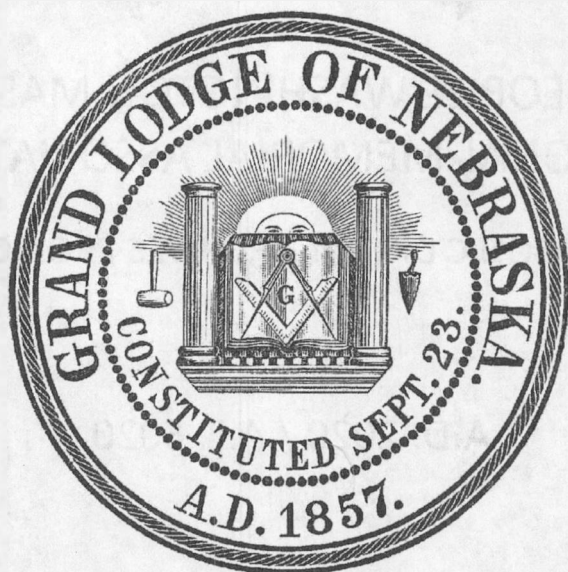


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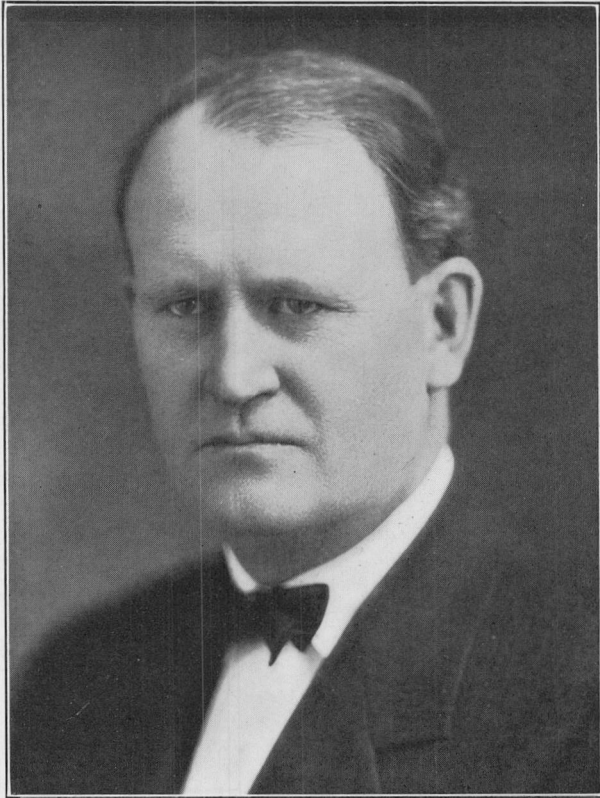
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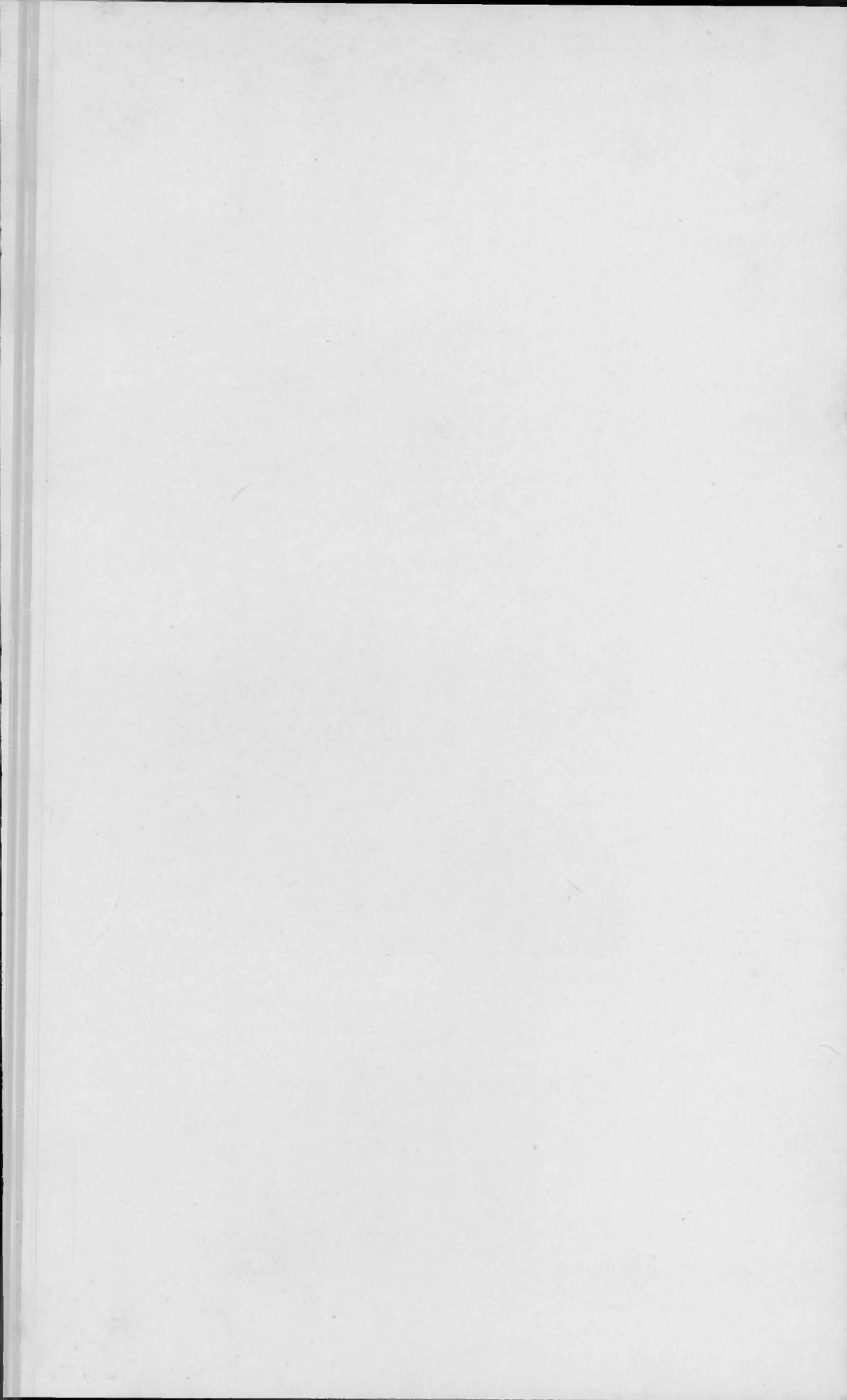
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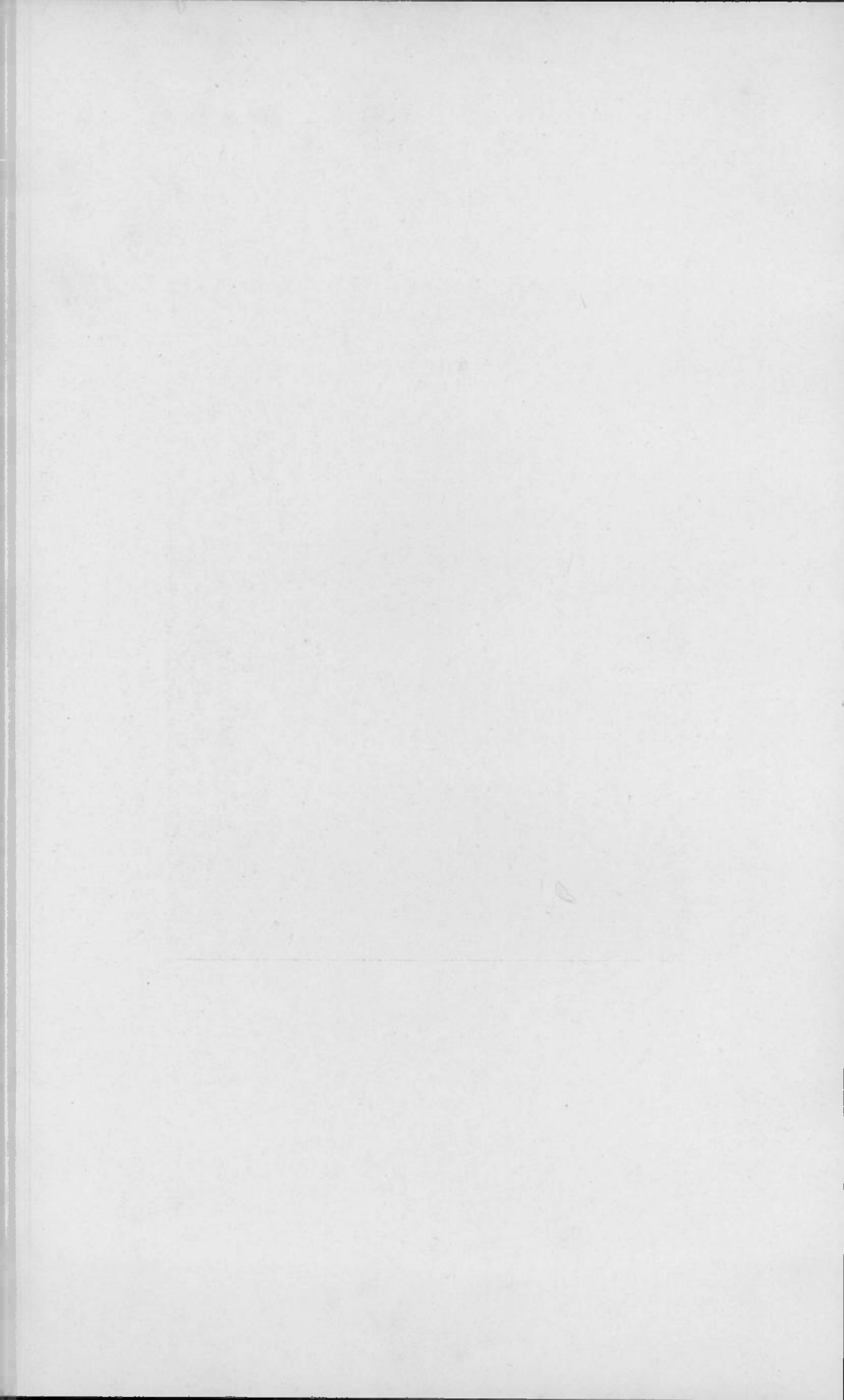




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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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OF NEBRASKA
AT THE
Seventy-first Annual Communication,
Held in Omaha, June 5th, 6th and 7th, 1928.

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 5th, A. D., 1928, at 9:30 A. M.

There were present:

M. W. Albert R. Davis.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Frank H. Woodland.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Ira C. Freet.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Orville A. Andrews.....	Grand Junior Warden.
M. W. Lewis E. Smith.....	Grand Secretary.
V. W. George Allen Beecher.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. William D. Redmond.....	Grand Orator.
W. Lute M. Savage.....	Grand Custodian.
W. John R. Tapster.....	Grand Marshal.
W. J. Dean Ringer.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Edwin B. Johnston.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. John W. Disbrow.....	Grand Tyler.

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, Brother Harold H. Thom, 1, entertained the representatives and visitors from the various Lodges, with a group of fine selections on the pipe-organ.

Promptly at 9:30, a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. Frank H. Woodland, Deputy Grand

Master, the Invocation being given by V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain.

Most Worshipful Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, was then introduced, given the Grand Honors, and escorted to his station in the Grand East.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of chartered Lodges. There being a constitutional number of Lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the Seventy-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, opened in ample form, directing the Grand Marshal to make due proclamation thereof.

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS.

The following Past Grand Masters were introduced by the Grand Senior Deacon, according to their seniority:

George H. Thummel.....	(11th) ..	1876
John J. Wemple.....	(19th) ..	1884
Samuel P. Davidson.....	(27th) ..	1892
Henry H. Wilson.....	(30th) ..	1895
Charles E. Burnham.....	(39th) ..	1904
Harry A. Cheney.....	(45th) ..	1910
James R. Cain, Jr.....	(47th) ..	1912
Samuel S. Whiting.....	(50th) ..	1915
Andrew H. Viele.....	(51 st) ..	1916
Frederic L. Temple.....	(52nd) ..	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson.....	(53rd) ..	1918
John J. Tooley.....	(54th) ..	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg.....	(55th) ..	1920
Lewis E. Smith.....	(56th) ..	1921
Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th) ..	1923
Robert R. Dickson.....	(59th) ..	1924
Edwin D. Crites.....	(61 st) ..	1926

WELCOME BY M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Brethren:

Your station in the Grand Lodge indicates that the Brethren of your respective Lodges first elected you to rule and govern your respective Lodges; later this Grand Lodge at different times has selected each of you to rule and guide the veterans of Free Masonry in Nebraska. For more than half a century, your advice, worthy and good, has been given the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. You and those among you from the pioneer days of this commonwealth have assisted in framing and promoting the high destiny of our Ancient and Honorable Order.

The present Grand Master at this time desires to acknowledge to the Brethren that your splendid presence, your advice, timely and good, given to me during the past year, has assisted to a very great extent in whatever may have been accomplished during the Masonic year.

May the Great Architect of the Universe, in his mercy, grant unto each of you to be with us on many Annual Communications, that your advice, timely and good, as it has been in the past, remain to assist the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.

REMARKS BY M. W. GEORGE H. THUMMEL, PAST GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Sir:

To Grand Island in the early years when her jurisdiction as Lodge extended over a large portion of the State of Nebraska, as Chapter, and Commandery over practically two-thirds of the entire state, there came from the neighboring towns ambitious Masons to receive the degrees of Chapter and Commandery, and among those who came to us in those early years was Past Grand Master Wemple from Hastings. He was our Grand Master in 1884. Business relations in a few years called him to the neighboring State of Ohio, and for the first time in thirty-nine years it is permitted him to be with us, and he will respond to your words of welcome.

REMARKS BY M. W. JOHN J. WEMPLE, PAST GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

When St. Paul was arraigned for trial on his espousal of the cause of Christ, he prefaced his defense with these words:

"I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews."

I not only think myself happy, but I am tremendously happy to have the privilege of meeting once more in the Grand Jurisdiction in which I served many years.

I feel my inability to respond to your eloquent and hearty address of welcome, and especially when it is my feat to respond to it for these, my compeers, all more distinguished Masonically to make them, than myself. However, I am glad to have the opportunity.

Thirty-nine years ago this month I had the distinguished honor of installing the officers of this Jurisdiction of this Grand Body. Since which time it has not been possible for me to be here, but this year, with the extreme courtesy of your Grand Master I am privileged to be here.

Many centuries ago a king was crossing the desert in his domain to another part of same, and the riders of the caravan had neglected one of the principal necessities of the caravan; they had neglected to have water skins enough and the water was exhausted; a cruel sun hung in the sky; the children were almost perishing for thirst and when the king went to the master of the caravan, and said, "What shall we do?" he said, "We must loosen the herd." The camels were loosened and bounded across the desert, the caravan following as best it

could. In a comparatively short time they came to an oasis in which was a large spring of clear water, a bountiful supply. The children were bathed, the women were satisfied, the men, who had been cursing, were appeased with the water, the camels were filled, the water skins were replenished. Then the king obtained from his helpers a little leather tablet and wrote upon it these words:

"As the hart panteth after the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, oh God."

I do not know how many of us have the same infinite feeling of the Supreme as he, the king, but this I do know that from the heart of every true Mason goes out a feeling and a wondering for the infinite, and what is next to it, a feeling for his fellow man; and I think I can speak these words faithfully for every one who now stands around me, their hearts go out not only for the Supreme, but for their fellow man.

It is with mingling feeling of joy and sorrow that I am here today. As I glance down the lines I miss many who were not only my compeers in Masonic activities, but were my personal friends. They have gone; they have taken the long journey; but we have had the benefit of their advice, we have had the benefit of their example, and I doubt myself whether there is a man present that is not a better man for his acquaintance with those that have gone before. We should congratulate ourselves that we are here, and have the privilege of meeting again, but we know not how soon we may take the long journey. Those that have gone before us, we count dead, but they are not dead; they are not dead who live in the hearts of those whom they have loved. They live the life again and cast their shadows through the years through every life which grows each day more beautiful. Time declares their good, and forgets the rest, proving they are immortal.

REMARKS BY M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Brother Wemple:

Following your gracious words I cannot think of a more auspicious moment than the present to tell you of the joy of the Craft in your presence with us on this annual communication.

The present Grand Master does not have the pleasure of the old-time associations that you have enjoyed in this Grand Lodge.

I will confess to being a party to the conspiracy to bring sufficient pressure upon you that you might join with us on this annual occasion, that you could gather here with us, renew the old ties of friendship, and meet the Craft from this Grand Jurisdiction. May the ties be so re-established that in the Annual Communications of the future your presence may be with us on each and every one of those occasions.

PRESENTATION OF A FIFTY-YEAR BADGE TO M. W. GEORGE H. THUMMEL.

REMARKS BY M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Brother George H. Thummel conducted to the Altar.

Most Worshipful and Beloved Brother:

Badges, an insignia of honor or of office mean but little except for the things for which they stand and represent or reflect in the light of the recipient.

This Grand Lodge has adopted a badge or button to be worn by its Masons who have rendered 50 years of service to the fraternity.

Fifty-two years ago you were selected as Grand Master to rule and govern the destinies of the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction. When you laid down the gavel it extended in the record of the year that you just only began. Throughout those years your time and your talents have been devoted to the Craft. The Great Architect of the Universe has been merciful unto you, you have been spared in strength and vitality to assist the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. This pathway of life you have traveled far, along its Masonic lines your experience has been broad, you have seen the widows and orphans in this Grand Jurisdiction assisted, you have seen a splendid place provided for the sick and infirm, you have seen this Grand Jurisdiction grow from a mere handful to the splendid proportions it has this day. Throughout the past one Grand Master after another has given tribute to your assistance and your timely counsel. The present Grand Master desires to add his word to the others, and I am indeed grateful to you for the timely counsel, your timely co-operation throughout the year.

This company of fifty-year Masons has presented an invitation for you to join them in wearing this button.

I would consider it a privilege and an honor to pin that badge upon your garment with my own hands, but a few weeks ago, my Brother, you and I joined in the most splendid occasion, the occasion involved the installation of a lifelong friend of our present Grand Chaplain, Bishop Beecher; and so as on that occasion you pinned the insignia of office upon his garment, I take pleasure in surrendering this privilege to our present Grand Chaplain, Bishop Beecher to likewise pin upon your garment the badge of a fifty-year Mason. (Applause).

(Grand Chaplain Bishop Beecher pins 50-year badge upon M. W. George H. Thummel, Past Grand Master).

PRAYER BY V. W. GEORGE ALLEN BEECHER,
GRAND CHAPLAIN.

LET US PRAY:

Almighty God, in whose infinite wisdom and power and light all our tomorrows are periods of anticipations, and all our yesterdays are times of planning and laboring with varying degrees of successes and failures, and in all our time we live and move and have our being in Thee.

We render to Thee, Oh God, our grateful thanks, our individual and personal and corporate gratitude for the life of service, unselfish, wholesome, for the character of the man and for the life in his own home, where he has devoted himself to the encouragement of those he loved best, to the rock of faith in Thee.

Grant, oh Lord, that he may receive at this hour and on this occasion an inward sense of joy and thankfulness not only for the things he has attained but for the things he has striven to attain, even though in a measure he may have lost the goal.

Grant, oh Lord, that all the traditions of our past as Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction may carry us from lesser to greater attainments as time goes on, and may Thy blessing rest upon George H. Thummel and his family and all of us. In Thy name we ask it for Thy sake. Amen.

RESPONSE BY M.:W.: GEORGE H. THUMMEL, PAST GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

It is with praise in my heart that I acknowledge the receipt of this button.

I thought, as I listened to your talk, how true to life Masonry is, as boys we look forward most eagerly to the day when we shall become 21 years old, that we may enjoy the privilege of citizenship, and also the right to petition some Lodge for the degrees of Masonry.

January 31st, 1848 I was twenty-one years old,—no, not 1848, that is when I was born, but when I was twenty-one, some months before I sent in my petition to receive the degrees of Masonry, and I was a Master Mason months before I voted.

Following on twenty-five years more, those who were lucky enough to have wedded the bride and the love of our Craft, celebrate our silver wedding as Masons, we become eligible to join the Veterans' Association.

Twenty-five years more we celebrate our golden wedding, as Masons, we receive the Fifty-year button, all telling of the mighty deeds of the past and the growth of Masonry.

I attended the first Grand Lodge in 1871, I could have put all the members in that Grand Lodge in that little section. During the session of the Grand Lodge we had a session of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery, all of them together, each performing its respective function. Now, this is the largest Grand Lodge session we have ever had, and one can look about this room and see the small space that is allotted to go back and forth, it is only a question of time, and that a very short day, when we must move or obtain larger quarters so that we can have this session in peace and comfort and enjoy it. And this is almost one of the unusual Grand Lodges where we have not been sweltered in heat; always used to say, "We have hot weather when the Grand Lodge comes."

Brethren, I am glad to be here. I promise to stay with you and labor with you just as long as I can, and I hope you will all live and enjoy the life as I have enjoyed the pioneer life following and retained down to the present day. (Applause).

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

The following distinguished visitors were presented, introduced, and welcomed by the Grand Master:

M.:E.: Harford N. Rosebush, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

M.:I.: Seward E. Cogswell, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons in Nebraska.

R. E. Francis A. Mitchell, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska.

Ill. Brother Frank C. Patton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, State of Nebraska.

W. Brother Edwin C. Yont, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, and President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont.

Brother James M. Robertson, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

W. Brother Lester R. Slonecker, 302, gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by W. Brother Frank O. Robinson, 155.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

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

Brethren:

At the Seventieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska I was elected and installed as Grand Master. At the beginning of this Seventy-first Annual Communication I return with my report to you and my review of the year's labors and activities in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska.

I entered this exalted office fully conscious of my own limitations and filled with the gravest concern of my ability to continue to lead the Craft along those lofty lines of honor, duty, and service as had been so splendidly done by my predecessors in office. The consciousness of my limitations has remained throughout the year. The most important thing I overlooked in the inception of my term of office was the hearty co-operation and assistance freely and continually given by the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Craft from all parts of the state. I cannot in this brief message adequately convey my appreciation of the splendid support and assistance accorded me, but when this is given my successor in office in the same measure of devotion and loyalty it has been given to me, then will those qualities of faith, confidence, and courage instinctively respond, and in such measure that his responsibilities and duties will become a pleasure in the discharge thereof, on behalf of the Craft, in each and every principle of Masonic activity.

NECROLOGY.

James D. Edwards, holder of the gold Jordan medal, passed away in Stromsburg, Nebraska, November 17, 1927, at the age of 96 years, 8 months, and 8 days. He became a Master Mason August 27, 1855, at the age of 24 years. It being impossible for me to attend the funeral of this Brother, I commissioned Ira C. Freet, Grand Senior Warden, to go in my stead. From the report given me by R. W. Ira C. Freet, it was a very impressive occasion and a splendid tribute to the life of this venerable Brother.

An occasional communication of the Grand Lodge has been opened on two occasions for the holding of Masonic funerals. The first was that of M. W. Ornan J. King, who died December 26, 1927. This Brother was installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, June 6, 1907, and had the honor of presiding at the Fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held September 23, 1907. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason January 6, 1873, at Marcellus, New York. His life was filled with activities on behalf of the Craft.

Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M., of which M. W. Ornan J. King had been a member for many years, assisted to a very great degree the Grand Lodge on this occasion.

Again on Sunday, February 5, 1928, an occasional communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, was opened for the purpose of conducting the funeral of Very Worshipful Brother Charles Munson Shepherd, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

Words fail in giving tribute to the life of this man and Mason and his wonderful work for the Craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. As I have journeyed over the state and have heard the expressions of the Brethren, I have realized, at least to some extent, how the life and the work of this man entered into and was an inspiration for the members of our Craft throughout the state.

Aside from his Masonic record, he has had a very distinguished career in the state as a Minister of the Gospel, and a Patriot unexcelled. As a minister and lecturer, his services were in constant demand. Who of us who have heard that deep, rich, resonant voice, who have seen his countenance alight with the enthusiasm and happiness of his convictions and his ideals, would not sorely miss him? He must have studied knighthood at its best. His life was filled with noble thoughts, kindly deeds, and splendid charity. It was an inspiration to come in contact with this man.

The pages of our Grand Lodge Proceedings are filled with the recital of his activities among us. Among other things, he was Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. in 1914, and was Grand Chaplain in 1915, 1916, and from 1919 to the date of his death. He was chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead and the Committee on Masonic Education.

His funeral was held February 5, 1928, and at his request made in his lifetime, was conducted by the Right Reverend George Allen Beecher, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the Western Diocese of Nebraska, and present Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. Again Lancaster Lodge No. 54 was called upon to assist the Grand Lodge on this occasion and did so most fully and completely. The largest number of Masons ever gathered in this Grand Jurisdiction for a Masonic funeral followed the remains to the place of interment where the usual Masonic service was had.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Following the death of our V. W. Grand Chaplain, Charles M. Shepherd, I called a council of a number of the Grand Lodge officers at Omaha, Nebraska. At this council I requested nominations from the several members

present. A remarkable tribute was paid in that only one name was mentioned by each and every Brother present, that of Right Reverend George Allen Beecher, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the Western Diocese of Nebraska. I was filled with apprehension in view of the many activities of this distinguished Brother that he would be unable to accept. It was with a very wonderful degree of satisfaction that I was informed by this Brother that he would be pleased to serve the Fraternity as Grand Chaplain.

He being a member of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, of Omaha, Nebraska, it was deemed especially fitting that he be installed at a time and place when the Brethren of his Lodge could be present and participate. Accordingly, April 20, 1928, was fixed for his installation. The Grand Lodge officers attended a dinner given by George W. Lininger Lodge on this occasion. At the dinner a very great number of Bishop Beecher's Brethren in the ministry and in the civic affairs of life were in attendance. Later, George W. Lininger Lodge opened as Master Masons and an occasional communication of the Grand Lodge was opened and Bishop Beecher installed. M. W. George H. Thummel had declined a proxy from the Grand Master to install our Grand Chaplain, which proxy had been tendered by reason of the fact of the close and intimate friendship extending over a great period of years between Brother Thummel and Brother Beecher. M. W. Brother George H. Thummel consented to act as Grand Marshal. Following the installation, Bishop Beecher gave the Craft a most inspiring and intimate address upon the philosophy of Masonry and of life. Altogether, it was one of the happiest occasions that the Grand Master had the privilege of attending throughout the year.

DISPENSATIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF NEW LODGES.

Pursuant to recommendation of M. W. Edwin D. Crites, I granted a dispensation to institute a Lodge at College View, Nebraska, and on the evening of July 13, 1927, pursuant to proxy issued to R. W. Orville A. Andrews, Grand Junior Warden, the Lodge at College View was instituted and report thereof made by Brother Andrews.

I received a petition in due form for dispensation to form a new Lodge at Dalton, Nebraska, to be known as Robert E. French Lodge, U. D. From information coming to the Grand Master, I was satisfied that while it was a very laudable desire on the part of the Brethren to so name said Lodge, it would be a mistake so to do.

The petition was held in abeyance for some time pending a determination as to the location of Broadwater, I deeming it a material factor in granting the dispensation. At a meeting at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, attended by a number of the Brethren from Dalton, Bridgeport, and Broadwater, it was unanimously agreed that in the event of granting dispensation to institute a Lodge at Dalton, Broadwater being nearer to Bridgeport than to Dalton, it would remain in the Bridgeport jurisdiction.

I thereupon granted the dispensation and issued my proxy to R. W. Frank H. Woodland, Deputy Grand Master, to institute the Lodge at Dalton under and by the name of Harmony Lodge U. D., and on March 2, 1928, said Lodge was instituted with R. W. Frank H. Woodland, Deputy Grand

Master, W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, and W. John R. Tapster, Grand Marshal, present.

I refused to grant a dispensation to Broadwater.

The matter of granting a dispensation to Lyman, Nebraska, has been informally presented to the Grand Master, but has not advanced to the stage where the Grand Master feels warranted in making any recommendation.

ORDERS GRANTING PERMISSION TO LODGES TO CHANGE THEIR PLACES OF MEETING.

During the year, pursuant to law and the precedents established by former Grand Masters, I have, for good cause shown, permitted a very considerable number of Lodges to change their place of meeting, but assuming that it is a matter of only local interest, I have omitted tabulating herein the names of such Lodges.

Among these changes, however, should be noted the change of place of meeting of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 at Kearney, Nebraska, the change being caused by this Lodge moving into its new Temple.

Also it should be noted that the change of meeting place of Crofton Lodge No. 273 was occasioned by the Lodge purchasing the building into which it moved.

INSTALLATIONS.

Conforming to custom and the precedents of former Grand Masters, I, upon invitation of the officers of Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., installed the officers of said Lodge with the able assistance of John B. Lichtenwallner, Deputy Custodian, who, with a number of the Grand Lodge officers and Brethren, had journeyed from Omaha to participate in this occasion. It is a pleasure to recommend to my successor and the Grand Masters who will follow to keep this custom inviolate, as the Brethren of Fremont Lodge will make the installing officer realize that it is a most pleasant privilege.

I also had the pleasure of installing the officers of my own Lodge, Wayne Lodge No. 120, A. F. & A. M., and no greater honor or pleasure can be had than such a privilege, accorded and requested by the Brethren with whom we daily touch elbows.

CORNER-STONES LAID.

I have, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge officers and the Craft in the several parts of this Grand Jurisdiction, laid corner-stones as follows:

On June 29, 1927, at Decatur, Nebraska, American Legion Hall.

On July 5, 1927, at Fremont, Nebraska, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

On October 17, 1927, at Bridgeport, Nebraska, High School.

On October 15, 1927, at Omaha, Nebraska, Dundee Presbyterian Church.

I issued my proxy to M. W. Samuel S. Whiting to lay the corner-stone at Hebron, Nebraska, on September 2, 1927, for the Methodist Episcopal Church. This corner-stone was duly laid and report made thereof by the Brother to whom the proxy was issued.

I issued my proxy to R. W. Frank H. Woodland, Deputy Grand Master, to lay the corner-stone at Kimball, Nebraska, on March 2, 1928, for the County Court House. This corner-stone was duly laid and report thereof made by Brother Frank H. Woodland, to whom the proxy was issued.

The Grand Lodge was invited to lay the corner-stones of several churches through the year, but inasmuch as the church authorities desired these exercises to be on the Sabbath day, I was obliged to decline such invitations.

I have accepted invitation to lay corner-stone for the municipal hospital at Chadron, Nebraska, during the month of May, 1928. I am advised that a holiday is to be proclaimed in this enterprising city and a day of municipal patriotism and civic pride to be observed.

I have also accepted invitation to lay the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Hampton, Nebraska, during the month of May, 1928. This should be a note-worthy occasion from the fact that the occasion of this temple is made possible by the entire amount for its erection being given by deceased Brother S. C. Houghton of this Lodge.

DEDICATIONS OF MASONIC HALLS.

On August 31, 1927, the Grand Lodge officers accepted the invitation of Blue River Lodge No. 30 at Milford, Nebraska, to dedicate their new temple. The attendance of Grand Lodge officers was substantially complete. The Brethren of the adjoining Lodges were present in large numbers. The members of Blue River Lodge have made a wonderful sacrifice and have erected a temple of which they may justly feel proud, and which will fully serve their needs for many years.

On January 26, 1928, I accepted the invitation to dedicate the Masonic Temple of Oshkosh Lodge No. 286, and on that date repaired to Oshkosh with the Grand Marshal for this purpose.

I had assumed that the quarters of this Lodge to be dedicated would be limited in size and modest in expenditure. When I arrived in Oshkosh I was advised by the Grand Marshal that I was about to receive the surprise of my Masonic year. His prophecy was accurate. The temple erected by these Brethren is a wonderful tribute to their energy and appreciation of Masonry. The plan for dedication was complete in every respect, was attended by a very large number, and an occasion that no Mason who attended will ever forget. As opportunity presents, I hope that the Brethren from over the state may visit and inspect the temple of Oshkosh Lodge. It is a fitting representation of what Masons who united in thought, purpose, and sacrifice, can accomplish for the mutual benefit and the welfare of the Craft.

I was invited to visit Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway, Nebraska, with the officers of the Grand Lodge, and dedicate their newly constructed winding stairs and middle chamber. So far as I am advised, this is the only Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction that has actually constructed the middle chamber and winding or spiral stairs. I concluded that when a Masonic Temple or Hall was dedicated, the dedication was complete and included each and every particular part, and that therefore a dedication ceremony of this kind could not be authorized. Had it been permitted, I should have liked to have seen Parian Lodge No. 207 have this distinction.

I have received a very complete description of the arrangement and contents of this Lodge by Brother Henry H. Andrews, its secretary, and I am satisfied that any of the Craft in the state of Nebraska that have the opportunity of visiting this Lodge, noting their furniture and implements of Masonry with the mementoes collected and preserved, will be well repaid for such visit.

VISITS.

During the year it was my pleasure to visit and participate in the program of various Masonic functions, among which were the County Masonic Meeting of Cedar County, Nebraska, held at Randolph, Nebraska, the County Masonic Meeting of Dixon County, Nebraska, held at Emerson, Nebraska, the Washington County Masonic picnic held at Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, the County Masonic Meeting held at O'Neill, Nebraska, the joint Masonic picnic at Fullerton, Nebraska, with the Lodges from Genoa, Belgrade, and Silver Creek, and the Fifty Year Celebration of issuance of charter of Osceola Lodge.

On June 15, 1927, in company with M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, I visited the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa, at Council Bluffs.

On June 28, 1927, through the kindness of Brother Tinley Combs, Omaha, I had the pleasure of attending a banquet and later a meeting, the purpose of which was to give due recognition to the work and service of those connected with DeMolay. It was one of the very exceptional meetings of the year. Too strong an endorsement, in my opinion, cannot be given to the work of DeMolay. It is a work in which the Masonic Fraternity in each and every locality should co-operate and promote. While in my judgment the harvest will yield rich returns to Masonry, the broader compensation is that it is a splendid training to the young men of this Grand Jurisdiction at an age when they most need it, and when it will bring the best results.

On September 30th and October 1, 1927, in company with Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, I visited the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada in Denver, Colorado.

On October 25, 1927, the Grand Secretary and myself visited Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri at Kansas City.

On February 20, 1928, in Washington, D. C., in company with the Grand Secretary and Edward Huwaldt, chairman of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, I attended the Grand Masters' Conference.

On the following Tuesday and Wednesday, we attended the meetings of the George Washington National Memorial Association held in the Lodge room in Alexandria, Virginia, and in the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

These occasions were filled with instruction and inspiration.

On May 8, 1928, I had the pleasure of addressing the annual meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star at Grand Island, Nebraska. Throughout the year the affiliation with the Order of the Eastern Star in our united work and aims has been of the most intimate and harmonious nature, and it has been a pleasure to co-operate in the most worthy aims and program of this Order.

AWARD OF GOLD JORDAN MEDAL.

Through the death of Brother James D. Edwards of Stromsburg, Nebraska, it became necessary to make the award of the gold Jordan medal, and it became necessary for me to make a ruling thereon. It was my conclusion that the medal should be awarded to the resident Mason of Nebraska for the longest term of years.

The Grand Secretary thereupon made inquiry of the several Lodges and under date of January 30, 1928, I made the award of this medal to William A. Cotton, member of Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City. The Masonic record of this Brother is conspicuous. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on March 20, 1861. On February 10, 1928, the gold Jordan medal was presented to Brother Cotton in a tiled meeting at Nebraska City. The Brethren of Nebraska City and surrounding Lodges made this a very wonderful meeting. There was a splendid attendance. The dignified respect and affection accorded this venerable Brother is a memory that will remain with those who attended this meeting. To me it was a great privilege.

FIFTY YEAR BADGES.

During the year, at various Lodges over the state I have had the honor and pleasure of presenting the fifty year badges to certain of the Brethren entitled thereto.

I have also during the year had the opportunity of observing the effect of the presentations of this badge. It is an honor among Masons to be coveted and it is so considered among the Brethren. The originating of this plan and carrying it into effect among the Craft is not only commendable but properly emphasizes the services of the individual Brethren and is an inspiration to the younger Masons.

My observation is that based upon the expenditure no one thing instituted by the Grand Lodge to be carried out among certain of the Craft has been productive of better results. Its effect will continue for good among the Craft and the presentations the basis for many happy and harmonious meetings.

MASONIC EDUCATION.

The work of the Committee on Masonic Education was virtually suspended by the death of its chairman, V. W. Brother Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain. With the duties of Bishop Beecher in his church, we cannot think of him in connection with the committee.

In my judgment, the work of this committee is most important, not alone for the instruction and patriotism brought to the members of the various Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, but it is an inspiration to the promotion of the principles and work of Free Masonry that cannot be curtailed or eliminated.

I recommend that the Committee on Masonic Education be continued, and that it be supported to whatever extent may be necessary to insure its functioning in the highest degree.

PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

On account of the long continued sickness of M. W. Robert E. French, former Grand Custodian, I found upon the beginning of my administration that the schools of instruction had not been kept up to the standard heretofore required by the Grand Custodian. To assist the Grand Custodian, W. Lute M. Savage, in the re-establishment of such schools, the Grand Custodian, the Grand Chaplain, and myself, informally planned for a very large number of Central Schools to be held, for the Grand Chaplain to attend and the Grand Master also whenever possible, and for the purpose of conserving time and expense the Central Schools in remote parts of the state were arranged in chains similar to the Chautauqua circuit so that the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Master might attend on the last day of each school successively.

This program was inaugurated and was meeting with the utmost success when our Grand Chaplain was stricken and the program as planned necessarily abandoned. In view of this situation, it became necessary to make substitutions and changes. It also appeared necessary, in view of the changed conditions, for the Grand Master to personally attend each of the Central Schools.

I am pleased to report that I was able to attend the Central Schools conducted by the Grand Custodian at the following named places in regular order:

Wayne.....	October 6, 1927.
Albion.....	" 14, 1927.
Tekamah.....	" 20, 1927.
Beatrice.....	" 27, 1927.
Sidney.....	November 9, 1927.
North Platte.....	" 10, 1927.
Central City.....	" 11, 1927.
David City.....	" 17, 1927.
McCook.....	" 30, 1927.
Oxford.....	December 1, 1927.
Superior.....	" 2, 1927.
Chadron.....	January 24, 1928.
Alliance.....	" 25, 1928.
Scottsbluff.....	" 26, 1928.
Auburn.....	February 3, 1928.

By visiting these Central Schools, I was enabled to come in contact with the Brethren of the various Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction; I was enabled to view personally the work of the Grand Custodian and his deputies. I observed this work with a very great degree of satisfaction. The deputy Custodians in each and every instance were efficient and doing invaluable work in their several localities. In addition, they were uniformly the type of men with whom it is a pride to be associated and to see them so wholly dedicated to the principles of this venerable Order is a matter of congratulation.

I cannot speak too highly of the work of the Grand Custodian. His place was hard to fill during the year. Wheresoever we turn Masonically is the recollection and tender memories of "Uncle Bob." There was no attempt

upon the part of Brother Savage to usurp the place in the hearts and minds of the Craft held by the late Grand Custodian, Robert E. French. Yet in a quiet and unassuming modest manner our Grand Custodian won a place for himself in the hearts of the Craft, and his work wheresoever conducted was well founded.

Not only have the Schools been restored to their normal degree of efficiency, but the examinations for proficiency have been held and certificates issued where earned, and this department of Masonry is functioning as of old to its fullest capacity.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

In common with the work of my predecessors, I have found it proper to approve a very considerable number of amendments to by-laws throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, but in most instances these by-laws have been of interest only to the local Lodge and nothing therein contained would be of information or benefit to the Craft at large over the state, and therefore a list of such Lodges whose amendments to by-laws I have approved is not given.

I approved an amendment to by-laws of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 and of Sterling Lodge No. 70, A. F. & A. M., which is of more than passing interest to the Craft of the state. In each of these Lodges a building program had been endorsed and to finance the same the dues had in effect been increased for a number of years sufficient to insure the financing of the building program. Under this situation the question arose, if a Brother demitted, would he be required to pay the current dues or would he be required to pay this entire sum spread as an assessment or dues for the term of years estimated in financing the building program.

The first question presented is, where the Lodge adopts a by-law, is it within the province of the Grand Master to disapprove the by-law unless it contravenes some law, custom, or usage of the Grand Lodge? I, at the outset, assumed that if the dues of the current year were paid, that the Brother could not be held to pay the special assessment, but upon further reflection and my attention being called specifically to Section 80 of our law as amended, it was my conclusion that the member desiring to demit would be required to pay in full the special assessment so levied under the by-law of said Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED AND RECOMMENDED.

I appointed as representatives of the M. W. the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska near other Grand Jurisdictions M. W. Virgil P. Smith, of Somerset, near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and W. Brother Harry K. Green, of Clarendon, near the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

I recommended the following Brethren as representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: W. Brother John H. Kemp of Wayne, representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; W. Brother Archie M. Smith of Pender, representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine; W. Brother Seward E. Cogswell of Central City, representative of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico; and W. Brother Frank O. Robinson of Hartington, representative of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted a considerable number of dispensations throughout the year, but these dispensations were granted along regular lines and in most, if not all cases ample precedents established for the granting of such dispensation, and therefore more or less a matter of routine, and by reason thereof no itemized list of such dispensations is set out herein.

In this connection, I call attention to a somewhat unique situation in one of our older and well-established Lodges, to-wit: Rob Morris Lodge No. 46. On January 25, 1928, I received a letter from the Worshipful Master that he was leaving the jurisdiction of Rob Morris Lodge and that previous to his departure the Senior and Junior Wardens had removed from the same jurisdiction, and advising that he was placing the records of the Lodge in the hands of a Past Master, but not the Senior Past Master.

I immediately instructed Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, A.F. & A.M., that the Senior Past Master present at a regular communication of said Lodge should open and hold said Lodge. Upon further consideration and consultations with members of the Craft, I modified such instruction by instructing a Past Master of said Lodge, naming the Past Master, to open and hold said regular communication.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS SUSPENDED FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS.

At the time of this tabulation of applications for reinstatement, twenty-seven have been acted upon, a very large majority having been granted and the petitioner reinstated.

The Committee advisory to the Grand Master, W. Brother Bernard N. Robertson, M. W. Brother Andrew H. Viele, and W. Brother Charles H. Marley, have been invaluable to the Grand Master. They have performed their duties thoroughly and painstakingly. In each and every case they have exercised, in my opinion, admirable judgment and have relieved the Grand Master of the greater part of the labor in connection with these petitions.

GIFTS.

It appears that the number of donors and the amount of their gifts to our Fraternity is constantly increasing. Viewed from any angle, due recognition should be given for these gifts to the donors, if in their lifetime, and to their next of kin, if deceased.

Among the gifts during the current year is one of Isabelle J. Ferguson of Wayne, Nebraska, approximating nine thousand dollars, of which she directed in her will one-half thereof to be used for our Home at Plattsmouth, and the one-half thereof to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

I recommend that as to the money to be used for the Home at Plattsmouth, that the same be delivered forthwith without formal action, the Grand Lodge in a sense being merely trustee for the transfer of this fund. The remaining one-half to be used for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, under the present situation, I recommend that this amount be retained by the Grand Lodge until such time as said Home

is fully incorporated, and thereupon said fund be turned over to said Home by the order of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge without further action or intervention.

FINANCES.

I am well content to leave the question of finances with the Grand Secretary and the Finance Committee for your consideration. I call your attention to the faithful and efficient work of these officers in the discharge of their duties. The Grand Secretary will advise you of a present condition of our finances seldom equalled and never excelled.

In connection with these matters, I also desire to call attention to the fact that President Yont of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont was able to report the building of the last unit during the current year within the appropriation made for same.

In connection with the financial affairs of our Grand Lodge, I call attention to the fact that in 1912 when the salary of our Grand Secretary was last raised there were 19,269 members in this Grand Jurisdiction, and up to that time there had been a Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. The last available figures show that there are now 41,948 members; that the funds now belonging to the Grand Lodge for which the Grand Secretary is responsible amount to the sum of \$320,672.68; that as secretary of the Home Board, which constitutes a part of the work of the Grand Secretary, he is responsible for an additional \$193,950.57. In 1912 the total assets of the Home were \$34,331.78.

The Grand Secretary, in addition to his arduous and multifarious duties as Grand Secretary, is required by virtue of his position to attend innumerable meetings and occasions and must present himself in keeping with the dignified office he holds.

I have made some inquiry as to the total compensation received by our Grand Secretary in comparison with Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, and in comparison our Grand Secretary is grossly underpaid. In addition thereto, I am satisfied from my own observation that this Grand Jurisdiction should and will cheerfully pay our Grand Secretary something nearly adequate to the service performed, and I therefore recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased from twenty-four hundred dollars per annum to thirty-six hundred dollars per annum.

OUR HOMES.

During the year I have visited the Homes at Plattsmouth and at Fremont. I cannot urge upon the Craft too strongly to make those pilgrimages and get an insight as to how Masonry and the Order of Eastern Star is functioning in this Grand Jurisdiction. The infirmary at Plattsmouth is of inestimable benefit to the members of the Home. Looking backward we wonder how the Home could have been maintained without this place of caring for the sick and relieving human suffering.

The management of the Homes at both Plattsmouth and Fremont are kept to the high standard heretofore maintained.

It does not require the vision of a far-sighted Mason to realize that we must keep these institutions constantly in mind, concentrating our energies

to the goal of enlarging the scope and facilities at each of these places so that we can at least in a substantial degree care for those who may and as a matter of right are entitled to ask such care and ministrations.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

This Grand Lodge is a member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The financial campaign in this Grand Jurisdiction to assist in this worthy cause has in some respects been unfortunate. For several years there has been little activity. The record of former activities has not been wholly preserved. Former Grand Masters and committees have given information to the Craft to such an extent that it would be useless for me to attempt to supplement. It is a worthy cause. Our Grand Jurisdiction is lagging not only in its opportunity but in its duty in comparison with the Grand Jurisdictions of this nation. The matter should be brought home to each and every individual Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction.

After much care and consideration of this matter, I appointed Edward Huwaldt of Winside Lodge No. 235, A. F. & A. M., chairman of this committee. His residence is at Carroll, Nebraska. He has been industrious and faithful to his trust. The funds received have been deposited with the Grand Secretary. This committee is seeking to collect these funds with the least possible expense. Your co-operation and response with and to this committee is sincerely and earnestly requested.

DISCIPLINE.

In the matter of discipline I have been satisfied that substantial justice has been done in practically all matters coming before the Lodges and that the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction have not been remiss in the discharge of their duties in these matters. In certain cases it has appeared that insufficient punishment was administered. Upon careful consideration of the facts and circumstances in those particular cases, I have been satisfied, except in one instance, that the Lodge has done its duty. In that case I have ordered the sentence set aside and a new trial had. These matters, except in the one instance, have been either settled by the Lodge taking action, or, where either party felt aggrieved, appeal has been taken to the Grand Lodge and it is now before the Committee on Grievances. I feel that it would serve no good purpose to detail the circumstances of these several matters.

In two instances, however, I desire to call attention to what I determined to be the facts.

On March 26, 1928, I attended a special communication of McCook Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M., this meeting having been called by the Worshipful Master at my request. I found that a candidate had petitioned McCook Lodge; that the ballot upon his petition was clear; that thereafter an objection was placed against the initiation of this candidate; that the candidate and the Master of the Lodge appeared before the reputed objector and a conversation ensued between the candidate and the alleged objector as to the removal of the objection, the Master being present, hearing the conversation, but not

participating therein. The reputed objector turned and said in substance, "If I have placed an objection against this candidate, it is removed." Thereupon the Master and the candidate left.

Immediately thereafter, the alleged objector went to the Master and told him he desired to place an objection. The Master advised him he could not accept such objection as another Brother in the interval had placed an objection. It appears that the objection placed by the intervening Brother was subsequently removed and the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred without the candidate repetitioning.

It appears that this candidate had previously petitioned this Lodge a number of times without an election, and in my opinion some of the Brethren conceived the idea of letting the ballot be clear for the purpose of placing an objection and preventing the repetitioning. There was also evidence from which one might conclude that certain other of the Brethren felt that the circumstances justified the making of this man a Mason by any means under which the result could be accomplished.

The Master advised me that when he visited the alleged objector with the candidate, he had no knowledge of such contemplated visit or that they would meet the alleged objector. The undisputable fact remained, however, that the candidate upon this visit immediately took up the subject of the objection with the reputed objector, that the Master stood by and heard the conversation, and remained there until the alleged objector turned to him, the Master, with the statement heretofore given.

It is my judgment that upon this visit, when the first word was spoken by the candidate concerning the objection placed against him, it was the duty of the Master to immediately stop the conversation or retire. When he remained, it necessarily placed the alleged objector in such a position that he could only feel that the candidate was proceeding with the approval or acquiescence of the Master.

While the Master erred in not receiving the objection of the Brother when he requested to place an objection, and while the Master also erred in conferring the Entered Apprentice degree without the candidate repetitioning, I can conceive of where he might have been in good faith in so doing, but I cannot conceive of the Master standing by and awaiting the outcome of a conversation between a candidate and an alleged objector, having in mind the rights and duties of his office. I know of no right in Masonry more solemn or more closely to be safe-guarded than the right of a Brother to place an objection without fear of exposure or criticism, and the attitude of the Master was clearly in violence of this right.

I thereupon at said meeting arrested the jewel of the Master and placed the Senior Warden in charge of the Lodge. I am satisfied that the Master acted in part upon the advice of Brethren on whom he had the right to rely, but who unfortunately did not have the responsibility of governing the Lodge. In my judgment, and I so recommend that the Master's jewel be returned to him prior to installation of his successor so that he may be recorded as a Past Master of McCook Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M.

On February 16, 1928, complaint reached me against the Master of St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, Nebraska. With this complaint came evidence

of such a nature I felt it imperative to arrest the Master's jewel.

Thereafter, I appointed a commission of five, with W. Edwin B. Johnston, Grand Junior Deacon, chairman, to make investigation and report. The commission's report covered two different sets of facts that were considered by the committee. One set of facts was with reference to criminal complaint filed in court, and in connection therewith a hearing was had before the insanity commission of the Brother's county, the Brother being found sane. The matter then came before the District Court, the Brother was found sane, found guilty, and is now, or was at least following the sentence, incarcerated in the state penitentiary. There has been a very able presentation to me on the question of the insanity of this Brother. Inasmuch, however, as it has passed the court and the insanity commission, it would appear to me that a vast preponderance of the evidence is to the effect that the Brother was sane.

However, I was able to reach a conclusion separate and independent from the facts in connection with the criminal complaint. This Brother signed a confession to having intoxicating liquors in his possession and giving the same to minors. No serious question has been raised as to the Brother's sanity on matters of this kind. It has been suggested that this confession was merely trumped up as a sort of smoke screen to the more serious offense with which he was charged in the courts. However, from a consideration of the evidence of the Brethren to whom he made this confession and the facts in connection therewith, no reasonable conclusion can be reached except that the confession was true.

Therefore, on April 3, 1928, I made an order expelling the Brother as a Mason and member of St. Paul Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., and have turned over the record in this case to the Grand Secretary for use of such committee as may have jurisdiction thereof.

LEBANON LODGE NO. 58, A. F. & A. M.,
COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA.

From the time of my installation as Grand Master, I felt that some plan or mode of procedure was possible whereby harmony might be eventually restored to Lebanon Lodge No. 58 to such a degree as to warrant the restoration of its charter. During the year I tried to keep informed on the situation without adopting any definite procedure, inasmuch as I felt that under the action of the Seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge the matters pertaining thereto officially should remain in status quo.

At the beginning of my year, I had instructed the Grand Secretary to go to Columbus, take up the records and charter, remove them to his office in Omaha, and if any Brother of Lebanon Lodge who was clear on the books made application, for the Grand Secretary to issue him a certificate showing him clear on the books of said Lodge, and enable such Brother to have the rights of visitation throughout the year.

I further arranged with the Grand Secretary to meet me in Columbus on April 7, 1927, for the purpose of reviewing the affairs of said Lodge.

Certain of the Brethren of said Lodge resent being considered as affiliated with factions. My investigation forces me to the belief that such word or

description is correct. I arrived at the conclusion that if each of the factions would select five from the opposing element and present such names, the withdrawal of such ten would naturally constitute the most active members of the opposing elements; that I would thereupon put the question squarely to each of the ten that if the Grand Master came to Columbus, and opened a Lodge of Master Masons, would each of said ten appear and request a demit, and if granted, in my opinion, the charter could be safely restored. One of the factions agreed to such plan. What I assume to be the leaders of the other faction were consulted and refused. Thereafter, I again considered the question with one of the Brothers so refusing and he suggested a conference and was hopeful that their differences might be eliminated. I thereupon wrote one of the Brethren to confer with this Brother last mentioned and see if a conference could be agreed upon. At the outset it became apparent that such a conference was impossible. I thereupon secured the five names from the faction who at first had repudiated my plan of withdrawal, and I thereupon wrote each of the ten Brethren suggesting that they make such sacrifice as it might be of demitting from Lebanon Lodge in order to save the charter. At that stage, such plan was satisfactory to neither.

In my opinion, nothing will be gained by holding this matter longer in abeyance. It is a responsibility that the Grand Lodge must dispose of. There seems to be some considerable assets of Lebanon Lodge and some debts. It is unfortunate that the Brethren of Lebanon Lodge could not have conducted themselves with the breadth of vision and Masonic charity that would have enabled them to preserve the charter and their property.

My conclusion is that the circumstances of Lebanon Lodge do not warrant further anxiety or concern of the Grand Master or of this Grand Lodge; that its charter should be cancelled and the Lodge terminated.

RELIEF.

Last fall, in company with the Grand Secretary, immediately after attending the Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada, we drove with a friend to a deserted mining town in a mountain canyon where we visited with a Brother approximately seventy years of age, a member of one of our subordinate lodges. This Brother had made application for assistance and the Grand Secretary had been commissioned to ascertain what assistance was needed. The only reason of my visit was that I was in Denver and it was opportune for me to make the trip.

We visited the Brother in his little cabin. We also visited the doctor who had attended him whenever it was necessary and this Brother expressed his reluctance to leave his home, and that if he could be paid monthly twenty or twenty-five dollars, he could live in comfort. His physician advised that the old gentleman be permitted to remain in his cabin. It appeared to both the Grand Secretary and myself that this was the thing that should be done; that with the old gentleman's gardening and such an allowance, he would live in comparative comfort and amid the environment that had become almost a part of life itself to him through a residence of some thirty years. The cost of keeping the Brother in the Home would have approximated sixty dollars per month.

The Relief Committee have taken up this matter, as the Grand Master is advised, with the Lodge with the request that the Lodge pay one-half of this allowance and the Grand Lodge, through its Relief Committee, pay the remaining one-half. The Grand Master is advised that the Lodge has not made any payment and is reluctant to establish any system bearing the semblance of pensioning or permanent payments, and take the attitude that in a case of that kind, the Brother should enter the Masonic Home.

This, in my judgment, is a matter that should be definitely settled. The Lodges over the Grand Jurisdiction in innumerable cases are assisting, as is requested of this Lodge. If the policy of this Lodge were applied generally, our Homes would be overwhelmed with applicants for admission. In the instant case, where the Brother can be comfortably cared for and at a materially less expense than in the Home, in my opinion the Lodge of which he is a member should do its equitable part in the financing of and caring for the Brother under such circumstances and conditions as will be for the benefit not only of the Brother, but of the Fraternity at large.

DECISIONS.

Many rulings in the nature of decisions have been made during the year. For the most part, such rulings are based upon the plain provisions of the law or are amply supported by the rulings and decisions of former Grand Masters, and therefore will not be detailed in this report. A very few, in my opinion, should be emphasized and to a certain extent are recapitulated herein.

1. I decided that to entitle a Mason to the benefits of Section 89-D, i. e., a Fifty Year Badge or Button, he must have been a Master Mason in good standing for fifty years; that in the event of suspension or any other cause where the candidate had not all the rights and prerogatives of a Master Mason, that such time must be eliminated in making computation for the Badge or Button.

2. I decided that under Section 89-C, a subordinate Lodge could not give its note to a Temple Craft Association in lieu of stock for a building proposition without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge; that such procedure, without consent, would be an attempt to do indirectly what could not be done directly.

3. I decided that no one was entitled to the gold Jordan medal unless he were a resident Mason of Nebraska.

4. In response to a question if it would be lawful to raise dues on resident members and leave the present dues for non-resident members, I decided that the dues as to the members of a Lodge must be uniform; that there could not be one scale or class of dues for one set of the Brethren and a different scale or set of dues for other Brethren of the same Lodge.

5. In response to a question as to the proper time and place to examine and declare a Brother proficient on his examination on a degree previously conferred, I decided that this matter was governed by Sections 66, 115, and 72 of the Law, in addition thereto the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1922 at page 113, at which time Section 115 of the By-Laws was amended by striking out the words, "at a regular meeting thereof." That subsequent thereto, Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, ruled that an examination for proficiency could be held at a special meeting (Proceedings of 1923, page 264), which decision was correct.

I also ruled that the question of Brethren passing upon the qualifications of the person examined for proficiency should be by Master Masons only voting thereon, and that the vote as to proficiency should therefore be by a Lodge of Master Masons.

6. In a case where request was made for a Lodge in this jurisdiction to confer a degree on behalf of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota, it appearing that the candidate's physical qualifications were such that he could not be made a Mason in this jurisdiction, I decided that inasmuch as the degree was a courtesy to a neighboring Grand Jurisdiction, that the physical qualifications of the candidate were not a matter to be considered by this Grand Jurisdiction, but was a matter exclusively for the Grand Jurisdiction having jurisdiction of the candidate.

7. I decided that a Masonic Lodge could not pass a resolution endorsing National Educational Week inasmuch as it was a matter of universal knowledge that Masonry was a patron of the arts and sciences, a promulgator of education, and that the endorsing of public movements would be the establishing of a dangerous precedent and furnish room for a contention among the Craft.

8. I decided that a Lodge could not use Lodge funds to maintain a room in a hospital in a city where the Lodge was situated.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I have made no recommendations for any legislation or amendments to existing law. I do not want to be understood as being indifferent or adverse to needed legislation, but I find my predecessors in office have been very diligent in presenting these matters to the Craft. I wholly approve of the recommendations concerning Masonic law heretofore made. At this time, however, I think we may well and safely call a halt and digest and apply the law heretofore made.

In addition to the recommendations heretofore suggested, I make the following additional recommendations:

1. For seventy-one years Grand Masters have been making decisions which have been recorded in the Proceedings of the Annual Communications. Some months ago I took up the matter with the Grand Secretary with the view of having a Digest made of such decisions. The Grand Secretary advised that with a little outside help it would be done. It was accordingly done with an additional expense of twenty-five dollars. Upon submitting the same to the printers, it appears that the cost of printing such Digest would approximate five hundred dollars. Such a Digest would aid materially in securing uniformity among the Lodges and lighten the work of the Grand Master, and in my opinion would be of inestimable benefit to him in the various questions that come to him for consideration.

I, therefore, recommend that such Digest be printed and in sufficient numbers that it will supply not only the needs of the Grand Lodge but of the subordinate Lodges throughout this jurisdiction.

2. I recommend that some standard form of filing device be selected by the Grand Secretary, and furnished the incoming Grand Master and ensuing Grand Masters for the official files of such Grand Master; that upon the conclusion of the term of Grand Master, such Grand Master return his official file to the Grand Secretary to be retained in his office as a part of the files and property of the Grand Lodge.

3. In the Maintenance Fund for the Children's Home at Fremont there is invested approximately \$33,000.00. The interest on this fund with the collections from the Lodges will not pay the maintenance of the Fremont Homes, and unless some action is taken, this fund will be depleted.

In the War Relief Fund there is a total of approximately \$33,235.06. The consolidation of these two funds would produce a fund of something over \$68,000. The interest on such a fund added to the amount collected from the Lodges would produce sufficient funds to maintain the Fremont Homes, at least under present conditions.

I, therefore, recommend that these funds be consolidated; that for the purpose of keeping said fund invested to produce the highest possible return of interest, together with keeping the same safely invested, I recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint three trustees of this fund, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and annually thereafter the incoming Grand Master appoint a trustee for three years, which committee together with the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, shall constitute a committee for the investing of said fund.

CONCLUSION.

Finally, my Brethren, we should meet in this Annual Communication humbly grateful to the Grand Master of the Universe that we have been spared from state and national catastrophes; that so many of our venerable Brethren are spared to meet with us and guide us by their counsel; that peace and harmony prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and our nation; that we here dedicate ourselves that the teachings of friendship, morality, and brotherly love shall be handed down to our children and children's children.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT R. DAVIS,
Grand Master.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

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

I submit herewith my annual report as Grand Secretary.

This year has been no exception. Many seemingly unforeseen duties have developed, which have kept the entire office force busy every day during the year.

As heretofore, the most pleasant relations have existed between all the Grand Lodge Officers, Standing Committees, and this office. It has been a real delight to serve with M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, and we wish for him many years of service for the Grand Lodge.

The Secretaries of our Subordinate Lodges have, with very few exceptions, been prompt and faithful in their duties, and on the whole, I think it may be said that Nebraska has a very efficient corps of Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges.

GRIEVANCES.

There have been six cases appealed to the Grand Lodge, and referred to the Grievance Committee, all of which will be presented by the Committee on Grievances to the Grand Lodge for their consideration.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Dispensations were granted to College View Lodge, U. D. O., College View, and Harmony Lodge, U. D. O., Dalton. Both of these Lodges have made a report of their work. Harmony Lodge, U. D. O. is asking for a continuation of their dispensation. At the time of writing this report, no petition for charter has been received from College View Lodge, U. D. O.

LEBANON LODGE NO. 58.

The entire subject relating to Lebanon Lodge No. 58, having by order of the Grand Lodge, laid over one year, under the direction of M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, I went to Columbus, and took in charge the four ledgers, with a list of their membership, and the charter, and brought them to this office. The amount now due the Grand Lodge from this Lodge amounts to \$965.40. Also at the request of, and in company with the Grand Master, on April 7th I went to Columbus and investigated the financial affairs of this Lodge and interviewed some of the Brethren.

DEGREES CONFERRED BY LODGES.

The number of Brethren receiving the Entered Apprentice degree this year was just ten less than last year. However, the number of Brethren who received the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees this year was considerably less than for several years previous.

VISITATIONS.

During the year it has been my privilege to accompany M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, to the biennial meeting of the Masonic Relief Association, of the United States and Canada, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, the Conference of Grand Masters of the United States, and the presentation of the Gold Jordan Medal to Brother William A. Cotton, in Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City.

In addition to these visitations, the Grand Master requested me to act as his proxy at the Masonic reunion held by Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron. I have also attended quite a number of Grand Lodge functions, and have visited several Subordinate Lodges during the year, accepting all the invitations that time and my other duties would permit.

Perhaps the most enjoyable occasion of the year was the reception tendered by Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne, Nebraska, in honor of M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master of Masons. A very large gathering of Brethren were present and a most delightful evening was enjoyed by those so privileged.

GRAND LODGE JEWELS.

Following the instructions of the Grand Lodge, jewels were purchased for the Grand Orator, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Tyler, and Grand Secretary, a total of seven. These, with the four jewels purchased last year, completed the set for all the Grand Officers. The jewels purchased this year conform to the design

approved by the Grand Lodge. The jewels were delivered to the various Grand Officers immediately upon their receipt from the manufacturing jeweler.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

210 Lodges have voted upon the Amendment to the Constitution which was submitted to the Lodges for their consideration. Of these, 186 Lodges voted in favor of the Amendment, and 24 voted against it. More than a majority of the Lodges having approved the amendment, by certificate over their seals, the matter now may be considered by the Grand Lodge.

SINCERITY LODGE NO. 244.

This Lodge last year voted to surrender its charter, and so notified the Grand Master, M. W. Edwin D. Crites. However, they elected Officers and had a representative at Grand Lodge last year. During the year, the Lodge sent in their record book, and after writing them several times, I have succeeded in getting their charter, and I think all of their books. This Lodge has a membership of 24, and the Secretary reports that all have paid their dues to date. The matter is presented that the Grand Lodge may give it consideration.

FERGUSON BEQUEST.

On April 18th, 1928, I received from M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, check for \$2,631.49, being a portion of bequest left the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, by Isabelle J. Ferguson to be divided equally between The Nebraska Masonic Home, at Plattsmouth, and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home, at Fremont. The amount has been placed in a certificate of deposit and is being held, pending instructions of the Grand Lodge.

FIFTY YEAR BADGE.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, recommended that the Grand Lodge present a suitable badge or button to all members of the Fraternity of fifty years standing. The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the recommendation, and also recommended that the question of a design and the quality and size of the badge to be presented, together with gathering the information as to the number of Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction who have been members in good standing for 50 years or more, be referred to the Grand Secretary with full power to act. This matter was given a great deal of consideration, and after receiving designs from several manufacturers, they were presented to the Grand Master, and together we selected the design which is now in use. The approval of this design is requested of the Grand Lodge. 300 badges have been purchased during the year, at a cost of \$2.00 each. A circular letter was forwarded to each Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction, requesting information regarding Brethren who have been Master Masons for 50 or more years. Suitable blanks were prepared and 225 badges have been presented.

It has been my privilege to be present at several of these presentations and participate in the ceremonies. No one thing, since I have been a member of the Grand Lodge, has seemed to furnish so much opportunity for good fellowship as the meetings where these badges have been presented.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK.

Debit.

Received from 41,548 members, net, at \$2.00 each.....	\$ 83,096.00
Received from penalties assessed, 1927.....	18.96
Received from premium, surety bonds on Treasurers and Secretaries of Lodges.....	716.60
Received from supplies sold to Lodges.....	1,949.35
Received from 1,437 initiations at \$5.00.....	7,185.00
Received from 1,436 initiations at \$5.00.....	7,180.00
Received from 23 affiliates at \$10.00.....	230.00
Received from over-payment of Lodges making returns.....	10.10
Received from interest on daily balances, this account for April and May.....	184.92
Total.....	\$100,570.93
Less amount due from Lebanon Lodge No. 58, (charter arrested) ..	480.00
Total cash received from Lodges and interest.....	\$100,090.93

Credit.

Paid, The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 31,161.00
Transferred to the Building & Improvement Fund.....	14,092.00
Transferred to the Maintenance Fund.....	14,092.00
Transferred to the Supply Account.....	1,949.35
Transferred to the Relief Fund.....	6,950.70
Transferred to the General Fund.....	31,845.88
	\$100,090.93

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Debit.

Amount on hand May 20th, 1927.....	\$ 36,995.82
Interest on daily balances, (including interest on special account) ..	623.67
Special Dispensations.....	150.00
Dispensation, College View Lodge, U. D. U., (College View).....	25.00
Dispensation Harmony Lodge, U. D. U., (Dalton).....	25.00
Refund, surety bond premium, 1926-1927.....	44.45
Unexpended balance, Grand Lodge Officers attending Grand Lodge functions.....	335.92
Unexpended balance, Grand Master Crites, expense account.....	503.96
Unexpended balance, Grand Custodian's expense account.....	270.08
Unexpended balance, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, expense account.....	551.73

Unexpended balance, pay-roll account, 1927 session.....	6.06
Interest on mortgage, Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, account.....	125.00
Unexpended balance, Committee on Masonic Education.....	329.80
Cash received from special account, United States National Bank, Omaha.....	31,660.96
Total cash on hand and received during the year.....	\$ 71,647.45

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Credit.

Transferred to new supply account.....	\$ 2,000.00
Transferred to Relief account.....	6,857.30
Grand Master's expense.....	1,400.00
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	600.00
Grand Master's expense for Grand Lodge Officers attending Grand Lodge functions.....	500.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	2,150.00
Francis E. White.....	1,200.00
Lute M. Savage.....	2,400.00
Lewis E. Smith.....	2,400.00
Fee for special dispensation returned to Lodge No. 201.....	10.00
Fee for special dispensation returned to Lodge No. 246.....	10.00
Fee for special dispensation returned to Lodge No. 97.....	10.00
Premium, Surety bond, Treasurers and Secretaries of Lodges.....	688.30
Paid David C. Hilton, annuity.....	100.00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	2,220.08
Expense Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	1,051.73
Pay-roll, session 1927.....	5,138.18
Masonic Relief Association of Omaha.....	300.00
Audit books Washington Memorial Committee.....	900.00
Grand Tyler, session 1927.....	15.00
Grand Organist, session 1927.....	10.00
Premium Grand Secretary's bond, (\$50,000.00).....	75.00
Reporting and transcribing Grand Lodge Proceedings.....	63.00
One-half cent per capita dues, Masonic Relief Association, United States and Canada.....	204.69
Audit Grand Lodge accounts.....	35.00
Entertaining Distinguished Guests.....	55.30
Cleaning rugs in library.....	16.00
7 jewels for Grand Officers at \$60.00 each.....	420.00
Printing 1,000 proceedings and 900 Grand Officer's reports.....	1,200.00
Committee on Correspondence, (Frank L. Haycock).....	300.00
Furniture and fixtures, desk lamp, \$13.00; glass top for table, \$20.00; table, \$48.75; 3 sections legal blank case, \$92.90; lights for work room and Grand Secretary's office, \$45.00.....	219.65
Committee on Masonic Education.....	1,000.00

Grand Chaplain's expense.....		75.00
Grand Secretary's contingent fund:		
Postage.....	\$400.00	
Blanks.....	457.05	
Stationery.....	274.63	
Janitor.....	67.25	
Incidental.....	301.34	
Telegrams.....	59.61	
Telephone, (less received from Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery).....	86.53	1,646.41
300 Fifty-year badges at \$2.00 each.....		600.00
Expense, Lewis E. Smith, attending meeting of Masonic Relief Ass'n U. S. and Canada.....		52.76
Expense Lewis E. Smith, attending Grand Lodge of Missouri....		28.29
Expense Lewis E. Smith, proxy for Grand Master, Masonic reunion, Chadron.....		49.35
Rent, April 1st, 1927 to March 31st, 1928.....		1,000.00
Floral emblem, Ornan J. King, Past Grand Master.....		20.00
Floral emblem, Grand Chaplain Charles M. Shepherd.....		20.00
Top plate for gold Jordan medal.....		12.00
Help preparing Grand Master's decisions.....		25.00
Expense Lewis E. Smith, attending Grand Master's Conference and Washington Memorial.....		183.26
Past Grand Master's jewel, Albert R. Davis.....		100.00
Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, return over-payment in making returns.....		10.00
Wauneta Lodge No. 217, return over-payment in making returns..		.10
Cash on hand, (General Fund) Norfolk National Bank.....		34,276.05
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		\$71,647.45

TRIAL BALANCE.

Inventory.....		\$284,346.98
Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$151,600.00	
Cash.....	34,276.05	
Stock in the Nebraska Eastern Star Home.....	1,000.00	
Lebanon Lodge No. 58.....	965.40	
Masonic-Eastern Star Home, Fremont.....	90,852.06	
Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.....		2,500.00
Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts mortgage.....	2,500.00	
Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, active account.....		50.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	5,303.47	
Contingent fund, Grand Secretary.....	400.00	
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	\$286,896.98	\$286,896.98

INVENTORY.

Assets.

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$151,600.00	
Cash.....	34,276.05	
Stock in The Nebraska Eastern Star Home.....	1,000.00	
Lebanon Lodge No. 58.....	965.40	
Masonic-Eastern Star Home, Fremont.....	90,852.06	
Masonic Service Annuities & Gifts, mortgage.....	2,500.00	
Furniture and fixtures.....	5,303.47	
Contingent fund, Grand Secretary.....	400.00	286,896.98

Liabilities.

Masonic Service Annuities & Gifts.....	2,500.00	
Masonic Service Annuities & Gifts, active account...	50.00	2,550.00
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Net assets as shown by the ledger.....		\$284,346.98

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.

Cash Debit.

To transfer from General Fund.....	\$ 6,857.30
To unexpended balance returned by the Committee.....	4,824.17
To cash, Special Fund U. S. National Bank.....	6,950.70
To interest on daily balances.....	139.50
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Total cash on hand and received during year.....	\$ 18,771.67

Cash Credit.

Cash paid to Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans during year.....	\$ 5,200.00
Cash on hand, Norfolk National Bank.....	13,571.67
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	\$ 18,771.67

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

Cash Debit.

Received interest on Government bonds.....	\$ 425.00
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	\$ 425.00

Cash Credit.

By cash on hand in U. S. National Bank.....	425.00
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	\$ 425.00

Bonds on Hand.

1—\$5,000.00, par value, 4th U. S. Liberty Loan 4¼ bond, No. 17996.....	\$ 5,000.00
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1—\$5,000.00, par value, 4th U. S. Liberty Loan 4¼ bond, No. 17997.....	5,000.00
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Total bonds on hand, par value.....	\$ 10,000.00

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Cash received from the Grand Lodge General Fund.....	\$ 2,000.00
Cash received from Special Account U. S. National Bank for supplies sold during year.....	1,949.35
Interest on daily balances.....	21.70
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Total cash received during year.....	\$ 3,971.05
Paid for supplies purchased during year.....	1,653.72
By cash on hand, Peters National Bank.....	2,317.33
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	\$ 3,971.05

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Following the instructions of the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication held June 7th, 8th and 9th, 1927, this fund amounting to a total of \$96,901.42 was divided, one-half being placed in the Maintenance Fund for the support of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont, there being placed in the

Maintenance, Cash and Bonds.....	\$ 48,450.71
Building & Improvement, Cash and Bonds.....	48,450.71
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Total.....	\$ 96,901.42

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Cash Debit.

May 20th, 1927, Cash on hand.....	\$ 30,002.32
Interest on Government bonds.....	1,146.08
Interest on daily balances.....	236.34
Premium on bonds bought and sold.....	42.50
Second Liberty Loan Bonds matured and paid.....	13,000.00
Cash from Special Account U. S. National Bank.....	14,092.00
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Total cash on hand and received during year.....	58,519.24

Cash Credit.

Transferred to Maintenance Fund.....	\$ 15,339.57
Paid for construction, 4th unit, Fremont.....	17,436.74
Paid for Architect's fees, 4th unit, Fremont.....	665.32
Paid for furnishing, 4th unit, Fremont.....	2,500.00
Seven Norfolk, Nebraska, refunding bonds.....	7,000.00
Premium on above bonds.....	141.40

Interest accrued on above bonds.....	7.00	
Fifteen Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.....	15,000.00	
Interest accrued on above bonds.....	31.25	
Cash on hand, Omaha National Bank.....	397.96	
		\$ 58,519.24

INVENTORY.

Government bonds, (par value \$21,000.00), cost....	\$ 20,710.29	
Norfolk, Nebraska refunding bonds, (par value \$7,000.00) cost.....	7,141.40	
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, (par value \$15,000.00) cost.....	15,000.00	
Cash, Omaha National Bank.....	397.96	
	\$ 43,249.65	\$ 43,249.65

TRIAL BALANCE.

Government Bonds, (par value \$21,000.00) cost....	\$ 20,710.29	
Norfolk, Nebraska refunding bonds, (par value \$7,000.00) cost.....	7,141.40	
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, (par value \$15,000.00).....	15,000.00	
Cash, Omaha National Bank.....	397.96	
	\$ 43,249.65	\$ 43,249.65

\$20,602.06, cost of the 4th unit at Fremont, (including \$2,500.00 for furnishing) together with \$250.00 paid last year as advance Architect fees has been credited to the Building and Improvement Fund, and charged to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home as part of our permanent investment there. Total charge, \$20,852.06.

BONDS, BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Fourth U. S. Liberty Loan bond, No. 41063.....	\$ 10,000.00
Fourth U. S. Liberty Loan bond, No. 41064.....	10,000.00
Third U. S. Liberty Loan bond, No. 280613.....	1,000.00
Norfolk, Nebraska refunding bonds, Nos. 48 to 54, inc.....	7,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M153350.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154868.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154869.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154870.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154871.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154872.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154695.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154696.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154697.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154698.....	1,000.00

Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154699.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154700.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154701.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154702.....	1,000.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bond, No. M154703.....	1,000.00
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Total (par value).....	\$ 43,000.00
Government bonds cost \$20,710.29.	

MAINTENANCE FUND.

Cash Debit.

Cash transferred from Building and Improvement Fund.....	\$ 15,339.57
Second Liberty Loan Bonds matured and sold.....	23,000.00
Premium on Second Liberty Loan bonds sold.....	21.56
Interest on Government bonds.....	848.59
Interest on daily balances.....	183.20
Cash from Special Account, U. S. National Bank.....	14,092.00
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Total cash received during year.....	\$ 53,484.92

Cash Credit.

Paid Masonic-Eastern Star Home, for maintenance.....	\$ 18,000.00
Purchased \$23,000.00 Norfolk City bonds, 4½%.....	23,000.00
Premium on above bonds.....	464.60
Accrued interest on above bonds.....	23.00
Cash on hand, Omaha National Bank.....	11,997.32
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	\$ 53,484.92

Bonds on Hand, Maintenance Fund.

Norfolk, Nebraska refunding bonds, Nos. 25 to 47 inc., 23 bonds, \$1,000 par value (cost \$23,464.60).....	23,000.00
U. S. Liberty Loan bonds, Fourth, 4¼, No. 41065, par value \$10,000.00 (cost \$9,888.50).....	10,000.00
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Total bonds on hand, par value.....	\$ 33,000.00
Total cash and bonds on hand, \$44,997.32.	

FUNDS.

Following instructions of the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, a Permanent Reserve Fund has been established with the \$10,000.00 of Fourth Liberty Loan bonds, which were carried as an asset of the Grand Lodge General Fund.

The following items have been taken out of the assets of the Grand Lodge and are here listed, as being owned by the Grand Lodge but not carried as an asset, viz.:

Grand Lodge Jewels.....	\$ 233.00
Monell Library.....	2,281.04
Grand Lodge Library.....	1,582.58
George W. Lininger collection.....	89.65

Following the custom of last year, I have prepared a recapitulation of all funds owned by this Grand Lodge, as follows:

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS.

General Fund, cash.....	\$ 34,276.05
General Relief, cash.....	13,571.67
Permanent Reserve Fund, cash.....	425.00
Permanent Reserve Fund Bonds, (par value).....	10,000.00
Building and Improvement Fund, cash.....	397.96
Building and Improvement Fund, bonds, (par value).....	43,000.00
Maintenance Fund, cash.....	11,997.32
Maintenance Fund, bonds, (par value).....	33,000.00
Supply Account, cash.....	2,317.33
Real Estate Mortgage, Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.....	2,500.00
Orphans Educational Fund, cash.....	1,008.80
Orphans Educational Fund securities (par value).....	146,900.00
War Relief Fund, cash.....	1,235.06
War Relief Fund, bonds, (par value).....	34,000.00
Total cash and securities.....	\$334,629.19

OUR HOMES.

At The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, conditions have not materially changed since last year except that the number of residents is increasing every month. At the time of making this report, we have 70 residents at the Home, 22 of whom are Infirmiry patients. The residents seem to be as well or better contented than ever before. Conditions generally are good. The landscaping which was done two years ago is just now beginning to show its beauty, and in another year we will have as beautiful grounds as can be found any place in the State.

At the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, during the year the fourth unit has been completed, which is a very large, commodious home and is being used for the senior girls. The home for the smaller children was so badly over-crowded, that it was divided and the smaller boys placed in the home formerly occupied by the senior girls. While we have more than 70 children in the Homes, there is still need for a home for babies and tiny children, which need will have to be supplied some time in the not far distant future. Generally speaking, conditions are all that we could wish them to be. However, I believe that the Brethren who are managing the different Masonic activities are striving for still better results, which is as it should be.

Below is a brief statement of some of the important facts about the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

COMPARISON OF AMOUNTS PAID.

	1926	1927	Increase	Decrease
Printing, stationery, etc.....	\$ 280.97	\$ 249.80	\$.....	\$ 31.17
Postage.....	25.00	30.00	5.00	.....
Salaries and labor.....	7,172.00	8,665.85	1,493.85	.....
Fuel.....	2,177.74	3,682.78	1,505.04	.....
Light and power.....	846.36	796.76	.....	49.60
Maintenance.....	10,429.83	11,195.45	765.62	.....
Nursing.....	1,679.00	1,935.17	256.17	.....
Physician.....	501.00	600.00	99.00	.....
Medical supplies.....	602.38	513.67	.....	88.71
Water.....	417.40	530.69	113.29	.....
Expense, Committee on Ad- mission.....	404.78	341.66	.....	63.12
Total.....	\$24,536.46	\$28,541.83	\$ 4,237.97	\$ 232.60
Increase.....				\$ 4,237.97
Decrease.....				232.60

Net increase on the above items for the year..... \$ 4,005.37

The same items cost in 1924..... \$18,436.06

The same items cost in 1925..... 24,293.66

The same items cost in 1926..... 24,536.46

The same items cost in 1927..... 28,541.83

No stock issued during the year.

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
September 27, 1912, Thomas Wilkinson, Washington Lodge No. 21.....	1,000.00
February 27, 1913, Frank G. Recknor, Atkinson Lodge No. 164....	250.00
February 10, 1915, Edwin J. Carter, Temple Lodge No. 175.....	2,700.00
September 16, 1916, Past Grand Master William E. Hill, Western Star Lodge No. 2.....	1,000.00
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.....	300.00
1922, Mrs. Matilda J. Kolls, wife of member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33	100.00
July 27, 1923, Past Grand Master Henry Gibbons, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46.....	1,000.00
March 18, 1924, James R. Lochry, Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	1,000.00

April 24, 1924, Past Grand Commander Thomas G. Rees, McCook Lodge No. 135.....	1,178.03
April 13, 1925, George Willing, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148..	500.00
February 13, 1926, Lewis M. Keene, Fremont Lodge No. 15.....	5,000.00
May 25, 1927, Charles E. Laverack, Beaver City Lodge No. 93...	1,525.86
August 27, 1927, Mrs. Elizabeth Swanson, Ashland.....	952.80
August 30, 1927, Julius Pepperberg, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6....	480.00
December 30, 1927, Herman F. Moseman, Magnolia Lodge No. 220	6,638.53
Total.....	\$27,195.22

RETURNS.

Returns from all Lodges have been received, the cards have been made, the changes entered and the cards filed.

Lodge No. 315 reports carrying no insurance, Lodges Nos. 23, 74, and 173 do not report whether they carry insurance or not.

All other Lodges report carrying insurance on buildings, if owned, or personal property.

The following Lodges do not report whether they have any delinquent dues or not: Nos. 74, 81, 83, 86, 89, 101, 165, 169, 248, 256, 279, 287 and 307.

The following Lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 9, 11, 30, 49, 56, 62, 82, 85, 96, 106, 128, 138, 146, 149, 152, 158, 168, 182, 184, 207, 214, 266, 268, 273, 275, 288, 304, 306, 311, 315, 317, and 319, a total of thirty-two, six more than last year.

Of these thirty-two, the following had no delinquent dues for 1927: Nos. 9, 11, 49, 62, 82, 85, 106, 146, 149, 158, 168, 182, 275, 306, 311, 315, 317, and 319.

The number of delinquent members is reported to be 4,226 as compared to 3,992 for the previous year.

The amount delinquent is \$36,801.29 as compared with \$35,855.23 for 1927, \$27,943.94 for 1926, \$29,012.99 for 1925 and \$25,153.22 for 1924.

The average for each delinquent this year is \$8.70, which is twenty-eight cents less than last year.

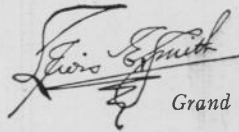
The following Lodges report no suspended members on hand: Nos. 245, 264, 275, 287, 292, 295, 306, 308, 315, 316, 317, 318, and 319.

Number of chartered Lodges.....	291
Number of Lodges under dispensation.....	2

	293
Number initiated during the year.....	1,437
Number passed during the year.....	1,331
Number raised during the year.....	1,330
Number affiliated during the year.....	356
Number reinstated during the year.....	172
Number gained by other causes.....	1

Total gross increase.....	1,859
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Number demitted during the year.....	389
Number deceased during the year.....	478
Number suspended during the year.....	618
Number expelled during the year.....	7
Number lost by other causes.....	5
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Total loss.....	1,497
Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1928.....	362
Number of Master Masons on rolls April 1st, 1927.....	41,586
Number of Master Masons on rolls April 1st, 1928.....	41,948



Grand Secretary.

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NAME OF LODGE	E. A. A. F. C. C. SUSP.											MASTER MASONS											No. of Lodge		
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		No. Passed		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		No. Suspended		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		No. on Rolls, April 1, 1927		GAIN				LOSS					
		By Raising		By Affiliation		Reinstatement		Other Causes		Total		By Demission		By Death		By Suspension		By Expulsion		Other Causes		Total Loss			
		By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. of Lodge											
Nebraska	1	21	80	14	18	14	148	1478	18	10	6	1512	10	21	14	1	46	1466	1						
Western Star	2	4	29	6	11	11	64	268	7	1	7	283	3	5	11	19	264	2							
Capitol	3	16	67	16	22	19	203	1100	17	3	6	1126	2	17	19	38	1088	3							
Nemaha Valley	4	2	11	2	4	35	54	1	1	1	55	4	2	4	4	51	4	5							
Omadi	5	10	25	5	9	8	37	110	2	2	7	121	4	2	8	14	107	5							
Plattsmouth	6	15	33	11	4	1	28	227	12	1	1	240	1	4	1	6	234	6							
Falls City	9	39	1	10	11	94	256	2	1	4	263	5	3	11	19	244	9								
Solomon	10	2	8	6	2	1	4	61	5	1	1	66	3	1	4	62	10								
Covert	11	21	77	19	28	14	197	1334	21	7	4	1366	5	25	14	44	1322	11							
Orient	13	5	4	5	1	2	7	67	5	1	1	73	1	2	3	70	13								
Peru	14	6	7	4	5	22	101	3	2	106	1	1	105	14											
Fremont	15	12	12	11	4	27	560	11	5	576	5	2	569	15											
Tecumseh	17	12	25	17	8	33	148	17	2	169	5	164	17												
Lincoln	19	20	78	16	14	1	189	1184	20	5	7	1216	4	12	1	17	1199	19							
Washington	21	8	7	6	5	18	137	6	143	1	3	139	21												
Pawnee	23	2	10	4	7	4	26	144	144	1	1	4	138	23											
Saint Johns	25	23	97	25	23	13	203	1298	22	11	4	1335	9	20	13	42	1293	25							
Beatrice	26	11	46	10	18	2	125	307	6	5	14	332	6	3	2	11	321	26							
Jordan	27	3	8	3	2	11	88	7	1	96	1	95	27												
Hope	29	7	11	6	2	21	42	8	1	50	1	49	29												
Blue River	30	4	6	3	1	7	21	105	3	2	110	4	2	7	13	97	30								
Tekamah	31	7	4	6	8	6	172	1	173	1	2	170	31												
Platte Valley	32	18	50	15	13	9	51	377	15	3	1	396	4	8	9	21	375	32							
Ashlar	33	18	42	20	17	60	741	17	5	763	3	4	756	33											
Acacia	34	5	12	7	7	27	120	10	1	131	1	130	34												
Fairbury	35	9	39	7	7	1	43	245	8	1	254	3	4	1	8	246	35								
Lone Tree	36	3	5	2	5	4	20	255	3	2	260	1	2	4	7	253	36								
Crete	37	10	15	10	6	3	30	181	11	2	1	195	4	1	3	8	187	37							
Oliver	38	9	17	9	5	1	33	194	10	1	204	4	2	1	7	197	38								
Papillion	39	3	15	1	4	1	19	105	3	1	109	1	108	39											
Humboldt	40	2	9	2	2	8	106	4	4	114	114	114	40												
Northern Light	41	7	6	5	7	21	107	2	109	2	3	5	104	41											
Juniata	42	1	7	1	1	3	25	52	1	1	54	3	3	3	9	45	42								
Hebron	43	4	12	4	4	36	107	4	112	2	2	2	110	43											
Harvard	44	9	1	2	1	10	92	1	93	1	1	2	91	44											
Rob Morris	46	8	42	5	9	65	383	3	389	7	4	11	378	46											
Fairmont	48	5	14	4	2	30	92	3	97	1	1	1	96	48											
Evening Star	49	2	6	3	5	1	15	131	1	1	133	1	1	2	131	49									
Hastings	50	9	41	11	12	5	66	527	12	6	7	552	5	6	5	17	535	50							
Fidelity	51	1	16	2	3	1	30	171	2	1	1	175	3	1	1	5	170	51							

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. A. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. of Lodge			
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		No. on Rolls, April 1, 1927	GAIN				Total	LOSS					
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		By Raising	By Affiliation		Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death		By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Hiram	52	10	1	7	24	85	2	87	2	1	143	2	4	4	10	3	84	52				
Charity	53	4	20	3	10	4	36	141	2	141	2	2	2	2	2	10	133	53				
Lancaster	54	21	76	23	20	8	166	936	18	2	6	962	9	11	8	28	934	54				
Mosaic	55	7	34	7	6	1	51	300	6	3	2	311	1	1	1	2	309	55				
York	56	3	10	1	1	1	21	351	3	8	362	2	9	11	11	351	56					
Mt. Moriah	57	3	17	3	3	1	17	100	3	1	104	1	1	1	1	103	57					
Lebanon	58	22	7	7	23	239	239	239	3	1	239	2	2	2	2	239	58					
Wahoo	59	10	12	11	5	3	18	252	10	1	1	264	2	1	3	6	258	59				
Melrose	60	6	9	5	2	2	12	101	5	1	107	2	1	2	5	102	60					
Thistle	61	2	10	2	4	6	32	158	3	2	3	166	2	2	6	8	158	61				
Keystone	62	7	3	1	10	68	68	68	1	1	69	1	1	1	2	67	62					
Riverton	63	4	7	4	1	2	14	62	4	2	66	2	2	2	2	64	63					
Blue Valley	64	3	5	4	2	22	81	81	5	1	87	2	2	2	4	83	64					
Osceola	65	5	6	5	6	2	18	121	3	1	2	127	2	1	2	5	122	65				
Edgar	67	2	5	3	1	4	115	115	3	3	121	1	1	1	2	119	67					
Aurora	68	8	17	10	8	53	192	192	7	1	200	2	4	8	14	186	68					
Sterling	70	4	16	2	3	1	26	78	2	2	80	1	1	1	2	78	70					
Trowel	71	15	6	1	29	111	111	111	2	1	114	2	1	1	3	111	71					
Hooper	72	2	12	1	9	1	7	115	2	2	117	3	1	1	4	113	72					
Friend	73	4	3	5	7	9	109	109	2	2	113	1	1	1	1	112	73					
Alexandria	74	2	4	2	1	3	10	62	1	1	63	3	3	3	3	60	74					
Frank Welch	75	5	15	4	5	13	63	281	6	3	3	293	3	1	13	17	276	75				
Joppa	76	3	10	5	1	16	60	60	6	3	60	2	3	1	6	54	76					
Nelson	77	2	7	2	5	7	26	97	3	3	100	2	7	7	9	91	77					
Albion	78	16	12	15	7	2	19	142	14	3	159	1	3	2	6	153	78					
Geneva	79	2	12	3	6	2	26	205	3	1	1	210	1	2	2	6	204	79				
Composite	81	4	7	1	18	71	71	71	2	2	73	1	1	1	2	71	81					
Saint Paul	82	9	12	11	3	2	32	220	10	1	231	1	1	2	4	227	82					
Corinthian	83	5	9	3	2	1	17	66	3	1	70	1	1	1	2	68	83					
Fairfield	84	2	15	1	2	4	31	87	1	1	88	2	4	4	6	82	84					
Tyre	85	15	22	22	50	50	50	50	1	1	52	1	1	1	2	52	85					
Doniphan	86	5	9	4	4	20	46	46	4	2	52	1	1	1	2	50	86					
Ionic	87	5	30	5	7	11	27	127	4	2	131	1	3	11	15	116	87					
Star	88	5	11	3	1	9	94	94	3	1	98	1	1	1	2	96	88					
Cedar River	89	3	9	2	1	4	33	122	2	2	124	1	4	4	5	119	89					
Elk Creek	90	5	1	2	16	54	54	54	1	1	54	2	2	2	2	52	90					
Oakland	91	6	6	7	1	1	5	132	7	1	140	1	1	1	2	138	91					
Hubbell	92	1	7	3	4	8	29	29	2	1	32	2	1	1	3	29	92					
Beaver City	93	2	8	2	4	31	128	128	2	2	130	1	1	1	2	128	93					
Bennett	94	3	8	6	2	3	22	67	6	1	74	2	1	3	6	68	94					

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion		Other Causes	Total Loss	
																					No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928
Garfield	95	3	9	2	1	1	29	86	1	1			88		2	1			3	85	95
Utica	96	2	6	2	2		8	102	2				104	2	1				3	101	96
Euclid	97	4	8	5	1		17	101	5		2		108		3				3	105	97
Republican	98	2	9	1	1		10	68	4				72	2	1				3	69	98
Shelton	99	2	15	5	2		9	83	4	1			88		2				2	86	99
Creighton	100	3	17	4	7		24	102	5		5		112	2	1				3	109	100
Ponca	101	5	7	4	4	2	29	83	3	1			87			2			2	85	101
Waterloo	102	14	16	9	2		23	110	7	1			118	1	3				4	114	102
Ord.	103	4	18	11	7	2	43	136	7	2			145	1	4	2			7	138	103
Wymore	104	5	9	6	7	3	43	185	5	2			192	1	1	3			5	187	104
Stella	105	1	7	1	2		13	77	1	1	1		80		3				3	77	105
Porter	106	2	8	2	2		11	76	1				77	2					2	75	106
Table Rock	108	3	1	3	4		12	71	3				74	1	3				4	70	108
Pomegranate	110	3	6	4	8		15	173	2	4	1		180							180	110
DeWitt	111	2	12	2	4	1	22	91	3				94	1	3	1			5	89	111
Springfield	112	6	20	4	3		20	109	4	1	1		115	2	2				4	111	112
Globe	113	2	8	4	1		16	80	5	1			86		1				1	85	113
Wisner	114	3	9	4	2	2	18	114	4	1			119	1		2			3	116	114
Harlan	116	1	10		4	13	28	88	1	1			90	1	1	13			15	75	116
Hardy	117		6				8	63					63	1	1				2	61	117
Doric	118		8		1		9	44					44							44	118
North Bend	119	5	3	6	3		4	120	6				126		1				1	125	119
Wayne	120	8	14	6	3	6	17	202	7	1			210	3	3	6			12	198	120
Superior	121	4	14	4	2	2	25	197	4	1			202	4	3	2			9	193	121
Auburn	124	2	8	2		1	18	137	3	1			141	2	1				3	138	124
Mt. Nebo	125	9	12	7	4	1	38	96	6	2	3		107	2	1	1			4	103	125
Stromsburg	126	2	2	2	4		11	125	1				126	2	1				3	123	126
Minden	127	3	10	2	7		16	83	2		2		87		1				1	86	127
Guide Rock	128	1	7	1	1		5	44	1				45							45	128
Blue Hill	129	10	10	8	1		25	57	7				64	2	2				4	60	129
Tuscan	130	2	4	1		2	7	72	2				74	1		2			3	71	130
Scribner	132	6	4	5	3		6	79	8		1		88		1				1	87	132
Elm Creek	133	3	10	1	2	1	15	74	1	1			76			1			1	75	133
Solar	134	2	7	2			12	77	3				80	1					1	79	134
McCook	135	11	27	9	3		43	252	6	5			263		3				3	260	135
Long Pine	136	2	12	2	1		20	81	3	3	1		88	1	2		1		4	84	136
Upright	137	2	8	2			5	79	3				82	2	1				3	79	137
Rawl.	138	4	2	4			19	95	4				99	1	2				3	96	138
Clay Centre	139	5	2	7			18	90	15				105	1					1	104	139
Western	140		4			3	18	68	1		1		70	2		3			5	65	140

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. on Rolls April 1, 1927	GAIN				Total	LOSS						
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Crescent.....	143	4	10	4	3	14	106	4				110		2				2	108	143
Kenesaw.....	144	7	14	5	1	18	88	5				93	2					2	91	144
Bancroft.....	145		18		5	27	75		2			77	2	2				1	72	145
Jachin.....	146	4	14	4	3	3	41	160	6		2	168	3	5	3			11	157	146
Siloam.....	147	1	10	2	1	15	42	2	1			45							45	147
Emmet Crawford.	148	6	19	6	5	25	199	7	2	1		209	1	3				4	205	148
Jewel.....	149	7	2	7	2	9	48	7	1			56	1					1	55	149
Cambridge.....	150	2	9	2	2	1	8	118	2			120	1	1	1			3	117	150
Square.....	151	3	13	5	4	21	73	5	3	1		82	3	1				4	78	151
Parallel.....	152	7	9	7	7	8	38	49	6			55	1		8			9	46	152
Evergreen.....	153	1	2	1	2	20	63	2	1			66	2	2				4	62	153
Lily.....	154	2	7	2	1	3	16	83	2			85	1		3			4	81	154
Hartington.....	155	2	20	3	3	17	116	2	3	1		122	1	1				2	120	155
Pythagoras.....	156	2	21	3	6	15	69	3	1			73	1	1				2	71	156
Valley.....	157	1	9	1	1	6	21	82	1			83		1	6			7	76	157
Samaritan.....	158	7	16	4	4	3	26	255	4	10		269	2	4				9	260	158
Ogalalla.....	159	7	24	8	9	5	17	149	7	3		159	3	1	3			9	150	159
Zeredatha.....	160		3		1	15	46					46		1				1	45	160
Mt. Zion.....	161		5		1	3	15	81	1	1	1	84	2		3			5	79	161
Trestle Board...	162	2	2	4	1	1	6	102	4			106			1	1		2	104	162
Unity.....	163		13		1	8	101	1	1			103	3					3	100	163
Atkinson.....	164	4	12	2		3	11	64	3			67						3	64	164
Barneston.....	165	3	7	2		4	15	57	3			60	1	1	4			6	54	165
Mystic Tie.....	166	1	6	1		7	75	3				78					1	1	77	166
Elwood.....	167		5	1	2	15	73	1				74							74	167
Curtis.....	168	1	9		3	12	115	3				118	1					1	117	168
Amity.....	169	8	16	8	3	4	8	90	8		3	101	2		4			6	95	169
Mason City.....	170	1	5	1	7	8	24	83	1			84	1		8			9	75	170
Merna.....	171	3	20	1	2	1	24	110	1	1	1	113	2		1			3	110	171
Grafton.....	172	6	11	5	4	15	55	3	1	2		61	5	1				6	55	172
Robert Burns...	173	2	12	2	1	1	14	56	2	1		59		1	1			2	57	173
Culbertson.....	174	5	7	4	3	10	65	2		1		68	1	1				2	66	174
Temple.....	175	1	8	1	4	20	69	1				70							70	175
Gladstone.....	176	5	14	4	1	17	144	4	1			149		2				2	147	176
Hay Springs.....	177	3	5	4	1	2	8	89	3		1	93	2		2			4	89	177
Prudence.....	179	1	11	2	1	26	78	2				80	1					1	79	179
Justice.....	180	2	8	3	11	7	21	117	3	2		122		3	7			10	112	180
Faith.....	181	10	15	10	7	4	52	177	6			183	6	2	4			12	171	181
Incense.....	182	5	8	6	2	13	55	5	2			62							62	182
Alliance.....	183	13	49	10	16	9	68	306	7		6	319	2	5	9			16	303	183

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E.:A.:		F.:C.:		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. of Lodge
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. on Rolls April 1, 1927	GAIN				LOSS						
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Bee Hive.....	184	20	20	18	12	7	45	552	15	5	...	572	11	4	7	1	23	549	184
Boaz.....	185	5	7	5	3	3	12	80	5	4	...	89	4	4	...	4	85	185	
Israel.....	187	3	3	2	1	30	53	53	...	...	...	53	1	1	...	2	51	187
Meridian.....	188	3	8	3	3	13	134	134	2	1	...	137	1	1	...	2	135	188	
Granite.....	189	9	...	2	16	102	4	102	4	1	...	107	1	1	...	1	106	189	
Amethyst.....	190	3	7	4	1	1	69	69	3	...	...	72	1	3	...	4	68	190
Crystal.....	191	1	14	2	3	3	14	98	5	1	...	104	1	3	3	7	97	191	
Minnekadusa.....	192	10	21	6	5	4	34	142	4	1	...	147	3	4	4	11	136	192	
Signet.....	193	2	11	3	3	1	16	97	3	...	...	100	1	2	1	4	96	193
Highland.....	194	2	6	4	3	10	59	59	4	1	...	64	1	...	...	1	63	194
Arcana.....	195	1	11	1	4	3	25	111	4	1	...	116	1	3	...	4	112	195	
Level.....	196	1	1	1	2	9	33	33	1	1	...	35	1	2	...	3	32	196	
Morning Star.....	197	6	6	5	3	9	77	77	4	1	...	82	1	...	...	1	81	197
Purity.....	198	6	15	6	4	11	91	91	5	...	...	96	1	3	...	4	92	198
Gavel.....	199	1	2	1	...	6	52	52	1	...	...	53	1	...	...	1	52	199
Blazing Star.....	200	2	4	2	1	2	8	126	2	3	...	131	1	3	2	6	125	200	
Scotts Bluff.....	201	7	20	5	1	1	23	105	6	2	...	113	4	1	1	7	106	201	
Golden Sheaf.....	202	9	23	7	2	10	28	140	9	1	1	151	1	7	10	119	132	202	
Roman Eagle.....	203	1	16	...	2	24	65	65	1	3	...	69	1	3	...	4	65	203	
Plainview.....	204	4	6	5	2	3	15	106	7	...	...	113	3	3	...	6	107	204
Golden Fleece.....	205	1	6	1	4	4	111	111	3	1	1	116	1	1	...	2	114	205	
Naphthali.....	206	2	4	2	1	14	91	91	2	...	...	93	1	...	...	1	92	206
Parian.....	207	7	7	4	2	8	99	99	3	1	...	103	...	...	...	...	103	207
Gauge.....	208	3	13	...	2	1	23	59	...	2	...	61	1	1	1	3	58	208	
Canopy.....	209	3	10	2	5	9	19	157	3	...	...	160	3	9	...	12	148	209
East Lincoln.....	210	30	34	24	14	14	71	712	24	9	2	747	8	8	14	30	717	210	
Cement.....	211	2	3	2	7	109	3	109	3	...	...	112	1	2	...	3	109	211
Compass & Square.....	212	3	12	2	2	1	25	85	2	...	...	87	1	1	...	3	84	212
Plumbline.....	214	...	2	1	15	64	1	64	1	1	...	66	3	...	3	63	214		
Occidental.....	215	7	2	8	3	7	16	93	6	...	...	99	2	7	...	9	90	215
Palisade.....	216	5	8	3	4	19	85	85	2	1	...	88	...	...	...	...	88	216
Wauwata.....	217	4	5	2	3	18	59	59	3	1	...	63	2	...	2	61	217		
Bloomfield.....	218	2	19	3	4	6	26	134	2	...	...	136	1	6	...	7	129	218
Relief.....	219	9	...	4	73	3	76	76	1	1	...	76	1	1	...	2	74	219	
Magnolia.....	220	1	5	1	8	97	1	97	1	...	...	98	2	...	2	96	220	
Wood Lake.....	221	1	6	1	3	2	6	77	...	...	...	77	2	2	...	4	73	221
Landmark.....	222	3	1	2	6	11	128	128	4	...	...	132	1	6	...	7	125	222
Eminence.....	223	1	5	1	3	4	78	78	1	...	...	79	...	...	...	79	223	223
Silver Cord.....	224	13	10	12	7	9	113	113	8	2	...	123	2	1	...	3	120	224	
Cable.....	225	2	8	1	1	4	107	107	1	...	...	108	...	...	...	108	225	225

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31st, 1928.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. of Lodge							
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928		No. on Rolls April 1, 1927	GAIN				Total	LOSS									
			By Raising	By Affiliation		Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death		By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss											
Grace	226	4	2	5	3	2	12	53	4					57								2	55	226		
North Star	227	13	19	12	4	8	40	266	10	5	2			283	3							11	272	227		
Bartley	228	2	3				7	76						76										76	228	
Comet	229	2	5	1	4		12	89	2	1				92	1								1	91	229	
Delta	230	1	12	3	1		3	73	3	2				78	2	2							4	74	230	
Mt. Hermon	231	2	6	1	2		14	67	2					69	1								1	68	231	
John S. Bowen	232	4	3	4	1		9	71	8					79										79	232	
Gilead	233	2	20	1	5	2	15	56	1					57	2	2							4	53	233	
Zion	234	8	12	10	5		11	111	9					120	1	2							3	117	234	
Fraternity	235		5				9	67	1					68	2								2	66	235	
Golden Rule	236	4	16	4	5	6	13	50	6					56		6							6	50	236	
Cubit	237	3	4	1	1		7	77						77	1								1	76	237	
Friendship	239	1	2	2	3		6	81	2	1				84	1								1	83	239	
Pilot	240	6	4	5	6		12	105	4	3				112	2	3							5	107	240	
George Armstrong	241	5	10	4	3	2	5	82	4					86	1	2							3	83	241	
Tyrian	243	4	6	4	2	2	11	37	3	1				41	1	2							3	38	243	
Sincerity	244		5				8	24						24											24	244
Hampton	245	3	10	3	1			92	4	1				97	2								2	95	245	
Nehawka	246	1	1	2			4	102	2					104	2								2	102	246	
Corner-stone	247	3	19	1	1	2	24	76	1					77	1	2		1					4	73	247	
Laurel	248	2	15	5	3		23	124	4	2				130	3								3	127	248	
Gothenburg	249	1	9				1	112	1					113	1								1	112	249	
George Washing'n	250	9	14	7	1	15	48	245	9	1	3			258	4	2	15						21	237	250	
Wausa	251	2	6	1	1	3	10	74	2					76	2	3							5	71	251	
Hildreth	252		5				4	58						58	1	4							5	53	252	
Beemer	253	2	5	1	1	2	8	64						64	2	4	2						8	56	253	
Bassett	254			1	1		10	74	2	1				77	1								1	76	254	
Bradshaw	255		4		3		4	44						44										44	255	
Hickman	256	2	5	1	2		2	68	2					70	2								2	68	256	
Holbrook	257	1	6				3	74						74	4	1							5	69	257	
Anselmo	258	5	14	6	11	4	14	127	1					128	2	1	4						7	121	258	
Bee	259	2	2	2	1	7	30	2						32	1	1							2	30	259	
Ornan	261	6	15	3	4	4	5	99	3	1				103	1	4							5	98	261	
Endeavor	262	2	3	4			5	55	4	1	1			61	1								1	60	262	
Mitchell	263	2	6	3		4	16	151	5	2				158	1	1	4						6	152	263	
Franklin	264		4					96						96	2	1							3	93	264	
Robert W. Furnas	265	17	21	18	3	9	22	181	16	5	1			203	2	9							11	192	265	
Silver	266	5	7	5	3	2	6	64	7	1				72	1	2							3	69	266	
James A. Tulleys	267	2	4	2	2	2	6	82	2					84	1	2							3	81	267	
Geo. W. Lininger	268	6	10	4	3	14	22	301	4	3	1			309	4	4	14						22	287	268	

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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31ST, 1928.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SOSP.		MASTER MASONS					No on Rolls, March 31, 1928							
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1928	No. on Rolls April 1, 1927	GAIN					LOSS						
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	
Nebraska	309	5	6	3	6	3	4	57	1	1	1	1	38	3	1	3	1	2	6	52
Brooklyn	310	7	4	9	3	1	3	98	11	4	1	1	110	1	1	1	1	2	2	108
St. Louis	311	7	3	3	3	3	2	48	4	1	1	1	52	1	1	1	1	2	52	52
St. Paul	312	2	3	2	2	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	2	2	38
St. Peter	313	2	2	4	2	1	1	72	4	1	1	1	77	1	1	1	1	2	2	38
St. Joseph	314	23	14	15	3	1	2	117	15	10	1	1	142	2	2	1	1	5	5	137
St. James	315	2	2	2	1	1	1	32	2	2	2	2	34	2	1	1	1	1	1	34
St. Anthony	316	6	2	4	1	1	1	63	3	2	1	1	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	67
St. Charles	317	10	5	12	1	1	1	115	11	9	6	6	135	1	1	1	1	1	1	134
St. West	318	12	5	12	2	1	1	121	15	6	1	1	142	1	1	1	1	1	1	142
St. Island	319	6	1	6	1	1	1	40	6	2	2	2	48	2	2	2	2	2	2	46
St. John	U. D.	11	2	11	1	1	1	11	11	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
St. Mary	U. D.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. Peter	U. D.	1487	3415	1351	1066	618	6060	41586	1330	356	172	1	43445	389	478	618	7	51497	41948	

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LODGES FOR THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
FLOOD RELIEF.

(Not reported last year)

Receipt	Lodge	Amount
No. 193—	Crete No. 37.....	\$ 25.00
No. 194—	Bartley No. 228.....	10.00
No. 195—	Mt. Moriah No. 57.....	10.00
No. 196—	Highland No. 194.....	25.00
No. 197—	Long Pine No. 136.....	25.00
No. 198—	Silver No. 266.....	6.00
No. 199—	Hartington No. 155, (additional).....	69.00
No. 200—	Mizpah No. 302.....	50.00
No. 201—	Parian No. 207.....	32.50
Total.....		\$ 252.50
By check No. 16, to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....		\$ 95.00
By check No. 17, to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....		125.00
By check, to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....		32.50
Total.....		\$ 252.50

RECAPITULATION.

Cash sent to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, as reported last year.....	\$ 6,323.85
Cash sent to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, receipts No. 193 to 201 inc.....	252.50
Total cash sent through this office.....	\$ 6,576.35
Crescent Lodge No. 143, sent money direct to John A Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	25.00
Total amount of contributions from Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction for the Mississippi Valley Flood Relief.....	\$ 6,601.35

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LODGES FOR THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Receipt	Lodge	Amount
No. 1—	Melrose No. 60.....	\$ 18.00
No. 2—	Silver Cord No. 224.....	6.00
No. 3—	Hebron No. 43.....	50.00
No. 4—	Wymore No. 104.....	4.00
No. 5—	Trestle Board No. 162.....	28.00
No. 6—	Golden Rod No. 306.....	4.00
No. 7—	Silver Cord No. 224.....	1.00
No. 8—	Upright No. 137.....	23.00
No. 9—	Crystal No. 191.....	8.00
No. 10—	Fraternity No. 235.....	16.00

No. 11—Cambridge No. 150.....	1.00
No. 12—Seneca No. 284.....	8.00
No. 13—Falls City No. 9.....	5.00
No. 14—Juniata No. 42.....	50.00
No. 15—Justice No. 180.....	16.00
No. 16—Wood Lake No. 221.....	17.00
No. 17—Culbertson No. 174.....	33.00
No. 18—Lotus No. 289.....	60.00
No. 19—Seneca No. 284.....	2.00
No. 20—Hay Springs No. 177.....	16.00
No. 21—Superior No. 121.....	2.00
No. 22—Creighton No. 100.....	8.00
No. 23—Albion No. 78.....	14.00
No. 24—Relief No. 219.....	16.00
No. 25—Crete No. 37.....	1.00
No. 26—Covert No. 11.....	45.00
No. 27—Silver No. 266.....	23.00
No. 28—Mosaic No. 55.....	58.00
No. 29—Monument No. 293.....	30.00
No. 30—Mt. Nebo No. 125.....	33.00
No. 31—Springfield No. 112.....	23.00
No. 32—George W. Lininger No. 268.....	1.00
No. 33—St. Johns No. 25.....	1.00
No. 34—Oliver No. 38.....	23.00
No. 35—St. Johns No. 25.....	60.00
No. 36—Nebraska No. 1.....	80.00
No. 37—Wausa No. 251.....	13.00
No. 38—Purity No. 198.....	7.00
No. 39—Wood Lake No. 221.....	4.00
No. 40—Crystal No. 191.....	2.00
No. 41—Jachin No. 146.....	33.00
No. 42—Frank Welch No. 75.....	35.00
No. 43—Capitol No. 3.....	62.00
No. 44—John J. Mercer No. 290.....	16.00
No. 45—Tyrian No. 243.....	7.00
No. 46—George W. Lininger No. 268.....	22.00
No. 47—Ogalalla No. 159.....	39.00
No. 48—Parian No. 207.....	34.00
No. 49—Springfield No. 112.....	4.00
No. 50—Thistle No. 61.....	16.00
No. 51—Golden Rule No. 236.....	1.00
No. 52—Nebraska No. 1.....	46.00
No. 53—Wood Lake No. 221.....	5.00
No. 54—Frank Welch No. 75.....	18.00
No. 55—Capitol No. 3.....	16.50
No. 56—Elk Creek No. 90.....	23.00
No. 57—Capitol No. 3.....	5.00
No. 58—Exeter No. 283.....	2.00

No. 59—Covert No. 11.....	68.50
No. 60—U. S. Bank, interest on daily balances.....	1.22
No. 61—John J. Mercer No. 290.....	8.00
No. 62—St. Johns No. 25.....	26.00
No. 63—Mosaic No. 55.....	1.00
No. 64—Garfield No. 95.....	2.00
No. 65—Capitol No. 3.....	3.00
No. 66—Nebraska No. 1.....	13.00
No. 67—Wolbach No. 292.....	10.00
No. 68—John S. Bowen No. 232.....	10.00
No. 69—Nebraska No. 1.....	1.00
No. 70—Wayne No. 120.....	25.00
No. 71—Mizpah No. 302.....	138.55
No. 72—Wayne No. 120.....	39.00
No. 73—George W. Lininger No. 268.....	3.00
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	\$1,543.77
U. S. National Bank charged Exchange Charges.....	.58
Total cash on hand Savings Dept. U. S. Nat'l Bank..	1,543.19
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	\$1,543.77

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
IN CHARGE OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

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

The following report for the year ending May 17th, 1928, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

Securities on hand last year.....	\$139,500.00
Purchased during the year—	
No. 316—John Nicolaus, Jr.....	2,000.00
No. 317—George J. Adams.....	4,000.00
No. 318—One bond, Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank.....	1,000.00
No. 319—Six bonds, Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank.....	6,000.00
No. 320—August Pehrson.....	2,500.00
No. 321—Lizzie and William Otte.....	5,000.00
No. 322—Ten Grand Island refunding bonds.....	10,000.00
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Total.....	\$170,000.00

Securities paid off wholly or in part:

No. 296—Fred J. Whitehorn, to apply.....	\$2,500.00
No. 307—Ernest J. Smith, to apply.....	1,500.00
No. 285—Albert J. Wolff, in full.....	3,000.00
No. 313—Anna M. Grunke, to apply.....	100.00
No. 302—John Wortman, in full.....	6,500.00
No. 292—Myrta M. Goll, in full.....	1,000.00

No. 290—John J. Goebel, in full.....	8,500.00
Total cash received for loans paid.....	<u>23,100.00</u>
Total securities on hand.....	<u>\$146,900.00</u>

The following loans have been renewed:

No. 287—Eva Lux, for 5 years, at 5%.....	\$4,000.00
No. 288—Christ Hoeck, for 5 years at 5%.....	5,000.00
No. 289—Tony J. Copple, for 5 years, 5½%.....	6,000.00
No. 307—Ernest J. Smith, balance for 1 year 5½%.....	7,000.00
No. 309—Ingebord E. Paulson, for 5 years, 5%.....	6,000.00

There are no interest coupons unpaid.

Loan No. 291, John L. Cox, has been foreclosed and the borrower has taken a stay. From reliable information, it would seem that the land is worth considerably more than the amount of our mortgage and there is very little chance of a loss.

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

Mortgages Owned by the Orphans Educational Fund, May 17th, 1928.

No.	Borrower	Property Located In	Amount
241—	First Liberty Loan Bond.....		\$ 5,000.00
287—	Lux.....	162 acres Dodge County.....	\$ 4,000.00
288—	Hoeck.....	160 acres Dixon County.....	5,000.00
289—	Copple.....	80 acres Thurston County.....	6,000.00
291—	Cox.....	160 acres Antelope County.....	5,000.00
295—	Weinberger.....	158 acres Madison County.....	3,000.00
296—	Whitehorn.....	160 acres Cedar County.....	3,500.00
297—	Foley.....	99 acres Washington County..	6,500.00
298—	Sandoe.....	320 acres Boyd County.....	5,000.00
299—	Pehrson.....	160 acres Cedar County.....	6,500.00
300—	DeWitt.....	80 acres Douglas County.....	5,000.00
301—	Schott.....	160 acres Pierce County.....	4,500.00
303—	Dedlow.....	160 acres Pierce County.....	7,000.00
305—	Kayl.....	80 acres Dixon County.....	3,600.00
306—	Smith.....	67 acres Dakota County.....	5,000.00
307—	Smith.....	127.75 acres Dakota County.....	7,000.00
308—	Weiler.....	80 acres Otoe County.....	6,000.00
309—	Paulsen.....	154 acres Antelope County.....	6,000.00
310—	Cummings.....	124½ acres Nemaha County.....	4,000.00
311—	Compton.....	60.40 acres Douglas County.....	2,800.00
312—	Puls.....	80 acres Cass County.....	6,000.00
313—	Grunke.....	76 acres Nemaha County.....	2,900.00
314—	Johnson.....	35 acres Dixon County.....	2,600.00
315—	Oliver.....	160 acres Valley County.....	4,500.00
316—	Nicolaus.....	160 acres Boyd County.....	2,000.00
317—	Adams.....	160 acres Boone County.....	4,000.00
318—	One bond Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank, \$1,000.....		1,000.00

319—Six bonds Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank, \$1,000 each.....	6,000.00
320—Pehrson.....200 acres Cedar County.....	2,500.00
321—Otte.....160 acres Sherman County.....	5,000.00
322—Ten City of Grand Island refunding bonds, \$1,000 each....	10,000.00
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Total securities on hand.....	\$146,900.00
Cash on hand.....	1,008.80
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Total assets May 17th, 1928.....	\$147,908.80
Total assets May 20th, 1927.....	140,458.18
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Net increase for the year.....	\$ 7,450.62

CASH.

Cash Omaha National Bank, last report.....	\$ 958.18	
Interest on Government bonds.....	212.50	
Interest on mortgages, bonds, etc.....	7,361.99	
Securities paid off.....	23,100.00	
Mortgages purchased.....		\$ 13,500.00
Interest accrued on mortgages and bonds purchased.....		123.87
Bonds purchased.....		17,000.00
Cash on hand Omaha National Bank.....		1,008.80
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	\$ 31,632.67	\$ 31,632.67

INVENTORY.

Bills receivable.....	\$141,900.00
U. S. Government bonds.....	5,000.00
Cash, Omaha National Bank.....	1,008.80
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Total.....	\$147,908.80

TRIAL BALANCE, MAY 17, 1928.

Bills receivable.....	\$141,900.00
U. S. Government bonds.....	5,000.00
Cash, Omaha National Bank.....	1,008.80
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	\$147,908.80
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	\$147,908.80

LEWIS E. SMITH,

*Secretary Board of Trustees
The Nebraska Masonic Home.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
IN CHARGE OF THE WAR RELIEF FUND.
CASH DEBIT.

May 20th, 1927, balance on hand.....	\$2,120.01
Interest on Government bonds.....	1,317.50
Interest on bonds and daily balances.....	156.66
Two 2nd Liberty Loan bonds paid.....	2,000.00
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	\$5,594.17

CASH CREDIT.

Paid, relief member of Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	\$ 300.00
Paid relief member of Long Pine Lodge No. 136.....	53.00
Four Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, \$1,000 each.....	4,000.00
Accrued interest on above bonds.....	6.11
Cash on hand, Peters National Bank.....	1,235.06
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	\$5,594.17

INVENTORY.

Government bonds, (par value \$30,000.00) cost.....	\$29,697.25
Four Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank bonds, \$1,000 each.....	4,000.00
Cash, Peters National Bank, Omaha.....	1,235.06
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	\$34,932.31

TRIAL BALANCE, MAY 17, 1928.

Government bonds, (par value \$30,000) cost.....	\$29,697.25	
Bonds, Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank.....	4,000.00	
Cash, Peters National Bank, Omaha.....	1,235.06	
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	\$34,932.31	\$34,932.31

WAR RELIEF FUND GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Bond numbers—	34505, par value.....	\$10,000.00
	34506, par value.....	10,000.00
	36810, par value.....	5,000.00
	425880, par value.....	1,000.00
	425881, par value.....	1,000.00
	425882, par value.....	1,000.00
	425883, par value.....	1,000.00
	351566, par value.....	500.00
	1606668, par value.....	100.00
	1606669, par value.....	100.00
	1649540, par value.....	100.00
	1649541, par value.....	100.00

1649542, par value.....	100.00
Par value.....	\$30,000.00
Cost \$29,697.25.	

LINCOLN JOINT STOCK LAND BANK BONDS.

No. M136992, par value.....	\$1,000.00
No. M136993, par value.....	1,000.00
No. M136994, par value.....	1,000.00
No. M136995, par value.....	1,000.00
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	\$4,000.00

Total of all bonds of War Relief Fund, par value, \$34,000.00.

LEWIS E. SMITH,

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

REPORT OF EXAMINATION.
GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M., OF NEBRASKA.
Year Ended May 20, 1928.

Omaha, Nebraska, May 21, 1928.

Auditing Committee,

Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions we have examined the books and records of the Grand Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, for the period May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928, inclusive, and herewith submit our report.

The following statements which form a part of this report reflect the financial condition of the Grand Lodge as of May 17, 1928.

Exhibit A—General Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 17, 1928.

Schedule A-1—General Fund, Income & Expense, May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Exhibit B—Building & Improvement Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 17, 1928.

Schedule B-1—Building & Improvement Fund,

Income & Expense

Receipts & Disbursements } May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Exhibit C—Orphan's Educational Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 17, 1928.

Schedule C-1—Orphan's Educational Fund, Receipts & Disbursements, May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Exhibit D—War Relief Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 17, 1928.

Schedule D-1—War Relief Fund, Receipts & Disbursements, May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Exhibit E—Maintenance Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 17, 1928.

Schedule E-1—Maintenance Fund,

Income & Expense	} May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.
Receipts & Disbursements	

Exhibit F—Permanent Reserve Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 17, 1928.

Exhibit G—Contingent Fund, Receipts & Disbursements, May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Exhibit H—Supply Account, Resources & Liabilities, May 17, 1928.

Schedule H-1—Supply Account, Income & Expense, May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

The Cash in Banks was reconciled with certificates received from the respective depositories.

All receipts were traced into the bank, and all disbursements checked.

All securities were examined by our representatives and found to be in agreement with the book accounts. In addition to the securities reflected by the books there is also on hand a total of \$47,000.00 Liberty Bonds belonging to the Norfolk National Bank and left on deposit as collateral, guaranteeing the safety of deposits with that institution.

A separate set of accounts was set up during the period to reflect the operations effecting the sale of supplies to the Lodges. Exhibit H and Schedule H-1 show the details covering the same. The inventory was estimated only as of the beginning of the period, but was taken as of May 17, 1928, by the staff of the Grand Secretary, and accepted by us without verification.

Details of the operations of other Funds or accounts are reflected in their respective Exhibits and Schedules.

Your attention is respectfully invited to the increase in the number of small but separate and distinct funds and accounts being set up. From an accounting standpoint this results in increased bookkeeping and auditing requirements, which could be avoided if one comprehensive system were set up with one set of books, each phase or activity being regarded as a department. One columnar cash book could contain all receipts, and bank accounts could be reduced greatly in number by consolidation, without in any way losing the identity of the operations involving any particular fund.

The books and records have been kept with neatness and care.

We wish to express our appreciation of the courtesies extended our representatives during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GILCHRIST CO.,

By E. C. LOUCKS,

Certified Public Accountant.

Exhibit A:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.
GENERAL FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.
May 17, 1928.

RESOURCES.

Cash in Norfolk National Bank.....		\$ 34,276.05
Cash in Peters National Bank (Contingent Fund).....		400.00
Mortgage Note.....		2,500.00
Stocks:		
Masonic Home.....	\$151,600.00	
Eastern Star Home.....	1,000.00	
		152,600.00
Masonic—Eastern Star Home for Children.....		90,852.06
Furniture & Fixtures.....		5,303.47
Account Receivable, Lebanon Lodge.....		965.40
		\$286,896.98

NET WORTH.

Reserve for Service Annuities and Gifts.....		\$ 2,550.00
Surplus, May 20, 1927, Audit Report....	\$272,869.01	
Less: Adjustment Inventory Account.. \$ 277.62		
Operating Deficit (Schedule A-1). 9,096.47		
		9,374.09
Balance.....		263,494.92
Add: Transfer from Building & Improvement Account.....		20,602.06
Architect's fee previously charged to expense.....		250.00
		284,346.98
		\$286,896.98

Schedule A-1:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.
GENERAL FUND.
INCOME & EXPENSE.
May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Income:

Dues, 41548 Members at \$2.00.....		\$ 83,096.00
Initiations, 1437 Members at \$5.00.....		7,185.00
Initiations, 1436 Members at \$5.00.....		7,180.00

Special Dispensations.....	150.00
Other Dispensations.....	50.00
Surety Bond Premiums Refund.....	44.45
Profit on Surety Bonds Furnished Lodges.....	28.30
Unexpired Balance, G. L. O. Attendance.....	335.92
Unexpired Balance G. M. Crites Expense.....	503.96
Penalties.....	18.96
Excess Transfer from Payroll.....	6.06
Interest on Bank Balances.....	623.67
Affiliations 23 at \$10.00.....	230.00
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	\$ 99,452.32

Expense:

Payments to Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 31,161.00
Payments to Building & Improvement Fund...	14,092.00
Payments to Maintenance Fund.....	14,092.00
General Relief.....	6,950.70
Permanent Reserve Fund.....	10,000.00
General Expense.....	10,822.83
Salaries & Expenses, Grand Master, Grand Custodian, Grand Secretary.....	12,600.00
Committee Masonic Education.....	670.20
Committee on Relief.....	500.00
Expense of Grand Chaplain.....	75.00
Supplies.....	1,722.38
Refund of Special Dispensation Fees.....	30.00
Expenditures through Contingent Fund.....	1,646.41
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	104,362.52
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Excess Operating Expense over Income....	\$ 4,910.20

Add:

Items Charged Off the Books in accordance Grand Lodge Instructions:	
Grand Lodge Jewels.....	\$ 233.00
Monell Library.....	2,281.04
Grand Lodge Library.....	1,582.58
George W. Lininger Collection.....	89.65
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	4,186.27
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Net Charge to Surplus for the Period.....	\$ 9,096.47

Exhibit B:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.
BUILDING & IMPROVEMENT FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.
May 17, 1928.

RESOURCES.

Cash in Omaha National Bank.....	\$ 397.96
Liberty Bonds (par value \$21,000.00).....	20,710.29
Norfolk, Nebraska Refunding Bonds (par value \$7,000.00).....	7,141.40
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.....	15,000.00
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	\$ 43,249.65

NET WORTH.

Surplus, May 20, 1927.....	\$ 96,901.42
Net Decrease during Period.....	53,651.77
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Surplus, May 17, 1928.....	\$ 43,249.65

Schedule B-1:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.
BUILDING & IMPROVEMENT FUND.
INCOME & EXPENSE
May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Surplus, May 20, 1927.....	\$ 96,901.42
Income for Period:	
Interest on Bank Balances.....	\$ 236.34
Interest on Bonds.....	1,188.58
Transferred from General Fund.....	14,092.00
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	\$ 15,516.92

Expense for Period:

Transferred to Maintenance Fund..	\$48,450.71
Cost of Permanent Building Transferred to General Fund Books:	
Construction	\$17,436.74
Architect's Fees...	665.32
Furnishings.....	2,500.00
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	20,602.06
Accrued Int. on Bonds Purchased..	38.25
Unamortized Premium on Bonds Maturing.....	77.67
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	69,168.69	
		<u>53,651.77</u>
Surplus, May 17, 1928.....		\$ 43,249.65

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.
May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Cash Balance, May 20, 1927.....	\$ 30,002.32
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Receipts:

Interest.....	\$ 1,424.92
From General Fund.....	14,092.00
From Sale of Bonds.....	13,000.00
	<u>\$ 28,516.92</u>

Disbursements:

To Maintenance Fund.....	\$15,339.57
Construction and Furnishings.....	20,602.06
Purchase of Bonds and Accrued Int.	22,179.65

58,121.28

Decrease.....	<u>29,604.36</u>
Cash Balance, Omaha National Bank, May 17, 1928.....	\$ 397.96

Exhibit C:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.
ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.
May 17, 1928.

RESOURCES.

Cash in Omaha National Bank.....	\$ 1,008.80
U. S. Government Bonds.....	5,000.00
R. E. Mortgage Notes.....	124,900.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds.....	7,000.00
City of Grand Island Refunding Bonds.....	10,000.00
	<u>\$147,908.80</u>

NET WORTH.

Surplus, May 20, 1927.....	\$140,458.18
Increase for year, Interest.....	7,450.62
	<u>\$147,908.80</u>

Schedule C-1:

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.

May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Cash on Hand, May 20, 1927.....\$ 958.18

Receipts:

Loans Paid.....\$ 23,100.00

Interest on Bonds..... 440.00

Interest on Loans, etc..... 7,102.42

Interest on Daily Balances..... 32.07

30,674.49

\$ 31,632.67

Disbursements:

Loans Made.....\$ 13,500.00

Bonds Bought..... 17,000.00

Interest..... 123.87

30,623.87

Cash on Hand, May 17, 1928, Omaha National Bank.....\$ 1,008.80

Exhibit D:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.:

of Nebraska.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.

May 17, 1928.

RESOURCES.

Cash in Peters National Bank.....\$ 1,235.06

Liberty Bonds (par value \$30,000.00) cost..... 29,697.25

Lincoln Joint Stock Bonds..... 4,000.00

\$ 34,932.31

NET WORTH.

Surplus.....\$ 34,932.31

Schedule D-1:

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.

May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Cash on Hand May 21, 1927 (Peters National Bank).....\$ 2,120.01

Receipts:

Interest.....\$ 1,474.16

Sale of Liberty Bonds..... 2,000.00

3,474.16

5,594.17

Disbursements:

Relief.....	\$	353.00
Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds Bought.....		4,000.00
Interest.....		6.11

4,359.11

Cash on Hand May 17, 1928 (Peters National Bank).....\$ 1,235.06

Exhibit E:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.
MAINTENANCE FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.
May 17, 1928.

RESOURCES.

Norfolk, Nebraska Refunding Bonds (par value \$23,000.00).....	\$	23,464.60
Liberty Bonds (par value \$10,000.00).....		9,888.50
Cash in Bank, Omaha National Bank.....		11,997.32

\$ 45,350.42

Net Worth.....\$ 45,350.42

Schedule E-1:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.
MAINTENANCE FUND.
INCOME & EXPENSE.
May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

INCOME.

Transferred from Building & Improvement Fund.....	\$	48,450.71
Interest on Daily Balances.....		183.20
Interest on Bonds.....		848.59
Transferred from General Fund.....		14,092.00

\$ 63,574.50

EXPENSE.

Maintenance Eastern Star Home.....	\$	18,000.00
Loss on Sale of Liberty Bonds.....		201.08
Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased.....		23.00

18,224.08

Net Worth, May 17, 1928.....\$ 45,350.42

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts:

Building & Improvement Fund.....	\$ 15,339.57
General Fund.....	14,092.00
Interest.....	1,031.79
Liberty Bonds Sold.....	23,021.56

\$ 53,484.92

Disbursements:

Eastern Star Home.....	18,000.00
Norfolk City Bonds and Accrued Interest.....	23,487.60

41,487.60

Cash Balance Omaha National Bank May 17, 1928..... \$ 11,997.32

Exhibit F:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.
PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.
May 17, 1928.

RESOURCES.

*Cash in Bank, U. S. National Bank.....	\$ 425.00
Liberty Bonds, (Transferred from General Fund) Par Value.....	10,000.00

\$ 10,425.00

NET WORTH.

Surplus..... \$ 10,425.00

*Cash in Bank consists of interest received on Liberty Bonds during the period.

Exhibit G:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.
CONTINGENT FUND.
RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.
May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Balance, May 20, 1917, per books..... \$ 472.00

Receipts

From Grand Lodge.....	\$ 1,646.41
From Grand Commandery.....	30.00
From Grand Chapter.....	42.00

1,718.41

\$ 2,190.41

Disbursements:

Postage.....	400.00
Blanks.....	457.05
Stationery.....	274.63
Janitor.....	67.25
Miscellaneous.....	301.34
Telephone & Calls.....	230.53
Telegrams.....	59.61

1,790.41

Balance on Hand, Peters National Bank, May 17, 1928.....\$ 400.00

Exhibit H:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.
SUPPLY ACCOUNT
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.
May 17, 1928.

RESOURCES.

Cash Balance, Peters National Bank.....	\$ 2,317.33
Inventory of Supplies.....	2,016.24
	<u>\$ 4,333.57</u>
Net Worth.....	\$ 4,333.57

Schedule H-1:

INCOME & EXPENSE.
May 20, 1927 to May 17, 1928.

Sales of Supplies to Lodges.....	\$ 1,949.35
Less Cost of Sales & Expense:	
Express Charges.....	\$ 6.04
Printing & Stationery.....	635.50
Refunds.....	7.80
Aprons.....	1,004.38
	<u>1,653.72</u>
Add Estimated Inventory, May 20, 1927.....	2,000.00
	<u>3,653.72</u>
Less Physical Inventory, May 17, 1928.....	2,016.24
	<u>1,637.48</u>
Estimated Profit on Sales of Supplies.....	\$ 311.87

Add:

Interest on Bank Balances.....	21.70
Estimated Profit, Supply Account.....	333.57
Add Original Capital Provided:	
Estimated Inventory, May 20, 1927.....	2,000.00
Capital Contribution from General Fund.....	2,000.00
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	4,000.00
Net Worth, May 17, 1928.....	\$ 4,333.57

BRETHREN WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE FIFTY-YEAR BADGE BY THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA.

Certificate No.	Brother	Date Received		Lodge	Number
		Master Mason's Degree			
1—	Joseph T. Beatty.....	April 4,	1874...	Covert,	No. 11
2—	John A. Randolph.....	April 22,	1872...	Orient,	No. 13
3—	Wilson E. Field.....	Oct. 22,	1870...	East Lincoln,	No. 210
4—	Hanford O. Smith.....	Feb. 5,	1876...	Thistle,	No. 61
5—	Adam Sigler.....	Sept. 12,	1876...	East Lincoln,	No. 210
6—	George B. Loucks.....	Mar. 10,	1869...	Hastings,	No. 50
7—	Jacob Fisher.....	Mar. 16,	1869...	Hastings,	No. 50
8—	Charles K. Lawson.....	Dec. 14,	1874...	Hastings,	No. 50
9—	Ira C. Kimball.....	Mar. 28,	1863...	McCook,	No. 135
10—	James A. Jamison.....	Sept. 13,	1873...	McCook,	No. 135
11—	Thomas H. Britton.....	July 25,	1874...	McCook,	No. 135
12—	Arthur W. Coffman.....	Mar. 7,	1874...	McCook,	No. 135
13—	Frederick J. Schaufelberger.....	July 7,	1873...	Hastings,	No. 50
14—	John J. Wemple.....	Nov. 27,	1875...	Hastings,	No. 50
15—	George W. Tibbets.....	Nov. 13,	1873...	Mid-West,	No. 317
16—	Francis M. Thompson.....	Mar. 8,	1873...	Mid-West,	No. 317
17—	Samuel E. Crocker.....	Sept. 28,	1875...	Florence,	No. 281
18—	Olfrey J. Matthews.....	Oct. 5,	1872...	Minatare,	No. 295
19—	Abraham A. Creesman.....	Jan. 23,	1872...	Crete,	No. 37
20—	Clarence A. Caldwell.....	Oct. 10,	1873...	Crete,	No. 37
21—	George H. Gasser.....	May 4,	1870...	Crete,	No. 37
22—	Thomas A. Vore.....	Feb. 5,	1876...	Crete,	No. 37
23—	Burlen W. Lowe.....	April 21,	1869...	Parian,	No. 207
24—	Charles C. Millard.....	April 25,	1872...	Garfield,	No. 95
25—	Charles B. Page.....	Mar. 4,	1875...	Mt. Moriah,	No. 57
26—	Jasper K. Griffith.....	July 3,	1877...	Mt. Moriah,	No. 57
27—	Pierce Metz.....	Aug. 19,	1875...	Covert,	No. 11
28—	George B. McGlasson.....	Dec. 20,	1873...	Cement,	No. 211

29—James M. Young	1865	Samaritan,	No. 158
30—William M. Cooley	April 6, 1877	Samaritan,	No. 158
31—James B. Bruner	Mar. 31, 1870	St. Johns,	No. 25
32—John G. Taylor	Mar. 12, 1874	St. Johns,	No. 25
33—Louis Berka	Dec. 15, 1876	Covert,	No. 11
34—Henry C. Akin	May 8, 1867	Covert,	No. 11
35—Charles F. Driscoll	Nov. 4, 1864	Covert,	No. 11
36—John Hothem	Sept. 12, 1874	Compass & Sq.,	No. 212
37—Thaddeus J. Foley	June 17, 1874	Platte Valley,	No. 32
38—Homer G. Woodin	Mar. 12, 1870	Platte Valley,	No. 32
39—Henry J. Clark	May 8, 1875	Platte Valley,	No. 32
40—Joseph Tooley	Nov. 2, 1875	Platte Valley,	No. 32
41—James G. O. Harper	Mar. 16, 1875	Plumblin,	No. 214
42—Francis E. White	May 10, 1869	Plattsmouth,	No. 6
43—Christopher C. Despain	Feb. 2, 1875	Plattsmouth,	No. 6
44—Alfred W. White	May 22, 1873	Plattsmouth,	No. 6
45—George S. Shrader	Dec. 15, 1877	Tuscan,	No. 130
46—W. Jay Turner	Aug. 1, 1873	Harvard,	No. 44
47—James D. Edwards	Aug. 27, 1855	Stromsburg,	No. 126
48—Frank E. Bullard	May 6, 1873	Platte Valley,	No. 32
49—Samuel P. Davidson	April 22, 1869	Tecumseh,	No. 17
50—Ornan J. King	Jan. 6, 1873	Lancaster,	No. 54
51—Andrew H. Viele	Feb. 15, 1874	Mosaic,	No. 55
52—Christian Garrett	Nov. 22, 1872	Grafton,	No. 172
53—William Bosserman	July 24, 1866	Grafton,	No. 172
54—Elisha D. Bellis	Mar. 22, 1876	Covert,	No. 11
55—Milton T. Barlow	Dec. 5, 1866	Covert,	No. 11
56—Joseph Kirner	April 5, 1871	Covert,	No. 11
57—Charles Van Berg	April 7, 1876	Aurora,	No. 68
58—James M. Robertson	Sept. 4, 1877	Lincoln,	No. 19
59—Andrew B. Somers	Aug. 5, 1868	Capitol,	No. 3
60—Seth H. Plummer	Oct. 22, 1866	Capitol,	No. 3
61—Fred Fredrickson	Dec. 31, 1877	Platte Valley,	No. 32
62—Samuel Goozee	Dec. 14, 1869	Platte Valley,	No. 32
63—Henry S. Sprecher	May 7, 1870	Crystal,	No. 191
64—Charles M. Carter	Mar. 15, 1875	Lancaster,	No. 54
65—Hiram Boone	Aug. 12, 1873	Lancaster,	No. 54
66—Henry C. Nevitt	1874	Crete,	No. 37
67—Israel M. Wolf	June 19, 1872	Crete,	No. 37
68—John L. Tidball	June 19, 1872	Crete,	No. 37
69—Ensign J. Rix	July 5, 1876	Mosaic,	No. 55
70—David Baum	June 30, 1873	Mosaic,	No. 55
71—Edward C. Jackson	Jan. 25, 1876	Washington,	No. 21
72—William A. Howard	May 1, 1872	Lincoln,	No. 19
73—Samuel H. Bayne	Jan. 19, 1878	Falls City,	No. 9
74—James L. Slocum	Dec. 16, 1869	Falls City,	No. 9
75—Jasper L. Kellogg	Mar. 1, 1869	Lancaster,	No. 54
76—Samuel C. Smith	Nov. 16, 1872	Beatrice,	No. 26

77—Walter D. Hill	Oct. 10, 1877	Beatrice,	No. 26
78—Ezra E. Howard	April 4, 1869	Edgar,	No. 67
79—Bell E. Berryman	Mar. 29, 1869	Lone Tree,	No. 36
80—John Miller	Oct. 12, 1872	Lone Tree,	No. 36
81—William F. Sinsel	Mar. 18, 1876	Lone Tree,	No. 36
82—William Y. R. Gawne	April 24, 1876	Lone Tree,	No. 36
83—Andrew J. Elder	April 25, 1874	Hubbell,	No. 92
84—Joseph C. Blackburn	May 23, 1874	Hiram,	No. 52
85—Eugene E. Graves	Mar. . . , 1874	Lancaster,	No. 54
86—William A. Cotton	Mar. 20, 1861	Western Star,	No. 2
87—Frank M. Harney	Dec. 10, 1875	Western Star,	No. 2
88—Amos P. Stafford	April 17, 1869	Western Star,	No. 2
89—Joseph Klein	. . . , 1876	Lancaster,	No. 54
90—Charles A. Morse	July 16, 1868	Fremont,	No. 15
91—Benjamin F. Hancock	May 29, 1867	Fremont,	No. 15
92—George A. Storey	May 17, 1873	Fremont	No. 15
93—Charles B. Veazie	May 1, 1871	Fremont,	No. 15
94—Leonard J. Hanchett	Oct. 19, 1871	Ashlar,	No. 33
95—John Q. Pray	Aug. 3, 1877	Porter,	No. 106
96—Daniel C. Cole	Aug. 10, 1867	Peru,	No. 14
97—Newton Potee	Dec. 24, 1872	Lone Tree,	No. 36
98—John F. Twamley	April 7, 1874	St. Johns,	No. 25
99—Isaac Tompsett	Nov. 21, 1874	St. Johns,	No. 25
100—John H. Berry	Feb. 11, 1868	John J. Mercer,	No. 290
101—Myron H. Whaley	Oct. 31, 1869	Solar,	No. 134
102—John T. Price	May 28, 1872	Keystone,	No. 62
103—Edwin A. Kirkpatrick	April 6, 1868	Nehawka,	No. 246
104—Seth S. Ratcliff	April 23, 1872	Barneston,	No. 165
105—George H. Croshaw	. . . , 1872	Acacia,	No. 34
106—Wilson A. Wells	Jan. 8, 1877	Capitol,	No. 3
107—Mark G. Lee	June 5, 1878	Shelton,	No. 99
108—Theophilis L. Norval	Nov. 17, 1871	Oliver,	No. 38
109—Charles H. Campbell	April 30, 1872	Oliver,	No. 38
110—Samuel B. Hobmann	Nov. 19, 1872	Lincoln,	No. 19
111—Robert G. Brown	Mar. 25, 1875	Evening Star,	No. 49
112—Nathan A. Tyler	Sept. 30, 1876	Evening Star,	No. 49
113—Almon C. DePue	Aug. 25, 1877	Trestle Board,	No. 162
114—William Wilson	Nov. 7, 1868	Lincoln,	No. 19
115—John E. Axtell	April 5, 1875	Beaver City,	No. 93
116—James W. Thomas	Mar. 7, 1874	Superior,	No. 121
117—Roland J. Finch	May 24, 1869	Monument,	No. 293
118—Benjamin F. Gardiner	April 20, 1864	Ashlar,	No. 33
119—Charles Wasmer	Oct. 27, 1870	Ashlar,	No. 33
120—George H. Thummel	July 31, 1869	Ashlar,	No. 33
121—William A. Avery	June 5, 1867	Israel,	No. 187
122—Alonzo Cunningham	Feb. 26, 1872	Purity,	No. 198
123—Alfred B. Thompson	Sept. 20, 1868	Hebron,	No. 43
124—John W. Hughes	Dec. 29, 1864	Hebron,	No. 43

125—Jacob F. Kleinhen.....	July 22, 1869...	Fidelity,	No. 51
126—Albert M. Cool.....	Nov. ..., 1865...	Trowel,	No. 71
127—William G. McFall.....	Nov. 18, 1874...	Lancaster,	No. 54
128—James S. France.....	Oct. 30, 1872...	Covert,	No. 11
129—Henry F. Willrodt.....	Oct. 24, 1877...	Covert,	No. 11
130—Frank H. Goddard.....	Nov. 13, 1872...	Covert,	No. 11
131—Oliver G. Goddard.....	Jan. 22, 1873...	Covert,	No. 11
132—James E. Wilson.....	Dec. 4, 1871...	Composite,	No. 81
133—George E. Hastings.....	April 2, 1869...	Gauge,	No. 208
134—Daniel H. Harris.....	June 17, 1875...	Bennett,	No. 94
135—John P. Bratt.....	June 8, 1877...	Bennett,	No. 94
136—Simon P. Doran.....	Mar. 2, 1878...	Winnebago,	No. 309
137—John Reese.....	Nov. 18, 1868...	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148
138—Freeman Shaw.....	June 20, 1867...	Osceola,	No. 65
139—John D. Moore.....	Jan. 18, 1871...	Ashlar,	No. 33
140—Othman A. Abbott.....	May 23, 1864...	Ashlar,	No. 33
141—George W. Uebel.....	Sept. 3, 1866...	Rawalt,	No. 138
142—Tilghman G. Edmiston....	Aug. 26, 1871...	Hebron,	No. 43
143—Thomas J. Majors.....	Nov. 2, 1867...	Peru,	No. 14
144—John T. Bressler.....	Dec. 11, 1877...	Wayne,	No. 120
145—John Y. Gant.....	Sept. 21, 1872...	Western Star,	No. 2
146—Frank M. Saunders.....	April 27, 1867...	Minden,	No. 127
147—Daniel B. Hines.....	Nov. 3, 1871...	St. Johns,	No. 25
148—Edgar S. Norton.....	April 3, 1873...	Tyre,	No. 85
149—Peter Van Fleet.....	Sept. 5, 1877...	Hiram,	No. 52
150—John W. Bennett.....	Nov. 13, 1869...	Amity,	No. 169
151—James D. Corder.....	Nov. 3, 1873...	Amity,	No. 169
152—Richard H. Gammon.....	Aug. 22, 1874...	Amity,	No. 169
153—Charles M. Johnston.....	Jan. 23, 1878...	Diamond,	No. 291
154—Abijah T. Conkling.....	Oct. 2, 1862...	Ashlar,	No. 33
155—Thomas W. Smith.....	..., 1874...	North Star,	No. 227
156—William Wilson.....	Nov. 7, 1868...	Lincoln,	No. 19
157—William H. Belknap.....	Feb. 13, 1867...	Lincoln,	No. 19
158—William F. Needham.....	Mar. 29, 1875...	Lincoln,	No. 19
159—William W. Mardis.....	May 3, 1869...	Peru,	No. 14
160—Cash D. Fuller.....	July 10, 1866...	North Star,	No. 227
161—James M. Gammill.....	July 6, 1873...	Level,	No. 196
162—John J. Curtis.....	July 19, 1869...	Capitol,	No. 3
163—John F. Early.....	Dec. 15, 1877...	Blue Valley,	No. 64
164—Samuel N. Wolbach.....	May 18, 1876...	Ashlar,	No. 33
165—John B. Carns.....	Mar. 2, 1872...	North Star,	No. 227
166—Joseph Boeckenhauer.....	Mar. 9, 1875...	Corinthian,	No. 83
167—William S. Robertson.....	May 18, 1875...	Nebraska,	No. 1
168—Carl Benson.....	June 15, 1875...	John J. Mercer,	No. 290
169—William D. Leach.....	July 10, 1868...	Beaver City,	No. 93
170—Reuben Horrocks.....	Feb. 24, 1877...	Falls City,	No. 9
171—Alonzo Y. Moore.....	Oct. 26, 1867...	Auburn,	No. 124
172—Henry M. Russell.....	Nov. 24, 1869...	Kenesaw,	No. 144

173—Charles W. Conkling	Dec. 14, 1870	Tekamah,	No. 31
174—John B. Wyatt	July 24, 1874	Ashlar,	No. 33
175—Egbert J. DeBell	July 5, 1873	Omadi,	No. 5
176—Henry Stevens	April 25, 1874	Rob Morris,	No. 46
177—Justin H. Lyon	Jan. 20, 1877	Rob Morris,	No. 46
178—Theodore N. Hartzell	Mar. 9, 1874	Rob Morris,	No. 46
179—William M. Davis	Dec. 30, 1869	Trestle Board,	No. 162
180—Smith P. Tuttle	Feb. 10, 1864	Alliance,	No. 183
181—David Jack	Oct. 17, 1873	Peru,	No. 14
182—Luther A. Harmon	Aug. 21, 1869	St. Johns,	No. 25
183—Josiah H. Tilden	April 10, 1868	Bradshaw,	No. 255
184—John H. Parker	Mar. 23, 1872	Square,	No. 151
185—Charles P. Philbrick	Oct. 10, 1876	Wymore,	No. 104
186—Robert Armstrong	Mar. 19, 1875	York,	No. 56
187—Digory J. Colling	July 15, 1866	York,	No. 56
188—Francis J. Davis	June 17, 1873	York,	No. 56
189—Daniel W. Hoyt	April 28, 1866	York,	No. 56
190—William R. Dickerson	Dec. 7, 1868	Curtis,	No. 168
191—John D. Modlin	, , 1870	Israel,	No. 187
192—Theodore D. Wilson	Nov. 6, 1873	Oasis,	No. 271
193—Carroll D. Evans	Sept. 9, 1878	Lebanon,	No. 58
194—William Keely	Feb. 22, 1871	York,	No. 56
195—William Armstrong	Aug. 26, 1871	Antelope,	No. 276
196—Olney J. Smith	Feb. 25, 1865	Acacia,	No. 34
197—Thomas C. Williams	May 29, 1876	Aurora,	No. 68
198—John F. Crane	Nov. 10, 1877	Oshkosh,	No. 286
199—Clinton B. Condon	Jan. 31, 1878	Hampton,	No. 245
200—James M. Mitchell	Dec. 8, 1868	Northern Light,	No. 41
201—Owen W. Cotton	Oct. 30, 1863	Lincoln,	No. 19
202—Thomas W. Eustice	Feb. 24, 1875	Auburn,	No. 124
203—James Wilson	Sept. 17, 1872	Chester,	No. 298
204—William Ramsdell	, , 1871	Exeter,	No. 283
205—Thomas Moore	May 23, 1874	Wymore,	No. 104
206—James H. Fleming	April 6, 1878	Evening Star,	No. 49
207—James T. Hall	Sept. 27, 1871	Shelton,	No. 99
208—Clarke K. Brown	Mar. 9, 1875	Meridian,	No. 188
209—Enos Richman	May 30, 1874	Huntley,	No. 270
210—Joseph Shearer	Mar. 26, 1878	Plainview,	No. 204
211—Seabury L. Sears	Dec. 18, 1868	Pomegranate,	No. 110
212—Charles N. Folsom	Sept. 2, 1870	Pomegranate,	No. 110
213—Richard E. Butler	, , 1872	Pomegranate,	No. 110
214—John S. Myers	Sept. 26, 1874	Perkins,	No. 308
215—Nathaniel Sutherland	June 5, 1875	Tecumseh,	No. 17
216—Arthur C. Sullivan	Oct. , , 1874	Tecumseh,	No. 17
217—Murry K. Holly	Aug. 28, 1873	Unity,	No. 163
218—Frank P. Zimmer	April 18, 1878	St. Johns,	No. 25
219—Eugene M. Cook	April 24, 1875	John S. Bowen,	No. 232
220—James A. Phelan	April 18, 1874	Tecumseh,	No. 17

221—William T. Shields.....	Mar. 15, 1873...	Granite,	No. 189
222—Edgar M. Jenkins.....	May 29, 1872...	Alexandria,	No. 74
223—Marion G. Hays.....	June 15, 1876...	Gladstone,	No. 176
224—Robert J. Mills.....	April .., 1876...	Gladstone,	No. 176
225—John W. Scott.....	Feb. 12, 1876...	Gladstone,	No. 176
226—Ozro B. Foster.....	Aug. .., 1867...	Gladstone,	No. 176
227—Albert E. Baker.....	May 11, 1865...	Oliver,	No. 38
228—Richard S. Norval.....	April 20, 1878...	Oliver,	No. 38
229—George A. Hagensick.....	May 28, 1878...	Lincoln,	No. 19
230—Moritz Meyer.....	June 27, 1877...	St. Johns,	No. 25
231—Jasper N. Anstine.....	Dec. 15, 1873...	Oliver,	No. 38
232—T. Trimble Young.....	Sept. 28, 1867...	Pomegranate,	No. 110
233—George W. Barrett.....	June 14, 1878...	Plainview,	No. 204

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

In compliance with Section 8 of the law the following report is made covering the activities of this office for the past year.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

Two-day schools of instruction have been held in the following numbered Lodges:

Nos. 10, 17, 23, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 48, 49, 52, 57, 62, 70, 71, 73, 79, 84, 89, 90, 92, 99, 100, 102, 103, 105, 113, 114, 125, 133, 134, 143, 145, 146, 148, 149, 154, 155, 157, 159, 164, 168, 169, 181, 182, 183, 185, 188, 190, 191, 193, 194, 195, 197, 199, 200, 202, 204, 207, 208, 211, 212, 215, 218, 220, 223, 234, 236, 245, 246, 247, 250, 261, 266, 267, 273, 274, 275, 278, 280, 282, 283, 284, 292, 294, 297, 299, 308, 315, 316, 319.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

Three-day central schools of instruction have been held in fourteen Lodges:

- Wayne Lodge No. 120—October 4, 5, 6.
- Albion Lodge No. 78—October 12, 13, 14.
- Tekamah Lodge No. 21—October 18, 19, 20.
- Beatrice Lodge No. 26—October 25, 26, 27.
- Frank Welch Lodge No. 75—November 7, 8, 9.
- Platte Valley Lodge No. 32—November 8, 9, 10.
- Lone Tree Lodge No. 36—November 9, 10, 11.
- Fidelity Lodge No. 51—November 15, 16, 17.
- McCook Lodge No. 135—November 28, 29, 30.
- Rawalt Lodge No. 138—November 29, 30 and December 1.
- Superior Lodge No. 121—November 30 and December 1, 2.
- Samaritan Lodge No. 158—January 23, 24, 25.
- Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265—January 25, 26, 27.
- Auburn Lodge No. 124—February 1, 2, 3.

M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, was present one day of each school and addressed the brethren on matters of interest to the Craft. His presence and inspirational talks were welcomed by the Brethren and appreciated most highly.

Plans were made to have a lecture by our Grand Chaplain, V. W. Charles M. Shepherd at each one of the central schools and Wayne, Albion and Tekamah were covered before the summons came to "Lay down the working tools."

His inability to be with us at all the schools was a great disappointment to the Brethren which was manifested by letters and telegrams being sent to Mrs. Shepherd to cheer her in her hour of anxiety and sorrow.

"Thus pass away the men of might,
Whose noiseless foot-prints stamp the age;
Their thoughts that filled the earth with light
Still glow and blaze on memory's page."

The lecture periods were covered at Sidney, North Platte, Central City, Chadron and Beatrice by M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master. Rev. George A. Bolas delivered lectures at David City, McCook, Oxford and Superior and our Grand Marshal, W. John R. Tapster at Scottsbluff and Auburn.

Sincere appreciation is extended to them for their hearty response in the emergency.

The following numbered Lodges actively participated in these central schools:

Nos. 13, 14, 65, 68, 77, 81, 85, 88, 98, 104, 117, 126, 128, 130, 160, 161, 165, 175, 177, 182, 187, 201, 214, 239, 241, 243, 263, 271, 277, 285, 295, 298, 301, 304.

The fraternal spirit displayed by these Lodges waiving schools in their own Lodges and coming to central points, is greatly appreciated as it enabled us to cover nearly half of the Lodges this year. The hearty response by the Lodges in which schools were held, to the extra burden laid on them, and the many courtesies shown by them, has been an inspiration to me and to all who attended. I sincerely hope that they will derive enough benefit from the schools to, in some measure, reward them for the sacrifice made.

The average attendance at these central schools was 427, and an average of 20 Lodges were registered.

Scottsbluff with an attendance of 841 and with 40 Lodges represented, was the banner school.

From the interest shown at these schools it is evident that central schools should be continued with lecturers provided through the Committee on Masonic Education for the last session.

In addition to the dated schools several Lodges have been given assistance when time and conditions would permit.

LODGE CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY.

The following Lodges have been examined and passed with high ratings:

Nebraska Lodge No. 1.

Capitol Lodge No. 3.

- Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
- Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
- Beatrice Lodge No. 26.
- Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.
- Charity Lodge No. 53.
- Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
- Wahoo Lodge No. 59.
- Harlan Lodge No. 116.
- Stromsburg Lodge No. 126.
- Samaritan Lodge No. 158.
- Mason City Lodge No. 170.
- Meridian Lodge No. 188.
- Parian Lodge No. 207.
- Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265.
- Silver Lodge No. 266.
- Right Angle Lodge No. 303.
- Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.

The following Lodges have been certified within the three-year period:

- Covert Lodge No. 11.
- Hastings Lodge No. 50.
- Hooper Lodge No. 72.
- Auburn Lodge No. 124.
- Trestle Board Lodge No. 162.
- Granite Lodge No. 189.
- Wauneta Lodge No. 217.
- Gothenburg Lodge No. 249.
- Liberty Lodge No. 300.
- Victory Lodge No. 310.

Making a total of 29 Certified Lodges.

There are several others that are able to pass the examination and will be certified as soon as arrangements can be made.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY.

The following named Brethren have been certified since June 6th, 1927:

- Norris F. Tym, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- Jesse W. Hazlett, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- Jonathan A. Frye, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- Benjamin F. Eyre, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- Wallace E. Linn, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- Richard M. Bunnell, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- Harry E. Koontz, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- Otto G. Smersh, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- Lloyd F. Kilgore, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- Leo J. Kempf, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- George E. Mansell, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- Arthur H. Anderson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- Odos R. Foster, Capitol Lodge No. 3.

- Wallie W. Messick, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
Fred I. Dickinson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
Luke L. Wiles, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
Willis R. Holmes, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
Leslie W. Niel, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
Raymond C. Cook, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
Henry F. Nolting, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
John M. Bennett, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
William J. Schalkopf, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
Byron S. Peterson, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Albert F. Mueller, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Charles W. Reeve, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Clarence J. Balsler, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
John K. Durfee, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Glen N. Childs, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
John Britton, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Gustav E. Gran, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Carl A. Fried, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Edgar A. Fike, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Richard Stacey, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Charles G. Baird, Beatrice Lodge No. 26.
David J. Frederick, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.
Louis J. Michaelson, Acacia Lodge No. 34.
Claude R. Davenport, Crete Lodge No. 37.
David C. Spangler, Northern Light Lodge No. 41.
Edward Herbst, Northern Light Lodge No. 41.
Ernest T. Parnell, Fairmont Lodge No. 48.
Herman W. Aspergen, Hastings Lodge No. 50.
Glen L. Easton, Hastings Lodge No. 50.
Marion Bloom, Charity Lodge No. 53.
Alvin C. Gronquist, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
Oliver F. Smith, Lebanon Lodge No. 58.
George MacBetterton, Lebanon Lodge No. 58.
Charles Wurdeman, Lebanon Lodge No. 58.
Raymond S. Johnson, Lebanon Lodge No. 58.
Nile O. Walther, Wahoo Lodge No. 59.
Charles H. Gourley, Melrose Lodge No. 60.
I. Donald Huston, Osceola Lodge No. 65.
Marion E. Shipley, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
Herman R. Meier, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
Henry E. Schemmel, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
William A. Lallman, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
Herman H. Lallman, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
Norman E. Shaffer, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
Lawrence R. Davis, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.
Christopher W. McCracken, Saint Paul Lodge No. 82.
Henry F. May, Bennett Lodge No. 94.
Elmer Surber, Garfield Lodge No. 95.

- Carl L. Caldwell, Utica Lodge No. 96.
Alfred J. White, Utica Lodge No. 96.
Chris Rasmussen, Euclid Lodge No. 97.
Sylvester Shumard, DeWitt Lodge No. 111.
Charles A. Rowilson, DeWitt Lodge No. 111.
Will E. Miller, Springfield Lodge No. 112.
Charles E. Alter, Harlan Lodge No. 116.
Axel T. Danielson, Harlan Lodge No. 116.
J. Allen Trowbridge, Superior Lodge No. 121.
Ernest R. Reynolds, Auburn Lodge No. 124.
LeRoy Scoville, Auburn Lodge No. 124.
Wilfred W. Ilgenfritz, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126.
Carl M. Kettler, McCook Lodge No. 135.
Charles B. Redfern, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162.
Hans Schultz, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
Frank C. Miller, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
George J. Anderson, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
William D. Redmond, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
Frank M. O'Brien, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
John C. Spencer, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
Carl M. Anderson, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
James H. Jacobson, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
Henning C. Johnson, Merna Lodge No. 171.
Osborne P. Simon, Culbertson Lodge No. 174.
Willie Burdett, Gladstone Lodge No. 176.
Forest A. Lape, Alliance Lodge No. 183.
Leland H. Peterson, Wauneta Lodge No. 217.
D. Wayne McCallum, Wauneta Lodge No. 217.
Roy E. Olmsted, Wauneta Lodge No. 217.
George L. Carter, North Star Lodge No. 227.
Henry Butherus, Bartley Lodge No. 228.
Cassius M. Pfrimmer, Bartley Lodge No. 228.
Edward Milligan, Jr., Mitchell Lodge No. 263.
Rush C. Clarke, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265.
Orion M. Finley, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265.
Frederick S. Stott, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
Paul Anthes, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
Clarence T. Spier, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
Thomas F. Bourke, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
William H. Smails, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
John S. Hedelund, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
James F. Baker, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.
Earl E. Borcharding, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.
Henry C. McKee, Union Lodge No. 287.
William F. Flickinger, Lotus Lodge No. 289.
David A. O'Blenis, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290.
Lemuel E. Fitch, Mizpah Lodge No. 302.
Anson L. Havens, Mizpah Lodge No. 302.

Samuel J. Potter, Right Angle Lodge No. 303.
 Wallace A. Gerrie, Right Angle Lodge No. 303.
 Louis L. Murphey, Right Angle Lodge No. 303.
 Elmer Norstrom, Right Angle Lodge No. 303.
 Henry M. Edwards, Right Angle Lodge No. 303.
 Austin F. Whitmire, Golden Rod Lodge No. 306.
 Adolph C. Janzen, Victory Lodge No. 310.
 George A. Harris, Victory Lodge No. 310.
 George W. Stroup, Victory Lodge No. 310.
 Floyd M. Field, Victory Lodge No. 310.
 Carl A. Larsen, Potter Lodge No. 313.
 William Kiewit, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.
 William C. Steffensmeyer, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.
 Ellsworth W. Stevens, Mid West Lodge No. 317.

DEPUTY CUSTODIANS.

Recommendation was made to M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, that Commissions as Deputy Custodians be given to the following Brethren:
 Harry L. Mantor, Golden Rod Lodge No. 306.
 John R. Easley, Evening Star Lodge No. 49.

The recommendation was approved and commissions were issued on June 28th, 1927.

Both of these Brethren have done valuable work during the year and have amply justified their appointment.

The entire esoteric work has been covered with every one of the Deputy Custodians, excepting two who were not able to give the time when it was convenient for me to be with them.

The utmost harmony has prevailed during the year and hearty support rendered by the Deputies at all times.

I wish to express my appreciation for the fraternal spirit that they have displayed.

LODGES U. D. :

Pursuant to order of M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, I made investigation at Broadwater for a Lodge. Two visits were made—July 9th and July 11th. Not finding conditions such as to warrant a new Lodge being started at that time, report was made accordingly.

On November 9th I investigated conditions at Dalton and partial report was made, later further investigation was made and report sent in recommending the Dispensation.

Dispensation was issued by M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, and on March 2nd, R. W. Frank H. Woodland, Deputy Grand Master, and Acting Grand Master, instituted Harmony Lodge U. D. : at Dalton.

This Lodge is in the midst of a prosperous, developing community, with bright prospects and a zealous corps of officers and should make good progress.

On January 28th investigation was made at Lyman for a new Lodge. Several of the petitioners lacked credentials at that time but these were later secured and sent in to me on March 12th.

This petition being completed too late in the Masonic year to allow any showing to be made I recommended that it be held in abeyance until after Grand Lodge Communication in June.

These Brethren are working hard to perfect themselves in the work under the direction of Deputy Custodian, Vincent S. Ramsey who reports very satisfactory progress.

There are eleven Grand Jurisdictions represented on this petition, and most of them are connected with the Sugar Plant at Lyman and would most likely not affiliate here if they were obliged to go any distance to Lodge.

GRAND LODGE FUNCTIONS.

At the request of M. W. Albert R. Davis I have attended the following Grand Lodge Functions:

Corner-stone Laying at Decatur, June 29th.

Corner-stone Laying at Children's Home, Fremont, July 5th.

Dedication of Masonic Hall, Milford, August 31st.

Corner-stone Laying, Church at Hebron, September 2nd.

Corner-stone Laying, Church at Omaha, October 16th.

Funeral, Past Grand Master Ornan J. King, Lincoln, December 28th.

Funeral, Grand Chaplain, Charles M. Shepherd, at Lincoln, February 5th.

Corner-stone Laying, Masonic Hall at Hampton, May 9, 1928.

At the request of M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, I visited Vesper Lodge No. 223 at Onawa, Iowa, and assisted in conferring the degree of Master Mason on his brother William F. Davis. This was a very inspiring occasion, a notable feature was the prominent part taken in the work by one of the members of the Lodge, W. Brother Pember, "97 years young."

I was entertained at the home of Mrs. Davis, Mother of our Grand Master, and recognized more than ever the important part that "Mothers" take in developing men who can fill the office of Grand Master.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

In going over the jurisdiction I have become convinced that Masonry, in most cases, is taking its proper place in our Masonic communities, the work is being carried on in a creditable way and shows the result of hard work on the part of the Lodges.

The most loyal support has been extended by all the Lodges and Brethren, in the schools and individually, and I wish to express my hearty appreciation for the many courtesies.

The attendance of M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, at all the Central Schools has been a great inspiration to me and to the Brethren attending. I am very grateful to him for his generous support and wise counsel.

There are a number of Lodges who are being kept in fine shape on the work by certified Brethren and Deputy Custodians, thus cutting down the number that require a school every two years, but there are others that will require a school every year for a time to bring them up to the standard.

Where such conditions exist, I think it is better to extend the assistance where it is needed rather than abide strictly by the two year plan.

To maintain the standard that this jurisdiction requires, it will be necessary to cover as much, if not more, ground the coming year.

Certified Brethren are doing splendid service in their Lodges and as they grow in numbers and continue to combine the spirit with the letter, their services will be ample justification for the plan and Masonry will continue to thrive.

STUDY CLUBS.

There is a growing demand among the Brethren for reliable information regarding Masonry and its aims.

Where study clubs can be conducted by well informed Brethren and reliable authorities are available for reference, these should be encouraged. These clubs will develop lecturers qualified to fill the demand and will relieve the Brethren of the expense sometimes falling on them where guarantees are demanded by traveling lecturers.

More reliable information, a better knowledge of what we are here to do, and harmony among the Craft, should be the actuating motive.

Fraternally submitted,

LUTE M. SAVAGE,
Grand Custodian.

The address of the Grand Master, the reports of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in charge of the Orphans Educational fund, and of the War Relief fund, were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, for segregation and reference to the proper committees.

At 12 o'clock M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

AUTOMOBILE TRIP TO THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

Immediately after the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment, the Brethren were asked to assemble on Nineteenth street, west of the Masonic Temple, where a fleet of 160 automobiles were waiting in readiness to convey the members of the Grand Lodge, their guests, and their ladies to Plattsmouth. The cars were routed south over the river drive through old historic Bellevue, the site of the first white settlement in Nebraska, and where Nebraska Lodge No. 1 was first located in 1855. The day was ideal, the roads were exceedingly good,

and everyone enjoyed the twenty-mile drive. Arriving at Plattsmouth, a buffet luncheon was served in the dining room of the Nebraska Masonic Home. The afternoon was spent by the Brethren visiting with the residents of the Home and the Infirmary, and inspecting the buildings and grounds. The residents were delighted with the occasion, and those of the Brethren who had not heretofore been privileged to visit the Home and the Infirmary, went away with the sense of a new pride, believing that the Freemasons in this Grand Jurisdiction are endeavoring in a small way to carry out the principles of the Fraternity. About 4:30 o'clock P. M., the cars were again formed in line, and the Grand Lodge, and visitors were returned to Omaha over a different route, that the Brethren might have the opportunity of seeing some of the fine farming country of Nebraska. The cars were routed to the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Children in Omaha, where a picnic supper was served on the grounds of the Home, through courtesy of the 11 Omaha Lodges. Here, again the Brethren had an opportunity of observing some real Masonic work that is being done by the Masons of Omaha. Following the picnic supper, the Brethren were returned to the Masonic Temple for the evening session.

MUSICAL PROGRAM.

At 8 o'clock P. M., the Brethren reassembled in the Lodge room, and were entertained by a chorus of forty male voices, members of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 of Omaha. The chorus rendered several very beautiful selections. This was followed by a mixed quartette, which was so enthusiastically received that they were compelled to respond to encores, which they did very graciously. The chorus then sang several more numbers, all of which were very much enjoyed and appreciated by all who were privileged to be present. This was a very pleasing prelude to the evening session of the Grand Lodge which was to follow.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 5th, 1928.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Selections—Plattsmouth Masonic Quartette.

A TRIBUTE TO PAST GRAND MASTER ORNAN J. KING.

By M. W. HENRY H. WILSON, Past Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

It is indeed fitting that we pause in the work of the Grand Lodge to do honor to our dead.

Thirty-three years ago this week, by your suffrage, I was installed in the Grand East. I have watched the coming and going in this Grand Body for now a third of a century. Every year I notice new faces, every year I miss the presence of familiar faces. Each year a new face appears in the Grand East, and on the average every year we miss one who has presided there. Last evening over at the Athletic Club we dined together, and of the nineteen living Past Grand Masters eighteen were present, all of the living Past Grand Masters living in Nebraska were present. It seems like the great rivers whose waters pass by never to return, but the stream goes on forever.

It is a special duty that falls to me to speak in commendation of my friend, my neighbor, and my Brother, Ornan J. King, who first saw the light in Onondaga County, New York, March 5th, 1851. He sprang from two families of pioneer farmers from the States of Massachusetts and New York. He enjoyed the advantages of the rather indifferent public country schools of New York seventy-five years ago; followed by a course in the high school at Syracuse, New York, which ended his school days.

At the early age of twenty his mercantile life commenced as a clerk in a store; a few months afterwards he purchased a half interest from the proprietor, which he held about seven years, and then he established a business all his own at Syracuse, New York, which he continued until 1880, when he removed to Lincoln to establish his business there.

He was successful as a merchant, and a few weeks ago, one of our chief merchants, not himself a member of our fraternity, said that one of the characteristics of Mr. King, as he called him, was that he established a new standard of ethics in mercantile life in the City of Lincoln that has persisted in some quarters to the present day.

A few years ago he told me that in his early days of merchandising, if a patron complained of goods he exacted that his patron convince him that the patron was right; but he said, experience has led me to change the rule, and all I want to be convinced of, is that he honestly thinks he is right, and then I make amends.

Only a few weeks after he was twenty-one he applied for admission to a Masonic Lodge in New York, in 1872. Coming to Lincoln in 1881, three years later, he brought his demit and was admitted to Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in 1884.

In 1902, by the suffrage of his Brethren, he was installed as Master of that Lodge, and in 1907, twenty-one years ago tomorrow, he was installed as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and as such, he presided at the special

communication of the Grand Lodge in the Auditorium of this city on the 23rd day of September, 1907, on which occasion we celebrated the semi-centennial of the organization of this Grand Lodge.

In 1908 he was made the second President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, following our good Brother Lininger in that office.

As a Mason he was a model of propriety; as to office, never seeking it, but always striving to perform the full measure of his duty in whatever came to him, and work well done in one place recommended him for another.

While his schooling was limited to the high school, his education was not so limited, and his education went on through the rest of his life. You know, I think we learn often quite as much from our fellow man as we do from books, and many of the best informed men of my acquaintance are men who never even reached the high school, but by dint of ambition, industry, and determination they acquire outside of the college the equivalent to that which others acquire inside of the college, and that was the history of Brother King. While his school days were limited he became really a well informed man, and it was fortunate for him too, for the last ten or twelve years of his life he was partially paralyzed. This prevented him from mixing with his fellow men, but because of his scholarly habits and a love of reading he was in company with the great minds of all the times and of all countries. Only last night one of our Past Grand Masters said he had a fond recollection of some of the wise things that Brother King told him in his last visit when Brother King was confined to his room. He was a man of action rather than of words. You know it is said that actions speak louder than words; sometimes action speaks so loud that we are unable to hear what the actor says, so it was with Brother King.

Public service entered upon with an ambition to be of real service to mankind is naturally ennobling to the mind. I can hardly imagine a more ennobling thing to a noble mind than to be a good public servant in the service of his community, his city, or his state, and it fell to Brother King for two years to be one of the Commissioners of the City of Lincoln, having under his control the public safety of the Capitol City. He gave it the same painstaking care, and consideration that he gave his own business and insisted that the public should get a dollar of value for every dollar of cost. You know, I sometimes think that there is in the moral, the intellectual, and the spiritual world something of the persistence of force that we know exists in the physical world; modern science teaches us that a force once set in motion never ceases, persists for ever and ever. Now, science, under the name of conservation of energy teaches us that millions of years ago the sun's rays built up a forest in the carboniferous age, that forest fell, and was covered over by sediment and in a hundred million of years compressed into a bed of coal. Last month some miner delved into the bowels of the earth and brought forth the coal representing the energy of the sun a million years ago. This morning down at the power house some fireman took that coal and put it under the boiler that turned the water into steam that turned the dynamo that produces at this moment these electric lights. These lights are in fact the energy that came from the sun and the sun beams millions of years ago, haven't lost a particle of their energy and power in all that time, and in all the transmutations that have followed.

A little child stands on the bank of a peaceful lake, he picks up a pebble and tosses it into the water and watches the spreading of the rings of the waves. The water of that lake will never again be exactly the same as if that child had not thrown the pebble into it.

I like to think there is something in the moral, the intellectual and the spiritual world akin to the conservation of energy in the physical world and that a noble thought once expressed, a noble deed once accomplished, has its effect in the moral world and the intellectual world and goes on and on and on through all eternity, and this old world of ours will never be exactly the same as it would have been if that heroic act had not been performed or that noble sentiment expressed.

Seventy-five years ago in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania there was working in the steel works a Scotchman whose name was James Anderson. He had collected a little library of about 500 volumes; he was struck with the limited advantages of his fellow workmen who had no books, who had no intellectual life, who intellectually were stagnant. It occurred to James Anderson to stir their minds into activity and he invited them into his library to make free use of his books. Among those who came was a little Scotchman in his overalls, who enjoyed the hospitality of James Anderson, and that young Scotchman was Andrew Carnegie who gave a library to every considerable City in America. Who knows whether that thought would have ever occurred to Andrew Carnegie had it not been for the generosity of the humble James Anderson whom the world has forgotten.

Brother King had an intellectual life quite apart from his mercantile life, and many a man lives an intellectual and spiritual life quite apart from the task at which he earns his daily bread.

Charles Lamb, whose brilliant English literature has delighted the race for a generation earned his livelihood as a clerk in a counting office in the City of London.

It was Horace Mann, who seventy-five years ago was president of Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, in referring to this matter said, "It is no disgrace to stand behind a counter and measure tape with a yard stick; the disgrace is in having a mind as short as the stick and as narrow as the tape." So that however confined one's daily activities may be the intellectual world is open to him.

So I think of Brother King, I know of his church life, I served on the Board of Trustees of the First Congregational Church with him for years; I know the liberality of his mind; he had no fear that one truth would contradict another; truth to him was truth, whether it be written in our sacred books or written upon the rocks beneath our feet. To him truth was truth whether it was chanted in the vedas of India or sung in the song of Solomon; he had abiding faith that truth never could contradict itself any more than two parallel lines could ever meet, and hence it was that he was one of the few men of my acquaintance whose religious psychology expanded with his intellectual development. If a belief could not stand re-examination in the light of all the knowledge he acquired that belief no longer had virtue with him; to his mind no truth was profane and no error was sacred.

I love to think tonight that every word, kindly deed, heroic act performed and uttered by my neighbor, my friend, and my Brother is going on and on and on for all eternity, repeating itself over and over again.

Selections—Plattsmouth Masonic Quartette.

M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master: Very Worshipful Bishop Beecher has consented to speak in memory of our beloved and departed Brother the Very Worshipful Charles Munson Shepherd:

A TRIBUTE TO V. W. CHARLES MUNSON SHEPHERD, GRAND CHAPLAIN WHO DIED IN OFFICE.

By V. W. GEORGE ALLEN BEECHER, GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

As I was listening to Brother Wilson, I was reminded of the fact that there are times when the world of the material mind, the temporal world, the world on which we are living day by day comes in very close contact with the world beyond our vision. It is especially so when we think of those we have loved and given back to the keeping of God. It is not possible at all times in our busy occupations, nor is it natural that we should think of our dead, of the person and the face and the voice and the deeds, but there are times, Brethren, when we want to take a close and a concentrated vision of that particular person whose life has entered into in some measure our life, and in whose hand our hand has been grasped. From time to time it is a great blessing and strength to us to pause in front of the picture and contemplate the things I have spoken of which entered into the personal and the close bond of friendship and affection between ourselves and that particular person; and if we do that in honest endeavor and for honest reasons out of the conviction of the truth taught in our religious as well as our Masonic teachings that the soul is immortal, and that those who die in this body live, in the presence of God in the eternal spirit that he has given us and in which we were created by him. And so, although I feel so inadequate to do it, I respond with cheerfulness and a sense of gratitude to this request, to speak a word of one we have all learned to love in his life time and to revere in his memory tonight, in our memory of him, our love for him, our great desire to carry on in the spirit in which he carried on, and to do and to think the noble deeds and thoughts of his useful life.

I am sure that Brother Shepherd is here tonight because he lives in the hearts of those who loved him, and who share in those splendid enjoyments for which he lived and labored. And I am sure, Brethren, that if I may be permitted even to suggest that possibly I might be speaking for him tonight, I feel that he would say this to me: "Brother Beecher, tell the Brethren not so much about myself, but tell them that I still believe in the things I tried to teach, and that I hope they are carrying on down there in that splendid world where I lived so many happy years in their associations." Now, Brethren, those are the things that I feel in my heart when I speak in the memory of a

good man, and God knows how unworthy I feel to be in the position of one who is supposed to take the place of such a man,—and in passing, I am bound to affirm, my Brethren, that I never expect to take his place, but if I may be permitted in your patience and in your confidence even to do my little bit in carrying out to a further fulfilment, the principles for which our good Brother studied and labored, yes, and fought, if you please, and died, then I am not afraid to take up the jewel which has been made sacred to me because he wore it, and because the emblem of the Good Book which he loved and read every day of his life is upon it.

Therefore, I will try in the few moments allotted to me in this memorial address, to take out of that life that has gone to the other world some of these precious principles and the first thing that comes to me out of my thought of Brother Shepherd, is purity. Now, if I said nothing else of Brother Shepherd than that he was a man of a pure mind, and you know, friends and Brethren, there is an old saying, "That as a man thinks so is he." It does not make any difference what a man's ability of flowery oratorical expression may be, or what outward appearance in dress or speech, what is in a man's mind makes him what he is, and I affirm with proud memory and with gratitude, that Brother Shepherd always conveyed to us the consciousness of the presence of a pure mind. Is there anything more wholesome for a man to come in contact with than a Brother who is pure; and that purity does not come from without, it comes from within, from the milk of a sweet mother's breast, nursed through the years of helpless infancy, and through poverty, if you please, as well as wealth from a worldly point of view, nothing can make that man a sweet pure creature more surely and more eternally than the gift of a pure Christian mother. If his face revealed one thing more than another, it was the purity of his mother's face, whom we never saw, but it goes back in its roots to the beginning of the development of that spirit which our Lord gave to this world when he raised up the cross in forgiveness of all men. Oh, friends, Brother Shepherd was a Christian man. His faith was not so much in evidence by speech as by his life from day to day.

Where shall I go and determine many other things of virtue in his life? Think of him, think more of the motives of his cheerfulness, the smile of the man was always such that it seemed to beam like the morning sunrise upon any Brother, either by accident or by casual meeting; in the dark or in the light the smile of Brother Shepherd will always be a sweet memory to this Grand Lodge, to the children all over the jurisdiction, in the public schools where he spoke frequently, and in the open Lodges and community gatherings where he gave his splendid illustrated lectures. He loved his fellow man and he gave himself freely and unreservedly for others; the security of happiness, if you please.

I think his smile was the thing his mother gave him and his grandmothers back through the ages that are past, begun socially in the roots of a Christian home training.

Brother Shepherd had purity and he had faith. On the train one day coming in from Hastings, Brother Shepherd and I were conversing together, and he said, "I want to tell you something, Brother Beecher, you know, I was out to see Old Uncle Bob, and you know," he said, "I asked Dear Old Bob how

he felt. And Bob looked at me and I looked at him," and Bob said, "There isn't any doubt, there isn't any doubt, I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Brethren, I cannot take up any more time, for the virtues of the dead are here, and the time has arrived to close. You know, we are living in a time when it is almost, in so many minds, foolish for us to say that we know anything, but there is one thing, Brethren, we, of the fraternity are taught at the portal of the Lodge, "In whom do you put your trust?" After all the "fifty years" of these precious Brethren of ours, one of whom received his medal today, as we look into the sun set of their eyes and think of the trail as it is going over the brow of the hill, what do they say to us: "Is there any doubt?" "No, I know that my Redeemer liveth." And, Brethren, you and I must stand for something like Brother Shepherd stood for, with conviction. What the world needs today is men who are willing to stand in prominent places and be convinced of something and not always straddle the fence so that nobody knows what you stand for. And as you look at the flag, think of the cross, and between the two make your resolution. I know that the principles taught in this institution, taught by my mother and my father, a Christian man, and by my ancestors through the years that have gone, is all for God and the foundation of government and peace to come.

May God help us to stand like men of principle and conviction even as our Brethren of whom we have spoken tonight.

Selections—Plattsmouth Masonic Quartette.

REMARKS BY M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, GRAND MASTER.

My Brethren:

Last year in considering the appointment of a Grand Orator, and in going over the list of the Grand Orators of the Grand Lodge, I found that for several years past the ministry and the lawyers had largely predominated among our Grand Orators. Desiring to exemplify to the Craft that Oratory is not confined to the ministers or the lawyers of our Craft, I asked my old friend William D. Redmond to act as Grand Orator. I confess to you he was reluctant to accept, but I knew this old friend intimately; he had lived in my own town; I felt free to urge upon him the appointment of Grand Orator; he reluctantly accepted, and only when I told him that if he would say "yes," I would assume the remainder of the responsibility.

It is an especial pleasure to me to introduce to you the Grand Orator of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Worshipful Brother William D. Redmond of Mason City.

ORATION.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Another Masonic year has passed into history and we have assembled on a great anniversary occasion. From bench and bar, from store, and shop, and farm, from all parts of the state, we come to glory in our fellowship and to renew our allegiance to all that Masonry symbolizes. The beautiful service that has just closed reminds us of the debt we owe to those of our number who

have gone on before. Therefore, we should not only dedicate our warmest affections to the noble departed, but we should consecrate ourselves to the unfinished work which they have so far so nobly carried on.

Volumes have been written by men who spent their lives in the study of ancient mysteries to show that Masonry had its beginning in the very dawn of history. But this can be of no vital or profitable use to us. The mere fact that an institution is old has little weight in the practical thought of the present day. Whatever may have been the status of Masonry in the days of the Ptolomies, or the Greeks and Romans; whatever good purpose it may have served during the Dark Ages, when superstition and oppression reigned supreme throughout the world, to keep burning the fires of patriotism and to keep alive a spirit of true fraternity among men; whatever value the Lodge may have had in the early days of our own country in fostering a spirit of fraternity and binding together by closer ties the immortal patriots of the Revolution, when George Washington was at the head of the American craft and Benjamin Franklin was high up in its councils; whatever may have been its history as the great stream of Masonry has flowed on through the ages, strengthening itself from a million sources and gathering about its altars the best men of all ages and all civilized lands; whatever may have been its past, the important question is, "What has Masonry to offer now?" Is it a living, vital force in the year nineteen hundred twenty-eight, leaving its impress on the social structure of the race and playing a part in the destiny of nations?

The more we delve into ancient mysteries the more inclined we are to admit that no scholar however profound can say with any degree of definiteness that at a certain time or on a certain date Masonry had its beginning. The truth is more nearly expressed in the paraphrase of a well-known poem:

"Out where the handclasp is a little stronger,
Out where the smile last a little longer,
That's where Masonry begins.

"Out where the sun shines a little brighter,
Where the snow that falls is a trifle whiter,
Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,—
That's where Masonry begins."

While the beginning of symbolic Masonry is veiled in mystery, scholars generally agree that its origin as an organization of builders dates far back into antiquity. "Civilization," says Newton, "could hardly begin until man had learned to fashion for himself a fixed habitation, and thus the earliest of all the human arts, and perhaps also the noblest, is the builder. Scholars who have followed back through the centuries the traces left by Masonry tell us that the unmistakable symbols of the Order have been unearthed from the ruins of practically every civilization yet discovered; that the temples of the ancients which have been buried for thousands of years under the shifting sands of the deserts or the accumulated silt of the ages, when uncovered, add their convincing testimony that they were builded at a time when men recognized the precepts and practiced the principles of Masonry.

Covering a long period of years Masonry was purely an operative art, and its members consisted entirely of operative Masons, who under a high sense of

religious duty and zeal devoted their lives to the erection of magnificent temples and cathedrals to the glory and for the worship of the one true God. In this spirit the craft entered into the industrial activities of the ancient world, and imposing structures rose under the superior workmanship of the builders. They moved with pride across Europe, leaving behind them impressive monuments. But building of this nature did not satisfy the hunger of the human heart. Even in that remote period the workmen had visions of a time when brotherhood shall be supreme, when the temple of humanity shall be erected in Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. They realized in the words of Edgar A. Guest that—

“You may delve down to rock for your foundation piers,
 You may go with your steel to the sky;
 You may purchase the best of the thought of the years,
 And the finest of workmanship buy;
 You may line with the rarest of marble each wall,
 And with gold you may tint it, but then
 It is only a building if it, after all,
 Isn't filled with the spirit of men.

You may put up a structure of brick and of stone,
 Such as never was put up before;
 Place there the costliest woods that are grown,
 And carve every pillar and door;
 You may fill it with splendors of quarry and mine,
 With the glories of brush and of pen—
 But it's only a building if ever so fine,
 If it hasn't the spirit of men.

For it isn't the marble, nor is it the stone,
 Nor is it the columns of steel,
 By which is the worth of an edifice known—
 But it's something that's living and real.”

Joseph Fort Newton in his story of Masonry gives this illustration: “While praying in a little chapel one day, Francis of Assisi was exhorted by an old Byzantine crucifix: ‘Go now, and rebuild my church, which is falling into ruins.’ In sheer loyalty he had a lamp placed; then he saw his task in a larger way, and an artist has painted him carrying stones and mortar. Finally there burst upon him the full import of the message—that he himself was to be the cornerstone of a renewed and purified Church. Purse and prestige he flung to the winds, and went along the highways of Umbria calling men back from the rot of luxury to the ways of purity, pity and gladness, his life at once a poem and a power, his faith a vision of the world as love and comradeship.

“That,” says the author, “is a perfect parable of the history of Masonry. Of old the working Masons built the great cathedrals, and we have seen them not only carrying stones, but drawing triangles, squares and circles in such a manner as to show that they assigned to those figures high mystical meanings. But the real Home of the Soul cannot be built of brick and stone; it is a house not made with hands. Slowly it rises, fashioned of the thoughts, hopes, prayers, dreams and righteous acts of devout and free men; built of their hunger for truth, their love of God and their loyalty to one another. There came a day when the Masons, laying aside their stones, became workmen of

another kind, not less builders than before but using truths for tools and dramas for designs." It was the transition of Freemasonry from actual architecture to its more noble and glorious purpose.

Operative Masonry is the art of material building through the instrumentality of brick or stone. Speculative Masonry is the art of spiritual building through the instrumentality of character. "As the operative Mason," says Guild, "used the tools of his craft and was instructed by masters and aided to acquire skill and proficiency in workmanship, so the Freemason, early in his career, is given the tools which he is to use and in the use of which he is to acquire proficiency and skill. The operative Mason worked for the purpose of completing a building—perhaps a temple. So the Free and Accepted Mason is engaged in a great constructive work. He is also building. How wise, then, is the builder who will reject the base material, the imperfect material, and just so wise is the individual who chooses only such experience in life as will furnish fit material for the eternal temple."

Masonry has been defined as an art founded on the principles of geometry and devoted to the service of mankind. It is a system of morality based upon the fundamental truths underlying all religious beliefs, truths which may at once be recognized and accepted by men of every race and every religious faith.

Masonry, while a religious institution, is not a religion. That some men make it a religion is not the fault of the fraternity itself any more than are the beauties of nature to be held accountable for being made objects of worship, as they have been in all ages of the world. But while Masonry is not a religion, those familiar with its ceremonials know that from the moment the applicant for initiation steps within the portals of the Lodge to the moment he is declared entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason, every step of his progress, every word that he hears, every object on which his eyes rest, is a manifestation in some form, clear, distinct and impressive, of universal truth. It may be charity, it may be brotherly love, it may be sympathy for the oppressed, it may be reverence for God, but before the candidate for the various degrees shall have finished his progress he will have learned all that King James writes in the New Testament is pure religion and undefiled, to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world.

Masonry has won the praise of those who know of its service to mankind. In support of every worthy cause its influence has been felt, to every call for relief it has nobly responded. The ties that bind the members into one great brotherhood are sacred and unbreakable. With the true Mason no recognition ever went unanswered; no fraternal grip ever felt an unresponsive one; no sign of distress ever lacked the relieving assistance of a Brother. By the bedside of the sick, at the grave of the dead, in the home of the bereft, the never-failing ministration has been given. How many heart-aches the fraternity has relieved, how many discouraged souls it has uplifted, how many tears it has dried, the world will never know. Despite opposition it has gone forward, gaining additional strength each year, silencing criticism by its deeds as well as by its principles and holding the position of the greatest fraternal order in the world.

Because Masonry has reached an enviable position we are not justified in being satisfied with its achievements and resting on its accomplishments. What the Lodge is today, is largely what our predecessors made it, what it will be in the future depends in a great degree upon us. "To preserve the reputation of the fraternity unsullied must be our constant care." There is an obligation of high service resting on every true Mason, from which he cannot escape without being false to an exalted trust. At no time in the history of the world has there been a greater need for the spread of the spirit of brotherly love. Masons because of their world-wide distribution are in a strategic position to mould the future. The Grand Lodge session, meeting annually for the consideration of matters of interest to the fraternity, has a far-reaching effect and influence in promoting its welfare. As we return to our various places of abode in the state, following this three-day mountain top experience we shall hear the summons to activity. Scripture tells us of Nehemiah, the young Hebrew, who set about to rebuild the broken walls of the City of Jerusalem. His order to those who enlisted for service was: "Let every man build the bit of wall before his own tent." There are many broken walls in the Temple of Masonry. Doubtless we can all find them before our own tent door. In the year before us let every Brother build his bit of wall; and, facing the responsibility that rests on us as members of the world's greatest fraternal order, let us practice assiduously the noble tenets of our profession; let brotherly love, relief and truth be the ruling principles of our lives, let discord be banished from the Lodge room, and may unity and fraternity be the watchwords to lead us to everlasting happiness.

REMARKS BY M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, GRAND MASTER.

Brother Redmond:

I am sure you have the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the most splendid and masterly address.

M. W. CHARLES A. CHAPPELL, PAST GRAND MASTER.

I move that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to W. Brother Redmond for his fine oration and he be requested to furnish this Grand Lodge with a copy of his manuscript of this oration, and that it be entered at length in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. Motion carried.

If I may, I would like to offer another motion at this time, and it is this: That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the chor s of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, of Omaha, and the Masonic Quartette of Plattsmouth for the music which they have furnished us this evening, and that our Grand Secretary be instructed to convey these thanks to these two organizations. Motion carried.

At 10:00 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

June 6, 1928.

At nine o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

The following Committees were announced by M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, and entered upon the discharge of their duties:

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

- W. Bernard N. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- W. Charles H. Marley, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- M. W. Andrew H. Viele, Mosaic Lodge No. 55.

BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.

- W. John R. Webster, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
- W. Frank Wilcox, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- Bro. Luther M. Kuhns, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- W. Harold M. Smith, Hubbell Lodge No. 92.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

- W. Alfred G. Hunt, Ashlar Lodge No. 33.
- W. Peter N. Frederick, Orient Lodge No. 13.
- W. Howard C. Barrett, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
- W. Roy W. Becker, Fidelity Lodge No. 51.
- W. Neal L. Pettygrove, Rawalt Lodge No. 138.

CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

- W. Ralph O. Canaday, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285.
- W. Lester R. Slonecker, Mizpah Lodge No. 302.
- W. J. Dean Ringer, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184.

CREDENTIALS.

- Bro. Norris F. Tym, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- W. Sherman W. McKinley, Alpha Lodge No. 316.
- W. Edward B. Souders, Kimball Lodge No. 294.
- W. Neal S. Coleman, Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192.
- W. Ferdinand J. Hansen, Shelton Lodge No. 99.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

- Bro. Arthur C. Thomsen, Covert Lodge No. 11.
- W. Henry C. Meadows, Fremont Lodge No. 15.
- W. Samuel E. McCurdy, Tekamah Lodge No. 31.
- W. Carl A. Fried, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
- W. Roger I. Blatter, Albion Lodge No. 78.

FINANCE.

- W. Clendenen W. Mitchell, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.
- W. William S. Steffensmeyer, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.
- W. C. Ray Macy, Beatrice Lodge No. 26.
- W. Raymond C. Cook, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
- W. Charles J. Lehmkuhl, Wahoo Lodge No. 59.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

- M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Long Pine Lodge No. 136.
- M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.
- M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Minden Lodge No. 127.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

- W. Robert J. Jones, Omaha Lodge No. 288.
- W. Mark J. Lipman, Bassett Lodge No. 254.
- W. William C. Smith, Long Pine Lodge No. 136.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

- W. Edward Huwaldt, Fraternity Lodge No. 235.

GRIEVANCES.

- W. Archie M. Smith, Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203.
- W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- W. Theodore F. Goold, Ogalalla Lodge No. 159.
- W. Roy M. White, Oliver Lodge No. 38.
- W. Ernest R. Reynolds, Auburn Lodge No. 124.

JURISPRUDENCE.

- M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Chairman.
- All Past Grand Masters present.

MASONIC EDUCATION.

- M. W. Ambrose C. Epperson, Clay Center Lodge No. 139.
- W. Ralph O. Canaday, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285.
- W. Edwin H. Gerhart, Newman Grove Lodge No. 305.
- W. John R. Tapster, North Bend Lodge No. 119.

PAY-ROLL.

- W. Glenn O. Pope, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.
- W. Elmer Surber, Garfield Lodge No. 95.
- W. O. Edwin Mickey, Grand Island Lodge No. 318.

PROMOTION OF THE WORLD'S PEACE.

- M. W. Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
 W. John R. Webster, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
 M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh Lodge No. 17.

RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.

- W. John B. Lichtenwallner, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.
 W. Millard M. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
 W. Benjamin F. Pitman, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.
 M. W. Charles E. Burnham, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166.
 W. Edwin C. Yont, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162.

RETURNS.

- W. William McCormack, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
 W. Walter K. Hodgkin, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.
 W. Dudley I. Manrose, Western Star Lodge No. 2.
 W. Thomas Swearingen, Blue River Lodge No. 30.
 W. J. Lyndon Thornton, Fairbury Lodge No. 35.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.

- Representing the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:
 W. Edwin C. Yont, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162—1929.
 Bro. Frederick Eiche, Lancaster Lodge No. 54—1929.
 W. John B. Lichtenwallner, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272—1928.
 M. W. Charles E. Burnham, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166—1928.
 W. Benjamin F. Pitman, Samaritan Lodge No. 158—1930.
 W. Millard M. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3—1930.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- W. Lorenzen P. Ronne, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.
 W. Paul C. Holmberg, Grand Island Lodge No. 318.
 W. Fred G. Ingham, Pilot Lodge No. 240.
 W. Carl E. Pratt, Mid-West Lodge No. 317.
 W. Alfred A. Barnes, Mosaic Lodge No. 55.

COMMITTEE TO ENTERTAIN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Bro. Fred B. Dale, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Chairman.

W. Arthur C. Thomsen, 11, presented the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, and it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the address of Most Worshipful Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, under its designated heads be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The last paragraph of the chapter on "Dispensations for the formation of New Lodges."

To the Committee on Finance:

The recommendation in the Chapter "Gifts."

The last paragraph of the Chapter "Finances."

Paragraph numbered "2" and all subsequent paragraphs in Chapter "Recommendations."

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

Necrology.

To the Incoming Grand Master:

The recommendation in the chapter "Installations."

To the Committee on Grievances:

All those matters in chapter "Discipline" relating to the action taken with respect to Masters of McCook Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M., and St. Paul Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., and particularly the 9th and last paragraphs thereof.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The first paragraph of chapter "Award of Gold Jordan Medal."

The third paragraph of chapter "Approval of Amendments to By-Laws."

The second and third paragraphs of chapter "Dispensations" and all matters relating to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M.

The chapter "Relief" and particularly the last paragraph thereof.

"Decisions" numbers "1" to "8" inclusive.

"Recommendation" number "1."

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

The third paragraph on the chapter "Visits."

The third paragraph on the chapter "Masonic Education."

To the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Mem. Ass'n:

The first paragraph of the chapter "The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association."

Your Committee further recommends that all other acts and doings not hereinbefore specifically referred be ratified and approved.

Even casual reading of the Report of the Grand Master cannot fail to impress one with the time and energy required to accomplish those things done by the Grand Master this year. With the increase in population comes state-wide increase in numbers of our Fraternity, an increase in Lodges, and similarly an increase, progressively more detailed, in the problems and tasks of the Grand Master. His necessary and many friendly visits, and attendance on Central Schools throughout the State, alone required days of time. The many other calls upon his time show that he has completed his work with unselfish devotion and that his year has been full of activity for Masonry at a great sacrifice of his own professional business.

Discipline, always distasteful, is best when done promptly. His wisdom and sound good judgment is nowhere better displayed than in his promptly exercised disciplinary measures. Altogether genial and just, he displayed during his year all the virtues of a true Mason, and as the Head of Masonry of Nebraska furnished a fine example to the Craft.

REVIEW OF REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The report of the Grand Secretary is careful and detailed, and furnishes an interesting fund of information. It also calls to mind the ever increasing work of his office and the indispensable service he renders. The Committee recommends to the Grand Lodge as most profitable a careful reading of the report.

Your Committee further recommends that those portions of the Report of the Grand Secretary designated be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Finance:

- The chapter on "Grand Lodge Jewels."
- The chapter on "Ferguson Bequest."
- The chapter on "Fifty-year Badge."

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

- The chapter on "Lodges Under Dispensation."
- The chapter on "Lebanon Lodge No. 58."
- The chapter on "Sincerity Lodge No. 244."

To the Grand Lodge:

- The chapter on "Amendment to the Constitution."

To the Committee on Returns:

- The chapter on "Degrees Conferred by Lodges."

Your Committee further recommends that all other matters not referred be approved.

REVIEW OF REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Your Committee has read with especial interest the report of the Grand Custodian and is much impressed with his activities. His report shows his work to have been carefully planned and his plans well executed.

Your Committee recommends that of the Report of the Grand Custodian those portions indicated be referred as follows:

To the Incoming Grand Master:

- The chapter on "Deputy Custodians."

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

- The chapter on "Lodges U. D.:"

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

- The chapter on "Study Clubs."

Your Committee further recommends that all other matters not referred be approved.

The Grand Master announced that the hour had arrived for the election of officers, and appointed the Deputy Grand Custodians to act as tellers. The following officers were elected:

- Brother Frank H. Woodland, 25.....Grand Master.
- Brother Ira C. Freet, 56.....Deputy Grand Master.
- Brother Orville A. Andrews, 19.....Grand Senior Warden.
- Brother John R. Tapster, 119.....Grand Junior Warden.
- Brother Lewis E. Smith, 136.....Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointment was made of

- Brother George Allen Beecher, 268.....Grand Chaplain.
- Brother Norris Brown, 46.....Grand Orator.
- Brother Lute M. Savage, 3.....Grand Custodian.
- Brother J. Dean Ringer, 184.....Grand Marshal.
- Brother Edwin B. Johnston, 33.....Grand Senior Deacon.
- Brother Ralph O. Canaday, 285.....Grand Junior Deacon.
- Brother John W. Disbrow, 11.....Grand Tyler.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

CODIFICATION OF THE LAW: Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, 285, Lester R. Slongecker, 302, Frank E. Egerton, 68.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD: Brothers Robert J. Jones, 288, Mark J. Lipman, 254, William C. Smith, 136.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE: Brothers Lewis E. Smith, 136, Edwin D. Crites, 158, Charles A. Chappell, 127.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN, REPRESENTING THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.: Brothers Edwin C. Yont, 162, (1929), Frederick Eiche, 54, (1929), Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1930), Millard M. Robertson, 3, (1930), John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, (1931), Charles E. Burnham, 166, (1931).

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS: Brothers John R. Webster, 3, (1929), Luther M. Kuhns, 3, (1930), Harold M. Smith, 92, (1931), Frank Wilcox, 1, (1932), Charles A. Eyre, 268, (1933).

COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT: Brothers Bernard N. Robertson, 3, Charles H. Marley, 1, Andrew H. Viele, 55.

COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF THE WORLD'S PEACE: Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19, John R. Webster, 3, Samuel P. Davidson, 17.

COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS: Brothers John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, (1931), Charles E. Burnham, 166, (1933), Edwin C. Yont, 162, (1932), Millard M. Robertson, 3, (1930), Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1929).

W. Robert J. Jones, 288, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

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

As we solemnly enter on this sacred service, we are reminded of our mortal lot—its greatness and its pathos, and into the stillness of this hour, borne upon the wings of memory, comes thoughts of those good men and true who labored and walked with us in the battles of life.

Today we bow our heads to the memory of 478 Brothers hushed in the last great sleep.

To have such men among us was a joy, and to remember them a privilege.

As we sit in sad reflection of the memory of ones that have vanished we are reminded that, "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."

"There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away
And then we call them 'dead.'

"He leaves our hearts all desolate;
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers."

Somewhere they verily are. Life is life forever. There would be no life if there were no death.

Our faith teaches us, "There is no death," yet the fact remains that the force which we call death has taken our Brothers from us never to return. The lips are silent; their hearts that once beat high hopes of life are now stilled, and for them earth's dim glories have faded like stars in the morning.

As we affectionately sympathize with the bereaved, we offer the consolation: They are standing somewhere in God's great universe with the sense of God's presence and feeling in every fiber of their being that life which comes after death is not less real, but more real—not less great—but more great.

Let us hallow the memories of our Brothers and cherish in our hearts tender thoughts of their lives,—their nobility of character and fidelity to their trust.

Let us bow in submission to the tender mercy of Him without whose knowledge not even a sparrow falls.

Today we remember the loss during the last year of Past Grand Master M. W. Ornan J. King and V. W. Charles Munson Shepherd.

M. W. Ornan J. King was born March 5th, 1851 at Otisco, N. Y. Died December 26, 1927.

His 54 years of Masonry stands before the Craft as an open book, realizing that its secrets which are "many and invaluable," are not upon the surface, that they are not those of the tongue, but of the heart, so with his Christian faith he was laid to rest.

V. W. Brother Charles Munson Shepherd was born March 6, 1854, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, died February 3, 1928.

A man beloved by the Brethren for his gentle, gracious and God-fearing example; helping them to think things through to a more satisfying and hopeful vision of the meaning of life and the mystery of the world.

Endeavoring to raise the Brethren to a higher level of spiritual and moral perfection was his constant aim.

"Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in duty to God and man,
Beautiful calm when the course is run;
Beautiful twilight at set of sun;
Beautiful death with a life well done."

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

M. W. Jacob Trieber.....	Past Grand Master, Arkansas.
M. W. Justin Holden.....	Past Grand Master, Connecticut.
M. W. William T. Bridwell.....	Past Grand Master, Colorado.
M. W. William Newell Vaile.....	Past Grand Master, Colorado.
M. W. John Miggs Keith.....	Past Grand Master, Costa Rica.
M. W. Arthur G. M. Gillott.....	Past Grand Master, Costa Rica.
M. W. T. Paul Lukens.....	Past Grand Master, Delaware.
M. W. T. John Newton.....	Past Grand Master, Dist. of Col.
M. W. Mathew Trimble.....	Past Grand Master, Dist. of Col.
R. W. Arvine W. Johnston.....	Grand Secretary Emeritus, Dist. of Col.
R. W. Thomas J. Carling.....	Grand Secretary, Georgia.
M. W. Robert L. Colding.....	Past Grand Master, Georgia.
M. W. Sumner Miller.....	Past Grand Master, Iowa.
M. W. William Geake.....	Past Grand Master, Indiana.
M. W. George Meyhew Molton.....	Past Grand Master, Illinois.
R. W. Emmett Howard.....	Grand Senior Warden, Illinois.
M. W. Charles J. Webb.....	Past Grand Master, Kansas.
M. W. Paul Harrington Murphy.....	Past Grand Master, Mississippi.
M. W. James Thomas Harrison.....	Past Grand Master, Mississippi.
W. James Pink Cagle.....	Grand Tyler, Mississippi.
M. W. William Henry Allen.....	Past Grand Master, Montana.
M. W. Frederic Charles Webster.....	Past Grand Master, Montana.
M. W. Henry Rice Adams.....	Past Grand Master, Minnesota.
M. W. Gideon Sprague Ives.....	Past Grand Master, Minnesota.
M. W. John Thomas Short.....	Past Grand Master, Missouri.
M. W. James E. Dillon.....	Past Grand Master, Michigan.
W. Chris Wolf.....	Grand Tyler, Nevada.
M. W. William A. Rowan.....	Past Grand Master, New York.
M. W. Thomas Backus Guittean.....	Past Grand Master, Ohio.
M. W. William B. Melish.....	Past Grand Master, Ohio.
M. W. George Doddridge Copeland.....	Past Grand Master, Ohio.
W. Albert Bradley Fairchild.....	Grand Tyler, Ohio.
M. W. George Henry Burnett.....	Past Grand Master, Oregon.
M. W. James A. Scott.....	Past Grand Master, Oklahoma.
M. W. Milton Humphries Price.....	Past Grand Master, Tennessee.
M. W. William Clark.....	Past Grand Master, Texas.

- M. W. George W. Tyler Past Grand Master, Texas.
 M. W. Joseph William Eggleston Past Grand Master, Virginia.
 M. W. George Edgar Thornburg Past Grand Master, West Virginia.
 M. W. William Taylor Workman Past Grand Master, West Virginia.
 M. W. Abraham Lincoln Miller Past Grand Master, Washington.

“Weep not that their toils are over,
 Weep not that their race is run;
 God grant we may rest as calmly when
 Our work, like theirs, is done.”

Brother Luther M. Kuhns, 3, for the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, presented the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.

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

The attention of the Grand Lodge again is called to the work of this Board. Its purpose is to solicit and receive bequests, devises, residuary estates and other gifts for this Grand Lodge, and for educational, charitable or other institutions or activities operated by it, or in connection with it; to conduct the affairs relative to special gift agreements and annuity service bonds to be issued thereunder; and to take, hold, and convey title to funds and property in the name of a corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to disburse funds without a specific appropriation by the Grand Lodge.

The Board has literature available, and it will gladly send copies of this literature and annuity agreements to any Lodge which may have interested members desirous of availing themselves of it. A full statement of the plans and purposes of this Board will be found on pages 851-867 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1925.

A convenient and safe provision for old age and for dependents for whom it may be desired to make provision by parents or others, having in mind the future welfare of those having claims upon them, is hereby offered. This may be done at no cost to themselves. Thereby a service also may be rendered to others in the fraternity for years to come without in any way entailing either loss or inconvenience to those having immediate claims upon one's income.

This Board has a just claim upon your attention and consideration. During the year the activities of your Board have been largely confined to the creation of good intentions. Its trestle board contains designs of financial wisdom, strength and beauty, but its achievements so far have been nil.

The education of the Masons of Nebraska to the growing necessities of relief work upon the part of the Craft, and of imparting a knowledge of the details of the methods whereby success in this particular Masonic function may be attained through the work of this Board, is one which will take both time and effort. The demands for Masonic charity are growing, and each year notes an increase. The interest rates on permanent investment funds in this

time of easy money are declining. With the swelling demand for charity, and with a decreasing income, it is high time that the provisions for this contingency offered by the Board of Masonic service annuities and gifts be promulgated in an intelligent manner throughout the Craft.

Involving as it does a somewhat delicate situation, as ever occurs in financial transactions of any magnitude, we recommend that in each Lodge a local banker or local attorney be appointed who shall handle matters arising in connection with the solicitation of bequests, and the business arrangements connected with special gift agreements and annuities.

Your Board recommends that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with all Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction, requesting the names of those members so selected to handle matters pertaining to this Board's activities. A mailing list can thus be created and intelligent constructive work commenced. This will put the Board in touch with inquiring and interested Masons throughout this Jurisdiction; and they can then communicate directly with those interested. The Board proposes to prepare and issue descriptive literature, which may be handed to such prospective donors by the local representatives. A system in this way will be established by which personal consultation may be secured wherever possible.

We feel that the merits of these plans for constructive financial benefit to all parties involved are deserving of the most serious attention and effort of all the Brethren. Your Board, therefore, recommends that the Grand Master in his annual circular to the Lodges, direct attention to the objects of this Board, requesting the appointment of representatives in each Lodge who shall co-operate with this Board as recommended.

To carry out the plans and purposes contemplated in the establishment of this Board, we recommend that the Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the expenses incidental to the promulgation of the work among the Craft, and the further sum of \$500.00 to be drawn against as required under contracts now outstanding, or as may be issued during the ensuing fiscal year.

W. Brother Edwin C. Yont, President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, presented the following reports which were adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MASONIC-
EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR OF 1927, TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF
THE BUILDING & FURNISHING COMMITTEE.

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

It is with pleasure that I am able to report to you that conditions of the Home have been quite satisfactory during the year. The buildings have been filled to capacity most of the time and as we close the year about a dozen applications for admission remain in the hands of the committee for approval.

Your Joint Committee has met each month and transacted business pertaining to the Home. The Finance Committee of the Board has carefully checked over all bills before attaching its stamp of approval and have made a

real personal sacrifice to conserve the interest of the Home. The Board has worked in perfect harmony at all times. The employees and the children have co-operated with the Board in making these Homes a pleasant place to live.

The general health of the children has been about normal. We have had several cases of sickness and contagions that are usual to children. On several occasions we found it advisable to place children in the hospital under the care of a nurse. As we close the year seven are in the hospital convalescing from whooping cough. With the excellent care they have received we do not expect complications to follow.

Our children were liberally and generously remembered at Christmas and on other occasions. During the year picnics have been given for them on the Home picnic grounds and at other places. When the children were entertained in other cities, free transportation was provided.

During the 1927 session of Grand Lodge of Masons held in Omaha, the entire Grand Body was taken to Fremont in automobiles where a down town luncheon was provided and the afternoon spent in visiting the Homes and the children.

Response to the "fruit day" call was quite general and generous. Many cash donations were received in lieu of fruit, which of course was quite acceptable and was placed in a separate fund for the purchase of fresh fruit in season.

The farm has netted a nice return this year if we add to the cash receipts a reasonable value on the farm products that have been consumed by the Homes. Besides it has furnished employment for the boys, giving them practical experience in agriculture, gardening, dairying, poultry raising, etc., a training that will be of material benefit to them whatever may be their future occupation.

On account of the increasing number of applications for admission to the Home, I feel it incumbent upon me to urge that a building fund be provided and that the Grand Bodies at their annual sessions in 1928 pass resolutions recommending the construction of another building of fire safe construction, designed and arranged for housing and care of infants. The building now used for that purpose is not fire safe, the floors and partition walls are of wood construction and should it catch fire, human lives would be endangered. This matter certainly deserves your sincere consideration and hasty action.

Acting under and by direction of resolutions passed at the 1926 sessions of the Grand Bodies, your Joint Committee prepared and presented plans for the construction of a new unit to the Home. These plans were adopted, appropriations made and actual work commenced on the building about the middle of June, 1927. On the 5th day of July the Most Worshipful Grand Master aided by other Grand Officers, in the presence of about five hundred members and friends, laid the cornerstone with appropriate ceremonies. The building was completed early in December and is occupied by the larger girls.

The records of the Joint Committee have been audited by a Certified Public Accountant, this, together with the report of the Secretary-Treasurer may be found elsewhere to which I invite your attention.

In concluding I want to thank the several members of the Joint Committee for their faithful and untiring services. I want to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for their presence and encouragement at many of our monthly meetings. I further want to thank Lodges, Chapters, Members and friends who have so kindly co-operated and contributed their time and substance to promote the welfare of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

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

As chairman of the Building Committee of the 4th unit of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, that was completed and occupied in December, 1927, I beg leave to submit the following report:

DISBURSEMENTS.

General contract.....	\$27,396.02
Plumbing and heating.....	5,426.70
Electric wiring.....	697.50
Special supervision.....	86.70
Hardware.....	190.76
Architect's fee and preliminary work.....	1,743.92
Extension of lines for fuel oil, water and sewer.....	792.64
Weather strips.....	169.86
Electric fixtures.....	200.00
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Total disbursements.....	\$36,704.10

To ascertain the exact cost of the building proper, the last three items mentioned, aggregating the sum of \$1,162.50 may be deducted, leaving the net cost of the building \$35,541.60.

Contracts, Architect's certificates and cancelled vouchers are on file in the offices of the Grand Secretaries of the two Grand Bodies and may be inspected by those interested.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FURNISHINGS.

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

Your committee appointed to purchase furnishings for the new building of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, Nebraska, beg leave to make the following report:

RECEIPTS.

From Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.....	\$2,500.00
From Grand Chapter, O. E. S.....	2,500.00
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Total receipts.....	\$5,000.00
Disbursements.....	\$5,000.00
Balance on hand.....	Nothing

Receipted bills, cancelled vouchers and an inventory of the furnishings purchased are on file in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Joint Committee and may be inspected by those interested.

Schedule 1.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.
Year Ended December 31, 1927.

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1927..... \$ 2,490.16

RECEIPTS.

Transfer from Fruit Fund.....	\$ 113.40	
Transfer from Holiday Fund.....	288.23	
From Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.....	13,000.00	
From Grand Chapter O. E. S.....	13,000.00	
Donation for Refrigerator Fund.....	175.15	
From Parents.....	1,756.95	
Holiday Donations.....	505.30	
Fruit Fund Donations.....	197.75	
From Sale of Live Stock.....	1,016.93	
From Bequests.....	480.00	
From Masonic Lodges and Other Masonic Bodies.....	393.96	
From Individuals.....	52.83	
From Miscellaneous Refunds.....	5.49	
From Sale of Old Ford.....	31.00	
From Insurance Commissions.....	357.01	
From Refund of Expenses—Ira Duncan.....	25.00	
From Interest Received.....	54.26	
From Refund—Clothing.....	15.32	
From Outstate Children's Fund.....	92.50	
From Medical Fund.....	200.00	
From Return of Petty Cash—Children's Home.....	100.00	
From Return of Petty Cash—Boys' Home.....	100.00	
From Return of Petty Cash—Girls' Home.....	100.00	32,061.08

\$34,551.24

Disbursements, Schedule 2..... \$31,841.04

Balance December 31, 1927..... \$ 2,710.20

Add:

Petty Cash Funds:

Matron—Childrens' Home.....	\$ 50.00	
Matron—Boys' Home.....	50.00	
Matron—Girls' Home.....	50.00	
Superintendent.....	500.00	650.00

Total Cash Available..... \$ 3,360.20

Schedule 2.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.
DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Ended December 31, 1927.

PETTY CASH FUNDS.

Superintendent..... \$ 300.00

ADMINISTRATION.

Salaries.....	\$ 1,200.00	
Printing, Stationery and Office Supplies.....	260.69	
Postage.....	37.00	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	.80	
Miscellaneous.....	443.99	
Special Allowance (Doris Palmer).....	5.00	1,947.48

GENERAL MAINTENANCE.

Insurance.....	\$ 1,085.54	
Auto Expense.....	179.78	
Care of Grounds.....	310.69	
Repairs—Buildings.....	444.99	2,021.00

HOSPITAL EXPENSE.

Labor.....	\$ 26.90	
Telephone.....	4.50	
Salaries.....	50.81	
Laundry.....	33.56	
Repairs.....	52.00	
Miscellaneous.....	2.12	169.89

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

Ford Runabout for Farm.....	\$ 325.00	
New Home.....	180.15	
Storeroom.....	230.11	
Live Stock and Poultry.....	1,041.09	
Machinery.....	48.00	
Fences.....	220.71	2,045.06

FARM.

Salary—Superintendent.....	\$ 780.00
Miscellaneous Labor.....	320.95
Light and Power.....	82.33
Telephone.....	41.95
Repairs and Replacements.....	303.96
Miscellaneous.....	182.05
Repairs—Building.....	20.19
Truck Expense.....	228.32

Feed.....	1,045.05	
Seed.....	40.49	
Veterinary.....	9.75	3,055.04
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Christmas Donation.....		\$ 9,538.47
		185.00
Schedule 3—Homes.....		22,117.57
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Total Expenditures.....		\$31,841.04

Schedule 4.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.
STATEMENT SHOWING COST OF FOOD PER PERSON PER MEAL.
Year Ended December 31, 1927.

CHILDRENS HOME.

Children Served.....	18,144	
Employees Served.....	2,622	
Visitors Served.....	290	
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Total.....	21,056	
Cost of Food Purchased.....		\$1,127.13
Cost Per Person Per Meal.....		.053

BOYS HOME INCLUDING BOYS FARM.

Children Served.....	22,437	
Employees Served.....	2,284	
Visitors Served.....	339	
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Total.....	25,060	
Cost of Food Purchased.....		\$2,312.18
Cost Per Person Per Meal.....		.092

GIRLS HOME.

Children Served.....	14,098	
Employees Served.....	1,341	
Visitors Served.....	164	
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Total.....	15,603	
Cost of Food Purchased.....		\$1,162.53
Cost Per Person Per Meal.....		.075

Schedule 3

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN
EXPENDITURES FOR HOMES.
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1927.

	CHILDRENS HOME		BOYS HOME		GIRLS HOME		Total	
	Amount	Cost per Child Per Day	Amount	Cost per Child Per Day	Amount	Cost per Child Per Day		
1 Food.....	\$ 1,127.13	\$.181	\$2,312.18	\$.308	\$1,162.53	\$.247	\$4,601.84	1
2 Clothing.....	1,221.74	.196	1,330.48	.177	737.81	.157	3,290.03	2
3 Doctors & Medicine.....	847.65	.131	550.32	.073	403.06	.086	1,801.03	3
4 Amusement.....	142.65	.023	249.35	.033	119.62	.025	511.62	4
5 Salaries.....	1,520.00	.244	1,299.48	.173	938.70	.200	3,758.18	5
6 Miscellaneous Labor.....	321.72	.052	262.00	.035	3.50	.007	587.22	6
7 Gas.....	201.48	.032	178.26	.024	274.20	.058	653.94	7
8 Light and Power.....	149.88	.024	149.93	.020	149.95	.032	449.76	8
9 Water.....	64.23	.010	69.51	.009	63.11	.013	196.85	9
10 Telephone.....	40.10	.006	64.80	.008	46.00	.010	150.90	10
11 Ice.....	56.92	.009	113.41	.015	80.07	.017	250.40	11
12 Repairs & Replacements....	114.25	.018	298.63	.040	236.35	.050	649.23	12
13 Laundry.....	598.77	.096	603.39	.080	285.66	.061	1,487.82	13
14 School Expense & Supplies..	25.16	.004	133.48	.018	39.61	.008	198.25	14
15 Allowances.....	102.10	.016	170.28	.023	96.60	.021	368.98	15
16 Postage.....	12.26	.002	14.78	.002	12.45	.003	39.49	16
17 Heat.....	714.00	.115	714.00	.095	714.00	.152	2,142.00	17
18 Miscellaneous.....	317.25	.051	350.61	.046	312.17	.066	980.03	18
	<u>\$ 7,577.29</u>	<u>\$1.129</u>	<u>\$8,864.89</u>	<u>\$1.182</u>	<u>\$5,675.39</u>	<u>\$1.208</u>	<u>\$22,117.57</u>	
Number of Child Days.....	6,220		7,500		4,705			

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W. Brother John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, for the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF
ORPHANS.

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

We, your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, beg leave to submit the following report:

Of all the various activities of Our Grand Lodge, there is possibly none any more important, or performed with greater earnestness and interest, than that of the loving service in the relief of the aged Masons, the Mason's Widow and the Orphan of the Mason.

Some one has truly said, "that outside of the home and the House of God, there is nothing more beautiful in the world today, than the Spirit of Freemasonry," and while there are many notable features of our Fraternity, that make it outstanding among fraternal organizations, to our mind, one of the finest, most sublime, manifestations of the true Masonic Spirit is the construction and furnishing, during recent years, of comfortable and attractive Homes, Infirmarys and Hospitals in the name of Freemasonry in every Grand Jurisdiction, where the Tenets of Brotherly Love and Relief are given practical demonstration, in the loving care, helpfulness and service to those among our members who are in want and distress.

The early pioneer Masons of Nebraska, almost as far back as the beginning of our Grand Lodge, had the far vision of the possible needs, in future years, of the relief and care of the aged Mason, and wisely laid the foundation in establishing a beginning fund for this purpose, and today Freemasonry in Nebraska, has invested in the Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont, half a million dollars, and this has been accomplished gradually, without the necessity of levying a large assessment on its membership during any one year, as has been done in some Grand Jurisdictions.

Our Grand Lodge, in this work of relief, functions through three separate, but cooperative organizations, the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home for the old people at Plattsmouth and the Joint Committee in charge of the Childrens Home at Fremont.

Your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, during the past year, has had the usual number of relief cases, and expended about the same amount of money as last year. The individual Lodges have also done a very commendable work in the care of their indigent members, and it is well to remember, that this is, primarily, the function of the Lodge. The Grand Lodge does not supplant the work of the Lodge in this respect, but through its Relief Committee, assists Lodges in their relief work, where their finances warrant such assistance.

Your Committee has, during this year, assisted 35 Lodges in their work of relief. Among these cases, we have given financial assistance to 14 men, 26 women, and 44 children. A total of 84 persons.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance June 7th, 1927, Norfolk National Bank.....	\$ 4,824.17
Interest on Deposits.....	231.41
Received from Grand Lodge, June 23rd, 1927.....	1,500.00
Reimbursement War Relief Fund.....	203.00
Received from Ionic Lodge No. 87.....	30.00
Received from Arcana Lodge No. 195.....	80.00
Received from Grand Lodge, Sept. 7th, 1927.....	1,200.00
Refund from Ord Lodge No. 103.....	45.00
Received from Grand Lodge, Dec. 12th, 1927.....	1,000.00
Received from Grand Lodge, Feb. 4th, 1928.....	1,500.00
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	\$10,613.58

EXPENDITURES.

Refund to Grand Lodge, Balance June 7th, 1927.....	\$ 4,824.17
Capitol Lodge No. 3, Member, Wife and Child.....	150.00
Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Widow and Two Children.....	90.00
Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Widow.....	120.00
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, Widow and Four Children.....	120.00
Hastings Lodge No. 50, Member, Wife and Two Children.....	360.00
Euclid Lodge No. 97, Widow and Two Children.....	270.00
Cambridge Lodge No. 150, Two Children.....	180.00
Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Four Children.....	432.00
Signet Lodge No. 193, Widow.....	240.00
Arcana Lodge No. 195, Wife and Four Children.....	210.00
Cubit Lodge No. 237, Widow and Four Children.....	200.00
Crofton Lodge No. 273, Widow and Four Children.....	180.00
Beaver City Lodge No. 93, Widow.....	360.00
Ionic Lodge No. 87, Widow and Two Children.....	190.00
Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Widow.....	180.00
Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Member and Wife.....	240.00
Ornan Lodge No. 261, Member and Wife.....	30.00
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Widow and Four Children.....	240.00
Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Member and Wife.....	180.00
Capitol Lodge No. 3, Widow.....	180.00
Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Member, Wife and Child.....	80.00
Ord Lodge No. 103, Member, Wife and Four Children.....	90.00
Crescent Lodge No. 143, Widow and Three Children.....	100.00
Charity Lodge No. 53, Member, Wife and Two Children.....	56.75
Arcana Lodge No. 195, Member.....	80.85
Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Widow.....	165.00
Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Member.....	200.00

Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Member.....	200.00
Relief Lodge No. 219, Member.....	100.00
Covert Lodge No. 11, Member.....	125.00
Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Member and Wife.....	25.00
Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Widow.....	100.00
Jordan Lodge No. 27, Member.....	20.00
Covert Lodge No. 11, Member and Wife.....	10.00
Christmas Gifts to Children in Relief Cases.....	92.50
Balance, Norfolk National Bank, June 5th, 1928.....	192.31

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In accordance with our usual custom, our Committee visited and inspected the Nebraska Masonic Home for aged Masons and their loved ones, on Sunday, June 3rd. We were cordially received by the President of the Home, Brother James M. Robertson, and the Superintendent, Worshipful Brother William F. Evers, and met and visited with all of the residents of the Home.

There are at this time 64 residents, 31 Masons and 33 wives and widows of Masons. This is an increase of five during the year. In the Home itself, there are 38 residents, where they are well cared for with an abundance of everything necessary for their physical well being and comfort. They are happy and contented in nicely furnished and comfortable rooms. The large parlors are neatly and comfortably furnished, and there is an abundance of books and magazines. For their amusement and entertainment there is a phonograph and an excellent radio equipment.

There are at this time, 26 patients in the Infirmary, 8 men and 18 women, where a competent physician and a corps of day and night nurses and other helpers care for their ailments in a fine way.

The beautiful park about the Home, consisting of 28 acres, is becoming more and more attractive as the many trees and various kinds of shrubbery and flowering plants come into their fuller growth. On the sloping ground towards Webster Boulevard, which winds through the length of the park, the Superintendent has shaped a large Square and Compass with flowers of various kinds and colors, which adds to the attractiveness of the grounds to passing tourists. The concrete steps, leading from the Infirmary to the Home, consisting of three, five and seven steps, have, by the very generous contribution of Sesostris Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Lincoln, been ornamented by two large bronze columns, each 8 feet high, and along the five steps, five columns, each 6 feet high, representing the five orders of architecture. Each column has a large globe on its top, and when lighted at night they are an added feature of the place. This has meant a donation of \$500.00 on the part of Sesostris Temple and is greatly appreciated.

All of the members of our Relief Committee have also during the past three years served as members of the Joint Committee, who, with a like number of members of the Eastern Star, had the management of the Home for Children at Fremont, a detailed report of which will be submitted by the President, Worshipful Brother Edwin C. Yont.

The new house constructed and completely furnished at a cost of \$40,000.00 during the past year is now occupied by the older girls.

This now makes four large, commodious houses for the 61 boys and girls who are in the Home, each presided over by a competent Matron. A new Superintendent has been employed by the Board who has entire supervision of the Home, under the direction of the Board. In the Children's Home, there are now 14 of the younger children, 14 of the younger boys now occupy the house formerly occupied by the older girls. There are 16 older boys in the house with the hospital annex, and 17 older girls now live in the new house just completed, making a total of 61 children in the Home.

Through these various activities, Masons in Nebraska are caring for a total of 221 adults and children, which bespeaks for our beloved Fraternity a commendable concern for those among us who need our care and assistance, and demonstrates that our sublime Tenets of Brotherly Love and Relief are not mere tenets of profession, but are giving practical effect in a service of love and helpfulness where it is needed.

W. Alfred G. Hunt, 33, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of College View Lodge, U. D. of College View, Nebraska, and Harmony Lodge, U. D. at Dalton, Nebraska, and such other matters as have been submitted to this Committee, beg leave to submit for your approval, our findings.

(1) We have carefully considered all records and papers submitted to us relative thereto, and respectfully recommend that a charter be granted College View Lodge, Lincoln, Nebraska, under the name of College View Lodge No. 320.

(2) Owing to the fact that Harmony Lodge, U. D., of Dalton, Nebraska, has not had sufficient time to comply with the law governing charters and dispensations, we recommend that a renewal of this dispensation be granted for the coming year.

(3) In reference to Sincerity Lodge No. 244 of Battle Creek, Nebraska, who voted to surrender their charter, which, together with their record book, etc., has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, we recommend that their request be granted and the Lodge terminated.

(4) In reference to the request of Porter Lodge No. 106, of Loup City, Nebraska, wherein they request authority to correct an error in a Brother's initials now appearing on their charter, we recommend that their request be granted, provided that it can be lawfully done.

(5) One of the most important matters submitted to the Committee involves the affairs of Lebanon Lodge No. 58, of Columbus, Nebraska. In Section No. 3 of the last year's report of the Committee, we have in the last paragraph of the section these words:

"We recommend that the two requests for Lodges under dispensation be not granted at this time."

The last three words have evidently proved misleading to some of the Brethren at Columbus, as they seem to be of the opinion that these petitions are still in full force, and should be acted on and disposed of by this Grand Lodge. Therefore, we recommend that their petitions be not granted.

(6) In reference to the charter of Lebanon Lodge No. 58, whereby action was deferred for one year, (by a substitute motion) by Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell. That after reviewing all the evidence submitted to this Committee last year, together with the concurrence of the Grievance Committee and Past Grand Master Edwin D. Crites, also evidence submitted up to the present time; that we do approve the recommendation of Most Worshipful Brother Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, and recommend that the charter of Lebanon Lodge No. 58, be cancelled and the Lodge terminated.

W. Brother Edward Huwaldt, 235, for the Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, presented the following report, and it was adopted:

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

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association owns over thirty-six acres of land on the historic Shooters' Hill, overlooking the old colonial city of Alexandria, Va. The city that Washington loved to serve, the city with its many places of interest, such as the Carlyle House, Christ Church where Washington owned a pew, the Masonic Lodge of which Washington was first Master, and a great many others. Much of the land surrounding was owned by George Washington. To the north a distance of six miles, in plain view, lies our beautiful Capitol City, Washington, D. C. And to the south, the Nation's most revered shrine, Washington's home, Mt. Vernon.

On this site, eloquent with memories of Washington and all the associations of his energetic manhood, overlooking the wide and placid Potomac, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is now under construction. When completed it will rise 400 feet above the city of Alexandria, and will dominate the surrounding country for miles.

The temple is being constructed of Conway Granite, taken from the hills of New Hampshire. Every precaution is being used to make it, not only of the most enduring character, but also complete in every particular. This is not the place nor the time to describe the Memorial in detail. But in passing we wish to mention the imposing portico of eight Doric columns and the great atrium comprising the main central room of the structure and forming the Memorial Hall, in which will be set a statue of Washington of heroic size. This Hall is 100 feet long by 70 feet wide. In it, supporting the tower, are eight columns of polished green granite, 39 feet high by 4½ feet in diameter. Surrounding the Hall will be the rooms devoted to Masonic purposes. One room will be a reproduction of the old Lodge room in which Washington presided. Here will be preserved the chair he occupied, the apron he wore, the Masonic implements he used and innumerable other objects of interest.

In short, the Memorial is a monument, not only to Washington, but to the ideals of Washington. It stands upon yonder hill to tell the world that Free-

masonry stands in America for the principles of a stable and orderly government and for civil and religious liberty.

The original plan for revenue is \$1.00 given by every Mason in the United States. Many of the states have paid in 100%, and some nearly 200%. Nebraska is credited with 20%. There are, in round numbers, three and one quarter million Masons in the United States. Two and a half million dollars have been paid in, and the Memorial is about two-thirds completed. An outstanding fundamental of the association is that it lets no contract nor does it incur any liability of any kind or character until the money is first in the hands of the treasurer to meet it.

It is the plan and desire of the association that the Temple be completed by the end of 1931, so that it will be ready for the Two Hundredth Anniversary of Washington's birth, in February, 1932. As it will require eighteen months of continuous work to complete the Memorial, the funds should be in the hands of the treasurer, if possible, by the end of another Masonic year.

We are pleased to advise that up to the time of this report fifty-three Lodges have responded to your present committee with a total of \$1,543.19. This committee began to function about January 1, 1928. Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, reports that some contributions have come in since the business for the year was closed, but they will all appear in the proceedings when published.

We believe the story of the Memorial should be told in every Lodge room and every Master Mason be given the opportunity and the privilege of having a part in this worthy undertaking. We recommend that the state be divided into fifteen or twenty districts and that a Chairman be appointed for each district to aid the Lodges in the collection of the contributions. With the hearty cooperation of the various Lodge officers, the work could be largely completed during the next Masonic year and at very little expense.

In conclusion, your committee recommends that each new petitioner be asked to contribute \$1.00 when made a Master Mason, and that this practice be continued until the completion of the Memorial. In this way the Lodges that now stand 100% will remain so until the work is finished. This Temple, better than our words, will transmit to posterity, Washington's spirit of justice, love, freedom and determination which permeate our Fraternity as it does our country and our constitution. Brethren, let us put our hands to the wheel and finish the work we have so well begun.

W. Brother William McCormack, 268, for the Committee on Returns, presented the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

Your Committee on Returns presents the following report:

Returns have been received from all Lodges in this Jurisdiction, and all Grand Lodge dues have been paid. These returns show that total membership on April 1st, 1928, was 41,948; on April 1st, 1927, 41,586; a net gain of 362, or about 7-8 of 1%, which is a rather small increase. Suspensions for the

year were 618 against 555 for the previous year, an increase of 63, and showing about 1½% of our total membership suspended.

The number of Lodges showing no delinquent dues, (which our Grand Secretary has designated as the "Roll of Honor") has been increased from 26 last year, to 32 this year. Following is the list, only the number of the Lodge being given:

		9	11	30	49	56	62	82	96	106
128	138	146	149	152	158	168	182	184	207	214
266	268	273	275	288	304	306	311	315	317	319

Without doubt the increased number of suspensions noted above, is in some measure responsible for this increase in the honor list of Lodges.

The highest number of raisings were in three Omaha Lodges, viz.: Lodge No. 302, raised 44; Lodge No. 290, raised 25; Lodge No. 303, raised 24. Twenty-seven Lodges show no initiations—thirty-six Lodges show no passing—twenty-six Lodges show no raisings—and seven Lodges show no work² at all. Thirteen Lodges fail to show whether or not they have any delinquent dues.

While the average amount of delinquent dues is slightly less than a year ago, the number of delinquent members has increased by 234, and the total number of delinquents is now reported as 4,226, or 10% of our total membership.

A study of the foregoing figures compels your Committee to ask that the Grand Lodge take this whole matter under serious consideration, and review the entire situation as it exists in our Grand Jurisdiction, with a view to devising some means for stimulating and reviving our dead and dormant Lodges. This might be done, either through a special committee to be appointed by the Grand Master, or it could be done through the office of the Grand Custodian, with the help of his assistants, and, if necessary, an appropriation should be made to cover the cost of such work during the coming Masonic year.

Your Committee believes that business depression in this State has, in a measure, retarded the growth of our Order, as all fraternal societies have suffered heavily during the past two years, but it is also the opinion of the Committee that, if Masonry is what we claim it to be, i.e., a leavening for righteousness and good citizenship in the community, then nothing should be left undone to put our beloved institution in the forefront of the battle line.

Your Committee, in its work has gone through a volume of correspondence, the greater part of which was wholly unnecessary, and which deluged the office of the Grand Secretary at a time when every minute was valuable. This correspondence is due, in large measure, to lack of knowledge of our laws, which are very plain on the points in question.

Several Lodges sent in an affiliation fee where none should have been collected, and these were promptly returned, with a courteous letter of explanation. Some of the Lodge Secretaries not only failed to send in their returns on time, but failed also to make reply to letters calling attention to their neglect. Your committee also notes that when telegrams were sent to the office of the Grand Secretary, they were in a great many instances sent "Collect," which should not be done.

In this connection, your Committee wishes most heartily to commend our Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, for the way in which

he conducted this correspondence. There is not a word of impatience, reproach, or censure; his language is uniformly mild, gentlemanly and courteous, even when strong comment would have been entirely justified.

All Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction report carrying insurance on real and personal property, with the exception of No. 315, which reports no insurance, and No. 23, No. 74, and No. 173, which fail to show whether insurance is carried or not. Two of these, No. 74, and No. 173, were similarly reported last year. No reason has been offered for failure to comply with the law.

The following Lodges have not complied with Section 81 of our law, and are subject to penalty in the following amounts:

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	No. of Members	Date Rec'd.	Amounts
9	Falls City.....	244	April 16th.....	\$14.64
113	Globe.....	85	April 17th.....	5.95
143	Crescent.....	108	April 17th.....	7.56
147	Siloam.....	45	April 17th.....	3.15
151	Square.....	78	April 16th.....	4.68
157	Valley.....	76	April 17th.....	5.32
167	Elwood.....	74	April 19th.....	6.66
168	Curtis.....	117	April 17th.....	8.19
217	Wauneta.....	61	April 16th.....	3.66
232	John S. Bowen.....	79	April 16th.....	4.74
283	Exeter.....	64	April 16th.....	3.84
287	Union.....	67	April 26th.....	10.72
Total.....				\$79.11

PRESENTATION OF BROTHER WILLIAM A COTTON, WEARER OF THE GOLD JORDAN MEDAL.

M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, Grand Master.

My Brethren:

We pause at this time to receive into the Grand Lodge a distinguished Brother, the holder of the Gold Jordan Medal. I have asked the Grand Secretary, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, to present this Brother, and Brother Smith, no doubt, will give you something of the record of his achievements as a Mason.

M. W. LEWIS E. SMITH, Grand Secretary.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I have the honor and the pleasure of presenting Brother William A. Cotton, a member of Western Star Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska City, who was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, March 20th, 1861, and has been a Master Mason for more than sixty-seven years. He was born on March 7th, 1833, and is past ninety-five years of age. Brother Cotton is proud to have in his possession to wear so long as he lives, the Gold Jordan Medal. It is a distinction which comes to few to have been a Master Mason longer than any Brother residing in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Brethren present, out of respect for this venerable Brother, rose to their feet, gave him the Grand Honors, and a generous round of applause.

M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, Grand Master.

Brother Colton:

A short time ago I had the pleasure of visiting your city and conferring upon you the Gold Jordan Medal. It was an occasion that I will remember throughout my life. I am glad to meet you and greet you, as the representative of this Grand Lodge. God, in his mercy, has been kind unto you, he is keeping you. I am glad that you are spared to be with us and join us on this Annual Communication.

Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, presented the report of the Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace, and it was adopted:

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

It is with profound satisfaction that your committee is able to record the year's activity of our own country in the promotion of world peace.

On April 6, 1927, the tenth anniversary of our entry into the world war, the French Premier, Mr. Briand, announced in a public address, that he was ready to pledge the faith of his country to a treaty with America to abandon war as an instrument of public policy. Our state department after considering the proposition for more than eight months, on December 28, 1927, replied to the French proposal, agreeing to the principle involved, but suggesting that the treaty be extended to include all the great powers. To this proposal the French Premier promptly agreed with two reasonable and necessary exceptions.

First: That each nation reserve the universally recognized right of self-defense in event of an attack upon it.

Second: That the guarantors of the Locarno treaties reserve the right to fulfill such guaranties.

As a result, on the 13th of April of this year, our state department sent identic notes to Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Japan, transmitting a multilateral draft treaty proposing to outlaw war as an instrument of national public policy.

Thus America again takes her rightful place in the very forefront in the latest movement to insure the abandonment of war as an instrument of national policy and to usher in the universal reign of law in the adjustment of international controversies. This is easily the most significant peace movement of this generation.

Thus the stars and stripes will not only symbolize our power and our prowess, but still more they will symbolize our devotion to peace and good will toward all mankind.

May our efforts be crowned with success.

In moving the adoption of the report Brother Wilson said:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I might add to our formal report two important changes that are just now occurring in the International relations of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Heretofore the foreign office of Great Britain has been the spokesman for all the outlying portions of the British Commonwealth of Nations in International affairs. Recently the so-called Dominions have demanded, and the demand has been granted, that they be represented in their foreign relations by their own diplomatic agents and the result is that both the Dominion of Canada and the Free State of Ireland are now represented in Washington by their own ambassadors and their International relations are carried on quite independent of the British government.

These outlying portions of the British Commonwealth of Nations are now demanding another fundamental change in their relations to the rest of the world. They now demand that a declaration of war by Great Britain shall not make them belligerents. They demand that only their own declaration shall bring them into any armed conflict with the rest of the world. Great Britain will undoubtedly concede this demand and naturally the rest of the world will welcome the change because in that event a military contest with Great Britain would not necessarily mean a contest also with the dominions.

Both these fundamental changes in the International relations of these children of the mother country will tend to promote world peace. Yet it should not be understood that these changes imply any want of loyalty on the part of the dominions toward the mother country. The probability is very strong that if circumstances should occur that would cause a declaration of war by Great Britain, the dominions would promptly take their place by her side.

They now demand, however, and the demand will doubtless be granted, that they themselves shall determine whether or not they are to become belligerents. The civilized world will welcome both these changes as important factors in the promotion of world peace.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The Grand Secretary announced that all Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction had been furnished with a copy of the Amendment to Section 1, Article X of the Constitution, and that 210 Lodges had voted upon the Amendment; 186 Lodges voting in favor of it, and 24 Lodges voting against the Amendment. More than a majority of the Lodges having approved of the Amendment by certificate over their respective seals, the Grand Master put the question of the adoption of the Amendment to Section 1, Article X of the Constitution, which was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge.

W. Archie M. Smith, 203, presented the following report of the Committee on Grievances, which was considered by the Grand Lodge section by section and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

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

1. We have carefully considered the appeal of a member of Papillion Lodge No. 39 from a sentence of indefinite suspension as to a Brother who had been found guilty, and we recommend that the appeal be sustained and that the accused Brother be expelled.

2. We have carefully considered the appeal of Brethren of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 from a verdict of not guilty as to an accused Brother, and we recommend that the appeal be sustained and that the accused Brother be declared guilty and that he be expelled.

3. We have carefully considered the petition of an expelled Brother of Lotus Lodge No. 289 for restoration, and we recommend that the petition be granted and that the expelled Brother be restored to membership.

4. We have carefully considered the appeal of a member of Right Angle Lodge No. 303 from a verdict of not guilty as to an accused Brother, and we recommend that the verdict be set aside, that the accused Brother be declared guilty, and that he be expelled.

5. We have carefully considered the appeal of an accused member of Dewitt Lodge No. 111 from a verdict of guilty and a sentence of indefinite suspension, and we recommend that the decision of the Lodge be affirmed.

6. We have carefully considered the appeal of a member of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 from a verdict of not guilty as to an accused Brother, and we recommend that the appeal be sustained, that the accused Brother be declared guilty and that he be expelled.

7. We have carefully considered the appeal of the Worshipful Master of Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 from a sentence of reprimand, and we recommend that the appeal be sustained and that the accused Brother be expelled.

REMARKS BY M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, GRAND MASTER.

Brother Smith, before you leave the platform, I desire to advise the Brethren, many of whom are here for the first time, that for a number of years Brother Smith has been chairman of this committee; that this committee is one of the most arduous in the matter of labor of any of the committees of the Grand Lodge. Brother Smith's diligence and efficiency has been of such a character that he has been retained from year to year as chairman of this committee. He has been deprived of the rights to view this Grand Lodge from year to year by virtue of the duties of his committee.

At this time, with a report of that character, involving the number of cases that have been presented to this committee, it is a remarkable tribute to the diligence and fairness of this committee that no Brother rises upon the floor to question any act of this committee.

Brother Smith, I just want the Grand Lodge to have some idea of what you have done in their behalf.

W. ARCHIE M. SMITH: Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master. I appreciate your remarks very much, and would say that what I have accomplished in these matters has been only with the assistance of the valuable members that I have had on this committee from year to year, and the committee that I have this year was the committee that I had last year with the exception of one member, who could not be here, and I claim no more credit than any member of the committee with me. Our labors have been together and I feel you should compliment the Committee rather than one.

M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, Grand Master: My words were meant to cover the committee who served with you, Brother Smith.

M. W. HENRY H. WILSON: I feel I cannot let this occasion go by without expressing my supreme satisfaction in the thought that the high standards that this Grand Lodge has established and preserved for more than half a century have been enforced by this committee of five young men. It shows that when we, the older men pass on, the standards that we have endeavored to maintain will still be maintained by the oncoming generation. I think it a matter of congratulation that five young men entering manhood should devote their time and energy to the upholding of the high standards that fifty odd years have established.

M. W. Edwin D. Crites, presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Upon consideration of the petition of the M. W. The Grand Lodge of Vienna, for recognition, the Committee finds that this Grand Lodge meets the requirements of the generally accepted rules governing such cases, and therefore recommends that the M. W., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska fraternally recognize the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Vienna, in Austria, and enter into fraternal correspondence and relations with said Grand Lodge.

W. Bernard N. Robertson, 3, presented the report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

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

Your advisory committee on applications for reinstatement beg leave to report that there have been 29 applications referred to the committee.

The average age of the petitioners was 55½ years, ten of these were past 60 years of age; nine past 65; six past 70; four past 75 and one past 81.

The Lodges failed to give the dates at which four of the Brethren were suspended. The average number of years applicants were suspended in those cases where dates were supplied was nine and three-eighths years.

W. Norris F. Tym, 1, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are represented at this Annual Communication, except the following: Nos. 44, 64, 76, 102, 103, 116, 147, 175, 182, 211, 216, 217, 221, 270, 292, and 296.

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Albert R. Davis	Grand Master.
R. W. Frank H. Woodland	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Ira C. Freet	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Orville A. Andrews	Grand Junior Warden.
M. W. Lewis E. Smith	Grand Secretary.
V. W. George Allen Beecher	Grand Chaplain.
W. William D. Redmond	Grand Orator.
W. Lute M. Savage	Grand Custodian.
W. John R. Tapster	Grand Marshal.
W. J. Dean Ringer	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Edwin B. Johnston	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. John W. Disbrow	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Masters: George H. Thummel, John J. Wemple, Samuel P. Davidson, Henry H. Wilson, Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, James R. Cain, Jr., Samuel S. Whiting, Andrew H. Viele, Frederic L. Temple, Ambrose C. Epperson, John J. Tooley, Joseph B. Fradenburg, Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Robert R. Dickson, Edwin D. Crites.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska No. 1	Jesse W. Hazlett	Norris F. Tym	Wallace E. Linn
Western Star " 2		George W. Smith	Frank R. Meegan
Capitol " 3	*Lute M. Savage	*Lute M. Savage	
Nemaha Valley " 4	George L. Kennedy		
Omadí " 5		Raymond H. Ream	
Plattsmouth " 6	Raymond C. Cook	Henry F. Nolting	Aubrey H. Duxbury
Falls City " 9	James S. Hillyard	William B. Wanner	
Solomon " 10	Bruce R. Cox	Richard Sievers	
Covert " 11	Floyd H. Hoyt	*George R. Porter	Arthur C. Thomsen
Orient " 13	*William W. Williams		William W. Williams
Peru " 14	L. Donald Redfern		*Spencer W. Hooker
Fremont " 15	*Robert E. Bosworth	Robert E. Bosworth	Frank E. Smith
Tecumseh " 17	Dale R. Bush	*Thomas J. Buckley	
Lincoln " 19		Hugh L. Dalton	
Washington " 21	Sam Stevens	John A. Carrigan	
Pawnee " 23		Maurice R. Becker	
Saint Johns " 25	Carl A. Fried	Mathew I. Dolphin	
Beatrice " 26		Virgil R. Johnson	
Jordan " 27	Walter S. Crabtree	William W. Davee	
Hope " 29	*Charles V. Harris	Charles V. Harris	
Blue River " 30	*Willard L. Wertman	Willard L. Wertman	
Tekamah " 31	Samuel E. McCurdy	*Carl L. Holland	
Platte Valley " 32	Arnold F. Beeler	George A. Sizemore	*Carl R. Greisen
Ashlar " 33	*Jesse D. Whitmore		Wilbert Morris
Acacia " 34	Fred F. Thomas		
Fairbury " 35		Willard R. Hanke	
Lone Tree " 36	Grant S. Moe	*Seward E. Cogswell	
Crete " 37	C. C. Lillibridge	*Charles W. Keal	*John D. Brehm
Oliver " 38	*Arthur W. Stewart		
Papillion " 39	*Robert B. Armstrong		
Humboldt " 40		Wirth L. Williamson	
Northern Light " 41	*David C. Spangler	George E. Pugh	Adolph E. Wenke
Junia " 42	*Eben S. Randall		Eben S. Randall
Hebron " 43		Roy H. Baltzell	
Harvard " 44			
Rob Morris " 46	*Ben Leake	*Ben Leake	*Ben Leake
Fremont " 48		John A. Anderson	
Evening Star " 49	Reuben F. Blacketer	Albertis H. Lewis	*Arthur W. Burlingame
Hastings " 50	*Herman W. Aspegren	*Harry L. Proffitt	
Fidelity " 51	*John Harper		*Egbert R. Watson
Hiram " 52	*Fred W. Pfeiffer	Walter I. Nelson	
Charity " 53	H. Chalmers Gellatly		*William D. Edson
Lancaster " 54		Chauncey W. Smith	
Mosaic " 55	*Fred E. Harrison	Fred E. Harrison	
York " 56	*Floyd E. Salyard		
Mount Moriah " 57	*Alton H. DeLong	Clarence L. France	
Lebanon " 58			
Wahoo " 59	Charles J. Lehmkuhl	Lee H. Hoerner	*Nile O. Walther
Melrose " 60		Carl D. Ellis	
Phistle " 61		Fred C. Warnemunde	Charles F. Locke
Keystone " 62	August L. Bartz	John Denker	Andrew P. Peterson
Riverton " 63	*Roland C. Shelter		
Blue Valley " 64			

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Osceola.....	65	William R. Kepner	
Edgar.....	67 *Walter L. Hull	Walter L. Hull	*Walter L. Hull
Aurora.....	68 Frank E. Edgerton	William T. Rowan	
Sterling.....	70	John R. Thompson	
Trowel.....	71	Lyle E. Jackson	
Hooper.....	72 Herbert T. Ring	Herman H. Lallman	James H. Cook
Friend.....	73 Paul M. Rogers	John G. Krebs	
Alexandria.....	74 Henry C. Woltemath		*Ben L. Terry
Frank Welch...	75 Walter R. Hodgkins	Roy E. Greenlee	
Joppa.....	76		
Nelson.....	77	Lee Sage	
Albion.....	78 Roger I. Blatter	Frank E. Clark	*W. Bruce Farris
Geneva.....	79 *Charles A. Gould		
Composite.....	81	Charles E. Lyons	
Saint Paul.....	82	*George F. Rollins	
Corinthian.....	83 V. H. Robert Hanson	Lawrence Johnson	*F. Ray Dills
Fairfield.....	84 *Carl A. Brodrick	Thomas L. Shaw	Carl A. Brodrick
Tyre.....	85	Thomas F. Whittaker	
Doniphan.....	86	Marlin L. Hall	
Ionic.....	87 *George L. Adams		
Star.....	88 Elver D. Beck	H. Chris Larson	*John G. Maryott
Cedar River.....	89	Fred E. Ward	
Elk Creek.....	90	*Henry H. Brauer	
Oakland.....	91 Paul L. Nelson		
Hubbell.....	92 *Harold M. Smith		
Beaver City.....	93 *Harry B. Hall		
Bennett.....	94 Albert J. Kiplin	*Henry F. May	
Garfield.....	95 *Lloyd G. Gillespie		
Utica.....	96 *W. Austin Richmond	W. Austin Richmond	
Euclid.....	97 *Everett B. Taylor	Chris Rasmussen	Frank E. Wood
Republican.....	98 *Tom H. Gordon		
Shelton.....	99 Ferdinand J. Hansen	Gustav W. Wellensick	
Creighton.....	100 *Leroy L. Seeley		
Ponca.....	101	Wm. F. Richardson	
Waterloo.....	102		
Ord.....	103		
Wymore.....	104 *Hugh Williams	Hugh Williams	
Stella.....	105	Samuel J. Harris	
Porter.....	106 Otis L. Blakeley	*Lamont L. Stephens	
Table Rock.....	108	John P. Groff	
Pomegranate...	110	Edwin E. Vance	
DeWitt.....	111	Earl C. Jewell	
Springfield.....	112 *Clifford R. Caley	William A. Ward	
Globe.....	113	George F. Kolzow	
Wisner.....	114	Raymond Johnson	
Harlan.....	116		
Hardy.....	117 George B. McDowell	*Willard H. Scott	
Doric.....	118	William H. August	
North Bend.....	119 *Alexander E. Legge	Robert A. McWhorter	Leon J. Cherny
Wayne.....	120 John T. Bressler, Jr.	*Charles E. Gildersleeve	*James G. Mines
Superior.....	121 *Roy W. Hunter	Roy W. Hunter	
Auburn.....	124 LeRoy Scoville	Hans Hemmingsen	*LeRoy Scoville
Mount Nebo...	125	T. Leslie Wake	
Stromsburg...	126	Lawrence O. Fusby	Willard D. Wickham

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Minden.....	" 127 Roy T. Bang.		
Guide Rock...	" 128 Dana L. Burr.		
Blue Hill.....	" 129	Carl E. Dvoracek.	
Tuscan.....	" 130 *George H. Miller		
Scribner.....	" 132 Emil J. Wapelhorst.	Herman F. Meyer.	*Herman F. Meyer
Elm Creek.....	" 133	Albert G. Lake.	
Solar.....	" 134 Fred B. Philbrook.	Arthur R. Trail.	
McCook.....	" 135	Rolland Larmon.	
Long Pine.....	" 136 William C. Smith.	Dick E. Coover.	
Upright.....	" 137 *William A. Stake	William A. Stake.	
Rawalt.....	" 138 Neal L. Pettygrove.		
Clay Centre...	" 139 Stanley B. Fryar.	Elmer L. Hager.	*Stanley B. Fryar
Western.....	" 140	L. Wayne Mead.	
Crescent.....	" 143 *Harry P. Hansen		
Kenesaw.....	" 144	Edward E. Guilkey.	
Bancroft.....	" 145 William Rembe		
Jachin.....	" 146 *Roy P. Johnson	Roy P. Johnson.	*Roy P. Johnson
Siloam.....	" 147		
Emmet Crawford	" 148 *Hans P. Simonson.	Hans P. Simonson.	*Hans P. Simonson
Jewel.....	" 149	Richard Willeford.	
Cambridge.....	" 150	Charles P. Cowles.	
Square.....	" 151 Herman J. Schmidt.	Bernhard G. Gerdes.	
Parallel.....	" 152 Charles N. Burgett.	Charles R. Willey.	
Evergreen.....	" 153	Harry F. Grumwald.	*Emanuel D. Lundak
Lily.....	" 154	Roy R. McAdams.	
Hartington...	" 155 *C. Randau Ekeroth.	C. Randau Ekeroth.	
Pythagoras...	" 156 Clinton A. Townsend.		
Valley.....	" 157	Jesse I. Fisher.	
Samaritan.....	" 158 *Henry H. Mathews.	*George A. Stevens.	*Clendenen W. Mitchell
Ogalalla.....	" 159 *John M. Creamer.	John M. Creamer.	*Theodore F. Goold
Zeredatha.....	" 160 Russell Shoebottom.		
Mount Zion...	" 161	Gilbert T. Savery.	*Gilbert T. Savery
Trestle Board.	" 162 Woodford S. Butterfield	*Floyd Christy.	*Edwin C. Yont
Unity.....	" 163	Cedric D. Fulmer.	
Atkinson.....	" 164 *George C. Purnell.	*George C. Purnell.	George C. Purnell
Barneston...	" 165 *George H. Hauer.	John O. Geer.	*George H. Hauer
Mystic Tie...	" 166 George W. Irving.		
Elwood.....	" 167	Harold L. Mackey.	*Ludwig W. Ganger
Curtis.....	" 168 *Marion R. Dobbs.		
Amity.....	" 169 *Charles W. Brown.		
Mason City...	" 170 *Vern O. Wieland.	Vern O. Wieland.	
Merna.....	" 171 Edwin J. Olson.		
Grafton.....	" 172	William A. Stuckey.	*William A. Stuckey
Robert Burns.	" 173 *Randall E. Masters.	Randall E. Masters.	
Culbertson...	" 174 Oscar A. Huber.	Clyde J. Keith.	
Temple.....	" 175		
Gladstone...	" 176 *Wilbur B. Alexander.	John C. Stadden.	
Hay Springs...	" 177	Dan D. Johnston.	
Prudence.....	" 179	Charles M. Warner.	
Justice.....	" 180 *Francis W. Edwards.	Francis W. Edwards.	
Faith.....	" 181 Ray H. Moss.	William H. Pittam.	
Incense.....	" 182		
Alliance.....	" 183 *Elmer G. Englehorn.	Elmer G. Englehorn.	*Elmer G. Englehorn
Bee Hive.....	" 184 Howard C. Auchmuty		Edward G. Gehrman

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Boaz.....	" 185 *Charles E. Furman...		
Israel.....	" 187	Leland J. Smith.....	
Meridian.....	" 188 *Henry T. Peden.....	Henry T. Peden.....	*Henry T. Peden
Granite.....	" 189 *Mark E. McConnell....	Mark E. McConnell...	
Amethyst.....	" 190 Bert H. Smee.....		
Crystal.....	" 191	George Jensen.....	
Minnekadusa..	" 192 *Joseph H. May.....	*Joseph H. May.....	
Signet.....	" 193	Adolph Luki.....	
Highland.....	" 194	Clarence R. Spradling	
Arcana.....	" 195 *Frank M. Hewett.....		
Level.....	" 196	Carl Siebecker.....	
Morning Star..	" 197	Gordon A. Hartman..	
Purity.....	" 198	John L. Pember.....	
Gavel.....	" 199 *J. G. Wm. Westerhoff..		
Blazing Star...	" 200	Luther D. Pierce.....	*Thomas G. Hemmett
Scotts Bluff..	" 201 William F. Prohs.....	*William F. Prohs.....	*William F. Prohs
Golden Sheaf..	" 202 *Frank E. Ballard.....		
Roman Eagle..	" 203 Roy B. Carlberg.....		
Plainview.....	" 204		Fred W. Ebinger
Golden Fleece.	" 205 *Harvey A. Talbott.....	Harvey A. Talbott..	*Harvey A. Talbott
Napthali.....	" 206	S. Belden Viers.....	
Parian.....	" 207 Willis F. Haycock.....	Julius J. Christiansen.	*Henry H. Andrews
Gauge.....	" 208		Lloyd H. Bulger
Canopy.....	" 209 Charles L. Ayers.....	Richard H. Tolhurst..	Ralph E. Dorr
East Lincoln..	" 210 Harrison M. Adkins..	Ferris F. Cooley.....	Edwin H. McGeehon
Cement.....	" 211		
Compass&Square	" 212	Charles S. Lewis.....	
Plumbline.....	" 214 Joseph O. Steidley....	Alvin O. Jones.....	Francis M. Swartwood
Occidental.....	" 215 *Orson A. Scott.....		
Palisade.....	" 216		
Wauneta.....	" 217		
Bloomfield.....	" 218	Albert C. Berner.....	
Relief.....	" 219	Charles W. Willey.....	
Magnolia.....	" 220 *Franklin F. Haase.....	Nelson L. Hansen.....	*Dettef H. Dohrman
Wood Lake.....	" 221		
Landmark.....	" 222	Theodore R. Swanson	
Eminence.....	" 223	Otto A. Kostal.....	
Silver Cord....	" 224	Max E. Kirkpatrick..	
Cable.....	" 225 *John Finch.....	Alonzo L. Leland.....	
Grace.....	" 226	Fred H. Romig.....	
North Star....	" 227	Morton P. Brunig....	John M. Paul
Bartley.....	" 228	Guy C. Ritchie.....	
Comet.....	" 229 Lloyd Krone.....	Otis Beaman.....	
Delta.....	" 230	Harry W. Rich.....	
Mount Hermon	" 231 *Theodore L. Schulte...		
John S. Bowen	" 232 Lillard S. Jensen.....		John Marshall
Gilead.....	" 233	Lyman T. Wills.....	
Zion.....	" 234 *Robin W. Bonnifield..	Robin W. Bonnifield..	
Fraternity.....	" 235	Robert E. Gormley...	
Golden Rule...	" 236 Oliver W. Money.....	Benjamin H. Mitchell	
Cubit.....	" 237 *David T. McPherson..	David T. McPherson..	
Friendship....	" 239 *Benjamin F. Lantz....	Edward Klingenberg..	
Pilot.....	" 240	William E. Snethen...	
Geo. Armstrong	" 241 Ray H. Thurber.....	Jorgen Jorgensen.....	

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Tyrian.....	" 243 Rob. D. Montgomery		*Eugene A. Follmer
Hampton.....	" 245	Marion J. Nickels..	
Nehawka.....	" 246 Marion N. Tucker...		
Corner-stone..	" 247 Alfred N. Lundstrom.	Harley N. Rhodes...	*Charles B. Rosburg
Laurel.....	" 248 *Joseph H. Artman...		
Gothenburg...	" 249 *Walter R. Nelson...	Walter R. Nelson...	*Walter R. Nelson
Geo. Washington	" 250	Percy Stabler	
Wausa.....	" 251	James B. Hammond..	
Hildreth.....	" 252	Alonzo L. Beck	
Beemer.....	" 253 Fred Buhk		
Bassett.....	" 254 *William E. Preble...		
Bradshaw.....	" 255 C. C. Lichtenberger...		
Hickman.....	" 256 *Robert W. Skelton...	Charles W. Krull...	
Holbrook.....	" 257 *Albert Phillipson...		
Anselmo.....	" 258 *Miles M. Kepler...		
Bee.....	" 259 Calvin N. Noxon...		
Ornan.....	" 261 William F. Lamb...	Lawrence I. Hines...	*William D. Spicknall
Endeavor.....	" 262	Vern F. Waddell...	
Mitchell.....	" 263 *Edward Milligan...	Edward Milligan...	*Edward Milligan
Franklin.....	" 264	Charles R. Stasenka	
Rob't W. Furnas	" 265 Harold F. Davies....	*Harold F. Davies...	*Harold F. Davies
Silver.....	" 266	Jason W. House	
J. A. Tulleys..	" 267	E. Delmer Long	
Geo. W. Lininger	" 268 Walter C. Johnson...		John S. Hedelund
Riverside.....	" 269	Charles D. Harper...	
Huntley.....	" 270		
Oasis.....	" 271 *Carl Thomas...	Carl Thomas	
Lee P. Gillette	" 272 Earl E. Borcharding..	Melbourne F. Westcott	
Crofton.....	" 273	Herman Swanson...	
Olive Branch..	" 274 *Samuel G. Shaw...		
Ramah.....	" 275 Charles H. Graham...	Hugh C. Thomas...	
Antelope.....	" 276	Donald S. Hinman...	
Sioux.....	" 277 James A. McClarey...		
Litchfield.....	" 278	Fred O. Richmond...	
Wallace.....	" 279 *James H. Howe...	Ralph E. Cowles...	
Swastika.....	" 280	Talmadge Sheldon...	
Florence.....	" 281	Harry Robinson...	Earl O. Buck
Mullen.....	" 282	John E. Lowe	
Exeter.....	" 283	Roy Eberhardt...	
Seneca.....	" 284	George McCawley...	
Camp Clarke..	" 285 *Edward K. Milmine...	Edward K. Milmine...	
Oshkosh.....	" 286	Victor E. Marsh...	
Union.....	" 287	Charles A. Thomson...	
Omaha.....	" 288		Frederick J. Bolshaw
Lotus.....	" 289	Elza A. Bourne...	
John J. Mercer	" 290 E. Earl Spencer....	Charles E. Smith...	
Diamond.....	" 291 *Clifford E. Rundquist.	Clifford E. Rundquist	
Wolbach.....	" 292		
Monument....	" 293 *Clyde E. Toler.....	Clyde E. Toler...	*Ralph M. Fagan
Kimball.....	" 294 *Clarence M. Ott...	Clarence M. Ott...	
Minatare.....	" 295 *George J. Stalbaum...	Jesse B. Entrekin...	*Fred W. Smith
Cowles.....	" 296		
Cotner.....	" 297 Frank H. Kiplin		
Chester.....	" 298	Myron A. Burton...	

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Sutherland...	" 299	G. Byron Cochran...		
Liberty.....	" 300		* <i>Marcus L. Poteet</i>	Marcus L. Poteet
Bayard.....	" 301	* <i>Earle J. Ishmael</i>	Earle J. Ishmael.....	
Mizpah.....	" 302	Charles C. Landeryou	Willard S. McEachron	Paul A. Wilcox
Right Angle...	" 303	Samuel J. Potter.....	Oliver H. Shelly.....	George A. Lee
Ruskin.....	" 304	John H. Jones.....	* <i>William H. Nelson</i>	Earl J. Mickelsen
Newman Grove	" 305	Ray S. Huston.....	Harold L. Gerhart...	Fred A. Melberg
Golden Rod...	" 306	* <i>Alonzo G. Miller</i>	Alonzo G. Miller.....	Austin F. Whitmire
William E. Hill	" 307	* <i>Samuel A. Naffziger</i>		
Perkins.....	" 308			Cecil C. Lyon
Winnebago....	" 309	* <i>Bert Boyd</i>	* <i>Clinton I. Lennon</i>	
Victory.....	" 310	Howard L. Yeager...		Arthur Anderson
Polk.....	" 311		R. Leonard Smith...	
Oak Leaf.....	" 312	* <i>George G. Shuber</i>	* <i>George G. Shuber</i>	
Potter.....	" 313		Joseph Nelson.....	* <i>Peter Hansen</i>
Craftsmen....	" 314	Wm. C. Steffensmeyer	Curry D. Bryson.....	
Palmer.....	" 315		John B. Van Pelt.....	Festus C. Sheldon
Alpha.....	" 316	Sherman W. McKinley	George W. Leamer...	* <i>Mell A. Schmied</i>
Mid-West.....	" 317	Carl E. Pratt.....	James R. Chappell...	
Grand Island..	" 318	Paul C. Holmberg...		Leo F. Kirkman
Bladen.....	" 319	John R. Hall.....		Will F. Dugan

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W. Brother Ralph O. Canaday, 285, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION.

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

The Committee on Masonic Education ask the indulgence of the Grand Lodge for the meagerness of our report.

V. W. Brother Charles M. Shepherd, was not only the Chairman of that Committee—he was the Committee. His love and devotion for the work was such that he not only gladly assumed the burden of the work, but it was so comprehensive, that there was nothing that the other members of the Committee could do or suggest that would add to it.

His work was a wonderful work; the more effective and the more wonderful on account of the splendid personality of the man himself. His sincerity, his simplicity, and his deep and broad affection for his Brethren, and above all, as our Grand Chaplain has said, "His purity gave his work an effectiveness that cannot be surpassed."

We believe that the Craft want this work to continue. We believe that the need for it has been made evident by the wonderful work of Brother Shepherd. We can find no more effective monument to his name and memory, than to carry on this important work. We therefore approve the recommendation of the Grand Master that the Committee on Masonic Education be continued.

There has also been referred to this Committee, paragraph 3 under the title of "Visits" in the address of the Grand Master. We believe that the Order of DeMolay is doing a great work in the upbuilding of citizenship, and one which is entitled to the hearty cooperation of the Fraternity. We therefore recommend that this paragraph be approved.

The records of the work done by Brother Shepherd are in the hands of the Grand Lodge and the hearts of the Brethren. We do not think it necessary to include in this report a record of his activities as Chairman of the Committee, and have not done so.

REMARKS BY M. W. GEORGE H. THUMMEL, PAST GRAND MASTER.

Since I was given the 50-year badge yesterday, I have looked at that badge with a great deal of interest. When I came to retire last night, I thought of what that badge meant since this Grand Lodge had been in existence, and I wondered how many Masons in Nebraska were privileged to wear this badge. I thought I would like to know, and I thought the other members that were permitted to wear this badge would like to know, and I therefore move that the Grand Secretary publish in the next issue of the Grand Lodge Proceedings, the names of those who are privileged to wear and are wearing the 50-year badge. Motion carried.

Brother Tinley Combs, extended an invitation to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to witness the con-

ferring of the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor, Cross of Honor and Legion of Honor at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Thursday Evening, June 7, 1928.

W. Lester R. Slonecker, 302, presented an amendment to the proposed amendments to Sections 123, 124 and 125 of the by-laws, offered in 1927. Said original proposed amendments with amendment now offered, properly signed, read as follows:

Amend Section 123 of Chapter 16 of the By-Laws by adding after the word "obligation" in the second line, the following words: "in the entered apprentice degree" and by striking out the words "or advancement," appearing in the fourth and fifth lines, so that said Section, when amended, will read as follows:

"Section 123. At any time prior to the obligation in the entered apprentice degree, an objection communicated to the Master or to the Lodge by a Master Mason belonging to said Lodge and in good standing, against the initiation of a candidate, or an objection so made to the admission of a Brother prior to the ballot upon his application, must be respected; and when objection is made, either verbally or otherwise, the Master shall declare the candidate rejected without ballot and the fact should be recorded; and a new petition must be presented before the Lodge can act further upon the matter, and such new petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition, but such new petition may be presented to the Lodge at any time after the objection is removed. In all such cases of objection the Lodge holds jurisdiction over the candidate the same as though he had been rejected by ballot. The objector need not give his reasons, and no demand shall be made upon him therefor, nor is he bound to prefer charges. His identity shall not be disclosed until the Master's retirement from office, and then shall be disclosed to the incoming Master only, except in case of the Master's removal from the jurisdiction, and shall then be disclosed only to the ranking Warden."

Amend Section 124 of Chapter 16 of the By-Laws by striking out the words "or advancement," in the first line and the word "remaining" in the ninth line; so that said Section when amended will read as follows:

Section 124.—DURATION. An objection to initiation or a waiver of jurisdiction, remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member in good standing of the Lodge, or until said objector has been adjudged insane by the proper civil authorities and has remained insane for one year after said adjudication. Nor can any Lodge by waiver of jurisdiction in favor of another Lodge destroy the force of an objection. Where from failure of a Master to communicate the name of an objector to his successor, or from any other cause, a Master does not know the name of an objector, the candidate may petition for the degrees in the regular manner.

An objection to a petitioner for affiliation remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member in good standing of the Lodge. But neither an objection, nor an unfavorable ballot upon a petition for affiliation can preclude the petitioner's right to petition any other Lodge for admission.

Amend Section 125 of Chapter 16 of the By-Laws by inserting after the word "admission" in the fourth line the following words: "or when objections to advancement are communicated to the Master by a Master Mason belonging to said Lodge and in good standing after the obligation in the entered apprentice degree," and by striking out all of said Section after the word "proceedings" in the fifth line, making that the end of the sentence, and adding to said Section the following: "Such objections may be made in secret to the Master who shall immediately call in his Wardens to consider the reasons therefore, which hearing shall be in secret. The objector shall acquaint these three with his reasons and if the Master and Wardens consider them sufficient, the candidate or Brother shall not be permitted to advance. Provided, however, that if the reasons for such objections be found insufficient or if such objections be later withdrawn with the consent of the then Master and Wardens of the Lodge, the candidate or Brother may take the degrees or remaining degrees without further petition," so that said Section when amended will read as follows:

"Section 125. When objections are communicated to the Master by any Master Mason in good standing and not a member of the Lodge or by another Lodge to initiation, advancement or admission, or when objections to advancement are communicated to the Master by a Master Mason belonging to said Lodge and in good standing, after the obligation in the entered apprentice degree, there must be a suspension of further proceedings. Such objections may be made in secret to the Master who shall immediately call in his Wardens to consider the reasons therefor, which hearing shall be in secret. The objector shall acquaint these three with his reasons, and if the Master and Wardens consider them sufficient, the candidate or Brother shall not be permitted to advance. Provided, however, that if the reasons for such objections be found insufficient or if such objections be later withdrawn with the consent of the then Master and Wardens of the Lodge, the candidate or Brother may take the degrees or remaining degrees without further petition."

At 11:45 A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 6, 1928.

At 1:30 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

REMARKS BY R. W. ORVILLE A. ANDREWS, GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

The subject much discussed by the Brethren of the Craft, about which there are a great many differences of opinion, is that of landmarks.

It is not my purpose this afternoon to burden you with any discussion on the subject of landmarks. There are, however, landmarks about which all

men agree, and about which there is no controversy, and which have been and are fundamental to the stability and perpetuation of our institution and the onward march of progress and the promotion of the uplift of humanity. The use of the Holy Bible, square and compass, as the three great lights in Masonry, are such landmarks, and these emblems have ever been displayed on the altars of our Lodges, to effectively teach to us our duties to God, to our neighbors, and ourselves. We have heard from time to time something of the history of this great Lodge of Masonry and of the achievements of our Brethren. In our present day, we having had as the exponents of the teaching of Masonry not only the pioneers who guided this Grand Lodge through the trying times of pioneer days, but the privilege of intimate talks with such as our beloved Brother who wears this button, and our Brother Shepherd and many of our Brethren in Masonry who have gone to the Great Beyond, not only that, but the examples of Brethren who are still in our midst; they should be an inspiration to us toward the living of better lives, a truer, nobler manhood.

In contemplating the history of this Grand Lodge, looking back over a period of time I have failed to find wherein this Grand Body has in its own right possessed the Holy Bible, square and compass. In my work as Acting Grand Marshal, and that of my immediate predecessors, we have at times felt very keenly the need of such a possession. In holding occasional communications we have found it at times necessary to perhaps go to some book store and borrow a Bible, and some hardware store to borrow a square and compass.

And Most Worshipful Grand Master, in behalf of the Grand Senior Warden and myself we beg permission to present through you to this Grand Lodge the three great lights of Masonry.

REMARKS BY M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, GRAND MASTER.

Will you on behalf of the Grand Lodge, Brother Senior Warden, place upon the altar the three great lights just presented, and you and the Grand Junior Warden remain at the altar for a moment.

My Brethren, speaking on behalf of this Grand Lodge, I do not feel that I could adequately convey to you the appreciation of this Grand Lodge for your thoughtful and generous consideration and gift.

I do not know what could be more appropriate than the gifts you have just given. The teachings of the lessons of Freemasonry are contained in and gathered about the great lights of Masonry, the chief of those great lights are the Holy Bible.

You Brethren well know that throughout the year as occasion has presented and in the closing hour of this administration the need of your splendid gift for the Grand Lodge. I am taking this opportunity of calling the attention of the Craft to the importance of the application of these three great lights, and more especially the Holy Bible, before we can work in a Lodge of Master Masons, it must be open upon the altar, when we close the Lodge we close the great lights of Masonry. If we make mistakes Masonically, I think we sometimes make the mistake of closing too securely the great light of Masonry when we close the Lodge. If Masonry means anything to you and

me, my Brethren, it means that the great light of Masonry in the lives of each of us, as Masons, opens not with the opening of the Lodge and closes not with the closing of the Lodge. Those great lights of Masonry, if we are to be real Master Masons, must be ever open before us that we may pursue and study its contents seven days in the week and make the application in our individual lives that we are instructed from in this great light of Masonry.

My Brethren, on behalf of this Grand Lodge I again express to you the appreciation for this splendid gift, and I am sure that in the years to come the reward of this gift will be reflected in the lives of each of you.

I thank you.

M. W. George H. Thummel, Past Grand Master, presented the report of the committee regarding the articles of incorporation of the Fremont Home, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee appointed to meet with a like Committee on behalf of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and a like Committee of the Nebraska Eastern Star Home relative to framing the Articles of Incorporation for the management of the Nebraska Eastern Star Home, would respectfully report that we have had several meetings during the year and now have the Articles of Incorporation practically agreed upon and we are now quite certain that same will be worked out in a manner satisfactory to all concerned at an early date.

We therefore recommend that the Committee be continued for another year and that when the Articles of Incorporation have been formed satisfactory to the parties interested, that the same be submitted to the incoming Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge for approval and when so approved by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, that the Articles be filed and used in the management of the Home as the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may direct.

W. Archie M. Smith, 203, presented a supplementary report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

We, the Committee on Grievances, beg leave to submit the following Supplemental Report:

1. We have carefully considered the action of the Grand Master in arresting the jewel of the Master of McCook Lodge No. 135 and placing the Senior Warden in charge of the Lodge, and we approve the same.

2. We have carefully considered the recommendation of the Grand Master that the Master's jewel be returned to the Master of said Lodge prior to the installation of the latter's successor, so that he may be recorded as a Past Master of his Lodge, and we approve such recommendation.

M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Past Grand Master, presented the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted, by sections and as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence fraternally make the following report relating to the several subjects in the Grand Master's address which have been referred to us through the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

We have carefully considered the decisions of the Grand Master and beg leave to report that we approve decisions Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

As to Decision No. 2 we recommend that this be amended by striking out the words "in lieu of" and inserting the word "for" in their place, and that as amended the decision be approved.

As to the recommendations of the Grand Master, we make the following recommendations:

That No. 1 be approved, and that the preparation and printing of the digest of the laws be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law, with authority to amend and to prepare an index and to employ the necessary help.

As to the Grand Master's actions with reference to dispensations and all matters relating to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, be approved.

With reference to the approval of the amendments to the by-laws of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, and Sterling Lodge No. 70, our answer to the Grand Master's question is in the affirmative, and that under Section 80 of our laws, as amended, a member desiring to demit would be required to pay in full the special assessment so levied in the by-laws of the Lodge.

We approve of the Grand Master's decision in regard to the award of the Gold Jordan Medal.

With reference to the report of the Special Committee on Codification of the Law in the Proceedings of 1927, we recommend the approval of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 10; that paragraphs 5 and 6 be referred back to the Committee on Codification of the Law, with instructions to reconcile the same with subsequent amendments; that paragraphs 9 and 11 be not concurred in; that paragraph 7 be amended by adding the words, "for its records," at the end of the paragraph, and that it be approved as so amended.

As to the fourth recommendation of the Grand Master in the year 1927, we recommend that the same be approved, and that the present chairman of this Committee be appointed to prepare the proposed legislation and submit the same to this Committee next year for its action at that time.

We recommend a continuation of the Special Sub-Committee appointed by this Committee in the year 1927, to prepare a proposed amendment to the law covering recommendation No. 7 of the then Grand Master.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Grand Master in the year 1927, we recommend the adoption of the following Grand Lodge by-laws:

"Consolidation of Lodges: When two or more subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one Lodge, they shall have the right to do so. Before such consolidation shall take place, each Lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail at his last known post office address, to every member thereof, that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation, and will be determined at a meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each Lodge at least one calendar month, and thereupon, if two-thirds of the members of each Lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Secretary of each Lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge such Lodges shall become one Lodge, taking the name and number of the Lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the Lodges thus consolidated, shall in such cases become the property of the new Lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the Lodge or Lodges going out of existence."

Recommendations of the Grand Master in the year 1927 numbered 2nd and 6th, are continued until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge for further consideration.

There was referred to this Committee the question of the action of the Grand Secretary in charging Grand Lodge dues against Lebanon Lodge No. 58 during the time its charter was under suspension and we recommend that such action of the Grand Secretary be approved, and, whereas, our Grand Lodge has advanced and paid out for Lebanon Lodge No. 58 the sum of \$679.20 in payment of its obligations to the Grand Lodge for the various charities, due from said Grand Lodge, we therefore recommend that all members of Lebanon Lodge No. 58 now extinct, desiring a demit be granted same upon payment of the sum of \$7.50 to the Grand Secretary, all sums so received to be applied in payment of its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge, any sum remaining to be applied in payment of any other indebtedness of said Lodge.

In the matter of the relief of a member of one of our Lodges referred to by the Grand Master under the head of "Relief," in which the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans has acted, dividing the expense between the Grand Lodge and the Lodge, and which the Lodge has neglected to pay, the action of the Committee is hereby approved, and it is recommended that in the future all cases in which the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans deem it advisable to permit the recipient of such relief to remain at home or with relatives for the time being, and to apportion the expense between the Grand Lodge, and the Lodge of which the recipient may be a member, or receiving assistance because of being a relative of a member of such Lodge, be and the same is hereby authorized, and the Grand Secretary shall so advise the Lodge interested, of the action of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, and the same shall thereupon become an obligation of such Lodge, and in case such Lodge shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, that the Grand Master, upon being so advised, shall thereupon issue his order directing such Lodge to pay such amount within a day to be named therein.

W. Ralph O. Canaday, 285, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law has carefully digested the approved decisions and recommendations of the Grand Master and the approved reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence and has codified such of them as suggest changes in the laws as follows:

1. Pursuant to approved Decision No. 1 of the decisions of the Grand Master, we recommend that Section 89-D of the law be amended to read as follows:

Section 89-D.—Badge for Mason of 50 Years. All Master Masons in good standing who have been such for a period of fifty years and who are members of subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction shall be entitled upon application to receive from the Grand Lodge a suitable badge or button, which badge or button shall be selected and provided by the Grand Secretary and paid for out of the Grand Lodge Funds.

2. Pursuant to approved decision No. 3 of the Grand Master, we recommend that a new section of the law to be known as Section 89-E, be enacted as follows:

Section 89-E.—No one shall be entitled to the Gold Jordan Medal unless he be a resident Mason of Nebraska.

3. Pursuant to approved Decision No. 4 of the Grand Master we recommend that Section 80 be amended to read as follows:

Section 80—(First paragraph)—Assessment.—Chartered Lodges shall have discretionary power to assess dues upon members who are Master Masons in good standing, and their by-laws shall designate the amount so assessed and the time for its payment. All such dues and special assessments shall be uniform upon the members, resident and non-resident alike. All Lodges in fixing the dues of their members shall include the amount of Grand Lodge dues with the Lodge dues. A Brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the Lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted, and shall be required to pay in full all special assessments.

4. Pursuant to approved Decision No. 5 of the Grand Master we recommend that Section 66 of the law be amended to read as follows:

Section 66.—All those hereinafter initiated, passed and raised, shall become proficient in each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open Lodge. After such examination, the Master may, if there is no objection made, declare the Brother proficient. Such declaration shall be made in a Lodge of Master Masons. If objection is made, the Master shall put the question: "Is the Brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of members present. The Secretary shall make a record that the examination was had and the action of the Lodge upon the same.

5. Pursuant to approved Decision No. 6 of the Grand Master, we recommend that Section 106 be amended to read as follows:

Section 106—Grounds of Disqualification: A Lodge cannot initiate anyone who is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, nor one who is engaged in the sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor one who cannot read or write, nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all our peculiar rites and ceremonies. Provided, however, the provision last above named, referring to such physical

imperfections, shall not apply to a candidate to be initiated in a Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, at the request of and for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction; the matter of the qualifications of such candidate being exclusively with such other Grand Jurisdictions of such candidate. But a physical disability occurring after initiation, to any candidate, under this Grand Jurisdiction, will not prevent advancement.

6. With reference to approved Decision No. 8 of the Grand Master, Section 88 of the law as it now stands is as definite as it seems to us that good policy dictates that we should make it.

7. Pursuant to recommendation No. 2 of the Grand Master, as amended and approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we recommend that Section 89-C of the law be amended to read as follows:

Section 89-C.—No subordinate Lodge shall purchase or erect any building or structure or subscribe for stock in a Temple Craft Association, for which it is necessary to borrow money and to issue any evidence of indebtedness of the Lodge, without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. This shall not apply to separately incorporated Temple Crafts or building associations, the obligations of which are not liabilities of the Lodge.

8. Pursuant to the approval of the Grand Master's action with reference to the dispensation to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, we recommend that Section 51 of the law be amended to read as follows:

Section 51—Succession: In case of the absence or removal of the Master from office, the Senior and Junior Warden, according to rank, shall succeed to the duties of his station, though neither has received the Past Master's degree. The Master, or in his absence, the ranking Warden, may invite a competent member to preside over the Lodge, but the one so presiding acts only as proxy of the officer who called him to the East, and should the latter be superseded by the entrance of a ranking officer, the presiding Brother's authority ceases. The latter should not sign any legal papers, issued by the Lodge. 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 special meeting regularly called by the Master and Wardens, acting as such, or at a meeting called for the purpose of conducting a funeral. In event the Master Senior Warden and Junior Warden are for any cause all permanently removed from the jurisdiction of their Lodge the Grand Master shall designate a Past Master of said Lodge to act as Master of such Lodge and perform all the functions of the Master of such Lodge until a Master is duly elected and qualified in accordance with the laws of this jurisdiction.

9. We recommend that the recommendation of the Grand Master of 1927, as approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, be adopted as a law as set forth in the report of said Committee, and that it be designated as Chapter VII-A, Section 46-B of the law.

10. Pursuant to recommendations of the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to the special report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which we reported in 1927 and which report was laid over until this year, we recommend that the following amendments be made to the law:

Section 27-A.—Funds—How loaned: Said funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars to any one person, not to exceed Fifty (50%) per cent of the appraised value of such security, or in bonds of corporations secured by first mortgages on its tangible assets, or in approved public securities. All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks or trust companies on interest until required for the purpose of making loans. The applicant for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security and sign a

statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run and the rate of interest offered.

Transfer Section 30-A to Section 8, to be known as Section 8-A. Transfer Section 31-A to Section 30-A.

Section 101—(Second paragraph): Whenever a Lodge shall receive a petition from one seeking initiation in a Lodge, other than the Lodge or Lodges within whose jurisdiction he resides, before the petition is referred to a Committee the Secretary shall forward to the Lodge or Lodges having jurisdiction a request under the seal of the Lodge for a waiver. If such waiver is granted the petitioner shall thereafter be deemed material of such Lodge. In any event the petition shall be retained by the Lodge receiving it, for its records.

Section 175—Fixing Grade of Punishment: If any charge or specification shall be sustained, the accused shall then and there be declared guilty, and the Master shall put the question as to the degree of punishment beginning with the greatest and if not sustained the next grade, and so on in the order as hereinafter provided. The vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to decide the degree of punishment, except that if no higher degree of punishment is voted, the Master shall reprimand the accused in open Lodge.

Section 185—Opening Lodge: The Lodge shall be opened in the highest degree to which the accused has attained in Ancient Craft Masonry, but the decision as to guilt or innocence and the degree of punishment shall be severally determined by a Lodge of Master Masons.

11. We recommend that pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to the Grand Master's action in the question of relief for a member of a Lodge, a new section of the law to be known as Section 32-A be enacted as follows:

Section 32-A.—In event the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans deem it advisable to permit the recipient of such relief to remain at home or with relatives for the time being, they may apportion the expense between the Grand Lodge and the Lodge of which the recipient may be a member, or receiving assistance because of being a relative of a member of such Lodge, and the Grand Secretary shall so advise the Lodge interested of the action of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, and the same shall thereupon become an obligation of such Lodge, and in case such Lodge shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, that the Grand Master, upon being so advised, shall thereupon issue his order directing such Lodge to pay such amount within a day to be recorded therein.

12. Pursuant to recommendation No. 5 of the Special Committee on Codification of the Law, approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we recommend that Section 97 of the by-laws be amended to read as follows:

Section 97.—How Measured: A Lodge chartered or under dispensation has, for all purposes, exclusive territorial jurisdiction half way in an air line to each surrounding chartered Lodge. Such distance to be measured from the corporate limits of the cities or towns in which the Lodges are located; and in case the residence of a petitioner is within a recognized town or village, whose townsite has been regularly laid out and platted, whether incorporated or not, such petitioner shall be considered as within the jurisdiction of the Lodge nearest the limits of such town or village plat. Provided, that Tyre Lodge No. 85, and Wymore Lodge No. 104, and all Lodges in cities where there are two or more, shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Provided further that all Lodges located in the city of Omaha, and the towns of Florence, Benson and Dundee shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners for the mysteries of Freemasonry who reside within the corporate limits of the above named city and towns. Provided further that Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Liberty Lodge No. 300, North

Star Lodge No. 227, George Washington Lodge No. 250, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 and College View Lodge No. 320, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named Lodges. Provided further than Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, of South Omaha shall retain the same exclusive jurisdiction as heretofore, notwithstanding any consolidation of the cities of Omaha and South Omaha. Provided further that Victory Lodge No. 310, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Wahoo Lodge No. 59, and Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named Lodges.

Provided further that Ogalalla Lodge No. 159 and Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory within the corporate limits of Big Springs at the time the petition is received.

13. Pursuant to the recommendation offered by the Committee on Finance, and approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we recommend that a new section of the law known as Section 31-D be enacted as follows:

Section 31-D.—The Childrens Home Endowment Fund: Twenty-seven Thousand (\$27,000) Dollars in government bonds, par value now being transferred from the assets of the Maintenance Fund for Childrens Home, the unexpended income from the fund, and such additions as may be later made to this fund by action of this Grand Lodge, or by gifts or bequests, shall constitute "The Childrens Home Endowment Fund," and except by direct action of this Grand Lodge in Annual Communication assembled, no part of the principal of this fund shall be used. The annual interest earned by said fund in any one year may be expended by the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home or this Grand Lodge for the maintenance of the Childrens Home at Fremont. The fund with its increase from time to time shall by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds for the purpose for which the fund is created.

14. Pursuant to the recommendation offered by the Committee on Finance, and approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we recommend that Section 7 of the by-laws be amended to read as follows:

Section 7.—The Grand Secretary shall record the transactions of the Grand Lodge, and shall personally attend each communication thereof, with all necessary books, papers, and accounts of his office. He shall have the custody of its seal and shall affix the same to all documents and papers whenever required by law or by the Grand Master. He shall receipt for and deposit without delay in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens acting collectively, all moneys received by him and belonging to the Grand Lodge, and shall keep strict account thereof; and when so deposited no money shall be drawn out of any bank except by orders regularly issued signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. He shall conduct its correspondence under the direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. He shall provide all necessary books and stationery for his office and have charge of all records, supplies, jewels, certificates, and documents; he shall draw all orders when lawfully directed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, and shall perform all other customary duties appertaining to his office, according to the customs, laws, and usages of Freemasonry. He shall be ex-officio Librarian of the Grand Lodge and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and shall prepare all diplomas provided for in these by-laws. He shall not authenticate any diploma except it be of the form heretofore adopted and in use by this Grand Lodge. All such diplomas which require the genuine signature of any Brother shall not be authenticated by him until such signature is attached, and the diploma is complete as to date, seal, and signature of officers. All names on the diploma must be written with one given name in full. He shall keep in his office a record of those rejected, suspended, and expelled, but said

records shall not be published or circulated except under directions of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. He shall, on or before the 20th day of March of each year, notify each Lodge of indebtedness due from it to the Grand Lodge, and on the 10th day of May of each year he shall close the account of each subordinate Lodge preparatory to the annual communication, and for all of such services he shall receive a salary of Thirty-six Hundred (\$3600) Dollars per annum, payable monthly. He shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars, which may be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the cost of which shall be paid by this Grand Lodge. Upon the installation of his successor in office, he shall transfer to the latter all of the books, records, accounts, and supplies in his office, except such of said books and papers as may be necessary to enable him to make up his portion of the records of the communication at which said successor shall be installed, and he shall make delivery to his successor of these papers so retained with the least possible delay. The Grand Secretary shall examine and correct the annual reports of the subordinate Lodges, make such recommendations with reference thereto as may seem advisable, and submit a tabular abstract of the condition of the Craft.

15. Pursuant to the recommendation offered by the Committee on Finance, and approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we recommend that Section 8 of the by-laws be amended to read as follows:

Section 8.—The Grand Custodian shall attend all communications of the Grand Lodge, and under the direction and control of the Grand Master, shall have the entire charge and supervision of the work, lectures, and ritual of this jurisdiction, and it is made his duty to enforce the thorough teaching and practice of said work, ritual, and lectures, and immediately to report to the Grand Master any violation of this requirement; that if it shall come to his knowledge that any Lodge within the jurisdiction shall ignore, refuse, or fail to practice, in every respect, such uniform and established work as taught by him, it shall be his duty to instantly report the same to the Grand Master, who may arrest the charter of said Lodge, and shall hold the same until such time as it shall comply with the requirements of the Grand Master aforesaid, or until the next communication of the Grand Lodge. The work of the Grand Custodian in conducting schools of instruction or otherwise, shall not be interrupted by calls upon him for Masonic funerals or other meetings or work, except under urgent circumstances which, in the opinion of the Grand Master, shall be sufficient to justify such interruption. He shall make a full and detailed report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars per year, payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work.

At 5:55 P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, June 7, 1928.

At 9:00 o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

W. Clendenen W. Mitchell, 158, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Finance, respectfully report as follows:

We have examined the statements of the Grand Secretary and the audit of the John M. Gilchrist Company pertaining to the resources, liabilities, income and disbursements of the *General Fund*, the *Building and Improvement Fund*, the *Orphans Educational Fund*, the *War Relief Fund*, the *Masonic-Eastern Star Home Maintenance Fund*, the *Permanent Reserve Fund*, the *Grand Secretary's Contingent Fund*, and the *Grand Lodge Supply Account* and give the following statements pertaining to those Funds:

GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand May 20th, 1927.....	\$30,138.52	
Amount due the Relief Fund.....	6,857.30	
Total cash as per 1927 proceedings.....	\$36,995.82	
Received during the year from all sources.....	34,651.63	
Paid to the Relief Fund in June, 1927.....		\$ 6,857.30
General Fund Expenditures during year.....		30,514.10
Cash on hand May 20th, 1928.....		34,276.05
	\$71,647.45	\$71,647.45

The above statement shows that the receipts for the fiscal year which closed May 20th, 1928 exceeded the expenditures by \$4,137.53 and that the General Fund Cash has increased the same amount during the same period.

We further find that the total approved appropriations from the General Fund at the time of the 1927 Annual Communication, exclusive of transfer of monies to the Relief Fund, were \$31,130.68 and that the total expenditures of the General Fund during the fiscal year just closed were \$30,514.10. These figures show a saving during the fiscal year just closed of \$616.58. Proper credit is due the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary for this surplus.

We tabulate herewith the instances where the expenditures did not come up to the approved appropriations:

Classification—	Appropriated	Spent	Savings
Reporting 1927 Grand Lodge.....	\$ 100.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 37.00
Entertainment of Guests.....	100.00	55.30	44.70
Grand Chaplain Expense.....	150.00	75.00	75.00
Grand Master Expense.....	1,500.00	1,400.00	100.00
Grand Secretary Clerk Hire.....	2,500.00	2,150.00	350.00
Expense Grand Lodge Officers.....	600.00	500.00	100.00
Grand Secretary's Bond.....	100.00	75.00	25.00
Blanket Bond Subordinate Lodge Officers....	725.00	688.30	36.70
Incidental Expense—Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts.....	300.00	None	300.00

Reserve to cover contracts under special agreement—Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts.....	500.00	100.00	400.00
Committee—Masonic Education.....	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Purchase of Lists of Regular Lodges and mailing of same.....	115.00	None	115.00
Grand Secretary's Office Equipment.....	250.00	219.65	30.35
Audit—Washington National Memorial.....	952.50	900.00	52.50
Total Savings.....			\$2,666.25

We also tabulate herewith the instances where the expenditures exceeded the appropriation:

Classification—	Appropriation	Spent	Over
Grand Custodian and Deputy Grand Custodian expense.....	\$1,950.00	\$2,220.08	\$270.08
Certified Public Accountant.....	25.00	35.00	10.00
Expense—Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	750.00	1,051.73	301.73
General Incidental Expense.....	1,400.00	1,646.41	246.41
Refund to Lodges.....	30.00	40.10	10.10
Total over on authorized expenses.....			\$838.32

We also tabulate herewith those items of expense which were not anticipated a year ago but which were considered by the Grand Officers as necessary and proper expenses:

Classification—	Amount
Masonic Relief Association United States and Canada.....	\$ 204.69
Cleaning Rugs in Library.....	16.00
Purchase of 300 of the 50-year medals.....	600.00
Expense of Grand Secretary traveling under direction of the Grand Master to the Meeting of the Relief Association of the United States and Canada, attending the Grand Lodge of Missouri, the Masonic Reunion at Chadron, and the Grand Master's Conference and meeting of the Washington National Memorial Ass'n.....	313.66
Floral Emblems.....	40.00
Top plate—Jordan Medal.....	12.00
Help—preparing tabulation of Past Grand Master's decisions.....	25.00
Total un-anticipated expense.....	\$1,211.35

We recommend that the expenditures listed above which either exceeded the approved appropriations or for which no appropriations were made be approved as a matter of form and record.

We further recommend that the sum of \$600.00 which approximately represents the General Fund Saving of the past year be transferred to the Permanent Reserve Fund.

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

The fund showed cash and bonds on May 20th, 1927 of \$96,901.42 of which \$48,450.71 was transferred to the Maintenance Fund for the Childrens Home activities at Fremont, leaving cash and bonds in the Building and Improvement Fund of \$48,450.71

Total receipts from all sources.	\$15,516.92	
Cost of new building at Fremont and furnishings.		\$20,602.06
Accrued interest and premium on bonds purchased during the year.		115.92
Cash and bonds on hand on May 20th, 1928.		43,249.65
	\$63,967.63	\$63,967.63

This fund shows a loss during the year of \$5,201.06 but during the year the Grand Lodge has put \$20,602.06 into the completion of the new building at Fremont and the furnishings of the same. The revenue credited to this fund comes from 25 cents per capita, \$2.50 from the fees for each initiation and affiliation, and from the interest on deposits and bonds.

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Cash and bonds on hand last report.	\$140,458.18	
Receipts from interest.	7,574.49	
Accrued interest paid on bonds purchased.		123.87
Cash and bonds on hand May 17th, 1928.		\$147,908.80
	\$148,032.67	\$148,032.67

This fund is under the direction of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home. No member of the fraternity is paying anything annually to the fund nor is any per capita collected for this fund. It was designed as a permanent endowment fund long years ago and has been so considered at all times.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

Cash and securities on hand May 20th, 1927.	\$ 33,817.26	
Interest on bonds and daily balances.	1,474.16	
Paid this year for Relief.		353.00
Accrued interest on bonds bought.		6.11
Cash and bonds in the fund May 17th, 1928.		\$ 34,932.31
	\$ 35,291.42	\$ 35,291.42

This fund has been administered by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home during the recess of the Grand Lodge. There is no annual increase to this fund from the members of the fraternity.

We offer you a summary of the activities of this fund from its start in 1918:

Monies originally collected from Lodges 1918-19.	\$ 26,549.00
Interest on investments including daily balances.	11,981.11
Total gross revenue of the fund.	\$ 38,530.00

Paid out for relief during the life of the fund.....	3,597.80
Present value of the fund.....	\$ 34,932.31

MAINTENANCE FUND—CHILDRENS HOME

This fund was started in 1927 by the transfer of 50% of the monies and securities in the former Building and Improvement Fund as per the action of the Grand Lodge.

Amount transferred from the former Building and Improvement Fund.....	\$48,450.71
Revenue from interest.....	\$ 1,031.79
Revenue from dues and fees.....	\$14,092.00 15,123.79
Paid out to Board of Managers Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.....	\$18,000.00
Accrued interest on bonds bought.....	224.08
Cash and bonds in the fund May 17, 1928.....	45,350.42
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	\$63,574.50 \$63,574.50

This fund is maintained by a per capita of 25 cents, \$2.50 from each initiation and affiliation, and the interest accruing on daily balances and bonds.

We want to call your attention to the fact that on the basis of collections from 41,548 Master Masons, 1437 initiations and 23 affiliations as shown by the Grand Secretary's records this year, this fund shows receipts of \$14,092.00. When interest on daily balances and on bonds is added to this the total annual revenue to this fund is but slightly over \$15,000.00.

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 425.00
Bonds—par value.....	10,000.00
Total value of the fund.....	\$10,425.00

This fund was created one year ago as a general reserve fund for possible future emergencies.

We recommend that the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary be authorized to invest the bulk of the cash now in this fund in Government or other liquid bonds.

GRAND SECRETARY'S CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance in Fund May 20th, 1927.....	\$ 472.00
Received this year from Grand Lodge.....	1,646.41
Received this year from Grand Chapter.....	42.00
Received this year from Grand Commandery.....	30.00
Disbursements for postage.....	\$ 400.00
blanks.....	457.05

stationery.....	274.63
Janitor.....	67.25
Miscellaneous.....	301.34
Telephone calls.....	230.53
Telegrams.....	59.61
Balance on hand May 20th, 1928.....	400.00
	\$ 2,190.41
	\$ 2,190.41

We recommend that this method of taking care of this class of items be continued inasmuch as it has proven very convenient and satisfactory to the Grand Officers and is readily audited at the time of the Annual Communication.

GRAND LODGE SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

This account was separated from the General Fund last year by the transfer of \$2,000.00. The sum of \$1,949.35 has been paid into this account during the year by subordinate Lodges and interest on daily balances has been \$21.70. Supplies have been purchased during the year amounting to \$1,653.72. There is now a cash balance in the Peters National Bank of \$2,317.33. An inventory of the supplies for re-sale has recently been taken showing a value of \$2,016.24. So that the account now shows a book value of \$4,333.57.

This method of handling supplies for re-sale to subordinate Lodges is proving extremely satisfactory from every angle and we feel that there is no further cause for additional funds to be transferred from the General Fund. It seems that the fund is on a permanent basis. It is designed that this fund shall show only enough profit to care for postage, express, etc., and is not planned as a profit maker at all.

We recommend the continuance of the account on its present basis.

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.

We have audited the General Relief Fund carried in the name of the Grand Lodge at the Norfolk National Bank.

We find that a year ago, under direction of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Relief returned to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$4,824.17, which represented un-used funds placed in their hands prior to June, 1927. This money, together with the amount due the fund from annual collections just prior to June, 1927, or \$6,857.30, and the monies due it from collections just recently completed or \$6,950.70 and the sum of \$139.50 as interest on daily balances gives a total cash available during the year of \$18,771.67. The Committee on Relief have withdrawn the sum of \$5,200.00 from this fund, leaving a present balance of \$13,571.67. This fund is drawing the Grand Lodge 2% on daily balances.

It would seem that since the monies used for relief during the year ending June 1st, 1926 were about \$4,900.00 and during the year ending June 1st, 1927 were nearly \$5,800.00 and during the year ending May 20th, 1928, did not exceed \$5,200.00, that \$7,000.00 of the present General Relief Fund of

this Grand Lodge could well be invested in Government Bonds or other extremely liquid bonds so that the Grand Lodge could receive a little greater revenue from interest to the credit of this fund. By doing this, should the Relief Committee be called upon for unusual relief the bonds could readily be cashed and the money would be available. This suggestion does not in any way wish to segregate this item of \$7,000.00 from the Relief Fund but just to see that part of its present excess funds be invested in bonds.

We recommend that the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary make this investment in bonds from the apparent cash surplus in the General Relief Fund of the Grand Lodge and that the bonds be carried as a part of this Relief Fund until the money equivalent may be needed for relief purposes.

ACCOUNTS OF PAST GRAND MASTER CRITES COVERING GRAND MASTER'S EXPENSE AND GRAND OFFICERS' EXPENSE.

The accounts mentioned above have been referred to us for auditing. We find that Past Grand Master Crites withdrew from the General Fund \$1,500.00 for his own personal expenses, that he used \$996.04 and returned to the General Fund \$503.96 which item appears in the General Fund Receipts of this fiscal year just closed.

We further find that \$600.00 was withdrawn for Grand Officers' expense, that \$264.08 was used and \$335.92 was returned to the General Fund, which item appears in the General Fund Receipts of this fiscal year just closed.

GRAND CUSTODIAN AND DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIAN EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

We have audited the Grand Custodian's expense account which also includes the appropriation for expenses of Deputy Grand Custodians.

Balance on hand last year.....	\$	270.08	
Appropriated from the General Fund and drawn.....		1,950.00	
Refunds paid to the Grand Custodian by the Grand Master, various Lodges, and the Committee on Masonic Education.....		420.62	
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Total funds.....	\$	2,640.70	
Expense of Deputy Custodians.....	\$	1,401.62	
Office expense.....		533.00	
Grand Custodian's Expense.....		705.52	2,640.14
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Balance on hand.....	\$.56

We believe that it would be well if each Deputy Grand Custodian would furnish statement of the funds that he receives from the Grand Custodian so that it would be possible to file a more complete audit of this class of expenditure. And in the suggestion we ask the co-operation of the Deputy Grand Custodians as well as the Grand Custodian.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION.

The Grand Secretary shows the sum of \$1,543.19 collected from various Lodges up to May 17th, 1928 during this fiscal year for this fund. The large part of this money undoubtedly comes through the efforts of the special committee appointed by the present Grand Master. The money is on deposit in a Savings account at the United States National Bank of Omaha.

A request comes for the transfer of this money to the Secretary of the Memorial Association for a contract has just been signed for the construction of another unit of the building.

We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary remit \$1,543.19 to the Secretary of the Memorial Association and that further payments be credited to the savings account for further accumulation of funds.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY RELIEF FUND.

We have examined and audited the account of the Mississippi Valley Flood Relief. Since last year the Grand Secretary has received \$252.50 from various Lodges and one Lodge sent \$25.00 direct to the disbursing officer of the Fund. This makes a total collected last year and this year of \$6,601.35 and a like amount properly remitted.

We observe that Masonic Bodies and Chapters of the Eastern Star contributed a little over \$600,000.00 to this cause and that on March 20th, 1928 the disbursing officer had a cash balance of \$547.38.

LIGHTING OF GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE AND LIBRARY.

On account of the rather inadequate lighting facilities in the office of the Grand Master and the library, both rooms being often used for evening meetings, we recommend that adequate lighting facilities be purchased and installed. We have in our hands a bid of an Electric Company in Omaha who agree to do this for \$81.50. We feel that this should be done at once and recommend the expenditure of not to exceed \$81.50 from the general fund.

REQUEST FOR LOAN TO SUBORDINATE LODGE.

Creighton Lodge No. 100 requests the loan of \$800.00. This request comes about from the recent closing of the bank at Creighton in which all funds of the Lodge were deposited. The letter indicates that the property of the Lodge is free from indebtedness and it would seem to this committee that it would be much better if the Creighton Lodge would obtain its borrowings through some other channel than at the hands of the Grand Lodge. We wonder where the matter of loans to subordinate Lodges would end if it once became the practice of this Grand Body. We recommend that the request be not granted.

MASONIC EDUCATION.

We have audited the report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Masonic Education.

Balance on hand a year ago.....	\$	1.24
Received from the General Fund appropriation 1927.....		1,000.00
	\$	1,001.24
Paid out in connection with activities of committee.....		671.44
Returned to the Grand Secretary and the General Fund.....	\$	329.80

REQUEST FOR THE RETURN OF DUES AND FEES.

The representative of Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202, who has recently been made Secretary of that Lodge, comes before the Committee asking that the Grand Lodge adjust certain errors in that Lodge's accounts with the Grand Lodge. These errors, with one exception, are all brought about by carelessness or neglect of former secretaries of that Lodge. It is true that these errors run back as far as 1910 and that in one case the Lodge has been paying Grand Lodge dues continually since 1910 on a Brother who died in 1910.

This matter of adjustment of errors of subordinate secretaries has been often presented in years gone by and the custom has prevailed that it is inexpedient to endeavor to adjust errors of subordinate secretaries. We feel that there should be no change at this time in this matter.

There is one item, however, presented by Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202 that, in our judgment should properly be adjusted. In July or August, 1921, a Brother petitioned Corner Stone Lodge No. 247. At the request of that Lodge Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202 conferred the three degrees and the secretaries of the two Lodges each considered the member as belonging to their respective Lodge. This has resulted in each Lodge paying the initiation fee and annual per capita on this Brother during the period since 1921. Since the Brother was not properly a member of Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202 we recommend that the initiation fee of \$5.00 and six annual per capita items of \$2.00 each or a total of \$17.00 be returned to Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202 and charged to the General Fund of this Grand Lodge.

The Secretary of Holbrook Lodge No. 257 appeared before the committee and asked for the refund of certain dues paid in error by former secretaries of that Lodge to the Grand Lodge all of them back before 1920 except one. We recommend that no adjustment be made.

DEPOSITORY BOND FREMONT NATIONAL BANK AND FIDELITY BOND OF SECRETARY-TREASURER MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.

Early in the current year the finance committee suggested to the Grand Master, the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and the President of the Childrens Home at Fremont that it might be well to ask for depository bond securing the deposits of the Board of Managers of the Childrens Home as well as the savings account of the children themselves, in the Fremont National Bank which bank had already been designated as a depository for the committee's funds. Also that Fidelity Bond be procured covering the activities of the Secretary-Treasurer of the

Board of Managers. The bonds were procured and are in the hands of the Board of Managers and the premiums have been paid by the Board of Managers from their own funds. The Fidelity Bond is \$10,000.00 and the Depository Bond is \$6,000.00.

TITLE TO CHILDRENS HOME PROPERTY AT FREMONT.

Early in the last fiscal year the Finance Committee asked permission to have the abstracts of the property at Fremont now used as childrens homes extended and proper record of title examination made. It was the will and pleasure of the Grand Master that this be done and the examination of the title has shown the need of the following correction which we quote from the attorney's record of title examination:

On the 40-acre tract:

"1. At entry No. 19 is shown a conveyance to the County of Dodge and State of Nebraska, of a strip of land thirty-three feet in width off the south side of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section eleven.

"2. At entry No. 23 is shown a corporation deed but no corporate seal is attached."

On the 16.25 acres:

"1. At entry No. 2 is shown a deed from the State of Nebraska which recites that this real estate had been sold to Wm. J. Benton. It will be necessary that a quit claim deed be obtained from this party.

"2. At entry No. 3 is shown the probate proceedings in the estate of Mary A. Goff, deceased. The abstractor's report of these proceedings show that the date of the first hearing was set for November 17th, 1889, while the notices were not published until after this date and the hearing was not held until December 17th. We presume that this is a typographical error, but it should be corrected. The abstractor should also attach a copy of the notices published in these proceedings.

"3. At entry No. 8 is shown a corporation deed but no corporate seal is attached.

"4. In view of the recent United States Supreme Court decision, it will be necessary that you have a certificate showing that there are no judgments in the United States District Court for Nebraska against any of the owners of the premises from the year 1905 down to this date."

We feel that it is well that these items be properly corrected and suggest that the matter be turned over to the Board of Managers of the Childrens Homes to be completed under their direction and due report to be made to the Grand Master, M. W. Frank H. Woodland.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT—GRAND SECRETARY.

This fund is used to accumulate annual returns from subordinate Lodges during the months of April and May. When all monies are collected they are distributed to the proper funds. We have audited this account and the details of the account appear in the report of the Grand Secretary. This fund

is in no way a primary fund of the Grand Lodge but is necessary for the regular distribution of the funds that come in just after April 1st, annually.

BONDS OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary has been bonded in the amount of \$50,000.00 covering Fidelity. We recommend that this bond be continued on the same basis with the exception that the Grand Secretary place the same in some other bonding company than that holding the bond covering fidelity of officers of subordinate Lodges, if he can so place the same on the 15 cent rate in a surety company approved by the Grand Master.

AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN OR SELL REGISTERED GOVERNMENT BONDS.

"Be it resolved, that Frank H. Woodland or Ira C. Freet be and either of them is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and assign any or all United States Registered Bonds or Registered Bonds of any description, which are transferable on the books of the Treasury Department, now standing, or which may hereafter stand in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to appoint one or more attorneys for that purpose."

AUTHORITY TO INVEST SURPLUS FUNDS.

We recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, and the Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden acting collectively be empowered and authorized to invest the surplus monies in any funds of the Grand Lodge in Government Bonds, Registered or Coupon or other liquid bonds as such surplus funds may appear.

FURNITURE AND FIXTURE ACCOUNT.

We find an item of Furniture and Fixtures in the Trial Balance of the General Fund of \$5,303.47. This includes \$219.65 of purchases in the last fiscal year. An inventory of this class of items has been prepared. No depreciation has been charged off in past years. We recommend that the "Furniture and Fixture Account" and the recently prepared inventory be referred back to the Grand Secretary and the incoming Finance Committee to establish a permanent method of annual depreciation.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF GRAND MASTER.

We recommend the approval of the recommendation of the Grand Master as outlined in the last paragraph of his statements relative to finances as outlined on page 11 of his annual address. We further recommend that the salary of the Grand Custodian be increased to \$3,000.00 per annum payable on a monthly basis.

We ask for unanimous consent that the following proposed amendments to the by-laws of this Grand Lodge be considered and acted on at this annual communication;

That the amount in line 23, section seven, chapter two, be changed from \$2,400.00 to \$3,600.00.

That the amount in line 2, page 22, section 8, chapter 2, be changed from \$2,400.00 to \$3,000.00.

The proposed amendments to the law having been signed by five members of the Grand Lodge, unanimous consent was granted and the above amendments were unanimously adopted and referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law.

Grand Master Davis' recommendation No. 2 having been referred to this committee, we feel that the usual appropriation for Grand Secretary's office equipment will nicely cover such files as may be needed for this purpose for the coming year and feel that no further action on the part of the Finance Committee is necessary.

Grand Master Davis' recommendation No. 3 has had very careful investigation and consideration on the part of the Finance Committee. We have discussed this matter with various members of the Grand Lodge and of the Jurisprudence Committee. We find a persistent desire on the part of many members of the Grand Lodge that the "War Relief Fund" shall not lose its identity. These same members of the Grand Lodge are willing to grant the use of the unexpended annual revenue of this fund to the meeting of the Grand Lodge's share of the Maintenance of the Childrens Home at Fremont. The law provides that this may be done under the direction of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

We further recognize that the Grand Master and many members of the Grand Lodge desire the establishment of a permanent Endowment Fund, the revenue of which will be used to amplify the annual receipts now coming to the Maintenance Fund for Childrens Homes. That this may be done and that a start may be made towards this Endowment Fund we recommend that \$27,000.00 in bonds now a part of the assets of the Maintenance Fund for Childrens Homes be transferred from that fund and form the nucleus of a fund to be known as "The Childrens Home Endowment Fund" and that this fund, which is now being created, be managed by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in the same general manner in which they are now and have been managing the War Relief Fund and the Orphans Educational Fund.

AMENDMENT OFFERED.

The Finance Committee asks the unanimous consent to consider the following amendment enacting Section 31-D of the law, which relates to the creating of the fund to be known as "The Childrens Home Endowment Fund."

Section 31-D.—"The Childrens Home Endowment Fund." \$27,000.00 in bonds par value now being transferred from the assets of the Maintenance Fund for Children's Home, the unexpended income from the fund, and such additions as may be later made to this fund by action of this Grand Lodge or by gifts or bequests shall constitute "The Childrens Home Endowment Fund," and except by direct action of this Grand Lodge in annual communication assembled no part of the principal of this fund shall be used. The annual interest earned by said fund in any one year may be expended by the

Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home or this Grand Lodge for the maintenance of the Childrens Home at Fremont. The fund with its increase from time to time shall by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds for the purpose for which the fund is created.

The proposed amendment to the law having been signed by five members of the Grand Lodge, unanimous consent was granted and Section 31-D was adopted and was referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We recommend the following appropriations, or as much as may be needed, from the various funds as designated for the fiscal year ending May 20th, 1929:

GENERAL FUND.

Pay Roll, 1928 session.....	\$ 5,272.67
Printing Grand Lodge Reports.....	1,200.00
Grand Tyler, 1928 session.....	15.00
Organist, 1928 session.....	10.00
Reporting and transcribing proceedings of this Grand Lodge.....	100.00
Entertainment of distinguished guests.....	50.00
Grand Lodge office, heat, light, etc.....	1,000.00
Grand Chaplain expense.....	150.00
Grand Master Expense.....	1,500.00
Grand Master Clerk Hire.....	600.00
Grand Secretary's Salary.....	3,600.00
Grand Secretary's Clerk Hire.....	2,500.00
Grand Custodian's Salary.....	3,000.00
Expense of Grand Custodian and Deputy Grand Custodians.....	2,000.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	300.00
Expense—Grand Lodge officers attending meetings and functions under direction of the Grand Master.....	1,000.00
Grand Secretary's Surety Bond.....	75.00
Blanket Bond—Secretaries and Treasurers of Subordinate Lodges..	750.00
Incidental Expenses—Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts.....	500.00
Reserve—Payments on contracts under special agreements Board Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts.....	500.00
Certified Public Accountant's Audit.....	68.00
Expense—Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	1,000.00
Committee on Masonic Education.....	2,000.00
Salary of Grand Secretary Emeritus.....	1,200.00
Masonic Relief and Employment Bureau.....	300.00
Incidental expenses.....	1,400.00
Purchase of Lists of Regular Lodges and Mailing.....	230.00
Grand Secretary's Office Equipment.....	250.00
Relighting of Grand Master's Office and Library.....	81.50
Retiring Grand Master's Jewel.....	100.00

Refund to Lodge No. 202.....	17.00
Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.....	210.00
Expense—Committee Washington National Memorial.....	300.00
Completion and Printing Codification of Decisions of Past Grand Masters.....	600.00
50-year Badges.....	400.00
	\$31,883.17

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Furnishings for Childrens Home	\$599.50
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MAINTENANCE FUND—CHILDRENS HOMES.

For General Maintenance.....	\$18,000.00
For Creation of "The Childrens Home Endowment Fund"	27,000.00
	\$45,000.00

GRAND LODGE JEWELS.

That part of the Grand Secretary's report pertaining to Grand Lodge Jewels has been referred to this committee. Due appropriation was made for this account last year and the purchase was made within the appropriation.

FIFTY-YEAR BADGES.

That part of the Grand Secretary's report pertaining to Fifty-year badges has been referred to this committee. We found an expenditure of \$600.00 made from the general fund for this purpose during the past year. The amount had not been appropriated last year. We have already in this report asked for the ratification of the account. In case there is further need for the purchase of additional badges during the coming year the item should be paid from the general fund for the feeling prevails that this fifty-year badge has brought pleasure to the Craft.

FERGUSON BEQUEST.

The matter of the Ferguson Bequest referred to by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary in their respective reports has been referred to this committee. We recommend that one-half of this Bequest as funds are available be turned over to the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home and the balance of the funds be made a part of "The Childrens Home Endowment Fund."

ACCOUNTING.

A year ago the Committee on Finance made suggestion that a more modern method of accounting be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary at the proper time. We are still mindful of the advisability of the suggestion. We believe that more modern methods of accounting will facilitate the work of the Grand Secretary and his office force. We are further inclined to believe

that the time has arrived for further steps in that line. We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary and the incoming Finance Committee give this matter attention during the coming year that new accounting system may be installed.

M.:W.:GEORGE H. THUMMEL, Past Grand Master: I have no doubt that the Brethren realize the importance of the report that has just been made, and the exhaustive labor that it has taken to prepare it. It is one of the most wonderful reports that I have ever listened to in the history of this Grand Lodge, and I move that the especial thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Committee on Finance and the other Committees who have labored so laboriously to bring the matter before this Grand Body; the Jurisprudence Committee has been absent from the entire session until four o'clock yesterday afternoon, and we must find some means to reduce the labor so that it does not all come just at the outset of the Grand Lodge.

M.:W.:SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, Past Grand Master: We have listened to these reports, every single act of the committee has met with unanimous approval of this Grand Lodge. I sat here listening to that report realizing the amount of work, the efficiency that has been displayed, and most cheerfully I rise to second the motion of Past Grand Master Thummel.

M.:W.:ALBERT R. DAVIS, Grand Master: Before putting the motion, Brethren, I want to call attention to the unselfish devotion and sacrifice of time put upon these reports, especially the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grievance Committee and the Finance Committee the Committee now before us. I came in contact with Brother Mitchell throughout the year, the chairman of the committee, and from his handling of the affairs entrusted to him and his committee, the activities throughout the entire year displayed by these Brethren, I actually wondered whether he was thinking of anything else other than the finances of the Grand Lodge. Motion was unanimously carried.

M.:W.:CHARLES A. CHAPPELL, Past Grand Master, moved that the action of the Grand Secretary in the selection of the design for and procuring the 50-year badges and also the price paid therefor be approved by this Grand Lodge. Carried.

W.:RALPH M. FAGAN, proposed the following resolution which was received and laid over for consideration next year:

RESOLUTION.

"Resolved, that whenever consideration of a change of law or of an amendment to the law of this body is proposed for one year, such proponent shall refer said change or amendment to the Committee on Jurisprudence for their consideration, said Committee to revise said law or amendment as to its verbal phrasing and harmonize it with all existing law and report the findings with recommendations as to such change at the next session of the Grand Lodge."

W. SEWARD E. COGSWELL, 36, moved to amend the law by striking out all of line 4 of Section 85-A, after the word "delinquent," and all of line 5, and insert therein:

"On such date as each Lodge shall determine for its own members" so that the Section when amended, will read as follows:

Section 85-A.—Lodge dues. The dues assessed by all chartered Lodges shall be payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed and shall become delinquent on such date as each Lodge shall determine for its own members.

The proposed amendment having been signed by five members of the Grand Lodge, the amendment will lie over to be considered next year.

M. W. LEWIS E. SMITH, Grand Secretary, for the Committee on Pay-Roll, reported that the pay-roll for the session amounted to \$5,272.67.

W. LORENZEN P. RONNE, 210, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to report that we have examined the proceedings for the Grand Lodge of the year 1927, have checked the deliberations of that session, and find that there is no unfinished business claiming the attention of this Grand Lodge.

M. W. EDWIN D. CRITES, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

"Upon consideration of the petition of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Vienna for recognition, the Committee finds that this Grand Lodge

meets the requirements of the generally accepted rules governing such cases, and, therefore, recommends that the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska fraternally recognize the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vienna in Austria and enter into fraternal correspondence and relations with that Grand Lodge."

REMARKS BY M. W. SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, PAST GRAND MASTER.

I think I express the sentiment of every Mason in attendance at the Grand Lodge when I say that the Brethren living in Omaha, and connected with the Omaha Lodges, always have been very efficient in extending to us the hospitable attention that the members of the Grand Lodge are glad to receive. It seems to me that this year they have even overdone their usual custom, and because we keenly appreciate the hospitality extended to us, I move that we return the Brethren of the Masonic Lodges of Omaha our fraternal thanks for the same. Motion was unanimously adopted.

PAST GRAND MASTER JOHN J. WEMPLE, assisted by PAST GRAND MASTER CHARLES A. CHAPPELL, acting as Grand Marshal, installed all of the Grand officers for the ensuing year.

PRAYER BY V. W. GEORGE ALLEN BEECHER, GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, as we enter upon our respective responsibilities in the respective stations to which we have been appointed or elected by these Brethren, we invoke Thy Divine Blessing and Guidance, that in all this we may honor Thy Holy Name, and serve with credit to the Fraternity. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL AND APRON BY M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS.

Brother Woodland, last year the members of the Grand Lodge presented to me a Grand Master's apron, and I have worn it on all Masonic occasions during the year. I pass this apron on to you, well realizing that it will remain, by you, pure and unspotted before the world.

It has become the custom in this Grand Jurisdiction, along the theory, I presume, that the king never dies, for the outgoing Past Grand Master to invest the incoming Grand Master with the jewel of his office.

Brother Woodland, my acquaintance began with you in the Grand Lodge; it has ripened into friendship; I invest you with the jewel of this office, having full faith and confidence in your ability to wear it faithfully and discharge the duties of Grand Master.

In 1861, in the month of February, previous to Abraham Lincoln's taking the oath of office of President, a friend of his who remained in Chicago, sent to him a silk flag, and on that flag were inscribed the words taken from the first chapter of the Book of Joshua, which reads as follows:

"Have I not commanded thee, be strong and of good courage; be not dismayed, neither be thou afraid; as I was with Moses I will be with thee; I will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

My Brother, as your travels go along the Masonic highways, bear this thought in mind, of the Brethren throughout the State, their hearts will be with you, their arms about you ready to support you in every Masonic cause. This faith, my Brother, this uniting of the hearts of the Craft throughout the state will be a blessing to you throughout your year as Grand Master.

M. W. JOHN J. WEMPLE, Past Grand Master: Let us salute the newly installed Grand Master with the Grand Honors, led by the Grand Marshal.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge rose as one man, and gave M. W. Frank H. Woodland the Grand Honors.

REMARKS BY GRAND MASTER FRANK H. WOODLAND.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren:

This is indeed an honor to have been installed by one who was the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction forty-four years ago, and I take this occasion to thank Past Grand Master Davis for the kind words with which he placed upon me the badge of this office.

I say to him, and I say to you, and each of you, that I fully appreciate the fact that what success I may have this coming year will depend very largely upon the assistance and support of the officers of this Grand Lodge, the officers of the subordinate Lodges and the Brethren throughout the state. With that support, which I am certain I will have, we may hope for a successful year, without which we cannot expect to accomplish what I know you are looking forward to.

Without taking more time, in view of the work still to be done, and the hour, I will let you continue with the installation services.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL BY M. W. EDWIN D. CRITES, PAST GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful, and Brethren:

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Davis has just passed on with his own hands the jewel of his office to his successor, which jewel I had the pleasure last year of handing to him, and which then and now represents the achievements of a long line of my predecessors, and at this time one of those is Most Worshipful Brother Davis. At that time I said a few words indicative of the respect and confidence that the Brethren felt in Brother Davis, and of the affection that those of us who knew him bore for him. As the past year has gone by that respect and confidence on the part of the Craft has increased, and the affection of those of us who knew him has spread to a large per cent of the Brethren of this Grand Lodge who have had the opportunity to make an acquaintance which they did not have before.

The accomplishments of Grand Master Davis in his office, my Brethren, will show up well in comparison with those of any of his predecessors. It is not proper to make any comparison, but to say simply this, that Grand Master Davis has fulfilled every expectation that any member of the Craft entertained for him, and they were pretty high, particularly on the part of those of his Brethren who live with him in his home town and have known him so well all of these years.

It would not be fitting to have the Grand Master part with the insignia of his office without receiving one in its place, and, according to custom, it becomes my pleasure to present to Past Grand Master Davis the Past Grand Master's jewel which I hold in my hand, and I wish to say to you, Most Worshipful Brother Davis that this jewel is not the only fee or reward, if one could properly denominate it as such, that you will receive in consideration of your services during the past year, but on the contrary you will receive as long as you live the respect and admiration and confidence of the Brethren of this jurisdiction wherever they may be, and you may rest content or secure in the belief that all of them have, that your services are not completed, but rather commenced, and that they expect and know that they will willingly receive the benefit of your experience and advice and kindly fraternal fellowship through many years to come.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure on behalf of this Grand Lodge to present you with this Past Grand Master's jewel. (Applause).

My Brethren, I feel that our retiring Grand Master is entitled to go forth from this Grand Lodge for the last time with the Grand Honors, and if you will rise, we will give Past Grand Master Davis the Grand Honors.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge arose as one man, and gave M. W. Albert R. Davis the Grand Honors.

REMARKS BY M. W. FRANK H. WOODLAND, GRAND MASTER.

It is most fitting, and it is most unusual in this Grand Lodge to pay special recognition to this Brother who has conducted this installation service. He told me this morning that but three members of this Grand Lodge was he acquainted with when he came to Omaha this week; Past Grand Master Thummel, Past Grand Master Davidson, and Past Grand Master Chappell. Now, you may think it strange that having been away from Nebraska for 39 years that Brother Chappell should have recognized him when he came here this week; the explanation is that Brother Chappell went to Ohio to get acquainted with M. W. Brother Wemple.

I know, Brother Wemple, that you have enjoyed this week, but I know these Brethren have fully as much enjoyed your meeting here with them on this occasion.

We certainly hope it will not be another thirty-nine years before you will be with us in this Grand Lodge. That you will come, now that you have realized what an enjoyable time we are having, and that you will come often. (Applause).

And Brethren, I ask you to join with me in sending this good Brother away with the Grand Honors, that he first was entitled to when many of us were still running around in short trousers.

Whereupon the Grand Honors were given to M. W. John J. Wemple.

REMARKS BY M. W. JOHN J. WEMPLE, PAST GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Brothers and Brethren:

I wish I had a tongue of an orator, but I have had the feelings of a man and I can appreciate courtesy when I receive it, and same has been extended to me in the most remarkable manner.

I wrote to my wife last night a little note and I told her that I had been spoiled by so many compliments while I have been here, so that she might know how to treat me when I go home.

You have been most kind, and I want particularly to express my thanks for the extreme courtesy of Most Worshipful Brothers Davidson and Thummel. I don't know that they were so much more than some of the rest, but some how they got a little closer to me, I guess, than the rest. Brother Thummel did not care how close he got to me, and Brother Davidson took the pains to get close to me.

Seriously, I shall not forget this, Brothers. I might not live to be here another year, and I may live years yet, I don't know. The doctor told me three weeks ago I was good for fifteen years. I hope I am. If I am in as good shape as I am today, but if I don't, I don't want to,—but God's blessings are being showered upon you, not only upon you as Brothers, but upon the great state of Nebraska, which I still love notwithstanding I am not a resident of it. (Applause).

REMARKS BY M. W. CHARLES A. CHAPPELL, PAST GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I rise to ask, not only to the extent of the pleasure but of a privilege, some of us have learned from actual experience and all of us know from observation and from close contact with the work of the Grand Lodge in this jurisdiction, what it means in point of service and of time and of energy and of thought and of all of these other things which go into the carrying on of a successful year as Grand Master in this Grand Jurisdiction. I feel, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the past year has been no exception to the rule in that it has been one during which faithful service has been rendered at every moment by the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction; it is little enough that this Grand Jurisdiction can do to show appreciation of one who has given of his time and of his energies during the twelve months he has served the Craft as Grand Master. We may pin upon the lapel of his coat the jewel of a Past Grand Master, we may say to him all the kind things of which we are capable and yet, they cannot in a full sense show the appreciation of the Grand Lodge, and yet

at this moment, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I wish to move that the thanks of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska be extended to Most Worshipful Brother Albert R. Davis for his faithful, efficient and conscientious services to this Grand Lodge and to Masonry at large during the past Masonic year. Carried.

Whereupon M. W. Albert R. Davis was given a rising vote of thanks.

M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS: Thank you, my Brethren.

At 12:30 P. M., no further business appearing, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

FRANK H. WOODLAND,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:


Lewis E. Smith
Grand Secretary.

ADDENDA TO THE LAW.

Being Amendments to the Law adopted since the publication of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, edition of 1922.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS.—The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Francis E. White as Grand Secretary Emeritus, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of a subordinate lodge.

1925—815.

ARTICLE X., Section 1. "The Grand Master, during the interval between the Communications of the Grand Lodge, may exercise all its executive powers excepting the granting of charters, and dispensations for military or army Lodges. By virtue of these, authority is given him—

To suspend any Officer of any Lodge, from the exercise of the powers or duties of his office, for good reasons shown, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge."

1928—000.

ARTICLE XI. THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND GRAND WARDENS.

1. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties at all communications of the Grand Lodge, and, in his absence, to preside therein; and, in the event of the death of the Grand Master, or of his permanent absence from the state, or of his inability from any cause to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden, in the order of their rank, shall succeed to the office of Grand Master, and, upon being installed by any Past Grand Master, shall thereupon assume the duties of Grand Master and be entitled to all of the rights and prerogatives of a Grand Master.

1925—816.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW.

Section 7.—The Grand Secretary shall record the transactions of the Grand Lodge, and shall personally attend each communication thereof, with all necessary books, papers, and accounts of his office. He shall have the custody of its seal and shall affix the same to all documents and papers whenever required by law or by the Grand Master. He shall receipt for and deposit without delay in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens acting collectively, all moneys received by him and belonging to the Grand Lodge, and shall keep strict account thereof; and when so deposited no money shall be drawn out of any bank except by orders regularly issued signed by the Grand Master and

Grand Secretary. He shall conduct its correspondence under the direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. He shall provide all necessary books and stationery for his office and have charge of all records, supplies, jewels, certificates, and documents; he shall draw all orders when lawfully directed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, and shall perform all other customary duties appertaining to his office, according to the customs, laws, and usages of Freemasonry. He shall be ex-officio Librarian of the Grand Lodge and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and shall prepare all diplomas provided for in these by-laws. He shall not authenticate any diploma except it be of the form heretofore adopted and in use by this Grand Lodge. All such diplomas which require the genuine signature of any Brother shall not be authenticated by him until such signature is attached, and the diploma is complete as to date, seal, and signature of officers. All names on the diploma must be written with one given name in full. He shall keep in his office a record of those rejected, suspended, and expelled, but said records shall not be published or circulated except under directions of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. He shall, on or before the 20th day of March of each year, notify each Lodge of indebtedness due from it to the Grand Lodge, and on the 10th day of May of each year he shall close the account of each subordinate Lodge preparatory to the annual grand communication, and for all of such services he shall receive a salary of Thirty-six Hundred (\$3600) Dollars per annum, payable monthly. He shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars, which may be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the cost of which shall be paid by this Grand Lodge. Upon the installation of his successor in office, he shall transfer to the latter all of the books, records, accounts, and supplies in his office, except such of said books and papers as may be necessary to enable him to make up his portion of the records of the communication at which said successor shall be installed, and he shall make delivery to his successor of these papers so retained with the least possible delay. The Grand Secretary shall examine and correct the annual reports of the subordinate Lodges, make such recommendations with reference thereto as may seem advisable, and submit a tabular abstract of the condition of the Craft. 1928—000.

Section 8.—The Grand Custodian shall attend all communications of the Grand Lodge, and under the direction and control of the Grand Master, shall have the entire charge and supervision of the work, lectures, and ritual of this jurisdiction, and it is made his duty to enforce the thorough teaching and practice of said work, ritual, and lectures, and immediately to report to the Grand Master any violation of this requirement; that if it shall come to his knowledge that any Lodge within the jurisdiction shall ignore, refuse, or fail to practice, in every respect, such uniform and established work as taught by him, it shall be his duty to instantly report the same to the Grand Master, who may arrest the charter of said Lodge, and shall hold the same until such time as it shall comply with the requirements of the Grand Master aforesaid, or until the next communication of the Grand Lodge. The work of the Grand Custodian in conducting schools of instruction or otherwise, shall not be interrupted by calls upon him for Masonic funerals or other meetings or

work, except under urgent circumstances which, in the opinion of the Grand Master, shall be sufficient to justify such interruption. He shall make a full and detailed report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars per year, payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work. 1928—000.

Section 8-A, formerly Section 30-A.—NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.—The Grand Master, and in his absence from the meetings, the Deputy Grand Master or the ranking Grand Warden, shall represent the Grand Lodge at all meetings of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home. 1928—000.

Section 9 of the law, strike therefrom in line 10, the words: "Childrens Homes," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

1925—834.

Sec. 9-A.—Each member of a standing committee of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not vote, by virtue of such appointment, in the Grand Lodge.

1923—366.

Sec. 15.—RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.—The Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master (one to be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and one to be appointed each year thereafter for five years). Said committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider, and report upon all applications for relief from the Relief Fund of this Grand Lodge and appropriations from the Orphans Educational Fund interest. It shall be the duty of the committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application.

1923—370.

Sec. 16.—The Committee on Joint Board of Managers of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children shall consist of six members to be appointed by the Grand Master, 2 for 1 year, 2 for 2 years, and 2 for 3 years, and 2 for 3 years each year thereafter. Said committee in conjunction with six members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, shall have the control and management of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, Nebraska. They shall select their own officers and organize their own committees. They shall adopt rules for their government, and of their employees, and of the children in the Home, and submit the same to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, which rules shall not go into effect until approved by the Grand Master, and the Worthy Grand Matron, and any amendments to said rules shall go into effect only after receiving the approval of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron.

That on or before March 1st of each year, they shall make a full and detailed report to the two Grand Bodies embodying a complete financial report and the number of children cared for, the dates of admission and dismissal of

each child, and the per capita expense of caring for the children in the Home, which report shall be presented annually to the two Grand Bodies, and printed in such numbers and be so distributed as the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron shall from time to time determine.

That the duty and responsibility of passing on applications to the Home of all children claiming Masonic relationship, shall be continued in the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of the Grand Lodge; a like duty and responsibility of passing upon applications with relationship to the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, shall be vested in a corresponding committee of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and the Board of Managers shall be required to accept children recommended by said committees, so far as the capacity of the cottages at the Home will permit.

That the name of the Home shall be The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and such name shall be used in all publications of these Grand Bodies and their Board of Managers, and wherever else the name of such Home may be used. That the expense involved in the conduct of the Home and the upkeep of the buildings, shall be shared equally by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter; that in arriving at such expense, donations or contributions to the Home or the Board of Managers for the benefit of the Home be not considered; that at their meetings in 1925, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge appropriate for the benefit of the Home, sums estimated to be sufficient for the current year, the same to be available as required upon written order of the President and Secretary elected by said Board of Managers, and the affairs of the Board of Managers shall be so arranged that requisitions upon the Grand Bodies may be made quarterly, and that the Board of Managers report to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Chapter, and to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Lodge.

That all recommendations for additional cottages or other capital investments shall be submitted in writing by the Board of Managers and the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, with detailed explanations for such recommendations to the Worthy Grand Matron and to the Grand Master sixty days before the convening of the first Grand Body to meet thereafter, so that joint recommendations thereon to the respective Grand Bodies may be submitted in the discretion of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron, said recommendations to include the respective share each Grand Body shall assume in the expense involved.

1925—833.

Sec. 16-A.—The Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master, which Board shall have full control of receiving, investing, managing, and disbursing the funds arising from annuities and gifts that shall be received by it to the uses of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The title to all funds and property shall be taken, held, and conveyed in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, all subject to the control of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacation.

The management of the funds shall be under the general direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacations. Provided, further, that the said Board shall have general power to disburse said funds without a specific appropriation from the Grand Lodge.

1923—369

Section 27-A.—FUNDS—HOW LOANED: Said funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars to any one person, not to exceed Fifty (50%) per cent of the appraised value of such security, or in bonds of corporations secured by first mortgages on its tangible assets, or in approved public securities. All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks or trust companies on interest until required for the purpose of making loans. The applicant for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run and the rate of interest offered.

1928—000.

Section 27-B.—All Grand Lodge Funds irrespective of by what committee administered shall be held in the name of the M. W. of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska in such Bank or Banks as may be designated by the Grand Master, the deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden acting collectively. The various funds of Grand Lodge may be carried in separate accounts, subject to the order of the proper officers or committees, but until finally disbursed, legal title thereto shall at all times remain in said Grand Lodge.

1927—393.

Sec. 30.—ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—\$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the Orphans Educational Endowment Fund and shall never be depleted below the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Seventy-five per cent of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and it so far as necessary shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

1923—370.

Section 30-A, formerly Section 31-A.—WAR RELIEF FUND.—\$30,000.00, the result of the resolution of June 5th, A. L. 5918, and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the WAR RELIEF FUND, and except by direct action of the Grand Lodge and for the purpose expressed in the resolution of June 6th, A. L. 5923, with reference thereto, no part of the principal of said fund shall be used.

The annual interest earned by said fund in any year may be expended for the purpose set forth in the resolution of June 6th, A. L. 5923, with reference thereto, and shall be disbursed on order of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, as are other relief funds.

The fund with its increase from time to time shall by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

1924—585.

Section 31-B.—PERMANENT RESERVE FUND. A Fund to be known as Permanent Reserve Fund is hereby created. Ten Thousand Dollars (par value) in Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds now owned by the Grand Lodge shall be credited thereto. Such credit together with all interest accumulations thereon shall constitute such fund."

1927—394.

Section 31-C.—A fund to be known as the fund for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children is hereby created. One-half of the monies in the Building and Improvement Fund as of April 1, 1927, together with one-half of the subsequent accretions thereto shall be credited to said fund. One-half of all the items of income that would otherwise be credited to the Building and Improvement Fund shall be credited to this fund, and the same shall be used for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

1927—394.

Section 31-D.—THE CHILDRENS HOME ENDOWMENT FUND: Twenty-seven Thousand (\$27,000) Dollars in government bonds, par value now being transferred from the assets of the Maintenance Fund for Childrens Home, the unexpended income from the fund, and such additions as may be later made to this fund by action of this Grand Lodge, or by gifts or bequests, shall constitute "The Childrens Home Endowment Fund," and except by direct action of this Grand Lodge in Annual Communication assembled, no part of the principal of this fund shall be used. The annual interest earned by said fund in any one year may be expended by the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home or this Grand Lodge for the maintenance of the Childrens Home at Fremont. The fund with its increase from time to time shall by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds for the purpose for which the fund is created. 1928—000.

Section 32.—INVESTIGATION AND PAYMENTS. All applications for relief from the relief fund shall be referred to the standing committee on Relief and Care of Orphans and the funds from time to time required by demands on the committee shall be paid over to it by warrants drawn upon the fund by order of the Grand Master.

1927—394.

Section 32-A.—In event the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans deem it advisable to permit the recipient of such relief to remain at home or with relatives for the time being, they may apportion the expense between the Grand Lodge and the Lodge of which the recipient may be a member, or receiving assistance because of being a relative of a member of such Lodge, and the Grand Secretary shall so advise the Lodge interested of the action of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, and the same shall thereupon become an obligation of such Lodge, and in case such Lodge shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, that the Grand Master, upon being so advised, shall

thereupon issue his order directing such Lodge to pay such amount within a day to be recorded therein. 1928—000.

CHAPTER VII-A.

Section 46-B.—CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES: "When two or more subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one Lodge, they shall have the right to do so. Before such consolidation shall take place, each Lodge shall give written or printed notice by mail at his last known post office address, to every member thereof, that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation, and will be determined at a meeting to be held at a specified time. The proposition shall lie over in each Lodge at least one calendar month, and thereupon, if two-thirds of the members of each Lodge present at such meeting favor such consolidation, that fact shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Secretary of each Lodge, and after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master of Grand Lodge such Lodges shall become one Lodge, taking the name and number of the Lodge in the continuing location, and proceeding under its charter, the remaining charter or charters to be surrendered to the Grand Secretary for cancellation. The property and effects of the Lodges thus consolidated shall in such case become the property of the new Lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the Lodge or Lodges going out of existence." 1928—000.

Sec. 47-A.—No person shall be elected or appointed to any office who has not complied with Section 66 of the law. 1925—833.

Section 51.—SUCCESSION: In case of the absence or removal of the Master from office, the Senior and Junior Warden, according to rank, shall succeed to the duties of his station, though neither has received the Past Master's degree. The Master, or in his absence, the ranking Warden, may invite a competent member to preside over the Lodge, but the one so presiding acts only as proxy of the officer who called him to the East, and should the latter be superseded by the entrance of a ranking officer, the presiding Brother's authority ceases. The latter should not sign any legal papers, issued by the Lodge. 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 special meeting regularly called by the Master and Wardens, acting as such, or at a meeting called for the purpose of conducting a funeral. In event the Master Senior Warden and Junior Warden are for any cause all permanently removed from the jurisdiction of their Lodge the Grand Master shall designate a Past Master of said Lodge to act as Master of such Lodge and perform all the functions of the Master of such Lodge until a Master is duly elected and qualified in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction. 1928—000.

Sec. 59-A.—All secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges shall be bonded by a surety bond of an approved corporate surety bonding company, in amounts sufficient to cover their respective needs. Each lodge shall determine the amount of coverage requested by it, and said amounts shall be certified to the Grand Secretary, annually, and he shall obtain a blanket bond

covering all of said amounts, together with the bond required of the Grand Secretary. The cost of said blanket bond shall be pro rated among, and collected from the several lodges according to the amount of the coverage required by said lodges.

1925—832.

Sec. 60.—**TIME: DISPENSATION.**—The officers shall be installed during the month of June, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. Installation at other times, except by dispensation, is irregular, and any Master permitting it is subject to Masonic discipline. The fee for dispensation to elect or install, or both, at any other than the prescribed time shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00), which must accompany the petition, which petition must be under the seal of the requesting lodge.

1924—605.

Sec. 60-A.—No officer shall hold over another year on account of failure to install his successor. But where an officer-elect is not installed within time, the lodge shall proceed under dispensation to install. In the event the officer declines installation, the lodge shall proceed to elect and install under dispensation. In the event the Master-elect is not installed, the duly installed Warden, according to rank, shall discharge all of the duties of the office of Master until the Master is elected and installed.

1924—605.

Sec. 63.—**WHO MAY BE INSTALLED.**—No Master shall be installed until he shall have been duly qualified by actually receiving the degree of Past Master, which shall be conferred, under the direction of the Grand Custodian, by a convocation of not less than three actual Past Masters, and none but such Past Masters can be present at such convocation, nor shall such installation be had until a certificate is presented to the installing officer showing the Master-elect to have so received the degree of Past Master. Chapter Past Masters, as such, are excluded from participation. The degree of Past Master shall not be conferred upon any Master-elect while under charges. Arrearages for dues shall not prevent the installation of an officer-elect.

1924—609.

Section 66.—All those hereinafter initiated, passed and raised, shall become proficient in each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open Lodge. After such examination, the Master may, if there is no objection made, declare the Brother proficient. Such declaration shall be made in a Lodge of Master Masons. If objection is made, the Master shall put the question: "Is the Brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of members present. The Secretary shall make a record that the examination was had and the action of the Lodge upon the same. 1928—000.

Examination of all those hereafter raised to the degree of a Master Mason shall be had not later than ninety days following the conferring of said degree, but the lodge may for good cause shown extend the time, but not for more than six months after the degree is conferred; provided, that the Grand Master may extend the time for good cause shown.

1923—370.

An unaffiliated Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge as to his proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being found proficient, this fact should be certified to the lodge electing him to membership.

1924—605.

Provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section.

1925—833.

Sec. 66-A.—REFUSING EXAMINATION.—A Brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 66 renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, a diploma, nor to hold an office in a lodge, until he has complied with said section.

1923—370.

Section 67-A.—Hereafter life membership shall not be issued by a subordinate Lodge.

1927—392.

Sec. 69-D.—Every Master Mason is entitled to a diploma of the form provided in this Grand Jurisdiction from the lodge of which he is a member, upon his making request therefor, unless having been made a Master Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction after June 7th, 1923, he has failed to comply with the provisions of Section 66. Said diploma is to be granted without charge therefor, and regardless of whether he became a member of said lodge by affiliation, or by taking the degrees therein.

1923—370.

Sec. 75.—ATTENDING CHURCH: MASONIC CLOTHING.—Members of a lodge may attend church services in procession without dispensation. But Masonic clothing should be worn only when the lodge is at work or upon some Masonic occasion.

1924—610.

Sec. 76-B.—A lodge may hold a meeting on St. John's Day, to which the Order of the Eastern Star and members of Masonic and Eastern Star families may be admitted, in like manner as they are admitted to a public installation of officers of the lodge.

1924—606.

Section 77.—(New paragraph).—Pall-bearers who are not Master Masons should not have a place in the part of the procession formed by the lodge of Freemasons. None but Master Masons should be in line between the Tyler and the Master.

1925—831.

Section 80.—(First paragraph).—ASSESSMENT.—Chartered Lodges shall have discretionary power to assess dues upon members who are Master Masons in good standing, and their by-laws shall designate the amount so assessed and the time for its payment. All such dues and special assessments shall be uniform upon the members, resident and non-resident alike. All Lodges in fixing the dues of their members shall include the amount of Grand Lodge dues with

the Lodge dues. A Brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the Lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted, and shall be required to pay in full all special assessments. 1928—000.

Sec. 81.—(First two paragraphs.) Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge, on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, except those exempt from the payment of dues as provided for in Section 84 (which is now repealed), the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00), seventy-five cents of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by said returns. Provided, that this shall not apply to any Master Mason holding a demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation.

By the phrase 'good standing' is meant one who has petitioned for affiliation within one year after receiving his demit, or having petitioned for affiliation and having been rejected, has renewed his petition as often as once in each six months after each rejection.

The additional funds for each initiation and affiliation fee, together with the sum of fifty cents, from the Two Dollars, (\$2.00) 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. Each lodge shall at the same time pay to the Grand Lodge for all supplies purchased from the Grand Lodge during the preceding year. Returns in duplicate and the amount due the Grand Lodge may be sent in at any time between March 31st and April 5th, and the Grand Secretary shall add as a penalty one cent per day for each member on the rolls as shown in the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to all lodges that neglect to send in their returns complete as provided by Section 57, and pay their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge by the tenth of April.

1923—369. 1924—603. 1925—830. 1927—392.

Sec. 84.—The receipt for dues, adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction shall contain all the information contained in the form of receipt found on page 102 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1913, except that all receipts shall be printed on cards of convenient size to fit in the ordinary card case. Said receipts shall be consecutively numbered, and all blank receipts for dues be procured through the office of the Grand Secretary.

1926—113.

Section 88-A.—That hereafter, no Lodge or Lodges shall establish a Masonic charitable institution, or undertake a continuing Masonic charitable work, or become obligated for continuing contributions for charitable purposes, nor shall any Lodge or Lodges, or person or persons, use the word "Masonic," or other term indicating Masonic activities, regarding any such institution or work, which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do; Provided, that the pro-

visions of this section shall not apply to the Masonic Home for Children at Omaha, commonly known as the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Boys; and Provided further that this section shall not in any way be construed as an assumption of any responsibility for said Home by this Grand Lodge.

1926—127.

Sec. 89-A.—(Second paragraph.) No lodge shall send circular letters, copies of resolutions, or other communications of a similar character to other lodges without the consent or approval of the Grand Master, but his consent to or approval of all proper communications of such character between lodges shall not be withheld because he may disagree with the views expressed therein.

1923—369.

Section 89-B.—In all cases of inter-jurisdictional relief (relief granted by a Nebraska Lodge to a Brother from a foreign jurisdiction) emergency relief may be administered by the local Lodge in such amounts as within the discretion of said Lodge may seem necessary. The local Lodge, shall forthwith notify the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary's office of the facts and circumstances in the case and the amount of the emergency relief afforded and all inter-jurisdictional communications on the subject shall be with the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary's office.

1927—392.

Section 89-C.—No subordinate Lodge shall purchase or erect any building or structure or subscribe for stock in a Temple Craft Association, for which it is necessary to borrow money and to issue any evidence of indebtedness of the Lodge, without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. This shall not apply to separately incorporated Temple Crafts or building associations, the obligations of which are not liabilities of the Lodge.

1928—000.

Section 89-D.—BADGE FOR MASON OF 50 YEARS. All Master Masons in good standing who have been such for a period of fifty years and who are members of subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction shall be entitled upon application to receive from the Grand Lodge a suitable badge or button, which badge or button shall be selected and provided by the Grand Secretary and paid for out of the Grand Lodge Funds.

1928—000.

Section 89-E.—(New paragraph).—No one shall be entitled to the Gold Jordan Medal unless he be a resident Mason of Nebraska.

1928—000.

Section 92-A.—The Grand Secretary or the subordinate Lodges shall not furnish any person, who intends to use the same for business purposes or for soliciting or circularizing subordinate Lodges or the members thereof with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge or a roster of subordinate Lodges or the members thereof.

1927—392.

Section 97.—HOW MEASURED: A Lodge chartered or under dispensation has, for all purposes, exclusive territorial jurisdiction half way in an air line to each surrounding chartered Lodge. Such distance to be measured from the

corporate limits of the cities or towns in which the Lodges are located; and in case the residence of a petitioner is within a recognized town or village, whose townsite has been regularly laid out and platted, whether incorporated or not, such petitioner shall be considered as within the jurisdiction of the Lodge nearest the limits of such town or village plat. Provided, that Tyre Lodge No. 85, and Wymore Lodge No. 104, and all Lodges in cities where there are two or more, shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Provided further that all Lodges located in the city of Omaha, and the towns of Florence, Benson and Dundee shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners for the mysteries of Freemasonry who reside within the corporate limits of the above named city and towns. Provided further that Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Liberty Lodge No. 300, North Star Lodge No. 277, George Washington Lodge No. 250, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Craftsman Lodge No. 314 and College View Lodge No. 320, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named Lodges. Provided further than Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, of South Omaha, shall retain the same exclusive jurisdiction as heretofore, notwithstanding any consolidation of the cities of Omaha and South Omaha. Provided further that Victory Lodge No. 310, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Wahoo Lodge No. 59, and Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named Lodges.

Provided further than Ogalalla Lodge No. 159 and Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory within the corporate limits of Big Springs at the time the petitioner is received.

1928—000.

Sec. 99.—(New paragraph.) The conferring of a degree, or degrees, in violation of this section is irregular but not void, and any lodge so conferring any such degree shall not proceed with the degrees but shall immediately certify its action to the lodge having jurisdiction over the petitioner, or if no lodge has such jurisdiction, then to the Grand Secretary, and the total fees collected, less the amount due the Grand Lodge, shall be paid to the lodge having jurisdiction, or in the event no lodge has jurisdiction shall be paid to the Grand Lodge and placed in the Building and Improvement Fund. The lodge conferring the degrees without jurisdiction shall also pay to the Grand Lodge, as a penalty, double the amount of prescribed fees, and at the option of the Grand Master, its charter may be arrested.

1924—608.

Provided the Grand Master is hereby vested with power to remit the penalty or any portion of the penalty provided by the section, upon a clear showing by the lodge that in receiving the petition and subsequent action thereunder, the lodge made diligent investigation and acted in good faith throughout, and without any knowledge or any reason to believe it did not have jurisdiction, and the Grand Master is empowered to make such investigation as he deems necessary to a correct determination of the question.

1925—831.

Section 101—(Second paragraph): Whenever a Lodge shall receive a petition from one seeking initiation in a Lodge, other than the Lodge or Lodges within whose jurisdiction he resides, before the petition is referred to a Committee the Secretary shall forward to the Lodge or Lodges having jurisdiction a request under the seal of the Lodges for a waiver. If such waiver is granted the petitioner shall thereafter be deemed material of such Lodge. In any event the petition shall be retained by the Lodge receiving it, for its records.

1928—000.

Sec. 103.—PETITIONS TO ADJOINING GRAND JURISDICTIONS.—Whenever citizens of Nebraska who are desirous of petitioning for the degrees shall reside nearer some subordinate lodge in any adjoining Grand Jurisdiction, and shall wish to petition such lodge for the degrees, they shall be allowed to do so without first obtaining permission of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction: Provided, that this regulation shall take effect and be in force only upon, and after, receipt of official information from such adjoining Grand Jurisdiction that similar permission is given residents thereof to apply for the degrees in neighboring lodges located in Nebraska; Provided further, that the lodge in the adjoining Jurisdiction shall immediately notify the lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction in whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides, and shall take no further action for thirty days after such notification, and if the petitioner has been rejected by a Nebraska lodge no further procedure may be had in the lodge in the adjoining Grand Jurisdiction without the consent, lawfully given, of the Nebraska lodge having jurisdiction. A Nebraska lodge receiving a like petition from a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction shall proceed in like manner.

1924—610.

Section 106—GROUNDS OF DISQUALIFICATION: A Lodge cannot initiate anyone who is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, nor one who is engaged in the sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor one who cannot read or write, nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all our peculiar rites and ceremonies. Provided, however, the provision last above named, referring to such physical imperfections, shall not apply to a candidate to be initiated in a Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, at the request of and for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction; the matter of the qualifications of such candidate being exclusively with such other Grand Jurisdictions of such candidate. But a physical disability occurring after initiation, to any candidate, under this Grand Jurisdiction, will not prevent advancement.

1928—000.

Sec. 108.—NO WITHDRAWAL.—After a petition has been read and formally accepted by a lodge, it cannot be withdrawn. And upon such acceptance the petitioner becomes and thereafter, unless a regular waiver is made, remains the material of the lodge. Provided, however, that this shall not apply to the petition of one who is found ineligible because of physical defects or who is found not to be within the jurisdiction of the lodge.

1923—370.

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, in which event, the petition for advancement must set out the dates of receiving the preceding degree, or degrees, and shall follow the usual course, or unless he has been elected and received either of said degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction. 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. The fees to be charged for the succeeding degrees shall be the fees in force at the time the petition for advancement is received by the lodge. An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of degrees.

If he has received any of these degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction, and desires to be advanced, he must petition the lodge having jurisdiction for advancement, setting forth the facts of his petition to the lodge without jurisdiction and its action thereon. The petition shall take its regular course and upon favorable action thereon in the lodge having jurisdiction, the irregularity in the conferring of the degrees by the lodge without jurisdiction to be healed and the work thereafter to proceed in the lodge in the regular manner. 1923—369. 1924—608.

Sec. 119-A.—A ballot should be spread only for one candidate and not for several collectively. The ballot can not be divided and but one ballot box can be used in voting on a petition. The ballot shall not be spread on a petition for initiation until the questionnaire provided by the Grand Lodge has been filled out in full, signed and returned, and if not done within four months, the petitioner shall be declared rejected without ballot. 1924—606. 1925—831.

Sec. 121.—(New paragraph.) It is unlawful to discuss a petition for affiliation or for the degrees after the ballot thereon, but pertinent and judicious inquiry as to the qualifications of the candidate before ballot is proper. 1924—609.

Section 124.—**DURATION.** An objection to initiation or advancement, or a waiver of jurisdiction, remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member in good standing of the Lodge, or until said objector has been adjudged insane by the proper civil authorities and has remained insane for one year after said adjudication. Nor can any Lodge by waiver of jurisdiction in favor of another Lodge destroy the force of an objection. Where from failure of a Master to communicate the name of an objector to his successor, or from any other cause, a Master does not know the name of an objector, the candidate may petition for the remaining degrees in the regular manner.

An objection to a petitioner for affiliation remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member in good standing of the Lodge. But neither an objection, nor an unfavorable ballot upon a petition for affiliation can preclude the petitioner's right to petition any other Lodge for admission.

Section 133.—A Lodge cannot consider a petition for affiliation unless accompanied by a certificate of membership, as hereinafter provided, or demit or its equivalent, provided that when the petitioner has lost his demit or certificate of membership which has been issued him from a Lodge which has become extinct, he may make application to the Grand Secretary and upon proper showing receive from him a certificate of demission which certificate shall accompany the petition for application in lieu of the original demit or certificate of membership. A petitioner who presents with his petition a certificate of membership from a subordinate Lodge of this jurisdiction or one authorized by law of another Grand Jurisdiction shall not become a member of the Lodge petitioned until he is elected and has obtained and presented to said Lodge his demit or its equivalent.

1927—393.

Sec. 138.—HOW OBTAINED.—Any Brother desiring a demit must apply therefor in writing, stating that it is wanted for the purpose of enabling him to join another lodge of Freemasons, and said Brother need not state with what lodge he intends to affiliate.

Such petition must be received and read at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and if, after opportunity is given, no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if the Brother is clear on the books, and has complied with Section 66 of the law, the Master shall order that a demit be issued, and the Secretary shall make a record of such action. The Secretary by order of the Master, may upon the request of a Brother, (who is qualified to receive a demit) grant a certificate of membership, (said certificate to be upon a special blank furnished by the Grand Secretary) to be used by him in petitioning another Lodge for membership by affiliation, and upon notice of election by said Lodge, shall issue that Lodge a demit for the Brother. A demit may be issued to any Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason who shall have permanently removed from the jurisdiction of the Lodge in which he received the degree or degrees, if an application for such demit shall be made within two years after the degrees of an Entered Apprentice Mason, or of a Fellow Craft Mason, as the case may be shall have been received, provided no charges are pending against him or objections filed to his advancement.

1925—833.

Sec. 146-A.—VISITORS—CERTIFICATES—RECEIPTS.—No lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor unless a Master Mason, known as such in the lodge, shall vouch for the visitor as a Master Mason in good standing, or until the visitor, after strict examination, shall prove himself to be a Mason in good standing in some lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, or under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge; and no such visitor shall be examined until he produces to the Worshipful Master of the lodge, or to the committee of examination appointed by him, a certificate under the seal of his lodge, authenticated by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction whence the visitor comes, which certificate must show that he is a member of said lodge in good standing. Such diplomas and certificates as are authorized by the law of the Grand Jurisdiction whence the visitor comes may be accepted as filling the requirements of this section in that respect. And the Master and

committee must be satisfied that the lodge giving the certificate is a regular lodge, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or of a regular Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. And unless such certificate is dated within one year prior to the date of such examination, the visiting Brother must also present some receipt or documentary evidence from his lodge, bearing a date not to exceed twelve months prior to the date of such examination, showing that he remains a member of said lodge in good standing.

No lodge shall permit a Brother holding membership in a lodge outside of this Grand Jurisdiction to visit a Nebraska lodge, who does not exhibit a proper diploma or receipt for dues dated within one year prior to such visitation.

1924—607.

Sec. 148-*o*.—To apply to any Scottish or York Rite Body for the degrees therein or to solicit such a petition from another until after the lapse of one year from the time said petitioner has been made a Master Mason, and shall have attended at least six meetings of a Master Mason's lodge or lodges, and shall have complied with the provisions of Section 66 of the Grand Lodge law as to proficiency.

1923—370.

Section 175—FIXING GRADE OF PUNISHMENT: If any charge or specification shall be sustained, the accused shall then and there be declared guilty, and the Master shall put the question as to the degree of punishment beginning with the greatest and if not sustained the next grade, and so on in the order as hereinafter provided. The vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to decide the degree of punishment, except that if no higher degree of punishment is voted, the Master shall reprimand the accused in open Lodge.

1928—000.

Sec. 180.—ACCUSER AND ACCUSED.—The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any Masonic trial. The status, rights, and privileges of a Mason under charges are not affected until conviction. No affidavit shall be received in evidence over objection.

1924—607.

Sec. 184.—EXAMINATIONS.—The testimony of witnesses who are Masons in good standing may be taken in open lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the Master. Other witnesses shall be examined by such committee. In either case the accused and the accuser, in person or by attorney, who must be a Master Mason in good standing, shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire.

1924—607.

Section 185—OPENING LODGE: The Lodge shall be opened in the highest degree to which the accused has attained in Ancient Craft Masonry, but the decision as to guilt or innocence and the degree of punishment shall be severally determined by a Lodge of Master Masons.

1928—000.

Sec. 191.—ENUMERATED.—When any Mason, after due trial, shall be found guilty of a Masonic offense, one of the penalties herein provided, adequate to the offense, and in the discretion of the lodge, shall be inflicted. Such penalties in the order of their severity are: Expulsion, indefinite suspension, definite suspension, reprimand, and censure.

1923—369.

Sec. 210-A.—The record of a Brother's suspension for non-payment of dues can not be changed, vacated, or annulled by the lodge suspending him, after the Brother's death. But when the action of the lodge was illegal, the sentence of suspension may be declared null and void by the Grand Master, provided, that if the so-called suspension occurred more than one year prior to the decease of said Brother, and no attempt has been made by himself or his relations for restoration to good standing in that length of time, he shall be deemed to have had full knowledge thereof, and to have concurred therein, and the action of the lodge shall not be changed, but shall be final.

1925—830.

Amend Section 210-A by changing its number to 210-B.

1925—830

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LOREN E. NEBERGALL.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..May 16, 1927
ISRAEL LOVETT.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..May 26, 1927
THOMAS W. HAZEN.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..June 12, 1927
OLIN E. GULLION.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..July 1, 1927
EDWARD W. RYKS.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..July 13, 1927
AFTON G. REYNOLDS.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Aug. 15, 1927
WARREN J. NASH.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Aug. 31, 1927
WILLIAM R. SCOTT.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Aug. 30, 1927
ALBERT E. COOPER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Aug. 15, 1927
DANIEL EILER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Oct. 13, 1927
MAGNUS NORDQUIST.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Oct. 4, 1927
WILLIAM B. FORDYCE.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Oct. 6, 1927
LLEWELLYN F. HAGER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Dec. 13, 1927
JOSEPH A. RANKIN.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Nov. 14, 1927
HERMAN REINBOLD.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Nov. 2, 1927
STANLEY P. CONOVER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Dec. 29, 1927
WILLIAM A. DILWORTH.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Jan. 23, 1928
WILLIAM P. ROBERTSON.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Jan. 25, 1928
ELMER D. MONEY.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Jan. 28, 1928
JOSEPH B. BLANCHARD.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Feb. 3, 1928
PAUL SARBACK.....	Western Star,	No. 2..July 27, 1927
BENJAMIN D. TAIT.....	Western Star,	No. 2..Oct. 2, 1927
JOHN J. MAAG.....	Western Star,	No. 2..Nov. 10, 1927
ARTHUR A. BISCHOF.....	Western Star,	No. 2..Dec. 11, 1927
ROBERT I. COHEN.....	Western Star,	No. 2..Mar. 17, 1928
L. NEWELL YATES.....	Capitol,	No. 3..April 17, 1927
FRANK C. VOORHEIS.....	Capitol,	No. 3..April 18, 1927
WILLIAM E. HAYES.....	Capitol,	No. 3..June 30, 1927
GEORGE S. TICKNOR.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Aug. 8, 1927
HENRY HEYMAN.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Sept. 10, 1927
JAMES L. ALVERSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Sept. 13, 1927
HENRY R. HARPER.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Sept. 20, 1927
COURTLAND S. CARRIER.....	Capitol,	No. 3..July 18, 1927
EDWIN HART JENKS.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Dec. 16, 1927
NIELS P. FRANSDEN.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Dec. 16, 1927

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THOMAS WHITE	Capitol,	No. 3.. Feb. 19, 1928
ROBERT MALCOLM	Capitol,	No. 3.. Feb. 10, 1928
OTTO J. WILDE	Capitol,	No. 3.. Feb. 13, 1928
PETER J. TRABER	Capitol,	No. 3.. Feb. 22, 1928
ANTON HOSPE	Capitol,	No. 3.. Feb. 24, 1928
LAURICE HANSEN	Capitol,	No. 3.. Mar. 8, 1928
WILLIAM SHAMBAUGH	Omadi,	No. 5.. Sept. 6, 1927
HARRY WOOLSTON	Omadi,	No. 5.. Nov. 2, 1927
GROVENOR KNAPP	Plattsmouth,	No. 6.. April 8, 1927
FRANK W. ELLIOTT	Plattsmouth,	No. 6.. May 7, 1927
MICHAEL MAUZY	Plattsmouth,	No. 6.. June 26, 1927
JOSEPH T. LLOYD	Plattsmouth,	No. 6.. Jan. 3, 1928
THOMAS J. HULSE	Falls City,	No. 9.. Sept. 10, 1927
ELWOOD KAUFMANN	Falls City,	No. 9.. Oct. 21, 1927
CHARLES C. SMELTZER	Falls City,	No. 9.. Jan. 14, 1928
JOHN HENRICKSEN	Solomon,	No. 10.. June 30, 1927
CLAYTON C. SMITH	Solomon,	No. 10.. Sept. 15, 1927
GEORGE R. WHITNEY	Solomon,	No. 10.. Mar. 4, 1928
FRED FORSTER	Covert,	No. 11.. April 21, 1927
PETER WIIG	Covert,	No. 11.. April 28, 1927
HARVEY D. WALKER	Covert,	No. 11.. May 2, 1927
CHARLES B. HABERSTROH	Covert,	No. 11.. May 11, 1927
JOHN M. DOW	Covert,	No. 11.. May 11, 1927
LOUIS D. CARRIER	Covert,	No. 11.. May 21, 1927
WILLIAM S. WILCOX	Covert,	No. 11.. July 4, 1927
FRANK E. COULTER	Covert,	No. 11.. July 18, 1927
GUY G. ELLIS	Covert,	No. 11.. Aug. 3, 1927
SILAS E. WIALL	Covert,	No. 11.. Aug. 10, 1927
FREMONT BENJAMIN	Covert,	No. 11.. Aug. 18, 1927
JOSEPH H. OVERAKER	Covert,	No. 11.. Sept. 22, 1927
WILLIAM A. HABERSTROH	Covert,	No. 11.. Oct. 11, 1927
CHARLES N. NELSON	Covert,	No. 11.. Oct. 25, 1927
FREDERICK B. LOWE	Covert,	No. 11.. Nov. 6, 1927
WAYLAND J. WALKER	Covert,	No. 11.. Nov. 23, 1927
NELSON B. HARSH	Covert,	No. 11.. Nov. 30, 1927

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MICHAEL L. CLARK.....	Covert,	No. 11..Dec. 14, 1927
TREAT F. ASKEW.....	Covert,	No. 11..Dec. 23, 1927
HARRY R. MORRIS.....	Covert,	No. 11..Dec. 24, 1927
HENRY R. BALTZER.....	Covert,	No. 11..Dec. 27, 1927
CHARLES H. COLLIER.....	Covert,	No. 11..Jan. 6, 1928
GEORGE F. CLOUGH.....	Covert,	No. 11..Feb. 2, 1928
KNUT MOLUF.....	Covert,	No. 11..Mar. 5, 1928
WILLIAM R. ADAMS.....	Covert,	No. 11..Mar. 6, 1928
CASS JONES.....	Orient,	No. 13..Sept. 19, 1927
HENRY L. BEEBE.....	Fremont,	No. 15..Sept. 1, 1927
WILLIAM P. HELLINGS.....	Fremont,	No. 15..Feb. 13, 1928
WILLIAM L. McCLAY.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..May 13, 1927
WARNER L. GREGORY.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..July 2, 1927
WILLIAM C. HOFFMAN.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Aug. 6, 1927
JOHN W. CAROTHERS.....	Lincoln,	No. 16..Aug. 29, 1927
JAMES E. PHILPOTT.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Sept. 5, 1927
JOHN HENRY.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Oct. 18, 1927
SAMUEL B. HOHMANN.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Dec. 26, 1927
CHRISTIAN H. HANSEN.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Jan. 13, 1928
GEORGE H. CLARKE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Jan. 15, 1928
WILL O. JONES.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Jan. 29, 1928
HENRY RAYMER.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Mar. 2, 1928
ANDREW B. BATSON.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..Mar. 9, 1928
EDWARD C. JACKSON.....	Washington,	No. 21..Feb. 21, 1928
GEORGE P. STEWART.....	Washington,	No. 21..Mar. 1, 1928
GEORGE A. LANGSTAFF.....	Washington,	No. 21..Oct. 20, 1927
EDGAR L. VANCE.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..May 20, 1927
THEODORE OLSEN.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..April 15, 1927
THOMAS K. SUDBOROUGH.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..May 16, 1927
EUGENE P. NEWHALL.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..May 18, 1927
JOHN S. COCKE.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..May 16, 1927
JAMES S. GOETZ.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..June 6, 1927
JAMES C. KINNARD.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..June 21, 1927
JOHN F. STOUT.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..June 24, 1927
WILLIAM D. HENSLEY.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..July 17, 1927
SWEN G. JOHNSON.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Aug. 3, 1927

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ROBERT L. GILCHRIST.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Sept. 5, 1927
PAUL M. LANGE.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Sept. 6, 1927
WOOLSEY C. SIMPSON.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Oct. 10, 1927
CHARLES H. BALLIETT.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Oct. 13, 1927
GEORGE E. GOODMAN.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Sept. 18, 1927
NELSON J. MARVIN.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 2, 1928
JOHN E. HAARMANN.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 9, 1928
OLIVER MORELL.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 21, 1928
JOHN STEEL.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 29, 1928
FRANK BARRETT.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 31, 1928
ARTHUR C. WAKELEY.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Mar. 23, 1928
SAMUEL C. SMITH.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Jan. 26, 1928
WALTER V. LANCASTER.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..May 14, 1927
HENRY HORNER.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Mar. 25, 1928
KIMBALL E. VALENTINE.....	Jordan,	No. 27..Nov. 23, 1927
JAMES H. LINN.....	Hope,	No. 29..Nov. 3, 1927
ELISHA COURTRIGHT.....	Blue River,	No. 30..Nov. 16, 1927
HIRAM A. BRISBIN.....	Blue River,	No. 30..Mar. 5, 1928
WILLIAM J. ISGRIG.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..July 29, 1927
MATTHEW S. MCGREW.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..Dec. 7, 1927
MOSES M. MACFARLAND.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..June 21, 1927
SANFORD HARTMAN.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Sept. 6, 1927
MAGNUS J. COHEN.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Sept. 29, 1927
JAMES W. ABBOTT.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Nov. 27, 1927
OSCAR E. HUGHES.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Dec. 31, 1927
HENRY J. CLARK.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Oct. 21, 1927
WILLIAM S. DOLSON.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Jan. 19, 1928
OSCAR E. HÖSTETTER.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Mar. 15, 1928
GLEN C. ROBERTS.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..June 27, 1927
NATHAN R. MCBRIDE.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Dec. 10, 1927
JAMES T. WORTZ.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Dec. 15, 1927
CHARLES WASMER.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Jan. 8, 1928
SEYMOUR S. WERTZ.....	Acacia,	No. 34..June 13, 1924
EDGAR E. HOWELL.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..July 4, 1927
FRANK W. DENNEY.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Dec. 25, 1927
WILLIAM G. WOOSTER.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Mar. 10, 1928

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EDWARD M. FURMAN.....	Fairbury,	No. 35.. Mar. 31, 1928
ARTHUR A. BRAUCHER.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36.. April 12, 1927
WILLIAM F. SINSEL.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36.. Mar. 17, 1928
BEN H. HAYDEN.....	Crete,	No. 37.. April 4, 1927
LEONARD HALLSTEIN.....	Oliver,	No. 38.. June 18, 1927
CHARLES L. SCRIBNER.....	Oliver,	No. 38.. Aug. 9, 1927
CHARLES H. MITTLESTADT.....	Northern Light,	No. 41.. June 23, 1927
JOHN KINGSLEY.....	Northern Light,	No. 41.. Dec. 7, 1927
ROBERT HUME.....	Northern Light,	No. 41.. Dec. 11, 1927
THOMAS L. GIBSON.....	Juniata,	No. 42.. Feb. 28, 1928
ROY E. NASH.....	Juniata,	No. 42.. Mar. 26, 1928
WILLIAM J. WILLARS.....	Juniata,	No. 42.. Mar. 22, 1928
ROY E. DUFUR.....	Hebron,	No. 43.. May 15, 1927
WILLIAM B. HUGHES.....	Hebron,	No. 43.. July 28, 1927
WILLIAM L. GADDIS.....	Harvard,	No. 44.. Sept. 1, 1927
HECTOR M. SINCLAIR.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46.. May 2, 1927
ABRAM NEWCOMB.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46.. Aug. 5, 1927
HIRAM P. PORTER.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46.. April 19, 1927
JOHN S. SMITH.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46.. Nov. 11, 1927
HERMAN H. STOTTKO.....	Fairmont,	No. 48.. Nov. 20, 1927
ISAAC N. CLARK.....	Evening Star,	No. 49.. May 29, 1927
JAMES F. DUNLAP.....	Hastings,	No. 50.. July 29, 1927
HENRY J. SPRENGER.....	Hastings,	No. 50.. Aug. 4, 1927
LOUIS H. REYNOLDS.....	Hastings,	No. 50.. Oct. 23, 1927
ANDREW VIETH.....	Hastings,	No. 50.. Feb. 8, 1928
ALFRED M. CLARK.....	Hastings,	No. 50.. Feb. 8, 1928
EDWARD M. FETTERMAN.....	Hastings,	No. 50.. Jan. 22, 1928
MATHEW J. BOUSE.....	Fidelity,	No. 51.. April 1, 1927
FRANK WILLIAMS.....	Hiram,	No. 52.. Jan. 28, 1928
CHARLES F. CATHER.....	Charity,	No. 53.. Mar. 3, 1928
ROBERT DAMERELL.....	Charity,	No. 53.. June 17, 1927
DALLAS W. TURNURE.....	Charity,	No. 53.. April 1, 1927
ROBERT E. MCBRIDE.....	Charity,	No. 53.. June 19, 1927
OAKLEY ADAMS.....	Lancaster,	No. 54.. April 29, 1927
ROBERT G. ANDERSON.....	Lancaster,	No. 54.. April 29, 1927
EDWARD J. YOST.....	Lancaster,	No. 54.. May 18, 1927

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JOSEPH ADOLPHUS.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Aug. 19, 1927
NEILS P. HANSEN.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Oct. 22, 1927
MARK E. VANCE.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Nov. 19, 1927
ORNAN J. KING.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Dec. 26, 1927
JOHN H. MOORE.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Dec. 29, 1927
CHARLES M. SHEPHERD.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Feb. 3, 1928
WENDELL B. SMITH.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Feb. 3, 1928
CHAUNCEY F. CHAPMAN.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Feb. 9, 1928
ISAAC N. BAGNELL.....	York,	No. 56..June 28, 1926
FREDERICK P. VAN WICKLE.....	York,	No. 56..Oct. 13, 1925
WILLIAM J. WELLS.....	York,	No. 56..Oct. 3, 1925
FREDERICK M. STALEY.....	York,	No. 56..April 7, 1926
D. WEBSTER BAKER.....	York,	No. 56..June 30, 1927
BENJAMIN F. MARSHALL.....	York,	No. 56..May 23, 1927
ANDREW MILLER.....	York,	No. 56..Dec. 8, 1927
JAMES D. MINARD.....	York,	No. 56..Dec. 14, 1927
HECTOR J. ROGERS.....	York,	No. 56..Mar. 5, 1928
JOSEPH N. DAVIS.....	Wahoo,	No. 59..Sept. 9, 1927
ANDREW PEARSON.....	Melrose,	No. 60..Dec. 31, 1927
MARTIN C. DURLAND.....	Thistle,	No. 61..Oct. 22, 1927
TIMOTHY A. TAYLOR.....	Thistle,	No. 61..Jan. 14, 1928
ALBERT G. BARTZ.....	Keystone,	No. 62..Mar. 7, 1928
HENRY BINGER.....	Blue Valley,	No. 64..May 30, 1927
LUMIR E. DVORAK.....	Blue Valley,	No. 64..Aug. 21, 1927
LEVI L. SNIDER.....	Osceola,	No. 65..Dec. 7, 1927
JOHN S. WINSTON.....	Edgar,	No. 67..Nov. 21, 1927
ALVIN O. HARTQUEST.....	Aurora,	No. 68..May 1, 1927
EDWARD R. WILLIAMS.....	Aurora,	No. 68..June 16, 1927
ANDREW G. PETERSON.....	Aurora,	No. 68..Nov. 12, 1927
FREDERICK A. THOMAS.....	Aurora,	No. 68..Jan. 21, 1928
FRANK I. REBER.....	Hooper,	No. 72..Jan. 28, 1928
FRANCIS J. STECHER.....	Hooper,	No. 72..Feb. 15, 1928
MOSES T. ZELLERS.....	Hooper,	No. 72..Sept. 23, 1927
PETER C. LARSEN.....	Friend,	No. 73..May 13, 1927
ABSOLOM D. ROSE.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75..Sept. 29, 1927
EDWARD D. PAULSON.....	Joppa,	No. 76..Jan. 13, 1928

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SYLVESTER LOSEY	Joppa,	No. 76..Feb. 4, 1928
JAMES W. HOUTZ	Joppa,	No. 76..Feb. 7, 1928
JACOB RITTERBUSH	Nelson,	No. 77..Dec. 24, 1927
FRANK S. HOLLINGSWORTH	Nelson,	No. 77..Jan. 16, 1928
WILLIAM C. DAY	Albion,	No. 78..Sept. 19, 1927
WILLIAM H. GOFF	Albion,	No. 78..Feb. 13, 1928
HENRY GOFF	Albion,	No. 78..June 22, 1927
CLINTON R. SHICKLEY	Geneva,	No. 79..April 2, 1927
GEORGE R. BORLAND	Geneva,	No. 79..Feb. 9, 1928
WILLIAM JOHNSON	St. Paul,	No. 82..July 15, 1927
JOHN D. HASKELL	Corinthian,	No. 83..May 12, 1927
LEMUEL ENNIS	Doniphan,	No. 86..Jan. 5, 1928
CHARLES E. BURTON	Ionic,	No. 87..June 16, 1927
WILLIAM T. SPETTS	Ionic,	No. 87..Dec. 6, 1927
CHARLES G. WHIPPLE	Ionic,	No. 87..Mar. 29, 1928
EDMON MORROW	Star,	No. 88..Jan. 18, 1928
JOSEPH A. STORCH	Cedar River,	No. 89..July 19, 1927
AXEL F. WICKSTROM	Oakland,	No. 91..April 30, 1927
HUBBELL H. JOHNSON	Hubbell,	No. 92..Nov. 1, 1927
JOHN E. AXTELL	Beaver City,	No. 93..Jan. 1, 1928
HENRY D. HALL	Bennett,	No. 94..Jan. 6, 1928
DEAN E. COLE	Garfield,	No. 95..Oct. 11, 1927
CHARLES B. SCOTT	Garfield,	No. 95..Oct. 14, 1927
FRANK O. STEFFEN	Utica,	No. 96..Dec. 10, 1927
ORRESTES V. BOONE	Euclid,	No. 97..Oct. 26, 1927
ELIJAH RATNOUR	Euclid,	No. 97..Jan. 10, 1928
JOHN W. COLBERT	Euclid,	No. 97..Jan. 14, 1928
JEROME FORBES	Republican,	No. 98..Aug. 3, 1926
WILLIAM QUICK	Shelton,	No. 99..June 25, 1926
THOMAS BLAKELY	Shelton,	No. 99..June 15, 1927
NATHANIEL L. RAYMOND	Creighton,	No. 100..Oct. 2, 1927
JOHN N. WYATT	Waterloo,	No. 102..April 27, 1927
JOHN COWING	Waterloo,	No. 102..Aug. 14, 1927
GEORGE JOHNSON	Waterloo,	No. 102..Sept. 4, 1927
JESSE C. BAIRD	Ord,	No. 103..Aug. 8, 1927
DAVID R. BEIGHLEY	Ord,	No. 103..Sept. 15, 1927

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DAVID A. GARD	Ord,	No. 103 . Mar. 19, 1928
WILLIAM BANNISTER	Ord,	No. 103 . Jan. 17, 1928
GEORGE E. OGDEN	Wymore,	No. 104 . June 23, 1927
JOSEPH E. JONES	Stella,	No. 105 . Oct. 21, 1927
CHARLES C. FANKELL	Stella,	No. 105 . Nov. 25, 1927
GEORGE L. SLOCUM	Stella,	No. 105 . Dec. 6, 1927
GEORGE O. CRISLER	Table Rock,	No. 108 . Nov. 28, 1927
EDGAR A. WOODS	Table Rock,	No. 108 . Feb. 9, 1928
GEORGE P. TRITES	Table Rock,	No. 108 . Mar. 15, 1928
GEORGE F. SCHOPP	DeWitt,	No. 111 . Oct. 19, 1927
GUY B. CROSS	DeWitt,	No. 111 . Oct. 1, 1927
DAVID F. VENRICK	DeWitt,	No. 111 . Feb. 1, 1928
WILLIAM J. ARMSTRONG	Springfield,	No. 112 . April 21, 1927
LEWIS W. DRISKELL	Springfield,	No. 112 . June 18, 1927
HENRY C. TWING	Globe,	No. 113 . Dec. 10, 1927
JOHN C. MITCHELL	Harlan,	No. 116 . Jan. 15, 1928
WILLARD J. FAIR	Hardy,	No. 117 . Oct. 20, 1926
CHARLES B. STARK	North Bend,	No. 119 . Jan. 14, 1928
HERMAN C. HENNEY	Wayne,	No. 120 . May 28, 1927
HENRY KORFF	Wayne,	No. 120 . Nov. 28, 1927
ANSON A. WELCH	Wayne,	No. 120 . Mar. 30, 1928
BARTRAM C. AMBERSON	Superior,	No. 121 . Aug. 18, 1927
H. B. KAYS	Superior,	No. 121 . Sept. 10, 1927
HIERO K. SHAW	Superior,	No. 121 . April 5, 1927
WILLIAM H. HORRUM	Auburn,	No. 124 . Aug. 27, 1927
ALROY L. LANGFORD	Auburn,	No. 124 . Sept. 5, 1927
FRANK A. MATSON	Mount Nebo,	No. 125 . Aug. 8, 1927
JAMES D. EDWARDS	Stromsburg,	No. 126 . Nov. 19, 1927
SETH F. GREENE	Minden,	No. 127 . Dec. 26, 1927
LESTER WORMUTH	Blue Hill,	No. 129 . June 27, 1927
FRANK W. CATHER	Blue Hill,	No. 129 . Dec. 9, 1927
GUSTAVE A. DIELS	Scribner,	No. 132 . June 4, 1927
SCOTT W. BENNETT	McCook,	No. 135 . Sept. 7, 1927
ERNEST S. COLE	McCook,	No. 135 . Mar. 17, 1928
WILLIAM D. BURNETT	McCook,	No. 135 . Feb. 20, 1928
FRANK H. STORMS	Long Pine,	No. 136 . Mar. 31, 1927

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KIRK ROBINSON.....	Long Pine,	No. 136..Feb. 1, 1928
THOMAS W. MILKS.....	Upright,	No. 137..Jan. 12, 1928
CHARLES R. WILSON.....	Rawalt,	No. 138..Oct. 16, 1927
ARTHUR A. KING.....	Rawalt,	No. 138..Feb. 9, 1928
KELLOGG C. BARTLETT.....	Crescent,	No. 143..April , 1927
EMIL ANDERSON.....	Crescent,	No. 143..May , 1927
WILLIAM H. RANSOM.....	Bancroft,	No. 145..Aug. , 1927
WILLIAM H. STATIA.....	Bancroft,	No. 145..Jan. 3, 1928
SYLVESTER A. ANDREW.....	Jachin,	No. 146..July 3, 1927
CHARLES S. ROMINE.....	Jachin,	No. 146..Feb. 17, 1928
EDWIN D. GUSTAVSON.....	Jachin,	No. 146..Mar. 1, 1928
FRED BROWN.....	Jachin,	No. 146..Mar. 19, 1928
JOHN E. HEDLUND.....	Jachin,	No. 146..Mar. 29, 1928
WILLIAM H. PREDMORE.....	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148..April 15, 1927
JOHN W. BRUCE.....	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148..Dec. 4, 1927
HARRY E. O'NEILL.....	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148..Jan. 19, 1928
EUGENE S. DALY.....	Cambridge,	No. 150..May 8, 1927
SYLVESTER A. AUKERMAN.....	Square,	No. 151..April 24, 1927
JAMES A. WITTEN.....	Evergreen,	No. 153..Dec. 4, 1927
ALFRED G. BRANDE.....	Evergreen,	No. 153..Jan. 10, 1928
ANDREW AMUNDSON.....	Hartington,	No. 155..Mar. 28, 1928
CHARLES B. PESHEK.....	Pythagoras,	No. 156..June 24, 1927
ROBERT C. ORR.....	Valley,	No. 157..Dec. 15, 1927
JESSE A. EVANS.....	Samaritan,	No. 158..April 3, 1927
JOHN G. DUNN.....	Samaritan,	No. 158..April 3, 1927
WILLIAM A. DANLEY.....	Samaritan,	No. 158..June 24, 1927
ALBERT J. WOOD.....	Samaritan,	No. 158..Mar. 17, 1928
CHARLES C. KNIBBS.....	Ogalalla,	No. 159..June 12, 1927
EARL E. MELVIN.....	Zeredatha,	No. 160..Nov. 23, 1927
JESSE C. WYATT.....	Barneston,	No. 165..April 20, 1927
CHRISTIAN GARRETT.....	Grafton,	No. 172..Mar. 23, 1928
EMMOR C. RATCLIFF.....	Robert Burns,	No. 173..Dec. 17, 1927
EARL C. BURKHART.....	Culbertson,	No. 174..Dec. 6, 1927
ERNEST A. MARKWALDER.....	Gladstone,	No. 176..Feb. 9, 1928
ISAAC CLARK.....	Gladstone,	No. 176..Mar. 17, 1928
SINCLAIR BALDERSON.....	Justice,	No. 180..July 15, 1927

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FRANK B. KEENE	Justice,	No. 180..Feb. 7, 1928
RICHARD P. THOMPSON	Justice,	No. 180..Feb. 19, 1928
GEORGE SWANSON	Faith,	No. 181..Feb. 13, 1928
ANDREW P. ROSENBERG	Faith,	No. 181..Mar. 19, 1928
CHARLES H. BRITTON	Alliance,	No. 183..Sept. 25, 1927
THOMAS D. ROBERTS	Alliance,	No. 183..Mar. 25, 1928
JERRY ROWAN	Alliance,	No. 183..Oct. 10, 1927
SMITH P. TUTTLE	Alliance,	No. 183..Mar. 20, 1928
HOWARD H. BENNETT	Alliance,	No. 183..May 25, 1926
WALTER E. GALLOWAY	Bee Hive,	No. 184..Aug. 29, 1927
WILLIAM N. PAXTON	Bee Hive,	No. 184..July 14, 1927
A. FRANK STRYKER	Bee Hive,	No. 184..Nov. 14, 1927
CURTIS E. COOK	Bee Hive,	No. 184..Mar. 16, 1928
SOLOMON W. STILGEBAUER	Boaz,	No. 185..Nov. 20, 1919
THOMAS BOYD	Boaz,	No. 185..Nov. 23, 1927
EVAN MCKINNEY	Boaz,	No. 185..Mar. 24, 1927
ELZA J. YOUNG	Boaz,	No. 185..Sept. 25, 1927
THOMAS A. BAUMGARDNER	Israel,	No. 187..July 10, 1927
OSCAR HELMER	Meridian,	No. 188..Dec. 13, 1927
DAVID A. TRIVELPIECE	Granite,	No. 189..May 24, 1927
HERMAN R. KLUMP	Amethyst,	No. 190..July 24, 1927
JAMES C. HARGRAVES	Amethyst,	No. 190..Nov. 27, 1927
HERBERT A. CHAPIN	Amethyst,	No. 190..Mar. 10, 1928
PARK L. STUBBLEFIELD	Crystal,	No. 191..Sept. 9, 1927
HERBERT M. CRAM	Crystal,	No. 191..Sept. 11, 1927
JUSTIN H. WEST	Crystal,	No. 191..July 11, 1927
CHARLES H. CORNELL	Minnekadusa,	No. 192..May 15, 1927
JAMES H. QUIGLEY	Minnekadusa,	No. 192..July 18, 1927
ALFRED V. PAXTON	Minnekadusa,	No. 192..Dec. 13, 1927
HENRY MULLER	Minnekadusa,	No. 192..Mar. 6, 1928
REUBEN H. GOODGE	Signet,	No. 193..Dec. 26, 1927
JOHN D. WOLF	Signet,	No. 193..Jan. 19, 1928
FRANK HUFFER	Arcana,	No. 195..Aug. 6, 1927
DON C. DYE	Level,	No. 196..April 18, 1927
JAMES A. WILLIAMS	Level,	No. 196..Sept. 9, 1927
HARMON A. EYESTONE	Morning Star,	No. 197..Nov. 14, 1927

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GLEN G. KIMBERLING.....	Purity,	No. 198..Jan. 1, 1928
THOMAS W. WHEELER.....	Purity,	No. 198..Feb. 22, 1928
JAMES BURKE.....	Purity,	No. 198..Oct. 12, 1927
WILLIAM H. MCCURDY.....	Gavel,	No. 199..May 14, 1927
WALTER ABBOTT.....	Blazing Star,	No. 200..May 3, 1927
FRANK M. CURRIE.....	Blazing Star,	No. 200..Sept. 3, 1927
ROBERT HOGG.....	Blazing Star,	No. 200..Oct. 8, 1927
OSCAR W. GARDNER.....	Scottsbluff,	No. 201..Dec. 14, 1927
GEORGE H. BACON.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202..May 17, 1910
WILLIAM ESPLIN.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202..May 23, 1919
LEE FITZSIMMONS.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202..May 26, 1926
QUINTEN A. KERLEY.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202..June 27, 1927
BENJAMIN F. SMITH.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202..Jan. 12, 1928
CHARLES EDWARDS.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202..Mar. 14, 1928
JOHN L. HARDY.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202..Mar. 16, 1928
CHARLES C. MARYOTT.....	Roman Eagle,	No. 203..April 10, 1927
CURTIS L. DAY.....	Roman Eagle,	No. 203..July 11, 1927
WILLIAM W. POUNDS.....	Roman Eagle,	No. 203..Jan. 8, 1928
SCOTT W. TERRY.....	Golden Fleece,	No. 205..Dec. 30, 1927
W. JESSE FOUTS.....	Napthali,	No. 206..June 28, 1927
CHRISTIAN M. BOSSEN.....	Gauge,	No. 208..April 29, 1927
DEWEY W. QUINN.....	Canopy,	No. 209..Aug. 2, 1927
FRED L. ZINK.....	Canopy,	No. 209..Sept. 22, 1927
DELMAR SAXTON.....	Canopy,	No. 209..Dec. 29, 1927
JOHN R. MONROE.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210..July 18, 1927
ADAM SIGLER.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210..Oct. 20, 1927
DANIEL H. MERRITT.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210..Nov. 12, 1927
C. FREEMAN BARRAS.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210..Nov. 24, 1927
ROLLIN J. EBERLY.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210..Feb. 22, 1928
FRANK SPANGLER.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210..Mar. 2, 1928
WILLIAM A. LLOYD.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210..Mar. 23, 1928
LEONARD C. GILLET.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210..Mar. 25, 1928
WILLIAM G. ARNOLD.....	Cement,	No. 211..Aug. 23, 1927
FREDERICK M. HOLLISTER.....	Cement,	No. 211..Feb. 1, 1928
JOHN W. LOCKARD.....	Compass & Square,	No. 212..Dec. 16, 1927
CHARLES A. BRIDE.....	Wauneta,	No. 217..April 12, 1927

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NAME	LODGE	DATE OF DEATH
J. ALFRED DICK	Wauneta,	No. 217 .Jan. 21, 1928
CHARLES L. ALLEN	Relief,	No. 219 .Nov. 8, 1927
GEORGE A. SMITH	Landmark,	No. 222 .July 16, 1927
SAMUEL M. WYATT	Silver Cord,	No. 224 .Dec. 22, 1927
GEORGE P. CLARK	Delta,	No. 230 .April 19, 1927
WILLIAM H. COX	Delta,	No. 230 .Mar. 9, 1928
LEWIS COCHRAN	Mount Hermon,	No. 231 .Sept. 29, 1927
ROBERT FORD	Gilead,	No. 233 .May 21, 1927
ELMER E. THORNBERG	Gilead,	No. 233 .Aug. 26, 1927
WILLIAM M. ALDEN	Zion,	No. 234 .Aug. 29, 1927
CHESTER C. ALDEN	Zion,	No. 234 .Sept. 24, 1927
ALBERT H. CARTER	Fraternity,	No. 235 .Sept. 8, 1927
MICHAEL LYONS	Fraternity,	No. 235 .Mar. 21, 1928
EDWARD C. HARP	Cubit,	No. 237 .Feb. 16, 1928
FRANK L. BAIRD	Friendship,	No. 239 .Jan. 30, 1928
DORWARD M. DENNISON	Pilot,	No. 240 .Aug. 9, 1927
JOHN B. THOMAS	Pilot,	No. 240 .Nov. 21, 1927
CHARLES W. RAY	Pilot,	No. 240 .Feb. 26, 1928
HAKON FRIDLUND	George Armstrong,	No. 241 .June 12, 1927
STEPHEN C. HOUGHTON	Hampton,	No. 245 .June 7, 1927
CHARLES E. SWEETSER	Hampton,	No. 245 .Feb. 16, 1928
GILBERT W. CHENEY	Nehawka,	No. 246 .June 6, 1927
WILLIAM GILMORE	Nehawka,	No. 246 .Jan. 28, 1928
NIS NISSEN	Corner-stone,	No. 247 .Sept. 2, 1927
LARSH S. GILMAN	George Washington,	No. 250 .Jan. 14, 1928
LEONARD PICKARD	George Washington,	No. 250 .Sept. 6, 1927
PEHR G. CREUTZ	Wausa,	No. 251 .Aug. 7, 1927
JAMES McCLURE	Wausa,	No. 251 .Aug. 29, 1927
GEORGE W. VAN AUKER	Beemer,	No. 253 .April 27, 1927
WILLIAM L. CROSBY	Beemer,	No. 253 .Oct. 6, 1927
JAMES C. SORENSON	Beemer,	No. 253 .Dec. 7, 1927
HOWARD L. NELLOR	Beemer,	No. 253 .Jan. 11, 1928
DELOS M. SWEENEY	Holbrook,	No. 257 .
DANIEL KINGERY	Anselmo,	No. 258 .Feb. 27, 1928
AUSTIN A. GAMSBY	Endeavor,	No. 262 .Feb. 23, 1928
MARTIN BRISTOL	Mitchell,	No. 263 .May 30, 1927

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GEORGE BUCK, SR.	Franklin,	No. 264..April 2, 1927
MARLAND HART	Silver,	No. 266..Nov. 25, 1926
CHARLES A. HALL	George W. Lininger,	No. 268..Nov. 4, 1927
ARTHUR E. MARSH	George W. Lininger,	No. 268..Nov. 27, 1927
CHARLES J. CORKHILL	George W. Lininger,	No. 268..Jan. . ., 1928
THOMAS W. BLACKBURN	George W. Lininger,	No. 268..Jan. 28, 1928
GEORGE A. DODDS, SR.	Riverside,	No. 269..June 20, 1927
JAMES M. CANFIELD	Crofton,	No. 273..July 17, 1927
GEORGE W. MILLS	Olive Branch,	No. 274..Jan. 3, 1928
WALTER T. DIDDOK	Olive Branch,	No. 274..Jan. 16, 1928
ROBERT ASHLEY	Olive Branch,	No. 274..May 17, 1927
EVAN B. MORRIS	Antelope,	No. 276..Nov. 24, 1927
GEORGE F. PHILLIPS	Sioux,	No. 277..Sept. 17, 1927
EDWARD F. PONTIUS	Sioux,	No. 277..Nov. 16, 1927
JOHN D. CROWNOVER	Swastika,	No. 280..Oct. 9, 1927
BRUCE WILCOX	Camp Clarke,	No. 285..July 14, 1927
JOHN ROBINSON	Oshkosh,	No. 286..Sept. 28, 1927
MARION R. WIKLE	Omaha,	No. 288..May 5, 1927
IVAN G. WARD	Omaha,	No. 288..Aug. 10, 1927
WILLIAM S. HETHERINGTON	Omaha,	No. 288..Sept. 9, 1927
WALTER H. MAILAND	Omaha,	No. 288..Dec. 11, 1927
HENRY B. SHOOK	Omaha,	No. 288..Dec. 29, 1927
IRA D. WILLIAMS	Omaha,	No. 288..Feb. 6, 1928
CHARLES MINER	Lotus,	No. 289..July 22, 1927
ALBERT O. HECKATHORN	John J. Mercer,	No. 290..Aug. 16, 1926
EUGENE H. SOPER	John J. Mercer,	No. 290..April 22, 1927
DAVID D. LICHTY	Diamond,	No. 291..July 21, 1927
JOHN N. LARSEN	Wolbach,	No. 292..April 27, 1927
CLARE C. RICHARDS	Monument,	No. 293..Sept. 16, 1927
ROBERT B. CHAMBERS	Monument,	No. 293..Mar. 11, 1928
HENRY O. COLE	Kimball,	No. 294..Sept. 28, 1927
OSCAR A. TORGERSON	Kimball,	No. 294..Sept. 16, 1927
IMON T. HENSLEY	Cotner,	No. 297..Nov. 9, 1927
SCOTT S. WEDDELL	Bayard,	No. 301..Oct. 5, 1927
JOHN A. CAVETT	Bayard,	No. 301..Aug. 29, 1927
ROBERT W. GRIFFIS	Mizpah,	No. 302..Dec. 23, 1927

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NAME	LODGE	DATE OF DEATH
VICTOR E. JENSEN.....	Right Angle,	No. 303 .. July 6, 1927
JAMES H. PATTERSON.....	Right Angle,	No. 303 .. Dec. 31, 1927
ARTHUR G. ENGLEMAN.....	Right Angle,	No. 303 .. Dec. 19, 1926
PERRY O. HARRIER.....	Victory,	No. 310 .. Mar. 15, 1928
MELVIN L. MCLEAN.....	Craftsmen,	No. 314 .. July 19, 1927
STANLEY A. HENRY.....	Craftsmen,	No. 314 .. Dec. 17, 1927
HERBERT O. DORN.....	Alpha,	No. 316 .. Aug. 7, 1927
WILLIAM N. CARNES.....	Mid-West,	No. 317 .. July 18, 1927
WILLIAM E. THORNE.....	Bladen,	No. 319 .. June 18, 1927
JOHN W. WRATTEN.....	Bladen,	No. 319 .. July 3, 1927

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Lodges Reporting No Delinquent Dues For the Year 1927.

Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City.
Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.
Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford.
Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton.
York Lodge No. 56, York.
Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips.
Saint Paul Lodge No. 82, Saint Paul.
Tyre Lodge No. 85, Blue Springs.
Utica Lodge No. 96, Utica.
Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City.
Guide Rock, Lodge No. 128, Guide Rock.
Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Oxford.
Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege.
Jewel Lodge No. 149, Tobias.
Parallel Lodge No. 152, Liberty.
Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron.
Curtis Lodge No. 168, Curtis.
Incense Lodge No. 182, Ohioa.
Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha.
Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway.
Plumblin Lodge No. 214, Adams.
Silver Lodge No. 266, Silver Creek.
George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha.
Crofton Lodge No. 273, Crofton.
Ramah Lodge No. 275, Bertrand.
Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha.
Ruskin Lodge No. 304, Ruskin.
Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole.
Polk Lodge No. 311, Polk.
Palmer Lodge No. 315, Palmer.
Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings.
Bladen Lodge No. 319, Bladen.

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Francis E. White, 54 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- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Samuel P. Davidson, 46 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- 14-15-16-17-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28.
George H. Thummel, 44 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- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28.
Henry H. Wilson, 33 Years.	1888-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04- 05-06-07-08-10-12-13-14-15-16-17-19-23-25-26- 27-28.
Frank E. Bullard, 30 Years.	1877-78-79-80-81-82-90-91-92-95-96-97-98-99-00-01- 02-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-11-14-15-21-23-26.
John Finch, 29 Years.	1898-99-00-01-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27.
Charles E. Burnham, 29 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28.
Benjamin F. Pitman, 29 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28.
Samuel S. Whiting, 28 Years.	1901-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28.
Edwin C. Yont, 27 Years.	1897-98-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-26-27-28.
James R. Cain, Jr., 27 Years.	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28.
Harry A. Cheney, 26 Years.	1897-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-22-23-24-25-28.
Lewis E. Smith, 26 Years.	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28.
Henry H. Andrews, 24 Years	1898-99-00-01-03-08-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20- 21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28.
George C. Mason, 23 Years.	1902-03-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-24-25-27.

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE PASSED
BEYOND THE VEIL.

ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Died Jan. 9th, 1899.....	(1st) .. 1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1896.....	(2nd) .. 1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Died Nov. 27th, 1912.....	(3rd) .. 1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Died June 1st, 1905.....	(4th) .. 1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Died Jan. 27th, 1883.....	(5th) .. 1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Died Nov. 23rd, 1914.....	(6th) .. 1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Died Dec. 29th, 1917.....	(7th) .. 1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Died Feb. 18th, 1915.....	(8th) .. 1873
FRANK WELCH.....	Died Sept. 4th, 1878.....	(9th) .. 1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	Died July 10th, 1894.....	(10th) .. 1875
GEORGE W. LININGER.....	Died June 8th, 1907.....	(12th) .. 1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE.....	Died April 11th, 1916.....	(13th) .. 1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Died Feb. 2nd, 1904.....	(14th) .. 1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Died Jan. 21st, 1901.....	(15th) .. 1880
JAMES R. CAIN, SR.....	Died Nov. 24th, 1920.....	(16th) .. 1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	Died July 9th, 1923.....	(17th) .. 1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Died Nov. 15th, 1913.....	(18th) .. 1883
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Died Sept. 28th, 1917.....	(20th) .. 1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT.....	Died Aug. 23rd, 1910.....	(21st) .. 1886
MILTON J. HULL.....	Died Sept. 18th, 1923.....	(22nd) .. 1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Died Aug. 16th, 1914.....	(23rd) .. 1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Died Feb. 25th, 1915.....	(24th) .. 1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Died Feb. 16th, 1927.....	(25th) .. 1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER.....	Died May 8th, 1909.....	(26th) .. 1891
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1918.....	(28th) .. 1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT.....	Died Nov. 1st, 1925.....	(29th) .. 1894
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Died Aug. 24th, 1915.....	(31st) .. 1896
JOHN B. DINSMORE.....	Died Oct. 6th, 1915.....	(32nd) .. 1897
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Died Dec. 24th, 1917.....	(33rd) .. 1898
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Died Aug. 17th, 1922.....	(34th) .. 1899
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Died Aug. 23rd, 1915.....	(35th) .. 1900
ROBERT E. EVANS.....	Died July 8th, 1925.....	(36th) .. 1901
NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Died Nov. 19th, 1913.....	(37th) .. 1902
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL.....	Died May 2nd, 1911.....	(40th) .. 1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD.....	Died Dec. 17th, 1916.....	(41st) .. 1906
ORNAN J. KING.....	Died Dec. 26th, 1927.....	(42nd) .. 1907
WILLIAM A. DEBORD.....	Died May 17th, 1916.....	(43rd) .. 1908
MICHAEL DOWLING.....	Died May 5th, 1921.....	(44th) .. 1909
HENRY GIBBONS.....	Died Aug. 22nd, 1923.....	(46th) .. 1911
ALPHA MORGAN.....	Died April 17th, 1924.....	(48th) .. 1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Died Aug. 12th, 1919.....	(49th) .. 1914
EDWARD M. WELLMAN.....	Died Aug. 31st, 1922.....	(57th) .. 1922

PAST GRAND MASTERS
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE,
A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

GEORGE H. THUMMEL.....	(11th) ..	1876
404 South 38th Ave., Omaha		
JOHN J. WEMPLE.....	(19th) ..	1884
1880 Wadena Ave. East Cleveland, Ohio		
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.....	(27th) ..	1892
Tecumseh		
HENRY H. WILSON.....	(30th) ..	1895
First Nat'l Bank Bldg., Lincoln		
FRANK E. BULLARD.....	(38th) ..	1903
1001 So. 46th St., Philadelphia, Penn.		
CHARLES E. BURNHAM.....	(39th) ..	1904
Norfolk		
HARRY A. CHENEY.....	(45th) ..	1910
Creighton		
JAMES R. CAIN, JR.....	(47th) ..	1912
1039 So. 30th Ave., Omaha		
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	(50th) ..	1915
First Nat'l Bank Bldg., Lincoln		
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	(51st) ..	1916
400 So. 8th St., Norfolk		
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	(52nd) ..	1917
North Platte		
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON.....	(53rd) ..	1918
Federal Bldg., Omaha		
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	(54th) ..	1919
4515 Spencer St., Omaha		
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG.....	(55th) ..	1920
601 Keeline Bldg., Omaha		
LEWIS E. SMITH.....	(56th) ..	1921
401 Masonic Temple, Omaha		
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL.....	(58th) ..	1923
Minden		
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	(59th) ..	1924
O'Neill		
JOHN WRIGHT.....	(60th) ..	1925
Masonic Temple, Lincoln		
EDWIN D. CRITES.....	(61st) ..	1926
Chadron		
ALBERT R. DAVIS.....	(62nd) ..	1927
Wayne		

GRAND SECRETARIES.

- *GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....Sept. 23, 1857, to June 2, 1858
 *ROBERT W. FURNAS.....June 2, 1858, to June 4, 1862
 *ROBERT C. JORDAN.....June 4, 1862, to June 24, 1863
 *STEPHEN D. BANGS.....June 24, 1863, to June 24, 1865
 *J. NEWTON WISE.....June 24, 1865, to Oct. 27, 1869
 *ROBERT W. FURNAS.....Oct. 27, 1869, to June 21, 1872
 *WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....June 21, 1872, to May 6, 1899
 *FRANK H. YOUNG, Acting.....May 6, 1899, to June 9, 1899
 FRANCIS E. WHITE.....June 9, 1899, to June 11, 1925
 LEWIS E. SMITH.....June 11, 1925, to date

*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 V. Taylor.....	Calgary.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskruge.....	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.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado.....	William W. Cooper.....	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	George F. Bowden.....	Apartado V. San Jose.
Cuba.....	Felix V. Preval Perez.....	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware.....	John F. Robinson.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Kelpner.....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt.....	Abdel Maguid Younis.....	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England.....	Philip Colville Smith.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Francis F. Baker.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Curtis F. Pike.....	Masonic Temple, Boise.
Illinois.....	Owen Scott.....	Decatur.
Indiana.....	William H. Swintz.....	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Charles C. Hunt.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellerd.....	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Fred W. Hardwick.....	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.
Mexico, (York Gr. Ldge)	A. Percival Hughes.....	Mexico City.
Michigan.....	Lou B. Winsor.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Edward L. Faucette.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Arthur Mather.....	Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Box 896, Helena.
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada.....	Frank D. King.....	Reno.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New South Wales.....	David Cunningham.....	Masonic Temple, Sydney.
New York.....	Robert J. Kenworthy.....	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand.....	George Barclay.....	P. O. Box 322, Wellington.
North Carolina.....	William W. Willson.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Harry S. Johnson.....	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	William M. Anderson.....	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oregon.....	Darwin R. Cheney.....	Masonic Temple, Portland, Ore.
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	P. O. Box 990, Manila.
Prince Edward Island.....	Ernest Kemp.....	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan.
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	P. O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Queensland.....	Charles H. Harley.....	Box 675, Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	Harold L. McAuslan.....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan.....	William B. Tate.....	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotland.....	David Reid.....	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia.....	Charles R. J. Glover.....	Freemasons Hall, Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania.....	William H. Strutt.....	117 Macquarie St., Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	William B. Pearson.....	Waco.
Utah.....	Sam H. Goodwin.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	William Stewart.....	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.
Vienna.....	James M. Cliff.....	Richmond.
Virginia.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Washington.....	J. D. Stevenson.....	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
Western Australia.....	George S. Laidley.....	Charleston.
West Virginia.....	William F. Weiler.....	407 Van Buren St., Milwaukee.
Wisconsin.....	Iosenh M. Lowndes.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.
Wyoming.....		

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTM'T
Alabama	O. Edwin Mickey, 65	Osceola	May 1, 1924
Alberta	Earl M. Bolen, 130	Ulysses	May 2, 1924
Arizona	Charles E. Gallagher, 251	Coleridge	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas	Chester C. Wells, 1	Omaha	May 9, 1924
British Columbia	John Finch, 225	Arnold	Oct. 15, 1920
Canada	John R. Webster, 3	Omaha	Aug. 21, 1918
Colorado	Edgar F. Snively, 19	Lincoln	Aug. 21, 1915
Connecticut	Samuel P. Davidson, 17	Tecumseh	Oct. 10, 1889
Costa Rica	Benoni J. Lane, 135	McCook	April 30, 1919
Cuba	Charles W. Kraft, 288	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. 12, 1907
England	Francis E. White, 6	Omaha	Sept. 7, 1917
Florida	Ambrose C. Epperson, 139	Omaha	Sept. 20, 1912
Georgia	Frank H. Woodland, 25	Omaha	Oct. 26, 1923
Idaho	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Illinois	George H. Thummel, 33	Omaha	Jan. 1, 1915
Indiana	Earl B. Brooks, 23	Pawnee City	March 1, 1915
Ireland	Ira C. Freet, 56	York	Dec. 7, 1923
Kansas	Henry H. Heiler, 50	Hastings	April 10, 1919
Kentucky	William C. Ramsey, 268	Omaha	June 24, 1927
Louisiana	Adam McMullen, 104	Beatrice	Dec. 18, 1915
Maine	Archie M. Smith, 203	Pender	June 25, 1927
Manitoba	John Wright, 19	Lincoln	Nov. 25, 1921
Maryland	Charles L. Fahnstock, 135	Lincoln	March 8, 1911
Mexico	Frank Wilcox, 1	Omaha	Aug. 25, 1925
Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Omaha	Aug. 29, 1917
Minnesota	George A. Beecher, 268	Hastings	March 17, 1904
Mississippi	Lamont L. Stephens, 106	Loup City	May 1, 1924
Missouri	Samuel S. Whiting, 54	Lincoln	Sept. 10, 1914
Montana	Charles S. McGill, 11	Omaha	April 9, 1915
Nevada	Theodore F. Goold, 159	Ogallala	May 5, 1927
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	Albert R. Davis, 120	Wayne	April 10, 1923
New Zealand	Frank E. Ward, 31	Tekamah	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	John H. Kemp, 120	Wayne	July 7, 1927
Oklahoma	Louis P. Tonner, 153	Pierce	Jan. 13, 1917
Oregon	Charles A. Eyre, 268	Omaha	Nov. 18, 1925
Philippine Islands	John J. Tooley, 258	Broken Bow	Oct. 10, 1913
P. Edward Island	Charles E. Burnham, 166	Norfolk	Oct. 21, 1902
Puerto Rico	Seward E. Cogswell, 36	Central City	April 7, 1928
Quebec	Edwin D. Crites, 158	Chadron	April 20, 1920
Queensland	Robert B. Walker, 170	Mason City	April 4, 1923
Rhode Island	John R. Tapster, 119	North Bend	April 6, 1925
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, 188	Cozad	July 25, 1917
Texas	Robert R. Dickson, 95	O'Neill	May 3, 1915
Utah	William D. Spicknall, 261	Spencer	March 25, 1927
Vermont	Fred H. Barclay, 23	Pawnee City	Aug. 17, 1918
Victoria	John S. Bishop, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 19, 1904
Vienna	David C. Hilton, 19	Lincoln	
Virginia	John S. Davison, 136	Omaha	July 14, 1900
Washington	Andrew H. Viele, 55	Norfolk	Oct. 10, 1910
West Australia	Frank O. Robinson, 155	Hartington	
West Virginia	Frank M. Knight, 183	Alliance	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin	Orville A. Andrews, 19	Lincoln	Jan. 4, 1923

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NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTM'T
Alabama.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery.....	July 30, 1909
Alberta.....	Frank Barnhouse.....	Edmonton.....	May 2, 1921
Arizona.....	John Herbert Harper.....	Globe.....	July 27, 1923
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. Hufferd.....	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.....	George J. Middleton.....	Wilmington.....	Sept. 28, 1923
Dist. of Columbia...	John Linn McGrew.....	Washington, 3168 18th St. N. W.....	July 6, 1917
Egypt.....	Mahmoud Rasmi.....	Cairo, 3 Sharia Zaghul.....	Nov. 3, 1924
England.....	John Ferguson.....	71 Lombard St., London.....	May 20, 1926
Florida.....	William M. Cannon.....	Palatka.....	April 11, 1910
Georgia.....	Wallace W. Bibb.....	Adairsville.....	Dec. 9, 1922
Idaho.....	Francis Jenkins.....	Moscow.....	Dec. 21, 1918
Illinois.....	Francis H. Bradley.....	Princeton.....	Sept. 5, 1922
Indiana.....	Omar B. Smith.....	Rochester.....	Sept. 16, 1908
Ireland.....	Wentworth A. King-Harman..	Newcastle, Ballymahon.....	Nov. 14, 1924
Kansas.....	Earl T. Pyle.....	Clay Center.....	Dec. 15, 1925
Kentucky.....	Virgil P. Smith.....	Somerset.....	Aug. 19, 1927
Louisiana.....	Philip G. Ricks.....	New Orleans.....	July 8, 1926
Maine.....	James A. Richan.....	Rockland.....	Nov. 25, 1925
Manitoba.....	Henry E. Bletcher.....	Winnipeg.....	June 11, 1913
Maryland.....	William F. Broenning.....	Baltimore.....	July 25, 1919
Mexico.....	Herbert A. Denny.....	Box 281 Tampico Tamps, Mexico.....	Sept. 10, 1925
Michigan.....	Frank W. Richey.....	Dowagiac.....	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota.....	Alfred G. Pinkham.....	St. Paul.....	April 7, 1906
Mississippi.....	James Finis Hill.....	Meridian.....	June 20, 1919
Missouri.....	Olaf A. Lucas.....	Kansas City.....	Sept. 23, 1923
Montana.....	Charles N. Thurman.....	Galata.....	Jan. 10, 1927
Nevada.....	Harry H. Atkinson.....	Carson.....	June 19, 1911
New Brunswick...	LeBaron Wilson.....	St. John.....	March 7, 1921
New Hampshire...	Justin O. Wellman.....	Amesbury, Mass.....	March 15, 1916
New Jersey.....	Robert J. Hanna.....	Clifton.....	Oct. 25, 1916
New So. Wales.....	John James.....	209 Trafalgar St., Petersham.....	May 13, 1926
New York.....	Herman Knoke.....	Chase Nat'l Bk., N. Y. Box 108 Dunedin.....	Feb. 8, 1927
New Zealand.....	William Grant Hay.....	Box 108 Dunedin.....	Jan. 6, 1926
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. Youngstown.....	July 16, 1902
Ohio.....	B. Frank Thomas.....	Youngstown.....	Sept. 30, 1925
Oklahoma.....	Randall U. Livesay.....	Oklahoma City.....	July 31, 1916
Oregon.....	John K. Kollock.....	Portland, Corbett Bldg. Manila.....	April 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.....	Harry Hill.....	Brisbane.....	May 31, 1923
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 Haddrick.....	Adelaide.....	June 9, 1910
South Carolina...	George W. Williams.....	York.....	May 2, 1924
South Dakota.....	Marshall R. Brown.....	Sioux Falls.....	Aug. 6, 1908
Tennessee.....	George S. Lannon, Jr.....	Tulahoma.....	Jan. 21, 1922
Texas.....	Frank Hartgraves.....	Menard.....	Dec. 30, 1927
Utah.....	Thomas W. Charlton.....	Salt Lake City.....	June 16, 1923
Vermont.....	Edward C. Woodworth.....	Arlington.....	Aug. 9, 1907
Victoria.....	Francis W. W. Morton.....	Melbourne, Collins St. Vienna.....	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia.....	Harry K. Green.....	Clarendon.....	Aug. 19, 1927
Washington.....	Arthur W. Davis.....	Ziegler Bldg, Spokane.....	May 14, 1927
West Australia...	Thomas W. Paisley.....	Bunbury.....	July 19, 1902
West Virginia.....	Charles E. Bailey.....	Sisterville.....	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).ext.
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U.:D.:, (236).
 Alliance, 183.
 Alpha, 316.
 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.)
 Barneston, 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).
 Bladen, 319.
 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.:, (220).
 Chadron, U.:D.:, (158).
 Chapman, U.:D.:, (239).
 Charity, 53.
 Chester, 298.
 Clay Centre, 139.
 College View, 320.
 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).ext.
 Craftsmen, 314.
 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.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Doric, 118.
 Douglas, U.:D.:, (237).
 East Lincoln, 210.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elwood, 167.
 Eminence, 223.
 Emmet 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, (extinct).
 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.
 Grand Island, 318.
 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.:, (extinct).
 Harmony, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 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, 182.
 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.
 Juniata, 42.
 Justice, 180.
 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.
 Kimball, 294.
 Lafayette, 24, (extinct).
 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Laurel, 248.
 Lebanon, 58, (extinct).
 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).
 Macoy, 22, (extinct).
 Magic City, U.:D.:, (184).
 Magnolia, 220.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridian, 188.
 Merna, 171.
 Mid-West, 317.
 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.
- Napthali, 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, (extinct).
 Ogalalla, 159.
 Ohio, U.:D.:, (182).
 Olive Branch, 274.
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Omaha, 288.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Orion, 242, (extinct).
 Ornan, 261.
 Oshkosh, 286.
 Overton, U.:D.:, (267).
 Oxford, U.:D.:, (138).
- Pacific, U.:D.:, (310).
 Palestine, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Palisade, 216.
 Palmer, 315.
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct).
 Papillion, 39.
 Parallele, 152.
 Parian, 207.
 Pawnee, 23.
 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).
 Plumblin, 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, (ext.)
 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, (extinct)
 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).
 Trowel, 71.
 Tuscan, 130.
 Tyre, 85.
 Tyrian, 243.
- Ulysses, U.:D.:, (187).
 Union, 287.
 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.
 Wauneta, 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.
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- Adams, 214.
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.
Auburn, 124.
Aurora, 68.
- Bancroft, 145.
Barneston, 165.
Bartley, 228.
Bassett, 254.
Bayard, 301.
Beatrice, 26.
Beaver City, 93.
Beaver Crossing, 179.
Bee, 259.
Beemer, 253.
Belgrade, 269.
Benkelman, 180.
Bennett, 94.
Benson, (Omaha), 290.
Bertrand, 275.
Bethany, 297.
Bladen, 319.
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.
Clarks, 134.
Clay Center, 139
Coleridge, 219.
College View, 320
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, (Omaha), 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, 318.
Grant, 308.
Greenwood, 163.
Gresham, 197.
Guide Rock, 128.
- Hampton, 245.
Hardy, 117.
Harrison, 277.
Hartington, 155.
Harvard, 44.
Hastings, 50, 317.
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.
- Juniata, 42.
- Kearney, 46.
- Kenesaw, 144.
Kennard, 232.
Kimball, 294.
- Laurel, 248.
Leigh, 193.
Lexington, 61.
Liberty, 152.
Lincoln, 19, 54, 210, 300, 314.
Litchfield, 278.
Lodgepole, 306.
Long Pine, 136.
Loup City, 106.
Lynch, 312.
Lyons, 240.
- Madison, 113.
Mason City, 170.
McCook, 135.
Merna, 171.
Milford, 30.
Minatare, 295.
Minden, 127.
Mitchell, 263.
Morrill, 271.
Mullen, 282.
- Nebraska City, 2.
Newman Grove, 305.
Nehawka, 246.
Neligh, 71.
Nelson, 77.
Nemaha City, 29.
Niobrara, 87.
Norfolk, 55.
North Bend, 119.
North Platte, 32.
- Oak, 243.
Oakland, 91.
Ogallala, 159.
Ohiowa, 182.
Omaha, 1, 3, 11, 25, 184, 268,
281, 288, 290, 302, 303.
O'Neill, 95.
Ord, 103.
Orleans, 60.
Osceola, 65.
Oshkosh, 286.
Osmond, 247.
Otoe, 207.
Overton, 267.
Oxford, 138.
- Palisade, 216.
Palmer, 315.
Palmyra, 287.
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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Norris F. Tym.....	Frank Wilcox
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City..	Otoe.....	Third Friday.....	George W. Smith.....	Henry W. Carson
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Lloyd F. Kilgore.....	Stanley P. Bostwick
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	Wednesday on or before○	Fred Nelson.....	Don A. Lawrence
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Raymond H. Ream.....	John H. Ream
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Henry F. Nolting.....	Leslie W. Niel
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	William B. Wanner.....	Thomas L. Garvey
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun...	Washington.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Clemens B. Neumann.....	Milton R. Cady
Covert,	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Wednesday.....	Arthur G. Bloom.....	George R. Porter
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	First and third Mondays.....	William W. Williams.....	John C. Shepherd
Peru,	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	Second Monday.....	Carroll Lewis.....	Horton W. Bedell
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	First Tuesday.....	Robert E. Bosworth.....	Matthew A. Priestley
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	First and third Wednesdays..	Dale R. Bush.....	Leo B. Heskett
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	Hugh L. Dalton.....	John Wright
15 Washington,	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	Second Tuesday.....	Samuel Stevens.....	Raymond C. Hitchman
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City....	Pawnee.....	First and third Tuesdays....	Maurice R. Becker.....	John H. Tracy
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Matthew I. Dolphin.....	Frank E. Underwood
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	Virgil R. Johnson.....	James B. High
Jordan,	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays..	William W. Davee.....	Peter Poellot
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City....	Nemaha.....	Friday on or before○.....	Charles V. Harris.....	William E. Seid
Blue River,	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	First Thursday.....	Willard L. Wertman.....	Davison F. Todd
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	First and third Wednesdays..	Samuel E. McCurdy.....	William T. Poucher
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte...	Lincoln.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays..	George O. Sizemore.....	Edward W. Cross
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island...	Hall.....	Second Thursday.....	Wilbert Morris.....	Arthur A. Wilson
25 Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	First Tuesday.....	Ben J. Gershun.....	George W. Murrell
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Mondays.....	Willard R. Hanke.....	Charles H. McGee
Lone Tree,	" 36	Central City....	Merrick.....	First and third Wednesdays..	Grant S. Moe.....	Seward E. Cogswell
Crete,	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	First Friday.....	Percy L. Munro.....	Louis J. Becquet
Oliver,	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	First Friday.....	Arthur W. Stewart.....	Thelbert H. Ramsay
30 Papillion,	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	First and third Saturdays.....	Fred R. Lamb.....	Horace D. Patterson
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.	Wirt L. Williamson.....	J. Frank Snethen
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	George E. Pugh.....	Leo A. Pilger
Juniata,	" 42	Juniata.....	Adams.....	Monday on or before○.....	Eben S. Randall.....	Tim N. Cannon
Hebron,	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	First Thursday.....	Roy H. Baltzell.....	John R. Sutton
35 Harvard,	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	George M. Porter.....	Carl H. Worley

Rob Morris,	No. 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	Ben Leake.....	Edward F. Reed
Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Wednesday.....	John A. Anderson.....	James A. Rose
Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.	Albertis H. Lewis.....	Arthur W. Burlingame
Hastings,	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Herman W. Aspegren.....	Walter A. Knically
40 Fidelity,	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Edward H. McIntosh.....	Eldon B. Johnson
Hiram,	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Walter I. Nelson.....	Ernest Wager
Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	First and third Fridays.....	Ivan T. Amack.....	Benjamin F. Perry
Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Chauncey W. Smith.....	Victor Seymour
Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Fred E. Harrison.....	Otto W. Burkhardt
45 York,	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Floyd E. Salyard.....	Leno C. Herfordt
Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Clarence L. France.....	William N. Hunter
Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Lee H. Hoerner.....	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
Melrose,	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○*	Carl D. Ellis.....	George W. Littrell
Thistle,	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Fred C. Warnemunde.....	Hanford D. Smith
50 Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday on or before○.....	John Denker.....	Scott E. Heinzman
Riverton,	" 63	Riverton.....	Franklin.....	Monday on or before○.....	Victor Noren.....	Rolland C. Shelter
Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	George D. Hiatt.....	Venci Richtarik
Osceola,	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First and third Fridays.....	William R. Kepner.....	Joel Hanson
Edgar,	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Walter L. Hull.....	Clair S. Voorhees
55 Aurora,	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesdays.	William T. Ronan.....	George E. Funk
Sterling,	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	John R. Thompson.....	Otto H. Stuve
Trowel,	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Lyle E. Jackson.....	John W. Lamson
Hooper,	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	Herman H. Lallman.....	William M. Zellers
Friend,	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Paul M. Rogers.....	Malcolm L. McFarlane
60 Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	William C. Beer.....	William Sinn
Frank Welch,	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	First Tuesday.....	Roy E. Greenlee.....	Leslie Neubauer
Joppa,	" 76	Bloomington.....	Franklin.....	Friday on or before○.....	William S. Payne.....	Charles C. Brown
Nelson,	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Lee Sage.....	Homer D. Mercier
Albion,	" 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Frank E. Clark.....	Arthur W. Lamb
65 Geneva,	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	Friday on or before○*.....	Charles A. Gould.....	Benjamin G. Koehler
Composite,	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Charles E. Lyons.....	William O. Larson
Saint Paul,	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	George F. Rollins.....	Fred R. Haggart
Corinthian,	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	Third Friday.....	Lawrence Johnson.....	C. J. Arthur Larson
Fairfield,	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays.	Thomas L. Shaw.....	Arthur H. Swanson
70 Tyre,	" 85	Blue Springs.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Thomas F. Whittaker.....	Horace G. Vernon
Doniphan,	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	First Friday†.....	Marlin L. Hall.....	Fremont C. Glazier
Ionic,	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Ira C. Cook.....	John E. Vlasnik
Star,	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	H. Chris Larson.....	John G. Maryott
Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays.	Fred E. Ward.....	Charles E. Davis
75 Elk Creek,	" 90	Elk Creek.....	Johnson.....	First Thursday.....	Henry H. Brauer.....	Frank A. Anderson

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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80	Oakland, No. 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Earle J. Wickstrom.....	Nevin W. Hopkins
	Hubbell, " 92	Hubbell.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Odes F. Brown.....	J. E. Conklin
	Beaver City, " 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	Monday on or before○.....	Harry O. Milligan.....	Harry B. Hall
	Bennett, " 94	Bennett.....	Lancaster.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Oliver K. Deats.....	Henry F. May
	Garfield, " 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	First and third Thursdays.	Ernest D. Henry.....	Elmer Surber
85	Utica, " 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	W. Austin Richmond.....	Fred H. Pieper
	Euclid, " 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Chris Rasmussen.....	Everett B. Taylor
	Republican, " 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Walter V. Houtz.....	William F. West
	Shelton, " 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	Friday on or before○.....	Ferdinand J. Hansen.....	Sam Spahr
	Creighton, " 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	H. Wilce Sconce.....	Walter T. Philbrick
90	Ponca, " 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Thursday on or before○.....	William F. Richardson.....	Arthur H. Logan
	Waterloo, " 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Halsey C. Noyes.....	Charles C. Peabody
	Ord, " 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Edwin P. Clements, Jr.....	Frank T. Johnson
	Wymore, " 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Hugh Williams.....	Samuel R. Youds
	Stella, " 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	First Thursday.....	Samuel J. Harris.....	Robert A. Tynan
95	Porter, " 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Otis L. Blakeley.....	Lamont L. Stephens
	Table Rock, " 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	John P. Groff.....	Charles J. Wood
	Pomegranate, " 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	Edwin E. Vance.....	Howard F. Anderson
	DeWitt, " 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○.....	Earl C. Jewell.....	James M. Norton
	Springfield, " 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	2nd Tuesday, 4th Saturday.	William A. Ward.....	Thomas J. Wright
100	Globe, " 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	George F. Kolzow.....	Preston S. Palmer
	Wisner, " 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Raymond Johnson.....	Neil D. Saville
	Harlan, " 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	First and third Fridays.....	Axel T. Danielson.....	Elden G. Carter
	Hardy, " 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○.....	George B. McDowell.....	James H. Fair
	Doric, " 118	Dorchester.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○.....	William H. August.....	W. Russell Freidell
105	North Bend, " 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	Second Tuesday.....	Robert A. McWhorter.....	John R. Tapster
	Wayne, " 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	Second and fourth Fridays.....	Charles T. Ingham.....	J. Murray Cherry
	Superior, " 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Roy W. Hunter.....	William F. Gingrich
	Auburn, " 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	Monday on or before○.....	Hans Hemmingsen.....	Fred. G. Boshammer
	Mount Nebo, " 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	T. Leslie Wake.....	Clarence M. Stenber
110	Stromsburg, " 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	Second Tuesday.....	Lawrence O. Fusby.....	Earle J. Wright
	Minden, " 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Roy T. Bang.....	Bert F. Darnell.....
	Guide Rock, " 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Clarence M. Taylor.....	John H. Cray
	Blue Hill, " 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.	Carl E. Dvoracek.....	Frank E. Britton
	Tuscan, " 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	Thursday on or before○.....	W. Frank Payne.....	Amasa S. Chapman

	Scribner,	No. 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Herman F. Meyer.....	John Beaver.....
	Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Albert Lake.....	Roy A. Ulrich.....
	Solar,	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○	Arthur R. Trail.....	Charles E. Souser, Jr.....
	McCook,	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Rolland Larmon.....	Jesse S. Chambers.....
115	Long Pine,	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	Second Monday.....	Dick E. Coover.....	Walter E. Patterson.....
	Upright,	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○*	William A. Stake.....	William P. Luthy.....
	Rawalt,	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Thursday on or before○	Neal L. Pettygrove.....	Alfred H. Nissen.....
	Clay Centre,	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Elmer L. Hager.....	August C. Krebs.....
	Western,	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	L. Wayne Mead.....	Claude Brown.....
120	Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids.....	Boone.....	Third Wednesday.....	Harry P. Hansen.....	Levi C. Ashbrook.....
	Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before○	Edward E. Guilkey.....	Liberty M. Robinson.....
	Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	William Rembe.....	William F. Koepnick.....
	Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Roy P. Johnson.....	Earl Barnette.....
	Siloam,	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or after○	Frederick L. Wilson.....	Victor R. Bell.....
125	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Hans P. Simonson.....	Joe C. Kiker.....
	Jewel,	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Richard Willeford.....	Richard G. Drysdale.....
	Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Charles P. Cowles.....	John H. Brown.....
	Square,	" 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	Second Tuesday.....	Bernhard G. Gerdes.....	Maurice E. Boren.....
	Parallel,	" 152	Liberty.....	Gage.....	Thursday on or before○	Charles R. Willey.....	W. Gordon Smith.....
130	Evergreen.	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	Harry F. Grunwald.....	Edward B. Fanske.....
	Lily,	" 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	Friday on or before○	Roy R. McAdams.....	Melvin M. Jennings.....
	Hartington,	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	Wednesday on or before○	C. Randau Ekeroth.....	Rudolph H. Jenny.....
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	First Wednesday.....	Clinton A. Townsend.....	Garry Benson.....
	Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville.....	Furnas.....	Wednesday on or before○	Jesse I. Fisher.....	J. Edwin Loar.....
135	Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Henry H. Mathews.....	L. Edgar Sprague.....
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	Tuesday on or before○	John M. Creamer.....	Oliver F. Warfield.....
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Russell Shoebottom.....	George E. Warren.....
	Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Gilbert T. Savery.....	Thomas A. Reece.....
	Trestle Board,	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	First Saturday.....	Woodford S. Butterfield.....	Almon C. DePue.....
140	Unity,	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	Friday on or before○*	Cedric D. Fulmer.....	Charles E. Calfee.....
	Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	William C. Arnholt.....	Harry A. Snyder.....
	Barneston,	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○*	John O. Geer.....	Alvin D. Spencer.....
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	Fourth Thursday.....	Charles A. Smith.....	Leonard H. Smith.....
	Elwood,	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Wednesday on or before○	Harold L. Mackey.....	Charles A. Yeoman.....
145	Curtis,	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Merrill C. Smith.....	Harry R. Wilkinson.....
	Amity,	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Scott H. Brown.....	Charles T. Gammon.....
	Mason City,	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	Tuesday on or before○	Vern O. Wieland.....	Ralph F. McCloughan.....
	Merna,	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or after○	Leon D. Ritchie.....	Lester J. Corlett.....
	Grafton,	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	William A. Stuckey.....	Max Steiger.....
150	Robert Burns,	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Randall E. Masters.....	Elias H. Bailey.....

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Culbertson,	No. 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays . . .	Clyde J. Keith	Arvene C. Eisenhart
Temple,	" 175	Filley	Gage	First and third Tuesdays	Marcus S. Andersen	Walter E. Erickson
Gladstone,	" 176	Ansley	Custer	Thursday on or after○	John C. Stadden	Wilbur B. Alexander
Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays	Dan D. Johnston	James E. Plummer
155 Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	Tuesday on or before○	Charles M. Warner	Philip Maurer
Justice,	" 180	Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before○	Francis W. Edwards	Hugh H. Hanson
Faith,	" 181	Crawford	Dawes	First and third Thursdays	William H. Pittam	Carl C. Andersen
Incense,	" 182	Ohioa	Fillmore	First and third Thursdays	Earle L. Hill	William H. Weiss
Alliance,	" 183	Alliance	Box Butte	Thursday on or before○	Elmer G. Englehorn	James H. H. Hewett
160 Bee Hive,	" 184	Omaha†	Douglas	First Thursday	Amos E. Smith	Joseph H. Randolph
Boaz,	" 185	Danbury	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Robert A. Puelz	George B. Morgan
Israel,	" 187	Ulysses	Butler	Tuesday on or before○	Leland J. Smith	Anson B. Andrew
Meridian,	" 188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	Henry T. Peden	Arthur A. Benham
Granite,	" 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Mark E. McConnell	Ira A. Kirk
165 Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy	Logan	Second and fourth Saturdays	Bert H. Smee	Melvin R. Smee
Crystal,	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	Thursday on or before○	George Jensen	Theodore J. Stoetzel
Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Harry H. Kirkman	Luke M. Bates
Signet,	" 193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before○	Adolph Lukl	Oliver W. Fleming
Highland,	" 194	Cortland	Gage	First Monday	Clarence R. Spradling	William Robe
170 Arcana,	" 195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Robert E. Johnson	William A. Morey
Level,	" 196	Stockville	Frontier	Saturday on or before○	Carl F. Siebecker	George J. Dold
Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham	York	Friday on or before○	Gordon A. Hartman	Samuel A. Tobey
Purity,	" 198	Imperial	Chase	Friday on or before○	John L. Pember	Sigfried L. Jacks
Gavel,	" 199	Carleton	Thayer	Tuesday on or before○	Russell C. Smith	James H. Bryant
175 Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell	Garfield	Thursday on or after○	Luther D. Pierce	George R. Froehlich
Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	First and third Fridays	Curtis O. Lyda	George Goldfain
Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph	Cedar	Monday on or before○	Osborn H. Scott	Frank E. Ballard
Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender	Thurston	First Tuesday †	Roy B. Carlberg	Verne M. Tyrrell
Plainview,	" 204	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	Herman J. Nelson	Martin Sorenson
180 Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	Thursday on or before○	Harvey A. Talbott	Arthur J. Bracken
Napthali,	" 206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Tuesdays	S. Belden Viers	Harry K. Shutt
Parian,	" 207	Callaway	Custer	First and third Thursdays	Julius I. Christiansen	James C. Naylor
Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia	Valley	Tuesday after○*	William J. Ramsey	Harold D. Weddel
Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before○	Richard H. Tolhurst	John H. Rogge
185 East Lincoln,	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Ferris F. Cooley	Lorenzen P. Ronne

†South Side Station.

*And two weeks thereafter.

‡And first and third Tuesdays from October 1st to April 1st.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Omaha,

Cement, Compass & Square,	No. 211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before○	Franklin L. Bald	Edward B. Persson
Plumbline, Occidental,	" 212	Sumner	Dawson	Tuesday on or before	Charles S. Lewis	Beryl E. Irvin
190 Palisade,	" 215	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before○	Alvin O. Jones	John E. Killen
	" 216	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	Tuesday on or before○	Edson Smit	O. M. Fenstermacher
	" 217	Palisade	Hitchcock	Tuesday on or before○	J. Gordon Magorian	Stanton A. Troutman
Wauneta,	" 218	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Thomas L. Darnell	C. Robert Carlson
Bloomfield,	" 219	Bloomfield	Knox	First Tuesday	Albert C. Berner	Cornelius T. Heckt
Relief,	" 220	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Charles W. Willey	George R. Stone
Magnolia,	" 221	Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before○	Nelson L. Hansen	George H. Haase
195 Wood Lake,	" 222	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Saturday	Earl W. Ralya	Henry Lausen
	" 223	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before○	Theodore R. Swanson	Charles R. Gray
Landmark, Eminence,	" 224	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Otto A. Kostal	Peter J. Hohnstein
Silver Cord,	" 225	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	Max E. Kirkpatrick	George A. Farman, Jr.
Cable,	" 226	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays	Alonzo L. Leland	Ira P. Mills
200 Grace,	" 227	Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before○*	Fred H. Romig	Arthur E. Newton
	" 228	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Morton P. Brunig	Leslie A. Thomas
North Star,	" 229	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Guy C. Ritchie	Daniel L. Mitchell
Bartley,	" 230	Comet	Saunders	Thursday on or before○*	Otis Beaman	Foster Hunter
Comet,	" 231	Delta	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Edward C. Hall	Wesley A. Condrey
205 Mount Hermon,	" 232	Saint Edward	Johnson	Tuesday on or before○	William B. McIntyre	Wayne U. McDermitt
	" 233	Cook	Washington	Third Thursday	Lillard S. Jensen	Oliver W. Marshall
John S. Bowen,	" 234	Kennard	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	Lyman T. Wills	Stephen A. Richardson
Gilead,	" 235	Butte	Grant	Wednesday on or before○	Robin W. Bonfield	William A. Kammers
Zion,	" 236	Hyannis	Wayne	Fourth Wednesday	Robert E. Gormley	Irving F. Gaebler
210 Golden Rule,	" 237	Winside	Dixon	Thursday on or before○*	Benjamin H. Mitchell	Oliver W. Money
	" 238	Allen	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	David T. McPherson	Nathaniel C. Newlin
Cubit,	" 239	Douglas	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	Edward Klingenberg, Jr.	David E. Magnuson
Friendship,	" 240	Chapman	Burt	Third Friday	William E. Sneathen	John E. Buckley
Pilot,	" 241	Lyons	Burt	First and third Tuesdays	Jorgen Jorgensen	Ray H. Thurber
George Armstrong,	" 242	Craig	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	Robert D. Montgomery	Eugene A. Follmer
215 Tyrian,	" 243	Oak	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Marion J. Nickels	Herman L. Petersen
	" 244	Hampton	Cass	Wednesday on or before○	Marion N. Tucker	Robert H. Chapman
Hampton,	" 245	Nehawka	Pierce	Friday on or before○	Harley N. Rhodes	Charles B. Rosburg
Nehawka,	" 246	Osmond	Cedar	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Joseph B. Larson	Joseph H. Artman
Corner-stone,	" 247	Laurel	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Walter R. Nelson	Clifford T. Winters
Laurel,	" 248	Gothenburg	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	Percy Stabler	Frank B. Young
220 Gothenburg,	" 249	Havelock	Knox	First Thursday	James B. Hammond	Dick Kool
	" 250	Wausa	Franklin	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Alonzo L. Beck	George M. Myers
George Washington,	" 251	Hildreth	Cuming	First and fourth Wednesdays	Fred C. Buhk	Archie E. Cates
Wausa,	" 252	Beemer	Rock	Second Thursday	Roy L. Patitz	Charles E. Burke
Hildreth,	" 253	Bassett				
Beemer,	" 254					
225 Bassett,						

*And two weeks thereafter.

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

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY	
230	Bradshaw,	No. 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	Cleon C. Lichtenberger	Emile C. Roggy
	Hickman,	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before○	Charles W. Krull	Fred A. Young
	Holbrook,	" 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays	Albert M. Keyes	Albert Phillipson
	Anselmo,	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before○	Donald E. Banning	Chalmers G. Empfield
	Bee,	" 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before○	Frank W. Opocensky	Calvin W. Noxon
235	Ornan,	" 261	Spencer	Boyd	First, third and fifth Mondays	Lawrence I. Hines	William D. Spicknall
	Endeavor	" 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before○	Vern F. Waddell	Arthur C. Crabtree
	Mitchell,	" 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Edward Milligan, Jr.	Oliver P. Burrows
	Franklin,	" 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles R. Stasenka	LeRoy O. Thomas
	Robert W. Furnas,	" 265	Scotts Bluff	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays	George F. Conklin	John M. Finley
240	Silver,	" 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	First Wednesday	Jason W. House	Paul V. Hobert
	James A. Tulleys,	" 267	Overton	Dawson	Fourth Monday	E. Delmar Long	Joseph R. Wilson
	George W. Lininger,	" 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Clarence T. Spier	William McCormack
	Riverside,	" 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before○*	Charles D. Harper	E. Earle Nickerson
	Huntley,	" 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before○*	James O. Merryman	Elmer C. Combs
245	Oasis,	" 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Thursday on or before○	Carl Thomas	Elbert W. Berry
	Lee P. Gillette,	" 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before○	Melbourne F. Westcott	Wilber H. Harpster
	Crofton,	" 273	Crofton	Knox	Thursday on or before○	Herman Swanson	Charles Ruden
	Olive Branch,	" 274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Everett T. Winter	George F. McMullen
	Ramah,	" 275	Bertrand	Pelphs	First Thursday	Hugh C. Thomas	Neil C. Shreck
250	Antelope,	" 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Donald S. Hinman	Arthur E. Bergman
	Sioux,	" 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	John T. Coffee	Vernard E. Marsteller
	Litchfield,	" 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before○	Fred O. Richmond	Harvey I. Lang
	Wallace,	" 279	Wallace	Lincoln	Tuesday on or before○	Ralph E. Cowles	William H. Daly
	Swastika,	" 280	Sargent	Custer	Second Tuesday	Talmadge Sheldon	Theodore Cheeseman
255	Florence,	" 281	Omaha †	Douglas	First Monday	Harry W. Robinson	Hugo B. Wunnath
	Mullen,	" 282	Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before○	John E. Lowe	Arthur G. Humphrey
	Exeter,	" 283	Exeter	Fillmore	Second and fourth Fridays	Roy Eberhardt	Frank Ainsworth
	Seneca,	" 284	Seneca	Thomas	Wednesday on or before○	George McCawley	Edgar T. Lay
	Camp Clarke,	" 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	Edward K. Millmine	Z. Harold Jones
260	Oshkosh,	" 286	Oshkosh	Garden	Wednesday on or after○	Victor E. Marsh	Robert Quelle
	Union,	" 287	Palmyra	Otoe	Wednesday on or before○	Charles Thomson	Alexander A. Allen
	Omaha,	" 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	Frederick J. Bolshaw	Edward L. Cain
	Lotus,	" 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Elza A. Bourne	Archie A. Meek
	John J. Mercer,	" 290	Omaha †	Douglas	First Tuesday	Charles E. Smith	Earl W. Dean

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Diamond,	No. 291	Royal	Antelope	First Monday	Clifford E. Rundquist	Edward Hering
Wolbach,	" 292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	George D. Meredith	Edwin L. Johnson
Monument,	" 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Clyde E. Toler	C. Vernon Evans
Kimball,	" 294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	Clarence M. Ott	Irving S. Walker
265 Minatare,	" 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Fridays	Jesse P. Entrekin	Fred W. Smith
Cowles,	" 296	Cowles	Webster	First and third Wednesdays	William H. Thompson	Horace G. Morse
Cotner,	" 297	Bethany	Lancaster	First Friday	John W. Knight	Charles W. McIntyre
Chester,	" 298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	Myron A. Burton	Ernest F. Woodard
Sutherland,	" 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	Mainard P. Coker	John F. Fleak
270 Liberty,	" 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	A. Roy Capron	Ralph S. Moseley
Bayard,	" 301	Bayard	Morrill	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Earle J. Ishmael	Alexander H. Keyes
Mizpah,	" 302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Willard S. McEachron	Anson L. Havens
Right Angle,	" 303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Oliver H. Shelly	Paul F. Griswold
Ruskin,	" 304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Tuesdays	John H. Jones	Chauncey O. Hull
275 Newman Grove,	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second and fourth Mondays	Harold L. Gerhart	Alexis R. Gustavson
Golden Rod,	" 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Alonzo G. Miller	William H. Goettsche
William E. Hill,	" 307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Samuel A. Naffziger	Allan R. Buck
Perkins,	" 308	Grant	Perkins	First Monday	Cecil C. Lyon	Urv V. Dobbs
Winnebago,	" 309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	Bert Boyd	Orville E. Buckley
280 Victory,	" 310	Valley	Douglas	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Harry P. Cato	Adolph C. Janzen
Polk,	" 311	Polk	Polk	First Friday	R. Leonard Smith	Isaac T. Samuelson
Oak Leaf,	" 312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Thursday	Ernest G. Miller	Clifford J. Hurlless
Potter,	" 313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Joseph Nelson	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsmen,	" 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Curry D. Bryson	Elmer L. Farmer
285 Palmer,	" 315	Palmer	Merrick	Second and fourth Mondays	John B. Van Pelt	John L. Kamerer
Alpha,	" 316	South Sioux City	Dakota	Fourth Thursday	George W. Leamer	Mell A. Schmid
Mid-West,	" 317	Hastings	Adams	Second Friday	James R. Chappell	William J. Breckenridge
Grand Island,	" 318	Grand Island	Hall	First Tuesday	Leo F. Kirkman	Kurt O. Pronske
Bladen	" 319	Bladen	Webster	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	Will F. Dugan	Lloyd S. Easterly
290 College View	" 320	College View	Lancaster		Milton Tranchell	Silas R. Davenport

‡Benson Station.



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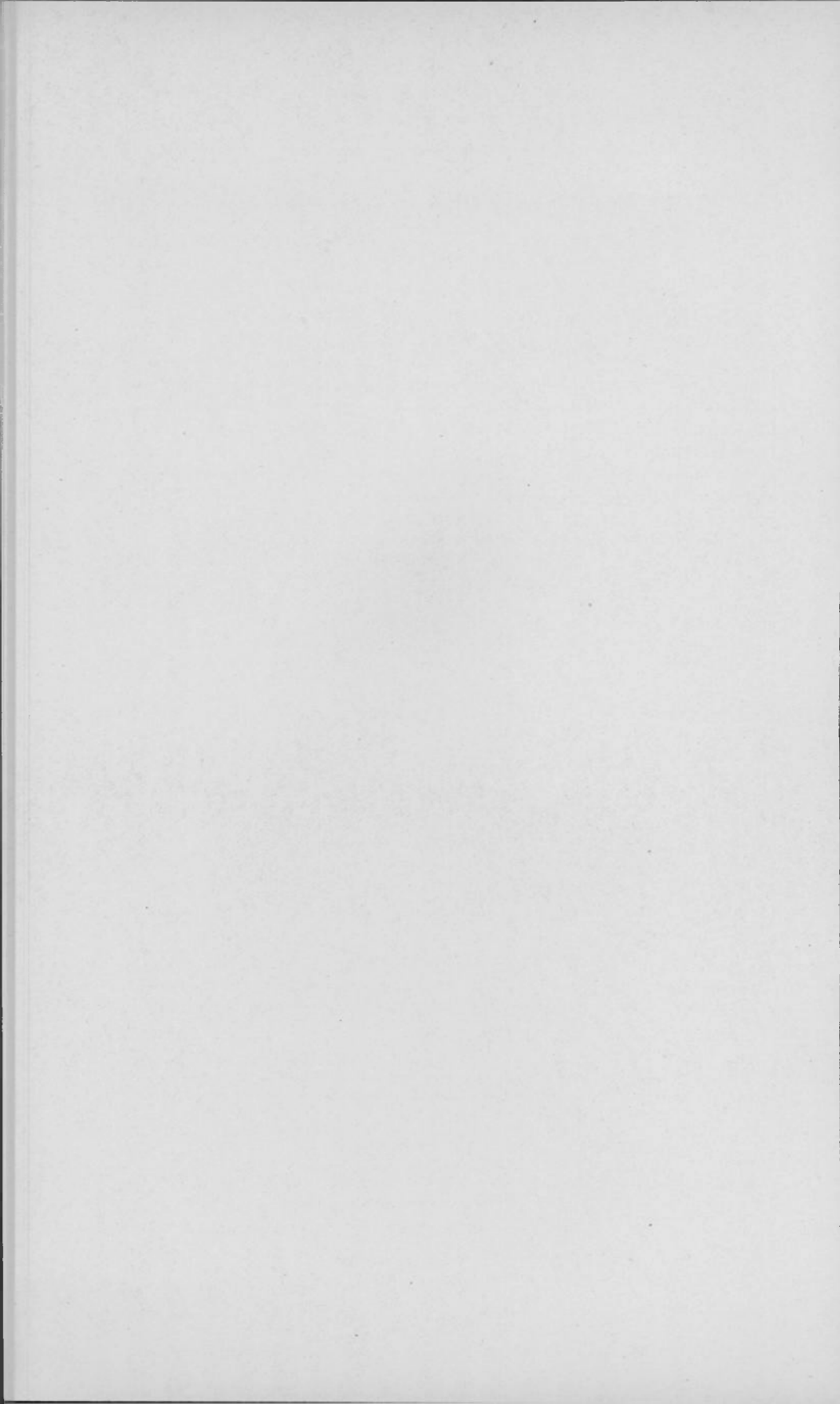
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REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

The annual report on Correspondence is herewith fraternally submitted, in the hope that it will be charitably received in view of the fact that it is the first attempt of the writer.

The Proceedings of all of our Sister jurisdictions in the United States, all for the year 1927 with one exception, and of as many of the jurisdictions outside of the United States for that year, as were received, numbering sixty-four, are included.

The subjects with which the Grand Lodges have principally concerned themselves may be briefly summarized as follows:

The Masonic Service Association, which seems to be losing ground, and to be a source of dissatisfaction in some Grand Jurisdictions, the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, which with one or two exceptions is now universally supported by the Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, to some extent at least, notwithstanding some dissatisfaction because of the often recurring increases in announced construction costs, and the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, which seems to be disposed of for the time being, are topics receiving consideration in all of the proceedings.

Relief is an ever present problem, the burdens of which increase from year to year. It is administered as domiciliary relief, for the most part abroad, and as institutional relief, for the most part in the United States; but jurisdictions combining both domiciliary and institutional relief, as we do in Nebraska, seem to have arrived at the best solution.

The separate incorporation of Masonic Homes and charitable institutions, is the present day trend, and apparently by far the best practice.

The Grand Masters are obliged constantly to remind the subordinate Lodges that the first duty of relief rests on them, and that the Grand Lodge may be expected to do no more than to supplement their efforts, their burdens becoming too heavy.

Nearly all of the jurisdictions are engaged in promoting the cause of education, which falls under two heads, the first of which is Masonic education, and the second of which is public education.

Masonic education is capable of subdivision into two classes, the first of which might be called general Masonic education, which is promoted by the Grand Lodge libraries, traveling libraries, and libraries in subordinate Lodges, which have become numerous; also by study clubs, the efforts of historians, Masonic writers, lecturers, and publications, and the second of which is ritualistic or technical in the hands of the custodians of the work, Grand lecturers or equivalent officers and their deputies and the District Deputy Grand Masters, where such officers exist.

Public education is promoted by schools in the several Masonic Homes, by student loan funds, some of which are very large, and administered in different ways, but which we gather but cannot definitely say from the proceedings, are unduly depleted by the failure of borrowing students to repay the obligations, and by general promotion of the public schools through the observance of public schools weeks, and special events of appropriate nature.

Trading on the fraternity is a troublesome question and has resulted in considerable restrictive legislation. Clubs are forbidden to use the word, "Masonic," or words of similar import in their names, or Masonic emblems

and devices in their insignia. Membership in such clubs is sometimes a Masonic offense, unless previous approval has been had. Co-ordinate bodies having as a qualification for membership, membership in Masonic Lodges, multiply themselves indefinitely which has resulted in restrictive legislation extending in some instances to the point of suppression.

The support and promotion by Lodges of some of these co-ordinate bodies, notably the so-called kindergarten orders of the DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Daughters of Job, etc., has been forbidden in numerous cases.

Business concerns such as Insurance companies, publishing houses, and others too numerous to mention, having names which include Masonic terms, purporting to sell to Masons only, or goods for Masons only, constitute one of the minor pests, and should be dealt with in the United States as they have been in some of the jurisdictions abroad, resulting in their being put out of business.

Political advertising in Masonic periodicals is a form of pernicious activity that calls for frequent censure.

Under the head of business administration in Grand and subordinate Lodges, it may be noted that in nearly all of the Grand Jurisdictions abroad routine business is habitually and promptly transacted through a Board of General Purposes, the Grand Lodge confining its activities principally to the approval of what the Board of General Purposes has done, general policies, legal questions, and social intercourse.

Nearly all the Grand Lodges in the United States and abroad operate under the district deputy system.

In the opinion of the writer the Nebraska Grand Lodge would do well to consider both of these methods.

Trials by commission become more and more the practice.

The continually mounting costs of maintaining the Masonic Homes and charitable institutions has resulted in considerable financial embarrassment, and dissatisfaction because of the levy of Grand Lodge assessments, and in earnest efforts to accumulate endowment funds, which in some states are very substantial. The necessities of the case reveal a tendency on the part of some Grand Jurisdictions to attempt the enactment of by-laws permitting the levy of whatever per capita tax may be necessary from time to time within a maximum limit, which seems to the writer to be an evil practice.

As to the subordinate Lodges questions involving the assessment of adequate dues, the means of building up attendance, the evils of too large membership, the necessity for limitation of indebtedness, control of construction projects, and means of checking the heavy loss from suspensions for non-payment of dues, are the most often considered. A general effort is made to limit undesirable and non-permanent membership by the adoption of new forms of petitions, the aid of questionnaires, and like devices, none of which are an adequate substitute for diligence on the part of the investigating committee and personal acquaintanceship with the petitioner.

The question of physical disqualifications is as troublesome as ever and characterized by a like want of uniformity in handling the proposition.

Many Grand Lodges are revising the funeral or burial service.

Under the head of general policy, we mention that it is often necessary to remind Lodges and members that political and religious questions, and propaganda of any sort have no place in the Lodge room, and that a disregard of this rule invariably results in grief. Masonry is no more a substitute for politics or place for propaganda, than it is for the practice of any of the one hundred and seventy-six religions, sects and denominations, which claim infallibility and inspiration, pure and undefiled in themselves alone.

The matters in our 1926 proceedings attracting the attention of the reviewers may be summarized as follows:

The Grand Master's recommendation that the secretaries of the Lodges be made members of the Grand Lodge and paid a per diem has some defenders, but for the most part is criticized.

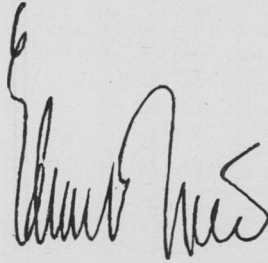
His trial commission recommendation meets with approval.

The "open forum" evening does not appeal to many.

The amendment to the law providing in substance that no subordinate Lodge should establish or maintain a charitable institution or undertake continuing charitable work, is criticized as invading the prerogatives of the Lodges.

Our celebration of the semi-centennial, of M. W. George H. Thummel, as Grand Master, and his graceful appreciation, was invariably commented on. The address of M. W. Henry H. Wilson, "The Beneficence of Modern Science," the oration of the Grand Orator, the reports of Grand Custodian, the Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education and of the Masonic Home Corporation all received more than passing notice.

Faternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. G. M.', written in a cursive style.

P. G. M.

UNITED STATES.

ALABAMA, 1927.

107th Annual.	Montgomery.	December 6, 1927.
Lodges, 581.		Cash Balance, \$23,347.02.
Members, 54,266.		Cash Assets, 35,675.76.
Loss, 272.		Homes Maintained, One.

M. W. Oliver Day Street, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. James M. Pearson, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Lawrence H. Lee, present.

The Grand Master is a distinguished scholar and writer. His Masonic writings are recognized as authority.

The commissions of three Grand Representatives were revoked for non-attendance for three successive years.

The Grand Master considered the year a successful one notwithstanding the decrease in membership which was due to a very large number of suspensions, which in turn was due to the flood of undesirable material accepted during the rush incident to the war.

A Lodge charter was forfeited by reason of failure to make returns and to pay dues for two successive years.

Demissions while numerous were considered no problem as the number of affiliations exceeded the number of demissions. It is concluded that nearly all asking for demits did so for the purpose of affiliating with Lodges.

Suspensions for non-payment of dues in eleven years exceeded reinstatements by 7,202.

The Grand Lodge sustained an annual loss of revenue of \$10,500.00, from this source alone, or for the average time of five years a total loss of \$50,000.00, not to mention the moral loss involved in the inactivity of over 70,000 Masons.

The Grand Master thought that a good live secretary could prevent most of the suspensions and bring back into the Lodge nearly all that were not prevented.

Thirteen dispensations were granted to subordinate Lodges to mortgage or sell property, from which it appears that the Grand Lodge holds a very tight rein on the financial operations of the subordinate Lodges.

Eight corner-stones were laid, three of Masonic Temple buildings, one a memorial or welcome arch, three public school buildings and a public auditorium.

The Grand Lodge recommended a by-law to the effect that no corner-stone should be laid with Masonic ceremonies after the erection of the building had proceeded so far that it could not be lowered perpendicularly in its proper position in the manner prescribed by the ritual.

The Grand Lodge recommended the same system of blanket official bonds covering the officers of the Grand and subordinate Lodges handling money, as in force in Nebraska.

The Grand Master declined to pay the funeral expenses of a deceased Brother at the request of his Lodge, out of the Grand Lodge funds.

The Grand Master thought that more imagination could be used in naming Lodges. He said, "the names are usually nothing more than the names of the places where the Lodges happen to be located, and some of them are utterly wanting in every element of propriety in the name for a body engaged in the work of enlightening, improving or ameliorating the race." He thought no Lodge should be named for any person still living.

This Grand Lodge has a by-law to the effect that unless requested and approved by resolution of the Grand Lodge, the use of the word "Masonic," in connection with any club, organization, business or publication, constitutes a Masonic offense.

The Grand Lodge of Vienna in Austria, was recognized as a legitimate and regular governing body of symbolic Masonry.

The Grand Master was impressed with the Order of DeMolay.

The Grand Master issued a circular condemning in severe terms "the Saturnalia of mobs and floggings that have recently disgraced our state and have struck at the foundations of orderly Government." This circular he says was received with unanimous approval excepting for two protests, one from a defendant in a kidnapping case, and the other from the Sr. U. S. Senator from Alabama.

The Grand Master called attention to the fact that the income of the Alabama Masonic Home from all sources was decreasing yearly, and that the home in a large measure depended on voluntary donations; also to the necessity of refunding certain bonds for the purpose of which a state-wide drive had been instituted, but which was not overly successful. The Masonic Home balance shows a deficit. The Grand Master was obliged to appeal to the Lodges by circular letter for contributions. The Grand Lodge was maintaining 375 residents consisting of Masons, Mason's wives, their widows and orphans.

The Grand Lodge has an emergency fund consisting of ten cents per capita apparently from dues and such further sums as from time to time are donated or appropriated to it. This fund apparently is for relief purposes.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for the purpose of a visit from the Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Alabama and accompanying officers. The Grand Matron addressed the Grand Lodge.

The Finance Committee reported that the Masonic Home was being operated at a deficit of from \$35,000 to \$45,000, which when analyzed means, that it operates this year on next year's income. The Finance Committee felt that it was not practical to undertake the erection of a new Grand Lodge Temple.

From a number of reports it would seem that the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star is much admired in Alabama.

The Masonic Home maintains its own school religious services, Sunday School, a band, a farm, and other enterprises. The total cost for maintenance for twelve months, is "about" \$72,355.60, cost per month, \$6,027.96. Total cost per person per month, \$16.89.

Alabama Freemasons contributed \$11,561.03, toward the relief of the Mississippi flood sufferers. 29% of the Washington Memorial quota has been

raised, the Grand Lodge appearing to be enthusiastically in favor of the project however.

Apparently membership in the National Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association was thought undesirable under the conditions.

It appears that this Grand Lodge has employed its funds to aid in acquiring Masonic club houses at, at least, two colleges or universities.

ARIZONA, 1927.

49th Annual.

Phoenix.

February 8, 1927.

Lodges, 36.

Cash Balance, \$6,548.01.

Members, 6,083.

Cash Assets, \$280,311.75.

Gain, 182.

Homes maintained, None,
but funds accumulating.

M. W. Nelson Charles Bledsoe, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. George E. McMillan, Grand Master, elected.

V. W. George J. Roskrige, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, (apparently not present).

The Grand Master visited every subordinate Lodge in the state, traveling 5,000 miles by automobile. He appreciates the efforts of the several Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, who "so cheerfully helped their Brethren in making our missions a success."

He laid two corner-stones, one for an Episcopal parish house, and one for a municipal temple of music and art, Harold Bell Wright delivering the oration.

The finances of this Grand Lodge are kept in three accounts, the general fund, Masonic Home general fund, and the Masonic Home endowment fund.

The Masonic Home fund has a balance of \$90,010.79 and "there is no immediate prospects of using it."

The Masonic Home endowment fund has a balance of \$113,796.15.

There was a considerable deficit in the general fund and the Grand Master recommends that the income from the Masonic Home fund and Masonic Home endowment fund be used to supplement this fund.

He further recommends that the Grand Secretary's salary be increased from \$600.00 to \$1200.00 per year. Also that the Grand Lodge dues be raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per year per member.

The Grand Master made an official visit to the Grand Lodge, Pacific De Mexico, attending their annual meeting at Hermosillo, Sonora.

He firmly believes that Masonry in Mexico will be the dominant power that will help the masses of the people to a better understanding of the people of the United States and cement a closer friendship among them.

There are several clandestine Mexican Lodges operating in Arizona, chartered by two Mexican Grand Lodges not recognized by Arizona which constitutes an invasion of Arizona territory.

Some of the Grand Lodge funds are tied up in a failed bank.

The Grand Master recommends continuing membership in the Masonic Service Association. He did nothing in regard to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, excepting to grant it permission to circularize the Lodges and members.

A revised burial service was adopted.

This Grand jurisdiction has over \$200,000 in a Masonic home fund but no Masonic Home so far as is disclosed by the proceedings.

The proceedings contain no foreign correspondence report.

ARKANSAS, 1926.

85th Annual.	Little Rock.	November 16, 1926.
Lodges, 559.		Cash Balance, \$ 7,055.10.
Members, 34,821.		Cash Assets, \$299,778.97.
Net Gain, 1,959.		Homes maintained, One.
Honorary Members, 2586.		

M. W. Claud L. Hill, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Wm. Kent, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, W. L. C. Hall, present.

The Grand Master is evidently a man of settled religious convictions. In the course of his address he uses one or two expressions which are new to us, such as, "Another twelve months has leaped through the Golden Girdle of Time."

About two pages of the address are devoted to the evils of intemperance.

Five corner-stones were laid, two being of Masonic halls, one of a Missionary Baptist Church and two of school buildings.

The Grand Lodge maintains an Orphans' Home at Batesville where 123 children are maintained.

The Grand Master says, "The institution is far beyond what I really expected it to be." The buildings are brick and substantially equipped with such things as it takes to make a home comfortable and worth while." It would seem that the Grand Master was a little late in discovering the Orphans' Home.

The Arkansas Lodge donated a building for the use of tubercular children at the State Tubercular Sanatorium which cost the Grand Lodge \$60,000.00, and accommodates 38 children. The State maintains the children in the Home. The Grand Master thinks that the Grand Lodge should enlarge this building at a cost of \$30,000.00.

The Grand Lodge has a pension and relief board which seems to have a balance of about \$5,000.00, available.

There are 113 boys and girls in the Home. A grammar school is maintained in the Home. The long drought ruined the garden, 100 bushels of sweet potatoes were raised instead of the expected 400 bushels.

The report of the committee states that the cost of maintenance of the Masonic Home is heavy, "to feed a family of 122 persons, three times a day is an enormous undertaking to say nothing of clothes, shoes, school books, etc." We do not find a statement as to the per capita cost of maintenance.

The Grand Lodge was visited by the Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, who addressed the audience upon the "Mission of the Eastern Star."

A resolution doing away with the constitutional requirements as to physical qualifications and empowering individual Lodges to decide for themselves in each case was offered but failed of adoption.

These proceedings contain no reviews of other jurisdictions.

ARKANSAS, 1927.

86th Annual.
Lodges, 550.
Members, 36,264.
Gain, 530.

Little Rock.

November 15, 1927.

Cash Balance, \$ 9,423.49.
Cash Assets, \$224,125.53.
Homes maintained, One.

M. W. W. M. Kent, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Hunter D. Bowers, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, W. L. C. Hall, present.

The matter of honorary memberships is a troublesome one.

The Grand Master holds that By-laws of Lodges automatically creating honorary memberships, in cases of members reaching a certain age, having paid dues for a specified number of years, having served as Worshipful Master of a Lodge, etc., are invalid and that such memberships can only be conferred by specific, individual action by the Lodge. The great number of honorary memberships has resulted in the serious inroads into the revenue of the Grand Lodge and Masonic Home.

Certain Brethren requiring surgical treatment have been afforded it by arrangement with a denominational hospital.

Two Lodges were instituted. Two Lodges surrendered their charters. The Worshipful Master of one Lodge was suspended. Appeals for aid have been unprecedented. In view of the expense of maintaining the Masonic unit at the State Tubercular Institution, membership in the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association was declined.

The Masonic Home and School seems to be making a good record at moderate expense for upkeep.

The Grand Master recommended that the law be amended to leave the matter of physical qualification in the hands of the subordinate Lodge. Although not concurred in by the committee on Masonic Law and Usage, an amendment finally was adopted to the effect that the Grand Master may issue a dispensation authorizing a subordinate Lodge to accept candidates having physical defects, in cases where the Lodge desires so to do and favorably recommends it to the Grand Master.

Most of the Grand Master's recommendations did not find favor in the report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage.

R. W. Fay Hempstead, the Grand Secretary, performed most of the administrative duties for the Grand Master, who it seems was ill. The Grand Secretary recently attained his eightieth birthday and the Grand Lodge was invited by Western Star Lodge No. 2, to attend a birthday party given in his honor.

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution of appreciation of the services of Mrs. W. M. Kent, wife of the Grand Master in his aid, during his administration.

During the year, 1487 members were suspended for non-payment of dues, 42 for Unmasonic conduct, 18 expelled, 531 demitted, 595 affiliated, and 384 reinstated.

The Grand Lodge finances are in an unsatisfactory condition owing to the number of suspensions.

The Masonic Orphans' Home and School maintains 66 boys and 69 girls, a total of 135, representing a ten per cent increase over prior years. The expenses of maintaining it over-run regular revenues.

The Grand Lodge finally amended the law to require payment of the Grand Lodge and Masonic Home dues, on honorary members, formerly being active members of the same Lodge. The statistics in the proceedings as to the number of honorary memberships are unintelligible.

The proceedings contain no reviews.

CALIFORNIA, 1927.

78th Annual.

San Francisco.

October 11, 1927.

Lodges, 552.

Cash Balance, \$43,081.58.

Members, 129,309.

Homes maintained, Two.

Net Gain, 6,897.

M. W. George Louis Jones, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Will H. Fischer, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. John Whicher, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, (no information).

From the Grand Master's address we learn that the general condition of the fraternity is good. Eight Lodges were constituted. Twenty-five cornerstones were laid for Masonic temples, school buildings, two civic auditoriums, a courthouse and a city hall. Eight Masonic temples and halls were dedicated. Flag day is generally celebrated by the Lodges of this state.

This Grand Lodge maintains two Homes, one at Decoto, and one at Covina; also a club house at Berkeley, for the use of the college students there with Masonic connections. It is stated that the remarkable growth of the University and college at Los Angeles requires a similar institution at that place.

The Grand Master recommends the levying of a per capita tax of 20 cents for a period of four years for the benefit of the George Washington Memorial.

A "Public Schools Week," was observed during which, "in every Lodge in this Jurisdiction some phase of the question affecting the Public Schools," was brought to the attention of the members present.

The Grand Master calls attention to the well settled rule that the funds of a Lodge should not be used to assist in any activity which is not recognized as a Masonic one. Lodges are not authorized to make donations even to so worthy an organization as the Red Cross, such limitations do not apply to the Grand Lodge. Individual members may donate as they will.

The Grand Master forbids the use of the Masonic hall for the purpose of organizing a Masonic club to participate in city politics. He says, "The injection of politics into the fraternity must be condemned in the strongest terms. The Brother, who in his desire to advance the interests of some par-

ticular candidate for public office, issues a letter signed by the writer as a Mason, the Masonic publication which in its pages endorses a candidate for election; or the Brother who would induce his Brethren to join a political club composed solely of Masons is doing that which tends to bring the fraternity into the political arena, and which has ever been condemned. Masonry seeks the preferment of no man in office. It does urge upon its membership the duty of exercising the privilege of citizenship, intelligently leaving it entirely up to the individual to determine how or for whom he shall cast his ballot. Great care must be taken never to involve the fraternity into political activities lest it be said, 'that Masonry has fallen from its high plane to do that which tradition and good judgment have demanded it should avoid.'

The Grand Master recommends a by-law compelling Lodges desiring to construct new temples to first secure the approval of some authority designated by the Grand Lodge. Many Lodges are struggling to lift the burdens of unwise undertakings.

The Grand Master criticizes the character of entertainment employed by some Masonic clubs at luncheons, which in some cases is in such bad taste as to have caused improper notoriety. He urges that warning should be given to discontinue such entertainments, with the information that unless it is done further appropriate action will be taken.

Insurance companies, magazine peddlers, book agents, and others trading on Masonic influence have been very numerous and the committee on education has prepared a statement and warning which is required to be given by the Master to each candidate when he requests the First Degree.

A policy has been adopted refusing to confer courtesy degrees upon men who actually hold a legal residence within California Jurisdiction.

Life memberships are in vogue in this state, but requests to confer them must be approved by the Grand Master.

Forty-seven trial records were received for review.

A member of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, of the Nebraska Jurisdiction was tried by El Centro Lodge No. 384 and expelled.

The report of the committee on "Public Schools' Week" eighth annual observation, covers fifteen pages of very pertinent matter.

A board of trustees operates a "Masonic Club of the University of California, Incorporated." Student activities at the club-house at Berkeley continue along well established lines of conduct and in harmony with the approved regulations controlling such functions at the University. The principal groups using the club house are the DeMolay club, of 150 members. Ashlar Club of 75 members, Men's Masonic Club, 80 members, Women's Masonic Club, 300 members, the Masons' Degree team, and the Masonic Council. These organizations held 146 stated meetings during the year. They raised and expended for their own purposes, almost entirely social, \$2,550.00. It is estimated that the attendance at these stated meetings during the year was 4575. In addition there is the general use of the club house by students of Masonic affiliations. A conservative estimate placed the number of students using the club house daily at 150, and the total estimated attendance for the college year in excess of 25,000. A bi-monthly paper is printed. An orchestra is maintained. Informal gatherings occur every Wednesday

afternoon. There are Sunday Evening Firesides attended by members of all groups. Refreshments are served, talks or programs given. A Masonic Glee club of 25 members entertains at club functions and presents programs for near-by Masonic and Eastern Star organizations. The Women's Club gives an annual formal tea at which it entertains about 600 guests. A group called the Acacia Mothers hold a weekly bridge party, and Lodges conduct monthly meetings in the building at times. The club house maintains an employment office handled by the hostess.

A committee was appointed to formulate uniform systems of accounts for Lodges.

A resolution was offered to the effect that no sanction should be given by a Lodge to any organization formed for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, equipping or operating a Masonic hospital, club house, golf, country, beach, or recreational club, cemetery, real estate subdivision, or retreat wherein lots should be sold to Masons only or any similar enterprise or project until all plans or proposals connected therewith have been presented to, examined and approved by the Grand Lodge at an Annual communication.

Solicitations of Masons for financial participation may not be had until such permission has been granted. Nor shall the Grand Lodge make any appropriation of money for the support, or aid of any such concern until the control thereof has been acquired by the Grand Lodge.

Trustees of the Masonic Homes, which are two in number, reported that the average yearly cost per resident in one home was \$397.47, in the other \$552.93; the average cost per month per resident in the one home, \$33.12, and in the other \$46.08; the average cost per day per resident in one home was \$1.104 and in the other \$1.536. The average number of employees in one home was 28, and the other 25.

The homes are out of debt.

Petitioners for the degrees and affiliation from other Jurisdictions pay from \$20.00 to \$25.00, for the benefit of the Homes.

A student loan fund is maintained, the net balance in which amounts to \$5,297.29. The Homes have an endowment fund amounting to \$542,613.94, which increased nearly \$30,000.00 in a year. The Decoto Home is carried on the books at \$1,245,614.20, the Covina Home at \$608,353.61. The total assets of the Homes of all description are given as \$2,468,653.02. The enrollment in the Children's Home at Covina is 159.

The question of whether or not Lodges may sponsor and contribute to Chapters of the Order of DeMolay, has been the subject of inconclusive legislation and half way measures in this Grand Jurisdiction.

A report was adopted constituting the Grand Treasurer, the chairman of a finance committee, and a Brother, to be appointed, a committee on Masonic building projects, to which committee shall be submitted not only the plans and specifications of the proposed building but also the proposed plan of financing the building and the extent of participation of the Lodge therein.

The Grand Lodge of Vienna was recognized, also the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

An assessment of 25 cents per capita was levied for the maintenance of the Masonic Homes.

We should like more extensively to abstract the proceedings of this Grand Lodge but space prevents it.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is preceded by a foreword or introduction. The review is topically arranged. Our own proceedings are quoted freely. The report is one of the best coming to our attention. We should enjoy quoting the numerous apt conclusions of the reviewer on many Masonic topics but space forbids it.

COLORADO, 1927.

67th Annual.
Lodges, 147.
Members, 32,729.
Gain, 603.

Denver.

September 20, 1927.

Cash Balance, \$ 48,556.52.
Cash Assets, 143,129.75.
Homes maintained, None.
Orphans' Home contemplated.

M. W. Frank J. Reinhard, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. John Andrew, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Edward P. Hufferd, present.

The Grand Master by profession is a physician and surgeon.

The compensation of the Grand Lecturer was fixed at \$3600.00 and his expense account at a maximum of \$1200.00 per year.

Thirteen corner-stones were laid, five of which were colleges, and school buildings, two armory buildings, four Masonic Temple buildings, and two city halls.

Brother Robert Russell conveyed to the Grand Master in trust for the Grand Lodge, 800 acres of irrigated land assessed for taxation at \$28,470.00, as a gift.

The Grand Master criticizes the use of unauthorized halls. Apparently some of the Lodges have been dramatizing the Masonic degrees, and resorting to the aid of public auditoriums and theatres for that purpose, which lend an atmosphere smacking "of the theatre or circus and the reverent attention to which we are accustomed in our Masonic halls is conspicuous by its absence." The Denver Lodges were instructed, that in the interests of the craft, all requests for permission to hold Lodge communications in halls other than those duly appropriated and regularly used for such purposes, would be refused, and that the auditoriums of the two Scottish Rite Cathedrals in Denver were not appropriate and their use would not be permitted.

The trustees of the Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund Association made expenditures in excess of their income.

The Grand Master was called upon to put a stop to Masonic advertising, and the fact that Freemasonry has absolutely no connection with insurance or other business enterprises.

Sunday picnics were deprecated, the Grand Master saying that such picnics under Masonic auspices served no good purpose, shock the sensibilities and offend the consciences of some members and ought not to be permitted.

The Grand Master utters a word of caution in regard to the construction of Masonic Temples, saying that if not properly financed they are hazardous

undertakings and no Lodge is justified in assuming the burden of a debt that cannot safely be borne for the sake of merely owning a new Temple.

The subject of co-ordination and the charitable work of the Grand Lodge had attention.

The Grand Lodge is about to have an Orphans' Home. It has a Benevolent fund, a Colorado Soldier Masons' War Relief fund, a Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Committee at work in a Denver hospital and in a Ft. Lyon hospital, all operated by separate committees.

The Grand Orator among other things said that "today there are so many off-shoots, or branches of Masonry, so many leeches hanging on to Masonry, having as a prerequisite to membership, good standing in the Craft, that it behooves us to be very guarded, lest our time honored institution suffer greatly at their hands."

Two bequests aggregating \$12,000.00 were received during the year for the benevolent fund. Over \$3,000.00 was contributed to the Florida hurricane relief, and a similar sum to the Mississippi Valley flood relief.

The fact that contributions to the George Washington Memorial were not what they should be was deprecated, and better support solicited.

CONNECTICUT.

139th Annual.

Hartford.

February 2, 1927.

Lodges, 120.

Cash Balance, \$5,093.26.

Members, 45,109.

Homes maintained, None.

Gain, 943.

M. W. Arthur N. Nash, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Theodore Foster, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. George A. Kies, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Henry H. Brautigan, present.

The Grand Master was obliged to circularize the Lodges on the subject of taking action against members who had been convicted in civil courts of a criminal offense.

This Grand Lodge also operates under the District Deputy Grand Master system.

The Grand Master made a large number of official visits among which was one to a meeting of the Order of DeMolay and another to a meeting of the Order of the Rainbow, for girls.

The Grand Master appointed a representative on the Board of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, but learning that the Association had collected \$12,000.00, \$10,000.00 of which was used for organization, printing, salaries, etc., and \$440.00 for relief thought better of it and revoked the appointment.

The Masonic Service Association seems to be in favor in this state.

A new form of application to accompany the petition is in course of preparation.

The Grand Master says the outstanding Masonic work in Connecticut is the Masonic Home.

A new Eastern Star Hospital was opened and the sick persons transferred from the Home to the Hospital.

The Grand Master's report seems to be unnecessarily extended by copying long letters and reports in full to no good purpose, as to state the substance or ultimate effect merely would serve every end.

The Grand Lodge Library seems to be moribund; no new books were purchased and the last year's balance of \$93.66, is still on hand.

The Masonic Home endowment fund amounts to \$277,000.00.

The Grand Lodge dues amount to \$2.50, of which \$2.15 is appropriated for the purpose of Masonic charity foundation and 35 cents to defray Grand Lodge expenses. The Grand Lodge charges \$20.00 for affiliation in addition to the fees required by the By-laws of the subordinate Lodges, for the benefit of Masonic charity.

We think the financial reports of this Grand Lodge could be framed so as to afford a great deal more information than they do. As a matter of fact, perhaps the policy of this Grand Lodge, (as is the case with some others) is to refrain from clear statements of financial condition in the hope that Grand Lodge funds, the extent of them not being disclosed, will thereby escape the raids to which they would otherwise be subject.

The proceedings contain a review in which our 1926 proceedings are covered. The style of Nebraska's late reviewer, W. Frank L. Haycock, comes in for some good-natured comment, as in fact is the case in the reviews of numerous others of his Brethren.

Incorporation of Lodges is objected to by the Grand Secretary in the following words:

"Our objection lies in the fact that incorporation makes a Lodge a legal entity which can sue and be sued, etc., and an unfriendly court can mandamus its records, books, and secret documents. The possible results of untold evil can easily be imagined. Connecticut has regulations forbidding such incorporation."

We feel that the evils resulting from the incorporation of subordinate Lodges are largely imaginary and some of the reasons given without foundation. The advantages of incorporations are many and to us apparently indispensable. Fraternal insurance organizations, most of which have repudiated their obligations, almost universally refrain from incorporating their subordinate Lodges, camps, or what-nots, for the purpose of enabling them so to do, but for no other good or honest purpose as far as we have been able to discover.

DELAWARE, 1927.

122nd Annual.

Wilmington.

October 5, 1927.

Lodges, 22.

Cash Balance, \$ 7,474.80.

Members, 6,010.

Cash Assets, \$14,974.80.

Gain, 48.

Homes maintained, One.

M. W. Harry Galbraith, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Weldon C. Waples, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. John F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, not present.

The custom of electing visiting Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, Honorary, is discussed.

In this Grand Lodge the affairs of the Masonic Home are in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. All Lodges with the exception of three have paid the Masonic Home building fund assessment, which seems to have been \$15.00 per capita.

The Grand Master felt that Delaware has ample provisions in that state for taking care of the tuberculous.

In his conclusion the Grand Master says. "The future of true Masonry lies in the bringing of the wisdom of the past to the service of the present, in teaching truth which makes men free, 'with malice toward none, with charity for all,' thus to show in the quality of our private lives and by public service what Freemasonry means, and if rightfully understood the kind of citizen it produces."

The Grand Lodge maintains a Grand Lodge library. It has a committee in charge of printing.

The general investment in the Masonic Home amounts to \$181,469.62.

The Grand Lodge maintains a reserve fund, a Grand Lodge charity fund, a fund for Masonic service and seems to be thoroughly organized from a financial standpoint, although its income is comparatively low.

Eight scholarships were awarded for the year, most of which were to students in the University of Delaware, from the funds in charge of the committee on education.

This Grand Lodge did its share toward the Florida hurricane and Mississippi flood relief.

W. Brother Thomas J. Day, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in his review of our 1927 proceedings, in a well pointed presentation of the matters that interest him, speaks respectfully of the attainments of the former Chairman of the Nebraska Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, unfortunately deceased.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1927.

107th Annual.	Washington.	December 21, 1927.
Lodges, 43.		Cash Balance, \$98,199.30.
Members, 23,264.		Homes maintained, One.
Gain, 271.		

M. W. Gratz E. Dunkun, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. James T. Gibbs, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, not present.

The combined assets of all District of Columbia Lodges amounts to \$891,049.19.

This Grand Jurisdiction is undertaking an enormous building project. It has property at Temple Heights, "involving over one million dollars, which is not now producing any income." The present temple represents invested capital in excess of \$500,000.00. "Under present conditions the income from it is small." They hope to sell it at an early date. They have "advices that a unit sufficient to meet the present needs can be erected for approximately \$1,231,508.00." If this is the cost of a unit, what will the completed building cost amount to?

They have started out to collect a \$2,000,000.00 gift fund, which is to be the property of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of purchasing a Grand Lodge temple site, and constructing a United Masonic temple thereon. The finance plan is elaborate and provides among other things that all Masons raised after a certain date shall pay \$50.00 into the temple fund, and that a per capita tax of \$1.00, for its benefit be continued, etc.

The petition of the Grand Lodge of Egypt for recognition was passed over without prejudice, considerable history being quoted.

This Grand Lodge is of the opinion that the number of candidates who may receive the degree at one time might well be increased.

Two new Lodges have been constituted. The cornerstone of the new Fourth Presbyterian church was laid.

A Masonic employment bureau is maintained.

There is a Masonic-Eastern Star Home in this jurisdiction. There are also numerous Masonic clubs.

The Grand Lodge of Persia was denied fraternal recognition for the present without prejudice.

Cash actually in the United Masonic Temple fund amounts to \$765,295.49. The Masonic burial service has been recently worked over.

From a table on page 99 we gather that nineteen states retain membership in the Masonic Service Association, which this Grand Master thoroughly approves of.

The trial commission system is under advisement. The Masonic clubs are endeavoring to establish a course of study for those who desire to enter the foreign service of the Government, in the George Washington University.

There are 51 adults in the home and 48 children. However the Board is cumbersome, consisting of 89 members. The Home has an endowment fund amounting to \$146,695.51.

Our 1927 proceedings are briefly reviewed. The ever present topic of organization predicating membership on Masonic standing arises to pester this Grand Lodge.

St. John's Mite Association furnished food, clothing, shelter, fuel and the like to indigent Brethren and their families as well as the widows and orphans. The investment fund of this Association amounts to \$22,000.00, the interest only, supplemented by donations being expended for relief.

FLORIDA, 1927.

98th Annual
Lodges, 254.

Members, 30,404.

Gain, 3006.

Jacksonville.

April 19, 1927.

Cash Balance, \$54,715.89.

Hones maintained, One.

M. W. Cary B. Fish, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Benjamin E. Dyson, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, William M. Cannon, present.

This Grand Lodge believes that more and better instruction is obtained from schools conducted by one member of the committee conducting schools than by schools conducted by the whole committee.

He denied a dispensation to form a Lodge in Cuba, Florida maintaining fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Cuba and not desiring to invade that jurisdiction.

Sixteen cornerstones were laid, eight being of school buildings, two of Masonic temples, two of court houses, a Christian Church, a Presbyterian church, a Methodist Episcopal Church South, and a hospital building.

Five Masonic temples or halls were dedicated. A monument was purchased for a deceased Past Grand Master and a design adopted for such use in the future. The cost of the monument being about \$600.00.

The Grand Master says he has been obliged to transfer funds from one account to another and to borrow money from the endowment fund of the Masonic Home in order to take care of expenditures which have been made on homes and grounds during the past year. Kerosene stoves having been used for heating the home and being found impractical a steam heating plant was substituted.

Forty acres were purchased for a farm as an adjunct to the home. The home cares for 114 persons.

A deceased Brother, Albert W. Gilchrist willed to the endowment fund of the Home an estate valued at about \$400,000.00

The Grand Lodge has remembered with tickets to ball games and other amusements, Brethren confined in the Government hospital for disabled veterans.

The Grand Master recommends that no contribution be made to the National Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, the demands of the hurricane sufferers having exhausted the available funds. He recommends that the quota of the state for the George Washington memorial be met. He also recommends continuance in the Masonic Service Association.

Cash amounting to \$111,652.73, was received and expended for relief of the hurricane sufferers, of which sum \$96,749.72, was received from outside the state of Florida. The cost of collection and distribution of this fund, including all expenses, was less than one per cent, so that out of every dollar received for relief work a little over 99 cents went into actual relief. No salaries were paid and the greater part of the services were donated.

The committee assisted 527 families besides assistance rendered to refugees of which no record was made. Assistance given to members of the Craft outside of the state of Florida included among others, two from Nebraska. Masons numbering 299 and their families not affiliated with any Florida Lodge and 228 whose membership was in Florida Lodges were relieved.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that in the future, in like cases and circumstances, where relief is required, that all contributions be made to and handled by the Masonic fraternity, it being the experience in this territory that it has been the only source of real help, aid and assistance extended to the sufferers without undue and unnecessary embarrassment and humiliation.

The Masonic Home was incorporated.

The Grand Master recommends a trial commission consisting of five members residing in different locations of the state, together with a method of conducting the trials by such commission.

He also recommended that no Lodge might build a Masonic building,

until the plans and specifications of the building together with the plan of financing, be approved by the Grand Master.

Two Lodges surrendered their charters.

A number of Lodges failed to remit the Grand Lodge dues, their funds being tied up in failed banks.

Apparently the Lodges were assessed to maintain the Masonic Home.

The constitution was amended to provide that no Masonic procession may be held without dispensation except on the Anniversary of St. John and funeral processions.

The guests in the Home are 12 old Brethren, 14 elderly women, 43 girls and 45 boys; the average adult age is 72 years; the children range from 3 to 16 years, average age 10 years.

An annuity of \$5,000.00, is anticipated under the will of Marion C. English, late Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

The Home maintains a printing plant. It issues a publication called "Home Echoes." The Home also maintains a good band, a dairy, and a farm. We are unable to determine what the per capita cost of maintenance is from the figures contained in the returns.

The oration by Major Augustus E. Barnett, deals with the five great affirmations of True Masonry, the first of which is Our belief in God, second, the Divinity of Holy Scriptures, third, the ultimate reign of justice on earth, fourth, the improvability of human nature and fifth, the imperishability of the soul.

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution imposing a per capita assessment of \$1.00, upon the members for three years.

The foreign correspondence report covers our 1926 proceedings in a fairly comprehensive manner.

GEORGIA, 1927.

141st Annual

Macon.

October 25, 1927.

Lodges, 644.

Cash Balance, \$19,653.75.

Members, 66,843.

Cash Assets, \$171,576.35.

Loss, 62.

Homes maintained, One.

M. W. A. G. Miller, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Raymond Daniel, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Frank F. Bacon, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Wallace W. Bibb, present.

This Grand Lodge has recently completed and dedicated a fine new Masonic Temple. Sixteen cornerstones were laid, thirteen of school buildings, one of a city hall and two of Masonic temples.

The Grand Master has a relief fund at his disposal for emergencies.

There is due the George Washington Memorial from this Grand Lodge, \$4,000.00.

The Grand Lodge operates a Masonic Home for the aged and for children.

Three Lodges surrendered their charters. A charter was refused one Lodge. A students' loan fund is maintained. Demands for relief have been in excess of the amount at the disposal of the relief fund. Lodges in some

instances have sent members to the southwest sick with tuberculosis; with just enough money to pay their railroad fare, leaving them to become charges on the jurisdictions of foreign states, which the Grand Master characterizes as an act of "refined cruelty."

The Grand Master says that the Grand Lodge's finances have not been in a healthy state, a deficit exists, a loan of \$30,000.00 was required of which \$20,000.00, was actually negotiated.

A committee was appointed to consider reforming the financial structure of this Grand Lodge.

Among other things the Grand Master recommends a medallion, to be worn by Grand Lodge representatives near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Evidently the Grand Master is in the habit of granting permission to confer degrees upon disabled candidates.

The Grand Master says that with the exception of the Masonic Home and Educational work which has been carried on in a half-hearted way, "both of which are often attacked, the Grand Lodge of Georgia has not fostered any great constructive piece of work in the past 140 years." He finds that many other organizations, the world membership of which is not equal to Masonic membership in many individual states, are outstripping the Grand Lodge in the achievement of humanitarian projects, "for more than a hundred years within the narrow channel of tradition and meagre charity we have passed."

"From the hills, valleys and plains of Georgia come to us today the cries of Georgia's children pleading with us for help, that they may be given the opportunity to be trained in mind and body and spirit to take their rightful places as citizens in this great commonwealth, the pleading accents of men and women asking that they may be permitted to spend the closing years of life in comfort and contentment. Oh, Georgia Masons, wake up to the realization of the great opportunities of service which await you! Let us not die of dry rot but rather experience a renewal of vitality, strength and growth."

During the year, 1174 members demitted, 2236 were suspended, and 832 died.

The per capita of the Grand Lodge was increased fifty cents, making a total of one dollar and fifty cents, forty-five per cent of which is for the maintenance of the Masonic Home.

It seems that constructing the new temple is the primary cause of the deficit in Georgia's funds. It has an endowment fund showing a cash balance of \$120,099.69; also a charity fund amounting to \$14,299, a tuberculosis cottage fund amounting to \$8,845.00, an educational loan fund amounting to \$2408.80; the Grand total of all funds is \$171,576.35.

Two hundred children from the Masonic Home appeared on the stage and sang a number of choruses. Some of the children made talks to the Grand Lodge. There are 100 girls in the Home and 101 boys.

The Board of Relief issued requisitions for 92 cases.

A Tuberculosis cottage fund is being accumulated for the purpose of constructing a cottage for the children in the state institution, which, when built, is to be presented to and operated by the state.

The maintenance cost of the Masonic Home is \$285.49 per capita, per annum, and \$23.79 per month or .79-9-30 per day; exclusive of farm expenses

it is \$240.70, \$20.065, and .66 13-15ths per day respectively. The farm produced \$6,941.82, more than the cost of operation.

Some ten or twelve children were furnished relief at their domiciles.

Heretofore the system adhered to has been that the subordinate Lodges pay one-half of the amount required for the relief of a dependent member, but many of the Lodges have done little or nothing to adhere to this agreement, relying entirely on the Grand Lodge, when permitted to do so.

M. W. Raymund Daniel, Grand Master elect, has been the Georgia correspondent for many years, and by special arrangement will continue as such. His review has been printed in a separate volume and is one of the most readable ones which we have seen. It is preceded by a foreword on "Him that Overcometh."

Our 1927 proceedings are well reviewed. So easy is his style that upon completing his volume one feels almost acquainted with the Brother who wrote it, and that he does have a personal interest in many friends throughout the country.

IDAHO, 1927.

60th Annual.

Coeur d' Alene.

September 13, 1927.

Lodges, 80.

Cash Balance, \$16,991.45.

Members, 10,118.

Cash Assets, \$150,324.99.

Gain, 100.

Homes maintained, None.

M. W. Henry P. Glindeman, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Richard F. Curtis, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. Curtis F. Pike, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Francis Jenkins, present.

The Masonic conditions throughout this jurisdiction are most favorable. The Lodges have been fairly active; there has been no friction or discord.

This Grand Lodge maintains the District Deputy system. It also operates under the trial commission system in part, trials by Lodges and by commissions seeming to exist side by side.

Masonic clubs seem to be encouraged in this state.

Two dispensations for new Lodges were issued.

It seems that the Grand Lodge provides "keys" to the subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master regrets that the Idaho Grand Lodge has never provided an emergency relief fund.

He says there is a lack of uniformity of the work in the different Lodges and a manifest need of authority or advice regarding ritualistic work, and that many important details are not covered by the "key," blue book, or monitor, and it is not good business to have so many dissenting opinions on the Board of Custodians.

The blanket bond system covering officers of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges handling money is in use.

Owing to losses in failed banks depository bonds are required.

The Grand Master thinks it is a mistake to elect a secretary from among the new members.

There have been no dedications of Masonic halls or temples, no cornerstones were laid, there were fewer trials than for many years.

About ninety per cent of the assessment for the George Washington Memorial fund has been paid.

The Grand Lodge is endeavoring to accumulate a library and encourages the subordinate Lodges to do likewise.

A proposal to join with the York Rite Grand Bodies of Idaho in establishing a Masonic Charity fund was withdrawn from consideration.

\$6085.00 was paid out for relief.

Our 1926 proceedings are fraternally reviewed by W. Brother Percy Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He comments favorably on our well printed volume. His report is prefaced by a short statement on the subjects which he thinks are engaging more or less general attention, which is well arranged and expressed.

ILLINOIS, 1927.

88th Annual.	Chicago.	October 11, 1927
Lodges, 1006.		Cash Balance, \$223,017.11.
Members, 290,618		Cash Assets, \$967,980.12.
Gain, 4878.		Homes maintained, Two.

M. W. David D. King, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Louis L. Emmerson, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. Owen Scott, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, H. D. Bradley, present.

The Grand Master is a publisher. A subdivision of his address is directed against radicalism.

Masonic Homes are maintained.

The Grand Master reverted to a former custom of laying no cornerstones for churches "as a church is not a public building and embarrassment sometimes results in consequence of some church members being out of sympathy with secret societies, and objecting to the Masonic inscription on the cornerstones."

A Lodge charter was arrested because the degrees had been conferred upon a candidate whose right hand was disabled. The question of physical qualifications is a perennial annoyance.

Thirteen Lodges were constituted, eight cornerstones were laid, all for Masonic temples with the exception of one Community High School building and one Boys' Home. Eleven Masonic temples were dedicated, and two Lodges were instituted.

The receipts from all sources for charity amounted to \$384,986.73.

Brother Owen Scott, has been in attendance at sessions of the Illinois Grand Lodge for fifty consecutive years.

There are 201 members in the Old Folks Home, whose average age is seventy years. The average membership in the Children's Home for the year was 208, and the maintenance expense for the year was \$100,444.93. Hospital expenses amounted to \$44,636.54.

The report of the committee on foreign correspondence is preceded by a foreword in which the reviewer says that the outstanding subjects engaging

the attention of the Grand Lodges are, Masonic Education, the Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, the unmasonic conduct of the Grand Orient in France in chartering Lodges in Pennsylvania, and other minor matters. The reviews are comprehensive and our 1926 proceedings are well digested in about four pages.

The misapprehension that a Masonic Lodge is in duty bound to provide pecuniary relief for its members in all cases of distress is referred to the Grand Master, who says, that members of a Lodge should be constantly reminded of that provision of the obligation which requires them to aid and assist all worthy distressed Brother Master Masons, but the extent to which relief is granted must remain in the discretion of the Lodge and the Brethren. No outside organization or individual should be permitted to dictate when or to what extent this relief should be administered.

INDIANA, 1927.

110th Annual.	Indianapolis.	April 24, 1927.
Lodges, 558.		Cash Balance, \$ 39,045.64.
Members, 127,915.		Cash Assets, \$438,582.71.
Gain, 700.		Homes maintained, One.

M. W. William C. Geake, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Obie J. Smith, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. William H. Swintz, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Omar B. Smith, present.

The Grand Master in his address said: "Mere numbers is not always the true measure of strength and progress of an institution," in commenting on the fact that the numerical growth of the Lodges has not been so large as usual.

A "Masonic Home Day," is generally celebrated in this Jurisdiction.

The cornerstones of three Masonic Temples, one church, five public school buildings, and one courthouse were laid. Two Masonic temples were dedicated, two Lodges were constituted. A number of Lodges are on probation. One Lodge charter was restored. Two weak Lodges were consolidated.

A request from the Deputy for Indiana of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem for permission to use the halls of subordinate Masonic Lodges of the state was denied.

The address of the Grand Master is more or less formal and contains nothing of any outstanding interest.

The balance in the General fund amounted to \$39,045.64, in the Home fund \$135,496.88, in the Endowment fund \$264,040.21. The cash in the hands of the treasurer has been earning four per cent on daily balances, excepting a portion carried in a general checking account on which three per cent is allowed, the balance in which latter account is not large.

The Masonic Home benefited during the year in the sum of \$15,000, from a bequest from Brother John T. Doherty.

In the Home 400 dependents are cared for, 163 adults and 221 children. A new cottage for girls has been completed. The average age of the adult members is eighty years. An extension to care for forty-eight adults is required, and permission was given to proceed with the construction.

The Home has been eleven years in building, it represents a cash investment of \$2,000,000.00, and is one of the "marvels of the fraternity everywhere." During the sixteen years in which funds have been raised for the Home, the individual Mason in good standing has paid assessments levied by the Grand Lodge totaling \$10.25, an average of .64½ cents a year, which together with voluntary donations has built and maintained the Home for eleven years, "with never a penny of debt or other encumbrance."

The endowment fund has grown in five years to the handsome sum of \$260,000.00. It is figured that as this fund increases its income will preclude the necessity of ever increasing the assessments for maintenance and in time make the Home self-supporting.

A new cottage for girls completed this year is the last word in construction, convenience and beauty for this character of building and shelters forty girls. As a result they have no waiting list for children.

A school is maintained in the Home and is one of the best ever held there. A printing office is maintained and makes a profit. Sunday School is taught in the Home. A band and orchestra are maintained. The Home has a farm which makes a small profit.

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico is recognized. The Grand Lodge of France and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt are not recognized for the present. The invitation of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association was not accepted.

The Grand Secretary receives a salary of \$5,000.00 per year.

A form of bequest for the endowment fund for the Masonic Home may be found on page 226.

The annual review by M. W. Elmer F. Gray, is well written and comprehensive and is preceded by a membership table apparently based principally on 1926 figures showing the total number of Masonic Lodges in the United States as 6280, total number of members in the United States 3,198,315, total gain in the United States 70,936. In Canada the Lodges number 1301, membership 190,119, total gain 4,414.

Our Grand Lodge proceedings are briefly reviewed.

	IOWA, 1927.	
84th Annual.	Council Bluffs.	June 14, 1927.
Lodges, 558.		Cash Balance, \$140,550.04.
Members, 86,541.		Homes maintained, One.
Gain, 401.		

M. W. Harry Milton Belt, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. David R. Tripp, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Chas. C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, none.

The Grand Master is an interior decorator practicing his trade in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ten cornerstones were laid consisting of six Masonic temples, school buildings and courthouses. Seven Masonic temples were dedicated.

The Grand Master urges that Iowa Lodges contribute their quota to the George Washington Memorial Association.

He served notice of withdrawal from the Masonic Service Association. He has six criticisms of this Association, the first one being that extravagant overhead expenses in the office should be reduced; second, that its book publishing business should be sold; third, that it should not be involved in the business of publishing a magazine; fourth, that the Association should be more prompt and helpful in the matter of suggestions and leads to the various subscribing Lodges; fifth, that an accounting should be made to subscribing Grand Lodges, saying that, "There have been no detailed financial reports for four consecutive years;" sixth, that each member jurisdiction should be represented on the Executive committee, and frequent reports should be made to each subscribing jurisdiction. He says, "We cannot help but feel that we have not been taken into the confidence of the management of the Association and, as this is a partnership concern, each party should have full detailed information as to what is going on at all times."

In regard to the Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, he says, "Iowa is fortunate enough in having their own sanatorium, where cures can be effected and patients again become useful citizens. I think it is a well established fact that tuberculosis patients can be benefited more in the communities in which they live than by going to a warmer climate, where if they are cured, they cannot return to the severe winters of Iowa."

The appointment of a committee on code revision is recommended. The Grand Master saying that many sections of the present code have been written by lawyers, and require a lawyer's interpretation, whereas, these laws must be interpreted ordinarily in the main by men who are not lawyers. They should be made so plain that any Master Mason can easily understand their meaning.

A revision of the funeral code is under consideration.

The Grand Master recommends a committee be appointed to investigate the work of trial commissions as used in other states, notably Kansas, Missouri and Massachusetts. He says that in many places disciplinary measures have entirely fallen down.

The Masonic Sanatorium at Bettendorf is completed and in operation under the direction of a Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund.

The Grand Master recommends that the Iowa Grand Jurisdiction accord to Lodges in other Jurisdictions the right to hold funerals in Iowa for the purpose of burying their own members and requests that the same right be accorded to Iowa Lodges.

He further recommends that the Iowa Grand Lodge take action similar to that of Pennsylvania making it unlawful for members of Lodges to become associated or in any way identified with organizations hereafter to be established requiring Masonic affiliations as a condition to membership, unless and until, authority from the Iowa Grand Lodge, for the creation of such organizations shall first have been obtained.

The Grand Master recommends that representatives be exchanged with other Grand Jurisdictions in fraternal correspondence with the Iowa Grand Lodge, this not having been the practice.

The Grand Master recommends the adoption of an amendment regulating honorary memberships permitting chartered Lodges to enroll honorary members, who shall not be entitled to hold office, vote, pay either local or Grand

Lodge dues, and which honorary membership may be terminated at the discretion of the Lodges.

The Grand Librarian's report covers such topics as traveling libraries, study clubs, publications, clipping bureaus, catalogues, Masonic periodicals, European publications, museums and like topics, much of which deserves to be copied but to which reference only may be made.

During the past year 205 cases were relieved by the Grand Charity fund, the amount dispensed being \$57,032.75, of which \$36,011, was set aside from the Grand Charity Fund, about 128 cases requiring continuous relief.

The total assets of the Grand Charity Fund amount to \$474,639.64. The Masonic Sanitarium, which is in reality a hospital, is in the process of final completion and equipment, fifty rooms being now ready. The estimated cost of maintaining it is \$46,715.36. The construction account shows \$161,182.54, the furniture and equipment account shows \$10,356.14, the real estate account, \$59,847.61, with total footings of \$234,447.65.

It appears that Iowa is about to recognize the Swiss Grand Lodge, Alpina, also the Grand Lodge of Egypt.

The report on fraternal correspondence by M. W. Louis Block, is preceded by a foreword, on the subject of "Helping a Brother to Help Himself," largely devoted to an endorsement of the employment bureau system, in the course of which he says that, "New Jersey was one of the earliest states to install a Masonic Employment Bureau. She now has the state divided into districts, has the work thoroughly organized with branches in the nine largest cities. For eleven years she has found jobs for an annual average of 400 applicants, last year 420, with an average compensation of \$30.00 per week; in 1923 she secured positions for 740 applicants who earned an average annual wage of \$1200.00, a total income of \$888,000.00. Pennsylvania in one year got work for 1000 applicants at an annual average salary of \$1300.00. New York found positions in one year for 5000 applicants, 2100 in Greater New York alone. Even Rhode Island found work for 25 at a total annual pay roll of \$27,000. "The cost of bringing the man and the job together has proved trifling,—merely nominal, in fact when compared to the amount earned and the great good done the Brethren, in so many, many ways." In Kentucky it cost the membership one cent per year to find jobs for 243, in St. Louis 2156 applicants were given work in one year at an average cost of \$2.55. In Oregon every Lodge has a card index file with the names of over 2000 Masonic employers, and 77% of her applicants are found suitable positions. In one year 2615 Brethren were provided with jobs at \$2.30 per capita. Denver, Colorado found work for 65% of those applying at a cost of \$4.34 per capita. California excels all these for she found jobs for 10,000 applicants in a single year at the trifling cost of \$1.11 per person, only 14% of which were California Masons, the other 86% coming from other states. There are other states who did much good along this line of which much might be told, notably Wisconsin, where in one year 75 applicants were provided with jobs.

M. W. Brother Block thinks it is high time Iowa was getting in line. His reviews are perhaps the most extensive of any coming in to our hands, several pages being devoted to a thorough digest of our 1926 proceedings, in the course of which, the reviewer pays a fine tribute to our deceased Past Grand

Master, Robert E. French, and to our now deceased Grand Chaplain, Chas. M. Shepherd, with whom one should suppose that the reviewer had a personal acquaintance, at least he felt a personal interest in them.

There is also an afterword, "The Menace of Modern Atheism" which is a convincing piece of writing.

KANSAS, 1927.

71st Annual	Wichita.	February 23, 1927.
Lodges, 449.		Cash Balance, \$ 30,221.64.
Members, 82,165.		Cash Assets, \$102,814.05.
Gain, 1991.		Homes maintained, One.

M. W. John W. Nielson, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Charles N. Fowler, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Earl T. Pyle, present.

This volume of proceedings is one of the best arranged, illustrated, printed and most interesting that has come to our attention.

The Grand Master is an orator. In his address he says among other things: "I am reminded that our principles and tenets are rooted in the wisdom of antiquity; that our Order has marched down the centuries without a single deviation from its course. Like the mighty Nile which flows through a thousand miles of waste and desert land without a single tributary, the stream of Masonry has moved along undiluted by ingraftment or any form of alloy."

One new Lodge was constituted, dispensations were granted for two new Lodges. Ten cornerstones were laid, three of Masonic temples, four of school buildings, two of courthouses, and one of a First Methodist Episcopal Church. A monument was unveiled to the memory of R. W. Brother John W. Smith, the First Deputy Grand Master and R. W. Daniel Vanderslice, the First Grand Junior Warden of Kansas.

A new Masonic Grand Lodge building which is very fine in its design and interior appointments has just been completed. It is exclusively occupied with Grand Lodge offices, a library, a museum, and contains also the offices of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Master laments that the "pay as you go," plan has been relegated to the background by Lodges desiring to build new temples and that many of them become so involved in debt as to burden not only their membership, but to become a detriment to the Craft at large. "Perhaps the most serious trouble arising in our Lodges is the result of improper and inadequate plans for financing their undertakings, and, in addition to the architect's plans not being passed upon. I believe the matter of financing new temples should be under the observation and with the approval of the Grand Master."

Unsatisfactory results have followed the issuance of life-membership in return for funds advanced to finance building projects.

This Grand Lodge evidently has a by-law banning dancing as a social activity, and apparently attempts to enforce it.

Kansas, while recognizing the educational and altruistic spirit actuating certain associations and organizations national and local in scope and purpose

has, without exception refrained from participating in them or supporting them.

Kansas is operating under the trial commission system, the Grand Master saying that the wisdom of this change in the procedure of Lodge trials has been fully demonstrated during the past year by the elimination of publicity, by overcoming the effect of undue influence, and by securing an unbiased decision.

Burdens of visitation, etc., are largely on Deputy District Grand Masters.

Fifty-two thousand dollars of accumulated Liberty bonds was transferred to the endowment fund of the Kansas Masonic Home.

The Grand Master refers to one of the old charges to the Master of a Lodge which reads as follows:

"The Master ought to be wise and discrete and should undertake no work that he cannot perform and complete."

The Masonic Home endowment fund amounts to \$261,056.12. The cost of maintaining the Home was \$56,205.31. Apparently the assets of the Home amount to \$1,485,049.54. There are 207 actual residents in the Home. The per capita cost of maintenance in 1926 was \$293.25.

Recognition was denied the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the territory of Vera Cruz, it appearing that this Grand Lodge is endeavoring to establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, which organization is not recognized by Kansas and it appearing that Vera Cruz Grand Lodge has established Lodges outside of its own jurisdiction in territory already occupied by a regular Grand Lodge, and it being reported that this Grand Lodge is taking an active part in the religious controversies in Mexico. The committee finds that the Kansas Grand Lodge cannot consistently extend fraternal relation to any Grand Lodge which interferes in political and religious matters.

The value of the Masonic Home, buildings and grounds is \$500,000.00. The Home is incorporated. It is maintained by a per capita charge of fifty cents from each Master Mason and ten cents from each member of the O. E. S. and from a fee of \$5.00 each for each initiation together with donations. Applicants for admission to the Home must hold continuous membership of not less than five years in a Lodge or Chapter of O. E. S. Children are admitted only between the ages of four and fourteen years.

The existing infirmary needs an addition which will cost \$25,000. The children attend the public schools at Wichita.

The proceedings of the Past Grand Master's Association are included in the volume, also a very well written report on "Foreign Correspondence" with a head note in which the enormous decrease in net gain in membership is laid in part to two causes, the first, lack of attendance on the part of members whose interests, in many cases, are in outside societies or organizations, predicating their membership on Freemasonry, and second, the great demand on the part of the younger element of today for amusement. "Masonry is not now and never has been a place of amusement, neither was it ever intended for that purpose."

The Reviewer regrets that the Grand Lodges are lending their endorsements to outside organizations based wholly on sentiment, which increases the

interest in such organizations to the detriment of the Ancient Craft Masonry. He comments on the carpetbagger Mason having wares to sell or pet projects to promote. The reviews are extensive.

From one of them we learn that this Grand Lodge does not maintain fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and that official receipts for dues issued in Kansas are not recognized by the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

This Lodge has a museum and an extensive library, and is promoting the writing of the Masonic history of Kansas. R. W. Albert K. Wilson, the Grand Secretary, having decided to withdraw from that office to devote himself to writing such history. However, he continues as correspondent.

KENTUCKY, 1927.

127th Annual.

Louisville.

October 18, 1927.

Lodges, 596.

Cash Balance, \$133,132.25.

Members, 65,235.

Homes maintained, Two.

Net loss, 1951.

M. W. Chas. S. Rankins, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Hanson Peterson, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Fred W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, no information.

The Grand Master is connected with a Methodist book concern.

The Grand Master issued an edict against smoking in Lodge rooms while Lodge is in session.

The financial obligation of Kentucky Masons, to the Widows and Orphans Home is so heavy as to require that no participation be had in the activities of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Association.

Kentucky Freemasons were prohibited by edict from participating in a species of clandestine Masonry under the name of "Co-Masonry."

Two Lodges were consolidated.

A Masonic hall was dedicated.

Dispensations to solicit funds for the relief of a member of a subordinate Lodge who had broken his leg, and to rebuild a Masonic hall destroyed by fire, were refused.

A dispensation to join other fraternal organizations in a parade previous to the laying of a cornerstone of a high school building, it being suspected that the parade feature was to further the cause of a bond issue which was to follow, was refused.

One cornerstone was laid.

The trial commission plan according to this Grand Lodge, works advantageously, and so far there have been no complaints from anyone whatsoever. He recommends that the trial commission plan be adopted in Kentucky.

Finances are a burning question in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer says that on account of modern arrangements of the new Masonic Home, the per capita cost has been increased and the population before the end of the year will reach 600.

The Home is supported by the income from the endowment fund, amounting to about \$69,000 per year, and the assessment of \$1.00 per member on Kentucky Masons amounting to about \$65,000 per year. With a per capita of 600, costing \$300.00 each, \$180,000 a year is required to operate the Home.

The only way to meet the deficit is to appropriate the surplus of the Grand Lodge to the support of the home, but to do this all unnecessary and useless appropriations will have to be dispensed with.

The net loss of 1951 in membership is no doubt the indirect result of heavy assessments for the support of the Masonic Home. The figures show that 3987 members were suspended for non-payment of dues, 842 demitted, 30 were expelled and 779 died, and 164 disappeared with defunct Lodges. Thirty-six Lodges failed to pay any part of their dues and 104 only paid a part of them.

Three Lodges surrendered their charters; the charters of three Lodges were arrested.

A million dollar fund was started for the Masonic Home, of which amount apparently \$375,176.01 has been collected.

Many losses have been occasioned by bank failures and some by shortages in the accounts of secretaries and treasurers.

The blanket bonding system is recommended.

The Educational trustees directed school activities of 72 wards. They have in their endowment fund \$199,500.00, which is to be increased to \$250,000.00.

The building committee considered both the cottage plan and the dormitory plan for the children's home and after taking into consideration the kind and character of the children, the time they remain in the home, the cost of maintenance and many other questions relative to maintenance and supervision reached the conclusion that the congregational plan was obsolete and that they were unable to maintain the cottage plan; therefore they struck a happy medium and adopted a plan which the Masons of Kentucky might support and maintain. The buildings may be called dormitories or cottages but a more suitable name would be "residences." Each building has a capacity of 70 children. Each building is subdivided into six dormitories each having a capacity of from 12 to 18 children. Two matrons are able to take care of 70 children. Under the cottage plan it would be necessary to have a matron for each 24 or 35 children. The total estimate for the buildings was \$1,633,018. The plant has been built for \$1,571,815.58.

Banks have paid \$15,000 interest on Home fund daily balances.

Kentucky maintains an Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville. In addition to the Masonic widows and orphans home. The committee on the homes urged consolidation.

The old Masons' home is said to be the most beautiful, and convenient of its kind to be found anywhere on the American continent.

It is stated that the Kentucky Grand Lodge was the first Masonic body on earth to create a home for its dependents, and it is today leading with the most commodious, convenient and attractive home in existence.

The law was amended to provide for a Jurisprudence Committee of three, one member appointed annually.

Although Kentucky was affected by the Mississippi flood and the Grand Master collected a considerable fund for relief in that state, none was applied for.

The report of the committee on Education particularly appeals to M. W. Wm. W. Clark, who reprinted that part of it entitled, "The Scope of Masonic Education" in full, along with other pertinent portions of the proceedings.

We note that among the industries promoted in the Widows and Orphans Home are a printing office, shoe shop, wood-working department and a sewing room.

A school is maintained in the institution.

The total average attendance in the home was 468.9 and the cost per capita of maintenance was \$209.37. It is stated that it is apparent that the home may not be maintained at the same low cost as heretofore.

The home is separately incorporated.

The printing office made a net profit of \$9,783.29.

At page 133 will be found a full set of rules and regulations.

Running away from the home is strictly forbidden and treated as a serious offense; any resident guilty, shall be returned as soon as found, reprimanded in the presence of the other residents and punished as deemed proper. For the second offense the resident shall be expelled from the home, sent to the school of reform or otherwise punished at the discretion of the board of directors.

Evidently a certain number of children are adopted out.

The president of the Old Masons' Home reported that the cost per capita for the year was \$261.81, with an average of 52.6 residents in the home for the full year; for six years the cost per capita averaged \$393.91.

This home has a small endowment fund amounting to \$10,345.06.

The physical value of the property is \$156,370.00.

It is also separately incorporated and its by-laws, application forms, rules and regulations are printed in the proceedings.

LOUISIANA, 1927.

116th Annual.

New Orleans.

February 7, 1927.

Lodges, 269.

Cash Balance, \$20,890.95.

Members, 35,151.

Homes maintained, One.

Gain, 246.

M. W. J. Paul Haller, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Edwin F. Gayle, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative Phil G. Ricks, present.

This Grand Lodge has constructed a magnificent new Temple in New Orleans, which is 62% rented.

There have been a number of suspensions for non-payment of dues which the Grand Master says is a condition not peculiar to Louisiana, but apparent in most other jurisdictions, and which he says is due to an adjustment of post-war conditions.

A Masonic cemetery has been maintained and was enlarged.

He says the practice of applying for relief at the first misfortune is a "prevailing condition." The idea that the fraternity is a sick benefit association should be eradicated. While the membership should not be limited to the affluent, great care should be taken to admit such only as are in a position to care for themselves and their families and to whom the payment of initiation fees and dues does not represent funds needed for their own support.

In view of this he recommends a questionnaire, or new form of petition calculated to impress these facts on the petitioner and to disclose his economic status.

A new form of Monitor was adopted at a former Communication of the Grand Lodge, and at this Grand Lodge, ordered to be printed.

Membership in the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association was withheld.

One Lodge was constituted. The Grand Master made a good many official visits. Electioneering in Lodges had been complained of and was reprehended by the Grand Master.

This Grand Lodge maintains a Masonic Home for Orphans at Alexandria.

A new infirmary was completed and dedicated during the year, donated by the Order of the Eastern Star in Louisiana. The building cost \$51,656.13. A resident physician is employed by the month at a salary of \$50.00.

There are 94 children in the home. No children are admitted, both parents being living, or when the father is living and able to take care of his children. The Orphans Home maintains a band of 20 instruments.

Corporal punishment does not enter into the correctional methods. The children are disciplined by depriving them of pleasures and privileges that they would enjoy if their deportment should merit it. Family life is approximated as far as possible. All of the children attend public schools in Alexandria. All of them receive religious instruction according to the faith of the parents.

The Home maintains a farm and needs a cottage for older boys and older girls, and a gymnasium or play house.

The cost of operation per child per annum is given as follows: Direct expense, \$503.55; indirect expense, \$21.47; Depreciation, \$146.99; Total, \$672.01. Total running expense for the year, \$32,500.02.

In the foreword to the review, the Committee Chairman says that he is impressed with the fact that as far as numerical gains are concerned, "Our great fraternity is advancing at a very leisurely gait, accessions have been lessened and losses on account of unpaid dues greater than ever."

Our 1926 proceedings are briefly reviewed.

MAINE, 1927.

108th Annual.
Lodges, 207.
Members, 43,749.
Gain, 264.

Portland.

May 3, 1927.

Cash Balance, \$25,749.70
Homes maintained, None.

M. W. David Logan Wilson, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. David L. Wilson, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Charles B. Davis, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, W. James A. Richland, present.

The Grand Master is a Congregationalist clergyman.

The new relief fund arises from an assessment of fifty cents upon all members of subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master thinks that the Grand Lodge should not assume the responsibility of membership in the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, but nevertheless should contribute from time to time.

One Masonic Hall was dedicated.

The Grand Master in common with many Grand Masters, of other Jurisdictions, pays glowing tribute to the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary in his report says that during the year a new Lodge, the first one for ten years was established, and that there is talk of others.

Of eighty-two Lodges, nearly forty per cent of their number, show a decrease in membership, but the average loss is very small and attributed to relapse to normal from the peak of the war time activity.

From the report of the Committee on Correspondence it appears that the rules under which requests for fraternal recognition are considered are as follows:

First: Such Grand Body has been lawfully formed by at least three just and lawfully constituted Lodges, or that such Grand Body has been legalized by a valid act issuing from the M. W. of the Grand Lodge of Maine, or from a Grand Lodge in fraternal relations with this Grand Body.

Second: That such Grand Lodge is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization with entire, undisputed and exclusive dogmatic and administrative authority over the Symbolical Lodges within its jurisdictions, and not in any sense subject to, or dividing authority with, a Supreme Council, or other body claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.

Third: That it makes Masons of men only.

Fourth: That such Grand Body requires conformity to the following:

1. Acknowledgement of a belief in God.
2. Secrecy.
3. Symbolism of Operative Masonry.
4. The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees practiced in the Grand Lodge of Maine.
5. The legend of the Third Degree.
6. That its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and for the worship of God; and that it excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all activities under its auspices.
7. The Sacred Book of the Divine Law, chief among the Three Great Lights of Masonry, indispensably present in the Lodges while at work.

Fifth: That such Grand Body occupies exclusively its territorial jurisdiction, or shares the same with another by mutual consent; and that it does not presume to extend its authority into, or presume to establish Lodges in a territory occupied by a lawful Grand Lodge, without the expressed assent of such supreme governing Masonic body.

To these quite generally accepted canons and standard of Masonic Competency and regularity, the M. W. of the Grand Lodge of Maine adds:

Sixth: That such Grand Body in its Masonic standing and general character must be "under the tongue of good report" for an adequate number of years, before such fraternal recognition is extended. In explanation of this, your Committee believes it possible that a Grand Lodge might readily conform to the above commonly accepted standards and requirements, and yet fail in this most essential Masonic principle.

The net balance in the charity fund is \$34,890.06, which is applicable to the following cases:

First: To poor and worthy members under the Maine jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own Lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

Second: To poor and worthy Mason residents in Maine but not members of any subordinate Lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a Masonic duty.

Third: To poor and worthy Masons being sojourners in that State.

Fourth: To other cases of distress.

The last classification indicates that the charitable relief is not limited to Masons, their widows, and orphans in this jurisdiction.

The report on Correspondence is preceded by a foreword by W. Ashley A. Smith, the reviewer, sketching the efforts to suppress the fraternity in numerous countries in the past, all of which the fraternity has survived.

The expression "perennial as Freemasonry," seems to be well founded in our history.

The review of our 1926 Communication is quite extensive and to the point.

The Oration of W. Brother C. Frank Reavis, is characterized by the reviewer, as "a matchless one."

These reviews are written in an easy flowing style that makes them both interesting and instructive.

MARYLAND, 1927.

141st Annual.

Baltimore.

November 15, 1927.

Lodges, 123.

Cash Assets, \$ 15,389.61.

Members, 33,235.

Total Cash Assets,

\$216,354.64.

Net Gain, 597.

Homes maintained, One
underway.

M. W. Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. George Cook, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, (no information).

This Grand Lodge has two semi-annual communications.

The Grand Lecturer says that some of the city Lodges and also some of the country Lodges are exacting an examination in the third degree in the Lodge, in addition to the other two, and he commends them for it.

The library committee seems to have been active.

The committee on foreign relations recommends recognition of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands as a regular Masonic Grand Lodge. Not so however, with the American Lodge of Paris, the Grand Lodge of Maine not acknowledging the regularity of any so-called Masonic Grand Lodges in France, or any Lodge holding a charter from the same.

The board of trustees of the Masonic Home submitted a report to the effect that a site had been selected containing 266 acres, at a price not to exceed \$45,000.00 with an additional 20 acres available at \$190.00 per acre, the title of which was later taken, and the farm operated as a public dining room during some pending decision as to construction work.

The Grand Master says that every Lodge should so conduct its affairs that it will not be dependent on the initiation fees to pay overhead expenses.

A curious item is contained in the report of the Board of Relief; it had 64 applications for employment but "was not successful in getting jobs and positions for them."

The Foreign relations committee reported against the recognition of the Grand Lodges of France and Costa Rica.

A donation of \$500.00 was made to the United Patriotic Home for Orphans and homeless children.

The trustees of the Masonic Home fund submitted a report containing an estimate that an endowment fund of \$1,550,000 or an average contribution of \$50.00 from each Mason in the state would be required for the proper support of a home. The present endowment fund amounts to \$200,965.03.

The report of the correspondence committee contains no review of our proceedings.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1927.

194th Annual.

Boston.

December 8, 1927.

Lodges, 321.

Cash Balance, \$114,752.98.

Members, 123,425.

Homes maintained, One.

Loss, 335.

M. W. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Frank L. Simpson, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, (no representatives are appointed or received by this Grand Lodge).

This Grand Lodge has four quarterly communications in addition to the annual communication. This Grand Master has been elected for three successive years.

The Grand Master refers to a frequent and growing practice of asking releases of jurisdiction over candidates, saying that the policy of the Grand Lodge is that the applicant shall apply to the Lodge in the locality of his residence.

A dispensation heretofore granted for a new Lodge in Canton, China, has been surrendered, affairs being in a disturbed condition in that country. The matter of recognizing the National Grand Lodge of Egypt was put over.

Veterans' medals are awarded upon proper requisition and recommendation, the awards being made occasions of ceremony and publicity as far as possible, the Grand Master having personally conferred twenty-eight of them.

Discipline is in the hands of trial commissioners so far as practicable.

On page 149 will be found a history of the Ancient York Lodge in the course of which it is said that the York Rite comprises four-fifths of the Masons on the habitable globe, and is the basis of all rites that claim a "Masonic character." It derives its name from the city of York in the north of England, where according to Masonic tradition the annual and general assemblies of Masons were re-established in the year A. D. 926, and from which the First Grand Lodge was formed by Prince Edward, the Brother of King Athelstan, who loved and encouraged the Masons. Masons who are descendants of this branch of the fraternity are known under the title of "Ancient York Masons."

This Grand Lodge apparently pays \$48,000 per annum in taxes. Its annual income is about \$349,375.00 which exceeds its budget appropriation in the sum of \$39,625.00.

The proceedings are well illustrated with pictures of a number of new Masonic temples.

This Grand Lodge has seven chartered Lodges in the Canal Zone, eight in China, and three in Chile.

The valuation of the Masonic temple, land, building and contents is about \$1,428,000.00.

This Grand Lodge has trust and charitable funds too numerous to mention aggregating \$1,698,678.44, of which the General Charity fund amounts to \$221,202.60. The excess of income over expenditures for the year ending November 30, 1927, was \$65,507.79. Among other items \$43,260.54, was raised for Mississippi Flood relief, and \$3,997.42 for Florida relief.

This Grand Master is very favorable to the Masonic Service Association.

The Grand Master recommends that the system of appointing and receiving Grand Representatives be adopted as it is in nearly universal use. The question of adopting the system has come before the Grand Lodge three times, the last occasion being in 1869, the Grand Lodge having at those times declined to adopt it. The reasons given for this action at the time seem not to subsist now in the opinion of the Grand Master.

The Board of Relief has expended \$26,355.72, an increase of about \$10,000.00, for the assistance of eighty Lodges to be devoted to the need of 201 individuals. "The only consideration which determines the action of the board is the need of the Lodge." If the case cannot be properly cared for by the Lodge because it lacks sufficient funds to meet the demands, then the Lodge has the right to and should call upon the Board of Relief for help in order that the need may be adequately supplied. Experience repeated again and again has proved that where a Lodge is faced by a task in relief too great for its resources the Board of Relief is not niggardly in its responses to the appeal for help."

There are 88 residents in the home of which 56 are men and 32 are women, of an average age of over 76 years.

The permanent fund shows assets and liabilities footing \$1,450,127.63. The farm seems to have shown a consistent loss.

MICHIGAN, 1927.

83rd Annual.

Grand Rapids.

May 24, 1927.

Lodges, 497.

Cash Balance, \$ 45,237.15.

Members, 149,128.

Cash Assets, \$357,750.00.

Net Gain, 2873.

Homes maintained, One.

M. W. Chas. A. Donaldson, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. George W. Graves, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. Lou B. Windsor, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, apparently not present.

The Grand Master is an architect and civil engineer.

The Grand Master pays particular tribute to the work of the educational committee.

He issued an edict declaring it a Masonic offense for a Master Mason to use the emblem of an organization known as "True Kindred."

He issued a further edict on the subject of political controversies, reciting therein that it is forbidden to use the institution or Masonic membership for political purposes, he says that Lodge bulletins and Masonic papers should not carry political advertising as many of them convey the reference of Masonic membership. Masonic publications sponsored or authorized by Lodges are forbidden to do this.

He recommends a by-law to the effect that no printed or written ballots be distributed at Lodge elections.

He recommends action to make the payment of dues compulsory and the preferment of charges mandatory for two years delinquency.

Michigan maintains a Masonic Home.

The tendency of the Michigan subordinate Lodges is to "let the Masonic Home board do it."

The Grand Master recommends a by-law giving the Grand Lodge authority to order any subordinate Lodge to investigate and make application for outside relief or for admission to the home in proper cases, and further to empower the Masonic Home Board, when such Board deems it necessary to administer charity or outside relief, after proper investigation, without the consent of the constituent Lodge.

These measures would checkmate the disposition of some subordinate Lodges to avoid their responsibilities for relief.

The Grand Master recommends concerted action in the Jurisdiction with reference to the education of Master Masons' Orphans. He says that a will exists bequeathing a half million dollars, the income of which is to be used for the education of Master Masons' Orphans, the Grand Lodge of Michigan apparently not having the machinery to receive, hold and administer such a fund.

The Grand Master says the display of Masonic insignia or emblems on automobile radiators or elsewhere, other than as a personal adornment, is objectionable and means the commercializing and cheapening of such insignia and emblems. He recommends that such improper use be made a Masonic offense.

Foreign jurisdictions in some instances have contracted obligations for the relief of sojourning Michigan Masons in an excessive amount and he recommends that the Grand Secretaries of such jurisdictions be notified that none of the Michigan constituent Lodges will be obligated for the expenditures for immediate relief for any member of the jurisdiction in excess of \$100.00, unless particularly authorized by the interested Lodge.

Four new Lodges were constituted. Eleven new Masonic buildings were dedicated. Seven cornerstones were laid, for one school, one courthouse, one community church, one Methodist Episcopal community house, one memorial building, one Masonic temple and one Shrine temple. Eight dispensations for new Lodges were granted. Representatives were appointed near the Grand Lodge of Panama, Ecuador, and Venezuela, pursuant to recognition granted those Grand Jurisdictions.

The total disbursements of the Masonic Home for the year were \$74,891.19. The cash balance in the Home fund, April 30, 1927, was

\$67,337.82. In the Masonic Home endowment fund, \$71,094.72, with bonds and securities amounting to \$58,100.00 additional. The outside relief fund had a cash balance of \$14,974.80. The Masonic Home cottage building fund a cash balance of \$141,161.14.

A special assessment of \$1.00 per capita has been levied for a new Masonic Home, the total collected to date amounting to \$134,099.

The Grand Secretary recites that the work of exemplifying the degrees never was so close to the Grand Lodge ritual and regulations.

To show the increased demands on the outside relief fund the Grand Lodge paid out the first year, \$1210.00; the second year, \$2,585.40; the third year, \$7,934.00; the fourth year, \$12,883.50; the fifth year, \$17,763.46; the sixth year, \$27,507.76; the seventh year, \$36,414.00 and 1927 the eighth year, \$43,651.32.

The number of residents in the home is 101; 63 men and 38 women. There were eighteen admissions and eighteen deaths.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the procurement of a new site for the erection of a new Masonic Home on the cottage plan, and that there be constructed and maintained in connection with the home a school in which to educate the orphans, and a committee was appointed to put the resolution in effect.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$500.00 to aid the Craftsmen's Club of the University of Michigan.

The report of the Committee was adopted recommending a memorial to Stony Creek Lodge No. 5, a land mark of the frontier days of Michigan Masonry. "Which of all the Lodges established in the early history of Michigan was the only Lodge that refused to lower its colors and never closed its doors during the Anti-Masonic Crusade which nearly swept Masonry from the State," during the Morgan agitation. A dispensation to form this Lodge was issued by Lewis Cass in 1828, he then being the Grand Master of Masons in Michigan.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is quite extensive, and characterized by considerable running comment. Our 1926 proceedings are reviewed extensively. The signature of the incoming Grand Master is the subject of a good-natured dig.

The reviewer hopes to be excused for calling the Memorial Prayer of our Grand Chaplain, a "limp" prayer. This may not be excused, as our Grand Chaplain never in his many years of service to the fraternity limped in prayer or otherwise, and being now deceased will have no opportunity to do so in the future.

The Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction has attended the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge for forty-five years consecutively, beginning in 1883.

Fifty sets of the traveling library have been in constant demand.

The Lodges most successful in their general activities maintain enthusiastic study clubs.

The Grand Chaplain in the course of his obituary report deals with the enemies of Masonry, within the craft. We should like to reprint this if space permitted. He closes with a reference to the "Last enemy of Masonry, whose name is Death."

MINNESOTA, 1927.

74th Annual.	St. Paul.	January 19, 1927.
Lodges, 305.		Cash Balance, \$123,206.74.
Members, 60,742.		Cash Assets, \$285,374.81.
Gain, 941.		Homes maintained, One.

M. W. Albert F. Pray, Grand Master, presiding.
 M. W. William R. Smith, Grand Master, elected.
 R. W. John Fishel, Grand Secretary.
 Nebraska's Representative, A. G. Pinkham, present.

The Grand Master thinks that while the George Washington Memorial is worthy of support he cannot urge contributions to it that will in any way interfere with the plans for relief.

Until the new Minnesota Masonic Home is completed and paid for the Grand Jurisdiction should refrain from participating in the program of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

A University Lodge exists near the Minnesota State University having a membership of 621.

Seven Lodges were constituted. One petition for dispensation was granted, and two were referred. Eight cornerstones were laid, one for a U. S. Post office, two of school buildings, one a new guest lodge at the Minnesota Masonic Home, two of Masonic temples, one of a Presbyterian church, and one of a Congregational church parish house.

The trial commission plan has recently been put into effect and several trials held under the system. The Grand Master says that this change in the Penal code is a step forward in the application of Masonic discipline.

A bond issue in the sum of \$250,000 is outstanding against the Masonic Home. The new buildings were ready for dedication on July 1, 1927.

The General fund shows cash on hand \$123,206.74.

The permanent relief fund cash and securities \$235,337.83.

The emergency relief fund \$31,929.24.

The sinking fund \$14,987.09.

The Home assets total \$937,120.72, with an indebtedness of \$252,267.11, leaving net assets \$684,853.61. The Home has an available balance of \$133,161.61. The total income of the Home including the net profits from the farm was \$82,246.42. The net income of the Home after deducting all expense is given as \$54,362.48.

The Masonic Home is incorporated. A resolution providing for an assessment of \$12.50 for the benefit of the Home failed of adoption.

Our 1926 proceedings are reviewed in a friendly and comprehensive manner. However, the printer should be changed or a new proof reader employed.

MISSISSIPPI, 1927.

109th Annual.	Hattiesburg.	February 15, 1927.
Lodges, 387.		Cash Balance, \$ 33,979.77.
Members, 36,402.		Cash Assets, \$361,613.08.
Gain, 902.		Homes maintained, Three.

M. W. John R. Talley, Grand Master, presiding.
 M. W. James Henry Johnson, Grand Master, elected.
 M. W. Edward L. Faucette, Grand Secretary.
 Nebraska's Representative, James F. Hill, present.

This Grand Lodge has three homes, a girls' home, at Meridian, a boys' home at Columbus, and a Tuberculosis Unit near Magee.

The Grand Master has refused consent to the securing of Lodge quarters on ground floor buildings.

The Grand Master forbid the use of Lodge halls either gratuitously or for rent for dancing under pain of surrendering the charter.

Dispensations to form two new Lodges were granted.

The Grand Master criticizes the custom of payment by relatives of dues of long suspended Brethren for the purpose of enabling them to receive a Masonic burial.

The home at Meridian shelters 109 girls. The home at Columbus shelters 68 boys. We do not know how many are served by the Tuberculosis unit.

Resumption of fraternal relations with New Jersey is recommended. Mississippi being the only state in the Union still hanging out.

The Grand Master recommends the phrase "non-Mason" as a substitute for the word "profane."

The consolidation of small and weak Lodges is recommended.

The salary of the Grand Secretary in this Grand Jurisdiction is \$2500.00, the Grand Lecturer \$1200.00.

Cash in the Murphy-Martin Educational and college endowment fund amounts to \$108,190.03, and in the Home endowment fund \$155,214.00. The assets of this Grand Lodge total \$647,137.83.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence made by M. W. Henry C. Yawn, P.G.M. Chairman, is preceded by a foreword, in which he says among other things, "The ban on the Eastern Star, however, is slowly giving way under the mighty pressure of earnest and efficient work for humanity which forces recognition of this organization from all quarters."

Our 1926 proceedings are fairly reviewed.

MISSOURI, 1927.

107th Annual.

Kansas City.

October 25, 1927.

Lodges, 664.

Cash Balance, \$ 67,371.70.

Members, 113,790.

Cash Assets, \$143,028.58.

Gain, 554.

Homes maintained, One.

M. W. John Pickard, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Anthony F. Ittner, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, O. A. Lucas, present.

Our Grand Lodge had an opportunity to become acquainted with Grand Master Pickard, he having visited our 1927 Communication. His striking personality and genial disposition will not soon be forgotten.

Ten cornerstones were laid of schools, churches and Masonic temples; four Lodges were dedicated.

Life memberships are a matter of subordinate Lodge disposition to be provided for by a by-law if desired.

A large number of decisions were made by this Grand Master.

This Grand Lodge maintains a Masonic Home and a relief committee.

The charter of one Lodge was arrested and the charter of one Lodge was suspended.

The Grand Lodge's income from the per capita tax is \$237,219.55.

A resolution thanking the Grand Lodge of Cuba for generously contributing \$500.00 to assist the Mississippi flood sufferers was adopted.

A special committee on the recognition of foreign Grand Lodges dealt with the Grand Lodge of France, the National Grand Lodge of Egypt and certain Latin Grand Lodges of South America, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Orient of Rumania, the Grand Lodge of Vienna, the Czechoslovakian Grand Lodge, and the German Grand Lodge "Deutsche Brooderkette," Leipzig.

The new Masonic Temple at St. Louis, up to date, has cost \$3,250,000, a mortgage indebtedness of \$1,000,000.00 has been reduced to \$825,000.

The report of the committee on Jurisprudence, dealt with such subjects as the use of the word "Masonic," by life insurance companies, publishing houses, etc., a revised form of petition for membership, a reorganization of the committee on charity, minimum fees for the degrees, credential cards, electioneering, and like topics.

This Grand Jurisdiction during the last year has lost two Past Grand Masters, who up to the time of their deaths actively concerned themselves in the affairs of the fraternity and both of whom were picturesque characters whose chairs will never be filled by the like. M. W. Alexander Monroe Dockery, who in the course of a tempestuous political career served in Congress for eight terms, as Governor of Missouri and as assistant Post Master General, the other M. W. Charles Carroll Woods, a clergyman, truly "a powerful thinker, a man born with the instinct of scholarship, a master of expression, overflowing with love and fervent ardor, and of dauntless courage."

M. W. Frank R. Jesse, a Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, who has visited our Grand Lodge on two occasions died during the year.

The reviewer in his table of statistics gives the total number of Lodges in the United States as 16,435, members 3,217,698, annual gain 73,899, based on 1927 figures.

The various endowment funds of this Grand Lodge amount to \$679,216.60.

Missouri has paid its entire quota to the George Washington Memorial Association.

The St. Louis Employment Bureau found 1653 positions for members needing them at an average cost of \$3.92.

The report of the committee on Survey of Lodges is one which we would like to reprint verbatim if space permitted.

In the opinion of the Educational committee the average Mason is not a student.

MONTANA, 1927.

63rd Annual.

Helena,

August 17, 1927.

Lodges, 133.

Cash Balance, \$85,734.78.

Members, 20,469.

Homes maintained, One.

Gain, 98.

M. W. James M. Chateris, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. William J. Marshall, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Charles N. Thurman, present.

The Grand Master is Scottish by birth, and was formerly in the railroad service, now in the hardware and furniture trade.

The address of welcome was made by Brother John E. Erickson, the Governor of Montana.

He said among other things:

"In the pioneer days when lawlessness and crime were rampant, when neither persons nor property were safe from the ravages of the thief and the thug, Masons and Masonry exerted a silent but powerful influence and did heroic work in bringing law and order and making Montana a fit and pleasant place for man to live in, and so, in the years that followed, during Montana's early years, its years of trouble and tribulation, Masonry always and consistently was found on the side of good Government and civic righteousness. So it has always been with Masonry, not only in Montana but everywhere and at all times. The fundamental principles of Masonry is service to humanity, and its philosophy of service is as old as civilization itself. Masonry is an ideal, a silent spiritual force which has asserted itself in humanity's struggle for higher and better things."

Montana is evidently prosperous. The Grand Master says:

"We are meeting today under most auspicious circumstances. On all sides of us are seen, waving fields of prosperity. The cattle and sheep on Montana's thousand hills are fat and contented as never before; her mountains produce a constant flow of precious metals; her forests send forth a constant stream of lumber and building materials, and her oil derricks bedeck her plains in countless numbers. Our fraternity has enjoyed a full measure of peace, harmony and prosperity."

No cornerstones were laid, no new temples were dedicated, no new Lodges were instituted or constituted.

The Grand Master thinks that the most important person in the Masonic Lodge is the Brother on the investigating committee.

The Grand Master says the Montana Masonic Home is flourishing beyond his ability to describe, and if his description is not one of rhetoric, it must indeed, be an ante-chamber to Heaven.

The Grand Master visited forty Lodges and would have done even better than that excepting for bad roads.

He recommends an appropriation equalling five cents per member for the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

He is very enthusiastic as to the George Washington Memorial.

He suggests that a museum be started.

He recommends that the minimum fee for the degrees be \$90.00.

He recommends that the code of laws be amended so that candidates may be received in groups in the three degrees.

The per diem cost of maintaining members in the Masonic Home is given as \$2.1279, total membership for the year 428, average membership per month 36, cost of meals per day in 1926, \$.693, in 1927, \$.582.

A cemetery plot of one-half acre has been secured in a cemetery for use in connection with the home.

The farm consists of 550 acres. There are 14 women in the home. The report says that the buildings were not designed for women and that they are not at all suited for joint occupancy by men and women. Joint occupancy has proven unsatisfactory wherever tried. Segregation is to be arranged for as soon as possible.

The invested funds of the Masonic Home amount to \$71,569. Present worth of the home plant is carried at \$328,649.03.

It was decided to erect a memorial on the town lot in Virginia City, upon which the building stood wherein Virginia City Lodge No. 1, and Montana Lodge No. 2 held their first meetings and wherein the Grand Lodge was formed on January 24, 1866.

It was finally decided not to make any contribution to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

A "hut" is maintained by the Grand Lodge at the Fort Harrison Veterans' Hospital, which is appreciated by the members of the fraternity in that institution.

We notice the following, in one of the reported speeches on this topic:

"Now what has the Government done? They did a fine thing, they put a wonderful hospital up here. I presume it has as many attendants as it has patients—the Government either spends money recklessly or it doesn't spend any at all,—but they have done what they have done, and have done it royally and well; they have given these poor fellows the best attention that money can buy and skill can produce."

At page 139 of this volume will be found an interesting description of the United Grand Lodge of England organized in the year 1717, and since existing without any interruption. "The Arms of the United Grand Lodge consists of the combined Arms of the original Grand Lodge of England and the Athol Grand Lodge. The former Arms were those granted in 1472 by William Hawkesloe, Clarenceaux, King at Arms of the Masons Company, incorporated as a company in the twelfth year of Henry VI, 1412."

This Grand Lodge has granted warrants for the formation of 4927 Lodges of which 991 are in London. The last communication was attended by 1120 officers and members.

Its Lodges exist in England and Wales, New Zealand, South Africa, Egypt, India, the West Indies, China, Japan, and the Argentine Republic. It holds quarterly communications and a Grand Festival in April. Its routine business which is very great is carried on chiefly through a Board of General Purposes consisting of 43 members of whom 24 are elected by the Grand Lodge and 8 appointed by the Grand Master, and the remaining nine ex officio members. This board meets twice a month. The Grand Secretary's office has a staff of sixteen clerks and assistants.

The Grand Lodge for 1926 shows funds on hand and invested for general fund purposes, £453,319; Benevolent, £257,469; Memorial Building, £109,700. A grand total of £820,489, equal to over four million dollars.

This Grand Lodge laid the cornerstones of its Masonic Peace Memorial Building with a ceremony attended by 9000 donors to the Memorial fund who had contributed not less than \$50.00 each to it.

The Grand Lodge of Montana revised its official funeral ceremony.

One of the most interesting bits of history is contained in Appendix D, of these proceedings by W. Brother Rae J. Lemert, Grand Custodian covering the appearances and early establishment of Freemasonry in Montana. We would like to reprint this but it is impossible to do so.

It is stated that Grand Master George Armstrong of Nebraska on April 27, 1863, issued a dispensation for a Lodge of Master Masons to be held in Bannack, and that this Grand Master in his address to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, in June, 1863, reported his action saying, "This dispensation was granted in April, and will not reach the Brethren in Idaho for three or four months from its date; it would therefore, be well for the Grand Lodge to renew it for another year."

When Idaho territory was created on March 3, 1863, it included the territory now within the boundaries of Montana. Montana territory had no independent existence until May 26, 1864, one year after the discovery of gold in Alder Gulch.

According to this article the famous Virginia City vigilantes were organized, by or from members of the Masonic fraternity. This organization by different accounts numbered from 1000 to 2500 men, and established the authority of law in that territory.

Our 1926 proceedings are well reviewed in about five pages.

NEVADA, 1927.

63rd Annual.	Reno.	June 9, 1927.
Lodges, 23.		Cash Balance, \$ 6,706.46.
Members, 2890.		Cash Assets, \$14,584.92.
Gain, 169.		Homes maintained, None.

M. W. Wendell H. Churchyard, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. V. M. Henderson, Grand Master, elected.

V. W. Frank D. King, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Harry H. Atkinson, present.

Without exception the financial condition of the Nevada Lodges is excellent. The officers are proficient in their work. All the Lodges are working.

It is recommended that a committee be appointed to locate the graves of Past Grand Masters and other Masons who made Masonic history.

The Grand Master recommends that membership in the Masonic Service Association be discontinued.

It is stated that in May, 1927, the total number of Master Masons in the United States was 3,229,954. That the total contribution of the fraternity to the Mississippi flood sufferers on that date was \$226,402.07.

It was finally decided not to join the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

A questionnaire designed to disclose the economic status of petitioners is in use in this jurisdiction.

V. W. Frank D. King, foreign correspondent, prints a foreword or introduction, in which the writer among other things says that quite a number of the Grand Jurisdictions seem not to know that Nevada is one of the states of the Union. In his opinion no state has a better, brighter, more honest, true or loyal class of gentlemen than Nevada. "We are men among men, the true Western Masonic spirit prevails in this jurisdiction, we are civilized, we do not wear our pants in our boots, do not carry any six-shooters and are otherwise perfectly respectable."

He says, "a wise borrower hath more wisdom than a poor composer, and whosoever has not made this discovery is not wise." This is offered in extenuation of what he says is free borrowing from the reports of other correspondents.

When this reviewer gets his hand in his reviews will make lively reading.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1927.

138th Annual.	Concord.	May 18, 1927.
Lodges, 80.		Cash Balance, \$14,124.37.
Members, 15,440.		Cash Assets, \$35,695.27.
Gain, 165.		Homes maintained, One.

M. W. Bela Kingman, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. W. J. Melvin Dresser, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, not present.

The address of the competent and companionable Grand Master of this Jurisdiction is confined to business.

One cornerstone was laid of a library building. One Lodge was dedicated. Numerous Lodges of instruction were held.

The Grand Master is convinced that the Masonic Service Association is one of the greatest assets of the Craft at large.

He recommends that all who have not contributed to the George Washington Memorial do so.

This Grand Jurisdiction maintains a Masonic Home. It has a Grand Lodge charity fund amounting to \$18,443.12, and a Grand Lodge war relief fund amounting to \$14,938.88.

The Masonic Home is probably a separately incorporated institution as very little information is given in regard to it in the proceedings. However, the permanent fund amounts to \$86,591.00.

Our 1926 proceedings are briefly reviewed. Our "Round Table Evening" seems to meet the approval of the reviewer. He should know that the idea failed to work out in practice. Such meetings seem to result in more trouble and misunderstanding than anything else and nearly all the time is taken up with the correcting of more or less wrong impressions, and informing and educating inquiring members on elementary and usually non-essential topics.

NEW JERSEY, 1927.

140th Annual.	Trenton.	April 20, 1927.
Lodges, 258.		Cash Balance, \$81,308.37.
Members, 89,597.		Homes maintained, One.
Gain, 3367.		

M. W. William B. Mackey, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Howard R. Cruse, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Isaac Cherry, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, R. W. Robert J. Hanna, present.

Only one Lodge was unrepresented.

The Grand Master constituted six new Lodges and four cornerstones were laid, all of Masonic temples. Seven dispensations to form new Lodges were granted and two refused.

The feast of St. John the Evangelist, was celebrated with a banquet held at Trenton.

The Grand Lodge donated \$500.00 to the Sojourners' Club at Fort Bayard, New Mexico.

The Order of DeMolay donated \$400.00 to be used to furnish one of the rooms in the boys' new dormitory at the Masonic Home, which has just been completed.

The Grand Master attended the Annual Session of the Grand Chapter O. E. S.

The Grand Master was obliged to warn against raffles and such devices at bazaars. There has been very little occasion for discipline.

The Grand Master recommended that the Grand Lodge withdraw its representative on the Board of Governors of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association. He recommended that membership be continued in the Masonic Service Association.

Printing is in the hands of a Committee.

There are 170 wards in the Home, 65 men, 59 women, 27 boys and 19 girls.

New Jersey on a per capita basis has paid 141% to the George Washington Memorial.

Our 1926 proceedings are briefly reviewed.

NEW MEXICO, 1927.

49th Annual.	Las Cruces.	February 21, 1927.
Lodges, 56.		Cash Balance, \$648.52.
Members, 6,578.		Cash Assets, \$89,214.52.
Gain, 25.		Homes maintained, One under way.

M. W. Herbert B. Holt, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. John S. Mactavish, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, no information.

This Grand Jurisdiction has 21 surviving Past Grand Masters and the organization of a Past Grand Masters' Association is suggested by the presiding Grand Master. Plans are laid for the celebration of the Grand Lodge's Semi-Centennial.

Four cornerstones were laid, two for school buildings, one for a courthouse and one for a Methodist Episcopal Church. One Lodge was instituted, two Lodge halls were dedicated.

This Grand Jurisdiction has a ruling to the effect that each constituted Lodge has authority to determine the qualifications of applicants for degrees

or for membership, evidently a device to nullify the Landmark in regard to physical disabilities.

This Grand Lodge operates under the District Deputy system. It has an Educational committee, a revolving students' loan fund, and at least superintends a Sojourners' Club at Fort Bayard, which concerns itself with the welfare of Brethren in the Veterans' Bureau Hospital at Fort Bayard.

The Masonic Relief fund has survived rather severe demands.

Among the recommendations of the Grand Master already referred to is an increase in the salary of the secretary of the Sojourners' Club, a definition of his duties and the scope of his authority, "so as to make it clear that as the agent of this Grand Lodge, he is in control of the club and the final arbiter on questions which may arise pertaining to the conduct of the administrative affairs, policies of the club, etc.," and a number of other regulations the object of which is to better define and systematize the charitable activities of this over-burdened Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Home fund has a credit balance of \$82,410.00, the relief fund a balance of \$2,099.05, and other charitable funds are in possession of small cash balances.

Naturally a large portion of these proceedings are given over to the affairs of the Masonic Service Association and the Sanatoria Association, the plan of operation of which latter concern has been entirely revised as is generally known.

A committee exists for the purpose of finding and marking the graves of deceased Past Grand Masters.

The constitution of the Sojourners' club and the very fine report of its activities make interesting reading.

Although there is a Masonic Home fund, evidently none is maintained. Relief and Education being looked after in other ways.

The review is a good one. As might be expected, particular attention is paid to the action of other Grand Jurisdictions in regard to the Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

NEW YORK, 1927.

146th Annual.

New York.

May 3, 1927.

Lodges,

Cash Balance, \$685,849.13.

Members, 329,295.

Cash Assets, \$3,951,388.54.

Gain, 8310.

Homes maintained, One.

M. W. Harold J. Richardson, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Harold J. Richardson, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, R. W. Herman Knoke, present.

The year has been one of normal growth. Dispensations have been issued for ten new Lodges.

Under the topic "Foreign Activities," the Grand Master says, there has been brought home to him in ever increasing measure the need and importance of our work abroad. Among the conditions that make that work a necessity, I shall mention only three, typical of many others. First,—New York is a

gateway of the nation through which a stream of Masons from abroad is constantly passing. When they knock at our doors either to visit or affiliate with us, it must be known who they are, whence they come, and whether they are entitled to admittance. Second,—Much of the clandestinism originates abroad. It is necessary for us to deal with it at its sources as well as at home. Third,—And this is the most important of all—Masonry in certain countries abroad is now faced with a life or death crisis, which has arisen partly because elements in foreign Lodges have so far disregarded the Landmarks as to introduce factional elements, sectarianism and political controversies into assemblies of the Craft, thereby placing themselves outside the pale of ancient, regular Masonry, and inviting opposition from civil powers and authorities. At such a time it is necessary for all regular Grand Lodges of the world to give to the regular Masons, in each instance, those who understand Masonry, what its principles are, and how it may be preserved,—their help and their moral support. If New York can render such assistance now, it will help save Freemasonry, for some countries where it is badly needed."

Last year the Grand Orient of Rumania was recognized and seven Lodges chartered in that country by the Grand Lodge of New York, were authorized to become affiliated with that organization, which has been accomplished. The Grand Lodge of New York now has chartered Lodges in the Levant, in the Assyria-Lebannon District, and has Lodges in Beirut and Damascus.

Under the heading of "French Masonry," American Lodge No. 584, in Paris, under the charter of the Grand Lodge of France, which under our laws is an irregular and clandestine organization, is mentioned, it being said that the Brethren of the New York Lodges should be cautioned, not to hold Masonic intercourse with members thereof. There are four Grand Jurisdictions in France that lay claim to the title "Masonic." The oldest, the Grand Lodge of France about sixty years ago expunged from its constitution and ritual all reference to the Supreme Being, and removed the Bible from its altars. The Grand Lodge of France permits but does not require a belief in the "Great Architect of the Universe," and the use of the Bible, and it also practically has abandoned the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. There is besides a Co-Masonic Order, so-called, with which the Grand Orient of France, entertains official relations and permits at least the male members thereof to visit its Lodges. The Co-Masonics admits both men and women to their order. There is still another body known as the National Grand Lodge of France, which some consider the only regular Masonry in France. None of these organizations are recognized.

Clandestinism is no longer a serious menace in the state. There is another kind of clandestinism which has become very active in the past year due chiefly to uncontrolled and excessive multiplication of organizations which claim connection with Masonry, because admission to them is predicated upon the applicant's being a Master Masons in good standing in a Symbolic Lodge."

The Grand Master refers to the multiplication of Masonic clubs and social organizations, claiming authority to confer degrees supplementing those of the Symbolic Lodge and predicated admission upon membership in a regular Symbolic Lodge, such as "Cerneau Scottish Rite."

The treasury of this Grand Jurisdiction has been running behind, and its

finances have been reconstructed to get around the inelasticity of the dollar,— in other words the Grand Lodge is given authority, within limits, to levy a per capita tax in proportion to the demand. A device which strikes us as apt to result in the same tendency to expend the maximum, levy the largest amount available, that is prevalent in civil life.

New York has paid the George Washington Memorial Association \$320,108.00.

Numerous applications to solicit the Lodge membership have been received and twelve or fifteen outside agencies denied permission to send representatives into the Lodges. A Lodge has no power to render itself financially responsible for any extraneous organization.

The Grand Master is of the opinion that dramatization of the ritual is sometimes carried to the extent of a burlesque, he warns against overdoing it.

The balance sheet of this Grand Lodge shows footings of \$8,629,213.56. It has an endowment fund amounting to \$1,492,410.10, and other trust funds and special endowments too numerous to mention.

A Masonic Home and Hospital are maintained. The children attend the public schools at Utica. 418 operations were performed in the hospital. The average cost per day in the hospital per member was \$2.75. The total members in the home and hospital were 529, consisting of 221 men, 140 women, 93 boys and 75 girls. This is the thirty-fourth year of the Home activities during which time 2819 persons have been cared for.

This Grand Lodge has an official known as the "Judge Advocate," no such officer existing in any other Grand Jurisdiction. His principal function seems to be that of legal adviser to the Grand Master.

In the report of the Grand Historian is a very able article on the Persecutions of Freemasons in Continental Europe, which appears to us a comprehensive discussion of this topic and from which we would like to quote at large.

Freemasonry has been placed under the ban in Rumania, Hungary, and Italy. In Germany a hostile campaign is being waged against it. In almost every part of Continental Europe a relentless Anti-Masonic propaganda is kept up to discredit and suppress it, since the close of the war, an unsettled, economic and political situation, furnishing perhaps the chief explanation. Settled prejudices offer another. The Lodges over there are more exclusive than they are in English speaking countries. Membership is made up largely of intellectuals, men of scholastic and artistic taste, who have very limited if any social contact with the ordinary run of men.

In Russia, "Everything connected with Bolshevism is as contrary to the fundamental ideas of Masonry as was the Czaristic regime, and in the last letter written by the unfortunate Czarina to her despairing husband, she refers to the Revolution in Germany saying, "a Kaiser has been killed, a Crown Prince wounded," and adds, "in all of this is seen the influence of Freemasonry." And Trotzky has declared that "Freemasonry is the most contemptible and most shameful fraud ever perpetrated on humanity." Freemasonry was outlawed in the Czardom and it is suppressed under the Soviet rule.

The order is entirely suppressed in Hungary at the present time. The government saying its actions were compelled by political necessity. The history of Freemasonry in Italy is given in detail. At present suppressed, its

revival is looked for in the future, along with that of many other free institutions at the present time obscured or entirely suppressed.

In Germany among other things the loss of the war was blamed on "International Freemasonry," whatever that is, and on a combination of Freemasons, Jesuits, and Jews, by Ludendorff the German General.

Dual membership is permitted. Plural membership is in an undetermined state.

The report of the foreign correspondence is exhaustive and well worked out and is preceded by an appropriate foreword.

Our 1926 proceedings are briefly digested. The proceedings of this Grand Lodge are so interesting that this brief review can but hint at the matter covered by it. The address of the Grand Master and the reports of many of the committees will be thoroughly enjoyed by any one enough interested in our review to have followed it so far.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1927.

140th Annual.	Raleigh.	January 18, 1927.
Lodges, 442.		Cash Balance, \$3,366.03.
Members, 41,643.		Homes maintained, Two.
Gain, 381.		

M. W. John Huske Anderson, Acting Grand Master.

M. W. John Huske Anderson, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. William W. Willson, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, not present.

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge are perhaps the most interesting that came to the attention of the writer.

The Grand Master, M. W. John E. Cameron, died in office.

Four weak Lodges were consolidated.

The Grand Master commends the Deputies, highly.

This Grand Lodge maintains an Orphanage at Oxford and a Masonic and Eastern Star Home. It maintains an educational loan fund and an educational field secretary. The George Washington Memorial is commended and supported, likewise the Masonic Service Association.

In regard to the Florida catastrophe the Grand Master said that when he realized that the Red Cross had distributed over \$3,000,000.00, and had other money on hand for relief and that the Masonic funds amounted to \$60,000.00 in addition, he felt that in contributing \$2046.95, North Carolina Masonry had done her full share. The subsequent donations amounting to 30% of the total contributed were returned to each Lodge contributing, a small balance to the Oxford orphanage.

The Masonic temple owned by the Grand Lodge is outgrown and steps were taken to sell it.

The Grand Lodge has no library worthy of the name.

The Grand Master recommends that many consolidations of small and weak Lodges be promoted.

He says that the work of W. J. Edward Allen, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is given recognition throughout the Nation, and if so, it is no more than just, in the opinion of the writer, who has read the

North Carolina review for the first time. It is probably the best written, best digested, most painstaking and well summarized review of the entire group.

A number of places in his address the acting Grand Master seems to lament the alleged stagnation and want of interest on the part of the Craft. We must say that this seems to be entirely unfounded by conditions in North Carolina at least. Apparently this Grand Lodge is one of the most active, best managed and enterprising jurisdictions in the country. However 95 of the very numerous small Lodges in the jurisdiction were not entitled to representatives in the Grand Lodge, for defaults of one kind and another.

One Lodge rejoices under the name and designation of "Buggaboo Lodge No. 490." We are quite curious to know how it came by the name.

Ten small weak Lodges were consolidated. One charter was arrested, one charter was suspended, three dormant Lodges forfeited their charters not having paid their dues for two years.

This Grand Lodge maintains a Masonic loan fund for educational purposes. It is evidently distributed to heads of colleges and other educational institutions for use in proper cases, of which fund \$2500.00 was apportioned during the year to teachers training institutions; \$6500.00 in installments of \$500.00 each to thirteen Universities and colleges, \$1000.00, in installments of \$250.00 each to four agricultural and engineering schools. The total fund apportioned in this and former years to twenty-nine colleges amounts to \$45,000.00.

The colleges have made 413 subsisting loans out of this money in excess of \$42,000.00; \$12,000.00 of the money loaned has been repaid. Interest from college student loans aggregated \$1,000.00 and from banks about \$5,000.00. These loans seem to be made by the president of the Educational institution receiving the money and one cannot help but feel that this system is fairly successful and has done an immense amount of good.

The receipts for the Orphanage for the year were \$175,207.35. The average number of children cared for in the home is 409, the per capita cost of maintenance in 1926 was \$339.51, as compared with \$349.69 for the year 1925, or a decrease of \$10.18. Singing School concerts for the year brought in \$35,904.36, the net proceeds of which were \$28,879.40, from 189 concerts.

Appropriations from the Grand Lodge amounted to \$50,000.00 from subordinate Lodges and from citizens about \$30,000.00.

The aggregate value of the Oxford Orphanage is \$1,000,000.00. The appropriation asked for its support was \$50,000.00.

The Orphanage maintains its own school with vocational training and commercial department teaching bookkeeping, stenography, typewriting, domestic science, domestic art, printing, electricity, shoemaking, farming, dairying, telegraphy and like subjects. It is intended to enlarge the cottages so that each child will have a single bed, study rooms will not be so crowded, and bathing facilities be made more adequate.

The school publishes a newspaper. The garden did not do very well because the year has been the driest known. The dairy produced 42,865 gallons of milk, and 6,132 pounds of butter. One of the show places of the Orphanage is the William J. Hicks Memorial Hospital with a capacity of 72 beds.

In legacies \$9,256.00 was received and \$5,000.00 from the Duke foundation.

It appears that this organization accepts children regardless of Masonic affiliations. The number of families represented is 198. Children whose fathers were Masons 74, or less than eighteen per cent. Although but eighteen per cent of the children in the orphanage are children of Masons, the Masons of the state furnished eighty per cent of the cost of operating the institution.

The report on Necrology by P. G. M. Winston, Chairman, is one of the most beautiful and appealing that it has been the fortune of the writer to peruse.

A resolution was adopted constituting the Master and Wardens of each subordinate Lodge an educational committee and placing the responsibility on them to see that educational programs are carried out.

Insurance companies, book agents and other concerns using Masonic names or trading on the influence of the fraternity have been numerous and troublesome in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home maintained an average of 64 persons at an expense of \$34,500.00, about \$540.00 per capita per annum. Its total assets amount to \$214,410.08.

The per capita cost for direct expenses amounts to \$385.26, which together with the general overhead expense and farm loss brought up results in a total per capita cost of \$486.23.

The annual cost of maintaining the two homes is about \$200,000.00.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1927.

38th Annual.	Minot.	June 21, 1927.
Lodges, 129.		Cash Balance, \$11,878.28.
Members, 15,407.		Cash Assets, \$51,724.90.
Gain, 153.		Homes maintained, None.

M. W. Frank Charles Falkenstein, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Walter H. Murfin, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative W. Theodore S. Henry, present.

This Grand Lodge operates under the District Deputy Grand Master system.

The Grand Master says that the "Masonic Service Association has fully justified itself." He thinks its organization would be improved if its personnel could be made more continuous and if its commercial features were incorporated or handled by an auxiliary organization; and if the Masonic National Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association were of it, the efficiency and usefulness of both institutions could be very materially increased. The two institutions should at least be made complimentary to each other.

He urges the completion of the contribution to the George Washington Memorial.

He urges the appointment of Lodge historians.

As the Grand Master sees it, the first duty is to the tubercular needy of North Dakota; first, to keep them in North Dakota near their Lodges, their friends and loved ones; second, to instruct them in properly caring for them-

selves, and to protect others from infection; third, to help the needy found in other localities.

He permitted an appeal to be made direct to the Lodges by the Sanatoria Association for donations.

The Grand Master says that the jurisdiction should prepare for the inevitable necessity of caring for a greater number of aged and needy. He appointed a committee to study the question. He makes a statement that the New Jersey Grand Lodge spent \$90,000.00 for relief in 1926. The Lodges at one time were composed almost entirely of young men, which is no longer the case, many of the Lodges are receiving affiliates who on account of advanced age are more of a financial liability than an asset. In some instances Masons carry their demits during their earning years and endeavor to affiliate when they find their earning years and power vanishing. Most Grand Lodges are warding against this somewhat, by charging a suitable affiliation fee which ranges from \$10.00 to \$40.00, in each jurisdiction; in Canada such fees are as high as \$75.00.

Under the head of moral conduct, the Grand Master says: "As I understand it our obligations long ago fixed a minimum below which no man should be permitted by his conscience and his sense of decency, and right to go. But how about the maximum or other limit? Besides social standards are now much higher than when our obligations were framed. True Masons today never plan on living in any community down to the minimum standard set by our obligations, but rather up to the higher standard of honor and morality dictated by the highest ideals. Our fraternity is judged according to those who live by the minimum standard. What is the reputation of Masonry in your neighborhood, Brethren?"

In a word of caution, he reminds the Grand Lodge that the purchase of liquor is commonly considered as flagrant a crime as the sale. In all right thinking circles, liquor is considered a menace to society.

Under the heading, "A Challenge to Our Common Sense," the Grand Master deprecates two flagrant "attempts" at forcing on people in this free country, government by prejudice and intolerance, both attempts unfortunately directed to the instruction imparted in our public schools, referring first to the "attempt" to restrict through the State Legislatures the teaching of certain scientific subjects in the public schools. He says that "a religion or dogma that has to be protected by law is doomed." The second "attempt" has made Chicago the laughing stock of the world, referring to the plea of a candidate, to be elected mayor under the promise that if elected, he would drive the King of England out of the schools of Chicago.

The Grand Master says that ritualism seems to be a lost art in some of the Lodges.

The Grand Master recommends that the subordinate Lodges observe a Grand Lodge night, when the delegates who attended the Grand Lodge should make a report to their home Lodges.

This Grand Lodge maintains a Grand Lodge library, and the Grand Master says that statistics reveal the fact that its library leads all others in activity in the jurisdiction per capita.

Under the heading, "Masonry's Functions," the Grand Master says that

Masonry has two functions to perform in order to live up to the ideals and practices of the order from which it sprung; one is to protect the government of the country, of which it is a part, and the other is to maintain to the end our hereditary doctrine of "one living and true God, and the immortality of the soul." "Brethren we have but one course to follow and that has been plainly marked out for us."

The Grand Secretary in the course of his usual able report says that there is room for additional Lodges in the large cities. He calls attention to the abuse of the privilege of granting life memberships to Master Masons in good standing for more than thirty years saying that, "the privilege is not mandatory and should be used with great care." One Lodge in a year elected ten to fifteen Brethren to life-membership many of whom were abundantly able to pay their dues.

An effort is made particularly to educate newly made Masons.

Fifty-six loans were made from the educational fund during the year to young students in Universities and colleges.

Contributions to the George Washington Memorial amounted to \$18,056, exceeding the quota of \$1.00 per capita.

It seems that this Grand Lodge has erected and maintains a sixteen-bed cottage on the grounds of the state Tubercular Sanatorium at Dunsith.

Some of the subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are making practical applications of Masonic principles as indicated by the fact that milk funds for the provisions of under-nourished school children, teachers for crippled children unable to secure an education elsewhere, annual scholarships, in one instance as high as \$100.00, to high school graduates, hospital relief for crippled children and like activities are quite common.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence contains this statement: "Somebody has prepared a table, which I hope is wrong. It says that there are thirty-eight Masonic homes in thirty-one states or that seven states have two homes. They have cost \$20,000,000.00. It cost, the year the report was made, \$3,000,000.00 to maintain them. They care for about 6,000 persons. Or, they are paying \$5,000.00 per capita to feed, clothe, and shelter the inmates of these Homes. Question. Is this Masonic charity or Masonic profligacy? On this subject of caring for dependents I have found two widely separated lines of thought and action. One seems to follow the example of the Samaritan, finding the man who needs help, giving it to him directly, quietly among familiar surroundings, and in the company of old friends and associates. The other is institutional in character. The dependent is carefully investigated by a Board, his needs are established, he is removed from his former location and placed with others to be cared for according to certain established rules, in a place open to visitors who are seeking a sort of emotional thrill. Five years reading of reports of Masonic Home Boards has not converted me to the latter method. I am more firmly convinced that we are following the better course."

"Individual Relief." The North Dakota Masonic foundation, the objects of which are the encouragement of charity, benevolence, education, and philanthropy and to secure greater uniformity of purpose, powers and duties of administration, management and control of property given, devised or be-

queathed for such purposes, was incorporated.

Apparently this Grand Lodge operates under the trial commission system.

The review reflects the substance of our 1926 proceedings in a concise manner under suitable topics.

OHIO, 1927.

118th Annual.

Springfield.

October 19, 1927.

Lodges, 609.

Cash Balance, \$422,101.85.

Members, 202,125.

Cash Assets, \$580,522.98.

Gain, 3,860.

Homes maintained, One.

M. W. Charles S. Minor, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. B. Frank Thomas, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Harry S. Johnson, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, B. Frank Thomas, present.

The Grand Master has found it necessary to deal firmly with Brethren in seeing that Grand Lodge law is observed. The increase in membership is normal. Forty-six new temples and Lodge rooms were dedicated. Twenty-two cornerstones were laid. Permission to circularize the Lodges for financial assistance was denied to three Lodges.

This Grand Lodge is not a member of the Masonic Service Association and this policy was not changed.

Heretofore, Ohio and Kansas, are said to have been the only Grand Jurisdictions not contributing to the George Washington Memorial. The Grand Master having concluded that the Memorial is truly national and not local made a recommendation which resulted in an appropriation of \$10,000.00.

The Grand Master had a "run in" with the Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, because it circularized the Lodges without permission.

His principal recommendations of general interest are to the effect that the Grand Lodge's attitude toward social and commercial organizations that require Masonic affiliation should be defined and freely published and that some general plan of Masonic education be developed and promulgated among the various Lodges.

Requests for recognition from the Grand Lodges of Belgium, Valle de Mexico, the United Grand Lodge of Mexico, Egypt, Grand Lodge of France, and the Grand Lodge of Chile, were passed over.

The cornerstone of the new Children's Building at the Ohio Masonic Home was laid. The Home had a gain from farm operations of \$2,662.66. There are 135 men, 96 women, 85 boys, and 50 girls, a total of 366 in the Home. Yearly per capita cost is \$522.29; daily per capita cost \$1.43.

The well written reviews include our 1927 proceedings, which seem to us well covered.

OKLAHOMA, 1927.

19th Annual.

Muskogee.

February 8, 1927.

Lodges, 458.

Cash Balance, \$1,859.58.

Members, 71,002.

Homes maintained, One.

Gain, 1329.

M. W. Claude A. Sturgeon, Grand Master, presiding.
M. W. Earle Cranston Flesher, Grand Master, elected.
M. W. William M. Anderson, Grand Secretary.
Nebraska's Representative, absent.

The Grand Master is a flour miller. From his address it appears that he has devoted his entire time to the business of the Grand Lodge. The greatest problem which confronted him was that of the Masonic Home.

With the completion of the home for the aged and separation of the old folks from the children the overhead expense has been increased and a method must be provided to increase the Grand Lodge revenue in order to take care of the rapid growth of the Masonic family. The Grand Master thinks the wisest plan would be to raise the initiation fee from a minimum of \$35.00 to \$45.00, of which \$10.00 would be paid into the Masonic Home from each initiation. \$2.00 for passing and \$2.00 for raising.

Five new Lodges were constituted.

One dispensation to form a new Lodge was granted.

The charters of two weak Lodges were taken up.

Twenty-three cornerstones were laid, two being for Masonic temples, two for Christian churches, two for Baptist churches, two for Methodist churches, one for an Episcopal church, nine school buildings, three courthouses and one building of unspecified character.

The new Masonic Home for the aged is ready for the admission of the Brethren.

The Grand Master declined to obligate the Grand Lodge to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

He arrested the gavels of three Masters of Lodges.

This Grand Lodge operates under the District Deputy Grand Master system.

Past Grand Master, Joseph Samuel Murrow, Grand Master of the Indian Territory in 1877 and 1878 and Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, 92 years of age, made an appreciated address.

The Committee on Education reported that the Grand Lodge having at the last Annual Communication severed membership in the Masonic Service Association and no provisions having been made for carrying on additional work, the cause of education has progressed, nevertheless, without leadership or direction from the Grand Lodge, and urging the adoption of a program similar to the one under which the Masonic Service Association activities were heretofore conducted.

The committee recommended that the Grand Master hold meetings to be organized by the district deputies, and that study clubs be organized and encouraged, that contests among several Lodges in degree work be stimulated, etc.

Contributions to the George Washington Memorial come hard and are so small as to be very humiliating to the chairman of the committee, having the matter in charge. The total collections to date are \$32,488.30. The year's expense of the committee was less than \$25.00. The large city Lodges seem to be the remiss ones and a resolution was adopted which reproves them to some extent.

The crowded condition of the Masonic Home has rendered it impossible to accommodate all of the Lodges applying for admission of their dependents, only the most pressing cases having been admitted.

Too many of the Lodges assume that the Grand Lodge has unlimited funds available and that it is proper and right to apply for care for some dependents who are not necessarily such, and who with a little aid, sustenance, and encouragement might be placed in a position to be self sustaining.

The cost of operating the Masonic Home for a year was \$43,370.31, average per month, \$3,614.20, the average cost of caring for one member per month, \$27.59.

The Home won a Hudson car in a newspaper contest.

A resolution was adopted further restricting admission to the Home as follows: "No Mason, widow, or child may be admitted who is of unsound mind, afflicted with contagious diseases, who has vicious or immoral habits, or who has relatives able and willing to provide support, or who may be legally required to do so. No Mason or widow may be admitted who is capable of earning his or her own living. No child may be admitted who is under three years or over thirteen years of age, nor retained in the home after it is eighteen years of age."

A new form of application was adopted.

Convictions of felonies in the civil courts result automatically in sentences of suspension from the Lodge to which the individual belongs.

The new Old Folks Home is six stories high, the estimated cost of which is \$239,811.00.

The balance sheet shows assets of \$1,057,548.59.

Total net assets, \$935,048.59.

Annual cash revenues, \$342,306.07.

Total Grand Lodge benevolences and expenses in connection therewith, \$65,731.22.

The total of Grand Lodge properties inventoried is \$1,048,925.

The Grand Secretary's salary is \$3600.00 per year. He has an assistant at \$1620.00, a bookkeeper at \$1500.00, and \$1500.00 further for extra clerk hire.

The Grand Lecturer's salary is \$900.00 per annum.

The Grand Master has no salary but a \$2400.00 expense account.

A special committee reported that it was advisable to incorporate the Masonic Home.

The review written by W. Thomas Chauncey Humphrey covering sixty-two jurisdictions is very comprehensive and extensive, Nebraska being given three pages.

Past Grand Master Wright, is characterized as looking as "pleasant, as a basket of chips," and Past Grand Master Crites, as "serious looking."

OREGON, 1927.

77th Annual.

Portland.

June 15, 1927.

Lodges, 168.

Cash Balance, \$13,610.81.

Members, 29,783.

Cash Assets, \$71,671.22.

Gain, 814.

Bonds and Securities, \$407,157.44.

Homes maintained, One.

M. W. Edgar H. Sensenick, Grand Master, presiding.
M. W. Robert S. Eakin, Grand Master, elected.
R. W. D. Rufus Cheney, Grand Secretary.
Nebraska's Representative, John K. Kollock, present.

These proceedings constitute a well printed, well illustrated and well written volume.

The Grand Master is a banker by profession and may be characterized as a "big" business man as well as a highly efficient Grand Master.

One new Lodge was constituted; five new Lodges were instituted.

Two Masonic temples were dedicated.

Six cornerstones were laid, one of a Masonic temple, one of a State Normal school, two for public schools, one for a Baptist church and one for a Congregational church.

The oldest Oregon Mason, Captain Chas. Alexander Shetky, U. S. Navy, retired, a member of Philadelphia Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania for more than seventy-two years, was properly congratulated.

The Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Grand Lodge was celebrated at Portland.

This Grand Lodge operates under the District Deputy Grand Master system.

The most important official visit was a joint meeting of the South-western Oregon Lodges, one hundred and twenty Portland Brethren traveling by special train accompanying the Grand Master; another special train carried a delegation from Eugene and vicinity. Seven hundred Brethren attended.

The Grand Lodge maintains an educational fund, the income of which is distributed in monthly installments, only children of school age attending public schools being eligible to assistance.

A Masonic-Eastern Star Home is owned and maintained. It appearing that difficulties have arisen between its joint owners in the past, a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of a change of management.

The home is filled to capacity. The basement is to be remodeled to accommodate additional persons.

The Grand Master inquires whether it would not be well to give careful consideration to a policy adopted in other jurisdictions which encourages persons seeking help and a guardianship of the fraternity to remain in accustomed environment, rather than to accept lodgings in a new place, strictly regulated and removed from old ties, of home, friends and acquaintances.

It seems to him that encouragement of this sort backed with reasonable financial assistance would relieve the Home and also contribute to the physical, social and mental betterment of many of the applicants.

The Grand Master says the admission of children to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home is a mistake; the environment of the Home is undesirable for rearing children. He considers the desirability of placing children in private homes.

He says a serious problem exists in connection with the disposal of property conveyed by occupants of the Home, legal difficulties having arisen in regard to the disposal of property so obtained. The Grand Lodge seems to hold a great deal of this property which it is unable to liquidate for some reason.

The Grand Master says that liability insurance should be carried to indemnify against accidental injury to guests and visitors at the home and on the property of the Craftsmen's Club at Eugene. He thinks this club should be incorporated and the Grand Lodge thus relieved from direct responsibility for its maintenance.

The Masonic Board of Relief, has completed its sixty-fourth year of successful operation and never was in better condition.

An Employment Bureau seems to be maintained. The cost of operation of which was \$5700.00, met by Masonic organizations of Portland and by a yearly contribution of about \$3000.00, from the Grand Lodge. During the year 2323 applications were received and 2294 positions filled by this bureau, and 96 other positions filled by representatives in other towns.

The Portland Masonic Club was organized fifteen years ago and has a membership of 12,000. It desires to expand to include all members of the Craft in the state. It appealed to the Grand Lodge for financial assistance.

The Grand Master recommends that the action of the Grand Lodge of Low Twelve Clubs be confined to approval merely, and that the Grand Lodge refrain from attempting to dictate plans of organization, rules or regulations. These clubs encroach upon the insurance business with attendant liabilities to members, and may become subject to governmental regulations and from the possibilities of such complications the Grand Lodges and constituent Lodges should keep themselves aloof.

The Grand Master thinks that the policy of conferring the title of Honorary Past Grand Master on Grand Masters of other jurisdictions settling in Oregon should be adopted.

He says the Flag Ceremony is optional with the Lodges.

The address of the Grand Orator, W. Wallace McCamant is an interesting summary of the "Historical background of Masonry."

The Home building fund has assets of \$366,978.46.

The total assets of the Grand Lodge are \$854,351.49.

A children's cottage at the Masonic Home is completed, housing 27 children. It appears to have cost \$33,572.30.

The Educational fund amounts to \$220,410.40.

The student's loan fund to \$6,375.21.

The cemetery fund to \$682.07.

The Home endowment fund to \$4,769.37.

The Grand Lodge received an invitation to attend the initiatory degree from the local chapter of the Order of DeMolay. (We do not know whether it attended or not).

It was considered that the funeral expenses of members in the home should be paid by the Lodge of the member rather than from the home maintenance fund.

A family council seems to be had in the home at which every one is privileged to speak his own mind.

The average cost per meal in the home is \$.1430; average membership, 78.5; total cost of operation, \$43,962.17 yearly; per capita cost \$560.03; monthly per capita cost, \$46.67.

The Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star visited the Grand Lodge

at a period of refreshment.

A resolution requesting permission of Master Masons to become members of the Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots was tabled.

The report of the committee on Child Welfare was adopted, adopting certain rules and policies, being briefly, that the welfare of the child should control, no home should be broken up if possible to avoid it. In the event of death or desertion of a father, a mother and her children should be kept together if the mother is a fit person, where unfitness, incompetency or negligence of the parents is judicially established, the children should be placed out for adoption. The relations of the parent and child are never to be severed where the parents are worthy. A real Home for every Child, should be the motto. And when these rules may not be applied the child should be taken care of either preferably by being placed in the home of worthy married persons or by being placed in a boys' or girls' model Masonic Home.

The committee reports many unforeseen difficulties in connection with the work in operating under these rules. Most of the children remain in the home because they are past the age where adoption is practicable without hazards. The twenty-seven children in the home come from ten families.

The volume contains a great deal of information on the maintenance of Masonic Homes which we would like to digest but lack of space forbids it.

The most notable new Masonic building is a large and imposing Masonic temple at Portland, the cost of which does not appear but which no doubt is an important sum.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1927.

177th Annual.

Philadelphia.

December 27, 1927.

Lodges, 563.

Cash Balance, \$36,822.09.

Members, 210,593.

Cash Assets, \$11,167,990.69.

Gain, 3225.

Homes maintained, Two.

R. W. William M. Hamilton, Grand Master, presiding.

R. W. Willison Smith, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. John A. Perry, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, (no information).

Printing and publishing are in the hands of a committee.

Trust funds of one sort or another aggregate \$3,647,894.66. The assets of the Grand Lodge and Masonic Homes are carried at \$2,855,926.50. Real estate, \$1,700,000.00. Masonic Home reserve fund \$329,822.53. Sinking fund, \$1,311,711.68. John Smith Home for boys, \$249,006.65, new Masonic temple site, \$742,845.55.

Out of 188 requests for admission to the Homes, 142 were granted, and 45 refused. The average age of the occupants is 75 years. The total number of guests in November was 421.

The Masonic fraternity in Pennsylvania furnished 11,323 service men in the World War, of which 268 were killed in battle or died of wounds. A memorial grove of 268 oak trees has been planted on the grounds of the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown.

An appropriation of \$20,000.00 was made for the purpose of erecting a

memorial to the glorious dead, which has been completed and dedicated at a previous Communication, all of which was very fine, and inspiring.

A new building for girls has been completed at the Masonic Home, also a memorial chapel erected to the "Glory of God, and dedicated to the memory of John S. Sell." A memorial fountain and other improvements in connection with the Masonic Home is the Freemasons' Memorial Hospital.

The children in the Home have savings accounts, for the boys aggregating \$3,856.98, and for the girls, \$2,962.05, accumulated from moneys donated by friends and Lodges from time to time and deposited to the individual credit of the girl or boy, until the age of 21 is reached, when the amount of the deposit with its accrued interest is surrendered, thus affording a financial start in life, which no doubt would not be obtained if the child had not been admitted to the Home.

Twelve different religious denominations or sects hold services in the Homes during the year. The Homes had 31,841 visitors during the year.

The maintenance of the Homes amounts to \$304,129, for the year, the average daily number of guests was 408, per capita cost per year \$684.81, per capita cost per day \$1.88. The operating costs amounted to \$279,403.10, which includes everything except capital expenses such as wages, salaries, food supplies and clothing and supplies for guests, hospital expenses, medical expenses, dental service, optical service, coal, laundry, printing, stationery, insurance, taxes, transportation, education of children, entertainment, library, burial expenses, maintenance of buildings and grounds, etc.

An employment bureau is maintained in the large cities. The bureau had 13,843 calls and located 5,680 positions. The number of firms and employers listed was 3,520. The average salaries of the applicants amounted to \$3,903,825.52 per year and the average salary of the applicant placed amounted to \$1,394.38. The above figures apply to Philadelphia alone, although the bureau operated also in other cities.

The annual address of the Grand Master dealt with clandestine Masonry which is being suppressed with the aid of legal proceedings, with the general inadequacy of the dues of the subordinate Lodges, with the prevalent extravagance of subordinate Lodges in the matter of banquets, entertainments and refreshments, and like questions.

The Grand Master depends on the District Deputies very largely. He calls attention to the Bicentenary of American Masonry, that is, the two hundredth anniversary of the formal establishment on the American Continent, which will occur in 1929, to the Masonic Homes, to the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel, to the World War Memorial, which was unveiled by Miss Frances D. Keller, daughter of Lieutenant Daniel S. Keller of Lodge No. 43, who was killed in action in the Argonne Forest, to the Schools of Instruction, to the fact that the small Lodges are apt to excel the larger ones in the real work of Masonry, and to the general undesirability of too large Lodge membership which results in it being impossible to build up a close personal association among more than a small per cent of the total membership, etc.

Seven cornerstones were laid, three of Masonic halls, one of a Jewish Maternity Hospital, one of a High School, one of a Sunday School unit of the Trinity Methodist Church at Phillipsburg, one of an Episcopal Church and one

of an Episcopal parish house. Two new Lodges were constituted.

The Grand Master decided that altars to be used in Lodge rooms should be 34 inches long, 24 inches wide and 24 inches high with the lights 5 feet 6 inches apart, the altar to be located equidistant from the lights.

A new Masonic Temple is needed in Philadelphia.

An able review written by W. Herbert Russell Laird of Williamsport, in which our 1926 proceedings are well reviewed in a kindly spirit closes this interesting volume of returns.

RHODE ISLAND, 1927.

137th Annual.

Providence.

May 16, 1927.

Lodges, 40.

Cash Balance, \$ 13,108.03.

Members, 18,291.

Total Assets, \$149,182.44.

Net Gain, 232.

Homes maintained, One under way.

M. W. William L. Sweet, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Winfield F. Solomon, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Harold L. McAuslan, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, W. Henry C. Dexter, probably present.

The committee on Jurisprudence of this Grand Lodge seems to be composed of positive characters.

The action of the Grand Master in issuing a diploma to a widow of a Brother after his decease was disapproved.

The recommendation of the Grand Master that in the future Grand Masters should hold office for two years was disapproved.

The recommendation that no one should serve on more than one standing committee of the Grand Lodge, was disapproved.

A recommendation that line officers and members of committees need not necessarily be members of the Grand Lodge was disapproved.

A recommendation involving a definition of the duties of the various Grand Lodge officers was characterized as "presumptuous" in view of the action of the Grand Lodge in that behalf, and it was recommended that the Grand Master's recommendation be not adopted.

The committee is convinced that no emergency exists requiring the drastic action recommended by the Grand Master in regard to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and that a more considerate and appreciative disposition of the matter, and one which would be equally satisfactory, would be attained by furnishing assistance to these honored and respected servants of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master's suggested method of selecting candidates is contrary to the constitution.

A recommendation that a new form of procedure, after the Lodge has passed an amendment to its by-laws, be made a part of the standing orders of the Grand Lodge, was rejected.

The committee recommended that the Grand Master's recommendation that a form of questionnaire be used to secure financial reports from subordinate Lodges be not adopted.

In fact the Grand Master did not seem to fare very well at the hands of the Jurisprudence committee, which seems to be pretty well established in the

government of this Grand Lodge. However, we must say that, from what we can gather from these proceedings, the recommendations of this committee were justified.

A resolution was adopted levying an assessment of \$2.00 per year to create a permanent fund.

These proceedings are well illustrated by cuts of various Masonic buildings and gatherings. The outstanding public event seems to have been the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic temple at Providence. This is an imposing building.

The Grand Master decided that it was "probably desirable" to continue membership in the Masonic Service Association.

He thinks Rhode Island has adequate hospitalization service for the care of the tubercular and declined to permit the jurisdiction to join the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

Rhode Island Masons contributed eleven cents per capita to the Florida relief, and about the same amount to the Mississippi River flood relief.

During the year forty-eight scholarships were awarded out of the educational fund. Apparently sixty young men and women are at present beneficiaries of this fund.

A new double entry system of accounting was installed in the office of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The District Deputy Grand Master system is in use in this jurisdiction. The Grand Treasurer's salary is \$300.00 per annum and that of the Grand Secretary \$2500.00. Per capita tax is 85 cents.

Printing is in the hands of a committee.

The trial commission system is in use.

Relief distributed amounts to \$773.50.

The Grand Lodge of Panama was recognized. The Grand Lodge of Ecuador, the York Rite Grand Lodge of Mexico, and the Grand Lodge of Vienna were denied recognition for the present.

It appears to have been recommended that the subordinate Lodges relinquish their civil charters as corporations.

The proceedings contain no review or report of any committee on foreign correspondence.

We think an index would improve these proceedings.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1927.

190th Annual.

Charleston.

March 9, 1927.

Lodges, 289.

Cash Balance, \$ 32,342.01

Members, 29,753.

Cash Assets, \$157,842.01.

Gain, 223.

Homes maintained, None.

M. W. Charlton DuRant, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Charlton DuRant, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, not present.

The Grand Master said in part:

"Masonry of today is a great privilege and a tremendous responsibility. In a time when laws are flouted, conventions ignored and all the old moral and

religious ideals are being denied, Masonry should be a great steadying and conserving force teaching men to fear God and keep His commandments."

"The din of the conflict between alcohol and decency fills our ears. During the last few years the fall of great business institutions caused by adverse financial conditions have hurt business, but a far greater damage has been caused by the dishonesty of trusted men."

Seven cornerstones were laid, five of school buildings and two of Masonic Temples. One Masonic Temple was dedicated. One Lodge charter arrested, two Lodges constituted and two Lodges consolidated.

This Grand Lodge also operates under the District Deputy system.

The Educational committee with an Educational director has outlined plans for setting up an educational meeting with proposed programs, etc., all of which are well worth studying.

The Masonic relief fund amounts to \$139,969.45. The amount contributed to any one Lodge in any one year is \$600.00. Fifteen orphans are supported in one orphanage, seven in another and twenty-one in another, in all forty-three orphans at an expense of \$6460.00, and forty-four orphans not in orphanages were partly maintained at an expense of \$5120.00. Fifty-seven Master Masons and sixty-seven widows were aided in a sum equal to \$31,110.00.

Our 1926 proceedings are well reviewed. Evidently the writer of the reviews is in favor of restriction of the Jurisprudence Committee as a general proposition.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1927.

53rd Annual.

Aberdeen.

June 14, 1927.

Lodges, 176.

Cash Balance, \$ 18,628.99.

Members, 19,683.

Cash Assets, \$137,014.39.

Gain, 51.

Homes maintained, None.

M. W. Leonard M. Simons, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. George O. Goodman, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, M. R. Brown, present.

The Grand Master is a lawyer with a distinguished Civil and Masonic record.

Four new Lodges were constituted.

The Grand Master advocates a term of two years for the Grand Masters in the future, owing to the impossibility of accomplishing all that should be done by a Grand Master in one year.

Two cornerstones have been laid.

The Grand Lodge charity fund amounts to \$137,014.39.

Medals are distributed to Brethren who have been fifty years a Mason.

Two dispensations were granted to form new Lodges.

This Grand Lodge maintains an important library.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star does not appear to have visited this Grand Lodge but sent greetings.

A monument has been erected in Vermillion on the site of the organization of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Dakota.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veterans' Association of South Dakota are included in the volume.

Our 1926 proceedings are well reviewed. However, the proof reading might have been more carefully attended to.

TENNESSEE, 1928.

114th Annual.

Nashville.

January 25, 1928.

Lodges, 468.

Cash Balance, \$108,221.23.

Members, 50,674.

Homes maintained, Two.

Gain, 652.

M. W. H. Lee Fox, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Stanley W. McDowell, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, not present.

An edict exists regulating the furnishing of information to newspapers. Another edict exists condemning electioneering as illegal and unmasonic.

The Grand Master directed that all Mississippi flood relief funds be transmitted to the American Red Cross. The donation amounted to \$4,437.91. The Grand Lodge of Illinois donated the Grand Lodge of Tennessee \$2500.00, "being the pro-rata distributive share of a fund subscribed by the Masons of that state for the Mississippi flood sufferers."

The Board of Control is in charge of the Widows' and Orphans' Home.

There are a number of inactive Lodges.

The Grand Master is in favor of exchange of visits between officers of Grand Jurisdictions.

"On account of my duties as Grand Master and lack of time, I have not had the pleasure of giving the O. E. S. the attention I would have liked."

Completion of the subscription to the George Washington Memorial is urged. It appears that the Grand Lodge appropriated \$5,000.00 to the memorial.

There is a special emergency fund of \$35,894.83, from which no disbursements were made.

Two Lodges surrendered their charters, an action contemplated by several other Lodges. The Grand Master says that they should, rather, consolidate with other Lodges.

A Lodge was reprimanded for circularizing other Lodges requesting that the Lodge delegates be instructed to have the Grand Lodge tax reduced.

Total capital assets of the Grand Lodge amount to \$1,077,874.54, of which \$114,221.00 is current assets, \$414,548.26, trust funds and \$549,104.94, real estate, buildings, etc.

There are three lecturers, one of whom worked 281 days, another 264 days, and the third 225 days, visiting and instructing 390 Lodges at an average expense to the Grand Lodge of \$2.55 each per day. Certificates of Proficiency were issued to 167 Brethren.

The capital assets of the Widows' and Orphans' Home amount to \$545,462.30.

We note this statement: "We are including in this issue the per capita cost of the twenty-three Masonic Homes throughout the United States of which Tennessee ranks fourth lowest in per capita cost. These statistics are recorded in the 1927 proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee." Most

every home of the twenty-three recorded have revenue producing departments, such as a farm, printing office, etc. Tennessee's home has no revenue producing department, therefore its per capita cost is the gross cost of operating.

Although statistics are not given for the Nebraska Homes, we copy below, the tabulation:

	Total Residents in each Home.	Annual cost per Person.
Kentucky	473	\$ 195.00
Alabama	364	212.80
Georgia	158	238.12
Tennessee	290	245.00
Mississippi	168	257.00
Kansas	156	263.00
Indiana	330	283.00
Virginia	133	315.00
North Carolina, Orphans	400	325.00
Oklahoma	128	330.00
Illinois	190	400.00
Washington	46	410.00
Florida	62	420.00
Arkansas	88	425.00
Missouri	304	475.00
New Jersey	127	510.00
District of Columbia	52	520.00
Ohio	227	550.00
New York	522	550.00
Michigan	119	560.00
Minnesota	57	600.00
California	113	600.00
Delaware	20	650.00
Total	4369	\$9,077.80

In 1927 the total residents in the Nebraska Masonic Home averaged 62; the average annual cost per capita, \$531.83. The total residents in the Children's Home (1926) averaged 50; the average cost per capita, \$447.48.

A request was made for the appointment of a committee to investigate conditions at the Widows' and Orphans' Home, which was referred to a joint committee consisting of the members of the Committees on Jurisprudence, Ways and Means, and Appeals and Grievances.

There was paid for attendance at the Annual Communication, \$8.00 per day and .08 cents per mile one way.

It was enacted that the Board of Control let no contract for additional buildings at the Home until first approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master and Wardens, and that all future contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Fifteen hundred dollars was appropriated to the George Washington Memorial instead of twelve thousand five hundred dollars, requested, the Grand Lodge being short of funds.

The Board of Control received \$90,000.00, for maintenance, operation and improvement of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, to be paid in monthly installments.

A certified copy of the charges made by Cumberland Lodge No. 8, against the Widows' and Orphans Home was ordered furnished every member of the Board of Control and that the committee to be appointed to investigate the management of the Home give notice of the time and place of hearing; further that the Grand Secretary send each Lodge in the state a letter showing the result of the investigation and the action of the Grand Master thereon.

Consolidation of weak Lodges is provided for in the By-laws.

In the foreword of the Correspondent, W. C. H. Smart, it is said: "Of the 45 United States Grand Jurisdictions reviewed by him, all save Kentucky show a gain of 66,219, while Kentucky shows a loss of 4,866,—a net gain of 61,353. Kentucky's loss is the result of an assessment per member of \$20.00, on account of the million dollar Home. A further loss from this cause is anticipated."

The circular of the Grand Master of Alabama directed at the Ku Klux Klan, is copied into the foreword, the reviewer commenting as follows: "Ever since we began writing the correspondence report we have asserted over and over again that a Mason cannot be a Mason and a Ku Klux. On one or two occasions we have been taken to task by correspondents and called too extreme, and on one occasion were told that a Mason *could* be both a Mason and a member of the Klan. Our vindication comes in the foregoing words of Grand Master Street. *He knows.*"

Our 1927 proceedings are reviewed.

The observations of this reviewer are perhaps over critical at times but usually cogent. One gathers the idea that he is ultraconservative. Perhaps one should be.

TEXAS, 1927.

92nd Annual.

Waco.

December 7, 1927.

Lodges, 1,246.

Cash Balance, \$26,133.64.

Members, 136,740.

Total Assets, \$35,398.10.

Net Gain, 940.

Homes maintained, Two.

M. W. M. A. Childers, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. G. R. M. Montgomery, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. W. B. Pearson, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, James D. Crenshawm, present.

The vacant chair in the Grand East caused by the death of M. W. Brother George W. Tyler, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was occupied by a floral wreath.

All of the numerous orations delivered in the course of this Communication are printed in full and may be referred to.

The Grand Master says that there has been harmony everywhere with only a few bickerings, mostly the result of financial embarrassment.

He has had considerable trouble with publications and business institutions using the word "Masonic" for the purpose of trading on the influence of the fraternity.

One or two stubborn Masonic trials were fought out to a conclusion.

During the year the Grand Master granted permission to confer degrees on 125 persons with minor physical defects.

Eight new Lodges were constituted. Forty-one cornerstones were laid; twenty-four being of school buildings, five of Masonic temples, three city halls, one Methodist church, one Episcopal church, one Christian church, one Presbyterian church, one hospital, three courthouses, and one Shrine club house.

This Grand Lodge seems in a fair way to profit from oil production in Texas as the Grand Master executed a number of leases on Grand Lodge property.

Countless permissions were granted to sell, mortgage or lease real estate on the part of the subordinate Lodges.

Seven dispensations were granted for the formation of new Lodges. Three charters were arrested and two Lodges went out of existence. The Masters of two Lodges were relieved.

Texas has contributed \$65,000 to the George Washington Memorial, and the Grand Master recommends that the balance of its quota be paid up.

Texas maintains a Masonic home and school, an Old Folks home, a Gavel Club, and apparently some other Masonic institutions.

A curious side light on the Mexican problem in the southwestern states, that side of it most in public notice being the immigration question, is the difficulties experienced by Masonic Jurisdictions of this state with Mexican Jurisdictions. These difficulties are dealt with by the Grand Master in some twelve pages of his address.

Masonry of some sort seems to accompany the vanguard of Mexican laborers entering the United States and invasions and clandestine Lodges are numerous. The history of the divergence between the York Rite and the Scottish Rite Masons in Mexico and the division of the old Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico are referred to.

Two series of Grand Lodges exist in Mexico, one practicing the Scottish Rite from the first to the thirty-third degree and the other the York Rite or Universal Rite, practiced by the American and English Lodges. To the one series practicing the Scottish Rite belong the Grand Lodge, Valley of Mexico and thirteen other Grand Lodges affiliated therewith, the latter being State Lodges mainly. To the York Rite series belong the York Grand Lodge which from 1910 to 1921 was recognized by the Texas Grand Lodge. It is composed of American and English Masons in Mexico.

That the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Valley of Mexico, regularly initiate negroes is denied by their Grand Master but he admits that three negroes, Cubans of high standing, belong to one of their Lodges. Art. 32 of Texas laws prohibits from in any manner recognizing negro Masonry.

It seems that in the future Texas is to observe the standards of the Grand Lodge of Maine in determining the competency and regularity required for recognition on the part of foreign Lodges and which have been copied into our review of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

A committee appointed to make a survey with reference to Tuberculosis

among Masons and their families report that 526 persons, members or members of families of Masons, are afflicted with the disease, 247 in need of immediate assistance and with no source of relief. The number of sojourners unknown.

The Grand Master concludes his address by quoting the prose poem of Brother Malcom Bingay, "Spirit of Masonry."

"I am the Spirit of Masonry.

"I preach the gospel of brotherly love and affection for all mankind.

"I bring unto you the lessons of Faith, of Hope, of Charity.

"I break off the corners of rough stones, the better to fit them for the Builder's use.

"I give you the light, whereby you see the Divine plan of the Great Architect of the Universe.

"I prepare you as living stones for His Spiritual Building, that house not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens.

"I bring into your hearts the secret of the lost word, the only real secret that is in Masonry, the secret which can never be imparted by human lips, the secret which comes to man through his own soul when in meekness and humility, he kneels before God.

"I teach you always the lesson of the ages, that man is born to die, that all things earthly shall pass away, that your souls alone keep step with the march of eternity.

"I reveal to you the truth, that man must meet death to find life.

"I proclaim unto you forever the message of your patron saint, John the Evangelist, who tells you: 'I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he be dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die'."

A dispensation to lay a cornerstone which consisted of a slab to be set in the side of a completed building was denied.

"By investigation of the Lodges, there was found in banks where they carried their accounts, a very nice sum that had been in the banks for some time." The total of which was given aggregating \$516,844.07 of apparently hidden funds, the largest item of which was \$203,459.36, for the year 1922, which apparently remained in the subordinate Lodges treasuries for five or six years.

The total Grand Lodge receipts for the year were \$410,187.70. The assets of the Grand Lodge total \$2,854,621.88, of which the valuation of the Masonic Home and School amounts to \$1,646,898.61.

The treasury of the Masonic Home has \$592,490.21, cash on hand.

By questionnaire the subordinate Lodges went on record as favoring Masonic relief for those affected with tuberculosis and obtaining the money by an assessment of \$1.00 per member on the Craft.

Printing is in the hands of a committee.

The Gavel club maintains a building or buildings adjacent to a hospital or hospitals for the entertainment, welfare and relief of members of the fraternity who are patients there.

The Masonic Home maintains its own school having twenty-one instructors including a superintendent, principal and librarian; it graduated twelve students; others are maintained in Universities and Colleges. A farm, dairy and printing office are maintained at the home.

The average attendance in the home for the year was 395 and the net per capita cost per month was \$30.73.

In arriving at the per capita cost apparently none of the Grand Lodges charge up anything for interest on invested money, and we suspect a very few of them charge off anything for depreciation, etc.

One ruling which appears curious to the writer, denied admission to the home of a Master Mason's daughter, "she not being the widow of a Master Mason, 70 years old and too far along to be placed within the classes of those children seeking an education at the Home and School."

The value of the Grand Lodge fixtures and Gavel Club is given as \$456,646.89.

A resolution withdrawing support from the Masonic Service Association was defeated.

Several pounds of these proceedings comprise the Lodge roster which it seems to us might well be dispensed with.

The Order of DeMolay and the Order of the Rainbow, seem to be well thought of.

This state has a peculiar trial code, the odd feature of it being, an attempt to approximate jury trials in Lodges, before a jury of 24 individuals.

Unnaturalized foreigners are not eligible to Masonry in Texas.

The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Guatemala was recognized.

Our 1926 proceedings are well reviewed.

UTAH, 1927.

56th Annual.	Salt Lake City.	January 18, 1927.
Lodges, 25.		Cash Balance, \$794.03.
Members, 4,937.		Cash Assets, \$33,280.46.
Gain, 119.		Homes maintained, None.

M. W. Fred Morgan Nye, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Dana Tyrell Smith, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Sam Henry Goodwin, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, (not present).

This Grand Master is a lawyer and his biographer says that for one, he is glad that Dick the Butcher's suggestion, in Henry the VI, has not found general acceptance. In his own words Dick's proposition was, "The first thing we do let's kill the lawyers," such an action would have deprived the Utah Grand Lodge of several efficient Grand Masters, and would have left the present Grand Master without the opportunity of taking his place alongside the best of these.

The proceedings contain a picture of the Salt Lake Masonic Temple, truly a magnificent building and more wonderful still, "fully financed, and without bonded indebtedness, and representing an investment of three-fourths of a million dollars." The Grand Master laid the cornerstone of this building.

He recommends that five cents per capita be appropriated to the use of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, and that the contributions to the George Washington Memorial be brought up to date, that membership in the Masonic Service Association be continued, also that the Masonic code be revised.

The Lodges distributed for charity \$6,502.64, one Lodge having paid out \$2,199.70, and another \$1073.75 for this account.

Each year increasingly justifies the law requiring newly raised Masons to pass an examination in the catechism of the Third Degree.

The Grand Secretary's comprehensive, plain report indicates an efficient officer, as he is undoubtedly so regarded in Utah, his Masonic friends having presented him with a fully equipped five passenger sedan.

The net worth of the subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction is stated as \$174,500.42.

Our 1926 proceedings are the subject of a careful review by M. W. Sam H. Goodwin, Past Grand Master, in which, noticing the pictures of the Grand Master presiding and the Grand Master elect, he says, that the latter "probably had some good reason for disguising his name when writing it, though there is nothing in his countenance that indicates any necessity for such an action."

In regard to the address of the Grand Orator he says, "In such productions we find greater satisfaction if the orator intimates at some point earlier in the address, what he intends to talk about."

This suggestion is the only adverse one on the address that has been noted among the reviews.

This reviewer contrary to the habit of most of them keeps up a running fire of comment which lightens the reading considerably.

The question of Masonic clubs has been a troublesome one in this state apparently.

VERMONT, 1927.

134th Annual.

Burlington.

June 15, 1927.

Lodges, 103.

Cash Balance, \$8,325.77.

Members, 19,263.

Cash Assets, \$84,452.79.

Net Gain, 322.

Homes maintained, None.

M. W. Frederick H. Babbitt, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Frederick H. Babbitt, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Edward C. Woodworth, present.

The Grand Lecturer held an annual meeting for conference with and instruction to the District Deputies and Lodge officers.

Thirteen District meetings were held.

The Grand Master circularized the Lodges on the subject of attendance at the Grand Lodge, the representation not having been what it should be.

A new form of petition was adopted.

A special emergency fund of \$1000.00 was placed at the disposal of the Grand Master to be expended with the advice and approval of Grand Wardens for charitable purposes.

The Grand Master said in his address that, "It is common knowledge that the population of our state has made but little if any gain for some years, yet the Masonic Fraternity continues by the force of its mighty appeal, to draw to its ranks, the select and worthy from every walk of life." Notwithstanding heavy losses by death, removal and so on, the membership has made a good gain.

Charity appeals have been numerous and mostly deserving.

The Grand Master urges the Lodges to increase their dues.

Notwithstanding this, some of the worthy persons applying have not received aid to the extent merited.

Vermont has no Masonic home and apparently does not definitely contemplate one, so the Grand Master thinks that such persons as would be entitled to go to such a home ought to be helped from the permanent charity fund and not become a heavy burden on any subordinate Lodge, and that this fund should be made immediately available to a committee of the Grand Lodge.

A Grand Lodge library is maintained which has outgrown its quarters.

A permanent charity fund amounts to \$74,993.00.

The amount repaid Lodges which have paid for charity more than \$1.00 per capita on their membership is \$2367.88.

There is a Masonic home fund of \$1133.66.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico were recognized.

The annual per capita tax is fifty cents, for the General fund and twenty-five cents for the charity fund.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended that the Grand Lodge do not maintain a membership in the Masonic Service Association, the reason given being want of sufficient funds to do so, "in order to avail ourselves of the Educational privilege offered by the Association, which your committee felt at best would be of doubtful value, it would cost this Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges more than the contribution mentioned for charity."

This Grand Lodge also maintains the District Deputy system.

A number of distinguished guests were elected to honorary membership in the Grand Lodge.

The chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in his foreword, refers to the George Washington Memorial Association saying, that no Mason will begrudge his mite to the work. "It must be said however, that this movement but pointed the way to others, by revealing how easy it is to secure millions for some real or fancied charitable work. We are gradually being swamped with the multiplicity of these demands. What with emergency funds, educational loan funds, hospital funds, etc., the time seems almost here when no poor man can become a Mason. No longer will it be true that, "Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honor." The questionnaires prepared for candidates of the future will have to include the question, "Is he financially able to meet all dues and assessments, which may be levied hereafter on Masons only, for the upbuilding of schools, homes and hospitals of the community, the state, and the nation, that all men everywhere may know that Masonry has at last undertaken the sturdy task of providing funds for developing the earth into the heaven it was designed to be? Will it indeed be so? Will it not be so if dreaming visionaries are allowed to guide the policies of the Grand Lodges?"

This sentiment appears to be very pertinent as to American Masonry generally, but it must be said that the Vermont Grand Lodge is apparently in no danger of the kind referred to.

Our proceedings for 1926 are well reviewed.

The trial commission recommendation of Past Grand Master John Wright is commended.

The reviews are well worth reading.

VIRGINIA, 1927.

149th Annual.

Richmond.

February 8, 1927.

Lodges, 354.

Cash Balance, \$32,314.09.

Members, 47,059.

Homes maintained, One.

Net Gain, 659.

M. W. Ben W. Beach, Grand Master, Presiding.

M. W. James Bowman, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. James M. Clift, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, not present.

Twenty-six cornerstones were laid, three of Christian churches, three of new Lodge buildings, five of school buildings, two Episcopal churches, five Methodist Episcopal churches, two Presbyterian churches, one United Brethren church, three Baptist churches and one Evangelical church.

Virginia maintains a Masonic Home. There has been completed a new auditorium seating more than 500 people; a dormitory for sixty boys; a wing for girls accommodating forty girls; an addition to the infirmary and an addition to the kitchen.

The Masonic Home has a printing office which publishes the "Masonic Herald."

The Grand Master recommends a special assessment of \$1.00 in addition to the \$1.00 per capita tax to be used for the maintenance of the home.

He recommends that the Grand Lodge join the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

He recommends that the law be amended to provide for the consolidation of weak Lodges.

This Grand Lodge maintains a Memorial Pavilion for the tubercular, at Blue Ridge Sanatorium, Charlottesville, Virginia, just completed, with a capacity of 60 patients and 10 nurses, fire-proof construction, fully equipped.

Insurance companies trading on the influence of the fraternity are especially troublesome in Virginia.

This Grand Lodge in common with most others operates under the District Deputy system.

The physical assets of the Grand Lodge property are given as \$370,165.46, with no liabilities.

The Masonic Home shelters 204 children, many of whom are very young. Fifty-three children attend high schools, eight attend Universities and Colleges. A grammar school is maintained at the home. The home also maintains a farm.

The total net assets of the home are valued at \$412,615.70. The cost per capita for maintaining children in the home is \$320.00 per annum. There is an endowment fund of \$46,890.49.

It was decided that the Lodge had no right to assess its members; if additional funds be required they should be raised by a by-law increasing dues.

The Tubercular Pavilion is paid for in full with no indebtedness.

This Grand Lodge combines domiciliary with institutional relief to good effect. This has been found to be the best method in Nebraska.

The review does not cover the Nebraska proceedings. Some of the comments of the reviewer, W. Joseph W. Eggleston, are quite pertinent. In reviewing the Montana proceedings he notices that the Inspector General of the Scottish Rite visited the Grand Lodge and in the course of an address stated, that the Supreme Council of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions "entrusted to your keeping, the teachings of the first three degrees of Masonry, and have been so satisfied with the work that has been done by the Grand Lodges, that we have never had occasion to even suggest that the original agreement should be set aside." The reviewer thinks an inspector who "knows some Masonry" is indicated. The opinion of the writer is that an entirely new inspector is required.

WASHINGTON, 1927.

70th Annual.
Lodges, 264.
Members, 47,818.
Gain, 1409.

Seattle.

June 21, 1927.

Cash Balance, \$5,102.84.
Cash Assets, \$181,613.16.
Homes maintained, One.

M. W. Walter F. Meier, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Robert A. Wilson, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Horace W. Tyler, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, W. Arthur W. Davis, present.

The M. W. Grand Master, Walter F. Meier, is well known to many of his Brethren in this jurisdiction, who will not be altogether surprised that there are at least eight photographs of the Grand Master in these proceedings showing him in numerous dignified poses ranging from a station to the right of the President of the United States to the steps of an airplane which was employed, when snowbound, for a 100-mile step between Lodges.

He was born in Nebraska in 1879, is a graduate of the Nebraska State University and has an honorable civic and Masonic record in the state of Washington. By profession he is a lawyer.

On July 16, 1926, in the Lodge room of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebraska, he, assisted by six of his blood brothers, there being seven sons in the Meier family, at least, conferred the Master Mason's degree on a petitioner of that Lodge.

This Grand Lodge has ten Lodges in Alaska, which the Grand Master visited. It has been his privilege to speak to more than 25,000 people in his capacity as Grand Master during the year.

Six cornerstones were laid, one being of a high school building, one of a Presbyterian church, and four of Masonic temples.

The Grand Master is very favorably impressed with the Order of DeMolay and devotes over a page of his address to that organization.

He expected that it would be his duty to sever fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, which by oversight circularized the subordinate Lodges and members of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in behalf of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, after having been denied that privilege by the Grand Master; however, a disavowal and apology

were forthcoming and the fraternal relations of these two Grand Lodges continue harmonious.

Washington maintains a Masonic Home. A former Masonic Home was abandoned and a new one opened at Zenith.

He granted numerous permissions to attend Divine services in Masonic clothing.

The new Masonic Home at Zenith cost \$800,000.00. This amounts to 42½ cents per cubic foot. The building houses 262 people normal capacity and 300 in an emergency. The total operating cost appears to be \$26,673.95, and relief granted outside of the home \$10,305.00. An appropriation of \$70,000 for the maintenance of the home was requested. The total number of members in the home is 59 and 13 employees. These latter figures evidently apply to the old home, the new one being not yet occupied.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence indicates that it is of the opinion that the United Grand Lodge of Mexico, Vera Cruz, Mexico, has attempted to organize a National Grand Lodge, with Provincial Grand Lodges subject thereto. Masonic affairs in Mexico have been in a chaotic state; there are now several Grand Lodges in that country claiming legitimacy, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in that country claims the right to confer the first three degrees and still does so; in July, 1899, the so-called Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz and the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, reached an agreement by which the Supreme Council promised to cease its activities in the conferring of, or its control over the so-called Blue Lodge Degrees. It has been accused of not abiding by the agreement and allowing the Scottish Rite bodies to confer the first three degrees. At about this time the Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz assumed the title of the United Grand Lodge of Mexico and claimed jurisdiction over the whole of Mexico including the Islands; it agreed to allow other Grand Lodges already organized in that territory to retain their sovereignty within the states where located, and to allow other Grand Lodges to be organized in such states as wished to have them; but retained the right to take over again such territory when any such Grand Lodge ceased to function.

Reading between the lines the committee thinks that, this means, that whenever such Grand Lodges do not function to the satisfaction of the United Grand Lodge of Mexico located at Vera Cruz, their rights will be abrogated.

The committee thinks it advisable to wait until Masonic affairs in Mexico settle down before offering recognition to the Grand Lodges there.

The Grand Lecturer devotes most of his time to the Lodges in the small towns. In fact he seems to have a sneaking idea that his efforts are neither appreciated or desired in the cities.

It was enacted that a fee of \$20.00 shall accompany petitions, for the benefit of the Masonic Home fund in addition to the Lodge fees.

The introduction to the report on Foreign Correspondence is on the topic of outside organizations requiring Masonic qualifications for membership. These observations are very pertinent and the subject is before all of the Grand Jurisdictions, more or less.

Our 1926 proceedings are well reviewed in something over three pages, pertinent extracts being quoted from the address of the Grand Master, the

report of the Grand Custodian, the committee on Education and the Grand Orator.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1927.

63rd Annual.	Huntington.	November 16, 1927.
Lodges, 116.		Cash Balance, \$ 17,893.06.
Members, 34,048.		Cash Assets, \$110,893.06.
Gain, 542.		Homes maintained, One.

M. W. Frank W. Van Horn, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Frank W. Van Horn, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. George S. Laidley, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, William Taylor Workman, died shortly prior to the Annual Communication.

Our copy of these proceedings is defective.

The address of the Grand Master is necessarily brief. The address of the deceased Grand Master had apparently been pretty well prepared, and is contained in the proceedings.

Ten cornerstones were laid, six being of churches of different denominations and four being of school buildings. Two Masonic halls were dedicated.

This Grand Lodge also operates under the District Deputy Grand Master system.

The Grand Lodge maintains a Masonic Home. The funeral services were amended.

Evidently the Masonic Home is separately incorporated as we find no information concerning it in the proceedings, of any consequence.

The proceedings contain a review which is preceded by an appropriate foreword.

In the review of our 1927 proceedings, we note the following: "And again in these Grand Lodge proceedings, we note, the presence of officers of concordant orders who are singled out and presented, welcomed and given seats of honor. Some of the Grand Lodges are going so far as to extend to such, the Grand Honors."

The reviewer, W. L. N. Tevenner is of the conservative type, but his review is one of the best and most readable we have taken up, and this without prejudice to his kind words in regard to the administration of the writer as Grand Master of Nebraska.

WISCONSIN, 1927.

83rd Annual.	Milwaukee.	June 14, 1927.
Lodges, 302.		Cash Balance, \$85,907.84.
Members, 58,826.		Cash Assets, \$1,110,111.05.
Gain, 1839.		Homes maintained, One.

M. W. D. H. Mooney, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Herbert W. Dixon, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. Wm. W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Frank E. Noyes, present.

Calls for charitable purposes have not been numerous in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Five new Lodges were constituted. Nine new Masonic temples were dedicated. Four cornerstones of new Masonic buildings were laid. Four dispensations to form new Lodges were granted.

The Grand Lodge expenses have exceeded revenues in the past three years, the deficit for 1925 being \$2,120.38; for 1926, \$14,655.60; for 1927, \$15,239.91.

There were ten Masonic trials in the State, four held by Lodges and six by commissions appointed by the Grand Master.

The matter of Membership in the George Washington Memorial Association having been before the Grand Lodge continuously for the past several years, the Grand Master makes no suggestion or recommendations, and apparently the Grand Lodge took no action in it.

The Grand Master says that some Lodges are incurring too heavy liabilities for new temples.

The Grand Master permitted Rice Lake Lodge No. 234 to solicit funds for the purpose of making a surgical unit to the Lakeside Methodist Episcopal hospital, a Masonic memorial.

Total General fund assets.....	\$ 858,118.11
Total Charity fund assets.....	29,231.46
Willard A. VanBrunt endowment fund.....	200,000.00
Guest and Legacy fund.....	22,761.48

Total assets, all funds.....\$1,110,111.05

This Grand Lodge maintains a Masonic Home. It had an income over expenses of \$8,761.92. It made a net profit on its farm of \$3,260.26.

The Home assets amounted to \$716,712.34, on May 31, 1927.

The Grand Lecturer reported that every Lodge in the state had been visited and received instruction either from himself or a deputy. He says the large Lodges do not seem to appreciate their opportunity for instruction, that they listen, pay no attention, and after the lecturer is gone proceed in the same old rut.

Action was taken to correct overlapping functions of the Charity fund, Relief board, Masonic Service Bureau, Committee on Masonic Research, and Wisconsin Masonic Foundation, centralizing control in a special commission known as "The Budget System for Masonic Philanthropies."

A special committee was appointed to revise the burial service.

The Jurisprudence committee disapproved of the opinion of the Grand Master to the effect that it is not a violation of Masonic law for a Master Mason to place a Masonic emblem on the radiator of his automobile. Freemasons in that jurisdiction are strictly forbidden to display Masonic emblems as advertisements and such display is limited to personal adornment only, apparently.

The Masonic Employment Bureau had 1756 applications for employment and found positions for 970 applicants. It had 363 DeMolay applicants most of whom were provided with positions. The activities of this bureau were very extensive and cover a large number of funerals of sojourners, hospital sick calls, medical aid, legal aid, and other forms of relief too numerous to mention.

The review written by M. W. Aldro Jenks, is very readable, devotes about three pages to our proceedings and after quoting the remarks of W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, our former Foreign Correspondent in regard to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, says: "The York Grand Lodge is composed mostly of Americans who use the English language exclusively in its proceedings. It is controlled by Americans. Mexicans use the Spanish tongue as vernacular and naturally resent the setting up in their midst of a Grand Lodge that uses a foreign tongue and is controlled by foreigners, and object to having it recognized as the only simon pure Freemasonry of Mexico. Who can blame them?"

The Wisconsin Masonic Home has 58 residents. The per capita cost of maintenance does not appear.

WYOMING, 1927.

53rd Annual.

Thermopolis.

August 24, 1927.

Lodges, 45.

Cash Balance, \$21,283.95.

Members, 7,925.

Homes maintained, None.

Gain, 202.

M. W. Oscar Ole Natwick, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Marion A. Klines, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, no information.

George Washington's Masonic Birthday was generally observed in pursuance to proclamation of the Grand Master in compliance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1926.

A dispensation was granted for one new Lodge. Two cornerstones were laid, one of the new Federal Building at Cody, and the other a new Masonic temple at Wheatland. The Wheatland temple was built pursuant to authority granted by the Grand Master.

Clandestine Masonry seems to exist to some extent in Wyoming. The matter of restricting such Lodges from using the name of "Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons" and the display of the Square and Compass sign was discussed.

Notice of withdrawal from the Masonic Service Association was given.

The Grand Master recommended that the Grand Secretary devote his full time to the business and affairs of the Grand Lodge, that he should pay a visit to each Lodge once a year, oftener if necessary, assist Lodges to uniform and proper work in conferring degrees, advise and assist the secretaries in the matter of keeping records and accounts of each Lodge, and render every needful assistance.

The Grand Master says the petition for the degrees ought to be equal to the announcement that the petitioner will endeavor to live a proper life and assume his full duty of citizenship.

This Grand Lodge is blessed with the services of a Grand Historian of pre-eminent ability whose work is always interesting and accurate.

In 1914 a Masonic Home fund was established. It amounts at the present time to \$52,598.04.

The demand for funds for charity increases more rapidly than the Masonic population. During the past year the trustees expended for charity more than they received for the fund.

A resolution was adopted pursuant to the request of some of the subordinate Lodges that legislation be enacted providing ways and means for instruction in the work in subordinate Lodges.

The report of the committee on life-memberships contains the information that of the 49 Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, 29 approve of some form of life-membership and 10 unqualifiedly disapprove, 10 jurisdictions have no law on the subject.

The reasons for and against the issuance of life memberships are specified but are too numerous to incorporate in this digest.

The amount contributed to Florida relief was \$154.46, to the Mississippi Valley flood relief was \$1385.00.

The Grand Secretary writes the report on Fraternal correspondence, Nebraska receiving suitable mention.

One of the Lodges forming the Grand Lodge of Wyoming instituted in December, 1874, was Wyoming Lodge No. 28, at South Pass City, now Wyoming Lodge No. 2, of Lander, to which a dispensation was granted November 4, 1869, and a charter issued June 23, 1870, by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The remaining three constituent Lodges were chartered by the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 1927.

15th Annual.	Manila.	January, 1927.
Lodges, 102.		Cash Balance, \$17,343.56.
Members, 6,842.		Homes maintained, None.
Gain, 5.		

M. W. Francisco A. Delgado, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Joseph Henry Schmidt, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. Newton C. Comfort, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, M. W. Newton C. Comfort, present.

The Grand Master opened an emergent Lodge for the purpose of making the Hon. Eugene A. Gilmore, Vice-Governor and Secretary of Public Instruction on the Islands, a Mason at sight.

The Grand Master says that, the old (though unfounded) prejudices existing on the part of some elements in many sections of the country due to misinformation, have been met squarely and dispelled through all proper means possible, to the extent that now the public gatherings of our Lodges and Brethren in the Provinces and in the Metropolis as well are largely attended by the best elements of our respective communities, our members are among the leaders of thought and action and our Lodges are more and more being regarded as the true beacon lights for the diffusion of truth, knowledge, morality, and charity.

Membership has had a normal healthy growth. Unworthy initiates are rare and true standards maintained.

Dispensations for three Lodges were granted. Four Lodges were constituted. The Grand Master recommended that fraternal relations be severed, with the Grand Orient of France as a protest against the formation and maintenance of Lodges in the United States by it.

A fund is being raised for the purpose of establishing some sort of a home, school, or other charitable institution.

The unauthorized use of Masonic insignia and emblems has been pretty well suppressed.

A large part of the Grand Master's address is devoted to difficulty over the holding of Shrine ceremonials in the Philippines, which were illadvisedly persisted in notwithstanding the protest of the Grand Master, and much to the detriment of the fraternity generally. It appears that while there were some cases of improper deportment on the part of visiting Shriners, this was not the primary cause of the objection but because at every ceremonial the question has arisen as to the eligibility of Filipinos to become members of the Shrine, and, in each instance, has caused discord in the ranks. It seems that the Shrine refuses to admit Filipino Masons, however worthy or well qualified. To us it appears that the Grand Master was entirely justified in his complaint, in fact would have been justified in a much more energetic one.

Proper dress may consist of a white tuxedo and a white straw hat, in view of climatic conditions.

The Grand Oration by Eugene Arthur Perkins dealt with the British expedition to Manila and Freemasonry, 1762-1764. Masonry there is supposed to date from the British occupation of Manila in 1762, which coincides with the close of the Seven Years War in which practically all of Europe was engaged. The account of the Grand Orator is a very interesting one and throws many curious side lights on the history of the Order.

The Grand Master made a large number of official visits.

It is considered that a Masonic Home is not appropriate to conditions in the Philippines.

The Grand Lodge is acquiring a temple of its own.

The tendency to change the Constitution at every Grand communication, is noted, and deplored by the Grand Master.

The Grand Lecturer reports that the work is practically uniform in all Lodges. The Spanish ritual however is to be revised.

Many of the Lodges have started libraries. Many of them consider the first and second degrees of minor importance and exert all efforts in the third degree.

A committee on employment is maintained which seems to have placed about one-fifth of the applicants.

The report of the correspondent is quite extensive and includes our 1926 proceedings to which three pages are devoted.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

ALBERTA, 1927.

27th Annual.

Calgary.

June 8, 1927.

Lodges, 148.

Cash Balance, \$5,228.27.

Members, 13,035.

Gain, 370.

M. W. T. F. English, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. G. E. Cruickshank, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, W. Brother F. Barnhouse, present.

The Grand Master deems the condition of the Craft satisfactory. It is fortunate in having an able staff of District Deputy Grand Masters. Its finances are in a healthy condition. The Benevolent fund capital account amounts to \$115,503.33.

Six Lodges were constituted. One cornerstone was laid.

Alberta being a young man's country, the need of a home for the aged has not been felt, but the time is approaching when the advisability of establishing a foundation that will supply a home when required, must be considered.

The Grand Master feels that parades in Masonic regalia to attend church services are not the best practice.

Charters were issued to six Lodges. Dispensations were granted to three Lodges.

A number of dispensations were granted, to initiate physical defectives.

The Grand Lodge had a revenue of \$144.00 from life membership fees. Its balance sheet shows assets and liabilities footings of \$144,571.46.

The report of the Grand Librarian indicates that a good start has been made in accumulating a library.

Fraternal relations were entered into with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, but were deferred in the cases of the Grand Lodge of Panama, and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

The funds of the Committee on Benevolence are from two sources, a per capita tax of fifty cents per member, and the interest on the capital of the fund. The committee incurred no expenses and every cent expended for benevolences reaches the beneficiaries.

About one-half of the Lodges have libraries. The Grand Master ruled that a Lodge may not suspend a member for failure to pay a special assessment.

The review covers our 1926 proceedings. The reviewer heartily agreeing with the statement of our Grand Master that, the unanimous ballot and the right of objection should never be changed.

The committee on benevolence operates on the plan that beneficiaries are left in their homes when practicable so that families may be kept together and children under their parents' care and interest. Those unattached are residing with relatives or in families of Masons to whom the money paid for their lodging is acceptable and the unfortunates in this way escape the stigma of pauperism and their opportunities for becoming again independent are greater, should they be restored to health. A feeling of confident self-respect is at all times preserved, and due care is exercised that the recipient of bounty is not humiliated in any way.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1927.

56th Annual.	New Westminster.	June 23, 1927.
Lodges, 115.		Cash Balance, \$6,136.46.
Members, 14,512.		Cash Assets, \$227,650.70.
Gain, 549.		

M. W. D. W. Sutherland, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Frank S. McKee, Grand Master, elected.

V. W. W. A. DeWolf Smith, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, not present.

The year has been uneventful but encouraging. There has been a broadening conception of the purpose of the order, of a responsibility extending beyond the narrow confines of the Lodge room, and an unselfish desire to render service to the community. Another encouraging feature is an increase in the desire for Masonic knowledge.

The Grand Master says, "A new special order is in course of erection, the foreground is strewn with disorganized material and the debris of the old. If we are despondent this is all we may see, but faith in the purposes of the Divine Creator, faith in humanity, and faith in our Institution, will raise our eyes to the new and more glorious structure emerging out of the old order."

The Grand Master is pleased to note the many interchanges of visits between the constituent Lodges on both sides of the line; the same practice and evidence of fraternal relationship obtains from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This, no doubt, has much to do with creating and maintaining the very cordial relationship existing between kindred people on each side of what is often termed an imaginary boundary line.

One new Lodge was constituted. A dispensation was granted for the formation of one new Lodge. Dispensations to attend church in regalia are being gradually reduced from year to year, the Grand Master is "pleased to note."

From statistics gathered by the Grand Master, he concludes that average attendance decreases when the membership exceeds the point where personal touch and comradeship is becoming lost. We are then faced with the paradox that a Lodge may weaken itself by becoming too strong.

Many Lodges rely on initiation fees to meet current expenses. The Grand Lodge Benevolent fund has a balance of \$221,287.71. The funds and property of the constituent Lodges amounts to \$673,657.25. Total relief granted during the year amounts to \$14,765.48. This is allotted to subordinate Lodges. The Benevolent fund is not intended to relieve individual Lodges and Brethren from the duty of looking after their needy and suffering, but is to be called upon only in cases of permanent disability, or where a Lodge cannot reasonably meet urgent demands made upon it.

On one of his visits the Grand Master was received by a Tyler, 97 years of age. He installed a Worshipful Master who was 87 years of age, and who, though living forty-five miles from his Lodge, has been a regular attendant for years.

The review is written by the Grand Secretary, and includes a good many comments based on the personal views of the reviewer, some of which are quite pungent. Our proceedings are not reviewed. He feels that "someone really

ought to censor the prayers inflicted on the Almighty and the Grand Lodges of the United States by Grand Chaplains who like to hear themselves talk." The "folly known as the George Washington Masonic National Memorial" is referred to, apparently referring to the successive raises in the estimated cost of the Memorial culminating in a figure of \$4,000,000.00, for construction, and \$1,500,000.00 for endowment, more or less comparable to the expense of a similar building in course of construction in London.

ONTARIO, 1927.

72nd Annual.

Guelph.

July 20, 1927.

Lodges, 558.

Cash Balance, \$19,736.74.

Members, 110,549.

Cash Assets, \$456,743.17.

Gain, 2873.

M. W. John A. Rowlands, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. John S. Martin, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, R. W. Henry T. Smith, present.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed by the mayor of the city of Guelph, and by the president of the Provincial Agricultural College, in one of whose buildings the sessions were held.

The address of the Grand Master is quite extensive. He says the estimated membership is 113,000. The general account has grown from \$350,000 to \$375,000. The semi-centennial fund stands at \$106,700. Grants for benevolences from the two funds aggregated \$100,500.00.

Five cornerstones were laid, three of Masonic temples and two of churches. Eleven Lodges were constituted.

After mentioning a number of decisions selected for the variety of the subjects covered, he goes on to say:

"These and a hundred, others like them are the problems that arise from day to day to perplex—perhaps to worry, a Grand Master's soul. And then, when all is settled, and the dove of peace is beginning to nod, his incipient slumbers are broken by the insistent knocking at our gates of the militant section of the Order of the Eastern Star. They are demanding our Lodge rooms and clamouring for our men.—Verily the old order changeth—and things are not as they were when Adam was the lordliest thing in the Garden and Eve his modest and retiring mate. One wonders why it is that an order strong enough and old enough to stand and walk alone, should deny the dignity and independence that properly belong to it, and lean upon the 'patrimonial support' of men, whose mere connection with it renders their Masonic standing a matter of doubt. But so it is, and the Grand Master is called upon to rule or counsel or advise. * * * * * It was decreed in 1922 that it should be unlawful and improper for any member of this Grand Lodge to become a member of any society which made Masonry a prerequisite unless such society had been expressly recognized by ourselves; and the application of this decree to the Order of the Eastern Star was most definitely stated by the Grand Master in his address in 1923. The action then taken was not peculiar to ourselves. Resolutions in similar language and to the same effect have been passed at different times by the Grand Lodges of England, of Ireland, and of

Scotland, and of some of the United States; and they include in their operations all societies or organizations of the character I have named. It is interesting to note that the specific case of the Eastern Star came recently before the Grand Lodge of Scotland."

The Grand Master then quotes the following from the committee report on the subject which was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland:

"The committee consider that a certain time might be given to the Order of the Eastern Star to alter their constitution in such a way that no reference be made to their having any connection with Freemasonry, and that there be no necessity for the presence of a Master Mason at their ceremonies, and failing their doing so within a reasonable time that we adopt other methods to prevent Freemasons from using their connection with the Masonic Craft as an essential ground for their connection with the Order of the Eastern Star."

The Grand Master thinks that there is no finer piece of Masonic literature than the charge to the candidate in the first degree.

Nine Masonic temples were dedicated. Dispensations were granted to three new Lodges.

A hint to Lodges contemplating revision of their by-laws is contained in the following words of the Grand Master: "A by-law which conflicts with the constitution is invalid, and perhaps also, a by-law which simply repeats the provisions of the constitution is as a rule unnecessary."

"It has repeatedly been decided and determined that a building or room that has been dedicated to Freemasonry is for Masonry alone; that our lists and records are open only to those who are authorized to see them; and that information as to standing may not be given for other than the purposes of the Craft."

"The employment of questionnaires may serve a useful purpose, but I should like to sound a note of warning. When you accept a candidate for admission to your Lodge, you accept him with the intention of making him one of yourselves, and no system of questions however skillfully devised can take the place of a report that is based on personal knowledge and personal investigation. The time when you rely upon a system is the time that it is most likely to prove a broken reed."

The seventy-fifth anniversary of this Grand Lodge occurs in 1930, and preparations are under way to celebrate it.

The report on correspondence is one of the most extensive and best written that has come to our hands, and is lightened by numerous comments of M. W. William Nisbet Ponton, the reviewer, many of which we would like to quote but space forbids it. Our 1926 proceedings are reviewed in about six pages, the efforts of the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Orator, the Grand Custodian, the Committee on Masonic Education and of the Nebraska Reviewer all being favorably commented upon, together with many of the observations and recommendations of our Grand Master.

MANITOBA, 1927.

52nd Annual

Lodges, 103.

Members, 11,747.

Gain, 96.

Winnipeg.

June 8, 1927.

Cash Balance, \$8,045.21.

Assets \$223,966.00.

M. W. J. C. Walker Reid, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Jabez Miller, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, Henry E. Bletcher, present.

The occasion of a visit by the Grand Master to Terhune Lodge No. 51, was the fact that five Brethren had reached the age of 75 years, three of whom were charter members of the Lodge and had belonged to the fraternity for fifty years. Another meeting was an emergency meeting called in honor of the Grand Secretary, because fifty years prior to the meeting he was admitted into Freemasonry.

The Grand Master refrained from recommending worthy institutions to the Brethren of the jurisdiction for financial aid, believing that such a course might prove detrimental to other equally deserving bodies who had not appealed in this manner, and that should he do so, it would have a tendency to result in a flood of appeals to all of the Lodges.

The Grand Master recommends a model code of By-laws for use in subordinate Lodges.

The publisher of a magazine called the "Masonic Digest" was prevented from continuing the publication in the jurisdiction.

Permission to a subordinate Lodge to attend Divine Services jointly with another society was denied.

Three Lodges were granted charters and three Lodges were granted dispensations.

The Benevolent fund amounts to \$189,000.00. The disbursements for the year were \$10,345.00.

The Grand Master finds that interchanges of visits by Lodges are frequent and commendable.

This Grand Jurisdiction is divided into districts, each under the supervision of a Deputy Grand Master. In common with most English and Canadian Lodges, its affairs are in the hands of a Board of General Purposes.

An effort is being made to induce the subordinate Lodges to place the dues at a figure that will meet all overhead expenses, so as not to be obliged to rely on fees for the degrees.

The Board of General Purposes recommends that the selection of District Grand Masters be made not so much for their ability to make speeches, as for their ability to offer kindly, constructive, and straightforward criticism "which will speed us forward to greater efficiency in the work and the ritual as well as in the material progress of our Lodges."

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education and the Grand Librarian made their reports.

The Board of General Purposes recommends that no grants from the funds of the Grand Lodge be made for hospital purposes; no Lodge shall appeal for aid to the membership of other Lodges, without first obtaining approval of the Grand Master or the Board of General Purposes. It is improper for a Lodge as such to sign a petition to any governing body of the state on any subject which is not exclusively Masonic, or to participate in the discussion or promotion of politics or public issues.

The matter of recognizing the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, the

Mexican United Grand Lodge, the Vera Cruz Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico of Mexico City was put over.

The invested funds of this Grand Lodge seem to be in real estate mortgages principally.

A large number of dispensations were granted to attend Divine Service in regalia.

The review prepared by James S. MacEwing, Past Grand Master, is one of the most readable and is prefaced by the following words:

"Boys flying kites call in their white-winged birds.
You cannot do that way when you are flying words,
Things that we think will sometimes fall back dead,
But God Himself can't kill them when they're said."

The reviewer notes the growing spirit of resentment at the increasing tendency of Grand Lodges to levy special assessments; a trend toward "relaxing mandatory legislation; a disposition to eliminate citizenship as a qualification for Masonic membership; co-operation in restricting solicitation of newly made members; rumblings which indicate that familiarity with clubs and "kindergarten" organizations may not always ripen into friendship; the fad in some jurisdictions of presenting a bible to our newly raised candidates, an idea characterized as good in itself, but not appropriate in view of the fact that non-sectarianism is the link that binds Jew and Gentile, Buddhist and Mohammedan, the followers of Zoroaster and Confucius in our Lodges. "Freemasonry and the Lord's Prayer form a point of contact for all races and creeds, and let us keep it that way."

NOVA SCOTIA, 1927.

62nd Annual.	Halifax.	June 8, 1927.
Lodges, 95.		Cash Balance, \$2,769.97.
Members, 9820.		Cash Assets, \$133,571.62.
Gain, 76.		Homes maintained, One.

M. W. Arthur James Davis, Grand Master, presiding.
M. W. John C. Mackay, Grand Master, elected.
R. W. James C. Jones, Grand Secretary.
Nebraska's Representative, not present.

The Grand Secretary says that the various Lodges continue to get rid of their dead wood, "Some by suspension, others by the more honorable course of taking their demits."

"It is not the Brother who attends his Lodge regularly and gets his pleasure in objecting to everything done without offering anything constructive himself is the better Freemason, but rather the good Brother who seldom attends his Lodge but is ever ready when called upon to help his less fortunate Brother and upholds the honor and dignity of the Craft outside the Lodge room."

This Grand Jurisdiction maintains a Masonic Home, the Home endowment fund amounts to \$48,379.15, and the Home enlargement fund to \$15,680.05.

Considerable space is devoted to a committee report bearing on the exact shade of blue to be used in the decoration of Grand and subordinate Lodge

regalia. It seems "garter blue" should be used with the Grand Lodge regalia and "sky blue" for subordinate Lodge regalia.

The Home endowment fund received a bequest of \$2500.00.

A review is included in the volume, well written by R. W. James C. Jones, Grand Secretary, who has "not noticed anything particularly outstanding in the course of his survey to call for special attention."

Our 1926 proceedings are briefly reviewed, the subject of the Masonic Homes and the oration of W. C. Frank Reavis, receiving particular attention, the record of the Grand Representative of Nova Scotia, M. W. Henry H. Wilson, being pleasantly mentioned.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1927.

52nd Annual.	Kensington.	June 23, 1927.
Lodges, 18.		Cash Balance, \$1,062.40.
Members, 1197.		
Gain, 20.		

M. W. John M. Nicholson, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. William J. Drake, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Ernest Kemp, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, if any, not present.

The Grand Master visited most of the Lodges and finds things in a satisfactory condition. He thinks Lodges should exchange visits and fraternize more. The Province is very prosperous. The Grand Lodge has its Committee on Masonic Education. It maintains no institutions, owing to its small membership and income, but is contemplating aid to the Prince Edward Island Protestant Orphanage.

One evening was spent at a service at St. Mark's Anglican Church, the whole service being printed in the proceedings.

The benevolent fund amounts to \$10,000.00, evidently accumulated over thirty years. The Grand Lodge never has had a case of relief requiring very much money, and until recently it was considered that the income from a \$10,000.00 benevolent fund would take care of all requirements.

The Order of DeMolay, considered an excellent one as a junior organization, is not appropriate to conditions in Prince Edward Island, as the young people enter college at a very early age.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Egypt was deferred.

QUEBEC, 1927.

57th Annual.	Montreal.	February 9, 1927.
Lodges, 84.		Cash Balance, \$5,243.67.
Members, 14,689.		Cash Assets, \$242,016.28.
Gain, 537.		

M. W. William J. Ewing, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Walter C. Hagar, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. W. W. Williamson, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, not present.

The Grand Master granted a number of dispensations to initiate candidates with slight physical imperfections. All of the Lodges have experienced a year of prosperity. Two Lodges were constituted, one Lodge was instituted. The Grand Master refused a dispensation to form a colored Lodge considering it an error to recognize any distinction of race or color. The standard of membership in the jurisdiction is high. The Grand Master defines Masonry as "but a form of service."

The assets and liabilities statement shows footings of \$242,016.28.

The Committee on Benevolence and Charity extended relief in the sum of \$1,400.00. The permanent Benevolent fund amounts to \$168,877.15.

The unwarranted curtailing of degree work, even to the omission of essentials, is referred to by the committee on the State of Masonry in its report, reference apparently being had to omissions to give the lectures.

The review written by M. W. E. T. D. Chambers, is his fortieth. We find it quite brief, so much so, that much of interest probably has been omitted for the sake of economy. Our 1926 proceedings are very briefly reviewed.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1927.

21st Annual.	Moose Jaw.	June 15, 1927.
Lodges, 187.		Cash Balance, \$5,213.13.
Members, 13,606.		Cash Surplus, \$249,115.72.
Gain, 516.		

M. W. W. J. Smith, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. W. M. Martin, Grand Master, elected.

M. W. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, M. W. D. A. Kingsbury, present.

His Worship, Mayor Davidson of the City of Moose Jaw delivered the address of welcome, saying that this was the most representative gathering which assembles in this Province and that the opinions voiced in this meeting would be the consensus of opinion of the people of Saskatchewan.

There are four Lodges in Moose Jaw, one looked upon as the Railroad Man's Lodge, one considered the Lawyer's Lodge, one considered the Banker's Lodge, and which was therefore at least eight per cent efficient, and the other considered the Soldier's Lodge.

A pleasant time at Moose Jaw was promised and experienced.

The Grand Master attended all of the district meetings. A part of his address dealt well with, "Our responsibility as Citizens."

Three cornerstones were laid, one Lodge building dedicated and one new Lodge constituted.

In his conclusion the Grand Master referred to the general lack of spiritual restraint, which in this day and age is resulting in a general laxity of conduct inconsistent with the standards of intellectual development of our times. "Masonry suffers more from the actions of unrestricted Masons in this age of tolerance than it ever did from any or all its enemies in any age of dogmatism."

There are sixteen districts in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Relief seems to be administered through the subordinate Lodges.

The consolidated surplus account shows a total surplus of \$249,115.72. The Benevolent fund capital account amounts to \$17,156.88.

Seven charters for new Lodges were granted.

This Grand Lodge is largely administered through its Board of General Purposes. Printing is in the hands of a committee. The Committee on Masonic Education and Research reported briefly. Numerous honorary memberships were conferred on Grand Masters of neighboring jurisdictions. In an appendix is a letter from an officer of the Salvation Army denying a reported criticism of the Masonic Order, in which the assistance of Masonic Lodges to the Salvation Army at times, is gratefully acknowledged. Among the approved rulings is one that Masonic regalia may not be worn at balls, at homes, or gatherings where admission is charged. It is the duty of the subordinate Lodge to try a Brother but in exceptional cases a commission may be appointed by the Grand Master. The advisability of instituting a Chapter of the O. E. S. is not Masonic business and must not be brought before the Lodge, as such. No Lodge may be closed in any degree in short form. All Lodge notices must be transmitted through the mail in sealed envelopes. One loan was made from the scholarship fund to assist the widow of a Brother in completing her studies to qualify her to teach. A very creditable library has been built up in the temple at Regina.

A U S T R A L A S I A .

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1927.

39th Annual.	Sydney.	June 7, 1927.
Lodges, 558.		Cash Balance, £35,200.
Members, 64,585.		Cash Assets, £213,418.
Gain, 2,565.		

M. W. John Goulston, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. John Goulston, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. David Cunningham, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, W. J. James, present.

The Grand Lodge funds amount to £42,277; Temple funds, £67,776; Benevolent fund, £80,965; Masonic schools and hostel fund, £76,211; Masonic schools and hostel endowment fund, £500; Freemasons' Orphan society, £52,565; Freemasons' Benevolent Institution, £34,279.

The territory is divided into sixteen metropolitan and forty-one country districts, each under an inspector.

A new hotel at Baulkham Hills is in course of construction for the accommodation of 96 boys at an expense of about £13,152.

The Grand Master finds that all paid employees, such as organists, tylers, secretaries, on a stated salary, etc., should be insured under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The Grand Master granted permission to initiate 61 limbless men, in the course of one quarter, and considerable numbers in the other quarters of the Masonic year. All such persons nominated were not initiated as the 61 represents those accepted out of a total number of 104.

There are 214 children in the Masonic school and hostel, who attend Holy Trinity Church at Baulkham Hills, which large attendance has necessitated the

enlargement of the church to accommodate them, the Grand Lodge making a donation to the church to help pay for the enlargement and contributing £1 weekly towards the offertory.

The Grand Master suspended the charter of a subordinate Lodge, which on a social night permitted some heedless Brother to introduce a goat wearing a fragment of a Master Mason's apron, into the anterooms. The sentence of six months, was later lightened to three months upon apologies from the authorities of the offending Lodge.

The Grand Master refers to the unhappy state of affairs existing in Royal Arch Masonry in New South Wales, which unfortunately is often introduced into his own Craft Lodges. A committee was appointed to see if differences could not be reconciled.

Eight beds have been subsidized in a hospital, for indigent and incurable Brethren, and an allowance of ten shillings a week is also provided for each Masonic resident. The Masonic Home for convalescents has been availed of by twenty-three Brethren, during the year, making a total of five hundred and ninety-one since the opening of the Home in 1889.

The form of the review is different from any other and consists of a combination of topical and individual reviews. Under the topical subdivision we find such subjects treated as Masonic Education in the United States of America, Masonic Homes in the United States of America, in the course of which the writer says that in twenty-five states there is one Masonic Home whilst in seven of them, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas, there are two. In Louisiana, Maryland, New Mexico, and Rhode Island, Homes are about to be opened. Approximately these Homes represent as assets, a value of at least \$20,000,000.00. They house about 6,000 or more guests and cost annually for maintenance approximately \$3,000,000.00.

The review also contains a section devoted to the consideration of questions involved in Masonic Relief and Service with such subdivisions as Masonic Loan Funds, Outside Relief, and Employment Bureaus. Permission to use Masonic temples, American Jurisprudence, Robert Burns' Association with the Masonic Craft, Grand Lodge Officers, the Grand Orient of France, Obedience of the Law, Sunday Observance, Undue Publicity and International Freemasonry, the George Washington Memorial, Masonic Poetry, Present day Freemasonry, Systematic black-balling and Discipline are other subdivisions of this remarkable review. The total membership on the rolls of the various constitutions was estimated at 4,300,000 of which number 4,000,000 belong to Lodges speaking the English language. We wish it were possible to reprint many of these articles verbatim which although written by persons in a corner of the world, from us remote, are from such a broad view point, and so free from sectional cast, as to be informative to us in America as though written by one of our own recognized Masonic students.

NEW ZEALAND, 1927.

38th Annual. Christchurch. November 30, 1927.
Lodges, 288. Cash Balance, £111,603/7/8
Members, 25,579.
Gain,

M. W. General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., Grand Master, presiding.
(He being the Governor General of the Province).

M. W. General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., Grand Master, elected.

R. W. Col. George Barclay, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, no information.

This Grand Lodge maintains a Widows' and Orphans' and aged Masons' fund, a special War Benevolent fund, a fund of Benevolence, and seems to have provided for the demands of relief.

A lesser income from initiations is noted, thought to be natural in consequence of industrial depression throughout the Dominion.

There are thirteen orphan girls in residence in the Kirkpatrick Masonic Institute.

Six new Lodges were chartered. The Lodges have continued the work of erecting new halls and improving existing buildings. The charter of a Lodge in Apia, Samoa, was recalled in consequence of serious trouble originating about a year previous when the brother who was then elected to the Master's chair could not be installed owing to the failure to secure the requisite number of Past Masters to form a board.

A review of the proceedings of Foreign Grand Jurisdictions is published in the columns of the "New Zealand Craftsman," a periodical.

The average age of initiates runs lower than in former years.

The Lodges are urged to preserve their old books and records. The delivery of the various charges, addresses, etc., in the ritual is restricted to the Master, Past Masters, and officers of the Lodge, and of the last named, preferably to the Senior officers only.

"*White tie.*—The White tie is recognized as the correct article of dress even when the Brethren are wearing dinner jackets."

"*Dress for church service.*—When Brethren are wearing regalia duly authorized by dispensation, white ties and gloves should be worn but when regalia is not in use it is not considered proper to wear white ties and gloves."

"*Wearing of Apron.*—When wearing evening dress the belt is worn under the coat, but on all other occasions including the wearing of a dinner jacket, the apron should be worn with the belt outside the coat."

"*Giving signs, etc.*—In making the signs in the various degrees, the Brethren should stand perfectly upright, and no bowing should be permitted."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1927.

43rd Annual. Adelaide. April 20, 1927.
Lodges, 128. Cash Balance, £2019/9.
Members, 13,093. Cash Assets, £14354.
Gain, 635.

R. W. H. K. Wendt, D.G.M., presiding as G. M.

R. W. H. Koeppen Wendt, Acting Grand Master.

R. W. Charles R. J. Glover, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, not present.

Among other funds we notice one called "Bush Fires Relief Fund," amounting to something over \$2,800.00.

An enormous new temple, which presents a very fine appearance is about completed.

Half-yearly communications are held.

The total assets of the Grand Lodge are valued at £162,794/16/2 against which there is a liability of £46,312/9/8. The total amount contributed to relief during the year amounts to £639/10.

The South Australian Lodge of Friendship was consecrated at London in 1834, before the Colony was proclaimed. Before long there were three Provincial Grand Lodges, of the English, Irish and Scotch constitution. These united to form the independent Sovereign Grand Lodge of South Australia in 1884, the membership then being about 2000. Since that time four Grand Masters have ruled over the Craft.

These proceedings do not offer much opportunity for an extended review being confined principally to matter of fact record. However, they do include readable though brief reviews, among which we find one of our 1926 communication, written by W. F. E. Haddrick, representative.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1927.

27th Annual.	Perth.	May 26, 1927.
Lodges, 126.		Cash Balance, £9,444/12/7.
Members, 7,667.		Cash Assets, £64,396/13/1.
Gain, 397.		

M. W.: The Most Reverend C. O. L. Riley, Archbishop of Perth, Grand Master, presiding.

M. W.: The Most Reverend C. O. L. Riley, Grand Master, elected.

R. W. J. D. Stevenson, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska's Representative, no information.

This Grand Lodge holds quarterly communications.

It seems that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has chartered Lodges in the Province of Western Australia which exist with those of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

The Grand Lodge granted permission to a number of subordinate Lodges to borrow money for specified purposes.

Lodges having paid employees were warned that they were within the Workman's Compensation Act.

Approval of building operations of subordinate Lodges, is required to be obtained from the Grand Lodge. (The Board of General Purposes).

A member was excluded for non-payment of dues within nineteen months of his being raised. The Board of General Purposes, found that at the time of his initiation, his financial position was not such as to enable him to support the institution of Freemasonry, but on the contrary he was financially involved and owed considerable sums of money. The Board was of the opinion that through the negligence of those directly concerned the best interests of the Lodge and the Craft generally had not been safeguarded, and therefore the proposer and seconder, as well as the three members of the Committee of

Inquiry, were deserving of censure and were censured accordingly. The Board does not impute any design on the part of those censured to mislead the Lodge, but there was evidence of gross carelessness in inquiring into the candidate's circumstances.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has finally agreed not to grant new charters in Western Australia in the future, and the Grand Lodge of Western Australia not to grant any charters out of that colony.

It was recommended that for the future the work of reviewing proceedings of other Grand Lodges be undertaken by one reviewer in place of the present committee on Foreign Correspondence consisting of seven members.

The occasion of the visit of T. R. H. the Duke and Duchess of York, was the occasion of the presentation of a written address in which the whole-hearted and dutiful loyalty to the throne and person of the King, and the fact that the Duke's grandfather, His Majesty the late King Edward VII, ruled our Craft in England for more than a quarter of a century, and that when he ascended the throne he graciously took upon himself the title of Protector of the Craft, was recited.

The finances of this Grand Lodge are "in an exceedingly flourishing condition." The Lodge having the largest membership, numbers 143 Brethren.

The West Australian Widows', Orphans', and Aged Freemasons' fund, contributes to the support of 121 children, 14 aged Freemasons, and 12 aged widows.

The capital of the fund now stands at £29,263. Grants are made for one year only, the Lodge being advised that an application for renewal may be made at the expiration of that term. When the case comes up for renewal it is accompanied by a report from the guardian, who certifies from personal knowledge as to the position of those who, Masonically speaking, have become its wards. This report should be read to the Lodge prior to its being forwarded to the Board with the application for renewal.

The various credit balances stand at £64,396/13/1.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is preceded by a foreword in which certain outstanding features of the volumes of proceedings are noted such as, the marked decrease in net gains in membership, the fairly general opinion that this is a happy indication of greater attention paid to the personal qualifications of candidates; the greater regard for Masonic education and research that is being manifested, the "degree factory" being gradually supplanted; the fact that in every Grand Jurisdiction in the world Masons are now doing for the Craft what our ancient operative Brethren did for religion, —erecting temples of their own, of a character that will add to the architectural beauty of cities and towns, and form a monument to the "system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated with symbols," as the operative built churches were monuments of faith, and devotion to God; the decrease in clandestinism; the prevalence in certain quarters to a commercialization of Masonry, against which Grand Lodges protest without having apparently detected its source; the fact that a number of American Grand Lodges are making a violation of the Eighteenth Amendment, a Masonic offense, and are conducting a movement toward purging themselves of moral undesirables, "while admittedly, American Masonry, as such, enters too frequently into politics, it seems to be

awakening to its dangers, and to a realization of the principle set forth in the ancient charges. Unfortunately, the same awakening does not seem to have taken place with regard to the other subject mentioned in the same charges, and on which is based our Masonic ideal of non-aggressiveness in religious matters, as, despite their claim of Masonic tolerance, some Masonic orators are found proclaiming a militant antagonism to certain supposed claims and aims of the Latin church."

The two great Masonic Memorials now being erected in the old and new worlds, the first being the King Edward VII, peace memorial, designed to commemorate the life and noble efforts of "Edward the Peacemaker," the father of our present Sovereign, and for so many years the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, eventually to cost more than a million sterling, and the other the George Washington Memorial, are mentioned.

Concerning the latter it is stated: "Curiously enough, the other Memorial is being erected to one who, one hundred and fifty years ago, led the armies which fought against the mother country, in order to obtain peace for daughterlands in America—George Washington, the Father of his Country. Characteristic of the United States this memorial which will cost upwards of £1,100,000, provided by American Masonry, has less of the utilitarian and more of the idealistic in it than the British Memorial.

In the course of the Alabama review we note the following:

"Twice during the session, Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment of a different kind from that of satisfying the inner man. The first 'Refreshment' was a delegation from the 'Order of the Rainbow for girls,' which seems to be the complementary kindergarten to the 'Order of DeMolay for Boys.' The second 'Refreshment' was the inevitable visit of the Order of the Eastern Star,' and on each occasion, we are gravely told that, the ladies having retired, Grand Lodge was called from 'Refreshment' to labor. And that's that."

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO.

67th Annual. Pachuca. April 14, 1927.
Lodges, 14. Cash Balance, \$1,834.02.
Members, 893.
Gain, 5.

M. W. C. C. James, Grand Master, presiding.
M. W. James F. Berry, Grand Master, elected.
R. W. A. Percival Hughes, Grand Secretary.
Nebraska's Representative, H. A. Denny, present.

There were thirty-five members of the Grand Lodge present; also nineteen visitors. Fourteen Lodges were represented.

There are twelve districts, all presided over by District Deputies.

Members of the York Grand Lodge, and members of a Mexican Lodge working under Valle de Mexico, may not visit each other's Lodges.

The past year has been a very strenuous one owing to the unsettled conditions of the country. The outlook being still dark.

In response to a request for dispensation to form a Lodge in Merida, Yucatan, the Grand Master said, "as there are two Grand Lodges in Yucatan,

he could not see his way clear to enter the territory unless it be for the establishment of an English speaking Lodge, for the benefit of those who did not understand the Spanish language, in which language the existing Lodges work.

Recognition is not extended to Mexican Grand Lodges. "With no antagonism whatsoever existing between us we feel that we cannot associate with them because their conception of Freemasonry is entirely different to ours. We need as requisites, belief in the One Living and True God, the presence of the Holy Bible on the altar at all communications, a strict adherence to the Landmarks, no discussion of religion or politics in the Lodge and absence of treaties with so-called higher bodies. We find that most of the British and American Grand Lodges refuse recognition to the Grand Lodges of France, Italy, Spain, and others on account of their inability to meet the above requirements. Our stand is not an arbitrary one. It is simply the effort on our part to uphold undefiled Freemasonry and to associate with Brethren who have adopted a similar interpretation as ourselves with the principles of the order."

There is need in Mexico City for a German speaking Lodge.

A school for Masonic Orphans, the endowment of a bed in local hospitals and other schemes of charity and benevolences have been considered, but may not be entertained at the present moment in view of inadequate funds.

The volume contains a well written review including one of our 1926 proceedings.

The chief difficulties in Mexico seem to be politics, and Scottish Rite interference.

A form of questionnaire for petitioners for the aid of investigation committees is in use designed to bring out the economic status and character of the petitioner.

NORTHERN CHINA, 1927.

Annual.

Shanghai.

January 21, 1928.

R. W. Brother H. J. Clark, District Grand Master.

R. W. Brother Norman Smith, District Grand Secretary.

Nebraska has no Grand Representative.

This district has initiated a Masonic Charity fund of Northern China, Tientsin, a District Benevolent fund, a fund for the Royal Masonic Institution for girls, Royal Masonic Institution for boys, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and Freemasons' Hospital and Nursing Home.

This Grand Lodge works under charter of the United Grand Lodge of England.

In connection with the affairs of the United Grand Lodge the District Grand Master says, that the Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master, Brother Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis, C. B. E., accompanied by R. W. Brother Lt. Col. the Hon. G. V. A. Monckton-Arundell, D. S. O., O. B. E., P. G. W., V. W. Brother Sir John Fergusson, K. B. E., P. G. T., W. Brother Sir Kynaston Studd, O. B. E., P. G. D., and W. Brother Lt. Col. the Hon. S. Pleydell-Bouverie, D. S. O., O. B. E., Dep. G. D. C., left England in November on the

Masonic mission authorized by the M. W. the Grand Master, to the Districts of Bengal, Bombay, Burma, Ceylon, Madras, and the Punjab. The deputation will be away from England for some six months.

"Brethren, I beg leave to tell you once more that the importance of this mission cannot easily be exaggerated. We are face to face with a great opportunity, for the highly critical juncture of affairs of India, concerns us not only as Freemasons but also, and even more, as Englishmen. You are all sufficiently well acquainted with the present situation, and the events which have lead up to it, to be able to surmise that Freemasonry in India cannot remain unaffected by the great changes in social and political conditions, that are taking place among the diverse peoples of that great subcontinent. That is why a mission was imperatively needed and urgently demanded, and I think it is desirable to repeat that it was at the earnest and insistent request of the rulers of the Craft in India, Burma, and Ceylon that the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, decided to ask Brother Lord Cornwallis and his colleagues to undertake this very arduous service to the Craft. If Freemasonry is such a force as we all believe it to be, this mission is going to do good, not only to the Craft but in a wider sphere. * * * * * Freemasonry is not doing any good, either in this country or in India, unless it is, so to speak, 'radio-active', far outside the confines of the Craft. It is because I believe that it is, and that it can be more so, that I am here today. In India, Freemasonry holds the unique advantage of being the only common ground on which men of culture among Indians and Englishmen can meet on terms of perfect equality, or, as we Masons put it, on the level and on the square. That is only possible because it is one of our Landmarks, that topics of religion and politics should not be discussed in Masonic Lodges. * * * * * There is a wide impassible gulf between Englishmen and Indians, so far as religions and politics are concerned, and in these circumstances ordinary social relations, such as we know in Europe are impossible. In Freemasonry, and Freemasonry alone, there is common ground for meeting on terms of amicable equality. * * * * * The object of the mission to India is to show at this critical juncture that we appreciate that opportunity, that we have confidence in our Indian Brethren, and affection for them and that we wish to preserve inviolate for our mutual use and advantage the common ground that Freemasonry affords."



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