel A. Tobey
Purity,	198	Imperial	Chase	Friday on or before○	Floyd G. Johnston	Dwight M. Wiley
175 Gavel,	199	Carleton	Thayer	Tuesday on or before○	Thurston V. Bailey	James H. Bryant
Blazing Star,	200	Burwell	Garfield	Thursday on or after○	Joseph E. Gavin	Gould B. Flagg
Scotts Bluff,	201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	First and third Fridays	Joel F. Scott	Vale B. Kirkham
Golden Sheaf,	202	Randolph	Cedar	Monday on or before○	Clark H. Blizzard	Marvin M. Bowles
Roman Eagle,	203	Pender	Thurston	Tuesday on or before○	Archie M. Smith	Adolph H. Wriedt
180 Plainview,	204	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	Lovel J. Foster	Andy Hansen
Golden Fleece,	205	Chappell	Deuel	Thursday on or before○	Wilson K. Triplett	John M. Brownell
Napthali,	206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Charles E. Waggoner	Ellis S. Dunn
Parian,	207	Callaway	Custer	Thursday on or before○	Nicholas B. Troyer	Arthur J. Higbee
Gauge,	208	Arcadia	Valley	Tuesday after○	Harold D. Weddell	Charles H. Downing
185 Canopy,	209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before○	John Gerry Stark	John H. Rogge
East Lincoln,	210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	James W. Simmons	Lorenzen P. Roane
Cement,	211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before○	Carl L. McGlasson	Edward B. Persson
Compass & Square,	212	Sunner	Dawson	Second Saturday	William M. Davis	Jacob P. Serr
Plumblin,	214	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before○	Joseph B. Stiedley	John E. Killen
190 Occidental,	215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	Tuesday on or before○	James S. Pickett	Vernon B. Newkirk
Palisade,	216	Palisade	Hitchcock	Tuesday on or before○	Charles C. Cole	Frank A. Scheuneman
Wauneta,	217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Otto E. Walker	James W. Shrigley
Bloomfield,	218	Bloomfield	Knox	Tuesday on or before○	Fred H. Berner	Cornelius T. Heckt
Relief,	219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Erayneus E. Larson	George R. Stone
195 Magnolia,	220	Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before○	George H. Haase	Forrest B. Smith
Wood Lake,	221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Saturday	James E. O'Halloran	Henry Lausen
Landmark,	222	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before○	John H. Johnson	Charles R. Gray
Eminence,	223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Perry O. Marvel	Murlin F. Brock
Silver Cord,	224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Saturday	C. Milton Westlake	George M. Ackerman
200 Cable,	225	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays	Ira P. Mills	George Rath
Grace,	226	Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before○*	Thorvald M. Jorgensen	Ferdinand V. Hulquist

*And two weeks thereafter.

	north Star,	No. 227	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday†	Arwid C. Eichberg	Leslie A. Thomas
	Bartley,	" 228	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Fred Reimer	William F. Cochran
	Comet,	" 229	Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before○*	Charles Neff	Alfred Eliason
205	Delta,	" 230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Robert W. Casper	Alfred Powell
	Mount Hermon,	" 231	Cook	Johnson	Wednesday on or before○	Louis Richards	Ralph D. Mershon
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	Kenard	Washington	Fourth Wednesday	Gabriel R. Stewart	John A. Burgess
	Gilead,	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	Guy C. Thatcher	Stephen A. Richardson
	Zion,	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before○	Guimar M. U. Hansen	Glenn V. Youney
210	Fraternity,	" 235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Wednesday	Walter Gaebler	§Arlie W. Dewey
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before○*	Frank Clough	Vernon W. McDonald
	Cubit,	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	Gustav J. Kahl	Nathaniel C. Newlin
	Friendship,	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	John P. Laub	Samuel W. Calhoun
	Pilot,	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday	George F. Osberg	John E. Buckley
215	George Armstrong,	" 241	Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesdays	Ai L. McPherson	William T. Minier
	Tyrian,	" 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	Justus V. Dudley	Clyde Washington
	Sincerity,	" 244	Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday	Clyde E. Baker	Frank E. Martin
	Hampton,	" 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	William H. McGuire	George E. Plotts
	Nehawka,	" 246	Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before○	William B. Banning	Herman L. Thomas
220	Corner-stone,	" 247	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before○	William F. Schroeder	James Cizek
	Laurel,	" 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Wednesdays	W. Frank Westrand	Joseph H. Artman
	Gothenburg,	" 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Albert G. Wambach	John J. Jennings
	George Washington,	" 250	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	James W. Easton	Frank B. Young
	Wausa,	" 251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	Dick Kool	Frank C. Genung
225	Hildreth,	" 252	Hildreth	Franklin	Wednesday on or before○*	Murl S. Anderson	George M. Myers
	Beemer,	" 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and third Wednesdays	Ernest L. Friedman	John Skala
	Bassett,	" 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Mark J. Lipman	Roy H. Patitz
	Bradshaw,	" 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	†Amer L. Lincoln	Emile C. Roggy
	Hickman,	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before○	Frederick A. Young	Cyrus Black
230	Holbrook,	" 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays	Ernest H. Strickland	Gustaves A. Roggenesees
	Anselmo,	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before○	Leonard V. Lindly	Chamlers G. Emplfield
	Bee,	" 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before○	Emery A. Hall	William B. Thorpe
	Orman,	" 261	Spencer	Boyd	First, Third and Fifth Mondays	Alfred Loonis	William D. Spicknall
	Endeavor	" 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before○	Joseph Reiter	Arthur C. Crabtree
235	Mitchell,	" 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Claude W. Wright	Oliver P. Burrows
	Franklin,	" 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays	Hay Morris	Henry Plank, Sr.
	Robert W. Furnas,	" 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays	John W. Bly	Victor Fuchring
	Silver,	" 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	First Wednesday	Glenn D. MacQueen	§John W. Jackman
	James A. Tulleys,	" 267	Overton	Dawson	Fourth Monday	Harland M. Gaffey	Herbert Olson
240	George W. Liningar,	" 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	George W. Sumner	Isaac W. Moorman
	Riverside,	" 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before○*	Rob Dopf	Glenn E. McManigal
	Huntley,	" 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before○*	Morris A. Richman	Charles L. Ray
	Oasis,	" 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Thursday on or before○	Merrill C. Andrew	J. Spencer Tarr
	Lee P. Gillette,	" 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before○	Edgar E. Ashton	William G. Money

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

‡From last report of officers installed.

§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	
245	Crofton	No. 273	Crofton	Knock	Thursday on or before	Lawrence S. Ross	Charles Ruden
	Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Fred E. Hoar	Wiley L. Harris
	Ramah	" 275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	Carl E. Peterson	Earl F. Sherman
	Antelope	" 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Homer C. McDonald	Rollie C. Huffman
	Sioux	" 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Francis H. Wallace	Theodore Okerblade
250	Litchfield	" 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before	Guy A. Richmond	James W. Thompson
	Wallace	" 279	Wallace	Lincoln	Tuesday on or before	Loren L. Spencer	Floyd L. Ferrell
	Swastika	" 280	Sargent	Custer	Tuesday on or after	Harold I. Perrin	Frank L. Hicks
	Florence	" 281	Florence	Douglas	First Monday	Harrison M. Smith	Theodore R. Jacobson
	Mullen	" 282	Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before	Erik P. Eriksen	Arthur G. Humphrey
	Exeter	" 283	Exeter	Fillmore	Second and fourth Fridays	Asa B. Stratton	Frank Lewis
255	Seneca	" 284	Seneca	Thomas	Wednesday on or before	Nicholas J. Wirz	Thomas I. McCawley
	Camp Clarke	" 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	Ralph O. Canady	Edward K. Milmine
	Oshkosh	" 286	Oshkosh	Garden	Wednesday on or after	David F. Fickes	Ed. S. Wood
	Union	" 287	Palmyra	Otoe	Wednesday on or before	Henry C. McKee	Albert T. Cassel
260	Omaha	" 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	Robert J. Jones	Edward L. Cain
	Lotus	" 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Harry J. Klatt	Archie A. Meek
	John J. Mercer	" 290	Benson	Douglas	First Tuesday	Harry F. Payne	Earl W. Dean
	Diamond	" 291	Royal	Antelope	First and third Mondays	William E. Butler	Cedric D. Lucas
	Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	George D. Meredith	Edwin L. Johnson
265	Monument	" 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Clare C. Richards	Irving E. Toler
	Kimball	" 294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	George F. Nugent	Clyde S. Walker
	Minatare	" 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Fridays	Amzi A. Jessup	Rufus Jones
	Cowles	" 296	Cowles	Webster	First and third Wednesdays	Fred J. Fuller	Hornace G. Morse
	Cotner	" 297	Bethany	Lancaster	Fourth Friday	Imon T. Hensley	Cecil C. Donley
270	Chester	" 298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	Cyrus E. Forell	William C. Rhea
	Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	Harold P. Wiig	Vernice A. Kessler
	Liberty	" 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Herman N. Mattley	James F. Thompson
	Bayard	" 301	Bayard	Morrill	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Leonard H. Calvert	Vernon R. Askine
	Mizpah	" 302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Louis F. Schonlau	Lemuel E. Fitch
275	Right Angle	" 303	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Grant Parsons	Paul F. Griswold
	Ruskin	" 304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Chauncey O. Hull	William H. Nelson
	Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second and fourth Mondays	Leslie E. Martin	Arthur Still
	Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Harry L. Mantor	Thomas C. Charles
	William E. Hill	" 307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Schuyler H. Buck	Alvin H. Roettger
280	Perkins	" 308	Grant	Perkins	First Monday	Firman M. Bell	Ernest D. Bell
	Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	Orville E. Buckley	David E. Livesay
	Victory	" 310	Valley	Douglas	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	William H. Pollack	Charles T. Coates
	Polk	" 311	Polk	Polk	First Tuesday	George A. Harris	Isaac T. Samuelson
	Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Thursday	George B. Tonner	Hugh E. McGINITIE
285	Potter	" 313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Joseph A. Johnson	Peter Hansen

ROLL OF EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES.

LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED	BECAME EXTINCT
Summit, No. 7*	Parkerville, 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 } { June 21, 1863. }		
Monitor, U. D.	United States Army		July 30, 1863.		Prior to 1867
Columbus, No. 8.	Columbus	Platte	Aug. 25, 1863.	June 23 or 24, 1864	June 25, 1868
Idaho, U. D.	Nevada City, Idaho.		Nov. 17, 1863		June 23, 1864
Nebraska City, No. 12.	Nebraska City.	Otoe	Feb. 19, 1866.	June 22, 1866.	Mar. 10, 1903
Eureka, No. 16.	Arago.	Richardson.	Jan. 27 or 29, 1868	June 24, 1868.	Dec. 23, 1875
Ashland, No. 18.	Ashland.	Saunders.	{ Jan. —, or } { April 10, 1868. }	June 24, 1868.	Aug. 17, 1881
Rock Bluff, No. 20.	Rock Bluff.	Cass.	July 15, 1867.	June 24 or 25, 1868	July 16, 1884
Macy, No. 22.	Plattsmouth.	Cass.	Feb. 10, 1869.	Oct. 29, 1869.	Dec. 31, 1877
Lafayette, No. 24.	Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	Nemaha	June 29, 1869.	Oct. 27 or 28, 1869	Mar. 27, 1877
Wyoming, No. 28†	South Pass City, Wyoming.		Nov. 24, 1869.	June 23, 1870.	
Harmony, U. D.	Saint Deroin	Nemaha	Nov. 26, 1870.		1870
Columbus, U. D.	Columbus	Platte	Jan. 3, 1871.		May 12, 1871
Harmony, U. D.	Saint Deroin	Nemaha	Jan. 3, 1871.		June 19, 1873
Palmyra, No. 45.	Palmyra	Otoe	Jan. 9, 1872.	June 26, 1874.	Nov. 20, 1901
Salem, No. 47.	Salem	Richardson.	Feb. 21, 1873.	June 26, 1874.	June 18, 1891
Livingstone, No. 66.	Firth.	Lancaster	Feb. 16, 1877.	June 20, 1877.	June 5, 1907
Fortitude, No. 69.	Ulysses.	Butler	April 24, 1877.	June 19, 1878.	July 14, 1887
Waco, No. 80.	Waco.	York	Mar. 20, 1880.	June 23, 1880.	Jan. 31, 1885
Steele City, No. 107.	Steele City.	Jefferson	Jan. 23, 1883.	June 19, 1883.	Aug. 13, 1902
Arapahoe, No. 109.	Arapahoe.	Furnas.	Feb. 10, 1883.	June 19, 1883.	June 8, 1904
Brainard, No. 115.	Brainard.	Butler	July 11, 1883.	June 24, 1884.	Sept. 5, 1903
Jasper, No. 122.	Odell.	Gage.	Nov. 26, 1883.	June 24, 1884.	Apr. 24, 1901
Indianola, No. 123.	Indianola.	Red Willow	Dec. 8, 1883.	June 24, 1884.	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor, No. 131.	Ainsworth.	Brown.	July 3, 1884.	June 24, 1885.	Sept. 26, 1890
Summit, No. 141.	Johnson.	Nemaha	Dec. 6, 1884.	June 24, 1885.	Feb. 5, 1900
Anchor, No. 142.	North Loup.	Valley	Dec. 18, 1884.	June 24, 1885.	June 5, 1901
Silver Creek, U. D.	Silver Creek.	Merrick	Feb. 26, 1886.		June 17, 1886
Battle Creek, U. D.	Battle Creek.	Madison	Aug. 23, 1886.		June 21, 1888
Trenton, U. D.	Trenton.	Hitchcock	June 27, 1887.		June 20, 1889
Bromfield, U. D.	Bromfield.	Hamilton	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.	July 9, 1888.		June 20, 1889
Plumb, No. 186.	Grant.	Perkms.	Jan. 31, 1889.	June 20, 1889.	Nov. 15, 1897
Adams, U. D.	Adams.	Gage.	Jan. 18, 1890.		June 20, 1890
Armada, U. D.	Armada, Miller and Sumner.	Buffalo.	Aug. 26, 1890.		1891
Exeter, U. D.	Exeter.	Fillmore	Feb. 21, 1894.		June 10, 1896
Square & Compass, No. 213	Miller	Buffalo	Dec. 14, 1891.	June 6, 1892.	June 6, 1918
Ithmar, No. 238.	Crab Orchard.	Johnson	Aug. 29, 1895.	June 10, 1896.	Feb. 9, 1903
Royal, U. D.	Savage.	Antelope.	Nov. 13, 1900.		June 6, 1901
Orion, No. 242.	Ravenna.	Buffalo.	Mar. 31, 1897.	June 16, 1898.	July 6, 1904
Springview, No. 260.	Springview.	Keya Paha	Feb. 27, 1906.	June 5, 1907.	Aug. 6, 1920

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



HISTORY
of
MONITOR LODGE U. S. D. S.,
With the First Regiment Nebraska Infantry,
later the First Nebraska Cavalry,
United States Volunteers
of the Civil War.

PREFACE.

While examining the books and papers in the Grand Lodge office, soon after taking charge as Grand Secretary, I found the original record book of our Monitor Lodge U. D. M., and it occurred to me that the history of the lodge ought to be prepared, so that members of the Fraternity might know that at one time there was a Masonic lodge that closely followed the fortunes of the First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry, afterwards the First Nebraska Cavalry. I realized that the history should be written by someone who personally knew some of the members who composed the lodge, and I also realized that but few Grand Secretaries in later years would feel sufficient interest in the subject to do the work. Therefore I kept the history in my mind as "unfinished business," but it was not until 1917 that I found time to take it up; had I realized the large task before me, I might have delayed it still longer.

Hours of search and much correspondence was necessary, and history was read and re-read. I endeavored to include nothing that was not authentic. What I have tried to show is the character and standing of as many of the members of the lodge as possible, its method of work, and manner of transacting business, the services rendered to our country by the members of the lodge, but principally that at all times the strong bonds of our Fraternity held men together as brothers, and served to aid them in time of peril and danger; that men could do their full duty as soldiers, regardless of the cause for which they were fighting, and not forget the principles of brotherhood.

Omaha, Nebraska,
August 27th, 1917.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

History of
MONITOR LODGE U .: D .:
With the First Regiment Nebraska Infantry

The history of this lodge, so far as is obtainable at this time, may be properly divided into six parts: First, the official papers on file in the office of the Grand Secretary; second, the printed record; third, the minutes of the meetings; fourth, items of interest connected with the lodge, furnished by members of the Fraternity; fifth, a brief account of the services of the Regiment; and sixth, a brief biography of the members of the lodge and those whose names appear in the record. As the papers on file are the first record we have of the lodge, we will give them first.

The following letter, addressed to no particular person, is the beginning of the history:

Pilot Knob, Mo., July 13, 1863.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed herewith you will find a petition for a traveling lodge. You will see by reading the paper why we ask this favor. They have also "come down" on Rob Morris and the "work" as taught by him. We with brethren from Iowa have refused to sit in Missouri lodges for reasons given.

This petition is perhaps informal as we had no forms to guide us. If the petition is granted, we will at once send a formal petition, also the amt. of money required by our Grand Lodge By-laws.

We address you not knowing who is our Grand Master, and ask you to do us the favor of attending to this matter for us. With kind regards we are

Yours fraternally,

LEE P. GILLETTE.

G. W. WILKINSON.

Following is the petition contained in the above letter:
To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nebraska:

The undersigned Master Masons in good standing in the several lodges to which they belong, having the good of Masonry at heart, respectfully petition you the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nebraska, to issue to us a dispensation to meet and work as a traveling lodge of Master Masons, and to do all lawful business pertaining to Masonry.

We are induced to make this application for the following reasons, viz.:

1st. We are placed in a situation where we cannot meet with a regular organized lodge for months together,

2d. The Grand Lodge of Missouri has passed resolutions requiring all who visit their lodges to take an extra oath, which in our opinion does not in the least appertain to Masonry,

3d. We have many in our Regiment who are anxious to become members of our Ancient & Honorable Order whom we consider to be good and true men and who will do good work in our order with pleasure to themselves & honor to our fraternity.

We respectfully recommend the following named brothers to act as our officers:

W. M. Lee P. Gillette

S. W. R. R. Livingston

J. W. S. M. Curran

G. W. Wilkinson, Omadi Lodge No. 5, Nebraska

Lee P. Gillette, Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska

S. M. Curran, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Nebraska

R. R. Livingston, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Nebraska

F. L. Cramer, Nodaway Lodge No. 140, Iowa

J. P. Murphy, Nodaway Lodge No. 140, Iowa

Wm. L. Jaycox, Taylor Lodge No. 156, Iowa

R. C. Jordan, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Nebraska

The petition is not dated, but on the back is the following endorsement, made, I presume, by Past Grand Master Daniel H. Wheeler:

Received July 21st.

Issued a Dispensation

dated July 30th, 1863.

Mailed July 22d.

There is undoubtedly an error in some of these dates, as the above endorsement shows that the dispensation was dated July 30th, and that it was mailed July 22d. The meeting to organize the lodge was held on July 29th, 1863, and the record shows that Brother Gillette, in explaining the object of the meeting, said it was for the organization of a traveling lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to be held in the First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry, under the dispensation granted by the M. W. Grand Master of the territory of Nebraska. Unless the brethren had the dispensation in their possession they could not have organized the lodge.

Following is a letter to the Grand Master from Brother Wilkinson:

Pilot Knob, Mo., July 29th, 1863.

M. W. G. M. D. H. Wheeler.

Dear Bro.:

Those papers and letter from you to Bro. Gillette are received.

We are very thankful for the same.

When I had got seven names to that informal petition Bro. Gillette told me that was enough, and I was controlled by him. We have plenty of them here. I will have the formal petition signed by as many as wish, and if you please you will fill up another dispensation and send us and we will return you the one we have, and also pay what additional fee you may think proper.

We will go to work immediately, and will try to be sufficiently cautious and prudent in the selection of material.

Bro. Livingston is very much pleased with the idea of forming a lodge in the Reg. I think we will do a good work in the army by promoting morality and good feeling among Officers.

I am really glad to learn that you have received the highest honors that can be conferred on a Mason.

We are thankful for your favors, and the prompt manner you have met our wants.

With kind regards

I am your Friend
and Brother

G. W. WILKINSON.

The foregoing letter is endorsed as follows:

1863

G. W. Wilkinson

Pilot Knob

July 29th. Mo.

The dispensation on file, which is no doubt the one that was originally sent, as there is nothing to indicate that the Grand Master sent the second one, is in the usual form, and says that a petition had been presented to the Grand Lodge from the following named brethren: "Lee P. Gillette, P. M.; G. W. Wilkinson, P. M.; R. R. Livingston, S. M. Curran, Chas. E. Provost, John P. Murphy, William L. Jaycox, F. L. Cramer and W. B. Folsom."

The name of Robert C. Jordan, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, who had signed the petition, does not appear in the dispensation. The dispensation was granted to the brethren whose names are given above under the name, style, and title of Monitor Lodge U. D. ., and states that the petition was recommended by Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, and names Lee P. Gillette as Master, Robert R. Livingston as Senior Warden, and Sterritt M. Curran as Junior Warden. It gives the lodge full power and authority to assemble together, etc., within the First Regiment of Nebraska Infantry. The seal of the Grand Lodge is attached to the dispensation, it is signed by D. H. Wheeler as Grand Master, and is dated the thirtieth day of July, A. D. 1863, A. L. 5863. The Grand Master received the fee of Ten dollars (\$10.00) for the dispensation, and the amount is accounted for in his statement to the Grand Lodge.

From what we know of the history of our Grand Lodge, the issuing of dispensations to form lodges in the early days was much more simple and was carried out with fewer preliminaries than at the present time. This may account for some things that appear strange at the present day and to this generation. There is nothing on file to show that any of the brethren who petitioned to form the lodge were in good standing in their respective lodges. It is doubtless true that

Grand Master Wheeler was personally acquainted with some of the petitioners and knew their standing, as he had met them in the Grand Lodge, but this probably was not true of all of them. There is nothing in the record to show that the proposed officers of the lodge were examined as to their proficiency to open and close a lodge on the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry and to confer the degrees, or as to their knowledge of the laws and customs in the Grand Jurisdiction. As Brother Gillette was a Past Master of one of the lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction and, at the time of his selection as Master of Monitor Lodge U. D. U., was occupying the position of Grand Lecturer, and as Brother Wilkinson was a Past Master of one of our lodges, and Brother Livingston had also taken considerable interest in Freemasonry, the Grand Master was no doubt satisfied as to the qualifications of the three principal officers of the lodge to successfully manage its affairs and to do all that was required by law. We must not compare the preliminaries for organizing Masonic lodges as they existed in 1863 with those of the present time, as many changes have been made. A careful examination of the law of Freemasonry in force at the time this lodge was formed, as it is found in the written and printed records, shows that a sufficient amount of safeguards was thrown around the formation of the lodge to preserve the ancient landmarks, rules, and regulations of the Fraternity, and there is nothing to indicate that the lodge was not properly formed.

Following is another letter written by Brother Wilkinson:

St. Louis, Mo., September 5th, 1863.

Bro. Wheeler:

Will you please send me a Vocabulary? I have the "Blue Book" but no vocabulary, and I am at a loss for a few words.

Bro. Gillette has been absent from all our meetings since we have had work, and all the care of the Lodge and the work falls on me, for none of them can do it. When Bro. Gillette is here he meets with the Lodge and does the work, but at all other times I have the care of the Lodge. Lt. Donovan of Plattsmouth has had the first degree but not the lecture.

We feel grateful to you for your many favors.

Fraternally by the Green Sprig,

G. W. WILKINSON.

This letter is endorsed as follows:

1863

G. W. Wilkinson

St. Louis

5th Sept. Mo.

The last official document relating to lodge matters while the lodge was still in existence is the annual return, on the back of which is the following:

Annual Return
1866 of
Monitor Lodge U. D.
F. & A. M.
held in
Camp of 1st Neb. Infnty.
from
July 29th, 1863
to
June 21st, 1866
Lee P. Gillette
W. M.

The return gives the names and the ages of the petitioners, and the dates of entering, passing, and raising; shows that the lodge was held at the Camp of First Nebraska Infantry, and that the regular nights of meeting were the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month; and gives the date of the dispensation as June 30th, 1863. (This date does not agree with the other record and is probably an error.) The correctness of the return is attested by Lee P. Gillette, W. M., but there is no signature of the secretary.

The number of members shown on the return is twenty-three (23), the number initiated is twenty (20), the number passed is sixteen (16), the number raised is fourteen (14), and the number of Master Masons named in the dispensation is nine (9). The amount of annual dues to the Grand Lodge is shown in one place as \$83.00, and in another place it totals \$106.00. Of this last named sum \$60.00 was for fees on the twenty (20) initiations, and \$46.00 was for the dues on twenty-three (23) members for two years. The Grand Lodge charged dues on members of lodges under dispensation at that time. There is no seal attached to the return.

On August 25th, 1866, J. N. Wise, Grand Secretary, addressed a letter to our then Grand Master, R. W. Furnas, saying that Monitor Lodge U. D. ., having paid over the moneys in the hands of its treasurer, \$105.60, as shown by the report, he furnished the Grand Master with the names of its members entitled to demits. There were nine names furnished, including that of Thomas J. Majors, a Fellow Craft. The Grand Secretary said in explanation: "These, however, are not all of the members who are entitled to demits. The others reside, I know not where, and Capt. Gillette does not know their residence, hence I do not give their names."

There is no other correspondence on file relating to applications for demits and to ascertaining the standing of the members of the lodge, and that which I have given consists of all the papers relating to the formation of the lodge and the business between the lodge and the Grand Lodge.

The printed record relating to the history of Monitor Lodge U. D. is practically all contained in the following extracts from our proceedings. In the record the first reference to the lodge is found in the report of Daniel H. Wheeler, Grand Master, at our Annual Communication held at Plattsmouth commencing June 23d, 1864, and is as follows:

On the 30th day of July last, I granted a dispensation to Bros. R. R. Livingston, Lee P. Gillette, G. W. Wilkinson, S. M. Curran, and five others, Master Masons, authorizing them to open "Monitor Lodge" in the First Nebraska Regiment Infantry, located in the field; recommended by Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

A little further in the report I find the following:

I was at somewhat of a loss when petitioned for a dispensation for a lodge in the First Nebraska Infantry, whether to grant the petition or refuse it. Our constitution is entirely silent upon the subject. After deliberation and consultation with many of the Brethren I concluded to grant the dispensation, knowing well that the interests of the Fraternity would never be allowed to suffer, nor the Fraternity brought into disrepute, when confided to the care of as bright and trusty Brothers as Gillette, Wilkinson, and Livingston. Bro. Gillette informs me that the Brothers of Monitor Lodge, U. D., desire their dispensation continued for another year. The Brothers intended to be present with their report and dues, but are unable to be here, military duties interfering. I would therefore recommend that they be granted a dispensation for another year.

This portion of the address, with others on the subject of a dispensation, was referred to the standing Committee on Charters and Dispensations. The committee in its report recommended that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to issue new dispensations to three lodges, naming Monitor Lodge among them, upon the payment of the proper dues and fees. The Grand Secretary was directed to notify the lodge of the action of the Grand Lodge, but I do not find that any action was taken on the report, and the Grand Secretary makes no mention of it.

There are no papers on file in the office to show that Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, of Plattsmouth, recommended that the petition be granted. The records of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 show the adoption of the following at a meeting of the lodge held on the third day of August, 1863: (This is taken from the records of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, not from our printed proceedings.)

Petition of certain Master Masons of the 1st Nebraska Regiment of Infantry, to the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, was read for the purpose of receiving the recommendation of this Lodge to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for a dispensation to organize a Lodge of Master Masons in said regiment, said lodge to be styled Monitor Lodge U. D.

On motion the recommendation was made as desired.

The secretary of the above named lodge, in his letter to me giving the foregoing record, says that Brother D. H. Wheeler was the Worshipful Master, and J. N. Wise, the Secretary. In all probability Brother Daniel H. Wheeler was presiding over the lodge, but as he was Grand Master at that time, it is hardly probable that he was the Master of the lodge.

Why this lodge should have recommended the granting of the dispensation does not seem very plain, unless it was for the reason that the Grand Master and Brother Robert R. Livingston, who was the proposed Senior Warden of Monitor Lodge U. D., were members of the lodge at Plattsmouth. A strict compliance with the law as it now exists, and even as it existed then, would have prohibited any lodge from recommending the granting of the dispensation, for the reason that a lodge located with a regiment of volunteers would have no permanent location, hence there would be no lodge nearest to the proposed lodge.

The Grand Master, in his address to the Grand Lodge at its Eighth Annual Communication, held the 22d day of June, 1865, says: "No report has been received from * * * and 'Monitor' Lodges." As is customary in this Grand Lodge, that portion of the address of the Grand Master relating to the lodges under dispensation was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. The committee, in its report, mentioned among other lodges under dispensation Monitor Lodge, but it was a mere statement that the committee had the matter under consideration.

In his address at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held at Nebraska City, beginning June 21st, 1866, Grand Master Furnas says:

It is important that the Grand Lodge take into consideration the matter of Monitor Lodge, U. D.. A dispensation was granted by my predecessor to brethren in the First Regiment Nebraska Volunteers. If I am not mistaken, no report has ever been received from that lodge. Within the past year, many who claim to have been members of that lodge have applied to me for special dispensation to allow their petitions to be received and acted upon by lodges within this jurisdiction. While the simple non-existence of that lodge, from whatever cause, would restore members formerly belonging to other lodges, to their original status in their old lodges, some provision should be made for those who were *made Masons* in Monitor Lodge. Notwithstanding my opinion of the law, as above expressed, as to the effect of a non-existent lodge under dispensation upon members who formerly belonged to other lodges, I granted a special dispensation to Bro. R. R. Livingston, that any lodge within our jurisdiction, might receive and act upon his petition.

The special committee on the Grand Master's address referred this to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, and so much of it

as related to a person who had received the several degrees in Monitor Lodge U. D. to a special committee of three. The special committee submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Treasurer of Monitor Lodge, U. D., shall have paid to the Grand Treasurer the amount due from Monitor Lodge, and return the assets to the Grand Treasurer, and their dispensation to the Grand Master, all brethren of said lodge affiliated elsewhere shall at once be considered subject to and in membership with the lodge with which they were connected at the time they entered the service: That all who were made Masons by said lodge while it was in existence, shall receive such certificates as may be necessary from this Grand Lodge, that they may affiliate with the lodge in whose jurisdiction they may hereafter reside.

Soon after the address of the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication in 1866, was referred to a select committee of three to designate an appropriate committee to which the several matters should be referred, Brother Lee P. Gillette, former Master of Monitor Lodge U. D., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the moneys received from Monitor Lodge, U. D., are hereby appropriated for the purchase of a set of jewels for the use of this Grand Lodge.

On motion the resolution was laid on the table. The last reference in regard to this money, found in the printed record, is the following report submitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge on June 21st, 1867:

Your Grand Secretary begs leave to state that the Treasurer of the late Monitor Lodge, U. D., having complied with the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its last session, by paying to the Grand Treasurer the amount due the Grand Lodge, (\$105.60) and returning the assets to the Grand Treasurer, and their dispensation to the Grand Master, he has, in compliance with said resolution, issued certificates to the brethren of said lodge, who received their degrees therein.

In the Statistical Report of Subordinate Lodges, 1865-6, I find the following:

U. D., Monitor, 1st Reg. Neb. Vol., In the Field, 23 Master Masons, 2 Fellow Crafts, 4 Entered Apprentices, Initiated 20, Passed 16, Raised 14, Rejected 4, Amount of Grand Lodge Dues, \$106.00.

In the pay-roll for 1866, R. W. Lee P. Gillette, P. D. G. M., received mileage and per diem. His residence is given "In Camp," noted with a star, and a dagger refers to a foot note, which reads, "Camp 1st Nebraska Cavalry, Omaha, Nebraska."

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The minutes of Monitor Lodge U. D. are the most interesting part of this history. For the purpose of making the record a paper backed book, ruled for journal or cash, was used. The cost mark in

the book shows that it was sold for sixty cents. The ink that was used, notwithstanding the many years that have passed, is as legible as the day the record was written. Some of the pages might have been written but yesterday, so little has the ink faded. We wish there was some way whereby the history of this record book could be traced from place to place, showing the little incidents that seemed insignificant at the time, but which would now be very important, which occurred as the members of Monitor Lodge, with the First Nebraska Regiment, passed from place to place and took part in the great drama that was being enacted in this country. There are many, many questions that we would like to have answered, and this rather cheap looking record could supply the answers to them if it had the power to speak. Even the question of how this record was cared for and through whose hands it passed from time to time can not now be answered. We are thankful, however, that it has passed through the vicissitudes of the war and has been preserved up to the present time in so perfect a condition. We can, however, give only the facts as they appear, and begin with the first page, on which we find the following:

Ironton, Mo., July 29th, 1863.

At a meeting of the ancient free and accepted Masons belonging to the 1st Regt Nebraska Volunteer Infantry.

On motion of Bro. Wilkinson Bro. Livingston was called to the chair and Bro. Cramer was chosen Secretary. Bro. Gillette explained the object of the meeting to be the organization of a traveling Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons, to be held in the 1st Regt Nebraska Volunteer Infantry under the Dispensation granted by the M. W. G. Master of the Territory of Nebraska.

Bro. Wilkinson offered the following Resolution.

Resolved that we the Master Masons of the 1st Regt of Nebraska Volunteer Infantry who have petitioned the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Territory of Nebraska that we accept the Dispensation granted us and that we proceed to organize a Lodge of Master Masons.

On motion of Bro. Provost the Resolution was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Wilkinson the meeting adjourned.

Signed F. L. CRAMER,

Secty.

R. R. LIVINGSTON,

Chairman.

The first meeting of the lodge after the one given above is dated the same day as that given for the organization. The record is headed as follows:

Monitor Lodge U. D.

Camp 1st Nebraska Volunteer Infantry

Pilot Knob, Mo., Iron County,

July 29th, 1863.

Brother Lee P. Gillette presided as Master of the lodge, Robert

R. Livingston served as Senior Warden, and Sterritt M. Curran, as Junior Warden, and the following brethren were present: William L. Jaycox, John P. Murphy, George W. Wilkinson, Francis L. Cramer, William B. Folsome, and Charles E. Provost. There is nothing to indicate who filled the other stations and places.

Petitions were received from Henry H. Ribble, William McClelland, and William T. Clarke.

By resolution a committee was appointed to confer with the brethren of the Masonic lodge at Ironton, Missouri, also with the trustee of the Odd Follows lodge at the same place, to ascertain on what terms the use of the hall could be procured for the lodge. The committee was also authorized to ascertain and purchase whatever might be necessary for the use of the lodge. The committee consisted of Brothers Wilkinson, Cramer, and Provost.

A Committee on Finance was also appointed, consisting of Brothers Wilkinson, Cramer, and Folsome.

The Master appointed William L. Jaycox Treasurer, John P. Murphy Secretary, George W. Wilkinson Senior Deacon, and William B. Folsome Junior Deacon. There is no record that a Tyler was appointed.

On motion the regular communications were fixed for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The receipts of the evening were thirty dollars (\$30.00), being the fees for the Entered Apprentice degree of Brothers Ribble, McClelland, and Clarke.

The next meeting was held at Ironton, Missouri, on August 12th, 1863, and all the officers were present. As before, there is no record as to the place of Tyler being filled. Brothers Cramer and Provost, and a number of visiting brethren were reported as being present.

The lodge opened on the third degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The committee which was appointed to confer with the trustees of the Masonic Hall asked for further time, which was granted. The committees on the applications of Brothers Ribble, Clarke, and McClelland reported favorably, and the applicants were voted on separately and elected.

Petitions were received from Morgan A. Hance, I. C. Meyer, Anton Althaus, Napoleon B. Larsh, Theodore Lübbes (Luebbes), Edward Donovan, and Smith P. Tuttle. These petitions were all referred to separate committees.

The lodge of Master Masons was called from labor to refreshment, and a lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons was opened for the dispatch of business. Henry H. Ribble and William McClelland were initiated in due and ancient form. The lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons was then called from labor to refreshment, and the lodge of Master Masons from refreshment to labor.

The receipts were \$70.00, a fee of \$10.00 from each of the petitioners.

The next meeting was on August 26th, 1863, at Ironton, Missouri, and is noted as a Stated Communication. Brother Robert R. Livingston presided as Master, and Francis L. Cramer acted as Senior Warden pro tem. This is the first time the record shows that the lodge had a Tyler; Gustavus A. Hesse occupied that station. The lodge was opened on the third degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the Committee on Finance reported favorably on a bill of Brother George W. Wilkinson for stationery and other articles amounting to \$17.25. The bill was ordered paid.

The committees on the applications of Brothers Hance, Luebbes, Althaus, Donovan, and Tuttle reported favorably, and the applicants were all elected to receive the Entered Apprentice degree.

The lodge was called from labor to refreshment, a lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons was opened in form, and Brothers Ribble, McClelland, and Clarke were examined as to their proficiency. The lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons was called from labor to refreshment and the lodge of Master Masons from refreshment to labor, balloting was resumed, and the ballot was separately spread on the applications of Brothers Ribble, McClelland, and Clarke, who were elected to receive the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge of Master Masons was called from labor to refreshment, a lodge of Fellow Craft Masons was opened, and Brothers Ribble, McClelland, and Clarke were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft Masons in due and ancient form.

The lodge was called from labor to refreshment at six o'clock P. M., which shows that the meeting must have commenced some time in the early afternoon, as the amount of business transacted would have required considerable time. It is possible that the brethren had a supper at this time, as the record says that at seven P. M. the lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the first degree. Brothers Donovan, Hance, Luebbes, and Althaus were then initiated in due and ancient form.

The record gives next the minutes of a called meeting held at Ironton on August 19th, 1863. It will be noted that this is an earlier date than that of the meeting just given, it having been held on August 26th. This meeting of the 19th was very short, and it is probable that the minutes were not written until some time later and after the meeting of the 26th had been held. Brother George W. Wilkinson presided as Master, and all other regular officers were in their stations except the Senior Deacon, whose station was filled by Brother Francis L. Cramer. Brother William T. Clarke was initiated in due and ancient form, after which the lodge was closed.

The next meeting was held on September 12th, 1863, at St. Louis, Missouri, and was a called meeting presided over by Brother Robert R. Livingston as Master, with Brother Cramer serving as Senior Warden.

and the other regular officers in their stations and places. The lodge was opened on the first degree, Brother Smith P. Tuttle was initiated in due and ancient form, and the lodge was closed.

On September 23d, 1863, a meeting was held at St. Louis with Brother Livingston presiding as Master, and the other officers being identically the same as at the meeting on September 12th.

This was a regular meeting at which Brother Napoleon B. Larsh was elected to receive the Entered Apprentice degree, and Brother William McClelland was elected to the third degree and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in due and ancient form.

A called meeting was held at St. Louis on September 30th, 1863, with the same officers as on September 12th and 23d. Brother Napoleon B. Larsh was initiated in due and ancient form.

On the page opposite from the one on which the record of September 30th appears we note the following entry: "No lodge meeting in the months of October and November, 1863.

LEE P. GILLETTE,
W. M."

We have given names of officers and data referring to the foregoing meetings more in detail in order to give some idea of the brethren who were managing the affairs of the lodge, the first receptions of petitions, the initiations, passings, and raisings. In writing the history of the remaining part of the record we will not go so much into detail, but will show the places of meeting, the dates, and the work done.

The next meeting was held at Rolla, Missouri, on December 9th, 1863, and is headed "Monitor Lodge A. F. & A. M. Camp 1st Neb. Cavly." While the Regiment was stationed at St. Louis, Missouri, it was changed from infantry to cavalry.

At this meeting Brother Smith P. Tuttle was examined as to his proficiency and was found satisfactory. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and opened on the third degree, and Brother Tuttle was elected to the degree of Fellow Craft Mason.

An order was drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Brother Robert R. Livingston for two dollars (\$2.00), being the amount paid by him for the use of Irving Lodge, St. Louis, Missouri. (We do not find in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, that a lodge named Irving Lodge is now in existence or ever did exist in that Grand Jurisdiction. It may have been some other lodge.)

The lodge was called from labor to refreshment on the third degree and opened in the degree of Fellow Craft. Brother Smith P. Tuttle was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in due and ancient form, the lodge was called from labor to refreshment on the Fellow Craft degree and from refreshment to labor on the third degree, and was then closed.

On January 13th, 1864, a regular meeting of the lodge was held at

Batesville, Arkansas. There is no record of a Tyler at this meeting, and five of the officers' stations were filled by officers pro tem. The record says that a constitutional number of brothers, members of the lodge, were present, also a large number of visiting brothers, members of various lodges. The writer has a very distinct recollection of Brother Robert R. Livingston telling him some of the incidents of the meetings of the brethren in Batesville. Among other things Brother Livingston stated that when the First Regiment of Nebraska Cavalry entered the city of Batesville, after the Confederates who had held the city had left it, they held their meetings in the Masonic Hall and found everything in perfect condition as to necessary conveniences, paraphernalia, etc. The record showing that a large number of visiting brethren, members of various lodges, were present, carried out the impression that the writer received as to visiting brethren *who were not fighting on the side of the Union.*

At this meeting on January 13th petitions were received from Thomas J. Majors, Francis A. McDonald, and William M. Alexander, and were regularly referred to separate committees.

A resolution was offered that the lodge ballot on the application of Brother Lewis Lowry, an Entered Apprentice Mason made in Mirabile Lodge No. 166, Mirabile, Missouri. (Mirabile Lodge No. 166 consolidated with Polo Lodge No. 232 in 1899.) After some discussion the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The lodge was called from labor to refreshment and opened on the second degree, and Brothers Henry H. Ribble and Smith P. Tuttle were examined as to their proficiency in the Fellow Craft degree and found satisfactory. The lodge, after the necessary preliminaries, resumed labor on the third degree, and Brothers Lowry, Ribble, and Tuttle were elected to receive the third degree.

The receipts for the evening show the fee for the third degree of five dollars (\$5.00) each from Brothers Tuttle, Ribble, and Lowry, and the fee for the first degree of ten dollars (\$10.00) each from Brothers Majors, McDonald, and Alexander, making a total of forty-five dollars (\$45.00).

The next meeting was held at Batesville on January 20th, 1864, and the record says that besides the officers a constitutional number of members of the lodge and many visiting brethren were present.

The lodge was opened on the second degree, and Brother Lowry was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and was opened on the third degree, and Brother Henry H. Ribble was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in due and ancient form.

On January 27th another meeting was held at Batesville, but no record is made of visiting brethren. The several committees reported favorably on the applications of Brothers Majors, McDonald, and Alexander, who were balloted on separately and elected.

Petitions were received from Elias M. Lowe and John A. Warrington. There seemed to be some question raised as to the jurisdiction of John A. Warrington, and after some discussion it was referred to a committee of three for investigation.

The receipts for the evening were twenty dollars (\$20.00), being the initiation fees of Brothers Lowe and Warrington.

The next meeting was held on February 3d at Batesville, and at this meeting Brothers Francis A. McDonald and Thomas J. Majors were both initiated in due form.

On February 10th, at Batesville, the next meeting was held, and was a stated meeting. The record says the lodge was opened on the first degree, and that Brothers Larsh, Luebbs, and McDonald were examined as to their proficiency and found satisfactory. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and opened on the third degree of Masonry, the minutes were read and approved, and the Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the books and papers of the Secretary and found them correct. The record says the report was received.

The committee on the petition of John A. Warrington no doubt satisfied themselves as to the jurisdiction of the lodge over the brother, as they reported favorably on the petition and he was elected to receive the Entered Apprentice degree.

Brothers Luebbs, Larsh, and McDonald were elected to receive the Fellow Craft degree. Petitions were received from Edward Tittmann, John Boon, and Patrick Coyle, and were referred to separate committees.

The brethren of Monitor Lodge U. 'D. ' were in favor of light in Masonry and otherwise. Their examination of candidates at their meetings would show they required the necessary proficiency; and at the meeting that we are reviewing we note that the bill of Brother H. C. Smyth for candles, amounting to \$3.25, was ordered paid, and on motion an order for the sum of \$15.00 was drawn on the Treasurer, to be invested in candles for the use of the lodges which met in the hall.

Brother Smith P. Tuttle was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The receipts for the evening were fifteen dollars (\$15.00), being the fee for the second degree of five dollars (\$5.00) each from Brothers Luebbs, Larsh, and McDonald.

The next meeting was on February 12th, at Batesville, and was opened on the first degree. Brothers Alexander and Warrington were both initiated in due and ancient form, and the lodge was called from labor to refreshment and opened on the third degree of Masonry for the purpose of giving instructions in that degree. This action of the lodge shows that they were endeavoring to dispense true Masonic light and knowledge.

On February 23d, another meeting was held at which Brothers

Larsh and McDonald were passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

On February 24th, a regular meeting was held at Batesville, the lodge was opened on the second degree of Masonry, and Brothers Lowry, Larsh, and McDonald were examined as to their proficiency and the record says the examination was satisfactory. The lodge was called from labor to refreshment and opened on the third degree, and the minutes of the last stated and called meetings were read and approved.

The committees on the petitions of John Boon, Patrick Coyle, Edward Tittmann, and Elias M. Lowe reported favorably, and the petitioners were elected to receive light in Masonry. Brothers Lowry, Larsh, and McDonald were elected to receive the third degree in Masonry.

By resolution an order was drawn on the Treasurer to pay Brother Casson eight dollars (\$8.00) for his services as Tyler.

Brothers Larsh, Lowry, and McDonald were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in due and ancient form.

A rather important meeting was held at Batesville on March 2d, 1864. It was a called meeting, the lodge was opened in the first degree, and Brothers Alexander, Althaus, and Warrington were examined as to their proficiency. Brothers Tittmann, Coyle, and Boon were initiated in due and ancient form. The lodge was called from labor to refreshment and opened on the third degree.

The important business transacted at this meeting was the consideration and adoption of the following resolution:

On motion of Bro. R. R. Livingston it was Resolved, that this lodge consider the cases of all the brethren who have been "initiated" or "passed" or of those who have petitioned and been elected to be made Masons, as cases of emergency—passed unanimously.

As we understand it the purpose of this resolution was to waive all laws and regulations in regard to time, acquiring proficiency, etc. On first thought this would seem to have been an irregular mode of procedure, but we find upon examination of the law that the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska permitted a procedure of this kind. Rule IX, of the Grand Lodge, which covers this, was in force in 1863 and some time thereafter, and it provides as follows:

All applications for initiation, or for membership, shall be made at the regular and stated meeting of the Lodge, and lie over at least from one Communication to another, unless, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, it shall be regarded a case of emergency; when, by a *unanimous* vote, a ballot may be ordered.

As the resolution passed unanimously, as far as we can note the procedure was perfectly legal and proper.

At a meeting held on March 3d, the lodge was opened on the first

degree of Masonry, and the record shows that our good brethren were still laboring faithfully to dispense Masonic Light and knowledge. The record says the Worshipful Master delivered the lecture of the first degree in full with the assistance of Brother Senior Deacon.

The lodge was called from labor to refreshment and opened on the second degree of Masonry, and Brothers Alexander, Luebbes, Althaus, Warrington, Coyle, Boon, and Tittmann were introduced and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft Masons in due and ancient form.

On March 7th, 1864, the lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, and Brothers Luebbes and Alexander were both raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

On March 9th, 1864, the lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, the minutes of the last stated and called meetings were read, Brothers Althaus, Tittmann, Warrington, Coyle, and Boon were elected to receive the third degree of Masonry, and Brothers Althaus and Tittmann were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in due and ancient form. The lodge was called from labor to refreshment and opened on the first degree, and Elias M. Lowe was introduced and initiated an Entered Apprentice in due and ancient form.

The next meeting was held on March 12th, and was a called meeting at which the lodge was opened on the first degree of Masonry. The lecture of the first degree was given to Brother Elias M. Lowe, and the lodge was called from labor to refreshment and opened on the second degree. Brother Lowe was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft in due and ancient form. The lodge was called from labor to refreshment and opened on the third degree of Masonry, and Brothers Coyle and Boon were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

On March 14th, a meeting was held at which Brothers Lowe and Warrington were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in due and ancient form. The record shows that each of the brothers paid a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for the degree.

On March 19th, a called meeting was held. The record shows that the Master and the Senior and Junior Wardens were in their stations, but it does not show that any other officers were present or filled the stations, although it says that a constitutional number of brethren were present.

The object of the meeting was to take into consideration the application of a number of brethren of the Eleventh Regiment of Missouri Cavalry Volunteers petitioning the Grand Lodge of Missouri for a dispensation authorizing them to hold a lodge in their regiment. Brother L. W. Brown, who in the petition was recommended for Master of the proposed lodge, was duly examined as to his proficiency in the several degrees of Masonry, and the examination proved satisfactory. The Master of Monitor Lodge, however, decided that the lodge would not take further action until satisfactory proof was presented as to the Masonic standing of certain brethren whose names ap-

peared on the petition. In this the lodge was acting in strict accordance with our Masonic law as it existed at that time and as it is at present.

On March 20th, 1864, another called meeting was held for the purpose of further considering the petition to form a lodge under dispensation of the Eleventh Regiment Cavalry Missouri Volunteers. (This is the way the record gives the name.) The record shows the following action was taken:

Resolved, that this Lodge having found the petitioners to the M. W. Grand Master of Masons of the State of Missouri, for a Letter of Dispensation to work as Masons, duly qualified to hold a Lodge & work as such; we therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On March 23d, 1864, another stated meeting was held and was opened on the third degree of Masonry. The Committee on Finance made a report, stating that they had examined the books and papers of the Secretary and Treasurer and found them correct. They also reported that one of the brethren was indebted to the lodge for the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), which we assume was the fee for initiation.

The lodge was called from labor to refreshment and opened on the first degree. Brother Thomas J. Majors was examined as to his proficiency, which proved satisfactory. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and called to labor on the third degree, and Brother Majors was elected to receive the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and opened on the second degree. Brother Majors was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, and the record says his name was recorded on the roll of craftsmen.

On April 13th, a regular meeting of the lodge was held and was opened on the third degree. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Committee on Finance made a report, recommending that an order be drawn on the Treasurer to cover all regular expenses of the called meetings of the lodge, and suggesting that the brethren be notified that the expenses of called meetings, for the benefit of any particular brother, be defrayed by the brother for whom the meeting is called. The report was received, which I take for granted means it was adopted.

The committees reported favorably on the petitions of G. W. von Bodingen, Edward W. Tittmann, and Lewis Lysart (the petition is signed Louis Leysakt. The k may be an h), and four others, and asked for further time on the petition of John G. Whitelock. Further time was granted the committee. The petitioners named above were elected to receive the Entered Apprentice degree, but the other four, whose names I do not give, were all rejected.

A bill of ten dollars (\$10.00) from Martin Casson for services as Tyler was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance, which

recommended that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for that amount.

From the number of meetings held and the amount of work done, it will be noted that the lodge took full advantage of the resolution regarding emergencies which was offered by Brother Robert R. Livingston. It will be further noted that by much the greater part of the work done by the lodge was done at Batesville, Arkansas. The first meeting at this place was held January 13th, 1864, and the last one, April 13th, 1864,

The last meeting of which we have any record was held in Jacksonport, Arkansas, on May 21st, 1864. It was a stated meeting, and all of the regular officers, excepting the Senior Deacon, were in their places and stations. The station of Senior Deacon was filled by Brother Morris, whose first name does not appear in any of our records, and there is nothing to show that he was a member of the lodge.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read and approved, and the lodge was called from labor to refreshment and opened on the first degree of Masonry. Brothers G. W. von Bodinger and Edward W. Tittmann were initiated in due and ancient form, and the lodge was called from labor to refreshment and called to labor on the third degree of Masonry. No further business appearing the lodge was closed, peace and harmony prevailing.

In the back part of the record book we find a page headed with the word "By-laws." There are several blank lines on the page after this heading, and there is nothing to show that the lodge adopted by-laws. What was probably intended was to insert the rules and regulations in regard to regular meetings for work, fees for degrees, etc. Further down the page is a heading "Names." The signatures of sixteen of the brethren are found under the last heading. Nearer the end of the book there is another heading as follows: "Monitor Lodge U. D. A. F. & A. Masons in Account With J. P. Murphy Secty." It shows that nine brethren have credit for \$10.00 each, and one has credit for \$5.00, making a total of \$95.00.

The first petition was received from Henry H. Ribble, and he was the first person to receive both the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degree. Brother William McClelland was the first one to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in the lodge.

Following is a copy of a petition to the lodge with all the endorsements thereon. They all seem to have been made much after the same style, and there is scarcely any variation. Most of them are not dated, but about six of them are:

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Monitor Lodge U. D.

Your petitioner respectfully sheweth that having long entertained a favorable opinion of your Ancient and Honorable Institution is desirous of becoming a member thereof if found worthy.

His age is 23 years. Occupation tinner. Residence Clarinda, Iowa.
Recommended by H. H. Ribble,

F. L. Cramer,
G. W. Wilkinson.

On the back of the petition appears the following endorsement:

Committee

Curran,

Jaycox,

Provost.

I fully endorse the
application believing
that H. H. Ribble will
make an honorable
acquisition to the
fraternity.

S. M. Curran.

I concur in the above

Wm. L. Jaycox

I approve the above

Chas. E. Provost

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While the record of the meetings is fairly full and complete, a much more interesting portion of the history, if it could be obtained, would be the unwritten part, the little incidents connected with the lodge that are not a part of Masonic record. A great many questions come to mind which we would like to ask, but we fear that owing to the lapse of time no answers to them can now be given.

Brother Smith P. Tuttle, a former member of the lodge and now a member of Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance, Nebraska, has given some interesting items that are worthy a place in the history of the lodge. He says that the lodge always used Masonic rooms or halls for meetings whenever it was possible to obtain them, and he does not recall a meeting held that was not in some room used either then or formerly as a Masonic Hall. He does not know of any meetings of the lodge in the open air. The officers wore their customary military uniforms at lodge meetings, and he is of the opinion that the lodge used its own regalia. While Colonel Robert R. Livingston was in command at St. Louis, Missouri, for a time, he once granted a Confederate Colonel a parole, with conditions attached, to visit with acquaintances. The Colonel reported on time and returned to jail in Schofield Barracks, St. Louis. Brother Tuttle obtained this information about the parole from Sergeant Jaycox of his company, who was at that time Secretary of Monitor Lodge U. D. While the lodge was holding meetings at Batesville some Confederates attended them and were given safe conduct to and from them, though Brother Tuttle remembers seeing but two. He was away from Batesville much of the time, being ab-

sent almost constantly on scouting duty, so did not attend many of the meetings there. He says he never heard of a Confederate violating his military parole when taken on Masonic honor; the Southerners, so far as he had opportunity to observe, were enthusiastic Masons, and he was told by a Southerner and one Union soldier that the Confederate Masons would exert themselves heroically to save a Union Mason when either life or harsh treatment were threatened. He says the Confederate Masons at Batesville did enjoy attending their meetings, and that they had never seen Masonic work rendered as it was by Lee P. Gillette, Master of the lodge. Brother Tuttle speaks very highly of the work done by the officers of Monitor Lodge U. D., and says the Nebraska work was regularly followed. He was informed that some of the lodges of St. Louis did exceptionally good work, but with his after experience he was not willing to say that any lodge excelled the work as it was done by Monitor Lodge. He says Lee P. Gillette, Master of the Lodge, received compliments for his Masonic work in St. Louis, Missouri, and that while he was a new Mason then he thought Brother Gillette the greatest Masonic worker in the world.

Brother George W. Wilkinson, another former member of Monitor Lodge U. D., has also furnished us some information about it. He says the lodge was conducted with all the dignity and decorum of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and that the work was very accurately done, and he makes special mention of the excellence of the work done by Brothers Robert R. Livingston and Lee P. Gillette. The brethren attended lodge in their soldiers' uniforms. He says they set up the big headquarters tent in a clear space, had outside guards, and did the work in it, with store boxes for stations, altar, and seats. He has the impression that two southern soldiers met with them at one time, but remembers no particulars.

John C. Bone, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Arkansas, and Secretary of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 10, of Batesville, has very kindly given me some information in regard to the First Nebraska Regiment and our Monitor Lodge U. D. He has carefully examined the records of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 10 and given me the names of the brethren mentioned as present at two meetings in 1863, which he says are all that were held by that lodge during the time the Regiment was stationed at Batesville. I find among them the names of a few brethren whose names also appear in the record of our Monitor Lodge U. D. But few of the members of the lodge in Batesville who were there during the trying times from 1860 to 1865 are still living. Brother Bone says he has been told that the officers of the First Nebraska were entertained at the homes of some of the residents of Batesville while the Regiment was in that city. One lady living in Batesville, who was a school-teacher at the time the First Nebraska was stationed there, remembers some of the incidents that occurred during that period, and recalls that Colonel Robert R. Livingston's headquarters were in a large brick mansion on Main Street

owned by Mr. Thomas Cox. Mr. Cox was a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 10, of Batesville, at that time, but was absent from home in the army. This lady told Brother Bone that the soldiers were very courteous to the people and that the army physicians occasionally ministered to the sick of the city. She remembers that at the funeral of an old Mason, a member of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 10, the Masons of the army lodge joined in the ceremony.

Following are two interesting incidents in connection with the Regiment furnished by Brother Bone: The first is his own personal experience. When he was a boy fourteen years old he was one day passing through a portion of the territory comprising the district under the command of Colonel Livingston, and was riding a very fine horse that had been "hid out." He met a part of the Colonel's command making a raid through that part of the country, and was told to dismount, but, having the ability so common to the natives of Arkansas, he addressed the officer in command of the party as "Major" and put up a talk to him. Although the so-called "Major" examined the boy's horse and thought it desirable for service, he looked up into the boy's face and said: "All right, Bud." Then turning to his men he ordered them to let the boy alone and fall into line, and moved off with them.

Little "Buddy" Bone would like to meet the officer who was so kind to him, and if he should run across this history, which is very unlikely, he should write to Brother Bone at Batesville, Arkansas.

The other incident is one that was told to Brother Bone by an uncle of his, and happened the same morning as the one just related. The uncle was driving across country to purchase food, and in an isolated pass in the mountains met a detachment of Colonel Livingston's command. He was surrounded by the men in the party, who made threats and demonstrations of taking his life, but upon his using one of the features peculiar to Freemasonry an officer rode up to him and questioned him very closely as to his name, occupation, and where he had been. He told the officer that he was a minister, that he had not been in service against the Government, and that he was trying to procure foodstuff for his family; whereupon the officer ordered his men back into line and directed the minister to go to his home as quickly as possible and remain there closely while the troops were in that locality.

It was not until many years after this incident had occurred that Brother Bone was told by his uncle the reason why his life had been spared. His uncle said that all that had saved him was his being a member of a fraternity that always responds to the signal of a brother in distress.

I have before me the account of a very interesting incident furnished by Charles P. Philbrick, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Nebraska, and Past Master of Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore, Nebraska. It is the story as told to Brother

Philbrick by a Captain in the Confederate Army, and is too long to copy in full, so only the following synopsis is given, and for certain reasons the names are omitted:

Two of the Captain's men had been captured by the Federals, court-martialed, and sentenced to be shot. By a little strategy Captain —, assisted by five of his men, succeeded in capturing Colonel — of the Union Army, whom he hoped to exchange for his two men. Colonel — was taken to the Confederate camp by two of the men, the Captain and the other men following later on. When Captain — reached the camp he found his men about to shoot the Colonel. As he approached the Colonel asked if he was Captain —, and upon being answered in the affirmative told him to look under the lapel of his, the Colonel's vest which was lying on the ground. Captain — did so, and found a square and compass pin. Colonel — then called him close to him and whispered a few words in his ear. Captain — called to him the five men who had assisted in the capture, who were all Masons, and told them that they were bound to protect the prisoner. They stood around Colonel — and tried to reason with the other men, but did not seem to have any effect on them. Finally Captain — and his five men drew their weapons and he said: "Boys, we will get sixty of you just as soon as I whistle, even if the rest of you get us. This man is my brother and you must let him go." At last the men consented to let Colonel — go, and he was put on an old horse that was running in the woods and sent to his own headquarters.

Some days later while Captain — was scouting over the mountains, a man from the Federal picket-post rode out waving a white flag in his hand. He went to meet the soldier, who asked if he was Captain —, and on his reply that he was, the soldier handed him a note saying that it was from Colonel —, the note stated that there was to be a meeting of a Masonic lodge on the third degree the following night in the city where the Colonel's headquarters were located, and that if Captain — would approach the picket-line at two p. m. the following day there would be an escort to receive him and take him to the city so that he might attend lodge with them. He was requested to bring with him the other five brethren who had held the meeting around the tree in the Captain's camp at which Colonel — had *presided*. Colonel — gave his word as a Mason and a soldier that Captain — could return to his command as soon as the lodge closed if he wished, but invited him to accept the hospitality of his headquarters until the following day.

Captain — and his five men reported at the picket-line according to the arrangement, and they were well cared for. An escort met them, the commanding officer of which was a brother Mason. They left their weapons with the picket-guard, went to headquarters where they were met by Colonel —, other officers and men, who came

out to shake hands with them, and were provided with a good supper. The regimental band played "Dixie" for them, and the Captain said it was a "regular home coming." That night they attended the lodge. Most of those who were there were Union Soldiers. They raised a Lieutenant of the 14th U. S. Infantry who was on detached service. Captain —— assisted in the work, remained that night with Colonel ——, the next day with his men was escorted back to the picket-line, where their arms were returned to them, and went back to his command.

Captain —— was afterwards captured by a Federal captain. He was alone at the time and the Federal captain said to him: "Captain ——, I am glad to meet you thus alone, I long have sought this opportunity. Now just surrender quietly and receive my assurance of treatment as a prisoner of war. We have all heard what you did for (Colonel) ——, and you are in the hands of your friends." Captain —— went to Fayetteville and saw the General in command, who told him to report to the officer of the day each day at guard-mount and that the rest of the time was his to go where he pleased inside the lines. He attended lodge a number of times, and says there was a great mixture of "Blue and Gray," but that they were all "on a level." Captain —— did no more fighting, as Lee surrendered while he was a prisoner.

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This history would be incomplete if it did not contain some reference to the service of the First Nebraska Regiment and something of the personnel of the members who composed the lodge. From the History of the State of Nebraska, published in 1882, we learn that the population in 1860, according to the census, was 28,841 white inhabitants, and of this small handful of people there entered into military operations during the progress of the war, 3,307 men, about one-ninth of the entire population. Companies A and B of the Regiment were sworn into service on the eleventh day of June, 1861. Other companies were soon after entered into the service. The Regiment was composed of ten companies, seven from Nebraska, two from Iowa, and one from Missouri, and entered the service as First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry, but the name was changed by a general order issued at St. Louis, Missouri, on November 6th, 1863, which reads as follows: "It will hereafter be known as the First Nebraska Cavalry, and will be organized, armed, equipped and paid as a cavalry regiment."

The Regiment rendered good service and was engaged in the battles of Ft. Henry, Ft. Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, and others. For their services at Ft. Donelson the Regiment received special mention from Colonel Thayer, who had command of a brigade in the fight. He said: "Nobly did the First Nebraska sustain its reputation, well earned on the field of Donelson. Its progress was onward during the whole

day, in face of a galling fire of the enemy, moving on without flinching, at one time being an hour and a half in front of their battery, receiving and returning its fire, its conduct was most excellent. Lieut. Col. McCord and Maj. R. R. Livingston, of this regiment, were constantly in the thickest of the fight, executing every order with the utmost promptness and alacrity. They are deserving the highest commendation for their gallantry." Special mention of the services of the Regiment rendered at Batesville, Arkansas, is made in a report by Lieutenant Colonel Baumer.

In 1863, Robert R. Livingston, Colonel of the First Nebraska Cavalry, was assigned to the district comprising north-eastern Arkansas, and on assuming command he issued the following proclamation:

HEAD QUARTERS, DISTRICT NORTH
EASTERN ARKANSAS,
BATESVILLE, ARK., DECEMBER 25th, 1863.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHERN ARKANSAS:

Ordered to assume command of the District of North Eastern Arkansas, I have come among you clothed with authority to protect the loyal and summarily punish all violations of the laws of war.

I am not here to ask you what you have done in the past, your actions in the future, more than your past conduct shall serve as a basis for my guidance.

To the noble sons of Arkansas, who have stood true to the old flag amid all the vicissitudes of this deplorable war, I extend the warm right hand of fellowship. To those who have already repented of their folly in resisting the best and most powerful government on earth, I shall afford protection; and to such as are now in arms, but are anxious and willing to return to their allegiance to the United States, I promise security in the enjoyment of those inestimable blessings, which only the Government I represent can bestow upon her citizens.

Let the strong reasons of good men be exercised to recall the misguided, who still persist in a fruitless and ruin entailing struggle against fate.

Be advised in time—forego the course of bootless warfare you have carried on in detached and unwarranted hands against the Government—return to your firesides and the bosoms of your families, and as far as in my power lies, I will protect you and yours from harm.

In every expedition sent out by my command, rest assured that the Guerrilla, Bushwhacker or Jayhawker, as he is variously termed, will suffer death whenever found in a condition that convicts him of this crime against the law of nations. No civilized armies recognize as soldiers the merciless bands of robbers and murderers who have brought so much suffering on their fellow-countrymen. Wherever

such bands are found, they will be dealt with in the most summary manner. Should, however, the men who now compose these bands return to their homes and avocations of peaceable and law abiding citizens, they shall not only be unmolested, but they and their property will be protected.

I ask and shall expect the full support of all good men in restoring peace to your desolated district. The hearty co-operation of law and order loving citizens in surpressing lawless bands, by information as well as by appealing to the erring, is essential to your own safety, and is demanded.

It is proper that it should be fully understood, that in all operations against guerrillas in the northern part of this State, having the co-operation of the generals commanding the southern districts of Missouri, I will hold such as escape into Missouri responsible, and pursue them north until they and their crimes are overtaken and summarily punished.

R. R. LIVINGSTON,
Col. 1st Nebraska Cav.,
Comd'g Dist. N. E. Ark.

We have authentic information that the legislature of Arkansas passed a resolution very highly commending the services of Colonel Livingston while he had command of the District of North-eastern Arkansas.

At the expiration of the first term of enlistment practically all the members of the Regiment re-enlisted as volunteers. From June 21st to 23d, 1864, at St. Louis, Missouri, the Regiment was furloughed until August 13th. They left St. Louis and arrived in Omaha on June 28th, where they rendezvoused on August 13th, and on August 18th left for Fort Kearney, which was south of the Platte River a short distance from where the city of Kearney is now located. The troops were scattered along the Platte River from Fort Kearney to Julesburg, and were used to protect travelers, a large portion of whom were going or returning from Denver, Colorado. As we recollect it, the First Nebraska Regiment was sent on this service on account of a portion of the men being captured and paroled. Their parole prevented them from fighting in the Civil War but did not prevent them from fighting the Indians.

The Regiment was mustered out of service at Omaha on July 1st, 1866.

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PERSONNEL.

We give below a sketch of the life of each member of the lodge and of those brethren whose names appear in the lodge record. In some cases but little information is available, but we have given all that we could gather from authentic history and some correspondence. The records of many of the members are far from complete, of others

their histories would fill many pages if we should undertake to give anything like a full and complete account of their busy and active lives. We have arranged these sketches according to the military rank of the individuals.

General Robert Ramsay Livingston.

On the evening of the day on which the news of the firing on the Star of the West reached Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Doctor Robert R. Livingston organized a complete company of infantry, heading the list of enrolled privates with his own name. He was, however, immediately and unanimously elected Captain of the company. This organization occurred prior to any call for troops. In June, 1861, the company was mustered in as Company A of the First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry. To the doctor is due the credit of having organized the first military company in Nebraska for the suppression of the Rebellion.

In December, 1861, Captain Livingston was promoted to Major, in June, 1862, to Lieutenant Colonel, and to Colonel in the fall of the same year. In the spring of 1865 he was appointed Brevet Brigadier General, and in July of that year was mustered out.

In the summer of 1863 Colonel Livingston was appointed commanding officer of the post at St. Louis, Missouri, and three months later was appointed commanding officer of the District of North-eastern Arkansas. We have referred elsewhere to his distinguished services in Arkansas. He followed the fortunes of the Regiment from the time of the mustering in of Company A until he was mustered out in 1865.

Robert R. Livingston received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in 1860 in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and served that lodge as Master for a number of years. He received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in Omaha Chapter No. 1, Omaha, and demitted therefrom in 1866 and affiliated with Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Plattsmouth, of which chapter he was High Priest for three years. In 1873 he received the Orders of Knighthood in and was admitted by charter to Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, K. T. stationed at Plattsmouth, and later served as Commander. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska, in 1872-1873, and during the greater part of his life was active in the service of Freemasonry. He was Senior Warden of Monitor Lodge U. S. D.

In 1868 Dr. Livingston was appointed Surveyor General of Iowa and Nebraska, and served in that capacity for two years. He was made Medical Director of the Burlington and Missouri Railroad in Nebraska in 1869, and continued in that important position until the time of his death. He was one of those who organized the Nebraska State Medical Society, was the first president of the organization, and was also secretary for a number of years. He was President of the faculty of the Omaha Medical College and lecturer on the principles and practice

of surgery for that institution. He was for several years Mayor of Plattsmouth, and was greatly interested in and rendered good service in promoting the educational interests of the city. He was a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners for the State of Nebraska, was nominated for Congress and tendered several civil positions of the state, all of which he refused in order to practise his profession as a physician and surgeon, in which profession he stood in the very front ranks in the state of Nebraska.

Dr. Livingston died September 28th, 1888, and it is not too much to say that he was the most highly respected and best beloved of any citizen in the community where he resided and to which he gave so much of his life's labors largely for the good of others. The following is a part of what was published in one of the leading papers of our state, and it shows something of his character and standing in the community where he resided:

There never was a man in Nebraska more loved—the cold word 'respected' is ignored. His predominant quality was generosity—generosity as wide as humanity. No physician in Nebraska ever occupied a higher place in the state for learning and ability. No man was ever more social in all his instincts. But the highest of all in him was his generosity—intellectual, social, political and charitable. ***** He was the very centre of the life of Plattsmouth—he was the moderator of acerbities, and distrust and ill will vanished in his presence. He knew the secrets of all and revealed none, the beau ideal of the family physician, who also unites with his own the functions of the priest.

William Baumer, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment. Residence, Omaha. There is nothing to show that he was a member of the lodge, but he attended some of the meetings and served on committees to consider petitions.

Thomas J. Majors, Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment. Residence, Brownville, Nebraska. He served during the war five years and fifteen days. Morton's History of Nebraska says Company C, of which Brother Majors was a member, was in continuous service longer than any other company in the Volunteer Army. He entered the army as First Lieutenant of Company C and retired as Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment, and was with the Regiment in all of its important battles. At Cape Girardeau his horse was shot from under him.

Brother Majors received but two degrees of Masonry in Monitor Lodge U. D. D. The Master Mason Degree was conferred on him on November 2d, 1867, by Peru Lodge No. 14, Peru, Nebraska, of which he is still a member and which he served at one time as Senior Steward and later as Treasurer. He received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in Brownville Chapter No. 4, Auburn, Nebraska, in 1870.

On returning to Nebraska at the close of the war Brother Majors became active in civil life. He has been a member of both branches of the legislature, was elected Lieutenant-Governor and served for two

years, was nominated for Governor but was defeated by a small majority, and was elected to fill an unexpired term, caused by death, at the Forty-fifth Congress. He served as Assessor of Internal Revenue of the District of Nebraska. He did much to locate the State Normal School at Peru, and after its establishment attended one year as a student.

Brother Majors has been prominent in Grand Army of the Republic circles, having held all of the offices, including that of Department Commander, and was a member of the National Council of Administration of the organization. He is also a member of the Loyal Legion. At this writing he is very successfully carrying on an extensive stock business in connection with general farming near Peru, where it is hoped by his friends, who are legion in this state, that he may long remain to witness the development of the state which he has done so much to advance.

Francis L. Cramer, Major in the First Alabama Cavalry Volunteers. Residence, Clarinda, Page County, Iowa. In the History of Nebraska the name appears as Francis D. Cramer, First Lieutenant of Company I, promoted to Regiment Adjutant. As Adjutant of the Regiment the name is given as Francis L. Cramer, who is very likely the same party. He was discharged for promotion on October 24th, 1863, and appointed Major in the First Alabama Cavalry Volunteers.

Brother Cramer received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in Nodaway Lodge No. 140, Clarinda, Iowa, in 1859, and was Secretary of the lodge in 1861 and Junior Warden in 1862. We have no further Masonic record of this brother; as his last service to the government was as Major in the First Alabama Cavalry Volunteers it is possible that he did not return to Iowa or Nebraska.

Francis A. McDonald, Adjutant of the Regiment. Residence, Clarinda, Page County, Iowa. After leaving the Regiment he in all probability returned to Clarinda, as we find that he affiliated with Nodaway Lodge No. 140 of Clarinda some time in 1866-67, and that he demitted from the lodge December 14th, 1867. He is reported dead but we have no further record of him.

William T. Clarke, Captain and Acting Adjutant General of Volunteers. Residence, Omaha. He was demitted by the Grand Lodge on March 21st, 1867. His petition gives his occupation as a lawyer. There is no further record of this brother.

William McClelland, Surgeon of the Regiment. Residence, Omaha. In the History of Nebraska the name William McClelland appears, but this is probably the same man as Brother McClelland's petition gives his residence as Omaha and his occupation as a physician. He was demitted by the Grand Lodge on September 6th, 1866, affiliated with Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, on November 5th, 1866, and he received the Capitular degrees in and was admitted by charter to Omaha Chapter No. 1, Omaha, in 1865. He died December 2d, 1882.

Napoleon B. Larsh, Assistant Surgeon of the Regiment. Residence, Nebraska City.

Brother Larsh was demitted by the Grand Lodge probably some time in 1866, though there is no record of his demission, but the card register shows that he affiliated with Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City, on October 15th, 1866. He served this lodge as Senior Warden for two years. He received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in 1867 in Keystone Chapter No. 2, Nebraska City, and served the chapter as Captain of the Host for one year. The card register shows that in 1878 he was a member of Alpha Council No. 2, Nebraska City, now extinct. He received the Orders of Knighthood in Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 2, Nebraska City, in 1868, served the commandery from time to time in various offices, and was Generalissimo for two years.

From 1859 until the time of his death, December 23d, 1887, Brother Larsh was a physician and surgeon in Nebraska City, except for the three years of his army service and two years as Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum. He was a member of the Territorial Legislature in 1861 and 1862, and of the State Senate in 1872. He assisted in the organization of the State Medical Association, and was President of the same and held other offices therein. He also held a number of city offices.

George W. Wilkinson, Assistant Surgeon of the Regiment. Residence, Omaha. Senior Deacon of the lodge.

Brother Wilkinson affiliated with Omadi Lodge No. 5, Dakota City, Nebraska, on June 26th, 1858, served the lodge as Senior Deacon for a number of years, and was Master of the lodge two different times, serving two years each time. He represented Omadi Lodge No. 5 at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1859, served as Grand Junior Warden pro tem, and was appointed Grand Stewart. The following year he was appointed Grand Junior Deacon, then Grand Senior Deacon, and the next year, 1862, was elected Grand Junior Warden, which office he was holding at the time he joined the Regiment. He also served in the last named station in the year 1870-71. He is now residing at Harding Grove, South Dakota.

Lee P. Gillette, Captain of Company A of the Regiment. Residence, Nebraska City, Nebraska. Master of the lodge.

Brother Gillette affiliated with Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City, on December 17th, 1858, and was Master of this lodge in 1860. He demitted therefrom and affiliated with Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, in 1875, and was Master of the same from 1882 to 1884. He was appointed Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge, as the office of our Grand Custodian was then called, in 1860, and was elected and installed Deputy Grand Master in 1862. He was Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge at the time of his enlistment and was absent with his Regiment from the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1863. We note

that at this session of the Grand Lodge seven of the regular officers were absent, probably on account of the war. After the war Brother Gillette returned to Nebraska, and in 1887 he was appointed Grand Custodian and continued to fill that position until May 13th, 1894, the date of his death. He became a member of Keystone Chapter No. 2, R. A. M. of Nebraska City, in 1860, demitted therefrom in 1881, and became a member of Lincoln Chapter No. 6, Lincoln, from which he demitted in 1891 and affiliated with Livingston Chapter No. 10, Beatrice. He served the last named chapter as High Priest for the year 1893-1894. He was admitted by charter to Raboni Council No. 9, R. & S. M. of Beatrice, in 1888. He received the Orders of Knighthood in Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, K. T. of Lincoln, in 1881.

Charles E. Provost, Captain of Company B. Residence, Omaha.

Brother Provost attended the first meeting of Monitor Lodge U. D. when it was organized, and his name appears among those present at other meetings but does not appear in the returns on file. He did not sign the petition for the dispensation, but Grand Master Wheeler inserted his name in the list of those to whom the petition was granted. There is nothing to show why the Grand Master did this, and we are at a loss to know why, if he was considered a member, his name does not appear in the returns of the lodge. His name does not appear in our card register.

Sterritt M. Curran, Captain of Company E. Residence, probably Omaha. He received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, in 1862. During the existence of Monitor Lodge U. D. he served it as Junior Warden. He died in October, 1880.

Edward Donovan, Captain of Company F. Residence, Plattsmouth. On October 18th, 1866, he was demitted by the Grand Lodge, and on November 5th of the same year he affiliated with Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha. In his petition his occupation is given as a druggist. He died March 3d, 1892.

Henry H. Ribble, Captain of Company I. Residence, Clarinda, Iowa. The History of Nebraska shows that he resigned from the Regiment on August 22d, 1865. He probably returned to Clarinda, but we have no further record of him except that he was demitted on September 20th, 1889.

John P. Murphy, Captain of Company I. Residence, Clarinda, Iowa. He received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in Nodaway Lodge No. 140, Clarinda, in 1861. He was Secretary of Monitor Lodge U. D. There is nothing to show that he affiliated with any other lodge after he left the service and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa is unable to furnish any data in addition to what we have given. Brother Smith B. Tuttle advises us that Brother Murphy is now living in Los Angeles, California.

Lewis Lowry, Captain of Company K. Residence given in the History of Nebraska as Camelville, Pennsylvania. (Probably Camp-

bellville, as there is no Camelville.)

Brother Lowry was made an Entered Apprentice Mason in Mirabile Lodge No. 166, now extinct, of Mirabile, Missouri, and received the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason in Monitor Lodge U. D. He was demitted by the Grand Lodge on May 22d, 1880. He received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in Omaha Chapter No. 1, Omaha, in 1865 and 1866, and was demitted therefrom on February 3d, 1880. The Orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him by Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha, in 1866, and he was demitted on March 5th, 1880.

Theodore Luebbes, First Lieutenant of Company B. In the History of Nebraska the name appears as Theodore Luebben and his residence is given as Omaha. He was never demitted and died on February 24th, 1905.

William M. Alexander, First Lieutenant of Company F. Residence, Clarinda, Iowa. His petition gives his residence as College Springs, Page County, Iowa, and his occupation as a book-keeper. Our card register shows that he was demitted by the Grand Lodge in 1868, but there must be some discrepancy about the date as we are advised that he affiliated with Nodaway Lodge No 140, Clarinda, on October 11th, 1867. He served that lodge as Secretary in 1869-1870, as Senior Warden in 1875-77, and as Junior Steward in 1878-79. He was demitted from the lodge on September 14th, 1888. Brother Smith P. Tuttle writes us that Brother Alexander is now living at Pasadena, California.

Morgan A. Hance, First Lieutenant of Company G. Residence, Omaha. He was demitted by the Grand Lodge as an Entered Apprentice Mason on August 20th, 1873.

Anton Althaus, Second Lieutenant of Company B. Residence, Omaha. The record shows that he was not demitted and that he died some time during the years 1879 and 1880.

Elias M. Lowe, Second Lieutenant of Company D. Residence, Nebraska City. His petition gives his place of residence as near La Porte, Indiana.

Brother Lowe was a member of Excelsior Lodge No. 41, La Porte, Indiana, demitted therefrom on January 4th, 1886, and affiliated with Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill, Nebraska, on March 18th, 1886. He was also a member of Garfield Chapter No. 45, R. A. M. of O'Neill, having been admitted on December 15th, 1887, by charter on a demit from La Porte Chapter No. 15, La Porte, Indiana, dated February 11th, 1886. He served the lodge in O'Neill in various offices and was Master for the years 1890 to 1892. When the chapter was chartered he occupied the station of Captain of the Host, which station he held for two years. The chapter returns give the date of his death as July 10th, 1896.

Brother Lowe was twice elected County Judge of Holt County, and

served one term and resigned during the second term. He moved from O'Neill to Spencer, Nebraska, where he died.

John Boon, Commissary Sergeant of Company H. Residence, Otoe County. The History of Nebraska gives the name John *H.* Boon, Corporal of Company H, promoted to Commissary Sergeant November 5th, 1863, and the name John *B.* Boon, mustered into service as Commissary Sergeant of Company H on November 5th, 1863, and discharged on November 10th, 1864. His petition gives his name without an initial and says his residence was Edgar County, Illinois. The two names in the history are beyond doubt meant for the same party, and it is very probable that all three names refer to the same person. He was not demitted and we have no further record of him.

William L. Jaycox, Second Sergeant of Company F. Residence, Clarinda, Iowa. In the History of Nebraska the name appears as William *D.* Jaycox. He was Treasurer of the lodge.

William B. Folsome, Third Sergeant of Company F. Residence, Clarinda, Iowa. In the History of Nebraska the name is spelled without the e, Folsom. He was Junior Deacon of the lodge.

Smith P. Tuttle, Sergeant of Company F. Residence, Omaha. His petition gives his residence as College Springs, Iowa.

Brother Tuttle was with the First Nebraska Regiment during its entire service for the government. He was wounded in battle on April 7th, 1862, and was taken by Governor Morton of Indiana, together with the wounded of General Lew Wallace's division, to the hospital at Evansville, Indiana. From the hospital he went to his home in Page County, Iowa, on furlough, and returned to his regiment in July, 1862. He kept a diary up to the time of the battle of Shiloh, but upon entering the battle-field his knapsack was left behind under guard, and his diary was never found after that time. This is unfortunate, as it contained many entries that would have been interesting.

In 1864 Brother Tuttle went with his regiment to old Fort Kearney, south of the Platte River near the present city of Kearney. The troops were engaged in guarding stage stations and riding guard with the stages on the Leavenworth, Kansas, overland trail. They were scattered along the river from Ft. Kearney to Julesburg, Colorado, and during the winter of 1864-1865 a detachment of the Regiment was quartered at Ft. Laramie, Wyoming, so they were too scattered to hold meetings of Monitor Lodge U. 'D. '.

Brother Tuttle was demitted by the Grand Lodge on September 6th, 1866, and afterwards became a member of Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville, then of Minden Lodge No. 127, Minden, and later of Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance, in which he still holds his membership. These are all three Nebraska lodges. He received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in Brownville Chapter No. 4, Auburn, Nebraska, in 1869 and 1870, and served for one year as Royal Arch Captain. He received two of the cryptic degrees in Furnas Council

No. 3, Auburn, in 1871.

For several years after the war Brother Tuttle was in the Internal Revenue service of the government and was Chief Clerk in the office of Thomas J. Majors when he was Assessor. He was later in the banking business in Hastings, Nebraska, for a number of years. For the past thirty years he has been an honored citizen of Box Butte County, Nebraska, and has filled the office of County Attorney and other positions of trust. He has now retired from active practice and at this writing is living at Alliance, Nebraska. He has furnished us much information in regard to the Regiment, the Masonic halls used for the meetings of Monitor Lodge U. D., the character of the work done by the officers, and the custom of receiving as visitors at the lodge meetings those who were fighting on the opposite side in the war.

Patrick Coyle, Sergeant of Company H. Residence, St. Joseph, Missouri. He was demitted by the Grand Lodge on January 13th, 1876, and affiliated with St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha, on March 2d, 1876. He served this lodge as Junior Deacon one year and also as Tyler for a year. He died in 1887.

Gustav A. Hesse, a private in Company G. Residence, probably Omaha. He received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, in 1860, and demitted therefrom in 1907. He occupied the station of Tyler of Monitor Lodge U. D. and served on committees to which petitions were referred. On the petitions he signs his name *Gustavus A. Hesse*.

None of the names of the following brethren appears in the History of Nebraska; the information in regard to them is found in the minutes of the lodge and the petitions on file. A little additional information in regard to a few has been furnished by Brother John C. Bone, of Batesville, Arkansas:

G. W. von Bodingen. His petition gives his residence as St. Louis, Missouri, and states that he was a Lieutenant in the Second Regiment of Missouri Artillery.

Edward Tittman. Residence, St. Louis, Missouri. Occupation, Commissary of Subsistence. Age, fifty-four years.

Edward W. Tittman. Residence, St. Louis, Missouri. Occupation, clerk in the Subsistence Department of the United States. Age, twenty-one years.

I. C. Meyer. At a meeting of the lodge held at Ironton, Missouri, on August 12th, 1863, a petition from this party was presented, and the report of the receipts for the evening shows that he paid the ten dollar fee. The petition is not among the papers on file with the Grand Secretary and we do not find any action taken on it by the lodge.

John A. Warrington. Residence, Carthage, Illinois. Occupation, farmer.

Martin Casson. This brother served regularly as Tyler and the record shows that he received payment from the lodge for his ser-

vices. Brother Bone informs me that he left Batesville with the Army and went to Illinois, and that he never returned to that city.

W. W. Wood. This brother served on committees to consider petitions.

Following are the names of several brethren who served as officers pro tem. at various meetings of the lodge, some of them only once, and others quite a number of times: C. A. Williams, C. C. Allen, H. C. Fillebrown, R. Harpham, Wycough, and Morris. Neither the initials nor the first names of the last two brethren appear in the record, but they attended meetings of the lodge that were held in Batesville, and Brother Bone informs me that the records of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 10 of that city show that at the time our Monitor Lodge U.'D.' was holding meetings in Batesville a brother named John Morris and two brethren named Wycough, one Samuel B., and one Marion. A., were members of the lodge.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.*TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA:*

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence submits the following report, reviewing sixty-two proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges, all that have come into the hands of the reviewer during the past Masonic year. The principal question considered by the Craft as shown by the proceedings, is that of large lodges, which is receiving serious consideration to the well-wishers of Ancient Craft Masonry. There are 2,417,381 Master Masons, belonging to 15,231 lodges in the United States, an average membership of 158. The nine Canadian Grand Lodges have a membership of 139,901, in 1,116 lodges, the average being about 125, while in England they have an estimated membership of 250,000 belonging to 3,339 lodges, the average membership being 78. The remedy suggested is more lodges and a limitation on membership.

The Masonic Service Association is functioning in some of the Grand Jurisdictions, and where ample appropriation is made to keep the lecturers in the field together with their moving picture apparatus, it seems to be doing some good, while in many of the other jurisdictions that have membership in the association their only activities seem to be in paying the rather heavy overhead expenses of maintaining it. Nebraska should do one of two things, either make ample appropriation for an active campaign in Masonic Education, or serve notice withdrawing therefrom.

The George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association seems to be in sight of the goal anticipated by its founders, and ere many years there will be erected at Alexandria, Virginia, the great memorial to commemorate the life and preserve the relics of our illustrious brother, George Washington.

There is a tendency through the proceedings to extend protection to Ancient Craft Masonry, following closely in the footsteps of Colorado, Washington, Nebraska and some other jurisdictions.

There is a universal condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan and Masons everywhere have been advised to refrain from associating with the society, and if among its membership, to withdraw from this un-American organization.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN A. EHRHARDT,
For the Committee.

Alabama, 1921	New Jersey, 1921
Alberta, 1921	New South Wales, 1921
Arkansas, 1921	New Zealand, 1921
British Columbia, 1921	North Dakota, 1921
California, 1921	Nova Scotia, 1921
Canada, 1921	Ohio, 1921
Colorado, 1921	Oklahoma, 1921
Connecticut, 1922	Oregon, 1921
Delaware, 1921	Pennsylvania, 1920
District of Columbia, 1921	Philippine Islands, 1921
England, 1921	Prince Edward Island, 1921
Florida, 1921	Quebec, 1921
Idaho, 1921	Queensland, 1921
Illinois, 1921	Rhode Island, 1921
Indiana, 1921	Saskatchewan, 1921
Iowa, 1921	Scotland, 1921
Ireland, 1921	South Australia, 1921
Kansas, 1922	South Dakota, 1921
Louisiana, 1922	Tennessee, 1922
Maine, 1921	Texas, 1921
Manitoba, 1921	Utah, 1922
Maryland, 1921	Vermont, 1921
Massachusetts, 1920	Victoria, 1920
Michigan, 1921	Virginia, 1921-1922
Minnesota, 1921-1922	Washington, 1921
Missouri, 1921	Western Australia, 1921
Montana, 1920-1921	West Virginia, 1921
Nevada, 1921	Wisconsin, 1921
New Brunswick, 1921	Wyoming, 1921
New Hampshire, 1921	

ALABAMA, 1921.

Montgomery.

December 7th, 1921.

101st Annual.

A special communication was held October 26th, at Birmingham for the purpose of laying a corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple, M. W. Brother Ben. M. Jacobs, acting Grand Master presiding, who after the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone, introduced Brother Warren G. Harding who addressed the brethren. From the record it would seem that the address was well received as it elicited responsive applause. It was followed by one from Brother Oscar W. Underwood, United States Senator.

Grand Master Perry B. Dixon, in his annual address says that the past year had been a most successful one for the Fraternity. He pleads eloquently for public education. He thinks too little attention is paid to the study of the constitution and edicts by many of the Masters of subordinate lodges; that while they are 100% perfect in the

ritual, they are either deficient in their knowledge of the constitution, or what is still more reprehensible, having a knowledge of the provisions of the law, seek in every way to evade it. He said he had not been called upon to make any decisions and thinks that if the officers were somewhat more familiar with the laws of the Grand Lodge they could solve their own problems. He reports appointing Brother Hesperiah G. Ernest, Chairman for Alabama, of the George Washington National Memorial Association, and asks the interest and assistance, "for this worthy cause." He reports the death of P.'G.'M.'. Russell McWhorter Cunningham, giving an historical sketch and the Masonic history of the brother. He notes the death of distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions, and speaking of the Alabama Masonic Home says that no words of his could express the value of the home, and he makes a plea to the lodges for special support. He says they have about 200 children and 250 adults under their care and protection and he thinks we should be ever ready to help them. The vote of the lodges on the new constitution was adverse.

The special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommends the recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Italy, and withdrawing recognition from the Grand Orient of Italy that was recognized by them in 1919. The United Grand Lodge of Queensland received fraternal recognition as an independent and regular Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master was instructed to arrange for the exchange of representatives. Under the report of the committee, the Grand Lodge of Serbs, Croats, Slovenes and Jugoslavia, received fraternal recognition. The final action on the application of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador was deferred until fuller information is received. The committee report that they had not sufficient information to authorize them to extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Logia Espanola.

The trustees of the Masonic Home, together with the Superintendent of the Home made a report showing that they had 13 men, 41 women, 121 boys, and 109 girls, as residents of the Home, November 1st. The expense of the Home was \$52,872.61.

There was an appropriation of \$500.00 to the Masonic Club and \$400.00, to the Grand Secretary to employ extra help during the rush of the business during the session of the Grand Lodge.

A resolution, expressing the feeling of the Grand Lodge for the success of the Disarmament Conference, was adopted, and ordered sent to the President, and Senator Underwood. R.'W.'. George Fleming Moore addressed the Grand Lodge in reference to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Italy.

The declaration of Masonic Faith was ordered printed in the Masonic Manual. A report from the Committee on Appeals was adopted, giving fourteen rules for the guidance of secretaries of subordinate lodges in making transcripts of proceedings.

The 100th anniversary of the Grand Lodge was held December 6th, 1921, at which a very instructive address was delivered by Brother Oliver A. Day, who spoke of Masonry in Alabama one hundred years ago. This was followed by an address by Brother George Fleming Moore.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, about 200 pages, is by Brother Oliver A. Street, who reviews 79 proceedings of 73 Grand Lodges. Under Nebraska, he says:—

“Some very intelligent legislation was adopted, designed to check unseemly drumming of newly made Masons to join the Scottish Rite and Royal Arch Bodies.”

He made quotations from the address of the Grand Orator Smith, and in his conclusion, speaking of the extraordinary increase of membership in the different jurisdictions, says:—

“That there is danger in this is not to be denied; for which there are only two remedies, a strict guarding of the outer door and the spreading of Masonic knowledge among those who are admitted.”

He says he had intended to set out in this conclusion the report of the commission of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and that of Past Grand Master Charles Albert Adams, to the Grand Lodge of California, on Masonic conditions in Mexico, but finds that they would consume too much space, and he wisely concludes to hold aloof from the recognition of either of the Mexican Lodges. The experience of the writer is that for the past fifteen years the only mistake Nebraska has ever made, is when we accorded recognition to one of the Mexican Grand Lodges, and we are waiting for the day when the brethren in Mexico will settle their “Masonic Revolutions” and agree to dwell together in peace and harmony, and when that day comes, we will be ready to extend fraternal recognition, providing that they measure up to the standard required by Nebraska Masonry.

JULIAN F. SPEARMAN, Grand Master, Anniston.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary, Montgomery.

ALBERTA, 1921.

Banff.

June 8th, 1921.

16th Annual.

A fine picture in full regalia of Grand Master, J. H. W. S. Kemmis, faces the title page of the proceedings.

The Grand Master in his address accounts for the abnormal list of waiting candidates for Masonry, to the general feeling of insecurity in employment, in investment and in normal occupations, they looking for a place of refuge of safety for themselves and their dependents. He thinks that this is one of the principal reasons for the knocking at our doors, and that the reputation of the Craft is such that the outsider feels that if he can get inside he will share in the benefits the Craft offers to its dependents, and he will also share in the benefits to him-

self. He says men today are seeking sanctuary from the uncertainties of life and great as has been the disappointment and disillusionment of the world at the conclusion of the war, in the failure to reach new altitudes, greater still will be the disappointment of those, should their high hopes of the benefits and advantages of the Order be shattered by apathy and want of ideal in the lodges. He reports the state of the work as prosperous, making a full report of his activities, especially in his visitations. He says the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge gives him much concern, his object being to increase this to \$75,000.00. He asked the brethren to contribute \$2.00 each to the fund, and to require \$6.00, from each admitted into the Fraternity during the current year.

The Committee on Benevolence reported the expenditure of almost \$4,000.00, and over \$63,000.00, in the Benevolent Fund.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that no matter requiring their attention had been submitted for consideration.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand Master, Stephen Y. Taylor, who reviews the proceedings of 32 Grand Lodges, Nebraska among them, and with all, gives us 60 pages of mighty good reading.

J. WATSON YOUNGE, Grand Master, Camrose.

STEPHEN Y. TAYLOR, Grand Secretary, Calgary.

ARKANSAS, 1921

Little Rock.

November 15th, 1921.

80th Communication.

Grand Master, W. W. Magee, in his annual address reports a busy year. He decided that physical qualification required by a candidate for initiation is a landmark, and that the Grand Master cannot issue a dispensation to violate a landmark. \$5,130.00 granted for relief. On motion it was declared to be the sense of this Grand Lodge, that it is not advisable that the Grand Lodge become a member of the Masonic Service Association.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recognition was granted to the Grand Lodge del Ecuador and to the Grand Logia De Venezuela, and the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. The application of the Nacional do Columbia was continued for further investigation. Affiliation with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was continued and recognition not extended to any other Grand Lodge in that Republic. Brother Thomas R. Marshall, Ex-vice President of the United States, was invited to address the Grand Lodge. There is a proposition pending that was laid over until the next annual communication, that any member living with a — miles of the Lodge who failed to attend a stated meeting for — months, not exceeding one year shall be declared suspended by the Master, after

having been notified, unless he shall give sufficient excuse for non-attendance.

There is no report on correspondence.

LEONIDAS KIRBY, Grand Master, Harrison.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Secretary, Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1921.

Victoria.

June 23d, 1921.

50th Annual.

An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Victoria on Wednesday, June 22d, the day immediately preceding the annual meeting, the purpose of which was to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge. There were a number of distinguished visitors. The occasion was fittingly observed by addresses from these distinguished brethren, together with a service at St. John's Church, and an address by Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, which was followed by a banquet and a feast of reason.

The regular communication was held the day following, when the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Martin L. Grimmert delivered his annual address. After paying tribute to the fraternal dead he reports the activities of his office and described his official visits. He discusses the psychology of clothes and the increase of membership, and closes his address with the poem entitled, "The Pilgrim Way." The Grand Historian, Brother William Burns, submits a report which was approved and published in the proceedings. The Committee on the War Relief Fund report that they had \$1,656.16. There was a reception to the representatives of other Grand Lodges, M. W. Brother Edward B. Paul, representing Nebraska.

The Finance Committee report an expenditure of \$11,519.62, and show \$32,439.60, in the Charity Fund, of which they expended for the relief of widows, \$625.00. They have \$77,253.00 invested in the fund, and over \$21,000.00 in the War Relief Fund. An historical sketch by Brother L. Watts Doney, giving a full history of the organization of the Grand Lodge down to the present session was presented for which a vote of thanks was tendered.

There was a resolution introduced to vote the sum of \$5,000.00 for the formation or creation of a fund to be known as the Widows and Orphans Fund of the Grand Lodge, and that \$2,000.00 be added thereto annually. After considerable discussion the resolution was referred to a special committee to report at the next annual communication.

The report on correspondence is by Brother William A. DeWolf-Smith, Chairman. He devotes over three and one-half pages of his valuable report to reviewing our proceedings for 1920.

WALLACE S. TERRY, Grand Master, Victoria.

WILLIAM A. DeWOLF-SMITH, Grand Secretary, New Westminster.

CALIFORNIA, 1921.

San Francisco.

October 11th, 1921.

72d Annual.

Grand Master George Frederick Rodden makes a very full report of his activities during the year, and pays a tribute to the distinguished dead of his jurisdiction. He reports fully on the Masonic Service Association and presents one of the best reports on Mexican Masonry that it has been the privilege of the writer to read. In addition he sent P.:G.:M.: Charles Albert Adams to Mexico, who together with the Grand Master of Texas and a special committee, spent two weeks in the city of Mexico, investigating Mexican Masonry. Brother Adams submitted to the Grand Master a very full and complete report and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Grand Lodge of California, being fully advised of all the facts and circumstances, hereby formally extends fraternal recognition to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, F. & A. M. of which M. W. Ernest J. Nicklos is Grand Master; and that the Grand Master of Masons in California when so requested arrange for an interchange of fraternal Representatives.

Which was adopted by the Grand Lodge. He reports fully on the Masonic Home and on Masonic Clubs, also against private concerns using the word "Mason" or "Masonic" in their business titles. He speaks of the American Masonic Federation and Clandestine Bodies calling themselves the Provincial Grand Lodge of California. They are troubled with organizations out there that demand Masonic affiliation as prerequisite to membership as they are in many of the other jurisdictions. He submits a number of decisions all of which were approved. He approves life membership which was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Masonic Education made a very full report closing with the following recommendations:—

1. That the present form of organization of this Committee be continued.
2. That the organization of Officers' Association be continued.
3. That means to meet the needs of outlying Lodges be given immediate attention.
4. That speakers' boards be formed in each of the districts.
5. That the policy of holding group meetings of Lodges in the interest of educational work be encouraged.
6. That an adequate appropriation be made for the work of this committee.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved: That there be levied upon the constituent Lodges of the State of California for the current year, in addition to the dues prescribed by the Constitution, the sum of 15 cents for each member borne upon the respective rolls at the date of the annual reports. Said levy shall be for the payment of Representatives, Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Inspectors, and shall be paid at the same time and in the manner prescribed for the payment of the annual dues.

The question of dual membership was referred to a committee

to report at the next annual communication. The sum of 25c per capita was levied on the members for the maintenance of the Homes, at Decoto and Covina.

The report of the committee on correspondence is by Jesse M. Whited, being a topical report for home consumption. He discusses the question of advertising and attendance, and he has a "Bouquets and Brickbats" section, wherein he quoted what the reviewers say about his report. It is an excellent topical report, but we are frank to say we don't like it.

SAMUEL E. BURKE, Grand Master, Los Angeles.

JOHN WHICHER, Grand Secretary, San Francisco.

CANADA, 1921

Ottawa.

July 20th, 1921.

66th Annual.

An address of welcome was delivered by the Mayor and a like address from the representative of the local members of the Craft, which was followed by an address by the Grand Master, who in his address speaks of the prosperity of the Craft. He reports expending \$67,000.00 for benevolence during the past year, and a membership of 88,000, an increase of 7,000 during the year. He says that an order called the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm have established themselves in their jurisdiction, and he reports the action of the Grand Lodge of Colorado in forbidding the organization. His recommendation in that respect was referred to a special committee to report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. He says:—

The so-called coloured Masons of Ontario have applied to the Provincial Secretary for a Charter incorporating them under the name of "The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Ontario."

The matter was referred to a committee and they justly reported that there was no color line in Ontario and no room for more than one Grand Lodge. He thinks that it is the right of the lodge to have a visit from a Grand Master some time during its existence, saying many members had told him they had never seen a Grand Master. One hundred seventy-six pages of the proceedings are occupied by reports from District Deputy Grand Masters that are of special interest to the Craft of the several districts. The finance board authorized an expenditure of \$60,200.00 for benevolences as against \$29,726.44, for general expenses, showing that the hearts of the brethren in the Grand Lodge of Canada are over-flowing with the great principle of Masonic Benevolence. The report of the Board of Condition of Masonry says that while the number under the jurisdiction now approximates 88,000, and the increase 7,000, they are led to believe from the information at their disposal that the portals are being well guarded and that

only men of wisdom, intelligence, and exemplary character are being allowed the privileges of Masonry.

The report on correspondence is by Brother Edward B. Brown, Chairman, P.:D.:D.:G.:M.:., Nebraska for 1920 being accorded full consideration. He says the address of Grand Master Tooley was a masterly one, most excellent in form as well as substance, and he quotes considerable of his address on the question of the growth.

WILLIAM N. PONTON, Grand Master, Belleville.

WILLIAM M. LOGAN, Grand Secretary, Hamilton.

COLORADO, 1921.

Denver.

September 20th, 1921.

61st Annual.

There were eleven special communications held during the year. One of them for the purpose of conferring Masonic burial upon R.:W.: Brother Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary. We became acquainted with Brother Jacobson, who together with Grand Master Clarence M. Kellogg represented Colorado at the special meeting in London in June, 1919. Brother Kellogg died the same year and now Brother Jacobson has been called to his reward. The picture of Grand Master Haslett P. Burke, faces the proceedings. He called attention to the George Washington National Masonic Association and said that they ought either to continue participation in this enterprise, or withdraw from membership. This was referred to the Committee of Finance who reported in favor of continuing their membership and instructed the Grand Master to appoint a brother to take up the question of raising the quota of Colorado for that enterprise. He condemns in unmeasured terms the pernicious Masonic advertising indulged in by some insurance and accident companies as well as others. He deplors the unjustifiable appetite for Masonic publicity, and approves the action of the Grand Lodge in legislating to prohibit solicitation of petitions for the degrees of Masonic bodies and says:—

That electioneering and improper soliciting for Masonic office is the greatest threat to the fraternal government.

He also adds that:—

There is marked evidence of a disposition to depart from the time honored principle of the fraternity to abstain from all participation in political activities.

And refers to a fraternal parasite which sought to fasten itself upon the body of Freemasonry, appropriate its degrees, and march beneath its banner.

He thinks the time is ripe for the restatement by the Grand Lodge of its fundamental principles:—

1. The government of the Grand Lodge is neither a monarchy, an oligarchy, nor a "pure Democracy." It is a representative, constitutional republic. Every attempt to graft upon it any of the distinguishing characteristics of the first three forms named is forbidden by the

injunction against "innovations upon the body of Masonry."

2. The Grand Lodge, which is but the entire body of the Craft in the Jurisdiction, acting through its duly chosen representatives, and restricted, only by the landmarks, has the sole power and authority to determine what is and what is not "Masonic", and to fix the condition under which a petitioner may enter Freemasonry, or, having entered, remain. Its only guide is its best judgment as to what is required by the good of the Craft, and from its decision there is no appeal.

3. The only title to Masonic office is the best judgment of the Brethren voting, or the officer appointing, uninfluenced by improper solicitation and exercised with no consideration in mind but the highest good of the Craft.

4. This Fraternity, its activities, titles, ceremonies, symbols and emblems, are not to be used for political or commercial purposes. It repudiates, all solicitation for its degrees, all advertisement, all unseemly publicity. It tolerates no foreign meddling in its affairs. It interferes with no man's religion and will not concern itself with matters political or legislative policy.

They have over \$67,00.00 invested in the permanent fund. The Committee on Correspondence in their report say:—

That the Masonic Service Association is still subject of discussion in most of the Grand Lodges, some have refused to join, some of them have withdrawn from membership, some have the matter under consideration while others are very enthusiastic in its support.

The report on the application for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, the Grand Lodge Cosmos of the state Chihuahua, the Grand Orient of Brazil, the Grand Orient of Belgium and Italy, the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, the American Grand Lodge of Roumania, and the Grand Lodges of Peru, Chile, and Venezuela, in which they recommend that no action be taken at the present time, was adopted. The recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland was deferred until they have been sufficiently advised by the mother Grand Lodge of England.

The Board of Control of the Colorado Soldiers Masons War Relief Fund reported:—

That the experience of the last year has proven the recommendation (that is the continuance of the committee) for unquestionable signs are now in evidence of the breaking down of the health of a great many of our former service men, who one year ago were considered to be healthy and physically strong in the judgment of the Board of Control. The next few years the demands for assistance from service men will be very great. This Board of Control therefore recommend that this fund should be kept intact, subject to the united action of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, the Grand Chapter of Colorado and the Grand Commandery of Colorado.

There was a motion made to have the pictures of all Past Grand Masters done in oil. This was referred to the Finance Committee who reported adversely.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother Stanley C. Warner, Chairman, who in 106 pages presents his review, Nebraska being given over two pages with liberal quotations from the address

of Grand Master Fradenburg and a quotation of the law enacted at our last communication and the report of this committee. He notes the appointment of the committee on the advisability of the establishment of a Masonic Hospital.

MARSHALL H. VAN FLEET, Grand Master, Alamosa.

WILLIAM W. COOPER, Grand Secretary, Denver.

CONNECTICUT, 1922.

Hartford.

February 1st, 1922.

134th Annual

The Grand Master in his address says that some of the lodges increased the initiation fee to a higher point than Masonry had ever witnessed, and he thinks now that they will have to reduce the fee. He reports a number of dispensations, two of them to confer the Master Masons degree upon six candidates at one meeting; both of these dispensations were disapproved by the Grand Lodge. He reports being unable to attend the meeting of the Masonic Service Association in person, but sent Past Grand Master McKenzie to the meeting, who made a very full report of the work of the association.

The outer door is well guarded in Connecticut, about 23 per cent of the petitioners being rejected. Recognition was accorded to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. The brethren are behaving themselves in Connecticut, as the Committee on Grievances reported that no business had been referred to them for consideration. The committee on Washington Memorial and Masonic Service Association recommend that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master to take such action as may in his judgment present the most feasible plan of carrying out the work of the association. There is a proposed amendment to the Constitution to make all Past District Deputies permanent members of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Finance reported a resolution in favor of making the dues \$1.50, \$1.15 to be appropriated for the purpose of the Masonic Charity Foundation and 35 cents for defraying the expense of the Grand Lodge, and in addition that every lodge be required to remit to the Grand Secretary, \$10.00 for each and every initiate and affiliate from other jurisdictions to be appropriated to the Masonic Charity Foundation. The review is by Past Grand Master George A. Kies, who gives Nebraska fraternal consideration and quotes the action of this Grand Lodge in regard to physical qualification and the recognition of other Grand Bodies.

FRANK L. WILDER, Grand Master, Bridgeport.

GEORGE A. KIES, Grand Secretary, Hartford.

DELAWARE, 1921.

Wilmington.

October 5th, 1921.

116th Annual.

Brother George J. Middleton, representative of Nebraska was present. Grand Master William J. Highfield, in his address, reported issuing a decree that all ballot-boxes used in constituent lodges in that jurisdiction for balloting upon petitions, should contain at least one-third as many black-balls as there shall be of wood, china, or porcelain materials of uniform size, and not less than one-half inch in diameter. He reports an effort being made to raise \$50,000.00 to be devoted to the erection of a hospital wing to the Masonic Home. He makes thirty-nine special recommendations and five suggestions, covering all the Masonic activities of the jurisdiction, and closes with the following beautiful Benediction:—

In conclusion permit me to say in the words of that grand old benediction, the author of which is unknown:

May the blessings of thy God wait upon thee and the sun of glory shine around thy head; may the gates of peace, plenty, honor and happiness always be open to thee and thine.

May no strife disturb thy days, nor sorrow distress thy nights, and may the pillow of peace kiss thy cheek, and pleasures of imagination attend thy dreams; and when length of years hath made thee tired of earthly joys, and the curtains of death gently close round the scene of thy existence, may the angels of God attend thy bed, and take care that the expiring lamp of life shall not receive one rude blast to hasten its extinction; and finally, may the blessing of God wash thee free from all impurities and prepare thee to enter into the land of everlasting felicity.

He recommended flag day observance. There was a long report by the representative of the Washington Masonic National Association by Past Grand Master George B. Hynson. By resolution the Grand Secretary was instructed to keep his office open daily from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 5, and on evenings by appointment. The Committee on Masonic Home reported that the per capita expenses for the past year were \$626.00. The representative to the Masonic Service Association made a voluminous report. A number of resolutions were passed defining the duties of the Grand Secretary and one defining the duty of Junior Warden of each constituent lodge to bring charges against any member who has been convicted of any serious misdemeanor or a felony.

There is published in the proceedings a program of the activities of the celebration of the birthday of Brother George Washington. The Grand Lodge was closed after the presentation of the jewel to the retiring Grand Master and installation of the officers.

The report on correspondence by Brother Thomas J. Day, who reviews sixty-six proceedings from fifty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, Nebraska for 1920 receiving fraternal consideration, and quotation

being made of the action of our Grand Lodge in regard to petitioning for membership in other Masonic bodies.

GEORGE C. WILLIAMS, Grand Master, Wilmington.

JOHN F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary, Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1921.

Washington, D. C.

December 21st, 1921.

111th Annual.

The Grand Master says the year of his stewardship "has been swift as a shadow and short as any dream"; that the ambitions and aspirations to great achievements have been submerged in the multitude of routine duties which fall to the lot of every Grand Master. He notes the death of the distinguished Masons of his own and other jurisdictions, among them, Past Grand Master Dowling. He reports one decision; commends the Masonic and Eastern Star Home; expresses his appreciation for the service of the Masters' Association; and endorses fully the Masonic Clubs, recommending a Committee on Masonic Education, whose duty is to be to devise ways and means to impart to the Craft generally, Masonic light and instruction. He expresses his pride in the George Washington Memorial Association and endorses the Masonic Mutual Life Association, which has been in existence for over fifty years.

The Grand Secretary's report is given over entirely to the finances of the Grand Lodge.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that no questions had been referred to them during the year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made their report and recommended recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. A very elaborate report was presented by Past Grand Master Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Temple. It seems that the brethren are endeavoring to raise the funds to erect a Masonic Temple costing four million dollars. They report a very complete plan of financing the enterprise.

The Employment Bureau reported securing positions for ever forty-eight per cent of the applicants. Past Grand Master Joseph H. Milans submitted a report on the Masonic Service Association and recommended that the jurisdictions continue its membership, wholehearted, therein.

There was a St. Johns Day Communication held December 27th, at which the Grand Officers were elected and installed.

The receipts of the Ball Game played in June, netted them \$14,845.71 which was all for the benefit of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

The report on correspondence is by that Veteran Reviewer, Past Grand Master George W. Baird, who presents his twenty-first annual review of the proceedings of Grand Lodges. Brother Baird has no

scissors and gave a splendid review of all jurisdictions, Nebraska being especially honored with two and a half pages.

CHARLES S. COOMBS, Grand Master.

ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND, 1921.

London.

April 27th and June 1st, 1921.

There was the re-election of the Grand Master and the re-appointment of the M.:W.: Pro Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, of R.:W.: Brother Sir Frederick Halsey, Deputy Grand Master, Lord Cave as Senior Grand Warden, Lord Gisborough, Junion Grand Warden, Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes, and J. S. Granville, Grand Director of Ceremonies. The total attendance at the Grand Lodge was 698, who together with the Grand Stewards made a total of 1,041, quite a notable gathering. On motion of the President of the Board of General Purposes in recognition of the services rendered by the Grand Master, he was requested to permit his full length portrait to be painted and hung in Freemasons' Hall.

The Board of Benevolence through the President were recommended the expenditure of 2,550 pounds for relief. The report of the Board of General Purposes expressed its gratification at the return of the Grand Master from his important visit to India on an imperial mission. They have some trouble over there with an "Order" attaching themselves to the institution. There is a body being organized, which although not called Masonic, officially states that there is a Grand Council composed of those who have passed the Chair, and that this council grants charters; also there is a ceremony of initiation. The brethren were cautioned to give the matter serious consideration when invited to one of these assemblies. They frown upon using the Masonic emblem in matters pertaining to professional or personal matters. They have the chain letters over there. The nuisance again creeping in and the Board, without formally taking notice of it once more, would desire that secretaries of lodges, not only will not assist in the circulation of them, but inform the brethren that the Grand Lodge has already decided against their issue. The Grand Master was announced, received in due form, and addressed the brethren.

The President of the Board of General Purposes submitted a report of the special Committee on the Masonic Peace Memorial, giving a list of the Hall Stone Lodges, after which the Grand Lodge was closed.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, Grand Master,
London.

BARON AMPHILL, Pro Grand Master, London.

P. COLVILLE SMITH, Grand Secretary, London.

Grand Lodge met December 7th, 1921, with M.:W.: Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master, on the Throne. The first business

was the nominating of a Grand Master. His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, the present Grand Master, was re-nominated amid applause. A wedding gift to H. R. H. Princess Mary, was voted in the sum of 300 guineas. The M. W. Grand Master appointed W. Brother Frank James, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire, to be Past Senior Grand Deacon. Brother Frank had celebrated his 100th birthday and had been over 73 years a Mason. V. W. Brother James Stephens was re-elected President of the Board of Benevolence. The Board of Benevolence made a report showing that there were 915 pounds granted in the month of September, 640 pounds in October, and 2,920 pounds in November, making a total of something over \$25,000.00, in three months for Benevolences.

The Grand Orient of Belgium seems to have invaded the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England by establishing a lodge in London. The report says as the Grand Orient of Belgium has not been accorded recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England since 1908, all members of lodges were warned not to visit any Belgium lodges or admit any Belgium visitors to their lodges.

Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted a report in regard to the Masonic Peace Memorial and all stone medals were presented to representatives of lodges who had qualified as Hall Stone Lodges. There was an acknowledgement from Princess Mary for the wedding gift and a suitable reply by Lord Amptill. There was 709 Masonic Wardens and Past Masters and 331 Grand Officers including the present Grand Stewards in attendance at the meeting.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, Grand Master,
London.

LORD AMPHILL, Pro Grand Master, London.

P. COLVILLE SMITH, Grand Secretary, London.

FLORIDA, 1922.

Jacksonville.

January 17th, 1922.

93d Annual.

M. W. Charles H. Ketchum, Grand Master, in the opening of his address, says:—

American Masonry must stand ready to pay to the American Republic her obligation of guarding the priceless heritage of American liberty transmitted to us from our Masonic forefathers, and which we will transmit to our Masonic descendants, unimpaired. Our Masonry must personify Americanism.

He reports arresting one charter; rendered a number of decisions; and granted a number of dispensations to ballot short of time. He issued one dispensation, allowing a lodge to re-open a dark ballot, where a brother, the Past Master of the lodge, had made affidavit that he had cast the dark ballot through misapprehension, believing the petitioner to be another person. He reports having visited twenty-six

lodges, and says he has been honored by being elected an honorary member in seven lodges in the jurisdiction for services rendered. He approves the George Washington National Masonic Association and urges the jurisdiction to send representatives. He notes the visit of the President, Brother Warren G. Harding, to the jurisdiction. He decides against the request from several lodges asking permission to receive demits from the lodges of Germany, which were rightfully refused as they were not in fraternal relation with any of the German lodges. He reports attending the First Annual Banquet of the Terminal Acacia Club at Jacksonville. He recommends that an amendment to the constitution, requiring fifteen petitioners for new lodges, instead of seven. This was amended by the Committee on Jurisprudence to twelve. He recommends a change in the regulations so as to permit particular lodges to initiate more than five Entered Apprentices at the same communication.

A resolution was adopted appropriating \$2,000.00, to be expended by a lodge under the incoming Grand Master to contribute to the comfort of the Soldiers and Sailors in the Government Hospital at Lake City.

The Committee on Correspondence reported in favor of the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and that the several communications from the Grand Lodges in Mexico be postponed for further investigation.

The trustees of the Masonic Home made a very full report, showing that there were seventeen aged brothers and sisters and nineteen little boys and girls composing the Home guests, and an itemized account of the donations received was given.

The oration on "The First Great Light of Masonry," by Worshipful Brother Lincoln Hully, Ph. D., Litt. D., L. L. D., Grand Orator, is the finest presentation of the subject, and one that is well worth the careful reading by every Mason.

The correspondence is by Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright, who in 236 pages, reviews all the proceedings that came into his hands. He reports a number of proceedings that have failed to reach him. Nebraska received four pages of fraternal comment.

CHARLES H. KETCHUM, Grand Master, Key West.

WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

IDAHO, 1921.

St. Maries.

September 13th, 1921.

54th Annual.

The kindly face of Fletcher A. Jeter, Grand Master, faces the title page. Five special and one emergent communications were held during the year. At the annual communication, after the opening of the Grand Lodge and the introduction and reception of some distinguished visitors, the roll of honor, that is all deceased Past Grand Masters,

was called by the Grand Secretary, and the response given by the Grand Master, giving the date of services and death of the deceased Grand Master. The Grand Master I. Edgar Meek, delivered his address and after paying the tribute to the departed dead and reporting the conditions of Masonry in the jurisdiction made a full report of his activities pertaining to the duties of his office. He reported four decisions and that there was \$84,000.00, in the Widows and Orphans Fund. He says that from his experience as Grand Master he has been confirmed in the opinion long entertained that the Grand Lodge has too much legislation, that instead of confining themselves to the basic laws laid down in the Constitution and by-laws they have included therein rules, regulations, and statutes, together with nearly three hundred approved rulings of Grand Masters. He endorsed very strongly the Masonic Service Association and by the action of the Grand Lodge they again became a member of the association that they had severed relations with the previous year. He endorsed very highly the Washington Memorial. He recommends that the Grand Lodge be held at Boise and concludes an interesting address, saying that he had endeavored faithfully at all times to fulfill the duties of his office, and thanks the brethren for the honor bestowed upon him.

The Grand Secretary in his report says that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge were reported read in all the lodges of the state. He had completed the installation of the card index system and says they have a Masonic record as perfect as it can be made after three years of strenuous effort to complete the work. He reports \$2,081.00 collected for the Washington Memorial. A memorial to Past Grand Master John D. Bloomfield was read. The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was approved:—

That no candidate for the degrees of Masonry shall be advanced to the second or third degree until at least four weeks have elapsed since taking the previous degree.

Furthermore, no member shall apply for or receive any Scottish Rite or Royal Arch Chapter Degree until one year at least had elapsed since taking the third degree. A violation of this requirement is hereby declared to be a Masonic offense and will subject the offender to discipline.

A strong resolution for the free public schools was adopted. The resolution among other things says:—

That any individual, institution or influence which in the smallest degree or most diplomatic manner seeks to destroy this time-honored system or limits its usefulness shall be deemed an enemy of our common country, a menace to our free American institutions by the Masons of Idaho. * * * That all teachers employed in our public schools be required to take an oath of allegiance to the State and Nation, its Constitution and Laws, particularly pertaining to the school system.

They published a full roster of all the members in the proceedings.

A very interesting report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted

by R. W. Brother George E. Knepper, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and consists of something over one hundred pages. The proceedings of Nebraska, for 1920, are fraternally reviewed. He devoted three pages of his valuable report to that purpose, quoting liberally from the address of the Grand Master, and the report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian.

FLETCHER A. JETER, Grand Master, Boise.

GEORGE E. KNEPPER, Grand Secretary, Boise.

ILLINOIS, 1921.

Chicago.

October 11th, 1921.

82d Annual.

A photograph of Grand Master Daniel G. Fitzgerrell faces the title page. Prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, and the appointment of some brethren to fill vacancies, the Boys and Girls band of the Illinois Masonic Orphan Home gave a delightful musical entertainment. After prayer Brother Alexander H. Bell delivered a tribute to the late Grand Secretary Brother Isaac Cutter, who died in office during the preceding year. The Grand Master reported instituting nineteen new lodges during the year. He speaks feelingly of the death of Brother Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary, who died June 15th, 1921, and the appointment of Past Grand Master Owen Scott, as Grand Secretary. He reports refusing the petition from lodges formerly working in the German language, asking to be permitted to resume the use of their mother tongue, and the Grand Master rightfully refused the application. American Masonry is an American Institution, and whatever we may say as to the University of Masonry the United States is not large enough for anything but American lodges.

He says there is an epidemic of organizations or societies being formed, who make as a pre-requisite membership in Ancient Craft Masonry. He says two organizations for boys and even girls, under the age required in Masonry are being formed. He recommends a short form of opening lodges; thinks too much time is taken at the preliminary ceremonies, and says the change made a year before, providing a separate board of managers for each Home has bettered the condition of both. He recommends the bonding of all officers handling funds of the lodge. He reports against Masonic lotteries, even for the benefit of building funds. In one case an automobile and a number of other valuable articles were offered to the fortunate possessor of proper tickets. He ordered all money returned and the whole scheme suppressed, saying:—

If lodges cannot provide themselves meeting places without resorting to plans and schemes which violate the Masonic as well as the laws of the State and nation they should be content to rent lodge rooms indefinitely.

He arrested one charter; deposed one Master; and furnished a detailed report of dispensations, new lodges constituted, dedications, corner-stones laid, and lodges instituted. The Grand Treasurer reports total assets in the treasury of \$525,751.36, and \$71,209.50 in the George Washington National Memorial Association Fund. The committee on Grand Master's Report, approve the action of the Grand Master in regard to foreign language. We quote from the report:—

The principle, "It is for Masonry to know its own," has long ago been definitely established. The constitution of the Illinois Grand Lodge defines clearly the question of Masonic recognition. The fact that there are constantly being created groups of individuals who proclaim some connection with Masonry, who seek in some measure to trade upon that fraternal designation, or who produce in the public mind an unfortunate idea of Masonry through their machinations, does not affect the fundamental truth enunciated by the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge powers have never been abridged and they should never be questioned.

They approve the action of the Grand Master on Masonic lotteries. The Committee on Petitioners report on forty cases for restoration from suspension; in one case a brother was suspended in July, 1885, his dues at that time being \$12.00. He sent a check for reinstatement on his petition. He was restored to good standing in the Fraternity. Thirty-six years is quite a long while for a man to remain suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Superintendent of the Masonic Orphans Home reports 144 children, a gain of thirty-one during the past year. The report on the Masonic Home at Sullivan report eighty-nine men and forty women.

The oration was delivered by Brother Leroy A. Goddard, on Masonic Leadership, who says among other things:—

The paramount value of Masonic Leadership is loyalty to God and to country, obedience to law and the constituted authorities, and fealty to the flag, not only as a Masonic obligation but as a zealous impulse, a principle of life, fundamental and sacred, incumbent upon every individual Mason. * * * Let us sink it deep into our hearts that Masonry and patriotism are synonymous terms, and that fealty to Masonry recognizes no compromise with treason in any shape, form or fashion, but demands that spirit of patriotism not only of loyalty to the flag but loyalty also to the high ideals of individual citizenship.

There was an application for \$75,000.00 for the support of the Masonic Home at Sullivan and \$46,000.00, for the Orphans Home at LaGrange. A very full report was made by Brother Owen Scott, State Chairman of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, saying that there is \$1,000,000.00 in sight, and they expect to begin work of the erection of the Memorial some time during the present year. A fine memorial to Brother Isaac Cutter was presented by the Committee on Obituaries. The Masonic Relief Association was represented by Brother F. W. Bleike, who gave a brief report of the fourteenth biennial meeting held at New Orleans in October. Brother Elmer E. Beach was installed as Grand Master and with the presenta-

tion of the Past Grand Master's Jewel to the retiring Grand Master and the announcement of committees, closed the session of the Grand Lodge.

The report on correspondence is by Brother Delmar D. Darrah, who gave a splendid review of most of the jurisdictions in the United States, Nebraska not being found among the number. He is very much in favor of group work, in fact according to his idea there would be little impression made upon candidates and he is not in sympathy with single balloting; he thinks that could be done in group. He says we have too many laws, and ought to wipe them all out and return to the Anderson's Original Constitution of Freemasonry. He devotes some considerable time in his "Forward" to the increase of costs in Homes, but says nothing of the cost of so-called higher degrees. He is in favor of cipher rituals, thinks the fees for Masonic degrees have always been too low, and is in favor of a more temperate and moderate interpretation of the law relating to physical qualification. He does not like the action of Colorado and calls the legislation nonsensical, wherein they require a year's probation before making applications of so-called degrees. We suppose Nebraska would come under the same ban. He thinks that if any of the members of these so-called higher degrees are doing things to reflect on Ancient Craft Masonry, all that is necessary is to call the attention of the proper authority to the sins of commission and it is believed everything will be rectified and straightened out. That has not been our experience in this jurisdiction. When a protest was entered against travelling over the jurisdiction on Sunday to confer some degrees up to a certain stage, like the news boy on the train, giving out samples of peanuts and then coming along and selling two cents worth of peanuts for fifteen cents and then telling candidates to come to the Metropolis for some more of the so-called higher degrees, no attention was paid to the protest, and when some of the members of these so-called higher degrees set up a bar at an annual gathering and brought reproach upon the Institution of Masonry by drunken orgies at other meetings, and when they watch at the door of our Ancient Craft lodges for petitioners for the degrees in order to get them to sign an application for these so-called higher degrees, it is time for a Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to call a halt.

As to the Masonic Service Association, Brother Darrah is like the Oregon legislator who was in favor of the dog law, but against the enforcement. He does not believe in restricted lodge membership. He thinks if lodges were allowed to group their work there would come into the Fraternity an entirely new interest. He thinks each Masonic lodge has an inherent right to do all the work it wants to and no

Grand Lodge should attempt to limit the number of degrees to be conferred during the year.

ELMER E. BEACH, Grand Master, Chicago.

OWEN SCOTT, Grand Secretary, Decatur.

INDIANA, 1921.

Indianapolis.

May 24th, 1921.

104th Annual.

Picture of the new Grand Master Omar S. Smith, the presiding Grand Master, Richard H. Schwitzer, and also of the Grand Secretary William H. Swintz, face the title page of the proceedings, that is replete with Masonic activities. There were seventeen Past Grand Masters present at the annual communication. Hon. Omar B. Smith, Grand Master-elect represented Nebraska. The Grand Master, M. W. Richard H. Schwitzer gives a very full report of the activities of his office. He says:—

Our order has grown rapidly during the past few years, and there has been a tendency to lose sight of the ancient landmarks and customs; and innovations have been introduced into some of the Lodges that are foreign to the tenets of the institution. Unless these tendencies are halted abruptly, the high standards of the Fraternity are menaced, and I have not hesitated to adopt such measures as I have found necessary to eradicate them.

He pays a splendid tribute to Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Calvin M. Prather, who died August 1st, 1920. P. G. M. Olin E. Holloway was appointed Grand Secretary Pro Tem, who served until September 14th, when Past Grand Master William H. Swintz was appointed.

The Grand Master reports attending the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, and says that in their Home they have a wonderful and practical exemplification of the principles of our Order and a practical application of our obligations. He ordered a warrant drawn by the Grand Secretary for \$400.00 for the Red Cross Relief of the Chinese and \$100.00 for the Hoover Central European Relief Fund. He suspended the charters of twelve lodges and partially suspended a number of others. The partial suspensions were to prohibit lodges from conferring degrees on account of their lack of proficiency. He reported three decisions, and says in his opinion that if a Worshipful Master has authority, under the by-laws of the lodge, to appoint a member to an office in the lodge, he has also authority, upon a majority vote of the lodge, to remove such appointed officer for cause. He frowns upon the degree teams organized in some of the cities to confer degrees in Masonry on members of different lodges, and disapproves of unauthorized clubs, organizations, and societies claiming to be Masonic. He condemns begging and soliciting. He placed ten lodges on probation.

The Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Indianapolis presented

the Grand Lodge with a memorial in the nature of an additional building to their Home, appropriating \$150,000.00 for the purpose. The Board of Directors of the Masonic Home submitted a report, together with a report of the Superintendent. We note that they received \$1,244.00 for their Play Ground Fund and \$12,651.00 from the Eastern Star for their hospital fund. \$253,277.00 was received for the Home Fund.

M. W. Brother Herbert A. Graham, Grand Instructor, presented a very elaborate report of his work during the year. The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama was accorded fraternal recognition. The Grand Instructor was directed to perform his duties on the same line that he followed during the year and an appropriation was made of \$4,000.00 for his services and expenses. The Grand Secretary's salary was fixed at \$4,000.00 per annum. The law was changed so that each lodge in the jurisdiction would pay annually to the Grand Secretary on receipt of a statement from him, \$5.00 for each candidate during the preceding calendar year, such amounts to be placed in the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home. A resolution was adopted in favor of a bill for the public schools, known as the Smith-Towner bill, pending in Congress.

A splendid report of 138 pages reviewing sixty proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges, was submitted by Brother Elmer F. Gay, Reviewer. He gives us an interesting table of Masonic membership in the United States, the total being 2,322,288, with 140,257 in Canada. Nebraska is accorded two pages of his valuable report.

OMAR B. SMITH, Grand Master, Rochester.

WILLIAM H. SWINTZ, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.

IOWA, 1921.

Waterloo.

June 14, 1921.

78th Annual.

Jesse A. West, M. W. Grand Master, with the assistance of his officers, opened the Grand Lodge in ample form upon the third degree. 388 out of 534 working lodges were represented by 631 officers, Masters, Wardens and proxies.

The Grand Master in his address says:

Careful consideration of the needs of the Craft, led me to believe that the most important work in addition to the regular routine of administration was to carry on the progress of education and doctrines.

From our first introduction into Masonry, the high ideals of loyalty and patriotism to our country and government have ever been before us. We believe that true patriotism and loyalty to our country and government can be maintained only by education of the people and that such education can only be properly given in a public school, the true "Melting Pot" for AMERICANIZATION.

We are heartily in accord with the views of our distinguished brother, the author of the ritual of "The Order of DeMolay for Boys," when he says, "The public school system of our country is the founda-

tion of the universal enlightenment which is the crowning glory of our institutions. Masonry has ever been the champion of our educational institutions. Civil, Religious, and Intellectual Liberty are the triple temples of our country's greatness, but they must stand alone, upon separate foundations and under separate roofs." As Masons we are unalterably opposed to the same building housing a public school, a church and a seat of civil government. The public schools are America's Marne. Before their door this Order takes its stand and says of all who would assail that sacred citadel, "They shall not pass."

He pays a just tribute to the fraternal dead and reports fully the activities of his office during the year. He attended the meeting of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. He thinks that the Masonic Institution is rapidly nearing the danger line of becoming top-heavy, and recommends that a law be enacted prohibiting the soliciting for the so-called "higher degrees," until they become proficient in the Masters degree.

He devotes considerable space to the Masonic Service Association and highly commends its work along educational lines. He thinks the "Iowa plan" of rendering relief is admirable, yet thinks it will have to be supplemented by some other means to care for some of the unfortunates who cannot be accommodated by relatives and friends. They expended \$31,840.00 from their temporary charity fund for relief and have over \$161,000.00 in their permanent charity fund, and appropriated about \$30,000.00 for continued relief.

Three new lodges were created in Des Moines during the year, which is to be commended as solving in part the tendency of building up larger lodges in the cities.

They have a committee on Recognition of Grand Bodies who examine and report on all applications for recognition.

Instead of a District Deputy Grand Master system the Grand Master appoints special representatives that serve the same purpose. Very much important legislation was enacted. Among the laws passed was the following: The law fixing the stated meetings in particular days in calendar months, instead of lunar months. Changing the name of the Masonic Research Committee to the Masonic Service Committee and increasing its membership. A law requiring proficiency in the Masters degree, and prohibiting the soliciting for degrees in recognized bodies. Appointing special representatives of the Grand Master. Providing for a change in the form of the petition and attaching a questionnaire thereto. A resolution to amend the Masonic code to prohibit dancing and card playing in the lodge room, ante-room, preparation room, banquet rooms exclusively occupied, and used by a subordinate lodge, was reported to the committee without recommendation and allowed to die.

A very full report was made by the committee on chartered lodges and from the report it is shown that the dues charged by the various

lodges range from 75 cents to \$13.00 per annum and fees for the degrees from forty to seventy-five dollars.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by P. G. M. Louis Block of Davenport, and his foreword is on the Finality of the Masonic Institution, and the afterword on the prospect of Masonic Unity, which he sees in Masonic Service Association.

AMOS NORRIS ALBERSON, Grand Master, Washington.

NEWTON RAY PARVIN, Grand Secretary, Cedar Rapids.

IRELAND, 1921.

Stated Communication.

Dublin.

December 27th, 1921.

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Colonel Claude Cane, delivered the address. He reported twenty-eight new lodges added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, twenty-six in Ireland and two in South Africa. He reports resuming fraternal relations with Italy, and refused fraternal relations with the Polar Star Grand Lodge of Norway, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Bavaria. He makes a full report on the charities, and says that not enough money is found for them. He thinks that if the Masons of Ireland subscribed to the extent of one pound per capita they would be able to extend their schools, and refers to the fact that in one jurisdiction (England) at one meeting, one-half million dollars was subscribed to the Boys' School and \$350,000.00 for the Girls' School. He is concerned on account of conditions in South Ireland, and says they look forward with a certain amount of apprehension to what may happen and look for changes that do not recommend themselves to any of them. Recognition was accorded to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. A new principle in Irish Masonry was established by the by-law making it compulsory for all lodges to submit for the approval or otherwise, of the Provincial Committee of Inspection, the names of all candidates for affiliation from lodges outside of the Province. Over \$1,000.00 was granted out of the War Relief Fund to the Widows and Orphans of the brethren killed in the war.

KANSAS, 1922.

Topeka.

February 15th, 1922.

66th Annual.

The Grand Master, W. M. Ben S. Paulen, delivered his address and says the present year has been a busy one. He pays a tribute to the valuable assistance rendered by the District Deputy Grand Masters during the year. He thinks that the Masonic Home is the pride of every Kansas Mason, and that it is all that could be desired. He says the law providing for the transfer of membership is not only an absolute failure, but is fast destroying the usefulness of a part of their valuable record. During the five years that the law has been enforced,

it has developed that some members have been carried upon the rolls of three lodges during the past twelve months; in many cases it has been necessary for the Grand Master to suggest or even to order that certain things be done or not be done. He reports a number of decisions which were mainly approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer showed that there has been received in the general fund \$11,198.53. A minute report is submitted by the Grand Secretary, covering every detail of the work of his office. There is a picture of the oldest and youngest residents of the Masonic Home, one Levi H. Gorrell, born October 8th, 1822, the other Christopher Frederick Chester, born January 5th, 1917. The Secretary of the Home reports receipts of \$72,511.50, besides \$10,661.00 from bequests and donations, making the Endowment Fund \$87,693.42.

An oration by Brother Robert P. McCulloch was well received and ordered printed in the proceedings. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported in favor of the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland and the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, which on motion was adopted.

Brother Albert K. Wilson, in the foreword to his report on correspondence questions the wisdom of introducing into Masonic Bodies such matters as Near East Relief, National Education, etc. He does not agree with Nebraska in its endeavor to prohibit its members from petitioning "outside" organizations. He thinks that this is an admission that there is Freemasonry outside of the first three degrees, known as Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. Nebraska is reviewed, and he refers to the action of this Grand Lodge in reference to the petitioning for Scottish or York Rite degrees, or to soliciting petitions.

JOHN McCULLAGH, Grand Master, Galena.

ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, Topeka.

LOUISIANA, 1922.

New Orleans.

February 6th, 1922.

111th Annual.

The Grand Master, Hollace H. Bane, in his address, makes a very strong plea for the establishment of a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, and recommends that the Grand Lodge increase the dues of each member one dollar per annum for an indefinite number of years. From the very complete report of the Grand Secretary, we find that there has been a net gain of 2,607 members in their jurisdiction during the past year. There was a communication from P. .G. .M. . Rudolph Krause, written from Berlin, regretting his inability to meet with his brethren, at their annual communication. The Secretary of the Louisiana Relief Association reports an expenditure of \$12,643.00. The oration was by Jasper K. Smith, Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that their

present policy of non-interference in the Masonic affairs in Mexico, be maintained until their next annual communication. There was a strong resolution offered by M.:W.: Lee E. Thomas, P.:G.:M.:, in favor of the erection of a Masonic Home for the orphan children of the Masons of the state. A committee of five was appointed and they asked further time to devise a plan for the financing of such an institution, with the amendment that instead of making an assessment of fifty cents a member, the per capita tax be increased to one dollar. The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence presented a report on issuing dispensations and the reception of more than five candidates at one meeting. While they do not raise any question of the Grand Master's right under his prerogative to grant the dispensations granted, they entertain great doubts of the wisdom in the setting aside of these regulations of this Grand Lodge limiting the number of degrees that can be conferred at one communication. This is a full answer of Brother Davilla's question as to what they were drifting from in Louisiana. The review is by the Grand Secretary, Nebraska being fraternally considered.

IRA W. SYLVESTER, Grand Master, Alexandria.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary, New Orleans.

MAINE, 1921.

Portland.

May 3d, 1921.

102d Annual.

Twenty-five Grand Officers, two hundred and sixty-five delegates, representing 186 of the 206 chartered lodges, were present. Eight of the nine living Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge. Grand Master Edward W. Wheeler, in his annual address, says:—

There has never been a time when all the qualities of Freemasonry were more essential for our safety and happiness than in the difficult and trying period of re-adjustment and re-construction through which we are now passing. * * * Let us cause the Light of Masonry to shine with greater effulgence, that its comforting and inspiring rays may penetrate all of our activities and by dispelling all dissension and misunderstanding, make brighter the pathway of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love.

He reports an increase of 2,829 in the membership of the subordinate lodges, and says that the average income of the lodges in Maine is not sufficient to enable them to meet the necessary and unexpected calls for relief. He pleads for the establishment of a Charity Fund in every lodge, and recommends a more liberal rule on physical qualification. He approves the George Washington National Memorial Association. Referring to the Masonic Service Association, he says:—

While the particular occasion which brought this organization into existence has passed, the Association will be maintained in an effort to promote Masonic Education and enlarge the service and usefulness of the Order.

And adds:—

While all Masons are taught to give loyal devotion and steadfast obedience to constituted authority, and not to countenance any disloyalty to the country in which they live, the order takes no part in matters of legislation or question of governmental policy. It must not be diverted from its dignified and accustomed course into fields of unmasonic controversy. We shall need to be well assured that such a result will not follow the activities of this Association before we decide to join its membership.

The committee appointed at the previous Grand Lodge on the question of the Masonic Service Association reported the following conclusion:—

We would respectfully report that it does not appear advisable for the Grand Lodge of Maine to become a member of the U. S. Masonic Service Association.

The minimum fees for the degrees were raised from twenty to thirty dollars.

The report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase, who reviews the proceedings of forty-five jurisdictions in eighty-two pages, Nebraska not appearing.

EDWARD W. WHEELER, Grand Master, Brunswick.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary, Portland.

MANITOBA, 1921.

Winnipeg.

June 8th, 1921.

46th Annual.

The Grand Master says:—

Our membership has grown by leaps and bounds. The Grand Secretary's report will show an actual increase of nearly one thousand members. Brethren, these facts indicate material progress, but we should ever bear in mind the truth that material progress does not of necessity mean that the order is growing stronger. True progress in Masonry can be measured only in terms of service. * * * These are troublous times! The signing of the peace treaty—that event from which we hoped so much—has not brought peace in the fullest sense of the word. One has but to read the daily newspapers to realize that terribly unsettled condition of the world at large. The fate of civilization is still at stake. Where will it all end? What factors are to dominate in the final adjustment of differences? Let us pray God that may be led from this chaos by influences which have as their fundamental principles those which we as Masons are daily endeavoring to inculcate in the hearts of our great brotherhood.

The Committee on Benevolence made a splendid report on relief granted, and closed with the following:—

We are building better pathways for the feet of men to tread,
They shall look on greater splendors in the years that lie ahead,
But the hand of grief shall find them, they shall feel the touch of
care,
And shall need good friends about them, in the darkness of despair.

We can never make it over to a world that's sorrow free,
Despite all our brave endeavors, grief and care shall always be,
And when all the laws are written that the hand of men can pen,
There will still be need for kindness and for brave and helpful men.

P. G. M. Hager of North Dakota was present, who brought an invitation to the Grand Lodge to be present at the ceremonies of dedicating a marker and tablet to be unveiled Tuesday, June 21st, at Pembina, which will designate for all time the site of the building in which the first regularly organized Masonic lodge held its meetings during the winter of 1863 and 1864. This lodge was known as Northern Light Lodge, and the warrant was issued to C. W. Nash and eleven other soldiers, all members of Hatcher's battalion about to leave St. Paul for Pembina to garrison the post there. The invitation was accepted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submits a report which they say is for home consumption. "So mote it be." The beautiful address by the Grand Chaplain was well worth reading and full of splendid advice for the brethren.

GEORGE H. JACKSON, Grand Master, Winnipeg.

JAMES A. OVAS, Grand Secretary, Winnipeg.

MARYLAND, 1921.

Baltimore.

May 10th, 1921.

258th Semi-annual.

The Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, after which the G. M., Warren S. Seipp, was received and proclaimed as Grand Master, and he delivered his address. He reports a net gain of 1,862 in the first six months of his term, and that the additional fee added to the initiation netted them \$10,710.00. They have a monthly meeting of the Grand Inspectors in Baltimore, and he reports them a wonderful help to the Grand Master; that over \$37,000.00 has been contributed to the George Washington National Memorial Association. He reports that one of the lodges organized its workers into a welfare committee, classified the members in districts and groups so that in a few minutes any of the members of the lodge can be reached, either in person or by phone, and this has resulted in an increase of attendance at the lodges. He offers for the consideration a standing resolution that if for any reason the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, or Master Mason degree is not conferred within twelve months from the time of election, the applicant shall be automatically dropped from the rolls. This recommendation was adopted.

An amendment of the constitution was laid over for the November meeting, which provided that no lodge in the city of Baltimore, or in any other city in the state having twenty thousand or more inhabitants, shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for less than one hundred dollars, nor any lodge outside of such cities for less than fifty dollars. This was amended so as to make the sum seventy-five dollars in the city and forty dollars in the country lodges. The Committee on Correspondence reported that 1,817 of the members of the Craft served in the World War, thirty-seven of whom made the supreme sacrifice. There is a resolution pending to establish a Masonic Home, to appro-

priate twenty thousand dollars from the Grand Charity Fund, and to assess against every Mason in the jurisdiction in good standing the sum of one dollar per year in addition to the regular dues to be used for that purpose.

The annual communication was held at Baltimore on November 15th, and the Grand Master reports an increase of 954 in the last six months, making a total gain of membership for the year 2,816, bringing the total membership up to 28,430. The Committee on Masonic Home requested that they be given more time for consideration of the matter. Under the new constitution 27 per cent of the initiation fee for each Mason initiated and seventy-five cents for each member of the lodge outside the city of Baltimore, and one dollar and ten cents for each member of the lodge in the city shall be paid into the General Fund of the Grand Lodge, and under an amendment to the constitution all petitions for initiation and affiliation must lie over eight weeks before a ballot can be taken. Our Maryland brethren are cautious. There is published in the proceedings an address of Brother John Lowry Sanford, P. G. J. W., before the Masonic Veterans Association on Washington's Birthday, which is one of the best addresses for the occasion that this writer has ever perused.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother Henry Branch, P. G. S. W., who gives our proceedings a page and a half in return for two inches devoted by this reviewer to their last proceedings.

WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand Master, Baltimore.
 GEORGE COOK, Grand Secretary, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1920.

Merrimack.

March 10th, 1920.

M. W. Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master, delivered an address, among other things noting the death of the fraternal dead of his jurisdiction, and reporting fully on the George Washington National Memorial Association, heartily approving the same. Speaking of solicitation, he says:—

Our portals are open to all good and true, but we ask no man to enter.

He recommends the adoption of the questionnaire, and urges more careful investigation of all applicants, and especially investigations from independent sources, the conditions of every service Mason on the roll. At the quarterly communication held September 8th, 1920, the Grand Master refers to the continued increase of applications for membership. They admit or permit membership in more than one lodge. Again he reports on the George Washington Memorial Association and Masonic Service Association, approving both.

The annual communication was held December 27th, when they installed the Grand Master, and presented a Grand Master's jewel to

the retiring Grand Master, the balance of the session being taken up by the grand feast. There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

ARTHUR D. PRINCE, Grand Master.

FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1921.

Battle Creek.

May 24th, 1921.

77th Annual.

A picture of the Grand Master, Robert P. Anderson, and a group picture of the other Grand Officers begins the proceedings. There was an address of welcome by the Mayor and a response by P. G. M. Lusk, also the presentation of a bouquet to the Grand Master by the Order of the Eastern Star. The Grand Master, Ira A. Beck, in his address, says:—

Never before in the history of the world has Masonry prospered as during the past year; never has Michigan Masonry prospered as during the past year. With that prosperity, however, comes responsibility, and today, as I look over the glorious past, the wonderful present, and the inspiring future, I know that Masonry should meet present conditions forcibly and throw all her power into the balance for the successful solution of the problems of the present hour.

He says our Masonry must personify Americanism, adding:—

American Masonry and Michigan Masonry owe and stand ready to pay her obligations of seeing to it that the youth of the nation are educated.

He wants them to stand behind the organization of Boy Scouts, and last and most important, probably, to stand behind our church organizations, saying that our great force for good, nearly one hundred twenty-five thousand strong in Michigan, nearly two and one-half million strong in the United States, must stand out against the red flag of Bolshevism, which must be suppressed.

He reports the death of two Past Grand Masters, Look and McMillan of his own jurisdiction, and of the distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions, and approves the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington National Memorial Association. He recommends an amendment to the law against the use of Masonic emblems as business signs or cards, and says:—

I wish to impress upon the Masons the fact that we are conferring so many degrees that it may well be said that our lodge rooms are degree mills.

And closes with the following quotation from Pythagoras:—

“Nightly forbear to close thine eyes to rest,
Till thou has questioned well thy conscious breast
What act omitted thou oughtest to have done,
What act committed thou oughtest to have shun,
And as fair truth or error marks the deed
Let sweet applause or sharp reproach succeed,
These steps, while this Grand Rule is thine,
Undevious lead in Virtue's path Divine.”

Among the distinguished visitors was Past Grand Master L. A. Watres of Pennsylvania, who was there in the interest of the George Washington National Memorial Association, of which he is president. The chairman of the Association made a report, showing that \$28,293.14 had been collected, most of which had been forwarded to the secretary of the association. There was a net gain in membership of 12,974, making the total membership 120,013. Past Grand Master William Hutchison of Iowa was present and made a pleasing address. The Order of the Eastern Star withdrew from the Masonic Home board, they intending to devote their entire time and energy to the Eastern Star Orphanage Home. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on the questionnaire and recommended that it be referred to a special committee and reported on at the next annual communication. The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00, per annum, and the writer, speaking with some knowledge, says that "Lou" is worth every cent of it. The entire expense of the upkeep of the Masonic Home for the year was reported as \$57,578.18.

The Masonic Service Association and the George Washington National Memorial Association were approved. Lou B. Winsor, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits his eighteenth annual report on correspondence, in which he reviews sixty-nine jurisdictions, five of the jurisdictions being reviewed for two years. Four pages of his valuable reports were devoted to Nebraska; he copies freely from the address of Grand Master Tooley, and from the report of "Uncle Bob." The next meeting is to be held in Grand Rapids.

ROBERT P. ANDERSON, Grand Master, Port Huron.
LOU B. WINSOR, Grand Secretary, Grand Rapids.

MINNESOTA, 1921.

St. Paul.

January 19th, 1921.

68th Annual.

A picture of M. W. E. A. Montgomery, Grand Master, faces the title page. He reports the dedication of one hall, the laying of two corner-stones, and the formal opening of the Masonic Home; he also reports thirty-eight rulings, all of local interest. He failed to approve the action of the previous session, defining physical qualification of candidates. He suggests a resolution to have the Masonic Service Association investigate the question of the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges, following in line with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The representatives of the Service Association were present. It seems to the writer another attempt to arrogate to the Service Association one of the prerogatives of the Grand Lodge, another attempt for a General Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Grievances are not carried away by sympathy, but seem to "Judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and repre-

hend with justice." On the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence the law of physical qualification was changed and concluded with: "No ruling of the Master of the Lodge, no decision or dispensation of the Grand Master can warrant any departure from the regulation laid down in this section."

The Committee on Masonic Home made a report showing that they have 271 acres of land, and they report a donation that will amount to something over \$100,000.00.

The review is by Brother Irving Todd, who in sixty pages reviews the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges, Nebraska being accorded its proper proportion. Had we the ability to condense like Brother Todd there would be no difficulty in keeping our review within the one hundred pages.

FREDERICK E. JENKINS, Grand Master, Fairbault.

JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

MINNESOTA, 1922.

St. Paul.

January 18th, 1922.

69th Annual.

The Grand Master, Frederick E. Jenkins, reports the death of five hundred of the distinguished brethren, among them Brother Ludwig, who for fifteen years was Tyler of the Grand Lodge; the death of Brother Irving Todd, for thirty years chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and P.:G.:M.:, Robert E. Denfeld, and P.:G.:M.: James Frederick Lawless. We will miss Brother Todd. He was a great condenser and could probably get more on a page of his review than any other scribe known to the fraternity. He reports a number of opinions and decisions, all of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. P.:G.:M.: William A. McGonagle, while in Washington, met the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Italy, and as a result of the meeting fraternal relations were severed with the Grand Orient of Italy and established with the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master makes a full report of the Masonic Service Association, and while recognizing its great value, regrets that they are lagging behind in organizing and securing results. There is also a full report of the George Washington National Masonic Association and the Grand Master reports attending the meeting February 21st, 1922. Brother Steward Gamble, President of the Masonic Home, made a very interesting report and in the report collated what other states are doing for Masonic Homes. For the information of the brethren in this jurisdiction we copy the information gathered by Brother Gamble:—

State	Initiate	Per Capita	Ind.
Alabama	\$ 3.00	\$1.00	\$250,000.00
Arizona	10.00	.50	140,000.00
Arkansas	8.00	.50	
*California	20.00	.85	
Connecticut	10.00	1.15	300,000.00
Delaware	10.00	1.00	250,000.00
Indiana	5.00	1.00	8,700.00
Kansas	5.00	.55	160,000.00
Kentucky	20.00	1.50	350,000.00
Massachusetts	5.00	None	989,692.57
Mississippi	6.00	1.00	125,000.00
Missouri	10.00	1.75	200,000.00
**Montana (none)	15.00	1.00	100,000.00
New Hampshire	10.00	.50	35,000.00

*Home, \$0.35; Building \$0.50; surplus 1-5.

**Expect to recommend this year.

The Committee on Ancient Landmarks recommend that fraternal relation be established with the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, recinding the action of the Grand Lodge in 1919, establishing fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Italy, and that fraternal relations be established with the National Grand Lodge of Italy. They recommended that the request from all the other Grand Bodies be postponed for further consideration. It seems that the Grand Lodge is to publish a key under the direction of the Board of Custodians, one to be delivered to each lodge in the jurisdiction and the remainder offered for sale to the brethren by the Grand Secretary.

From and after January 1st, 1923, for each petitioner for degree, \$13.00 is to be paid when the Masonic degree is conferred by the lodge, \$10.00 of which shall be applied to the maintenance and improvements of the Masonic Home, and \$3.00 to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge, and after the same date, \$1.50 is to be paid for each member in good standing, \$1.00 to be paid to the Masonic Home, ten cents to the Emergency Fund, and forty cents to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

The death of Brother Irving Todd necessitated the appointment of a chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, to which position Charles S. Schurman was appointed, who completed the work and presented a splendid report. Unfortunately, the proceedings of Nebraska were not received. There is a full report of the transactions of the Masonic Veterans Association of fifty-nine pages. The historian gives us this beautiful "Sentiment in the Rough":—

When I am dead, don't lie like thieving whelps
 Because, perhaps, you've sometime heard said
 A little common bull or blarney helps
 To chase the shadows, when a fellow's dead.
 If you have any pretty things to say,
 That you believe will help a man's soul to thrive,
 Just spiel it in a friendly kind of way
 To cheer some lucky guy that's still alive.
 While in life's game, you always used me white.
 I can't complain of other people's acts;
 So when I pass into the shades of night,
 Don't spoil it by exaggerating facts;
 But let your good intentions seek the goal
 Of hearts responsive, struggling o'er life's road;
 They bear no balm to a departed soul,
 But make lighter some tired brother's load.
 When I am dead, just save the sweet bouquet
 That you intend should wither on my grave,
 And use the money in some better way
 To cheer some heart that's striving to be brave.
 The flowers you've given me I have enjoyed,
 They made a fitting crown for living head;
 "Say it with flowers" of sense is sometimes void,
 It does not fit the language of the dead.

MISSOURI, 1921.

St. Louis.

September 20th, 1921.

101st Annual.

A picture of the Grand Master, with a biographical sketch, heads the proceedings. The Grand Master, in his address, reports a letter received from the Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother John R. Parson, who in tendering his resignation, says:—

But, the time has come when on account of impaired eyesight and physical strength, I can no longer with complete fidelity to the brethren and justice to my physical condition, continue to carry the responsibility of this great office.

The resignation was accepted, and M. W. Brother Frank R. Jesse was appointed to fill the vacancy, and Brother Parson was made Grand Secretary Emeritus. The Grand Master spoke rather strongly against a secret organization that prevailed in the south about a half a century ago who assumed to themselves the right to administer law. The Grand Master reports attending the Masonic Service Association: says that he has at this time neither criticism nor recommendation to make, but does recommend, either through a Committee on Masonic Service or Speakers Bureau, competent persons be selected for the purpose of disseminating Masonic teachings and principles to the various lodges throughout the state. He reports attending the meeting of the Washington National Memorial Association, and approves the same. He thinks that the Grand Lodge at its last communication took a forward step when it amended its law providing that every applicant for the degrees and every petitioner for membership from a lodge

outside the state is requested to pay \$10.00 to the Masonic Home Fund, that said law had already yielded them \$80,000.00, and he does not think that it has been the cause of the loss of fifty petitioners through the state. Among the decisions was one holding that the law prohibiting a lodge from laying corner-stones on Sunday did not apply to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the Amendment to the Masonic Home Charter submitted the following resolution:—

Resolved, that the officers and directors of the Masonic Home of Missouri be and they are hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary or proper to amend the charter of the Masonic Home of Missouri, increasing the Board of Directors from thirteen to sixteen, and providing that three of such Board of Directors be elected or selected by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Missouri in the same manner as the thirteen directors have heretofore been and are now being selected by the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of the state of Missouri.

Which was on motion of the Committee on Jurisprudence reported in favor of adoption, but an amendment was carried referring the same to the special committee of five to be reported on at the session of the Grand Lodge this year.

A new trial code was adopted. The following resolution was adopted, and in this connection we think it would be well for every jurisdiction to follow in the footsteps of our Missouri brethren, so that permanent and adequate provisions could be made for our Masonic Relief:—

Be it Resolved, that the Masonic Home Board be, and it is hereby directed to immediately give thorough and careful consideration to the prospective financial needs of the Masonic Home for the next twenty years and the most desirable and effective means of meeting these financial needs and make its recommendations in regard thereto at the next regular communication of this Grand Lodge, to the end that permanent and adequate provision may be made for the growth and maintenance of the Masonic Home.

The report of the special committee on the Masonic Service Association, which was adopted, appropriates \$1,000.00 for the purpose of paying the traveling and necessary expenses to and from the subordinate lodges requesting their services when these lodges are unable to meet the expenses; this is keeping the money in the jurisdiction. The expenses of the Grand Lodge exceeded the income, so that the per capita tax for the support of the Masonic Home was raised from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per member.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Past Grand Master Rev. C. C. Wood, and is 176 pages of good reading. He copies in full the recommendation of the Grand Master and the action of the Grand Lodge in adopting the recommendation in reference to membership in so-called higher degrees. Past Grand Master William W. Keysor's

letter is copied in full. Nebraska is accorded almost four pages of his valuable report, for which we express our appreciation.

O. A. LUCAS, Grand Master, Kansas City.

FRANK R. JESSE, Grand Secretary, St. Louis.

MONTANA, 1920.

Missoula.

August 18, 1920.

56th Annual.

They held ten special communications of the Grand Lodge, six to lay corner-stones, three to constitute lodges, and one to dedicate the Temple. Grand Master W. L. Parmelee, Nebraska Masonic product, was initiated into our Alexandria Lodge No. 74, in 1894, while the present writer was Grand Master of this jurisdiction. After greeting the brethren, the Grand Master in his address pays tribute to the fraternal dead. He constituted three lodges and created nine others, and reports ten decisions, all in accordance with their Masonic law. He endorses the Masonic Service Association. Another institution was organized in their jurisdiction, more Masonic (harness) as it were, under the title of Masonic Welfare of Northeastern Montana. He says:—

A number of lodges of Northeastern Montana have formed a Welfare Association and I am indebted to Brother F. B. Gillette, the Chairman, for a letter giving an outline of the proceedings of the first meeting. The purposes of the organization are educational, and most certainly commendable, and follow the general lines suggested at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge in Great Falls. Such an Association is capable of much good, if its original purposes are strictly adhered to. However, there is an element of danger in all organizations of this nature. There may develop political ambitions which may destroy the usefulness of the Association from the standpoint of Masonic good, and even destroy the usefulness of Masonry in this section and injure it throughout the state. There may be ambitions develop to wield a controlling influence in this Grand Lodge, and such a condition would work untold injury to the peace and harmony of the Craft, and its influence for the uplift of society. So, my brethren, I would warn you that there is a grave responsibility resting upon you, and trust that this will serve to keep it continually before you.

The address shows an active, busy Masonic year. The Grand Senior Warden makes a full report, as does also the Grand Senior Deacon. These reports were approved and printed in the proceedings. The question of the Masonic Welfare Association of Northeastern Montana was referred to a special committee of five, who reported commending the associated brethren for the zeal in organizing this welfare association, but recommend that it is deemed the sense of this Grand Lodge that the activities of this and similar geographic district organizations be limited strictly to the purpose of Masonic research and study.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported against the recognition of the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of France, and after

a full discussion and the vote being taken, the Grand Master announced that the report of the committee recommending that French bodies be not recognized at this session, was adopted. They then made a motion to appoint a committee of five to consider the recognition of the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of France to report at the next annual communication.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a report of 118 pages by Past Grand Master H. S. Hepner, Nebraska for 1919 receiving due consideration. He quotes almost an entire page from P. G. M. Epperson's address, giving his conclusion on the future of Nebraska Masonry.

ROBERT J. HATHAWAY, Grand Master, Glendive.

CORNELIUS HEDGES, Jr., Grand Secretary, Helena.

MONTANA, 1921.

Butte.

August 17th, 1921.

57th Annual.

A fine picture of the Grand Master, Robert J. Hathaway, faces the proceedings, and there are three splendid pictures of the Masonic Home, one showing the building and lawn, one the lobby, and one the terrace. An address of welcome was made by the Mayor of Butte, Brother James J. Cocking. A response by the Deputy Grand Master, Henry C. Smith, followed, and introduction of M. W. Brother Stockwell, the Grand Secretary of North Dakota, who came to represent the Masonic Service Association.

The Grand Master in his address, after the introduction, reports many of the distinguished dead of his jurisdiction. He also reports a gain of 1,597 for the year. He selected thirty odd speakers for the Masonic Service Association in subordinate lodges, and reports attending the meeting at St. Louis. He strongly recommended that the Finance Committee be made a standing committee, and that they develop a budget system for the financing of the Grand Body. He approves the Acacia Brotherhood. M. W. Brother E. M. Hutchison reports a very active business of the Masonic Service Association. Two resolutions were entered, one to accord recognition to La Grand Loge De France and the Grand Orient of France, which were referred to a special committee of five, who reported:—

That after a careful examination of the documents in support of such resolutions submitted to us by the proposers thereof, we are not satisfied that the objections existing against such recognition, to-wit: That the said grand jurisdictions are atheistic; that they recognize mixed lodges of men and women; that they have departed from the ancient landmarks of Masonry, and that they are employed for political purposes, have been explained away, and therefore we recommend that the resolutions recognizing said Grand Orient of France and Le Grande Loge de France be not approved.

The record says:—

To the surprise of all, not a Brother arose in opposition to the report, and the motion of Brother Parmelee was adopted.

Brother Hepner says:—

Had I known that such speedy action would be had by this Grand Lodge upon this question, it would have saved me from bringing pretty nearly a trunk full of documents and literature over here in opposition to an attempt at recognition.

The request of the Grand Lodge of Mexico for recognition was not granted, the report saying:—

That the York Grand Lodge of Mexico now recognized by this Grand Lodge to be the legitimate Grand Body in that country and can see no good reason at this time to change our views.

The committee to whom was referred the part of the Grand Master's address referring to the Masonic Home did not deem it best to prepare the Home for the reception of the children and they recommended that a survey be made to ascertain the number of Masonic orphans in Montana, requiring care. The Committee on the Masonic Club at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, recommended that the Grand Lodge take no part at this time in endeavoring to finance the above mentioned Masonic Club, for the reason that there will be many demands upon the finances of the lodges in Montana of like nature. The Committee of the Acacia Brotherhood reported favoring this brotherhood, with the provision that no financial responsibility was to be assumed by the Grand Lodge. A testimonial to P. G. M. Parmelee was presented.

The report on Foreign Correspondence of ninety-one pages reviewing sixty-one proceedings was submitted by P. G. M. H. S. Hepner, Nebraska being well considered, and quotations from the address of the Grand Orator, James R. Dean, on the Forward Look, occupied about half the report.

HENRY C. SMITH, Grand Master, Miles City.

CORNELIUS HEDGES, Jr., Grand Secretary, Helena.

NEVADA, 1921.

Reno.

June 8th, 1921.

57th Annual.

Grand Master Harry H. Atkinson (representing Nebraska near Grand Lodge of Nevada) reports the death of Past Grand Secretary J. D. Hammond and Past Grand Masters Freeman and Davis. The Grand Secretary called the roll of the departed brethren. The Grand Master reports many degrees by courtesy and gives a full account of his visitations. He reports four decisions, approves the George Washington National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association, and makes a number of recommendations. The following is worthy of serious consideration:—

The Master of each Constituent Lodge shall at the time of his installation, appoint a standing committee of three members of the lodge, whose duty it shall be to take cognizance of the conduct of

brethren within the jurisdiction of the lodge, reconcile difficulties that may arise among the brethren, and, when proper, prefer charges and specifications for the action of the lodge.

He makes a favorable report on state of the Craft, and says:—

When any attempt is made by any group or set of people to disrupt our institutions and endanger the peace and tranquility of our country by a course of action which has for its seeking an object and end inimicable to our welfare, and causing us to be embroiled in a war with a friendly foreign power on matters not of vital national import, then I feel that it is the duty of Masons to counter any such attempts and come to the aid of their country without faltering and without equivocation.

The year's oration was by Brother Edward A. Ducker, at the close of which a vote of thanks was tendered and the oration ordered printed in the proceedings. The Master of Instruction submitted a report.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Edward D. Vanderleith, Nebraska being given its due portion, with liberal quotations from the report of our overseas delegation and Grand Orator Dean.

LOUIS G. CAMPBELL, Grand Master, Winnemucca.

EDWARD D. VANDERLEITH, Grand Secretary, Reno.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1921.

City of Saint John.

April 26th, 1921.

54th Annual.

Grand Master M. W. Lieut.-Col. James D. B. F. MacKenzie, in his address, says that throughout the English-speaking world, the year has been one of anxiety and unrest. He says hope was expressed that the Allied leaders, when they entered in the signing of the Armistice, had solved the problem of war by having universal peace proclaimed throughout the world through the so-called League of Nations, but he says there is much evidence that war still rages throughout the greater part of Europe. Call it by what name you may, the fact remains that bloody battles are being fought every day by several of the countries which were engaged in the Great War. That it looks almost like a War of Extinction. He expresses the hope that saneness will soon once more return. He reports his activities as Grand Master and makes some timely recommendations. The law was changed so that the meeting will be in August instead of September. The District Deputies present a full report of their activities.

There was a net increase of 553, making the total membership at the end of the year 4,917. They lost fifty-four members by withdrawals and sixty-two by death.

LT.-COL. J. D. B. F. MACKENZIE, Grand Master, Chatham.

J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary, St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1921.

Concord.

May 11th, 1921.

132d Annual.

The Grand Master reports a net gain of 1,097 members during the year. He reports the death of P.'G.'M.'. John Francis Webster, approves the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association, and recommends that an extra fee of ten dollars be required of each petitioner for the degrees, to go into the Masonic Home Building Fund, which, after being referred to a committee, was approved with the addition that any petitioner applying for membership from without the state may pay a like sum. On his recommendation a committee was appointed to consider the question of dual membership. In the mind of the writer this would be a good move if it tended to confine membership to the Ancient Craft Masonry.

P.'G.'M.'. Harry M. Cheney submits his fifteenth annual report on Foreign Correspondence, our proceedings for 1920 receiving due consideration.

WALTER G. AFRICA, Grand Master, Manchester.

HARRY M. CHENEY, Grand Secretary, Concord.

NEW JERSEY, 1921.

Trenton.

April 20th, 1921.

134th Annual.

A fine picture of Cooper H. Prickett, Grand Master, faces the title page. There were seven emergent communications. P.'G.'M.'. George L. Schoonover, representing the Masonic Service Association, and P.'G.'M.'. Louis A. Watres representing the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, were among the distinguished brethren present, and were received with grand honors. The Grand Master, in his address, reports appointing a committee to solicit funds for the Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and he recommends continuance of membership in the Masonic Service Association. He reports issuing six dispensations for new lodges. He passed on 270 cases of physical defects, waived 244, refused sixteen and left ten pending. Among his decisions under the law he says that charges may be entered against an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason for improper conduct committed either prior to or subsequent to the time that he was proposed for membership. This may be good law in New Jersey and surely relieves the investigating committee of all responsibility in examining into the qualifications of an applicant. He reports expending \$2,000.00 from the Grand Lodge Charity Fund for European Relief, and appointed a Committee on War Medals for Masons who participated in the World War.

Addresses were delivered by P.'G.'M.'. Schoonover on the Masonic Service Association, and P.'G.'M.'. Louis A. Watres on the

George Washington National Memorial Association. The Committee on Grand Lodge Charity Fund said that there was no call made on this fund by the lodges during the year. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported in favor of fraternal recognition with the Grand Lodge of Hayti. A very interesting report, being the seventh annual, of the Masonic Bureau of New Jersey was presented.

The report of the Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association reported the activities of the committee during the year, and called upon all the lodges who have not yet contributed to the support, to complete payment. They approved the Masonic Service Association. The Grand Lodge was temporarily closed to allow the Superintendent of the Home to present four children, the guests of the Home. The Committee on Masonic Home made a very full report. They report \$22,321.00 in bequests received during the year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in their annual report, reviewing forty-nine proceedings of forty-eight Grand Lodges, was submitted by the chairman of the committee. It consists of seventy-three pages, Nebraska being accorded its due consideration.

ERNEST A. REED, Grand Master, Trenton.
ISAAC CHERRY, Grand Secretary, Trenton.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1920.

Sydney.

August 12th, 1920.

Special Communication.

A special communication was held for the purpose of the installation of the Grand Master. There was an address by the Grand Master, reviewing the growth of Sydney and Masonry, showing the growth of the latter for the past one hundred years. The regular communication was held December 8th, 1920, at Sydney. Since the inauguration of the Grand Lodge in 1888, Arthur H. Bray, P. G. S. W., has been Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and as a mark of distinction the rank of P. G. M. was conferred. A War Memorial was held at which a magnificent marble tablet was unveiled. The address commemorating the unveiling of the Memorial Tablet shows that 3,077 of the brethren of New South Wales had an active part in the great war, 362 of them making the Greatest Sacrifice. The Board of Benevolence meets monthly and makes liberal provisions for applicants, showing something over 5,000 pounds contributed to Masonic Relief during the year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence say the bond of union between the Grand Lodges has been strengthened by the holding of the great "Peace Meeting" in England, probably the most important gathering of the Masons for two hundred years. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a readable report, wherein they cover the questions of French Grand Bodies, Bolshevism, Masonic Educa-

tion, Masonic Homes, Physical Qualification, and the Masonic Service Association, and devotes four or five pages to the latest Masonic poems.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, Grand Master.

ARTHUR H. BRAY, Grand Secretary, Sydney.

NEW ZEALAND, 1921.

Auckland.

May 11th, 1921.

32d Annual.

They follow in the footsteps of the English constitution wherein the Board of General Purposes submits its report of the business to be transacted in the annual communication, proposed laws, and changes in the law, and the business of the Grand Lodge is confined to the matter set forth in the proceedings. M.:W.: Brother Thomas Ross was to be re-elected as Grand Master, and they have a scheme wherein the different officers are assigned to the different districts. The Board of Benevolence reported granting 665 pounds for relief during the year. There were nine appeals sent out to lodges making appeals for nine special cases. The Annuity Board of Widows and Orphans and Aged Masons Home submit a very full report of their activities, showing the annuities of 2,171 pounds during the year.

M.:W.: Brother Malcolm Niccol, the veteran Grand Secretary, resigned his office and after considerable discussion he was granted 400 pounds per year during life. After the installation of the Grand Master, he delivered an address, and speaking of the progress of the Grand Lodge, says that the increase in membership was 1,200, and the Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Annuity Fund had increased by nearly 11,000 pounds. He reports the consecration of five new lodges and says that there is still a surplus of over 13,000 pounds in the War Benevolent Fund. Nine circulars were sent out for appeal for special cases and resulted in the contribution of 2,600 pounds. He reports an address to his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, and thinks every lodge should have a lodge of research, where papers should be read, lectures given, and questions discussed on subjects of Masonic concern.

The annual communication was changed from May to November. There is a proposition to amend the laws so that every applicant for initiation into Freemasonry shall be handed by the secretary of the lodge a booklet on "The Aims, Objects and Teaching of Ancient, Free and Accepted Freemasonry," sanctioned and issued by the Grand Lodge, to be returned to the lodge after perusal. There is no report on correspondence.

THOMAS ROSS, Grand Master, Dunedin.

GEORGE BARCLAY, Grand Secretary, Dunedin.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1921.

Grand Forks.

June 21st, 1921.

32d Annual.

A picture of Allen V. Haig, Grand Master, with a short sketch of his life, faces the title page of the proceedings.

There was a reception of a number of distinguished guests and the presentation of the colors. The Grand Master delivered his address, which fully reported his work for the year. He reports the death of Past Grand Masters Percival and Morrison, the constituting of new lodges, and the issuing of a dispensation for the election of a Master to fill vacancy caused by death of incumbent. All of his acts and decisions were approved.

The Grand Secretary, with his report, submitted the questionnaires used by Michigan, Indiana, and Missouri, in connection with their petition for membership, and says:—

It is my conviction after nearly forty years of membership in the order that the average committee on investigation is not diligent in the discharge of his duty. Most of the reports are signed perfunctorily by members without the slightest knowledge of the character of the applicant and many times without even an acquaintance of any kind.

The Committee on Masonic Education reported their activities during the year by the Masonic Minute Men and the Masonic Service Speakers, and made a very full report on the work of the Masonic Service Association, and reports the expenditure of \$1,777.73. They say that the value of the service cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

The Committee on Questionnaires made a report, having selected therefrom a series of questions to be answered by an applicant for admission, and the report of the committee was adopted.

The Committee on Patriotic Service also made a report that is well worth the perusal of any live, active Mason. The committee having under consideration the suggestion of a Home for Masonic Orphans and Aged People, having nothing definite to suggest, as the subject in their estimation required further investigation, but they advised that should an emergency arise for prompt action they have been delegated to proceed as their best judgment dictates.

The contest for the Thompson Memorial Prize was won by Mr. Howard C. Ackley, representing the University of North Dakota. His subject was "The Master Builder."

A very able report was submitted by M. W. Grant S. Hager as fraternal correspondent, who discusses the remarkable growth of Masonry and widespread Masonic charity, physical qualifications, and the stand on the grotto and large lodges, together with his review of fifty-two Grand Lodges, Nebraska being fraternally considered and given its due portion.

HENRY E. BYORUM, Grand Master, Minot.

WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary, Fargo.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1921.

Digby.

June 8th, 1921.

56th Annual.

Pictures of Grand Master John Murray Lawson and Deputy Grand Master John Roderick Murry, in full regalia, embellish the proceedings. After the Grand Lodge was opened, a procession was formed, marching to Holy Trinity Church, where Divine service was held. R.'W.'. Brother William Driffield preached the sermon, after which the procession was re-formed, and returned to the place of meeting, where the Grand Master, M.'W.'. Brother George Dewar Macdongall, delivered his address. He says:—

Masonry has ever suffered by wars, prospered in peace. Although almost three years have gone by since the booming of the cannon ceased on the German border, we cannot yet say we are at peace; technically, yes; in reality, no. The world conditions, and conditions in our Province, are unsettled. Strikes, unemployment, impoverished business and disturbed outlook as to the future, call for the best that is in each and all of us to aid in the restoration of that condition in our country which we can truly call peace.

He commends the work of their Masonic Home at Windsor, reports fully his activities on visitation and decisions, and notes and comments on the state of the Craft.

The trustees of the Masonic Home report eighteen guests, thirteen men and five women. They have over \$37,000.00 in their Home Endowment Fund, with over \$28,000.00 of out-standing subscriptions.

A very interesting report from the Grand Historian was submitted.

The report on correspondence is by Brother James C. Jones, Grand Secretary, who reviews sixty-three proceedings from sixty-one English-speaking Grand Lodges, in 163 pages, Nebraska being fraternally considered, and he thinks that we follow the proper procedure in opening our Grand Lodge. He pays a special compliment to our Grand Custodian, "Uncle Bob," and says his report is one of the most interesting sections of the proceedings.

JOHN MURRAY LAWSON, Grand Master, Yarmouth.

JAMES C. JONES, Grand Secretary, Halifax.

OHIO, 1921.

Cleveland.

October 19th, 1921.

112th Annual.

A fine picture of the Grand Master, with his civil and Masonic record, faces the title page of the proceedings. The Grand Master reports granting dispensations for eleven new lodges, made several informal visits to the Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield, says conditions are again becoming crowded, and issued an edict that members of Sea and Field Lodges could petition for membership and be accorded full recognition. On the question of the protection of Ancient Craft Masonry, the Grand Master says:

I recommend that the dignity, solemnity, and importance of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry be protected by making it a Masonic offense in this jurisdiction to solicit or to recommend a Master Mason to receive any degree in any organization or body recognized by this Grand Lodge as Masonic for a period of not less than three months after he has passed a satisfactory examination in the Master Mason Degree; and further, to solicit or recommend a Master Mason for membership in any organization for which that standing is a qualification until the person so solicited or recommended has been a Master Mason for a period not less than one year after he has passed a satisfactory examination in the Master Mason Degree.

He recommends a change in the law so that:—

Every application made to a Subordinate Lodge should be by a citizen of the United States of America, who can speak and read the English language, and if not so, the lodge should refer it to the Grand Master, who may grant permission to a subordinate lodge to proceed, if in his opinion there be a satisfactory reason for the candidate to reside in the United States of America without becoming naturalized.

Eleven charters were granted. The Committee on Ways and Means reported that the per capita tax collected by the Grand Lodge on the Masonic Home as well as any of the funds of the Grand Lodge appropriated for the use of the Masonic Home, shall become due and payable in one sum within ten days after the close of each annual communication of this Grand Lodge. The committee to whom was referred the matter of the George Washington Memorial Association reported against becoming a member of the Association until the liability, either legal or moral, which would be assumed by such membership, is determined. On the question of the protection of Ancient Craft Masonry, the Committee on Jurisprudence says:—

There is much merit in the suggestion and much gravity in the subject. So much, indeed, that the Committee is unable at this time to form an opinion from the knowledge we have on the problem or within the time we have for deliberation.

The matter was referred to a special committee of five to report at the next annual session. The Committee on Masonic History report a long autobiographical sketch of M. W. Robert C. Jordan, first Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, furnished by our Grand Secretary, Brother Francis E. White, and is made a part of the proceedings. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was unable to solve the problem as to which of the Grand Bodies in Mexico should be recognized, either the York Grand Lodge or the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico, and requested that the matter be deferred until the next meeting. The Grand Lodge of Queensland received fraternal recognition.

The report on Foreign Correspondence of 104 pages was prepared by P. G. M. O. P. Sperra, chairman of the committee, reviewing sixty-four proceedings from sixty-two Grand Jurisdictions. He makes liberal quotations from the oration of Brother Frank C. Smith, and quotes in full our law of Freemasonry amending the petition for initiation.

FRANK M. RANSBOTTOM, Grand Master, Zanesville.

JACOB H. BROMWELL, Grand Secretary, Cincinnati.

OKLAHOMA, 1921.

Oklahoma City.

February 22d, 1921.

13th Annual.

There was an address of welcome and responses, an order of business was adopted, and the Grand Master delivered his address. He reports the fraternal dead; twenty-one decisions, all in accordance with Masonic law, and approves the Washington Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association. A representative of the Masonic Service Association was present, who showed a moving picture film delineating the life of the average American worker and the privileges he enjoys, as furnished by the government. There was an address by the Grand Master and responses by a number of the brethren. There was a net gain of 8,077, and they have eleven lodges with a membership of more than 500; \$21,260.30 was pledged and paid to the George Washington Memorial Association. A full report was made of the Masonic Service Association, explaining the scope of its activity, and why the association had lost sight of its primary purpose of its organization and turned into a literary bureau for the publication of Masonic literature that is already well provided for by other publishing houses. In the conclusion of the report, its consideration was deferred until the afternoon session, at which time Past Grand Master Humphry presented the resolution to withdraw from the association. After discussion, the resolution to withdraw was lost.

The Board of Control of the Masonic Home submitted a report. They have fifty boys, forty-six girls, seven aged Masons, and three aged women as residents of the Home, and fifteen who are out of the Home in school and in hospital training. In addition, they paid out \$540.00 for outside relief. A resolution was adopted to have the copy of Declaration of Independence framed and hung up in the lodge rooms of the jurisdiction, the statement being made that fifty-six signers of the document were Master Masons. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported against the recognition of either the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, or the York Grand Lodge of Mexico; that is, consideration was continued until conditions in Mexico became more settled. They recommended that no action be taken by the Grand Lodge on the recognition of the Grand Orient of France or the Grand Lodge of France. There was an effort made to appropriate \$200,000.00 for buildings at the Masonic Home, but after discussion the motion was lost.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand Master Humphry, being his 16th annual, Nebraska receiving two pages of fraternal consideration. The only objection the writer makes is that while his name appears three times in the review it is spelled in three different ways. Brother Humphry seems not to have been carried away by the hysteria of the past few years, and like a number of others of us, can see little or no good in the Masonic Service Association.

JAMES HENRY PATTERSON, Grand Master, Prague.

WILLIAM M. ANDERSON, Grand Secretary, Oklahoma City.

OREGON, 1921.

Portland.

June 15th, 1921.

71st Annual.

The proceedings show six occasional Grand Lodges held for constituting lodges and laying corner-stones. Grand Master William J. Kerr reports an increase in their membership of 16 per cent during the year. He pleads for the establishment of a method of Masonic Instruction and Education. He says accuracy in the ritualistic work should be insisted upon, but that the function of Masonry is not the mere conferring of degrees. He reports fifty-seven decisions and interpretations of the law; granted sixty-one special dispensations; makes an exhaustive report on the Masonic Home; and approves the George Washington National Memorial Association, but that is held in abeyance during the time of the financing of their Masonic Home. He devoted considerable space to the public schools, and in that connection the Grand Lodge passed strong resolutions in support of the Educational Bill pending in congress. The Grand Lodge reports the collection of \$93,672.03 for the Masonic Home Fund for the year ending June 1st, and the Grand Secretary makes a supplemental report showing that there is \$97,235.48 in cash, and bonds of \$18,550.00 in the fund. There was \$1,832.00 granted for relief and over \$1,600.00 for Educational Relief. The Grand Lodge made an assessment of \$1.00 per capita per member in the constituent lodges for that purpose.

The Committee on Masonic and Eastern Star Home report expenditure of \$900.00 for the expenses of meetings. It is different in this jurisdiction, where no money is appropriated for the expenses of any meeting. The Home is to cost \$305,800.00 when completed. The Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation of the committee, that when the funds for the Home have been collected, then the Grand Master is to appoint a State Chairman for the George Washington National Memorial Association. There was a resolution passed appropriating \$250.00 for the services of Grand Chaplain Bell, and by resolution of the Grand Lodge the Honorary Degree of P.:G.:M.: was conferred on him as a fitting climax to his services as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Oregon for forty-four years.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother David P. Mason, P.:G.:M.:, and covers over 200 pages of very interesting reading, three and a half pages of the report being devoted to Nebraska. He copies freely from the report made by the writer on his trip to the Peace Meeting in London, as well as copious extracts from the address of Grand Master Tooley.

FRANK S. BAILLIE, Grand Master, Portland.

JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1920.

Philadelphia.

December 27th, 1920.

An excellent picture of the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia faces the title page, and there is also a fine picture of Grand Master John S. Sell. They report \$157,186.12 in their invested funds. The trustee of the General Bequest reports an investment amounting to \$89,809.30 book value, and the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Fund reports \$84,632.00, invested together with over \$400,000.00, making a total of \$1,244,868.71, and in addition the trustees report some other investments. They have trust funds in all of over \$6,000,000.00, and yet are asking for more, as will be observed by the following:—

The Endowment Fund should be increased. If, during the next five years every Mason in Pennsylvania should contribute to this fund one dollar a year, the Fund would be increased by fully a million dollars; or, if the Grand Lodge should set aside for this purpose one dollar per capita on the membership each year for five years, the same result would be obtained. I hope that in the near future some plan may be adopted by which the end in view may be reached.

The Grand Master, in speaking of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, does not paint a very glowing picture. He says:—

It may also be pertinent to note that in associating with this organization we, to some extent, surrender our sovereignty in that we submit to such taxation, without certain limitations, as may from time to time be levied.

It might also be proper to state that the cost of administration of the affairs of the Association up to this time has been approximately \$25,000.00, of which sum this Grand Lodge has paid \$4,098.00. Not all of the Grand Lodges have joined the Association, and some have withdrawn from it.

Under Masonic Clubs, he says:—

It has been reported that during the past year in a prominent city within this jurisdiction a public performance was given of a character to bring reproach upon the Fraternity. If newspaper reports of this shameful, disgraceful and sacrilegious performance are to be credited, there seems to be no question as to what should be done with those taking part in such disgraceful, undignified and unmasonic exhibitions.

Speaking of the Sinking Fund, he says:—

In this connection, it might be pertinent to say that without any difference of opinion the dues and fees of our Subordinate Lodges are entirely too low. Many lodges seem to forget that the amount of the dues and fees fixed by their by-laws has not at present more than one-half of its original efficiency, yet are endeavoring to exist without making the changes which altered conditions clearly demand.

He severely condemns the chain letter prayers. It was decided some time ago that residents of the jurisdiction who had received the degrees in other jurisdictions during the war period were not eligible to become members of the subordinate lodges by petition. This has been referred and now such work is recognized and they may petition. There are only seven Past Grand Masters living in that jurisdiction.

The Committee on Correspondence, of which Brother Thomas F.

Penman is chairman, submits a report of 140 pages, reviewing sixty-nine proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges, Nebraska being accorded two full pages, and it is a good review of the proceedings of our Grand Lodge for 1920.

JOHN S. SELL, Grand Master, Philadelphia.

JOHN A. PERRY, Grand Secretary, Philadelphia.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1921.

Manila.

January 25th, 1921.

9th Annual.

The picture of the new Grand Master, Edwin E. Elser, faces the title page of the proceedings. There was a reception to the Grand Master who, in delivering the address, reports the constituting of new officers and recommends that a committee be appointed to consider the question of adopting the Albert Pike ritual used by the Scottish Rite Blue Lodge used in the United States before the agreement between the two Rites by which the Symbolic Lodge was left to the exclusive jurisdiction of the York Rite. The matter was referred to the committee, who report adversely. The Grand Master recommended that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased to \$150.00 per month. This was amended by the Grand Lodge to \$200.00 per month, which is \$100.00 in our money. On the question of physical qualification, he held that a man who had his entire left arm amputated was not eligible. He recommended the appropriation of \$1,000.00 as a contribution to the Masonic Service Association. Some beautiful cuts of Masonic Temples in the Philippine Islands embellish the proceedings.

The Grand Secretary reported recommending an annual appropriation of not to exceed six centavos per capita for the Masonic Service Association, and he also recommends that an annual appropriation of one centavo per member be donated to the International Bureau of Masonic Affairs. He suggests that donating for the Masonic Home and School is a necessity, and urges making an effort to raise a fund for the purpose.

The evening session was given over to an oration by Brother Enrique V. Filamor, which was ordered printed in the proceedings and a vote of thanks tendered. We were much interested in the oration until we came to the closing poem, and not being a Spanish scholar and not having a lexicon, we were not able to understand what the poet said. The Masonic Home Bureau reported that they had been able to agree upon a site for the dormitory, but urged an active campaign for funds for the purpose. The committee who had under consideration the recommendation of the Grand Master in regard to the organization of women, urged the organization of the Eastern Star. There was a resolution for the holding of a convention of Master Masons for mutual

acquaintanceship and intellectual improvements, which was deferred until the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

The report on correspondence is by P. G. M. George Rogers Harvey, who presents an interesting report of 156 pages, over three pages being devoted to the proceedings of Nebraska, 1920. He forgave us for omitting his proceedings in our modest little report of twenty-six pages presented in our 1920 proceedings.

EDWIN E. ELSER, Grand Master, Manila.

NEWTON C. COMFORT, Grand Secretary, Manila.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1921.

Montague.

June 22d, 1921.

46th Annual.

A fine picture of the newly elected Grand Master, John McNevin, faces the title page of the proceedings. The Grand Master, M. W. William S. Stewart, in his address, says:—

It is one of the distinctive glories of Masonry that it teaches patriotism to its devotees. Masonry should be the stout upholder and guardian of equality and democracy, and should ever aim at the cultivation of a self-reliant and self-respecting citizenship, the only sure foundation of all national success and the solid bulwark of representative government and free institutions.

After discussing the question of physical qualification, the committee recommended:—

Your committee would therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt as a common sense proposition that: Regarding Physical Qualification, any candidate is eligible who can comply with the requirements of the ritual and secret work, or as described by the Landmarks: "The modes of recognition."

Which was adopted.

Past Grand Master William P. Doull, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report, which was ordered to be printed after certain criticisms had been struck out. The record says:—

It was impossible to do so, as Brother W. P. Doull neglected to hand in the copy.

Good for Brother Doull. This writer does not favor a plaster on the mouth.

JOHN McNEVIN, Grand Master, Charlottetown.

E. T. CARBONELL, Grand Secretary, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC, 1921.

Montreal.

February 9th, 1921.

51st Annual.

Sixty-one of the sixty-six lodges were represented. A picture of the Grand Master, Charles McBurney, faces the title page. The Grand Master submits an address showing the activities during the year. He pays a tribute to the dead of his own jurisdiction; notes the death of many distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions, and reports on the

condition of the Craft. He has no fears in regard to the rapid increase of membership, except where lodges are endeavoring to do more work than they can do impressively. The net increase was 1,099 members during the year. They expended through the Benevolent Committee \$1,200.00. A fine address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, his subject being "The Center Circle and the Ellipses of Life," for which the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned and the address ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Committee on Correspondence, by M. W. E. T. D. Chambers, Chairman, presented the review of other jurisdictions. Brother Chambers was one of the delegates attending the Peace Conference at London. Nebraska is fraternally reviewed, and he copies in full our reply to the question put by Brother Goodwin of Utah.

CHARLES McBURNEY, Grand Master, Lachute.

W. W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Secretary, Montreal.

QUEENSLAND, 1920.

Brisbane.

August 21st, 1920.

17th Annual.

A special communication was held at Brisbane August 21st, 1920, at which an address was delivered to his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, and a gold jewel presented emblematic of Queensland and the Masonic Institution, to which a response was made. The Grand Master reports improvements in the working of many of the lodges. Since its establishment the Grand Lodge has paid out about 3,000 pounds in relief, and is at present assisting nine aged Masons and widows by regular weekly allowances, twelve orphans by weekly contributions to the mothers, together with the usual collection in aid of the Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution.

A stated communication was held at Brisbane September 13th, 1920, at which a full report of the Board of General Purposes was made, and the Board of Benevolences reported the expenditure of 105 pounds during the quarter. A great deal of the time of the communication was consumed in reading the articles of union between the Grand Lodge of Queensland and the Queensland Grand Lodge, which was finally perfected so that they now have a United Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction. Another stated communication was held March 14th, at Brisbane, at which the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolences made reports, and the usual collection was taken. The Grand Master reported his visitations. A special communication was again held on the 21st day of April, at which the articles of union between the Grand Lodge of Queensland and Queensland Grand Lodge was finally consummated and a vote of thanks was tendered to the

drafting committee. There is an annual report of Widows, Orphans and Aged Masonic Institution, showing that the brethren of Queensland are taking good care of their wards.

JAMES STODART, Grand Master, Brisbane.

CHARLES H. HARLEY, Grand Secretary, Brisbane.

RHODE ISLAND, 1921.

Providence.

May 16th, 1921.

131st Annual.

A picture of the Grand Master, James E. Batty, faces the title page. The semi-annual communication was held November 15th, 1920. The entire session was taken up by a report of the Commissioners of Trials and the full report on the Masonic Service Association. At the annual communication, Grand Master James E. Batty reported his activities for the year, beginning with paying a beautiful tribute to the dead of his jurisdiction. He reported many visitations, and says he has been asked his opinion on many points of Masonic Jurisprudence and reports quite a number of cases relating to physical qualifications. In one case, the right leg amputated just under the knee, another a left arm above the wrist, and another a right hand from which the first and second digits of the first, second and third fingers had been severed, leaving on the hand the fourth or little finger almost intact, and a thumb from which two-thirds of the nail had been removed. It would be inferred from reading the report that in all these cases the applicants were eligible. In one case, where the right arm had been amputated just below the shoulder, he held that inasmuch as the applicant even with the most improved artificial limb would be unable to perform even substantially all the requirements of the degrees, the applicant was not eligible. He approves the Masonic Service Association, and the report on the George Washington National Masonic Association was accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

There was an increase of about 15 per cent in the membership during the year. They levy a special tax of ten dollars on every candidate for the Entered Apprentice degree, this being for the benefit of the Masonic Home Fund. I note among the expenditures, \$800.00 for refreshments. The Smith-Towner bill is endorsed. Brother Henry C. Dexter, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near their Grand Lodge, was in attendance. There is no report on correspondence

JOSEPH LAWTON, Grand Master, Providence.

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, Grand Secretary, Providence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1921.

Saskatoon.

June 15th, 1921.

15th Annual.

The Deputy Grand Master, George M. Weir, in delivering his address, devoted considerable space to a tribute to Grand Master Justice E. L. Elwood, who died May 19th, 1921, and reports progress in the allotments from the several lodges for the Benevolent Fund. He thinks the work of the lodge should be confined into two parts—first, the teaching of the degree; second, the exemplification of the main points of the ritual whereby this teaching is conveyed. He suggests that it should be brought out in the lodges the central truth of the degree and what contributions this truth makes towards the welfare of humanity. He reports an active year, inasmuch as the Grand Master, through illness, was absent and the duties were thrust upon him. The Board of Benevolence reports granting \$3,365.00 for relief.

The report by Brother William M. Thomson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight grand lodges, Nebraska being accorded fraternal consideration.

GEORGE M. WEIR, Grand Master, Saskatoon.

W. B. TATE, Grand Secretary, Regina.

SCOTLAND, 1920.

Grand Lodge met in quarterly communications, on February 5th, May 6th, August 5th, and November 4th, 1920. From the proceedings it seems that they have 1,208 lodges in Scotland and 412 scattered over the world. All accounts are audited quarterly by the Grand Auditor, Norman M. MacKean, Senior Grand Deacon, and a member of the Grand Committee, is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and is an active and influential member of the Grand Lodge. Their increase in members was 1,318 in 1918, and 3,511 in 1919. Very much of the proceedings is taken up by the report of the Grand Committee and the Annuity Board, and show that the brethren are devoting much of their time in looking after the welfare and relief of the annuitants (orphans). One hundred and seventeen orphans were granted relief.

There is no review.

ROBERT GORDON GILMOUR, Grand Master.

DAVID REID, Grand Secretary, Edinburgh.

SCOTLAND, 1921.

Edinburgh.

August 4th, 1921.

Quarterly.

The Earl of Eglinton and Winton, M. W. L., Grand Master, on the Throne. Lodge was opened in full form with solemn prayer. There were many apologies from absent brethren. The minutes of the

Grand Committee were adopted, which showed the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and representatives were ordered interchanged. The Grand Orator reported the income from November, 1920, to September, 1921, amounting to 23,513 pounds, 4 shillings, 9 pence, and there was a balance on hand in their funds of 2,588 pounds, 3 shillings, 9 pence. There was a letter from the Grand Lodge of Norway, calling attention to the fact that the Provincial Grand Lodge, "Polar Star," which has been working in Norway under the direction of the Grand Lodge "Zur Sonne of Bayreuth" (Germany), was constituted by that Grand Lodge as an independent Grand Lodge in the year 1920, and the Grand Lodge of Norway disowns the right of the German Grand Lodge to invade its jurisdiction. The action of the Grand Lodge of Norway was approved. The Grand Master was re-elected. The Committee on Scottish Masonic Benevolences made a full report showing the activities in granting relief and gave notice of motion:—

To consider what means could be adopted to increase the funds of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, and report at the next meeting.

It seems that they were having more applications for relief than they could take care of with their limited funds. There is a long list of names of relief granted. One hundred and twenty annuitants receive 2,175 pounds, ranging from 10 to 40 pounds each. The proceedings show that very much of the activities of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are taken up with carrying out the relief of the distressed.

The quarterly communication was held on the 2d day of February, 1922, at which the Earl of Elgin, Grand Master, was on the throne. The minutes of the Grand Committee were read, and after the election of the Grand Committee, and transferring 20,000 pounds from the General Fund to the Masonic Benevolent Fund, the dues were raised for initiates from eleven shillings six pence to thirteen shillings, it was unanimously voted to appoint R.:W.: Brother Joseph Inglis, P.:S.: G.:W.:, Chairman of the Committee on Complaints and Appeals, and W.: Brother John Arthur Forest, Past Provincial Grand Master, Chairman on Foreign and Colonial Committee, and R.:W.: Brother David Reid, Grand Secretary, to proceed to the United States as the accredited representatives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to give evidence to the trial of the case, United States vs. Matthew M'Blain, Thompson, et al., in Salt Lake City, Utah, or elsewhere in the United States, in behalf of and representing the Grand Lodge of Scotland. From the report in the daily press, the defendants in this case of Spurious Masonry were convicted. The report of the Committee on Benevolences shows an expenditure of almost \$25,000.00 for the months of February and March.

•EARL OF ELGIN, Grand Master.
DAVID REID, Grand Secretary, Edinburgh.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1921.

Adelaide.

April 20th 1921.

37th Annual.

M. W. Arthur William Piper, K. C., Grand Master. The Board of General Purposes reported the gain of 1,058 members for the year ending June 30th, 1921, bringing the total members to 8,167. The Grand Secretary, Brother Charles R. J. Glover, had a leave of absence sufficient to take a trip to the United States and England. The Board of Benevolence reported an expenditure of 1,000 pounds, with casual assistance rendered to 92 pounds. Grand Master declared all the offices were vacant except where they were elected for further period. He conferred or rather bestowed Past Rank on some of the distinguished brethren. The Grand Master was re-elected and delivered an address. A new President for the Board of General Purposes was elected, and was also the Deputy Grand Master. The United Grand Lodge of Queensland received recognition.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence, under Nebraska, simply gives a list of the officers and says that the Grand Secretary, Francis E. White, gave an interesting account of the facts and figures relating to Freemasonry in England while on a visit to a Peace Jubilee given by that Grand Lodge.

ARTHUR WILLIAM PIPER, Grand Master, Adelaide.

CHARLES R. J. GLOVER, Grand Secretary, Adelaide.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1921.

Watertown.

June 14th, 1921.

47th Annual.

Immediately after assembling, the Grand Stewards appeared with the American flag, presenting the same at the altar, the brethren standing and singing "America."

There was an address of welcome by Brother Perry F. Loucks, on behalf of the local lodge, with a suitable response by R. W. Brother William F. R. Whorton, Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Master McCord, whose picture faces the title page of the proceedings, delivered his address, calls attention to the "hard times," but says Masons have stood firm in their convictions and stood ready to support the government and its institutions. He says Masonry has been instrumental in passing two great laws, one requiring every teacher to take an oath of allegiance, and the other known as the language bill. He makes a full report of his activities in visitations, approving by-laws, granting dispensations, and decisions rendered, all of which were approved, except one decision, which the Committee on Jurisprudence and Grand Lodge "dehorned." The decision follows:—

I held that it matters not whether a man is a citizen of the United States, provided he has resided within the jurisdiction the required length of time, and is not now a citizen of Germany, he may apply for the degrees.

The committee struck out "and is not now a citizen of Germany." He devotes considerable space to the question of physical qualification, and practically comes back to the resolution adopted in 1894 by the Masonic Congress held in Chicago and in accordance with a resolution of his own Grand Lodge, that a man must be able literally to conform to all the requirements of the degrees by the use of his own natural members.

He thinks the time has come when they should rescind a resolution allowing their soldiers to affiliate with the so-called French Masonry, "until our French brethren profess a belief in a Supreme Being and make the Book of the law of God a part of the furniture of their lodge." He says:—

We cannot touch mud without regret. If French Masonry will insist upon wallowing in the mist of the Atheist and the Libertine, we cannot embrace them without becoming smirched, and in time they will drag us to their level instead of rising to ours.

To all of which we say: "So mote it be."

They have over \$75,000.00 in the Grand Charity Fund. They adopted a full new set of by-laws of their Grand Lodge. The report of the proceedings of the Masonic Veterans Association is printed with the proceedings.

The review is by Brother Charles L. Brockway, correspondent, who reviews forty-seven proceedings from forty-five Grand Lodges, Nebraska for 1920, being given due consideration.

WILLIAM F. R. WHORTON, Grand Master, Huron.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary, Sioux Falls.

TENNESSEE, 1922.

Nashville.

January 25th, 1922.

108th Annual.

After the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, their Edict No. 68, governing the attendance of representatives on the sessions of the Grand Lodge, the law of the Grand Lodge set out in the code as to furnishing information to newspapers, and the law condemning illegal and unmasonic electioneering, were read. A portrait of the Grand Master faces the title page, and the report of the Past Grand Master, M. W. Rodney Blake, faces the proceedings of the Grand Master's address, who, after paying tribute to the illustrious dead of his own and other jurisdictions, made a full report of the emergency fund that amounts to over \$62,000.00. He reports having received eight requests for permission to send out circulars asking for help that were all refused. Those wishing assistance for the help of the brothers, widows and children were commended to the Board of Control of the Masonic Home.

The Grand Master reports visiting a very large number of the lodges. He approves the Masonic Service Association and recommends a continued membership therein. He reports attending the

George Washington National Memorial Association meeting, and recommends November 4th, Washington's Masonic birthday, be celebrated as a Masonic holiday. The emergency fund of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home was transferred to the American Trust Co., as custodian. A full report is made of the work of the Home. An effort was made to require all visitors to a lodge to show a receipt for the current year's dues, by the Committee on Jurisprudence, without commendation, and was considered by the Grand Lodge, and voted down.

Brother Joseph A. Fowler submitted a very full report on the organization work of the Scottish Rite Educational Committee. Brother S. W. Williams submitted a report on Masonic Service Association, giving details of the work of the Association. A sketch of the life of P. G. M. Phillip Neely Matlock was read and ordered printed in the proceedings. The George Washington National Memorial Association was represented by Charles Comstock, State Chairman. The committee who had under consideration the lodges of large membership made a report and some valuable recommendations, among them being that the degrees should be conferred in entirety upon each individual candidate instead of grouping them.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother Henry A. Chambers, Chairman, Nebraska receiving due consideration. We have only one objection to the report, that is on the size of the type used, but that is not the fault of the brethren of Tennessee, but rather the misfortune of the age of this reviewer.

WALKER M. TAYLOR, Grand Master, Memphis.

STITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary, Nashville.

TEXAS, 1921.

Waco.

December 6th, 1921.

86th Annual.

After the opening of the Grand Lodge the Most Worshipful Grand Master addressed the Grand Representatives from other jurisdictions, who were gathered around the altar, and the reply was by Past Grand Master W. S. Fly. Grand Master Francis E. Lester of New Mexico, George L. Schoonover, P. G. M. of Iowa, R. W. Realf Ottesen, Chairman of Iowa's Committee on Education, Past Grand Master Walter L. Stockwell of North Dakota, Grand Master Payne and Grand Secretary Davilla of Louisiana, were distinguished visitors welcomed by the Grand Master, after which all Masons who had been in good standing for forty years or more were called to the altar and addressed by the Grand Master. A letter of regret was read from P. G. M. William Clark, and also a letter from Mrs. Walter Acker, after which the Grand Master delivered his address. He says:—

The philosophy of Freemasonry is as practical as it is beautiful, and the passage of centuries, with the progress and development of the human race, has not called upon this Fraternity to alter or amend those fundamental things which are taught to the Mason in his various relationships of life. Yet Masonry has taken its high place in the list of those few forces contributing to the freedom and welfare of mankind, because at all times and under all conditions its votaries have been able to translate, in their influence and activities as citizens, the fundamental principles and precepts taught them at the Masonic Altar.

He reports attending the meeting of the Masonic Service Association, he being a member of the Executive Commission. He recommends the publication of an official journal for the Grand Lodge, and approves the Order of DeMolay for Boys. He reports no decisions, for which he receives the approbation of the Committee on Jurisprudence. As to the physical defects, he says:—

Acting under the evident purpose of this Grand Lodge to require of the Grand Master a more liberal interpretation of its law in reference to physical disqualifications as well as upon my own deep convictions on this subject, I have broken away, in a large measure, from the rulings and precedents of my predecessors, and have undertaken to give to the 1912 resolution the most liberal construction possible, and have admitted to Masonry applicants who would heretofore have been held to be ineligible.

He recommended an amendment to the law, which is that physical maims and defects should be considered in the light of a man's internal qualifications, and on the basis of his ability to receive, practice, and impart, to all practical purposes, the rites and ceremonies of Ancient Craft Masonry, and possess the mental and physical ability to earn his livelihood in his chosen occupation. A very voluminous report is made on Masonry in Mexico by the committee appointed by him, which committee, with P. G. M. Adams of California and Grand Master Bain of Louisiana made a thorough investigation and reported in favor of the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico, which report was adopted; the Grand Lodge of California, on the report of P. G. M. Adams, accorded recognition to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. The Grand Master recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Italy, which recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge and fraternal relations established. He reports attending the meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association; recommends that the lodges celebrate the 4th day of November, it being the anniversary of Washington's initiation; gives the organization of the Ku Klux Klan serious consideration; and devoted considerable time to explaining his efforts to guard the Fraternity against the insidious workings of this unmasonic clan. He recommends the selection of a Secretary for the Grand Master, and of the Masonic Home and School, he says:—

It's far the greatest work engaged in by the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Speaking of the charitable activities of the Grand Lodge, he says:—

Great as have been the results accomplished in the charitable efforts of this Grand Lodge to maintain the widows and support and educate the children, they are not commensurate with the power of Texas Masonry, nor with the field to be served by the fraternity in this state. Masonry is a great charitable brotherhood of men, banded together to promote the happiness and welfare of mankind.

He pays tribute to the fraternal dead and says, in conclusion:—

The call to Masonry to serve is greater today than ever before in its history. The need for Masonic Service to the world is greater today than the world has ever known. The responsibility upon that Fraternity which has builded and protected this Nation is heavier today than in any of the years gone by. To meet these increased demands and greater responsibilities is the first and only duty of the Craft.

There was an oration by the R. W., J. Dixie Smith, Grand Orator, which was ordered printed in the proceedings. They have 158 boys and 152 girls in their School and Home, forty-three being admitted since the last report, and twenty-nine widows in their Home for Aged Masons. Have over \$35,000.00 in bequests made to the Home that is part of their permanent invested funds. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported and the Grand Lodge adopted the report authorizing the Board of Directors of the Home to make a request of every Mason in their Grand Jurisdiction for a contribution to the Home of the sum of \$5.00, and each lodge in the jurisdiction is required to pay to the Treasurer of the Masonic Orphans Home the sum of \$10.00 for each Master Mason's degree conferred in such lodge, each lodge to collect this amount from each applicant for said degree in addition to the regular fees charged by the lodge.

The report of the committee to investigate Masonic conditions in Mexico made a report of fifteen closely printed pages and recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who approved. The said committee also reported in favor of the National Grand Lodge of Italy. A resolution was adopted for securing and framing the pictures of the Past Grand Masters. The report of the Committee on Masonic History and Research approved the recommendation of the Grand Master that November 4th of each year be made an anniversary to be observed by appropriate exercises in the lodge, it being the day on which, in 1752, our distinguished patron was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Seven hundred and thirty-three pages of the proceedings are taken up by publication of the returns of the subordinate lodges.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by P. G. M. S. M. Bradley, who presents a splendid report of 149 pages. He quotes liberally from the address of Grand Master Fradenburg, and says:—

We heartily endorse the recommendation of Grand Master Fradenburg that a law be passed forbidding a Master Mason from petitioning either the Scottish or York Rite Bodies until he shall have been a Master Mason for one year, and shall have passed a satisfactory examination in the Master Mason's degree.

He says:—

The only criticism we could make is that three years should be substituted for one year. No Mason should be permitted to petition for these so-called higher degrees until he has at least learned the A B C's of Ancient Craft Masonry. Some of the lodges in Nebraska, as in many other jurisdictions, are afflicted with elephantitis, there being five lodges with more than 1,000 members.

D. FRANK JOHNSON, Grand Master, Brownwood.

WILLIAM B. PEARSON, Grand Secretary, Waco.

UTAH, 1922.

Salt Lake City.

January 18th, 1922.

51st Annual.

After our report was practically completed we received the proceedings of Utah for 1922, held at Salt Lake City, January 17th and 18th, recording the transactions of the 51st annual communication.

The Grand Master approves the organization of the Order of DeMolay, and says that one of the most helpful occasions of the Masonic year was his attendance at the meeting of the Masonic Service Association.

The Committee on Masonic Education is active and Utah is really getting something for their money, and we fully agree with Grand Master Carver when he says that all the results of the association depend on the committee, the Grand Lodge, and the local lodges.

The Grand Master recommended and the Grand Lodge adopted a change in the law in transferring membership, the transfer to be made by certificate instead of by demit, which is all right if the law is observed, and all wrong if it results in the name being carried on the rolls of two lodges.

The review is by Brother Goodwin, Nebraska being reviewed with the usual "brick" for the writer, who would rather "commune with the Grand Correspondent of British Columbia" than be lead into the by-ways of Masonry by our eminent brother.

EMERY ROY GIBSON, Grand Master, Salt Lake.

SAM HENRY GOODWIN, Grand Secretary, Salt Lake.

VERMONT, 1921.

Burlington.

June 15th, 1921.

128th Annual.

The first business was the reading of a letter from P. G. M. D. N. Nicholson, who by reason of long illness, his weak condition, and defective eyesight, was unable to be present, this being the first session that he missed since 1888. There was a large representation, with fourteen Last Past Masters, who, under their law, are entitled to vote in Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, Archie S. Harriman,

delivered his address, paid a tribute to the fraternal dead, and reported attending a number of the district meetings. He issued an edict against one Alexander Simpson, who was made a Mason at Aberdeen, Scotland, and the correspondence from the lodge in Scotland showed that it denied the right of exclusive Masonic jurisdiction; the edict was sent to all lodges forbidding them to have any Masonic intercourse with the said Alexander Simpson, which ruling and edict was approved by the Grand Lodge. He reports against making any assessments, either upon the members or lodges for the George Washington National Memorial Association, while expressing an ardent desire to see the Memorial completed. In speaking of the Masonic Service Association he fears its methods favor rather too much that of a National Grand Lodge plan. He reports against Masonic dances and thinks it improper for a Masonic lodge to lend its name to so-called Masonic dances. He recommends that a reasonable limit be set determining both the number of degrees which may be conferred in one session and the number of candidates upon whom a degree may be worked at one time, and also setting a time limit within which advancement shall not be granted without dispensation.

The Finance Committee reported, and the report was adopted, recommending no action in relation to the George Washington National Masonic Association. The compensation for attending Grand Lodge was increased to one cent per mile additional for the year.

M.:W.: Charles H. Darling, in presenting his fifth report, said that owing to the professional and other demands upon him he is compelled to discontinue the work of Foreign Correspondence. Brother Darling has submitted a topical report of thirty pages, and quotes the Committee on Masonic History and Research for Texas in regard to the study of the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge and the reading of the proceedings of the annual communications and the by-laws by the particular lodges. He closes his report with five pages on the Masonic Service Association, and says the association is at most a side show of the Red Cross and demonstrates without question that they have organized in the Masonic Service Association a general Grand Lodge without reference to its name.

ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN, Grand Master, Middleburg.

HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Secretary, Burlington.

VICTORIA.

Melbourne.

March 17th, 1920.

Grand Lodge was opened with M.:W.: F. T. Hickford, Grand Master, on the Throne. Many officers and delegates, together with Grand Representatives, were present. The Board of General Purposes made a report of the activities and regulations adopted, among them being one that complaint was made to the Board that a lodge had balloted on four candidates at one time. The Board decided the ballot

irregular and directed that the names of the four candidates should be again placed on the summons and balloted for separately. The Board of Benevolence reported the granting of relief of 554 pounds. There was an election of Grand Treasurer and twelve members of the Board of General Purposes. The Inspector of Working reported his work. The Grand Master in his address says:—

We rely upon the reputation, character, and the morality of the members composing this great Institution, and let me ask the brethren of the Craft not to be too eager and anxious to propose young members into Freemasonry. Let these young fellows mature for a little while and stand the test of time and experience before they are actually admitted into the sacred portals of the Institution.

He announces the proposed visit of the Prince of Wales; the retirement of Brother W. J. Fookes as Deputy Grand Master, and the appointment of Brother W. P. Bice in his place. The Board of Benevolence report relief granted, and there was an address and a resolution to his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales. Remarks were made by M. W. Rev. A. D. Holden, whom we had the pleasure of meeting at the Great Peace Jubilee in London in 1919. There is a picture of Freemasons Hall in Melbourne on the occasion of the visit of his Royal Highness.

Another meeting was held on Wednesday, June 20th, at which was read a communication of the M. W. Grand Master and the report of the Board of General Purposes. They make short work of Masonic offenders in Victoria. The Grand Registrar reported that a member of Grand Lodge was convicted of larceny and fined 30 pounds, whereupon the brother was called and did not appear, and the Grand Registrar moved that he be expelled from the Craft, which was carried, and a like proceeding was had with two other offenders. Many amendments to their constitution were proposed and adopted.

A quarterly session was held September 15th. The communication from the M. W. Grand Master was read by the Grand Secretary, wherein he refers to the publication of reports, particularly of the installation ceremonies, in the newspapers, more especially in the country press. He hopes that greater care will be exercised in any necessary publication of lodge reports, especially in other than purely Masonic journals. The Board of General Purposes, among other things, directed that attention be called to the impropriety of any brother disclosing how he voted on a ballot. The Board of Benevolence report over 280 pounds granted for relief during the quarterly. They have 15,178 pounds in their relief fund. The Grand Master, in his communication, expresses the wish that the following procedure be observed when there is more than one candidate for any degree: First degree, two candidatees (but no more) may be taken up to the end of the obligation. Same in the second degree, and in the third degree two candidates may be taken together up to the Retrospect. The present Grand Master was re-elected to office. A number of amendments

were adopted, none of them of particular interest to the Craft outside the jurisdiction.

F. T. HICKFORD, Grand Master, Melbourne.

C. J. BARROW. Grand Secretary, Melbourne.

VIRGINIA, 1921.

Richmond.

February 8th, 1921.

143d Annual.

There were no frills. The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and Grand Master William W. Galt read his address, and being a retired naval officer he was enabled to devote his entire time to his duties as Grand Master. He reports the death of P. G. M. Philip K. Bauman and other prominent Masons of his jurisdiction. He attended many district joint communications and visited many individual lodges, and invariably presented the interests of the George Washington Memorial. He reported twenty-six decisions all in accordance with their law, which is usually quoted. He reports the laying of four corner-stones and the authorizing of the laying of fifteen others. They require two ballots, one on moral qualification that must be unanimous, and one on proficiency that requires a majority vote. The Committee on Charity reported the expenditure of \$4,324.31, which was approved. On the report of the Committee on Masonic Home the Grand Lodge ordered an assessment of \$1.00 on each of the Masons of Virginia to defray the cost of erecting additional buildings at the Home.

A splendid paper of 178 pages by the veteran reviewer, Joseph W. Eggleston, reviews sixty-four jurisdictions, Nebraska being accorded over three pages.

JOHN S. BOTTIMORE, Grand Master, Tazewell.

CHARLES A. NESBITT, Grand Secretary, Richmond.

VIRGINIA, 1922.

Richmond.

February 14th, 1922.

144th Annual.

M. W. Brother John S. Bottimore, Grand Master, in his address, said he was gratified to learn of the effort being made in some parts of the jurisdiction to initiate into the members a greater knowledge of the greatness of Masonry; he thinks these efforts should be encouraged. He says the forms and ceremonies of initiation and the lectures furnish the alphabet only of Masonry, that they do not, of themselves, make any man a Mason, but only a member; that too often this member does not use this alphabet; he will not learn to spell and then to read, and having read, to understand; rushes on into the so-called "higher degrees" with little knowledge or appreciation of those through which he has passed. He says it is this spirit that seeks to change the alphabet, because of lack of understanding. He notes the death and burial of

R.:W.: Henry Bedinger Lee, who for many years had served the Grand Lodge as Grand Chaplain. After noting the death of distinguished Masons of his own and other jurisdictions, among them P.:G.:M.: Dowling, he makes a full report of his activities during the Masonic year. He rendered eighteen decisions, which were generally approved, except one, wherein he held that a lodge could hold a special communication and make five Entered Apprentices and after the same was closed, the Worshipful Master could then hold another special communication on the same day and make other Entered Apprentices not exceeding five; the decision was disapproved by the Grand Lodge on the report of the committee. He says he refused all requests for dispensations to receive petitions for the Entered Apprentice degree from candidates who could not without artificial aid or friendly assistance conform to the ritual. He reports approving the circular sent out by the Chairman of the George Washington National Masonic Association asking for the contribution of \$1.00 from each Mason in the jurisdiction. Reporting on the Masonic Home, he says they are sheltering 109 children of deceased brethren, and the addition built to the Home during the past year cost a little more than \$58,000.00. He reports the debt on the Home of \$25,000.00. In closing his address, he says:—

The Masonic Institution is not merely a man's social club. It is a great and useful Institution. It has blessed the world through untold centuries of the past; it is blessing the world today, and will continue to bless the world. "When you and I, like streaks of evening cloud, have faded into the Infinite azure of the past."

On motion of the committee, the Grand Lodge adopted November 4th, as a Masonic holiday in Virginia, it being the anniversary of the initiation of Brother George Washington. An assessment of \$1.00 per member for the Masonic Home, which was in addition to the regular assessment, was ordered to pay the costs incurred in erecting additional buildings at the Home.

A splendid report on Foreign Correspondence is by P.:G.:M.: Joseph W. Eggleston, who reviews sixty proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges. He copies the action of this Grand Lodge in regard to the amendment of our law at our last communication in reference to petitioning to the so-called bodies for membership. There is bound with the proceedings the annual report of the Masonic Home, wherein the Superintendent reports that they started the year with 102 children on the roll, forty-eight boys and fifty-four girls; and four boys and seven girls having been received, making the total 113. One of the girls left the Home to take a position in the city and is reported doing well.

JAMES H. PRICE, Grand Master, Richmond.

CHARLES A. NESBITT, Grand Secretary, Richmond.

WASHINGTON, 1921.

Spokane.

June 14th, 1921.

64th Annual.

A picture of Grand Master James H. Begg, faces the title page of the proceedings, and in his address he refers feelingly to the death of three of their Past Grand Masters, Nathan Smith Porter, Levi Ankeny, and Yancey Crawford Blalock. He reports visiting Alaska, constituting lodges and instructing the Craft, devoting his time from July 22d to September 7th to that purpose. He attended the meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association, which he endorses. He reports many official visits to the lodges of his jurisdiction; constituted six new lodges; laid eight corner-stones; granted fifty-two special dispensations and refused five; granted twelve dispensations for new lodges and refused one; and reports that he was greatly pleased to find their Masonic Home so admirably conducted by the superintendent and wife. He recommends the adoption of the Pennsylvania plan for the support of the Home, which is as follows:—

From per capita dues of each constituent lodge, the sum of one dollar annually for each member; the sum of twenty dollars from each petitioner for initiation and membership, and twenty dollars from each petitioner for admission from a lodge in a jurisdiction other than Pennsylvania; from bequests, gifts and donations, specially designated for upkeeps, maintenance or special intendment; and from the interest derived from bequests, gifts and donations under control of the trustees of "Masonic Home Endowment Fund," that are not otherwise designated by the donor.

An instructive oration was delivered by Walter F. Meier on the subject of the duties and obligations of Masons, wherein he says:—

But, what is self, or neighbor, or even country, without God? It is a body without a soul; distress without hope of relief; a lodge without a master. It is eternal darkness! A realization of this prompts Masonry to demand of its votaries first of all a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. Upon our altar it is symbolized by the Great Light of Masonry, which forever sheds its benignant rays upon every lawful assemblage of Free and Accepted Masons.

The Committee on Jurisprudence having been instructed to draft the necessary legislation to carry into effect a recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence on "Outside Organizations" complying with the direction, submitted the following amendment:—

Any Master Mason, within one year after receiving the Third Degree, petitioning any organization having as one of its prerequisites membership in a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and any brother soliciting such a petition or presenting it to such an organization, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct. It shall be the duty of the Master of a Lodge, after the charge in the Third Degree is delivered, to read this section of the Code to the candidate.

But on this recommendation the same was not adopted, which would imply that the committee were somewhat closely allied to these outside organizations.

The review is by P. G. M. Ralph C. McAllister, and is one of

the best topical reports we have had the pleasure of reading, but candidly we do not like a topical review.

JOHN GIFFORD, Grand Master, Spokane.

HORACE W. TYLER, Grand Secretary, Tacoma.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1921.

Perth.

May 26th, 1921.

A quarterly communication was held at Kalgoorlie, July 22d, 1920. There was an address by the Grand Master. Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland. The Grand Master reports on the Australian Masonic Centenary Celebration. The Board of Benevolence reported an expenditure of 180 pounds during the quarter. An address was presented to his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales. Another quarterly communication was held on Thursday, October 28th. The Grand Master in his address says:—

There seems to be a growing request for permission to initiate persons under the age of twenty-one years; during the last quarter I granted two dispensations for this purpose and deferred one.

Another quarterly communication was held January 27th, 1921, at Perth. They do not have very much red tape in the trial of one offending the Masonic law. The Board of General Purposes reported that a brother, naming him, had been reported as having been found guilty, and sentenced to a term of imprisonment for twelve months, on the charge of stealing as a servant. The record says that on the production of a certificate of conviction from the court the Board suspended him from all his Masonic rights and privileges for an indefinite period. They recommended the following scheme for recording the appreciation of the Craft of the services of the brethren who took part in the Great War, which was adopted:—

(1) That the names of the brethren who served in the War, i. e., those who were members of the Craft during some period of their service, be permanently recorded in the official records of the Grand Lodge.

(2) That an appropriate souvenir brochure be prepared containing all such names, and that a copy, signed by the Grand Master, be presented to each brother who served and whose name appears in the official records. The brochure to contain a suitable expression of the Craft's gratitude to its soldier members.

(3) That the four panels on the south wall of the large Lodge Room be converted into Memorial Panels to the memory of the brethren who fell. The names of the fallen brethren, ninety-six in all, to be inscribed thereon. The design recommended, which accompanies this report, is the work of V. W. Brother E. G. Cohen, G. Supt. Wks., and R. W. Brother P. W. Harrison, P. D. G. M.

At a quarterly communication held on February 24th, the Grand Master in his address gives a full history of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, organized February 27th, 1900. The annual communication was held at Perth, May 26th. The Grand Master, in his address, speaking of Freemasonry and citizenship.

says:—

The basic principle of our Institution are the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and these, coupled with non-interference in religion and politics, have distinguished the Craft from other Institutions in all ages and have given it a unique place in the world.

The Board of Benevolence grants amounted to 927 pounds. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported, reviewing the proceedings of sixteen English-speaking Grand Lodges, and say of their report:—

Last year we disposed of over 400 copies, and with one exception, every lodge accepted and paid for the four copies sent to it. Some lodges purchased a copy for each candidate raised during the year, a practice which is worthy of imitation. We know of no better means of educating the young Freemason, as to the world-wide character of the Institution and what it stands for, than a diligent perusal of this volume.

The report on Foreign Correspondence of 135 pages, of which Nebraska receives four pages, is by Brother C. Battye. He quotes liberally from the report of the Overseas Trip and says the address of Grand Master Tooley was a brilliant and convincing effort; quotation is made from his address and from Brother Webster's address published in the proceedings, and of it he says:—

As one reads further into the report the immutability of the principles of the Craft become more strongly emphasized and the following paragraph from the Grand Oration by Brother Webster epitomises those views in a manner far beyond any poor words of ours.

They say we had a fine review of the English-speaking lodges, but to their regret there is no mention of Western Australia.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1921.

Parkersburg.

November 16th, 1921.

57th Annual.

The Grand Lodge held twenty-seven special communications during the year, the important one for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of West Virginia's Masonic Home being held just prior to the convening of the Grand Lodge in regular communication. The special communication held on the red letter day of Masonry in West Virginia was very largely attended by the Grand Officers, members of the Grand Lodge, and many of the brethren. The program was carried out, the corner-stone being laid by Grand Master Adrian C. Nadenbousch. P.'G.'M.'. Lewis N. Tavenner, President of the Board of Governors, requested the Grand Master to lay the corner-stone in an eloquent address, which was responded to by the Grand Master in fitting terms. There was a reminiscence by P.'G.'M.'. George W. Atkinson, and an address by P.'G.'M.'. E. M. Showalter on "Where Law Ends and Tyranny Begins," P.'G.'M.'. Frank Wells Clark spoke on the theme of "Service, Masonry's Opportunity," and Grand High Priest W. E. Krupp on "Masonry of the Secret Vault." It was a

glorious day for the brethren of West Virginia when they began to see fulfilled the prophecy of P.:G.:M.: Atkinson "That the Masonic Home day is dawning, if it is not at hand, in the Mountain Commonwealth."

A fine picture of what the Home will be when completed is published, and the brethren of West Virginia may well feel proud "Not over the things said, but over the arduous greatness of things done."

The Grand Master in his annual address compares the meeting of the annual communication with that of the opening of the first meeting of the Grand Body in the year 1865, and says that even now, as at that time, they were standing in the slowly receding shadows of human tragedy. The Grand Lodge was organized at the close of the Civil War. He reports the death of P.:G.:M.: T. Wolbur Hennen, as well as those of the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions, among them P.:G.:M.:s Cain and Dowling of our own blessed memory. He recommends the observance by the lodges of the 4th of November, being the 169th anniversary of the initiation of George Washington. He endorses the George Washington National Memorial Association; says he declined the invitation to attend the meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, the Grand Lodge having unanimously declined for the time to ask for membership in it. He reports seventy-seven requests for conferring degrees from other Grand Jurisdictions, and made sixty-six requests on other jurisdictions for like service, and closed his address by quoting the poem, beginning:—

'Tis only half truth the poet had sung,
 Of the house by the side of the way;
 Our Master had neither a house nor a home,
 But he walked with the crowd day by day,
 And I think when I read of the poet's desire
 That a house by the road would be good;
 But service is found in its tenderest form
 When we walk with the crowd in the road.

The trustees of the Grand Lodge report about \$200,000.00 in the Henry Krug Fund in securities, besides over \$25,000.00 in cash. They have already invested over \$118,000.00 in the Masonic Home Fund.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported in favor of the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and declined to recommend recognition of the Grand Lodge of Venezuela. An assessment of \$2.00 per member was made from all lodges for and in the completion of the Masonic Home, now under construction. An amendment to their general law proposing to raise the fees for the three degrees to not less than \$40.00, \$10.00 of which was to be paid to the Trustees, to become a part of the permanent endowment fund of the West Virginia Masonic Home; this was referred to the com-

mittee for consideration, but we find no action by the committee in the proceedings.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by P. G. M. George W. Atkinson, and as usual is just such a report as one expects from our Most Worshipful Brother. In his foreword he offers some excellent advice to newly made Master Masons. He says that there is a general "let-up" in many Grand Lodges as to physical requirements, and in his judgment he thinks is unwise to lay aside the Landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry and modernize the Institution. He reviews fifty-nine proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska is given something over three pages. He quotes liberally from the address of the Grand Master, and quotes the action of the Grand Lodge in reference to the amendment of the law to check the rush for the Shrine, saying:—

This action is rather drastic, but it will surely check, what I consider a menace to the Masonic Institution, at least in Nebraska, and I sincerely hope that the same step will be taken by other Grand Lodges.

He says:—

In West Virginia, as soon as a brother receives the Master's degree, he makes a break for the Shrine, and generally chooses the Scottish Rite route, because it is the shorter, and loses his interest in the Blue Lodge to reach the seeming goal of his apparent inordinate desire of his ambition to become a member of the Mystic Shrine.

Speaking of the limitation placed upon the review, he says:—

I never could understand why a very few of our American Grand Lodges are absolutely niggardly in expending a few paltry dollars for their correspondence reports.

SAMUEL T. SPEARS, Grand Master, Elkins.

JOHN M. COLLINS, Grand Secretary, Charlesotwn.

WISCONSIN, 1921.

Milwaukee.

June 14th, 1921.

77th Annual.

The Grand Master in his address says:—

Today we pay our tribute to the past—to the men who kept faith with the great traditions of our Craft—to the men who dreamed dreams that we realize today. To all the Master Masons of yesterday; to all the officers of the Grand Lodge; to all the Past Grand Masters who have marshalled and led the Craft and guarded our treasures; to all the brothers who have contributed their mite toward the grand result; to all of those we offer the tribute of eternal gratitude. We salute them in the name of all the hosts of Masonry, and pray that the light they sought may shine upon them perpetually.

Speaking of the building of the Temple of the world's idealism, he says:—

As Masons we stand for the open Bible, for the public school, for the chance for every child to discover his soul, and cultivate his mind. We stand for America, for its institutions, and for that emblem of Liberty, the American Flag.

He makes a full report on the Masonic Home; submits eighteen

decisions; calls attention to the law against the use of cipher keys; recommends an increased compensation for the Grand Secretary's office; and is in complete accord with the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. He received an application from Lodge "Le Trait D'Union" of Saint-Nazaire, France, requesting contributions for a temple to be erected and dedicated to truth and tolerance as a memorial, wherein he says:—

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin is not in fraternal correspondence with any of the French Lodges. That they committed Masonic Suicide many years ago by removing the Holy Bible from their Altars, striking out every allusion to Deity in their rituals and initiating Atheists.

The assests of the Grand Lodge are over \$500,000.00. They have \$155,000.00 in their Masonic Home Building Fund, members there paying one dollar a year to this fund. The report of the Grand Lecturer, speaking of the work of the Craft, said that they found one lodge making preparations to raise so many candidates at a sitting that he suggested changing the name from lodge to factory. He says overwork in lodges as everywhere else robs the work of its zest and pleasure, labor becomes a burden, and the officers the drudges of the lodges; that the reflex of this condition is bound to be manifest in the work that they do and the finer elements of friendship and fellowship are tending to become more or less a missing quantity. The Committee on Charity report grants of \$4,224.00 for relief. One thousand dollars was appropriated for Masonic Research in the jurisdiction. The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to report to the next communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin on a scheme to perpetuate the memory of the Masons of the State of Wisconsin who gave their lives in the service during the world war."

A splendid review of 171 pages was submitted by M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks, reviewing sixty-five proceedings. Under Arkansas, in connection with the action of that Grand Jurisdiction in extending recognition to the Grand Lodge of France and refusing recognition to the Grand Orient, he says:—

This still leaves the Grand Lodge of Arkansas as extending recognition to the Grand Lodge of France and requesting an exchange of representatives. Of the Grand Lodge of France, it must be said that it is tarred with the same stick that has defiled the Grand Orient of France. All references to Deity are stricken from its rituals. The "book of the law" is not found upon its altars and the obligations are taken upon a copy of the constitution and two crossed swords. It owes its origin to the Grand Orient of France and a stream cannot rise higher than its source. Were it not that the boys from Arkansas fought with the soldiers of France, it is safe to say that Arkansas would never have extended recognition. But the soldiers from Arkansas fought in the trenches with many negro regiments during the war, and we have not heard of any Grand Lodge, through sentiment, desiring to extend recognition to the clandestine negro lodges of the United States. During the Spanish-American war, Roosevelt's Rough Riders would have

been wiped out of existence had it not been for the assistance afforded them by a regiment of colored troops. We are not citing these instances to show that the negro lodges should be recognized, but to show that sentiment should not induce recognition to clandestine Masonry.

Nebraska is accorded three pages of the valuable report of the committee.

WILLIAM F. WEILER, Grand Master, Chippewa Falls.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

WYOMING, 1921.

Lander.

September 14th, 1921.

47th Annual.

A picture of the incoming Grand Master, Frank A. Holliday, the first son occupying the position of Grand Master, faces the proceedings, his father Geroth T. Holliday, being Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction. Seven special communications were held. The Grand Master, William O. Wilson, in his address, says:—

The old question of proficiency in the work of the Master Masons degree is still before us. This Grand Body might provide some penalty, such as prohibition of certain Masonic privileges. But the wiser course, I feel, is to suspend the conferring of some final portion of the degree, as shall leave something to be done before the candidate shall be declared a Master Mason, until such time as he shall have committed the required lecture work.

He says:—

It behooves Masonry throughout the world to hold its votaries within the Blue Lodge fold, until they learn or have an opportunity of learning, and learning soundly, the basic foundation on which the great structure rests.

He says that if a man rushes through the first three degrees and does not pause long enough in his Masonic life to grasp these truths, and then hurries through the Scottish Rite degrees or the York to the Knights Templar degree, then he is rarely, if ever, the same Mason, for he never does understand the degree succeeding the Master Mason's degree, as he does when he pauses for a time on his journey, at the station of the Worshipful Master. He then quotes the action of not only Nebraska, but of Colorado and Oklahoma, and the report made by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. In his report on the Masonic Service Association he says an additional assessment was called for and the Grand Master replied that he would refer this to the Grand Lodge. Certain large items were contained in the report of the treasurer of the association as being for "expenses of Executive Committee," with no details, nor has any explanation been given as to what these "expenses" cover. If the association may at any time call upon the Grand Lodges to contribute moneys, there would be no limit, except the Grand Lodge fix one, other than the judgment of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that there was nothing before them. It seems that they have had no work for a number of years, which speaks well of not only the peace and harmony, but also the conduct of our Wyoming brethren.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence, by Brother Joseph M. Lowndes, reviews the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges, Nebraska for 1920 receiving fraternal consideration.

FRANK A. HOLLIDAY, Grand Master, Laramie.

JOSEPH M. LOWNDES, Grand Secretary, Casper.



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