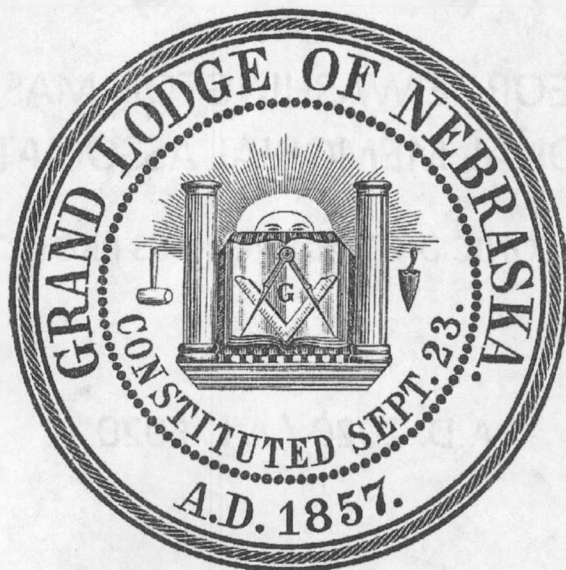


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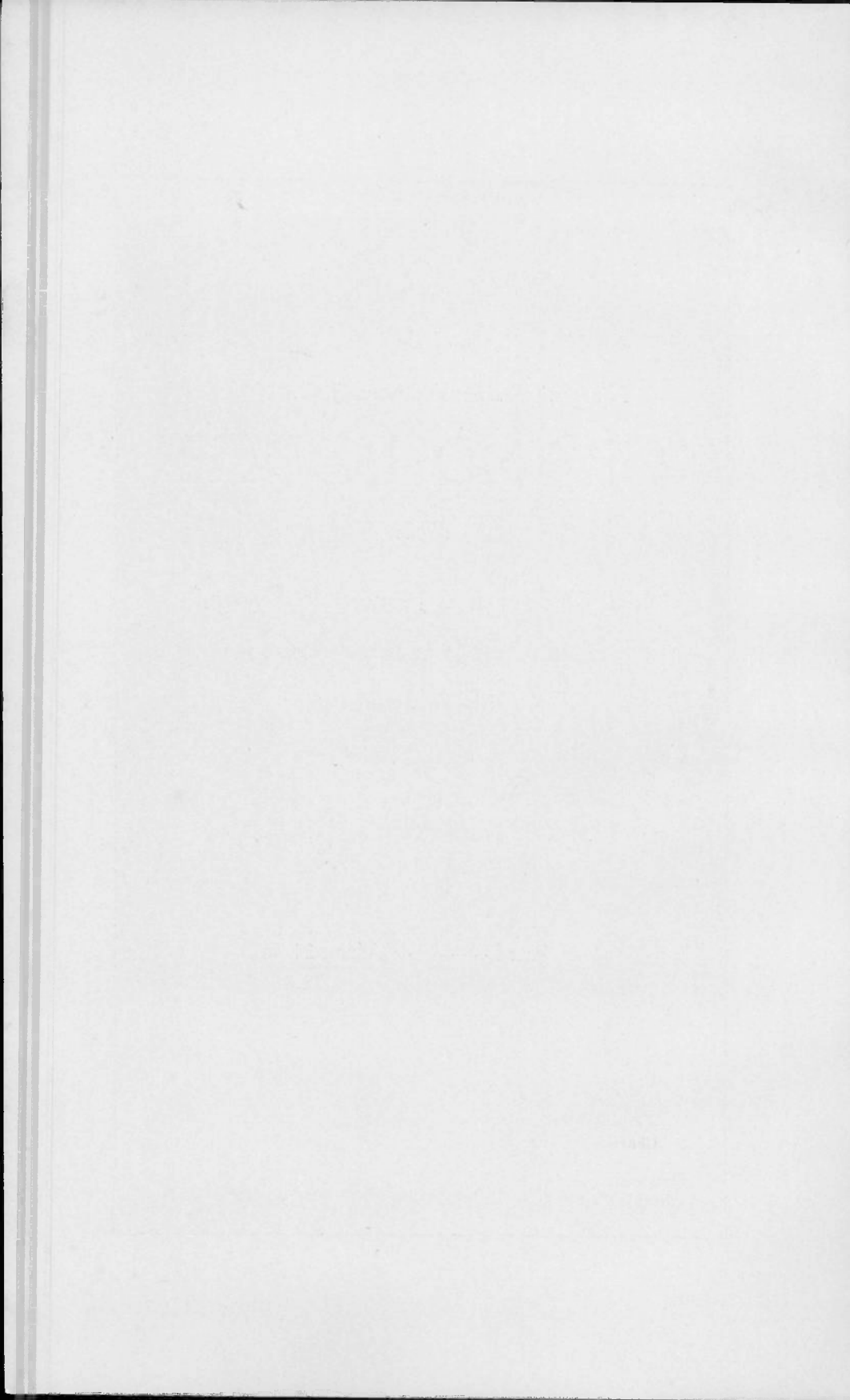
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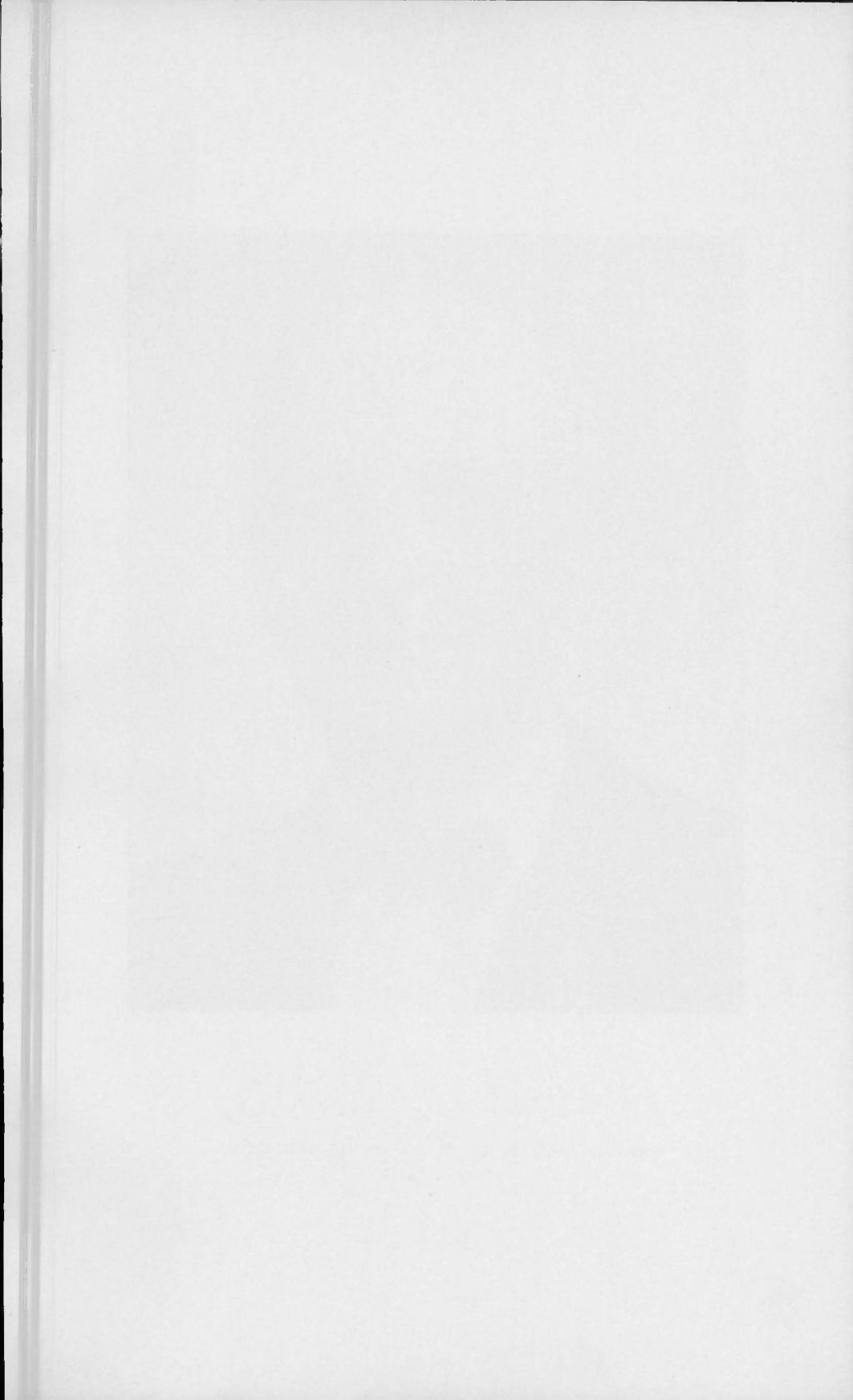




Herbert J. White

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1955 - 1956



Biographical

Herbert Thoma White

Herbert Thoma White, 90th Grand Master, was born November 21, 1897, on a farm near Lockwood, Nebraska, a small village near Grand Island, where his parents, Elmer O. and Mary Thoma White, had come when arriving in Nebraska in 1887. He attended the Hall County rural schools and graduated from Grand Island High School in 1912, at the age of 14. He received his LLB degree from the University of Nebraska in 1918, where he was a member of the powerful Cornhusker football teams of 1915-1917 and President of the Senior Law Class.

On September 20, 1919, he was united in marriage to Mary F. Stefan who passed away April 12, 1922.

M.·W.·Brother White began his law practice in Omaha in 1918, residing there since that time. He is active in the Republican party, having served as their District Chairman. He served as a member of the Nebraska Legislature from 1927 to 1929, appointed Assistant Attorney General, 1941-1942, Special Assistant in 1943-1947 and was Chairman of the Douglas County Tax Appraisal Board from 1947 to 1953.

MASONIC HISTORY

Lodge: Initiated February 11, 1931, passed March 11, 1931, raised April 8, 1931, in Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, serving as Master in 1936, and Treasurer since 1937.

Chapter: Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master September 17, 1932, Royal Arch Mason September 24, 1932, receiving the Order of High Priesthood December 6, 1939, and serving as High Priest of Delta Chapter No. 60 in 1939.

Order of High Priesthood: He was appointed E.·Steward in 1944 and elected and installed M.·E.·President of the Grand Convention in 1949.

Council: Royal and Select Master December 6, 1938, Super Excellent Master, December 5, 1939, in Omaha Council No. 1, serving as I. Master in 1943.

Grand Council: He was appointed Grand Steward on December 7, 1943, by M. I. Ellis W. Cass, and was elected and installed M. I. Grand Master December 7, 1948. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio on October 1, 1943, by M. I. Ellis W. Cass.

Thrice Illustrious Masters: Anointed in 1943, and elected and installed Thrice Illustrious Master on December 7, 1948.

Commandery: He received the Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple on October 8, 1937, in Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha, serving as E. Commander in 1948.

Grand Commandery: He was appointed Grand Warder by R. E. Charles O. Showalter on April 23, 1954, and is serving as Grand Junior Warden having been elected on April 20, 1956. He served the Grand Commandery as Chairman of the Committee on Deceased Templars from 1948 to 1954. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Utah on July 29, 1954, by R. E. Charles O. Showalter.

Grand Lodge: He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon on June 8, 1950, by M. W. John S. Hedelund, advancing through the line and on June 9, 1955, he was elected and installed M. W. Grand Master. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina on February 1, 1951, by M. W. John S. Hedelund.

The Nebraska Masonic Home: He was elected a member of the Board of Trustees on January 23, 1949, and on January 23, 1952, was elected President, serving in that capacity until January 24, 1955, now serving as a Member of the Committee on Finance.

OTHER MASONIC BODIES

Member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association since June 4, 1952.

Member of the Past Commanders Association since January 2, 1948.

Member of Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. since December 12, 1942, serving as Potentate in 1953.

He is a 32nd Degree Mason, member of Nebraska Consistory Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

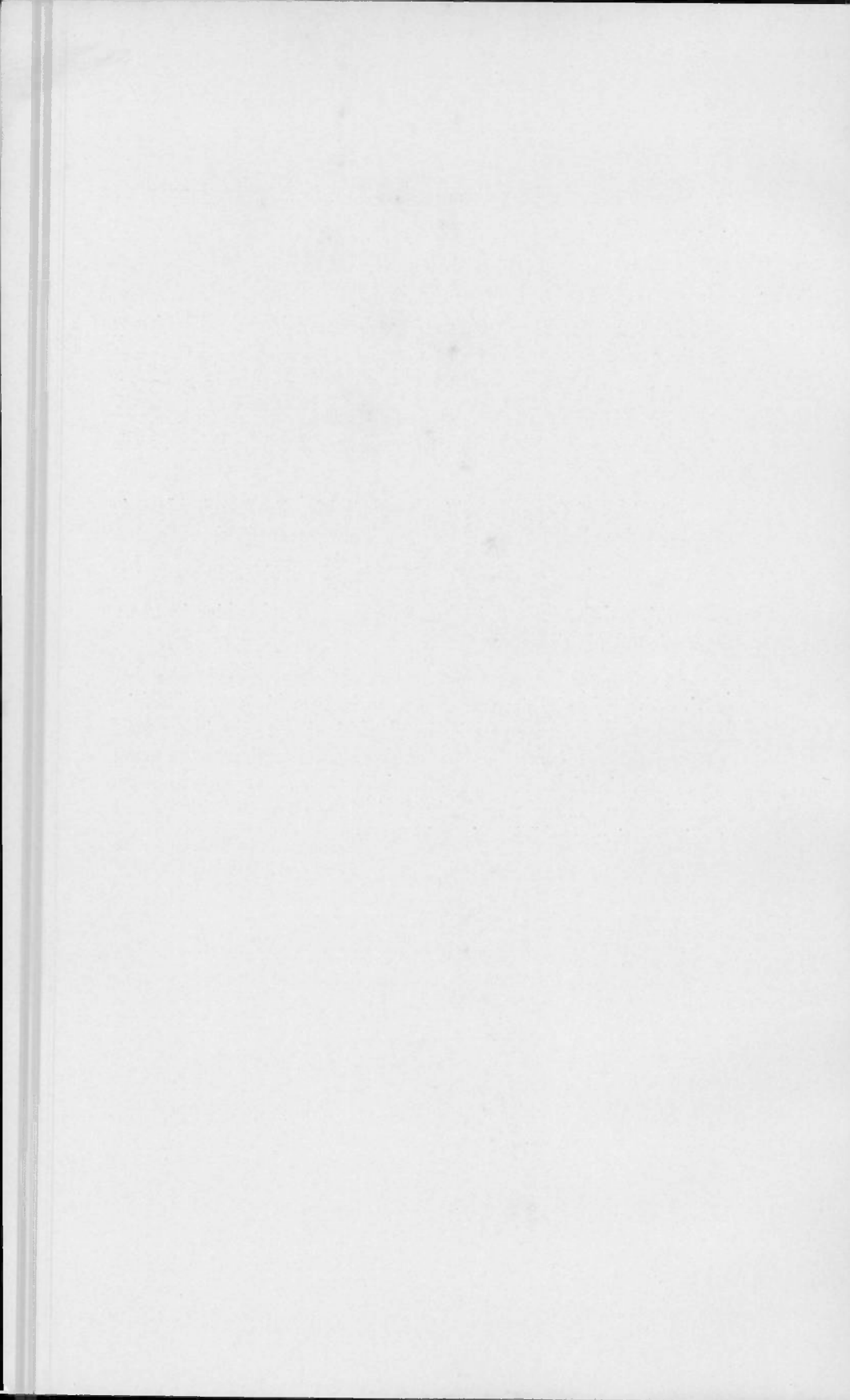
Knighted in Sir Galahad Priory No. 7, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, January 2, 1948, and certified Knight York Grand Cross, January 10, 1949. He is the present Deputy Prior of Sir Galahad Priory No. 7.

Member of Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 7, Allied Masonic Degrees, since December 9, 1948, and is the present Junior Warden.

Past Worthy Patron of Vesta Chapter No. 6, O.E.S.

M.·W.·Brother White holds honorary memberships in many Masonic organizations.

It was most fortunate for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska that M.·W.·Brother White was able so to arrange his personal affairs as to be able to devote practically all of his time to the interests of the Fraternity. His zeal has been untiring, his attention to the many details of his high office most meticulous, and his record as an administrator, counselor and friend will long stand as a monument to his devotion to all Masonic activities.

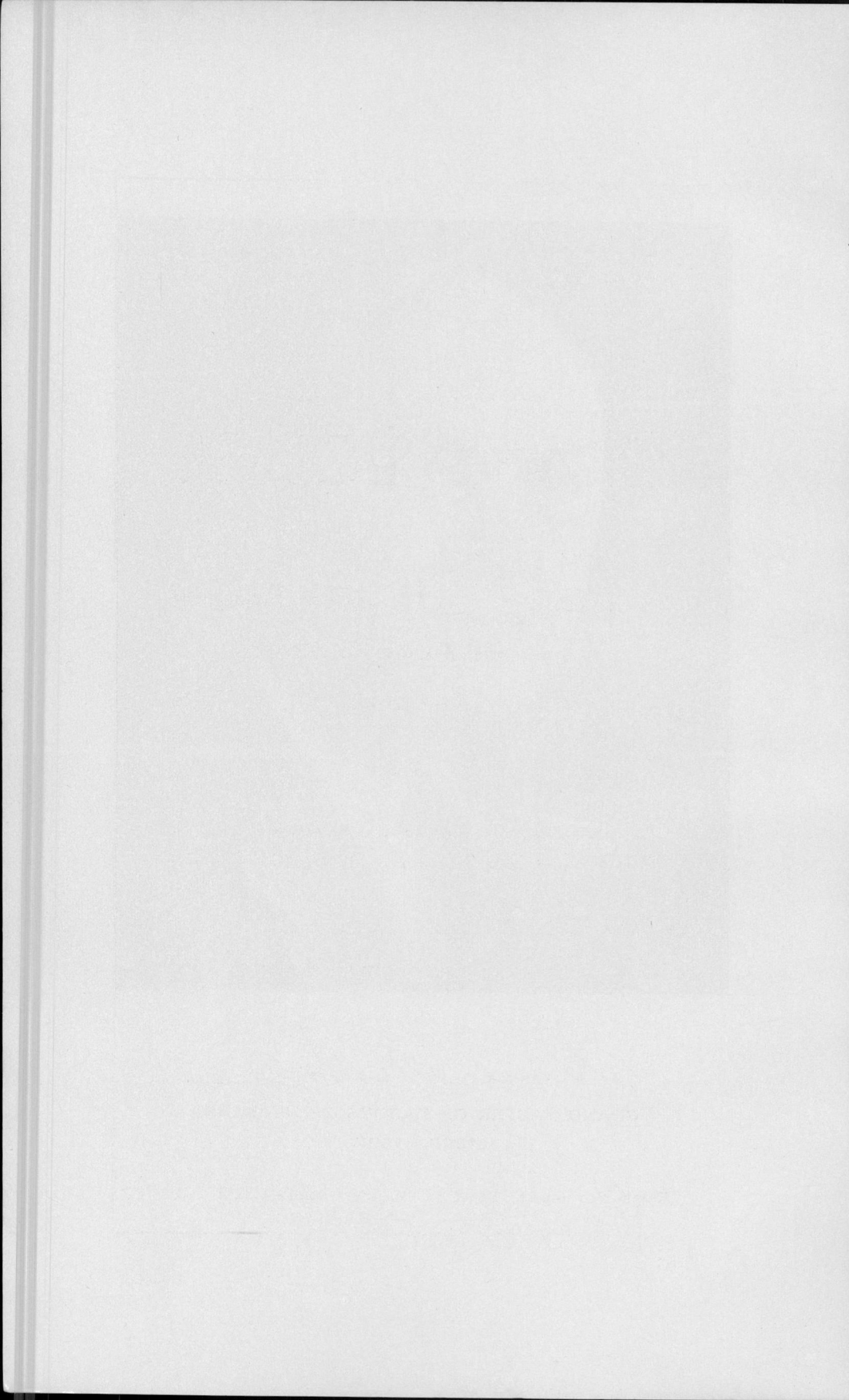




Merle M. Hale

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1956 - 1957



PROCEEDINGS

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NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha June 5, 6, and 7, 1956



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 5, 1956

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, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, June 5, A.D. 1956, A.L. 5956.

There were present the following :

M. W. Herbert T. White, 11.....	Grand Master
R. W. Merle M. Hale, 54.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, 295.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. John E. Beaver, 253.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. Mark D. McCallum, 268.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33.....	Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1.....	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....	Grand Marshal
W. Joseph C. Tye, 46.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. John F. Futcher, 302.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....	Grand Tyler

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, Brother Arthur N. Howe, 290, entertained the representatives and visitors with an organ recital.

Promptly at 8:45 o'clock a. m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. W. Mark D. McCallum, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. John S. Hedelund, introduced and given the Grand Honors.

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 Ninety-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska opened in ample form and directed the Grand Marshal to make proclamation thereof.

The Grand Master instructed the Grand Marshal to escort the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Mark D. McCallum, to the altar for the purpose of Prayer.

V. W. Mark D. McCallum, Grand Chaplain :

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Author of all life and giver of all good things, bless, we pray Thee, the activity and the work of this Grand Lodge on this day. Guide and rule our hearts in all our work, keep us mindful of the needs of others throughout the world. Lift us, we pray, to Thy presence where we may be still and know that Thou are God.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS

Presentation of the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Nebraska was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1.

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters, according to seniority :

Lewis E. Smith.....	(56th)	1921
Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th)	1923
Chancellor A. Phillips.....	(72nd)	1936
Walter R. Raecke.....	(74th)	1938
Earl J. Lee.....	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter.....	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk.....	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner.....	(79th)	1943

Benjamin F. Eyre.....	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt.....	(82nd)	1947
Elmer E. Magee.....	(83rd)	1948
Ernest S. Scheifelbein.....	(84th)	1949
John S. Hedelund.....	(85th)	1950
Thomas J. Aron.....	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight.....	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith.....	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams.....	(89th)	1954

W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Senior Deacon :

M. W. Grand Master, I have the pleasure and honor of presenting the M. W. Past Grand Masters.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master :

W. Grand Senior Deacon, you will conduct our distinguished Past Grand Masters to the East. My brethren, it is my pleasure to introduce these distinguished brother Masons to you.

M. W. Sirs, it is my personal pleasure to welcome each and every one of you, to tell you in all sincerity how happy I am that you are here. Thank you for coming and may you have a most enjoyable time at this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Earl J. Lee gave the

RESPONSE

M. W. Grand Master, your very gracious welcome warms the cockles of our hearts, we are only human, you know. We have had a preview of your report to this Grand Lodge and I know from that preview that you have left a mark in the annals of Nebraska Masonry. We approach the end of the first century of Masonry in Nebraska so naturally we are looking forward to our Centennial Year.

We have a membership of over 45,000 Masons. I glanced back through the proceedings and picked up the report of the Sixth Annual Communication. At that time the proceedings carried the names of the Masons and there were listed 145 in Nebraska. The then Grand Master, M. W. George Armstrong, on June 16th addressed a letter to Robert Carrel Jordan, Grand Secretary, in which he wrote, "I had expected to be present at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on June 23rd, however, as I am an Officer in the Nebraska Cavalry, I have been called to the West. I am handing you the paper connected with the granting of a dispensation to brethren at Bannack City, Idaho Territory, to form a lodge at that point. I am also handing you the \$10 requisite fee. This is the only Masonic act that I have had for this year."

"I think," he wrote, "that the lodge should grant a dispensation for an additional year for the reason that it will be three or four months before the original dispensation reaches that city."

I am showing what a difference we have had in Nebraska in the ninety-three years.

Now, M. W. Sir, I know that you have a very pleasant Communication before you. It is a pleasure, I am sure, for us to be present. We wish you a most successful Communication and hope that when you relinquish the authority of your office to the Installing Officers at the end of this Communication we will all look back on this as a most profitable Communication for Masonry in Nebraska.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

Thank you, M. W. Brother Lee, for those kind remarks.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

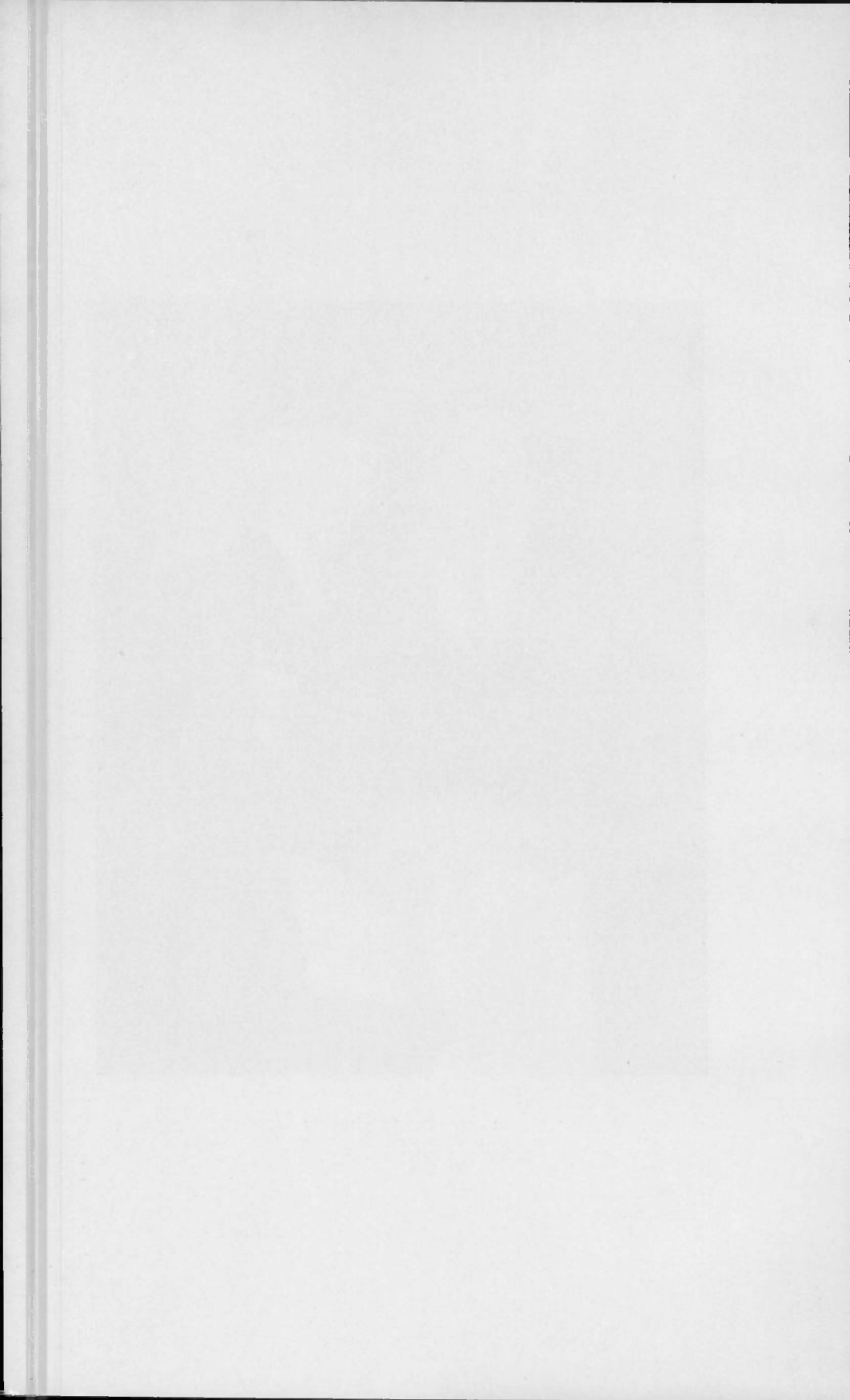
M. W. J. G. Standifer, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Georgia; M. W. L. Wade Temple, Jr., Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. M. of South Carolina; M. W. James F. Risher, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. M. of South Carolina; M. W. Orestes Mitchell, Jr., Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. William J. Craig, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri; R. W. Marquis Donaldson, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Florida; W. J. Wendell Fargis, Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Florida; M. W. Milton T. Sonntag, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Illinois; M. W. Ray R. Douglass, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa; R. W. Earl B. Delzell, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa; R. W. Leslie C. Eddy, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa; R. W. L. Harold Anderson, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Edgar V. Stewart, Jr., Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of California; R. W. J. Miles Martin, Senior Grand Warden, Personal Representative of M. W. Otto L. Danek, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota; M. W. Karl J. Baumgartner, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas; M. W. Charles A. Mantz, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Millard E. Ryan, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado; R. W. Harold H. Saunders, Grand Senior Warden, Personal Representative of M. W. Ralph E. McWhinnie, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Wyoming, and W. Howard A. Clark, Executive Secretary, Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. I. Brisben J. Hofer, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; M. E. Harry A. Spencer, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; R. E. John G. Morris, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska; W. Ernest C. Purdy, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska; Ill. Joseph W. Sea-



M. W. Brother White introducing Brother Victor E. Anderson,
Governor of the State of Nebraska.



crest, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska and Grand Standard Bearer of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, A.A.S.R.; Brother Varro H. Rhodes, Potentate, Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Brother William F. Patterson, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. William F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; Brother Raymond F. Evers, Assistant Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. Louis V. Sylvester, President, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children; Brother Robert C. Grassman, Superintendent, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and Brother Victor E. Anderson, the Governor of Nebraska.

During the Grand Lodge Communication the M. W. Grand Master recognized the distinguished guests and each addressed the Grand Lodge.

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS

W. Ernest C. Purdy, Worthy Grand Patron:

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren: It is a real pleasure for me to present this bouquet of flowers, with the best wishes of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for a most profitable and harmonious Grand Lodge Session.

I know that the Grand Chapter shares with you in the pride of many accomplishments during the past year. You will be interested, I am certain, in more detailed reports which will be given later, on progress in the interests of both The Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont and The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

The Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, as they work together for those, both young and old, who need our assistance, are proving beyond a question of a doubt, that there is a deep and abiding desire that Brotherhood may be more than an ideal—it can be and is a reality.

As you enjoy these flowers during this Grand Lodge Session, may they remind you that it is the sincere hope of the men and women who represent the membership of our Order, that the fine spirit of cooperation between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter will continue through the years.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

Thank you very much Brother Purdy. We shall enjoy this beautiful bouquet of flowers through the Annual Communication.

RECEPTION OF ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

W. Grand Senior Deacon, you will conduct the Assistant Custodians to the East facing the West.

My brethren, I present to you at this time the Assistant Custodians of the Grand Lodge who are in attendance at this Annual Communication.

For the benefit of our visiting brethren from other jurisdictions may I say that they sometimes have the titles in other states as Assistant Lecturers or Deputy Grand Lecturers. These brethren are the teachers of the esoteric work of our ritual.

W. Austin F. Whitmire, 75; Jesse P. Entrekin, 295; Harold D. Weddel, 208; Cecil C. Gates, 227; Ross Van Sickle, 184; Steven W. Beck, 43; Clarence G. McNamee, 55; Lewis E. Baker, 135; Louis V. Sylvester, 281; LaVerne A. Walker, 55; Ernest E. James, 1; Charles M. Frederick, 136; Paul D. Fleming, 93; Ralph M. Carhart, 120; Morris V. Balcom, 46; William F. Flickinger, 56; Forest A. Lape, 183; Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314; Willard I. Lewis Jr., 9.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge, directing them to form a semi-circle around the Altar. The following brethren responded:

Alabama.....	Raymond C. Cook
Argentina.....	Pearl C. Hillegass
Arkansas.....	Elmer E. Magee
Brazil, Ceara.....	George O. Sizemore
Brazil, Minas Gerais.....	Ernest E. James
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro.....	Cecil C. Gates
Brazil, Lodge of Paraibo.....	Benjamin F. Eyre
Brazil, Sao Paulo.....	Delbert H. Pinkerton
British Columbia.....	Thomas J. Aron
Canada.....	Edward F. Carter
Colorado.....	Carl R. Greisen
Connecticut.....	Chancellor A. Phillips
Costa Rica.....	Frank A. Anderson
Cuba.....	Joseph C. Tye
Delaware.....	Ross Van Sickle
Denmark.....	John S. Hedelund
District of Columbia.....	Herbert A. Ronin
Egypt.....	Emil H. Vierigg
England.....	Fay Smith
France.....	Ralph M. Carhart
Georgia.....	William F. Evers
Germany.....	Carl H. Freese
Illinois.....	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
Israel, State of.....	William Grodinsky
Kansas.....	Howard J. Hunter
Manitoba.....	Ernest C. Purdy

Maryland.....	George A. Kurk
Massachusetts.....	William B. Wanner
Mexico.....	Earl J. Lee
Michigan.....	Lewis E. Smith
Minnesota.....	Merle M. Hale
Mississippi.....	Louis V. Sylvester
Missouri.....	Edward E. Carr
Montana.....	Welcome W. Naylor
Netherlands.....	Piebe Dykstra
New Jersey.....	John F. Fitcher
New Mexico.....	Harold D. Weddel
New York.....	George R. Porter
New Zealand.....	James H. Bryant
Nicaragua.....	Paul D. Fleming
North Dakota.....	Austin F. Whitmire
Nova Scotia.....	Jesse P. Entrekinn
Nuevo Leon.....	Morris V. Balcom
Oklahoma.....	Lewis E. Baker
Oregon.....	Varro E. Tyler
Panama.....	Walter R. Raecke
Philippines.....	John C. Green
Prince Edward Island.....	Donald C. Smith
Puerto Rico.....	Roy I. Babbitt
Quebec.....	John E. Beaver
Queensland.....	Edward Huwaldt
Rhode Island.....	Edward A. Hoagland
Saskatchewan.....	Harold H. Thom
Scotland.....	William Cosh
South Carolina.....	Herbert T. White
South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell
Tasmania.....	C. Ray Macy
Virginia.....	Ernest O. Van Wey
Washington.....	Edward M. Knight
West Australia.....	Charles F. Adams
West Virginia.....	Alvin H. Miller

W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, Grand Representative of the District of Columbia, gave the

RESPONSE

M. W. Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Representatives we wish to express our sincere appreciation of this recognition given us and to pledge to this Grand Lodge our very best as its ambassadors of good will to our sister Grand Jurisdictions.

One of the great attributes of Freemasonry is its universality. The mission of Masonry is to bring mankind together in one universal brotherhood. The exchange of Masonic knowledge, fellowship and liaison between the various Grand Jurisdictions will result in more light and harmony

being received by the craft and closer fraternal bonds. The activities of your Grand Representatives are a means to accomplish these desired ends. We sincerely thank you for your words of welcome; and the privilege of serving this Grand Lodge.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

W. . Donald R. White, Master Covert Lodge No. 11 :

M. . W. . Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

As most of you know, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, it has been the custom of the Omaha lodges to be host to those of you from outstate and on behalf of us here in Omaha it is my pleasure to welcome you to this, our 99th Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

I was indeed pleased when our M. . W. . Grand Master, Herbert T. White, asked me to give the Address of Welcome. As you probably know, he has been Treasurer of Covert Lodge for a number of years and we of Covert are indeed proud of our Grand Master. It is not too frequent that a lodge has the distinct honor of having one of its members become Grand Master and we consider this a great honor not only for him but for our lodge.

As we of the fraternity go about our every-day work in this fast-moving world, we sometimes forget to practice the Masonic teachings of friendship, morality and brotherly love. If each of us would, in the course of a day, take a moment out of our busy activities to practice one or more of these virtues I am sure that we would feel better at the close of the day and also would have brought some happiness or pleasure into the life of someone else.

Since we cannot know what our fellow man might be called upon to bear; a smile, a kind spoken word or friendly hand clasp might be all that he needs to lighten his load or brighten his day. This we can do through the guidance of the Supreme Architect of the Universe whose guiding hand touches every one of us throughout each day although sometimes we are not aware of it.

We should bear in mind that our daily acts and actions should be symbolic of the Fraternity. Through these acts we are able to elevate the moral concepts of our Fraternity in the eyes of our fellow men. It is our duty as individual Masons to distinguish ourselves by the practice of these Masonic teachings.

We sincerely hope that all of you have a most pleasant stay in Omaha and if there is anything that we of the Omaha lodges can do to make your visit here more pleasant, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

If any of your evenings are free, we extend to you a cordial invitation to visit any of our lodges that are in session.

To those of you who will be driving home at the close of this meeting: please drive with care as we hope to see most of you again next year.

W. David A. Portwood, Master Geneva Lodge No. 79, gave the

RESPONSE

M. W. Grand Master, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

It is indeed a pleasant privilege to respond to the gracious welcome to Omaha by W. Brother Donald R. White. W. Sir, your words of welcome have been very kind and we know that your words will only be matched by your actions in the next three days. What a glorious Masonic experience it is to return to Omaha and participate in these Grand Lodge Communications. As the representative of the Subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, I wish to express our hearty thanks to you Brethren of Omaha for your wonderful hospitality.

Brethren, I read these following statistics in the newspaper a few days ago. They may startle you as they did me. They are only part of the picture of the growth forecast in this country during the coming ten years. But they may suffice to remind you of the big responsibilities to be faced NOW if 1966 is to be a year of God's law and order, rather than one in which confusion and chaos will prevail. By 1966 it is estimated there will be in the United States:

1. A population of 200,000,000
2. 58,000,000 households
3. 60,000,000 pupils of school age
4. 80,000,000 workers

Pause for a few moments and reflect on the far-reaching implications of this phenomenal growth. Who will provide good government for the 200,000,000, if freedom is to endure? Who will champion the sanctity of marriage and the home? Who will dedicate themselves to the teaching of the 60,000,000 young people? Who will lead in the vital fields of labor and management? The old story of the astronomer might help to answer these questions.

One night an astronomer wandered on the outskirts of the city. He was so intent in gazing up at the stars that he fell into a well. For long hours he shouted for help. Finally, a villager came to see what was the matter. He looked into the well and saw the hapless astronomer, struggling to get out.

"How did you ever manage to get in there?" he asked. After the astronomer explained the villager smiled and said, "My good man, while you are trying to pry into the mystery of the skies, you overlook the common objects that are under your feet!"

Brethren, it's so easy to possess the truths of God and still do little or nothing to apply them to a world desperately in need of them.

Today, the battle is for the minds, hearts and souls of men. This battle cannot be won by wishful thinking or by repeating a lot of platitudes. It is idle to boast that we love God and our fellowman, if all we

do is withdraw into our own little worlds and leave the big world to those who would defile and debase man, rather than help him.

We Masons can, each in our own way, help to shape this future so that it will be for God. Being a very young man in Masonry I have turned to this article from the *Wenatchee Masonic News* as to how your Masonic Lodge can better serve you the individual brother for the tasks ahead.

I quote, "It is not the primary function of Freemasonry to initiate candidates, or to enlarge its membership. Were it so, there would be no basis for our laws against proselyting. The primary function of a Masonic Lodge—indeed, the primary function of our Craft, is to train its members to an understanding of the truths which its rituals and its ceremonies are calculated to inculcate, to develop its members as benevolent men, to cultivate the social virtues among men, and to propagate the knowledge of the art.

"The beauty of our ritual (which was so ably demonstrated last evening), and the good fellowship among the members of our Lodges, cannot be conserved when the chief aim is to make Freemasons and money. For a Lodge's life does not consist of its acquisitions, but in the contribution which it makes to civilization and society through the influence of those it has helped to train to what we call Masonic character.

Therefore, it should be the duty of every Masonic Lodge to put in action a plan for the education of its members in Masonic history, symbolism, and philosophy, devoting more of its meetings to this much neglected function."

M. W. Grand Master: It has been a pleasure serving as Master of Geneva Lodge No. 79, under your leadership. You have been an inspiration to all of us.

W. Brother Donald R. White, I would like to again thank you for your kind words of welcome to Omaha. I assure you that it will be a pleasure to return again and again.

The following Committees, having been appointed by M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master, entered upon the discharge of their duties:

Application for Reinstatement: W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Robert J. McDermott, 281; Earl H. Furman, 290.

Charters and Dispensations: W. John A. Bortorf, 49, Chairman; Leonard W. Pickett, 265; Harry M. Green, 25.

Codification of the Law: W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Arthur O. Auserod, 276; Alfred B. Saum, 46.

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; Clyde H. Jones, 173; John C. Green, 280; Ernest O. Van Wey, 249; Herman E. Reimers, 1; Alfred B. Saum, 46; Harold C. Dieckman, 68.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Robert V. Craft, 247; Clyde D. Batie, 211.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: M. W. Fay Smith, 198, Chairman; Edward M. Knight, 183; Thomas J. Aron, 37.

Finance: W. C. Ray Macy, 26, Chairman; Ralph R. Carleton, 306; Welcome W. Naylor, 158; F. Plummer Martin, 184; Hal J. Samuel, 25.

Fraternal Dead: W. Harry A. Spencer, 227, Chairman; James W. Fegley, 316; Ward L. Mosher, 181.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Homer C. Davey, 317.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; Elmer P. Baruth, 323; Silas A. Hanke, 195.

Grand Trustees: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136, Chairman, (1958); Carl D. Ganz, 209, (1956); W. C. Earl Fuhrer, 33, (1957).

Grievances: W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; Robert W. Lowry, 324; Stanley E. Jordan, 192.

Jurisprudence: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; and all Past Grand Masters present.

Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman; W. Lyle J. Bryant, 297; Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.

Masonic Education: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman, (1957); M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268, (1957); W. Philip H. Robinson, 155, (1958); Silas A. Wilson, 46, (1958); Stuart H. Kelley, 11, (1956); Floyd C. Wisner, 265, (1956).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, (1958), Chairman; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1957); Chancellor A. Phillips, 150, (1956).

Pay-roll: W. Robert M. Herre, 224, Chairman; Wade F. Lueders, 15; Carroll L. Weedlun, 127.

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman (1957); W. Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1958); Arthur A. Gregory, 265, (1959); Otto W. Burkhardt, 55, (1960); Joseph M. Troxel, 184, (1956).

Returns: W. Judson M. Meier, 114, Chairman; Clarence A. Lowry, 324; Anton B. Helms, 202.

Temple Building Advisory: W. Otto Nelson, 300, (1958) Chairman; A. Victor Bryan, 263, (1956); E. Forrest Estes, 19, (1957).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Centennial: W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Chairman; W. Harold H. Thom, 1; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136; M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268; M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183; M. W. Fay Smith, 198; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68; M. W. Herbert T. White, 11; R. W. Merle M. Hale, 54; M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.

Amendment of Section 3-102 (d): Brother Raymond G. Young, 268, Chairman; W. Harry A. Spencer, 227; Brother George K. A. Leschinsky, 33; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68; R. W. John E. Beaver, 253.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS

Fraternal greetings and best wishes were received from the following Grand Lodges: Wisconsin, South Dakota and State of Israel.

PRESENTATION OF BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL TO M. W. ORESTES MITCHELL, JR.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

Brethren, we have with us this morning M. W. Orestes Mitchell, Jr., Past Grand Master of Missouri and Personal Representative of M. W. William J. Craig, Grand Master. We are grateful to Missouri as one of our Mother Grand Lodges. Nebraska Lodge No. 1 was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1855, Western Star Lodge No. 2 by the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1856, and Capitol Lodge No. 3 by the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1857.

Last year we presented a Bronze Jordan Medal to the representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, it being the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Nebraska Lodge No. 1. M. W. Brother Mitchell, we want to present you this Bronze Jordan Medal, it being the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Western Star Lodge No. 2.

M. W. Robert Carrel Jordan was our first Grand Master. He was the man who by tremendous effort gave Masonry its start in Nebraska, placing it on a solid foundation so that even Grand Masters like myself haven't been able to really hurt it very much. The medal bears the likeness of M. W. Robert Carrel Jordan and as the representative of one of our Mother Grand Lodges, we hope that you will wear it with pleasure as we do here.

M. W. Orestes Mitchell, Jr., Past Grand Master of Missouri:

M. W. Brother White, Distinguished Guests, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren:

This is really quite a surprise, naturally a very pleasant one. It is my very good fortune to attend today my fourth session of this Grand Lodge and in almost as many years. I live in the Northwest corner of Missouri and since it is some 500 miles from the Northwest corner of Missouri to the Southeast corner of Missouri, a number of the Grand Masters have asked me to represent them at your annual communication.



M. W. Brother White presenting Bronze Jordan Medal to
M. W. Orestes Mitchell, Jr., Past Grand Master of Missouri.

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M. W. Brother White presenting Centennial Certificate to W. Henry E. Schemmel, Secretary, Western Star Lodge No. 2.

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It is indeed my good fortune to do that. I am overwhelmed with the Jordan medal because in previous years they have been given to Distinguished Freemasons. I am just a little practicing lawyer down there in St. Joe. I fear that it is an ill-deserved honor. But I do deeply appreciate it, Herb, and being a fellow colleague of mine in the practice of law, I appreciate even more receiving it from you.

I have had the very great pleasure during these three or four years in meeting a number of very fine men in Nebraska. I just couldn't resist the temptation to accept your invitation and to come again this year. It is always a fine experience to come to Omaha to these sessions, for your hospitality is certainly the greatest. I know you are waiting to hear the Grand Master, and I appreciate his courtesy in giving me a chance to say these few words at this time. Herb, I thank you very much for calling on me. Brethren I greet you. Thank you, Carl, for getting me a room in the pent-house last night. I hope for you a fine session and bring you greetings from Brother Craig and the 125,000 brethren in Missouri. Thank you, brethren.

M. . W. . Herbert T. White, Grand Master :

W. . Henry E. Schemmel, will you come to the dais? W. . Sir, you are a Past Master and the present Secretary of Western Star Lodge No. 2 at Nebraska City. Western Star No. 2 this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary, having received its Charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1856. It is my pleasure to present to you for your Lodge this Centennial Certificate in testimony of the fact that your Lodge is second only to Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in seniority. It reads as follows:

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE
MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY
OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA
CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATE

Presented to Western Star Lodge No. 2, of Nebraska City

In commemoration of its One Hundredth Anniversary and in token and appreciation of the contributions which it has made to the work of this GRAND LODGE during the past one hundred years, this certificate is gratefully presented.

Done at this 99th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION in the City of Omaha, this 5th day of June, 1956.

CARL R. GREISEN
Grand Secretary

HERBERT T. WHITE
Grand Master

W. . Henry E. Schemmel :

Thank you, M. . W. . Grand Master. Western Star Lodge will have its 100th Anniversary Celebration October 8 and 9, and we hope as many of you who can will be present.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

The time has arrived for the Grand Master to make an account of his stewardship for the past twelve months. The road of Freemasonry, as it has done throughout many centuries, continues on. Each twelve months the Grand Master is taken off the main road, but Masonry as such continues to travel on over hill and dale always bringing light and imparting knowledge to its votaries. It is fortunate that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska constitutes a Sovereign Jurisdiction in a Country where we still have freedom to peaceably assemble, to worship the God of our choice, to set up our own form of Government under proper constitutional limitations and the right to meet in Masonic Lodges at times of our own choice. In meetings such as this we should never forget that this did not just happen.

From the fall of the Roman Empire until the Reformation, stretched a night of more than one thousand years. During that time most of the world was governed under a Dictatorship known as the Divine Right of Kings. A Dictator that proclaimed that the ruler of a nation was chosen by God and therefore had sovereign rights over the life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of the people of that Nation. Out of the night of time we hear the clank of chains, the swish of the cruel lash, the groans of slaves. We see those slaves rising and striking for freedom. We behold them conquered, exposed on the gibbet, burned at the stake. Again and again they struck; again and again countless thousands went to terrible death. It was on these shores of the Atlantic that men were able at last to break the oppressor's sword. From that time, under what can only be explained as the guidance of a Divine providence, has this Nation become the greatest the world has ever known and had, despite constant whittling away by some minorities who do not wish their fellow citizens to be free and happy, we still have more freedom than any other place on the globe and still, largely, our right to freedom, to life and to the pursuit of happiness remains. This could happen only at the dispensation of the Great Architect of the Universe, whom Masons revere.

One year has elapsed since you placed me in the highest gift of Masonry anywhere in the world, the office of Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska. In accordance with our constitution, I now submit a report of my stewardship and such recommendations that my experience has led me to feel are for the best interests of Masonry. It has been a most pleasant year, although at times it seems that you can not accomplish all of the duties of the office. According to my records I have traveled on Masonic affairs approximately 15,250 miles by automobile, 17,250 miles on the air lines and 3,500 miles by train.

This is your Grand Lodge and you here this morning are the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Each of our Lodges have three representatives who together with the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Past Grand Masters are the Sovereign Masonic Body in Nebraska. You, who are gathered here are the supreme authority. For this reason I ask your attention to and careful consideration of the several matters which will come to the attention of this Annual Communication. Every decision made here will have much importance to Masonry and the brethren in Nebraska.

NECROLOGY

The Supreme Architect, who doeth all things well, has spared our Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters. It is my painful duty, however, to report the passing of 794 brethren of our subordinate lodges who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above. Among these was one of our Assistant Custodians Emeriti, W. Elmer Surber, who went to his eternal reward on January 22, 1956.

We lost one of our distinguished Nebraska Masons, W. Brother William Pieper, who among his other contributions to Masonry was the donor of \$100,000 to The Nebraska Masonic Home Building Fund. A generous man, thoroughly Masonic at heart, Masonry suffered a real loss in his passing. Later in our proceedings, our Committee on Fraternal Dead will render a suitable memorial to our brethren and to the memory of distinguished members from other Jurisdictions, at which time we shall pause and pay our final tribute to those who have gone before.

JORDAN MEDALS AND FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

Brother Edward Cronau of Lotus Lodge No. 289, who resides at The Nebraska Masonic Home, continues to be the holder of our Gold Jordan Medal. We are happy that his health continues reasonably good and that it has not been necessary to make a presentation of this medal during the current year.

The Grand Secretary's report includes the presentation of the Bronze Jordan Medal to various brethren of our subordinate lodges during the past year. It was my very great pleasure to personally present this medal to W. John E. Simpson of my own Lodge, Covert No. 11, on November 23, 1955. Brother Simpson served as Master of Covert Lodge in 1896 and 1897 and hence served before I was born. He still continues very active in all branches of Masonry and I sincerely hope that W. Brother John may be with us for many years. One of the pleasures of my installation last June was his presence there.

The Grand Secretary's report will also show the brethren to whom the Fifty-year Buttons were presented. I personally presented these Buttons to the following brethren: Thomas Postlethwaite, Covert No. 11, on June 11, 1955; George E. Pennington, Anselmo No. 258, on June 17;

Ralph E. Langley and Daniel H. McClenahan, Lancaster No. 54, on November 25; W. E. Lillibridge, Wahoo No. 59, on April 4, 1956.

CORNER-STONES

On September 17, 1955, I laid the corner-stone for the new Masonic Temple at Hay Springs, upon invitation of Hay Springs Lodge No. 177. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal; M. W. Lewis E. Smith and Edward M. Knight, Past Grand Masters; Forest A. Lape and Jesse P. Entrekin, Assistant Custodians. W. John Magyar, Past Grand Orator, gave the oration.

On September 23, I laid the corner-stone for the U. S. Conn Memorial Library at the Nebraska State Teachers College at Wayne. The invitation from the Board of Education of State Normal schools was conveyed through Wayne Lodge No. 120. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian. Brother Everett L. Randall, member of the Board of Education, gave the oration.

On November 11, I laid the corner-stone for the new Masonic Temple of Albion Lodge No. 78. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present and assisted in the ceremony which was largely attended despite a mixed rain and snow storm: R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., Grand Orator; and Past Grand Masters M. W. Walter R. Raecke and Charles F. Adams. The oration was given by the Grand Orator W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr.

On November 26, the bitter cold let up long enough for me to lay the corner-stone for the new Masonic Temple of Fremont Lodge No. 15 at Fremont. This building is located on ground purchased from The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present and assisted in the ceremony: R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., Grand Orator, and Past Grand Masters M. W. Earl J. Lee and Ernest S. Schiefelbein. The oration was given by W. Raymond C. Cook.

At each of the above corner-stone layings, the Grand Lodge Officers were officially received by the local Symbolic Lodge and an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. All arrangements in each instance were most capably made by our Grand Marshal, W. Herbert A. Ronin. I extend to Brother Ronin my most

sincere thanks for the use of his very great capabilities which took all of the burden off the shoulders of the Grand Master and made every detail of the ceremonies seem so natural and perfect, as all our Masonic ceremonies should be. I do not believe any Grand Lodge has ever had a Grand Marshal who exceeded the fine work of Brother Ronin and few if any that equal it.

The attention of the Symbolic Lodges is invited to the fact that the Grand Lodge is always ready to lay the corner-stone of buildings set up for the worship of God, for educational or charitable purposes or for the purpose of administration of justice and free government. I would call to your attention, however, that in as much as considerable preparation is necessary, such invitations should be extended some weeks in advance of the date on which the ceremony is planned.

DEDICATIONS

On November 17, 1955, we dedicated the new Temple of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 at Tekamah. This is a fine new structure of which the Lodge and community may well be proud. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present and assisted with the ceremony: R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian. The dedicatory oration was given by W. Brother Herbert A. Ronin.

On March 21, 1956, we dedicated the beautiful new Masonic Temple of Minden Lodge No. 127 at Minden. This beautiful new temple was crowded for the ceremony. The following Grand Officers were present and assisted with the ceremony: R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., Grand Orator; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Joseph C. Tyc, Grand Senior Deacon, and W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler, and Past Grand Masters M. W. Charles A. Chappell and John S. Hedelund. United States Senator and Brother Carl T. Curtis gave a very fitting dedicatory oration. The brethren at Minden have one of the finest new Temples in Southwestern Nebraska.

On March 22, we dedicated the new Masonic Temple of Palisade Lodge No. 216 at Palisade. This building was the former Methodist Church at Palisade and the remodeling has furnished the lodge a very adequate structure for their purposes. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present and assisted with the ceremony: R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., Grand Orator; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler; and Past Grand Masters M. W. John S.

Hedelund and Fay Smith. Our Grand Orator, W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., gave a splendid dedicatory oration.

On March 23, we dedicated the new Masonic Temple of Perkins Lodge No. 308 at Grant. This is a beautiful new Temple located on the main street of Grant and is a splendid building in all respects. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present and assisted with the ceremony; R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., Grand Orator; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler, and Past Grand Masters, M. W. John S. Hedelund and Fay Smith. The dedicatory oration was given by the Grand Orator, W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., and, as always, was very fitting and appropriate. On the way to Grant from McCook where the Grand Lodge Officers had spent the night after the dedication at Palisade, we were royally entertained at a luncheon at Imperial by our Past Grand Master, M. W. Fay Smith and his fine wife Josephine. I feel the Grand Lodge Officers think that Mrs. Smith probably did all the work, but we are very grateful to both M. W. Brother Fay and his good wife Josephine.

On May 19, we dedicated the new Masonic Temple of Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 at Hay Springs. I was accompanied by R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal; W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Senior Deacon; W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler. M. W. John S. Hedelund and Edward M. Knight honored us with their presence. W. Brother Raymond C. Cook gave the oration.

All of these new Temples, we believe, will provide a fine stimulus to Masonry in their respective area. It has generally been the experience that new buildings do stir Masonic enthusiasm in the places where they are located. In each of the above instances the Grand Lodge Officers were received by the subordinate lodges and an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge opened in ample form. Again as in the corner-stone laying our most capable Grand Marshal, W. Herbert A. Ronin, took care of all arrangements and they were all handled in such a capable manner that the Grand Master had nothing to concern himself with except to give his work in a proper manner. Again I find myself at a loss of words to properly thank W. Brother Ronin.

CHARTER RELOCATIONS AND BUILDING PLANS

On June 29, 1955, I approved a building at the request of Superior Lodge No. 121, as suitable for conversion to a Masonic Temple; however, no further work has been done on this building to the present time as the plans of the brethren have not been completed.

On July 5, after inspection by the Grand Junior Warden, I approved the remodeling of a new hall for Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166 at Tilden.

On July 27, I approved the moving of the Charter and the Lodge equipment from the old Temple of Tekamah to the new Temple of Tekamah Lodge No. 31.

On August 23, I granted permission to move the Charter of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166 at Tilden from their old hall to the new hall of such lodge in Tilden.

On October 10, after due inspection, I authorized the moving of the charter of Palisade Lodge No. 216, Palisade, from its old hall to the new Masonic Temple in Palisade.

On October 24, upon recommendation of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I granted approval of the plans for a new Temple for Albion Lodge No. 78 at Albion, and for the lodge to borrow not to exceed \$5,000.

On November 4, granted approval to Tekamah Lodge No. 31, at Tekamah, and to their Temple Craft Association, to sell their old Temple, but I do not believe that I have any jurisdiction over this matter and so advised the lodge by giving them my approval for what it might be worth.

On December 5, after due inspection, I authorized the moving of the Charter of Minden Lodge No. 127, Minden, from its old hall to the new Masonic Temple in Minden.

On February 13, 1956, after proper inspection, I authorized the moving of the Charter and paraphernalia of Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 from its old hall to the new Masonic Temple in Hay Springs.

On February 14, on account of fire destroying the hall of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, in Scottsbluff, I granted permission to the lodge to meet in the Masonic Temple in Gering and to move their charter to said Temple.

On April 2, I granted permission to Comet Lodge No. 229 to construct two new rest rooms in their present Temple.

On April 9, I granted permission to Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington, to move their charter to the Commandery room of the Masonic Temple in Omaha on June 4, for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree before the Grand Lodge of Nebraska

BY-LAWS APPROVED

I approved nine new sets of by-laws for the Symbolic Lodges and approved amendments in twenty-one instances for existing by-laws. The new sets have been based upon the model set of by-laws printed in the Supplement to our Code. The amendments to existing by-laws dealt mainly with raising of dues and in all those instances I specified the effective date of the amendment in order that no conflict should arise as to the time when the increase in dues should become effective.

In one instance by-laws were approved by the Lodge in August, 1955, but the lodge did not submit them to me until February, 1956. This amendment called for an increase in dues. Without approval the lodge started on January 1, 1956, to collect dues at the new rate. I pointed out to them that the by-law was not effective until approved either by myself or the Grand Lodge and, therefore, required them to refund the increase in dues to members from whom they had already collected, and further issued them a reprimand for not following the plain wording of our law.

I had advised all our Lodges to review their by-laws and where they have become outmoded to make proper revision.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL

I granted the following dispensations to elect and install:

December 19, 1955, to Ord No. 103, to elect a Secretary at a special meeting in December or the regular meeting in January. The Brother who had been elected Secretary having refused to accept. I waived the fee.

December 29, to Holbrook No. 257, Holbrook, to hold annual election of officers on December 31, no quorum being available on the night of their regular meeting. I did not waive the fee.

January 9, 1956, to Palisade No. 216, Palisade, to install their Chaplain in February on account of his illness during January. I waived the fee.

On January 23, to York No. 56, York, to install the Master-elect at their regular meeting on February 3, on account of major surgery preventing his installation during January. I waived the fee.

February 1, to Garfield No. 95, O'Neill, to install the Junior Deacon in February on account of serious illness in January. The fee was waived.

February 1, Signet No. 193, Leigh, to install the Senior Deacon in February on account of illness during January. The fee was waived.

February 6, to Utica No. 96, Utica, to install their Senior Deacon in February on account of his being absent on the west coast on important business during January. The fee was not waived.

NEBRASKA LODGE NO. 1 CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL

On account of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 celebrating its Centennial during the present Grand Lodge year, it was my desire to assist them wherever possible. They also assisted the Grand Lodge as on June 21, they graciously allowed me to open an Occasional Grand Lodge for the purpose of installing W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., as Grand Orator, in which work I was assisted by R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. John F. Futeher, Grand Junior Deacon; M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, as Grand Marshal;

and M. W. John S. Hedelund as Grand Chaplain. They entertained us at dinner where I was presented with a magnificent briefcase inscribed and engraved, the gift of my fine personal friend Brother Henry Pedersen and his Tangier Shrine Rangers, who entertained us during the dinner hour.

On October 2, 1955, I granted a dispensation to Nebraska Lodge No. 1, to rededicate the Masonic Memorial at Bellevue and gave my consent to their presenting a plaque and for them to repair the fence around the Memorial. They had a fine meeting down there which I attended along with many other Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters, and very appropriate ceremonies were conducted.

On October 13, at their invitation, I attended Centennial celebration dinner held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Omaha with a large attendance. In commemoration of the event, M. W. Milton Sonntag, Grand Master of Illinois, came over and was one of the speakers and the principal address was given by W. George W. Rosenlof, Chairman, of our Grand Lodge Centennial Committee. It was a great evening for Masonry.

On January 23, 1956, Nebraska Lodge No. 1 desired to take one of their candidates and confer the Nebraska work upon him in the hall of Bluffs City Lodge No. 71 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. According to the history, the first degree conferred by Nebraska Lodge No. 1, then being Nebraska Lodge No. 184, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was conferred one hundred years ago in the hall of Bluffs City Lodge No. 71 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. I granted them dispensation to take the Charter and open their lodge in said lodge hall and confer a degree of Masonry upon a Nebraska candidate using the Nebraska ritual. The Grand Master of Iowa gave official approval to this arrangement.

DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES

I granted fifteen special dispensations to confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, or Master Mason only, without regard to time, waived the fee and temporarily waived the requirement for proficiency. In all these instances the candidate was a member of the Armed Forces and I found sufficient reason in my judgment to warrant the granting of these dispensations. It will be noted that this is a substantial drop in number from the amounts of previous years, and in my opinion it will probably become less in the future rather than more.

In all these instances where the special dispensation was granted, I called attention to our law with regard to proficiency and informed them that the candidate was expected to comply therewith as soon as possible.

OTHER DISPENSATIONS

October 3, 1955, I granted a special dispensation to Nebraska No. 1 to rededicate the Masonic Memorial at Bellevue and gave my consent

to their presenting a plaque and for them to repair the fence around the Memorial.

On January 23, 1956, I granted special dispensation to Nebraska No. 1 to move their Charter to the hall of Bluff City Lodge No. 71, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROFICIENCY

I granted an extension of time to examine thirty-three Master Masons for proficiency after time under Section 2-402. In all cases the excuse for failure to complete proficiency examinations in time seemed sufficient to me. I further believe that when one of these delinquent brothers has sufficient interest to become proficient that it would not be for the best interest of Masonry, the lodge or the brother not to let him take his examination despite any previous delinquency.

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT

I have approved seventy-six applications for reinstatement, of brethren who had been suspended for non-payment of dues. I disapproved nine applications for reasons that seemed to me to be for the best interest of the Craft. In those cases disapproved, the applicant was of an advanced age, had been out of Masonry for a long time and it appeared that they would become charges upon the Fraternity unwarranted in view of their previous conduct.

I want to say "thank you" for the very fine efforts of the members of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, composed of the following: W. Brothers LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Robert J. McDermott, 281; Earl H. Furman, 290. This Grand Lodge Committee works the year round, carefully investigating every application, and I have found their advice well worth following, and I have done so in practically every instance.

TEMPLE CRAFT AND FINANCING

Despite the drouth over the entire state in 1955, there is still activity by the Symbolic Lodges, either building or acquiring new Masonic Temples and lodge halls as set out before. We have laid three cornerstones for Masonic Temples and dedicated five Lodge buildings and, in addition thereto, several lodges are in the process of either building new buildings or remodeling existing buildings for meeting places. My own observation and experience leads me to say that wherever the local lodges meet in a more respectable hall or building that Masonry in that area becomes more of a force. I have approved several proposals for buildings, finances and remodeling. It is to the interest of the Grand Lodge to aid and encourage these local lodges in such endeavors.

All of this work I have cleared through the Temple Building Advisory Committee which is another committee which works throughout the entire year. They have operated faithfully and I have recommended

that their advice in these matters be heavily considered. I here pay my thanks and the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the members of this fine committee. They are the following: W. Otto Neisen, 300, Chairman; A. Victor Bryan, 263; E. Forest Estes, 19. As an example of their promptness, when Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 had their Temple destroyed by fire, one of the members of this committee, Brother Bryan, was at Scottsbluff the next day to render advice with regard to the repair of the Temple Building.

Your Grand Master has not had any inquiries with regard to Temple Craft associations during the year. It is his opinion that such associations only becomes advisable when the Temple Building is to be owned by more than one Masonic or affiliated body. In as much as my immediate predecessor during the last sixty days of his term of office issued a bulletin calling attention of all lodges to the provisions of the Nebraska statutes enabling each lodge to easily become a corporation by filing a certified copy of its charter in the office of the County Clerk, I did not feel called upon to renew this information to the lodges. Under Nebraska law a lodge can not take title to real estate until it becomes a legal corporation by this method.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon nomination by the Grand Masters of the Grand Jurisdiction affected, I issued commissions for the following Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

North Dakota, W. Calvin H. Rustad, Grand Forks; Germany, Dr. Carl Roeder; Norway, W. Ole Kristofer Roed; Alabama, E. Jonah Shipp.

It has been my pleasure to recommend the following brethren as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and commissions have been issued to them: New Jersey, W. John F. Futcher, Mizpah No. 302; Norway, W. Nels Hammar, York No. 56.

In recommending Brother Hammar, I have tried to keep in mind the practice of this Grand Lodge of recommending for Representatives brethren who can speak the language of the country where the same is possible. I am pleased to say that at least as far as the three Scandinavian Jurisdictions are concerned, this procedure has been carried out. I have a strong feeling on the importance of Grand Representatives. To me they should be, in fact, ambassadors of the Grand Jurisdiction and represent their Grand Lodge at all times to further stimulate the Fraternal relations we have with other Grand Jurisdictions. I can not too strongly urge our Nebraska brethren who have been honored to use all reasonable efforts to keep in touch with the Grand Lodges which they represent as well as with the representative of our Grand Lodge near the sister jurisdiction. I feel in that way we can make Masonry even more of a universal force for good throughout the world.

BULLETINS ISSUED

On September 26, 1955, I issued a bulletin dealing with three matters. Foremost was the matter of urging proper effort to collect the lodge dues and in connection with that, I had asked our oldest Secretary in point of service, W. George R. Porter of my own Lodge, Covert No. 11, to prepare a brief brochure as to his methods which had been extremely successful. A copy of this brochure was enclosed with the bulletin. The bulletin also dealt with the matter of preparation for our Grand Lodge Centennial. The third related to the raising of money for the proposed new Administration Recreation Building for the Home at Fremont. I declined to order solicitation but informed the lodges and the brethren that they might contribute. The result of this I will set out in my report on that Home.

On September 30, 1955, I issued the following bulletin:

TO THE MASTERS AND WARDENS OF THE
CONSTITUENT LODGES OF NEBRASKA

Dear Brethren:

Our Nation has been shocked by the illness of the President. I know the men and women of America are praying for his recovery. He is the symbol of the United States of America. Masonry teaches us to respect the government under which we live.

I recommend that the W. Master of each Lodge in Nebraska prior to work or regular communication assemble the Brethren in prayer for the complete recovery of the President at each meeting until his complete recovery.

Fraternally yours,
Herbert T. White
Grand Master

I was greatly pleased with the response from the lodges all over the State and it would appear that the Supreme Architect of the Universe has listened to our prayers.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Denver, Colorado
October 24, 1955

Dear Mr. White:

Fred Seaton has forwarded to me a copy of the letter addressed by you to the Masters and Wardens of the Constituent Lodges of Nebraska. Permit me to express to you my appreciation of the prayers and good

wishes of the members of your organization. I am deeply grateful for your thought of me.

Sincerely,

Dwight Eisenhower

Mr. Herbert T. White
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska
522 Insurance Building
Omaha, Nebraska

LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

On June 17, 1955, I was present at the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Anselmo Lodge No. 258, Anselmo. Despite a very stormy afternoon and evening their lodge hall was crowded and they ran out of aprons, and after borrowing all the aprons of their sister lodge at Merna, they still ran out. Your Grand Master gave the address of the evening. I was accompanied by R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and M. W. William C. Schaper, Past Grand Master.

On June 23, I attended the Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration of Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva. The brethren and friends gathered for dinner and after dinner a fine celebration program was given. I was accompanied by R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., Grand Orator, and W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.

A fine address was given by Brother Paine, our Grand Orator, despite a severe attack of laryngitis.

On November 8, I attended the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Composite Lodge No. 81 at Rising City. A splendid dinner was served and afterwards the brethren returned to the lodge hall where a fine celebration ceremony was held. I was accompanied by R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

On October 13, I attended the One Hundredth Anniversary dinner of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Omaha as reference to this has been made in the report on Nebraska Lodge No. 1, it is not repeated here.

In my opinion, all the lodges should celebrate with appropriate ceremony at their twenty-fifth, fiftieth, seventy-fifth and one hundredth anniversaries. It provides a splendid stimulus to Masonry not only in the local community but in other surrounding communities.

BELLEVUE LODGE

On June 24, 1955, I had the distinct pleasure of constituting Bellevue Lodge No. 325, at Bellevue. As this was the first chartering of a Nebraska Lodge since 1937, it was somewhat of a unique evening. An

Occasional Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the following Grand Lodge Officers were present: R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden, acting as Grand Senior Warden; M. W. John S. Hedelund acting as Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; M. W. Earl J. Lee, acting Grand Treasurer; V. W. Mark D. McCallum, Grand Chaplain; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal; W. Ross Van Sickle, acting Grand Custodian; M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Pursuivant; W. John F. Fatcher, acting Grand Senior Deacon; Brother Frederick O. Schlosser, acting Grand Junior Deacon; Brother Durward G. DeBuse, acting Grand Senior Steward; Brother George Spargen, acting Grand Junior Steward, and W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler. After the lodge was duly constituted, we conducted the election of officers and then proceeded to install them in due form. It was significant that this lodge should be chartered one hundred years after the first Masonic lodge was chartered in Nebraska in the same city, to-wit, Bellevue. The hall was packed for the ceremonies and the Bellevue brethren have done exceptionally well in their organization. They have a splendid lodge hall in which to meet and had a fine year of work after the constituting ceremonies. It is confidently expected that they will be a fine new strong point for Masonry in Nebraska.

CENTENNIAL LODGE U. D.

On November 26, 1955, I issued a dispensation to one hundred Master Masons to form a lodge to be known as Centennial Lodge U. D. located in Omaha and that same evening I opened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge in ample form, and instituted Centennial Lodge under dispensation to work in Omaha, Nebraska. Assisting me were W. Harold H. Thom as acting Grand Senior Warden; W. Raymond C. Cook acting as Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. John F. Fatcher acting as Grand Senior Deacon; and Brother Lewis F. Reepe acting as Grand Junior Deacon. After presenting the dispensation, I installed the officers who were to act as such during the period said lodge was under dispensation.

At that time the lodge was meeting in a church at 84th & Pacific, but on March 5, 1956, after inspection, I authorized said lodge to move from its quarters to 7125 Pacific Street, Omaha, after certain changes were made in the latter structure. The reason for this authorization to move was that Saint Andrews Episcopal Church could not give them the use of their quarters on some nights when the lodge had to work. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, assisted me on inspection and on March 26 I approved the lodge's request for approval of the new quarters and on the same day received the approval of W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, as to their proficiency.

These brethren have done exceptionally well in their organization and are becoming efficient in our Masonic work. They have been con-

ferring degrees and have a splendid place in which to meet. I anticipate that they will petition for a charter at this Annual Communication and I shall certainly recommend that this Grand Lodge see fit to grant a charter to them at this time. It will give us a lodge to charter during our Centennial year and its name will commemorate our Centennial celebration. This is the first year that we have had a lodge constituted and a lodge instituted during the same Grand Lodge year in a long period of time.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Always intensely interested in our beautiful Home for our aged brothers and their dependents, I am glad to say that it is being operated in the true spirit of Masonic charity.

I have made several visits to our Home during the year, have attended almost every meeting of the Board of Trustees and attended the Annual Stockholders meeting on January 23, 1956. As a member of the nominating committee, I was happy to recommend the re-election of the eight Trustees whose terms were expired and one for the unexpired term of the late Brother William Chuda. Brother William F. Patterson, St. John Lodge No. 25, was re-elected as President. He is doing a grand job and this Home is operated as a Home, not as an institution. I am proud of the fact that our brethren and their dependents no longer able to care for themselves are made comfortable and happy in the sunset years of their lives. It is worthy of note that the average length of residency is six years and the annual cost is \$1,500; therefore, the Grand Lodge faces an average liability of \$9,000 for every admission. I can assure all of you that the Board of Trustees carefully considers every application for admission. In addition to the fine service of the members of the Board of Trustees, many of whom come for considerable distances for each monthly meeting, I want to say that I am grateful to our Superintendent, Brother William F. Evers, and his son, the Assistant Superintendent, Raymond F. Evers. Brother Raymond is proving a tower of strength and his devotion to our guests at the Home is something of which Masons may well be proud. Let us show our gratitude by all going on the trip to visit the Home during this annual communication.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

The Home at Fremont jointly operated by our Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star has called for considerable attention this year. At our Annual Communication in 1955, the Grand Lodge authorized the Board of Trustees of this Home to build the proposed Memorial Administration Recreation Building with the proviso that no work can be started on the building without all the funds for construction of the building first being in hand. The Grand Lodge recommended that "no solicitation of lodges be made without permission of the Grand Master." On account of the severe drouth and the uncertainty of its effect upon our lodges and their members, I did not

permit any general solicitation but had by a special bulletin sent to all lodges, called their attention to the action of the Grand Lodge and authorized the collection of voluntary contributions from the members and from the lodges. Under the operation of this plan at the time of this writing, more than \$77,000 of the proposed \$80,000 has been raised and more contributions are still coming in. I was urged by members of the Board of Trustees of the Home to authorize the preparation of plans on the theory that the \$80,000 was a certainty, but feeling myself bound by the action of the Grand Lodge last year, I gave them my consent to start with plans, provided the plans were restricted to a building which would cost not to exceed the slightly more than \$77,000 on hand. Thus far, no plans have been presented to me and it is probable that by the time this Grand Lodge meets that the original amount desired, to-wit, \$80,000, will have been raised. I am glad to say that many of the lodges in Nebraska have been extremely generous in their contributions to this fund. I attended a meeting of the Board in November, 1955, and the annual meeting of the Stockholders on January 23, 1956. Our very fine and capable President, W. Herbert A. Ronin, declined re-election on account of his inability to any longer give it the time he felt necessary. In his place W. Louis V. Sylvester was elected President. We are very fortunate to have had the services of W. Brother Ronin who did his usual magnificent job while serving as President, and we are also very fortunate in being able to get a successor President as capable and outstanding as Brother Sylvester. My personal thanks go to each of them and to Brother Robert Grassman, the Superintendent.

Since the above was written, we now have a report that more than \$81,000 has been raised for the new Administration Recreational Building. The Architect is now preparing plans for this building.

We have had the most perfect cooperation with Sister Jessie Bergquist, Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. and her officers, especially Sister Wilma Harms, Grand Secretary, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Home. They have done much to make this part of the Grand Master's duties very pleasant.

I am later in this report submitting a recommendation for a reappraisal of The Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

This Board as provided by our law has charge of the investments of all Grand Lodge funds. M. W. Lewis E. Smith of Lincoln is Chairman and the other members are W. Brother Carl D. Ganz, Lincoln, and Charles E. Fuhrer, Omaha. During this Grand Lodge year I attended all but one of their many meetings. Having some slight experience in this field, I am very favorably impressed with the manner in which these brethren conduct these very important affairs and every member of this Grand Lodge may be assured that this Board uses every known safeguard in the buying and selling of investments so that the funds in their charge will be invested with all safety possible and still

bring the Grand Lodge a fair return. In addition this Board exercises an overall supervision of Grand Lodge funds. The members give generously of their time and effort and on behalf of all Nebraska Masons, I say to them a most sincere "thank you".

MASONIC EDUCATION

The activities of the Committee on Masonic Education will be brought to your attention by the report of this Committee which will be made later in this Annual Communication. Each year this Committee accomplishes more in the field of Masonic Education than has been accomplished during the preceding year. Great credit for this goes to the fine leadership of the Chairman, W. Howard J. Hunter, Wahoo No. 59, Wahoo. But he had yeoman help from other members of the Board who are as follows: M. W. John S. Hedelund, Omaha; W. Floyd C. Wisner, Scottsbluff; Phillip Robinson, Hartington; Stuart H. Kelly, Omaha; Silas A. Wilson, Kearney. He has made a name for himself over the greater part of the United States for his work in Masonic Education. The ten Grand Lodges which with Nebraska compose the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education are earnestly endeavoring to find the best way and means to bring still further light in Masonry to the members of the Craft. Iowa and Indiana have a wonderful background of experience in this very important program. Many of our present ideas stem from those States.

We, in Nebraska, have advanced further in this activity than many Grand Lodges, but our work is only well started. It must be a continuous program to be effective and I have become thoroughly convinced that the so-called Indiana Mentor System is a great vehicle to carry out this aim. In substance, it provides that any lodge may, if it desires, appoint what are called "mentors" from their members who are well informed in Masonic philosophy and background, who will meet with the individual candidate before he receives his first degree and after he receives each degree. He is no wise a part of the ritualistic posting system but undertakes to enlighten the candidate as to what Masonry really is and really stands for. I have discussed this proposition with W. Brother Hunter who is in hearty sympathy with it and in my recommendations I shall ask this Grand Lodge to approve a trial run of this Mentor System on a strictly limited number of lodges who would like to try it out. There would be no compulsion upon any lodge to try it.

During the past year we have conducted four area meetings, one at Alliance, one at Randolph, one at Franklin and one at Ord. The attendance has been very fine at all of these meetings. We continue to supply the booklets which are presented to the candidates when they take their degrees. I can not too strongly urge every lodge to work on a program of Masonic Education for the rank and file Mason. Masonic Education begins where the ritual ends. Both are needed. We must not lose interest in the newly created Mason after he has passed his proficiency examination as a Master Mason. An informed Craft enlightened in the philosophy,

tradition and history of our great fraternity will be the greatest bulwark against Communism, Atheism and Chaos.

CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

Immediately upon the conclusion of this Grand Lodge Communication, we will start our Centennial year. Under the leadership of W. George W. Rosenlof, Craftsmen No. 314, Lincoln, Chairman, a great amount of the preliminary work has been done and the rest planned. Our Grand Historian has been hard at work getting ready the history of the first one hundred years of Masonry in Nebraska. We wish to observe this historic milestone in the life of this Grand Lodge in a manner truly befitting the occasion. During the year your Grand Master and Grand Secretary have attended the Centennials of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario held at Toronto on July 16 to 20, 1955, and the Grand Lodge of Kansas on March 13 to 15, 1956, and the commemoration of the One Hundred Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York held in New York City May 1 and 2, 1956. We believe we obtained many ideas which can be made use of to make more successful our own Centennial.

The Committee has had several meetings during the year and I have met with them on all occasions but one. The Committee and this Grand Lodge want every Master Mason in Nebraska to help enthusiastically in this Centennial observance. The climax will come at our Annual Communication in June, 1957. The Chairman of this Centennial Committee and the Grand Secretary will have reports later in this communication.

OMAHA HOME FOR BOYS

The Grand Master's relations with this Institution, its Officers and Directors, have been very pleasant during the past year. They are making a real effort to comply with the rule laid down at our Annual Communication in 1952. W. W. Harry Bruner, the Executive Secretary, has been most cooperative and has been acting in accordance with the spirit as well as the letter of the arrangement heretofore entered into between this institution and this Grand Lodge.

On July 22, 1955, in compliance with their request, I granted authority to this institution and to the Symbolic Lodges located in Douglas County to conduct the organized solicitation of funds for the maintenance of their institution, from Masons as such residing in Douglas County. I informed them that this grant of authorization was only for my term of office and represented the fourth year of the stipulated five-year period. This Home opens its doors to boys without Masonic connections and regardless of race, creed or color. They are doing a splendid job, but it is no part of our Grand Lodge activity. It is in my opinion worthy of the support of all persons interested in the kind of work that is performed by this institution.

GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE
AND
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC
NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

One of the highlights of each Grand Master's year is the Annual Conference of the Grand Masters of Masons of North America, which is held in Washington, D. C., and this year was held February 20-22 inclusive. This Conference is not a General Grand Lodge and there is no intention to ask any of the participating Grand Lodges to surrender any portion of their sovereignty to it. It is simply a meeting to give the Grand Masters an opportunity to discuss their mutual problems. It is not limited to the Grand Masters but other Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters attend together with any distinguished Masons from other Jurisdictions. At the Annual banquet we of Nebraska were again pleased to entertain the Senators and Members of Congress from Nebraska together with their ladies. Nebraska is somewhat unique in the fact that our Congressional delegation is 100 per cent Masonic.

Besides myself, Nebraska was represented this year by R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; and Past Grand Masters, M. W. Lewis E. Smith and William B. Wanner.

Nebraska has received considerable recognition in this Conference in that our Junior Past Grand Master, M. W. Charles F. Adams, is a member of the Committee on Information and Recognition and R. W. Merle M. Hale was placed on the program committee for the next Conference.

Our Nebraska representatives were invited to and attended the famous Wisconsin breakfast which is an outstanding event.

With the exception of the ladies we were invited to the breakfast given by Frank S. Land annually honoring the President of the United States. Owing to President Eisenhower being in Georgia, he could not attend this year but many cabinet members, members of the United States Supreme Court and other high dignitaries did attend. This is a very inspiring event.

On the final day of the session it is the custom to hold the Annual meeting of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial in the Memorial Building in Alexandria, Virginia, on the birthday of our first President, that grand Mason Brother George Washington, and it was so held this year. This is a structure that all Masons who find themselves within many miles of the vicinity of the National Capitol should visit. It is nearing completion but many things remain to be done. Our Grand Lodge Committee on the Memorial will report later in the session.

The President of the Association is M. W. Clifford D. Jory, Past Grand Master of Iowa. He makes a magnificent executive and is so thoroughly interested in this Masonic work that it is astonishing how much time he has devoted to it. Our Junior Past Grand Master, M. W. Charles F. Adams, is a member of its Board of Directors. Your Grand

Master was selected as one of the delegates which each year lays a wreath on the tomb of Brother George Washington and his good wife.

Prior to the convening of this Conference, your Grand Master, R. W. Brother Greisen, Grand Secretary; M. W. Brothers Smith, Wanner and Adams attended the annual meetings of the Allied Masonic Bodies of which M. W. Brother Smith has been a leader for many many years. R. W. Brother Greisen is occupying offices in two of these bodies and your Grand Master was honored this year by being selected presiding officer of Tabernacle A of the Order of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

DELINQUENT LODGES

I am pleased to report that we did not have any real delinquent lodges this year. We have complied with the action of the last communication of this Grand Lodge and have cited the three lodges who have not been represented at Grand Lodge for a period of two years, in order that they might show cause why their charter should not be forfeited. The Grand Secretary's report will further indicate that the lodges this year have done an exceptional job in getting in their reports and remittances, and I am pleased to commend them as it is a further indication of the healthy condition of Masonry in Nebraska.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

One of the unpleasant duties of a Grand Master is to have to appoint Trial Commissions for the trial of brethren who have violated the Masonic Code on un-Masonic conduct. I have had to appoint eleven such Commissions this year to try eleven brothers. Only seven of these eleven dealt with the subject of the sale of intoxicating liquors. Three dealt with brothers who had been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

COMMITTEE ON THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3-102 (d)

In accordance with the action of our last Grand Lodge Communication, directing me as Grand Master to appoint a committee of five to "study the matter and formulate a complete amendment to section 3-102 (d) of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge and report to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge". I conducted a careful study of the entire field realizing that over the period of years, through decisions on different cases, we have built up a mass of precedents which too strongly involves and results in downright injustice in many instances. I tried to get a committee composed of brethren with fine Masonic background, who would consider the whole matter and arrive at a decision that should be the best for Masonry and I have, therefore, appointed on such Committee the following: Brother Raymond G. Young, Omaha, an outstanding worker in the Scottish Rite, as Chairman; our Junior Past Grand Master, M. W. Charles F. Adams, Aurora, who

in his report last year showed a direct concept of the problem; R. W. John E. Beaver, Beemer, our Grand Junior Warden, who is probably the ablest member of our Nebraska Legislature and has a fine capability for seeing all sides to a question; M. E. Harry A. Spencer, Lincoln, the present Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska and distinguished District Judge in Lancaster County; and R. E. George K. A. Leschinsky, Grand Island, a long time leader in Grand Commandery affairs and a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska. I do not believe that a committee of more capabilities and more Masonic background could be readily achieved.

This Committee will make its report during this session and on account of its great importance, I request you members of this Grand Lodge to carefully consider this important matter from the standpoint of the good of Freemasonry.

VISITATIONS TO SUBORDINATE LODGES

June 15, 1955—Covert No. 11, my own lodge. Accompanied by R. W. Carl R. Greisen.

June 21—Nebraska No. 1, where I installed W. Brother Bayard H. Paine, Jr., as Grand Orator.

June 30—Bee Hive No. 184, dinner accompanied by R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. John F. Fatcher, Grand Junior Deacon, and M. W. John S. Hedelund.

Sept. 29—Nebraska No. 1. Presented pin to son of United States Marshal Raab.

October 18—Alliance No. 183, area meeting.

October 25—St. Johns No. 25, dinner and talk.

November 25—Lancaster No. 54. Presented five twenty-year Certificates of Proficiency and two fifty-year buttons.

November 29—Golden Sheaf No. 202. Area meeting. Also presented three twenty-year Certificates of Proficiency to M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268; Charles Fueston, 5; P. Howard Bradstreet, 291.

December 2—St. Johns No. 25, dinner-dance.

December 26—Aurora No. 68, Aurora. Official visit assisted in conferring the Master Mason degree on the son of M. W. Charles F. Adams.

January 3, 1956—Fremont No. 15. Installed officers.

January 7—I was a guest at the installation of officers of the eight Omaha downtown lodges. Nebraska No. 1; Capitol No. 3; St. Johns No. 25; Covert No. 11; George W. Lininger No. 268; Omaha No. 288; Mizpah No. 302 and Right Angle No. 303.

January 9—Cairo No. 324, where I installed my nephew as Master, and other officers of the lodge.

January 10—Joint installation of the Officers of Hastings No. 50 and Mid-West No. 317, Hastings. R. W. Carl R. Greisen acted as my Grand Marshal. Preceding the installation, we were guests at dinner.

January 11—I was the guest of Platte Valley No. 32, at their installation of officers.

January 14—John J. Mercer No. 290. Installation of officers.

February 10—Mizpah No. 302. Honoring W. John F. Futcher, Grand Junior Deacon.

February 13—East Lincoln No. 210. Dinner and address. Splendid turnout of approximately 275. W. Herbert A. Ronin's lodge.

March 20—Franklin No. 264, area meeting. Present, M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master; R. W. Merle M. Hale, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian. Fine meeting.

April 4—Wahoo No. 59, Grand Officer's night, fine meeting. Accompanied by R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden, and W. John F. Futcher, Grand Junior Deacon. M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein presided.

April 9—Ord No. 103. Area meeting. This was an exceptionally fine meeting and very well attended. The interest was very high. I was accompanied by R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., Grand Orator; W. John F. Futcher, Grand Junior Deacon, and M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master. A fine talk on Benjamin Franklin was given after the dinner by our Grand Orator, W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr.

April 20—Minatare No. 295. This is the home lodge of W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Senior Warden.

April 20—Bayard No. 301. This is the home lodge of W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler.

Unless otherwise set out these were all duly tiled communications and I was received with the customary ceremony of reception of the Grand Master as worked out by the Committee on Work and the Grand Custodian. This is quiet but is dignified and impressive, and I thank the brethren for their efforts to learn and use this ceremony. I want to also say "thank you" for the wonderful hospitality extended to me on every visit. These visits gave opportunity to meet with Nebraska Masons and enjoy Masonry with them, and this is one of the greatest privileges that can come to any man. To my regret, I had to decline some invitations on account of conflicting engagements, but I find that I have only declined seven invitations from Nebraska Lodges.

VISITATIONS OTHER THAN LODGES

June 19, 1955—Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper. Reception honoring Norris W. Lallman, Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star.

June 28—Omaha Sojourners Club at Omaha Home for Boys. I was made Honorary member of this fine organization of Masons who have been commissioned Officers in the Armed Forces.

July 6—Lincoln. Meeting of Grand Trustees.

July 9-16—Chicago. Grand Master to the Imperial Council Shrine where Imperial Potentate Frank S. Land honored all Grand Masters.

September 1—Omaha Council No. 1, Omaha. Officially received.

September 3—Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha. Officially received and presented.

September 30—Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha, to Knight Henry Pedersen.

October 14—Royal Order of Jesters, Omaha Court 19. Dinner at the Paxton Hotel.

October 20—Liberty Chapter, Order of Eastern Star No. 273. Officially received.

October 21—Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1. Knight Templar dinner honoring me, where they presented me with a fine apron case suitably engraved. I am a Past Commander of this Commandery.

October 24—Delta Chapter No. 60. Herb White night. I am a Past High Priest of this Chapter.

October 25—Vamaflont Club Dinner. Was honored with gift. I am a Past President of this organization of Past Matrons and Patrons of Omaha Eastern Star Chapters.

November 7—Delta Chapter No. 60, R. A. M., Omaha.

November 9—Omaha Master and Wardens Club dinner, Temple of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290.

November 10—Tangier Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Omaha. Unofficial.

November 18—A.B.C. Club, Omaha. I made the address of the evening.

November 19—Vesta Chapter No. 60, O.E.S., Omaha. Past Matrons and Patrons received and honored at dinner.

November 22—Trinity Chapter No. 299, O.E.S. Mens night. Honored by reception. R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., Grand Orator; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; and W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal. The Grand Patron and Matron were in attendance.

December 1—Scottish Rite Banquet, Omaha. Was an honored guest.

December 2—Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha. In company with R. E. Guy L. Raber, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska.

December 5—Nebraska Council Thrice Illustrious Masters. Installed new officers at this session.

December 6—Grand Council, R. & S. M., at Omaha. Received with Grand honors. I installed the new Grand Council Officers.

December 7—Breakfast of Sir Galahad Priory No. 7 K.Y.C.H. where I am now Deputy Prior.

December 7—Nebraska Veterans Freemasons Annual dinner meeting.

December 7—Grand Chapter, R.'A.'M.' of Nebraska at Omaha. Received with Grand Honors.

December 8—Annual Communication and breakfast of Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 17, Allied Masonic Degrees, Omaha, where I am Junior Warden.

December 9—Tangier Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. Officially introduced.

December 16—Installed officers of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, K.'T.'.

January 5, 1956—Installed officers, Omaha Council No. 1, R.'&S.'M.'.

January 12—Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., where they re-elected me Imperial Representative. Unofficial.

January 13—Annual Meeting, Royal Order Jesters. They elected me Representative to Royal Court. Unofficial.

January 19—Vesta Chapter No. 60, O.E.S. Installation. Unofficial.

February 9—Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Unofficial.

February 10—Potentates Ball Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., where I was an honored guest.

March 11—Annual Fellowship Banquet, Kansas Masons, Topeka. Officially received.

March 12—Grand Council of Kansas, Topeka. Officially received.

March 12-13—Grand Chapter of Kansas, Topeka. Officially received.

March 14—Annual Meeting, Kansas Priory K.Y.C.H. No. 33, of which I am an honorary member.

March 18—Scottish Rite Charitable Educational Welfare Meeting, Lincoln, where I was presented as the Grand Master.

April 5—Most Illustrious Grand Masters night at Omaha Council No. 1, where I was officially received.

April 18 to 20, I attended the Grand Commandery, K.'T.' held in Scottsbluff. I was received with all the honors due the office of Grand Master. In addition the good Sir Knights saw fit to elect me Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery, K.'T.' of Nebraska.

May 7, I attended as an honored guest the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, held at Lincoln. I was received with the utmost courtesy and all the honor due the office of Grand Master. It was a pleasure to convey my greetings and the greetings of the Grand Lodge to this body with which we work in so many ways.

Except as were noted above, I was in every instance formally introduced and accorded the honors due the office of Grand Master. These exceptions were my visits to the bodies in which I hold membership in accordance with custom and my preference, I maintained that one

formal presentation and introduction was sufficient. My brethren in these affiliated bodies have treated me with the finest courtesies and consideration during the entire year. One thing that I have noted particularly is that in the affiliated bodies they are becoming well informed of the fact that, first and foremost and always, we are Master Masons. In my visit to the Imperial Shrine session at Chicago, Brother Frank S. Land, the Imperial Potentate, had invited the Grand Masters of all United States and Canadian Jurisdictions. We were the honored guests at every event held by the Shrine and treated in every way with every courtesy and honor due our offices and I was pleased that the Shrine unanimously voted to appoint a special committee of which Brother Land is now Chairman, to continue the Shrine's efforts to establish that all Shriners and all other members of affiliated bodies owe their first and foremost allegiance to the Symbolic Lodge and the Grand Lodge of their jurisdiction.

Naturally, I was unable to accept every invitation. I am deeply grateful for those invitations and I am aware of the sincerity of the bodies extending them. I have tried during the entire year to furnish whatever influence I had as Grand Master to the very worthwhile purposes of unifying and solidifying all the orders of Masonry in Nebraska.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Iowa at Cedar Rapids on June 12 to 15, 1955. Here in addition to the Grand Lodge session they dedicated with very appropriate ceremonies, their fine new Masonic Library. Grand Master Wilbur F. Earhart of Menlo presided and M. W. Ray Douglass, of Postville, was elected and installed as his successor. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and Mrs. Greisen, and Past Grand Master M. W. Charles F. Adams and Mrs. Adams accompanied me.

Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario at Toronto from July 16 to 20. This was their Centennial celebration and it was a magnificent one. M. W. Joseph Hearn of Toronto presided and M. W. William Wright of Sault Ste. Marie was installed as his successor. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and Mrs. Greisen, M. W. Lewis E. Smith and Mrs. Smith, accompanied me.

Wyoming at Cheyenne on August 20 to 23. M. W. O. H. Gerhard Jacobsen of Glendo presided and M. W. Ralph McWhinnie of Laramie succeeded him.

Missouri at St. Louis on September 26 to 28. M. W. Orestes Mitchell, Jr., of St. Joseph, presided and M. W. William Craig of Springfield was installed the new Grand Master. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and Mrs. Greisen, were with me.

Illinois at Chicago on October 6 to 8. M. W. Carroll T. Hughes of Jacksonville presided and he was succeeded by M. W. Milton Sonntag of Plainfield. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and Mrs. Greisen and M. W. Charles F. Adams and Mrs. Adams accompanied me.

Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada at New Orleans on October 29 to November 1. This, of course, is not a Grand Lodge session but our Grand Lodge is a member and R.'W.'. Carl R. Greisen, who with Mrs. Greisen accompanied me, is one of its high officers. In addition, M.'W.'. Lewis E. Smith, its treasurer, and Mrs. Smith, and M.'W.'. Benjamin F. Eyre, accompanied me to a very fine session.

Colorado at Denver on January 23 to 25, 1956. Grand Master Charles A. Mantz, whom we consider one of our Nebraska products, very capably presided and he was succeeded by M.'W.'. Millard C. Ryan of Rocky Ford. They had a splendid session and made plans for the celebration of their Centennial in a few years. R.'W.'. Carl R. Greisen and Mrs. Greisen accompanied me.

Kansas at Topeka on March 14-15. This was their Centennial and M.'W.'. Scott E. Kelsey of Topeka presided. M.'W.'. Karl Baumgartner of Goodland was installed as his successor. They had a very fine Centennial and it was well attended. W.'. Howard J. Hunter, Chairman of our Masonic Educational Committee, accompanied me.

April 26 and 27, I visited the 219th Communication of the Grand Lodge A.'F.'M.'. of South Carolina held at Charleston. It was a splendid session and in as much as I am the Grand Representative of South Carolina near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the session was especially enjoyed. The South Carolinian brethren furnished southern hospitality to their guests in the full connotation of the term. It was a splendid experience.

May 1 and 2, I visited the Grand Lodge of New York held in New York City. They were celebrating their 175th Annual Communication. Like all things, New York does their Grand Lodge Communications in magnificent style. I feel much good has resulted from this fine meeting for use of Nebraska Masonry.

May 11, 12, 13, I attended the Conference of the Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens and Grand Secretaries of the Grand Jurisdictions of Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota and Nebraska, which was held in the fine new Grand Lodge Office Building in Milwaukee. This year, we were guests of the Grand Officers of Wisconsin and it was a very informative meeting and I am sure all of us who attended from Nebraska found it very beneficial. This is not a Grand Lodge but so important to these states has it become in the development of solutions to our various problems, that it is my hope that it will long continue.

To my great regret I had to decline on account of conflicting engagements invitations to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky at Louisville; the Grand Lodge of South Dakota at Mitchell; the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin at Milwaukee; the Grand Lodge of Idaho at Boise; the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at St. Paul. I would have greatly enjoyed attending these Grand

Lodge sessions and appreciated the kindness of the Grand Master of those Grand Jurisdictions for extending me an invitation.

MASONIC CHARITY

At the request of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas, for help for the stricken lodges and the stricken brethren of his Grand Lodge, resulting from the hurricanes and floods in the city of Tampico, Mexico, and after proper investigation, we furnished that Grand Lodge some relief out of our Charitable funds.

When the floods struck Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, I wired the Grand Masters of those Grand Jurisdictions offering help if they felt outside help was needed. Each Grand Master of those Jurisdictions courteously replied thanking us for the offer but advised us that the situation in each case was within their abilities to cover.

PAWNEE LODGE NO. 23

When I first entered this office, I was confronted with some difficulties at Pawnee City, arising out of the ownership and operation of the Temple in Pawnee City. This Temple is owned half and half by Pawnee Lodge No. 23 and Bethlehem Chapter No. 20, R. A. M. It had been operated by a Board of Trustees consisting of three members appointed by the Lodge and three members appointed by the Chapter. Accompanied by the Grand Secretary and M. E. Ralph M. Carhart, then Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., on August 1, 1955, I went to Pawnee City, having called a meeting of the Lodge Officers and the Trustees, and Brother Carhart having called the Officers and Trustees of the Royal Arch Chapter. There we found that this situation had resulted in their being in default on a mortgage on the Temple and delinquent taxes on the part of the building rented out. We found that the Board of Trustees were stalemated, the Chapter Trustees going one way and the Lodge Trustees another direction. After an all-afternoon conference, I removed the Lodge Trustees and Brother Carhart removed the Chapter Trustees and we each directed the presiding officers of the respective bodies to forthwith appoint two entirely new members, to amend their by-laws accordingly and to provide that a fifth trustee who would act as chairman should be appointed by the Grand Master. As the old Board had not kept minutes, I forthwith directed the new Board to keep full minutes of their meetings, to pay their delinquent taxes, and make immediate arrangements to refinance the delinquent mortgage on the lodge building. On August 3, W. Master Binder notified me of the appointment of two trustees. The Chapter immediately adopted the by-law amendment which we had requested, but on August 13, I was notified by W. Brother Binder that the lodge had failed to pass the amendment which I had required.

I therefore immediately set aside this action of rejection and ordered the Master to call a meeting on September 6 to act on the

proposed amendment, to notify all resident members of the lodge and that I would be there.

Accompanied by Brothers Greisen and Carhart, on September 6, I went to Pawnee City and the lodge approved my direction and the action I had required.

On September 9, I was notified by the Master that a former member of the Chapter Trustees had been chosen for the Board subject to my approval. I immediately rejected him and directed the officers to get their by-law changes approved as quickly as possible. This by-law was adopted on October 18, and I have approved the by-law change. The new arrangement seems to be working and on November 4, I approved a plan for refinancing the mortgage on the Lodge building by renewing the mortgage and using some of the lodge funds. They have informed me that the delinquent taxes have been paid and I believe that the situation in Pawnee Lodge No. 23 has been cleared up.

M. W. NATHAN ROSCOE POUND

On May 12, 1956, I received a letter from M. W. Whitfield W. Johnson, Grand Master of Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that on the night of May 17, he was going to present a beautifully engraved certificate to our Honorary Past Grand Master, Nathan Roscoe Pound, symbolic of fifty years service as a Past Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 at Lincoln, Nebraska. While M. W. Brother Pound had not served as a Master of a Lodge in Massachusetts, under dual membership he is a member of M. W. Brother Johnson's Lodge and M. W. Brother Johnson sent me a copy of the certificate he was going to present. This was in recognition of the great service our distinguished Brother has rendered to Masonry. I prepared and sent a letter of congratulations to Dean Pound for M. W. Brother Johnson to read at the presentation. We need not recite here the distinguished services Brother Pound has rendered to Masonry.

DECISIONS

Like every one of my predecessors, I have been called upon to render many decisions. Many of these rendered simply required the pointing out of the provisions of our law which seemed too clear to require interpretation. These I shall not report. The decisions which I think you should have are as follows:

1. Upon inquiry from Atkinson No. 164, I interpreted Section 2-914, relating to the time required to elapse between conferring of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees. Following the recommendation of Grand Master Walter R. Raecke in 1939, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, I held that the Fellow Craft Degree might be conferred on the twenty-eighth day after the candidate received the Entered Apprentice Degree.

2. Trowel No. 71 at Neligh requested a decision whether they could receive a petition from a young man whose father lived in Neligh, who claims Neligh as his home but was then attending school in Lincoln, being married and having a house there. I held that under the provision of Section 2-803 and the decision thereunder, Trowel Lodge had jurisdiction to entertain his petition.

3. The Master of Monument No. 293, Arapahoe, requested a decision as to whether, since he had to remove from the Jurisdiction, he could appoint anyone to represent him. I advised him that under Section 2-306, he could not do this, that in his absence the Senior Warden would succeed to all the duties of his station and if both were absent then the Junior Warden would succeed thereto. That if all three were absent, he as Master might by a written request made a part of the minutes appoint any Past Master of the lodge to act as Master for that meeting.

4. I was informed that the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of Monument No. 293 had moved from the Jurisdiction. I therefore appointed W. Ronald Emmett, Past Master of such lodge, to act as Master.

5. Lancaster No. 54, Lincoln, had a brother who wished to object to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice, but did not give a reason. In answer to a request from the Master of the lodge, if there was any reason why the Entered Apprentice Brother would not make a good Mason, the would-be objector said "no". The Master then overruled the objection and I sustained the W. Master.

6. Stella No. 105, Stella, asked if a man who had lost his right thumb could petition for Masonry. I ruled that he could not.

7. Creighton No. 100, Creighton, requested a decision as to whether they retained Jurisdiction on a lapsed petitioner who now lived in Iowa. I held that they retained jurisdiction.

8. Magnolia No. 220, Emerson, requested a decision as to whether an oral objection to the W. Master prior to initiation was valid. I held that it was.

9. Nebraska No. 1, Omaha, requested permission to wear Masonic clothing and regalia at the rededication of the Masonic memorial in Bellevue to be held on a Sunday afternoon. I held that as the meeting was held on Sunday and the lodge was not opened for work, that Masonic clothing and regalia should not be used. We as Masons support religion and for Masons to go out in their clothing and regalia would give the outside world the belief that they were at work. Section 2-1204 and the decision thereunder seem to hold that they should not wear such clothing on Sunday.

10. East Lincoln No. 210, Lincoln, asked for a decision when after receiving the Entered Apprentice degree, an objection was made to the Master, but before the petitioner could be notified by the Secretary, the objector informed the Master he wished to withdraw the objection as he had acted under mistaken identity. Under 2-1101, I held they could proceed under the original petition.

11. North Star No. 227, Lincoln, asked whether an Entered Apprentice Mason who had not advanced for more than five years and had moved to another jurisdiction had to petition in North Star Lodge or to petition the lodge where he now resides. Following the decision of Grand Master Woodland in 1929, I held that he could petition for advancement in North Star or he could petition the lodge where he now resides subject to waiver from North Star Lodge.

12. Palisade No. 216, Palisade, requested my permission to hold an "informal" dedication of their new lodge hall. I refused permission holding that dedication could only be conducted by the Grand Lodge.

13. Robert W. Furnas No. 265, Scottsbluff, requested a decision as to whether they could let the Shrine Club meet in their Masonic Temple. I held that they could.

14. Craftsmen No. 314, Lincoln, requested a decision as to whether a man who had lost parts of his second, third and fourth fingers on his right hand but has the thumb of his right hand whole and the first finger just had the tip off but the first joint was in good working order, could petition. I made personal inspection of the man and found he could conform to our rites. I therefore ruled that he was eligible to petition.

15. Arcana No. 195, Gordon, asked whether they could use lodge funds as charity for a sojourning Mason and if individual brothers might raise a free will offering and present this sojourning brother the same either as members or in the name of the lodge. The sojourning brother is a minister of the Gospel who had often helped them with funerals and such, and was seriously ill. I held that they could use the lodge funds as charity and also that the individual brothers could raise a free will offering and present it either as members or in the name of the lodge.

16. Garfield No. 95, O'Neill, had the misfortune of having their Secretary incapacitated by blindness. I held under section 2-304 that the Secretary could not be removed but that the Master must appoint a temporary secretary to serve from meeting to meeting.

17. Blue River No. 30, Milford, requested a decision on whether a man living in Denton who desired to petition their lodge would require the waivers of all the lodges in Lincoln. I held that if Lincoln was the closest town having a lodge in relation to Denton, that waivers would be required from every Lincoln lodge.

18. Minden No. 127 desired to know if they could receive a petition from a young man who made Minden his home with his mother, who was a school teacher at Lincoln and he was attending school at Hastings. He had his car registered as a resident in Minden and claims that as his home where he returns during the off school period. I held that he was eligible to petition.

19. Falls City No. 9 asked if they might allow the State Convention of Elks to use their Temple for ritualistic work. Under Section 2-501, I held that such action was permissible.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Section 2-319, contains this provision in its last sentence, "Arrearages for dues shall not prevent the installation of an officer-elect". Since we have adopted automatic suspension this last line is superfluous. Therefore, I recommend that Section 2-319 be amended to read as follows: "2-319. A Master-elect may be installed without first having received the degree of Past Master. A Master-elect shall not be installed while under charges."

2. I recommend that this Grand Lodge take the necessary steps to establish a Lodge of Research. We are now ninety-nine years old and in the Centennial account of the History of this Grand Lodge, we have the elements for a splendid beginning of a Research Lodge. Most of our sister jurisdictions have set up such a lodge. Many brethren have indicated to me that they would gladly devote some time to Masonic research. It is my opinion that it would be a very substantial benefit to Masonry in Nebraska to have such a working lodge. In addition it would keep us current and up to date.

3. I recommend that Section 1-201 (7) of the 1955 Cumulative Supplement, in lines sixteen and seventeen, page 64, be amended to read as follows: "He shall receive a salary of \$7,500 per annum, payable monthly."

Since 1940 the Masonic membership in Nebraska has increased almost 60 per cent. It is with pleasure that we note it is still growing. This has caused a tremendous increase in the work of the Grand Secretary, as have the many new activities, such as Masonic Education, checking records, Temple building and financing work. The increase in correspondence and number of conferences is extremely demanding of his time and energy.

4. I recommend that Section 2-1204 be amended to read as follows: "2-1204 (129). WORK ON SUNDAY—Except to conduct a funeral no meeting of a lodge shall be held on Sunday nor shall Masons appear in Masonic regalia on Sunday."

This changes the present section by adding the words, "Nor shall Masons appear in Masonic regalia on Sunday". I do not believe that Masons should ever appear in their regalia unless they are part of a lodge which has been properly opened and is at work. If we permit them to appear in Masonic regalia without a lodge being opened and no one to supervise them, bad conduct may occur which will blacken the good name of Masonry. Also we profess and practice deeply religious principles. We ought not to appear as workmen on Sundays except where necessary to conduct a funeral for a deceased brother.

5. I recommend that sub section (n) of Section 3-102 be amended to read as follows: "Section 3-102 "n" (148) "Making application to or joining any lodge, society or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason and Master Mason, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York or

Scottish Rite Bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, or to organizations now in existence which do not require the taking of any obligations and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony.”

This would add the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem to those orders which a Master Mason might join without committing a Masonic offense. I have thoroughly investigated the White Shrine and find that they promulgate the same ideals and principles which we advocate. Masons in all the surrounding jurisdictions may and do join this order. I have been privileged to attend their open installations. The Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska have rescinded their ban on the White Shrine and a great many wives of Masons particularly along the state border now belong to the White Shrine. I see no reason why a Masonic husband should not be permitted to join this order.

If I have been clearly informed on the background of this prohibition of the White Shrine which has existed in our law, the reasons for it being inserted have long since ceased.

6. I recommend that the Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$2,300 to be expended by the Committee on Masonic Education to try out the so called Indiana Mentor System, adopted and adjusted as it will have to be to conform with our law and use it in not to exceed ten Symbolic Lodges in different sections of the State, but only to be used in lodges who voluntarily agree to a trial run of this plan in Nebraska. I believe we will find that this will be beneficial to Masonry in Nebraska by continuing from the end of ritualistic instruction and will provide us a better informed Masonry and a much stronger Masonic body of our members in Nebraska.

7. Our Grand Lodge is continuing to grow in members and with the steady improvement in our ritualistic instruction and our Masonic Education, the duties of the office of Grand Master have greatly increased in the past few years. Nebraska is a large state geographically. and I am convinced that the time has arrived when this Grand Lodge should arrange to relieve the Grand Master of many of the details which come with the office, by setting up a District Deputy Grand Master System. Nearly all of our surrounding jurisdictions already use this system and they find that it does relieve many of the demands on the time of the Grand Master. It is not that any Grand Master doesn't want to look after all of these affairs, but he finds that he simply does not have the time nor the strength to properly cover the entire state. I, therefore, recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of five to study such a system and bring in recommendations at the next Grand Lodge Communication.

8. In our Constitution and law, we refer to the chartered lodges as “subordinate lodges”. Based upon my study of Masonry and Masonic

philosophy, this designation is improper. To me, the lodges should be designated "Constituent Lodges". I therefore recommend the adoption of a new section to our law, to be known as 1-408, to read as follows: "Wherever the word "subordinate lodge" is used in this law, the word "subordinate" be stricken and the word "constituent" shall be supplied." These lodges make up the Grand Lodge and their relationship to us is clearly that of a constituent member rather than a subordinate member. I shall also prepare and submit the same amendment to apply to our Constitution, realizing, of course, that this will have to lay over a year and proceed in accordance with the provisions for an amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution.

9. The Grand Secretary has advised me that with the continued growth of the Grand Lodge, he is in need of additional vault space on the fourth floor. He has suggested and I concur that an additional room to house a small Library and the museum pieces we now have would be in order for our Centennial.

We have consulted with the Temple Craft Association regarding the additional needed space and the alteration work that will be necessary to render the Grand Lodge quarters suitable and presentable, not only for such an outstanding event we will be celebrating, but for the future needs of the office. According to the plans, with the Grand Lodge paying for the alterations, this can be accomplished with a minimum increase in our rental for the additional space which we need. For the alterations and the necessary refurnishing the estimate is that it will cost \$31,500.

As work in the Grand Lodge headquarters continues to increase, this alteration and re-equipment is needed and particularly for our Centennial year.

During the year, particularly, at the 100th Annual Communication, we expect distinguished Masons from all over the United States and Canada to visit our Grand Lodge quarters.

I therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$31,500 or as much thereof as may be needed from the Building and Improvement fund for the alterations and furnishing of the Grand Lodge office.

10. Our Grand Lodge office, not by any provision of the law that we have been able to find, but by such long practice that the Grand Lodge officers do not feel warranted in changing without the approval of the Grand Lodge, is keeping records on 3,706 Entered Apprentice; 963 Fellow Craft; 12,630 suspended Master Masons. The greater bulk of these are dated so far back that the possibility of ever changing the status of any of them is very remote. In the opinion of the Grand Secretary, not more than 5 per cent of these are eligible to advancement or re-instatement without petition for such action. It is with his opinion that I concur that we should correct our figures to show only the Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts whose degree dates are within the five-year limit provided by our law as time for advancement without re-petitioning, and that

suspended Master Masons should be shown only for those whose date of suspension is within the three-year limit allowed by Masonic law for re-instatement without petition and the Grand Master's approval.

Such a change would give us an accurate picture of the possibility of advancement or reinstatement and would reflect the responsibility of the present officers and members of the lodges to make effort to have these degrees completed and to make efforts to secure re-instatement of those who have become suspended within the past three years.

This change will not require any amendment to our Masonic law. But owing to the long practice, I feel that the members of this Grand Lodge should consider the matter and if they concur with the idea above stated, their approval should be given at this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

11. In connection with the celebration of our Centennial, the Grand Lodge has previously appropriated \$22,000. Our Committee on the Centennial under the able leadership of W. Brother Rosenlof, has met frequently working to carry out the plans which they have provided. It appears that a total of \$35,000 will be actually needed. I therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge appropriate an additional sum of \$13,000 from the Permanent Reserve Fund for the use of the Centennial Committee. They are modest plans but such as are needed to make this celebration as outstanding an event as this Grand Lodge wishes it to be.

12. The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children has had over the past several years a continuing decrease in the number of children domiciled at the Home and from the way the economic legislation both in the State and Nation has been going it is my considered judgment that we will have a continued decrease in the demands upon the facilities at Fremont. I believe that this Grand Lodge should carefully re-appraise the whole situation with respect to this Home and possibly a committee should be appointed to make a study thereof and come in with recommendations at the next Grand Lodge Communication. My personal reason for this recommendation is that certain administrative costs should be adjusted to the changed situation and with the amount that the maintenance of this Home costs the Grand Lodge, it deserves a complete review of the Grand Lodge's position with respect to this Home.

13. At our last Annual Communication this Grand Lodge directed the reprinting of our present Masonic Code and its Supplement with direction to the Grand Secretary to correct any errors typographical or otherwise which are in the present Code or its supplement. In this instance, the Grand Secretary has discovered that there are many technical corrections needed in our present Code which can not be considered as errors of printing but should be corrected. I herewith recommend that the following changes and amendments be made in the Code:

(a) Section 1-201 be amended by striking out the third sentence thereof and substituting these words. "He shall receipt for and deposit without delay in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Trustees, 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 the Grand Secretary.

(b) Section 1-201 be further amended by striking out the words on page 4 of the 1955 Cumulative Supplement, "He shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of \$10,000 which may be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the cost of which shall be paid by this Grand Lodge." and substitute the following words, "He shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of \$100,000 which may be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the cost of which shall be paid by this Grand Lodge."

(c) Section 1-301—ENUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION—The committees of this Grand Lodge shall be of four classes, namely, Standing Committees, Regular Committees, Special Committees and Trial Commissions.

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Fraternal Dead, Relief and Care of Orphans, Temple Building Advisory, Masonic Education, Grand Trustees, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, Applications for Reinstatement, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and Nebraska Work. Except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

The Regular Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Grievances, Doings of Grand Officers, Finance, Charters and Dispersations, Credentials, Payroll, Entertainment of Distinguished Guests and Returns. The Regular Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master at least sixty days prior to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Special Committees may be appointed at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master shall appoint from time to time such committees for the purpose of conducting Masonic trials as in his judgment shall be deemed advisable; each committee shall consist of not less than three nor more than five disinterested Master Masons. Said committee shall be styled "Trial Commission". The Grand Master shall designate the President of such Commission. Three members shall constitute a quorum and a Master Mason appointed by the Commission shall act as its Secretary and in his absence the Trial Commission may designate some other Master Mason so to act. A majority of such Commission sitting at a trial shall decide all questions before it.

Section 1-302—SEAT AND VOICE—Each member of a standing, regular or special 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.

Comment: Old number same. Words "and regular" inserted after word "standing".

Section 1-303—MEETINGS—The committees above named shall meet at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and any committee may be convened in advance at the discretion of the Grand Master.

Comment: Old number same. No change in text.

Section 1-304—JURISPRUDENCE—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of all the Past Grand Masters in attendance, with the Junior as chairman. The committee shall carefully examine and report upon all matters of Masonic law and controversy which may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master.

Comment: Old number same. Section redrafted to include make-up of committee. Otherwise no change.

Section 1-305—FRATERNAL RELATIONS—The Committee on Fraternal Relations shall review the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, consider and report on correspondence with the same which affects the general welfare of the Craft, and make such recommendations in reference thereto as may be deemed expedient.

Comment: Old number 1-306. No change in text.

Section 1-306—STANDARDS OF RECOGNITION—Fraternal recognition may be extended to a Grand Lodge when it appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge, the Committee on Fraternal Relations having first considered and reported thereon:

1. That such Grand Body has been formed lawfully by at least three just and duly constituted Lodges, or that it has been legalized by a valid act issuing from the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, or from a Grand Body in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

2. That it is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization, with entire, undisputed and exclusive dogmatic and administrative authority over the Symbolic Lodges within its jurisdiction, and not in any sense whatever, subject to, or dividing such authority with, a Supreme Council, or other Body claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.

3. That it makes Masons of men only.

4. That it requires conformity to the following, which the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska considers necessary in a Masonic Body:

- (a) Acknowledgement of a belief in God the Father of all men.
- (b) Secrecy.
- (c) The Symbolism of Operative Masonry.
- (d) The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees practiced in Nebraska.
- (e) The legend of the Third Degree.

- (f) That its dominant purposes are charitable, benevolent, educational, and for the service of God; and that it excludes controversial politics and sectarian religion from all activities under its auspices.
- (g) The Sacred Book of the Divine Law, chief among the Three Great Lights of Masonry, indispensably present in the Lodges while at work.

5. That it occupies exclusively its territorial jurisdiction, or else shares the same with another by mutual consent; and 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.

Comment: Old number 1-307. No change in text.

Section 1-307—FRATERNAL DEAD—The Committee on Fraternal Dead shall prepare and present to the Grand Lodge suitable memorials of the dead of this and other Grand Jurisdictions. All announcements of deaths received from other Grand Lodges shall be referred to this committee.

Comment: Old number 1-308. The words "at once" deleted.

Section 1-308—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 for five years to be appointed each year thereafter.) 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 Orphan's Educational Fund interest. It shall be the duty of the committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application.

Comment: Old number 1-309. No change in text.

Section 1-309—TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY—The Temple Building Advisory Committee shall consist of three members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall investigate all requests for approval of lodge building and financing activities as set forth in Section 2-616 and to advise and assist all subordinate lodges in such activities.

Comment: Old number 1-322. 1955 Cum. Supp. redrafted to include make-up of committee. No change in duties.

Section 1-310—MASONIC EDUCATION—The Committee on Masonic Education shall consist of six members, each to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire two members thereof annually. The committee shall disseminate Masonic light and information for the purpose of bringing the Craft to a higher and fuller understanding of the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity.

Comment: Old number 1-319, 1955 Cum. Supp. Words "to be appointed by the Grand Master" deleted and phraseology changed to effect uniformity. No change in duties.

Section 1-311—GRAND TRUSTEES—The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of five members including the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as ex officio members thereof and three appointive members, each appointive member to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall have full charge of the investment and re-investment of all Grand Lodge Funds, and shall be available for financial counsel to all other separately created organizations or boards of the Grand Lodge.

Comment: Old number 1-320. Redrafted to include make-up of committee. Otherwise no change in text.

Section 1-312—MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND—The Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund may, from the funds appropriated to its use, provide financial assistance to children formerly residing at The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children to enable them to further their education.

Comment: The duties of this committee were nowhere prescribed in the 1946 Code, so the above section is all new matter.

Section 1-313—APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT—The composition, appointment and duties of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement shall be as set forth in Section 3-911.

Comment: The duties of this committee were nowhere prescribed in Chapter 3, so the above section is all new matter.

Section 1-314—GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION—The Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association shall collect and disseminate information to the subordinate lodges and members thereof regarding the work of the Association and the Memorial Building in Alexandria, Virginia.

Comment: The duties of this committee were nowhere prescribed in the 1946 Code, so the above section is all new matter.

Section 1-315—NEBRASKA WORK—The Committee on Nebraska Work shall consist of three Past Grand Masters, each member to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall be advisory to the Grand Custodian and to the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and shall study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and its rulings shall be final, subject only to appeal to and determination by the Grand Lodge.

Comment: Old section 1-321. This section has been redrafted to include the make-up of the committee. No change in text so far as duties are concerned.

Section 1-316—CODIFICATION OF THE LAW—The Committee on Codification of the Law shall digest the approved decisions of the Grand Master, and the approved reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and any proposed law referred to it by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and after harmonizing the same as far as may be possible, shall submit them in the form of proposed by-laws to the Grand Lodge at the same communication.

Comment: Old number 1-305. No change in text.

Section 1-317—GRIEVANCES—The Committee on Grievances shall examine and report upon all matters of appeals and grievances brought before the Grand Lodge. Their report shall consist solely of a recommendation. No fact involved in the controversy shall be reported or stated in the record. A brief abstract or memorandum thereof in each case may be made, but same shall not be published, recorded nor used except for reference.

Comment: Old number 1-311. No change in text.

Section 1-318—DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS—The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers shall recommend the distribution to appropriate committees of the address of the Grand Master and the reports of other Grand Officers.

Comment: Old number 1-312. No change in text.

Section 1-319—FINANCE—The Committee on Finance shall examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary, the Board of Grand Trustees, and the accounts of any committee of the Grand Lodge, and shall ascertain the just balance due thereon and report to the Grand Lodge the actual state of all of the different funds thereof; and shall consider and report upon the conditions of the funds and property of the Grand Lodge, all matters relating to its revenue, and all proposed appropriations to be made therefrom, and it may report such other recommendations as it may deem for the financial benefit of the Masonic Institution. The accounts shall be annually examined, and the result thereof certified to the Grand Lodge. The committee shall have authority to employ an expert public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge, who shall be a Master Mason in good standing, to assist them, if in the judgment of the committee or the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary.

Comment: Old number 1-313. No change in text, except title of Trustees.

Section 1-320—CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—The Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall examine all dispensations issued by the Grand Master, for new lodges, and all work, records, and by-laws presented by lodges under dispensation, and shall make suitable recommendations thereon, according to Masonic law and usage.

Comment: Old number 1-314. No change in text.

Section 1-321—CREDENTIALS—The Committee on Credentials shall report the officers, members, and representatives present, together with

the lodges represented, and the number of votes which each representative is entitled to cast. It shall also report the representatives present from other Grand Lodges.

Comment: Old number 1-315. No change in text.

Section 1-322—PAYROLL—The Committee on Payroll shall ascertain and report the mileage and per diem to be paid to the members of the Grand Lodge and its committees.

Comment: Old number 1-317. The hyphenated word in the old text is corrected to make the word "payroll" one word in conformity with modern usage. See Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary.

Section 1-323—ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS—The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests shall welcome and accommodate all distinguished visitors to the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge and shall see that they are properly introduced.

Comment: The duties of this committee were nowhere prescribed in the 1946 Code, so the above section is all new matter.

Section 1-324—RETURNS—The Committee on Returns shall examine all returns from subordinate lodges and correspondence in connection therewith in the office of the Grand Secretary and report their findings and recommendations to the Grand Lodge.

Comment: The duties of this committee were nowhere prescribed in the 1946 Code, so the above section is all new matter.

1956 Sec. No.	1946 Sec. No.	Subject Matter	Treatment
1-301	1-301	Enumeration and Classification	Redraft
1-302	1-302	Seat and Voice in Grand Lodge	No change (insert catchhead)
1-303	1-303	Meetings	No change
1-304	1-304	Jurisprudence	Redraft
	1-305	Codification of the Law— See below	
1-305	1-306	Fraternal Relations	No change
1-306	1-307	Standards of Recognition	No change
1-307	1-308	Fraternal Dead	Slight change
1-308	1-309	Relief and Care of Orphans	No change
	1-310	Bd. Ser. Ann. and Gifts	Repealed
1-309	1-322	Temple Building Advisory	No change
1-310	1-319	Masonic Education	Slight change
1-311	1-320	Grand Trustees	Redraft
1-312	None	Masonic-Eastern Star St. Fd.	New section
1-313	None	App. for Reinstatement	New section
1-314	None	G. W. M. National Memorial	New section
1-315	1-321	Nebraska Work	Redraft
1-316	1-305	Codification of the Law	No change
1-317	1-311	Grievances	No change

1-318	1-312	Doings of Grand Officers	No change
1-319	1-313	Finance	No change
1-320	1-314	Charters and Dispensations	No change
1-321	1-315	Credentials	No change
	1-316	Grand Lodge Office	Repealed
1-322	1-317	Payroll	No change
	1-318	Unfinished Business	Repealed
	1-319	Masonic Education	See above
	1-320	Grand Trustees	See above
	1-321	Nebraska Work	See above
	1-322	Temple Building Advisory	See above
1-323	None	Entertainment Disting. Guests	New section
1-324	None	Returns	New section

(d) Section 1-404 and Section 1-405 be repealed. These sections are unnecessary because The Nebraska Masonic Home is a Corporation and keeps all the necessary records and in as much as the Grand Lodge owns nearly all stock of such Corporation it has access to those records at all times, and Section 1-405 is obsolete under our present system.

(e) Section 1-412 be repealed. This section has not been used for a long time.

(f) Section 2-314 be amended by striking out all of its present language and substituting therefore the following: "Every Subordinate Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary the sum of 20c for each \$100.00 of protection to the Lodge against misappropriation of Lodge funds by its Secretary and by its Treasurer. It shall be the duty of each lodge annually to report to the Grand Secretary the amount of protection necessary adequately to protect its funds against misappropriation by each of its said two officers, which report shall fix the maximum amount of protection to which the lodge shall be entitled for that year.

"All payments hereunder by lodges shall be paid annually to the Grand Secretary, who shall keep a record thereof. The Grand Secretary shall procure a surety bond from a company legally issuing such bond sufficient in amount to protect all of the lodges against misappropriation of its funds by its Secretary and by its Treasurer, and pay the amount thereof out of the money received for this purpose from such lodges. Such a payment not to exceed the rate of 20c for each \$100.00 or portion thereof of the face amount of such bond. Said bond so furnished to be conditioned for the full protection of the Grand Lodge and the several Subordinate Lodges."

14. I recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a new set of aprons for the Grand Lodge officers and Chain Collars to accompany the same, and to expend therefore an amount not to exceed \$1,100.00. The reason for this is that our present aprons are old and from having to serve in the rain at corner-stone layings have become so worn-looking that they do not comport with the dignity that should attach to the badge of a Grand Lodge officer. During this Centennial year these aprons and jewels will be before the public many

times, probably five times as often as in an ordinary year, and at the Centennial Communication in 1957, I believe every Master Mason will want his Grand Lodge officers to look the part in the jewels and aprons that he will wear. This recommendation contemplates the Grand Lodge keeping the present aprons so that if an outside Grand Lodge event occurs in rainy or snowy weather they may be used and thus preserve the new aprons for occasions when the Masonic event is indoors or the weather is propitious.

GRAND SECRETARY

Probably every Grand Master, at least in recent years, has leaned heavily on the Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has been blessed with fine Grand Secretaries for many years, and our present Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, is a jewel beyond price in his present office. I do not believe I could have met the various tasks that fall upon my office without his friendly and courteous cooperation and his fine advice acquired by years of experience. Like all Grand Masters, I come and will shortly go, but I hope that we can keep our present Grand Secretary serving this wonderful Grand Lodge for many years.

The office assistants which include M. W. John S. Hedelund, on whom I have leaned so heavily, Miss Viola Guess and Mrs. Thelma McNeal who have done so much of my work, and W. Robert M. Herre, who has always been a very fine help, are a vital part of a Grand Master's administration and I hereby say "thanks" to each of them for their fine and loyal assistance.

Our Grand Secretary Emeritus M. W. Lewis E. Smith, our Eldest Statesman, has rendered much valuable help from his wonderful experience in Masonry and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I say "thanks" to him and pray that the Supreme Architect of the Universe will spare him for us many years.

GRAND CUSTODIAN AND ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, has done another fine job this year and performed the important duties of his office in a very efficient manner. On account of his personal health, I imposed certain restrictions upon Brother Cook in conducting his schools throughout the State. He has obeyed my orders like the fine Mason that he is and I know that he is beloved very much by Nebraska Masons. Under his capable direction we have increased the number of certified lodges and individual certified brethren this year and we have this year put out the new certificate to brethren who have earned individual certification for twenty years or more. It has been my personal pleasure to present several of these and it was my personal pleasure to receive one from the hands of W. Brother Cook.

The Assistant Custodians are likewise commended for the valuable and unselfish service they have rendered to the Craft. These Brethren gave without stint of their time and efforts and for the fine continuation

of our ritualistic work in Nebraska, they are entitled to much credit. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, I say to each and every one of them, "I thank you, and God bless you".

In accordance with the law of this Grand Jurisdiction and upon the recommendation of the Grand Custodian, W. Brother Cook, I was pleased to appoint W. Buren P. Wells of Archer and W. Frank A. Anderson, Tecumseh, as Assistant Custodians Emeriti with all the rights and privileges attached thereto.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

I presume that every Grand Master who has served as such for this Grand Lodge honestly believes that his elective and appointive officers are the best. I shall not attempt to convince the rest of the brethren that this is true this year, but I do wish to emphatically state that they have performed the obligations of their respective offices with courtesy and to the benefit of the Craft. Owing to the disability of our former Grand Tyler and the departure from the jurisdiction of our Grand Chaplain, it was necessary to appoint a new Grand Tyler and a new Grand Chaplain. Both W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler, and V. W. Mark D. McCallum, Grand Chaplain, have fitted into our Grand Lodge organization smoothly, and it is my hope that we will have the benefit of their very valuable service for many years.

I have already expressed my great appreciation of the splendid work of our Grand Marshal. However, all of the Grand Officers have been splendid, and right at this point, I want to say "thank you" to the Past Grand Masters upon whom I have of necessity had to call, both for advice and service. Again not wishing to single out anyone, M. W. Charles F. Adams, M. W. Edward F. Carter, M. W. Charles A. Chappell and M. W. Fay Smith have been outstanding, but this is not intended to mean that the other Past Grand Masters, and I would like to name them all, have in any way failed me when called on for Masonic duty. I have already mentioned M. W. Lewis E. Smith and M. W. John S. Hedelund for their services. But I could just as well name every Past Grand Master. I want them to know I appreciate all they have done for me during this year.

At my invitation the Grand Lodge officers assembled for a conference in Lincoln on February 25, 1956. I have tried to keep the Grand Lodge Officers current on the affairs of your Grand Lodge with the particular thought that the line officers who are progressing toward the office of Grand Master may have as thorough a background of Grand Lodge affairs as possible.

APPRECIATION

I am proud of the Officers and brethren of my home lodge, Covert No. 11 of Omaha. They have honored me and helped me in a far greater measure than anyone had a right to expect. On June 26, 1955, they held a fine reception at the Omaha Woman's Club in my honor. For me, it

was a never-to-be-forgotten occasion. My long-time friend, Brother and Honorable Victor E. Anderson, Governor of Nebraska, came up and stood with me in the receiving line. Then, as many of you recall last year, immediately after my installation, the lodge, by its Master, presented me a very attractive and serviceable Shantung silk tuxedo and a fine new beaver top hat, as they said they wanted the first Grand Master from Covert Lodge in seventy years to be properly clothed. Anything I have called upon Covert Lodge or its members for, they have responded over and above my request. To them I owe everything because they gave me my start along the road of Masonry. When in a few short hours I retire from this exalted office, I shall go back and try in some small way to repay them for their many courtesies. And I want particularly to have W. Brother Frank L. Burbridge to tell his good wife Betty, who had charge of the reception mentioned above, how much I appreciated her and his good work in my behalf.

Having lost my fine mate some years ago, I have no family to thank, but do want to say a million "thanks yous" to the fine lady who has assisted me so much during the past year.

I want to personally thank M. W. John S. Hedelund, who gave me the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge as an officer in the first instance. In addition to that I have leaned very heavily on him for advice and counsel during this year as Grand Master. He has been a fine friend and a great Mason over many years and I want him to know that I deeply appreciate all of his many kindnesses to me.

Finally, to the many brethren who have taken places on the various committees and on assignments at my request, I would like to say more than just "thank you". There are so many to whom this is directly applicable that space just does not permit to name them all, but I think they will know that I mean "them".

STATE OF THE CRAFT

My entire endeavors during the past year have been to so conduct the office of Grand Master that when I have finished my term, that Masonry in Nebraska might be stronger than before. Time alone can determine whether this has been accomplished by me. If this lapse of time makes the Grand Lodge feel that I have not labored entirely without results, it will be a fine reward.

I believe that Masonry as a whole and the Lodges as a whole have had a more peaceful year than is usual. I can not claim credit for this but I do want to say that it is extremely pleasing to me. I really feel that I have had but two or three real serious problems that threatened the welfare and good name of Masonry, and I believe that these few have been so handled that, at least, a modicum of Masonic peace has been restored in these situations.

Naturally, the severe drouth of the latter half of 1955 gravely concerned me as I feared we might tend to lapse into the situation of

the desperate thirties. However, I am pleased to report to you as you will see by the report of our Grand Secretary that we finished the year with a good healthy gain in membership, a brand new lodge and a new lodge under dispensation. True, there are some of the smaller lodges which have done little or no work and we can not escape the fact that the automobile and the good roads have seriously hurt lodges in many smaller communities and the number of possible candidates is reduced. But we find many of these smaller community lodges take off their coats, figuratively, and go to work. Invariably the acquisition of a new clean lodge hall stimulates Masonic interest both in the lodge and in the community.

Masonry has for centuries been the leader in Fraternal orders. Therefore, if the lodge will endeavor to be just that, the leader in Fraternity—living their ideals in the home, in the market place, in the church, the forum and every form of community life, I believe these lodges can exert such a great influence for the benefit of the community, that they will not need to disband. During my year, as in that of all previous Grand Masters, the Grand Lodge has stood ready to furnish any lodge full and sympathetic cooperation.

I believe we need large lodges in places like Omaha and Lincoln. Lincoln is fairly well provided with lodges scattered in various portions of the city. With the chartering of Bellevue Lodge and the proposed chartering of Centennial Lodge U.D., we will have a nice start in Omaha in locating lodges in the rapid growing residential portions of the city. I believe this should be encouraged because the difficulty of transportation and parking causes too many of our members to remain at home on meeting nights. Also, every Omaha lodge has many brothers who would make fine lodge officers who never get a chance in the large lodge simply because of the limitations in the number of lodge officers. We naturally have many fine Masons who become inactive who could present a great deal to Masonry. I am unalterably opposed to limiting the size of our Symbolic Lodges as they fill a medium in Masonry and to the Grand Lodge, but I would encourage the formation of additional lodges where the new lodge will be located in the suburban areas of our metropolitan cities.

As I stated, the Grand Secretary's report shows a nice membership increase. The report of the Temple Building Advisory Committee indicates an increasing interest in new Masonic Temples and lodge halls. I feel that I can honestly submit this report as a report of progress. I have not accomplished anywhere near what I so hopefully set out to do a year ago and many things remain undone. I do believe, however, that with the progress we have made and the fine men who will follow in the office of Grand Master, Masonry in Nebraska is on the march.

CONCLUSION

This closes the report of my stewardship. In a few hours, the gavel will go to the hands of my fine successor and I ask you to give him the

wonderful cooperation you have given to me. The affairs of this Grand Lodge may be safely placed in his hands. Let us all work to the end that, under his regime and encouragement and that of Grand Masters everywhere on the face of the earth, we may yet see the day when "swords shall be beaten into plow shares and spears into pruning hooks and the reign of the Blessed Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, shall become everlasting and eternal."

And now I paraphrase the words of as great an American as ever lived, who though, we have no record of his being a member of the Craft, certainly talked and lived Masonry, the immortal Abraham Lincoln, in closing his remarks to his fellow citizens of Springfield as he departed to take up the office of the Presidency of the United States: "Without the help of the Almighty, I can not succeed, with His help I can not fail. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you commend me, I bid this great distinction as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska a fond farewell".

Fraternally submitted,

Herbert J. White

Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

Time marches on and fast. Another year and with its close a report of the activities of the office.

The Grand Lodge is growing and of necessity its program must be expanded and is expanding. We thought you might be interested in a review of the last few years.

We checked back to the year 1946 when the membership was 37,796 and the total assets amounted to \$796,452.66. We now have a membership of 45,737 and the total assets are \$785,837.92. Then, too, the Grand Lodge and the Masons of Nebraska assisted financially The Nebraska Masonic Home in building and equipping a \$550,000.00 addition to the Home in Plattsmouth. We have assisted liberally the Masons of Nebraska and Jurisdictions with whom we have Fraternal relations in times of disaster, caused by floods, tornado or hurricane. A new lodge was chartered last year and we hope to charter another one at this Communication.

We have more certified lodges and certified brethren than ever before. Our Committee on Masonic Education is doing a magnificent job.

Our state has an area of 77,000 square miles and a population of 1,300,000. We are not a large Masonic Jurisdiction, but we should be and I believe we are proud and thankful for what we have. May we continue to grow in a healthy sort o' way.

As usual we have attended Central Schools, where we had the opportunity to meet with the Secretaries of the district. Area Meetings, Lodge Anniversaries, Corner-stone and Dedication Ceremonies. The visits have been most pleasant and we thank the brethren for the many courtesies.

INVESTMENTS

The financial statement reflects the activity in the several funds. The increase in our assets over last year amount to \$24,168.72.

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from every lodge and all dues for the year 1955 have been paid in full. Our thanks and appreciation to the lodge Secretaries for their splendid cooperation. Truly a fine group of men.

GRIEVANCES

A petition for restoration has been received from Alpha Lodge No. 316. This petition has been referred to the Committee on Grievances for consideration and report at this Annual Communication.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

We have in the vault for safe keeping 209 original charters of the 276 Lodges. Of the remaining 67, fifty-eight are photostats or copies and nine typewritten.

The following lodges have been cited to appear and show cause why their charters should not be forfeited in accordance and with action of Grand Lodge at its 98th Annual Communication: Sterling No. 70, Alexandria No. 74 and Laurel No. 248.

CENTENNIAL LODGE U. D. U.

On the evening of November 26, 1955, the Grand Master instituted a Lodge U. D. U. in the Masonic Temple, 19th and Douglas, at the request of 100 brethren. The lodge is now located at 72nd and Pacific Streets, Omaha. They have complied with the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, conferred degrees and have been certified.

Fifty-six brethren have now petitioned the Grand Lodge for a Charter. All records of Centennial Lodge U. D. U. together with demits signed by the individual brethren from twenty-two lodges and ten Jurisdictions including Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri and Colorado have been examined and found to be correct. These together with all records have been referred to the Committee for their consideration.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

During the year 102 buttons have been presented to brethren entitled to receive them. The number is increasing. We have 562 brethren who wear the fifty-year button. One hundred eighty-six of these brethren also wear the Bronze Jordan Medal.

JORDAN MEDALS

During the year there have been fifty-two special meetings and ceremonies in which the senior member of the lodge was presented the Robert Carrel Jordan Bronze Medal.

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

Again this year it has been my privilege and pleasure to attend a number of Central Schools. At these schools I have checked the records of the lodges represented and conferred with the Secretary and Officers of each lodge. The Masters, Secretaries and line officers have been most cooperative.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

We work closely with the Grand Custodian W. Brother Raymond C. Cook and his fine corps of Assistant Custodians. These men are always ready and willing to be of assistance when called upon. Our sincere thanks to each and every one.

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA, U.'D.'

Again we have high praise for the brethren of this lodge. They are called upon several times each month to conduct the funeral service for a sojourning brother. To W.' Ralph S. Tully, the Officers and Brethren of Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U.'D.', our sincere thanks.

GRAND LODGE RECORDS

The returns for 1955 show that we carry on our records 3,706 Entered Apprentice Masons, 963 Fellow Craft Masons and 12,630 Suspended Master Masons. The great majority of these are dated so far back that there is a very remote possibility of ever changing the status of any of them. Less than 5 per cent of these are eligible for advancement or reinstatement without petitioning for such action.

The Grand Master has recommended that we remove from the rolls Entered Apprentice Masons and Fellow Craft Masons who have failed to advance within the five-year period, and suspended Master Masons who have failed to reinstate within the three-year period as required by law. I hope you will approve the recommendation.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC CODE

Last year your Grand Secretary was authorized to print a new edition of the Masonic Code and to correct any errors, typographical or otherwise. We have found several technical changes that should be made. These have been referred to the Grand Master and he is recommending the change.

The book is now at the printers and all changes and amendments to the law made at this Communication will be included in the new edition to be known as the Centennial Edition, 1957.

NEBRASKA VETERAN FREEMASONS ASSOCIATION

This Association was created by pioneer members of Nebraska Lodges in 1888, before the time when there were any fifty-year buttons or Jordan Medals to mark years of meritorious service to the Craft; and, as the preamble to its Constitution states:

"The object of this association is to give greater weight and force to Freemasonry by the assemblage into one body, of all those who through a long lapse of years have stood faithful to the principles of the Institution from which time, that tries all things, has eliminated in a measure all who have attached themselves to it from idle curiosity, political ambition or from some mercenary motive."

The membership in this Association has never been large; total memberships from its origin to this date has been only 2,042, and of these approximately 1,000 are living today. Of our first 500 members only 8 are living today; of the first 750 only 42 are living, and of the first 1,000 only 166 are living.

To belong to this association has remained a badge of honor which is valued by those who, applying for membership, have fulfilled the ideals set forth in the preamble above outlined, and whose Masonic activity has been of true help to their lodges, and to the other members thereof.

There are many more of our Brethren who should belong to it, who have truly earned the right to petition for membership. Our contact with them must be through those who already belong and we confidently believe that information given to a brother by one who now is a member will be of really fruitful value in replacing, for our generation, those who out of that first one thousand, upheld the standards of Masonry in which they so firmly believed, and which have given to us today the quality of Freemasonry of which our Grand Jurisdiction may be so justly proud.

FINANCIAL REPORT
SPECIAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1956

DEBIT

Received from 45,295 Members at \$3.00 each	\$135,885.00
Received from 1,498 Initiations at \$10.00 each	14,980.00
Received from 4 Affiliations at \$10.00 each	40.00
Received from Surety Bond Premiums	632.58
Received from Supplies	3,789.86
Received for Liability Insurance	4,993.56
Received from 1,443 brethren for George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at \$1.00 each	1,443.00

Total\$161,764.00

CREDIT

Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 90,590.00
Transferred to Maintenance Fund	6,794.25
Transferred to Relief Fund	9,059.00
Transferred to General Fund	49,455.31
Transferred to Supply Account	4,422.44
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Account	1,443.00

Total\$161,764.00

GENERAL FUND

May 10, 1956

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1956	\$ 52,618.61
Received from Refunds, 1955 Budget	680.29
Received from Special Dispensations	140.00
Received from Pay-roll Account	2,342.70
Received for Telephone Service	200.00
Received from Interest	676.32

Received from Special Account.....	49,455.31
Received from Miscellaneous.....	15.46
Received from Special Appropriation, Relief Fund.....	10,200.00
Received from Special Appropriation, Permanent Reserve Fund	2,000.00
Total	\$118,328.69

CASH CREDIT

Pay-roll	\$ 12,126.80
Grand Lodge Dinner.....	698.94
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests.....	1,003.33
Reporting Grand Lodge Proceedings.....	75.00
Grand Tyler.....	15.00
Grand Organist.....	10.00
Grand Chaplain.....	100.00
Committee on Masonic Education.....	1,800.00
Committee on Nebraska Work.....	100.00
Grand Trustees.....	50.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	600.00
Other Committees.....	100.00
Trial Commissions.....	100.00
Unassigned expense under direction of the Grand Master.....	1,281.21
Travel Expense, Grand Master.....	2,500.00
Travel Expense, Grand Secretary.....	1,500.00
Grand Custodian and Assistants, Expense.....	5,500.00
Grand Officers, Expense.....	600.00
Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus, Expense.....	500.00
Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, Salary.....	6,000.00
Grand Secretary Clerical Staff.....	7,040.00
Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, Salary.....	5,000.00
Rent, Grand Lodge quarters to June, 1956.....	2,200.00
Audit	225.00
Grand Secretary Office Expense.....	4,326.84
Past Grand Master's Jewel.....	154.00
Proceedings and Advance Copies.....	4,390.10
Liability Insurance Premium.....	119.25
Masonic Relief Association.....	288.97
Bond Premium on Lodges.....	4,982.45
Social Security Tax.....	587.20
Bond Premiums.....	313.20
New Equipment.....	710.02
Compensation Insurance.....	39.27
Transportation, Grand Lodge to Plattsmouth.....	399.17
Fifty-year buttons.....	294.80
Cash on hand, May 10, 1956.....	52,598.14
Total	\$118,328.69

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1956

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1955.....	\$ 5,010.28
Received from Supplies.....	3,805.06
Received from Lodges for Bond Premium.....	632.58
Total	\$ 9,447.92

CASH CREDIT

Premium on Secretaries and Treasurers Bonds.....	\$ 563.85
Postage	505.00
Supplies	3,148.41
Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....	5,230.66
Total	\$ 9,447.92

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1956

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1955.....	\$ 14,311.99
Received from Special Account.....	9,059.00
Received from Interest.....	250.00
Received from The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	2,000.00
Total	\$ 25,620.99

CASH CREDIT

Paid to Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	\$ 6,000.00
Transferred to General Fund, Special Appropriation.....	10,200.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	2,000.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1956.....	7,420.99
Total	\$ 25,620.99

RELIEF FUND BONDS

U. S. Short Term Bonds, 2½%.....	\$ 10,013.70
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PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1956

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1955.....	\$ 4,827.71
Securities paid and sold.....	3,000.00
Received from Special Account, George Washington Memorial	1,443.00
Interest	1,339.00
Total	\$ 10,609.71

CASH CREDIT

Special Appropriation to Centennial Contingent Fund.....	\$	900.00
Special Appropriation to General Fund.....		2,000.00
Securities purchased.....		1,836.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....		5,873.71
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Total	\$	10,609.71

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1956

No.	Name	Par	Cost
45—	Fairmont Foods, 4% pfd.....	5,000	5,200.00
47—	Fairmont Foods, 4% pfd.....	10,000	10,400.00
48—	Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% Pfd.	5,000	5,200.00
53—	Western Light & Telephone Company 5½% pfd.	2,500	2,818.75
57—	Shawmut Association, Common		2,295.00
58—	Indiana Gas & Water Co. Inc., Common		5,332.50
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Total			\$31,246.25

(\$22,000 of this Fund is earmarked for the Centennial Celebration, 1957.)

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1956

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1955.....	\$	27,006.40
Interest		6,082.12
Securities Paid and sold.....		59,350.78
Profit on sale of securities.....		7,057.55
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Total	\$	99,496.85

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased.....	\$	51,040.03
Transferred to Maintenance Fund.....		5,000.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1956.....		43,456.82
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Total	\$	99,496.85

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1956

No.	Name	Par	Cost
89—	U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%	10,000	10,000.00
91—	Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd.....	5,000	5,200.00
94—	Shell Union Oil Co., Bonds 2½%	15,000	15,225.00
95—	Dana Corporation, 3.75% pfd.....	5,000	5,100.00
99—	Westinghouse Electric Corp., 3.80% pfd.....	10,000	10,050.00

101—Commonwealth of Australia, Bonds, 3½%.....	10,000	9,750.00
102—Southern California Edison Co., 4.88% pfd...	10,000	10,500.00
116—Province of Saskatchewan, Bonds	1,000	1,062.72
122—Tennessee Gas Transmission, Pfd., 4.64%.....	10,000	9,922.50
127—Western Light & Telephone Company 5½% pfd.	2,500	2,818.75
133—Pacific Gas & Electric 4.50 pfd.	10,000	10,300.00
136—Shawmut Association, Common		2,275.00
138—General Public Utilities Corp., Common		3,624.32
139—Iowa Public Service Co. 3.75% pfd.	5,000	4,500.00
140—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas, 5% pfd.....		10,250.00
141—Southern Union Gas, common.....		11,855.00
143—Northern Natural Gas, common.....		8,508.00
Total		\$130,941.29

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1956

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1955.....	\$ 34,358.42
Securities paid and sold.....	99,857.50
Profit on sale of Securities.....	5,064.17
Interest	9,869.74
Farm Mortgage paid.....	1,500.00
Total	\$150,649.83

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased.....	\$115,825.41
Transferred to Maintenance Fund.....	8,200.00
Transferred to Student Fund.....	500.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....	26,124.42
Total	\$150,649.83

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

TRIAL BALANCE

Inventory	\$294,543.64
Cash	\$26,124.42
Bills Receivable.....	268,419.22
Total	\$294,543.64 294,543.64

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 26,124.42
Bills Receivable.....	268,419.22
Total	\$294,543.64

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1956

No.	Name	Par	Cost
375	—Province of Saskatchewan, Bonds, 4½%	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,827.50
410	—Province of Manitoba, Bonds, 4%	1,000	930.00
471½	—Western Light & Telephone Co., 5% pfd.....	6,775	6,871.50
478	—Province of Manitoba, Bonds, 4½%	1,000	960.00
502	—Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd.....	15,000	15,600.00
506	—Iowa Public Service, 3.90% pfd.....	10,000	10,200.00
507	—Southern Pacific Ry. Bonds, 2½%	10,000	9,875.00
508	—Fruchauf Trailer Company, 4% pfd.....	10,000	10,450.00
510	—Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Co., 4.10% pfd.	5,000	5,125.00
515	—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2½%	5,000	5,000.00
527	—El Paso Natural Gas Company, 4.10% pfd....	5,000	4,971.25
541	—Ada County, Idaho Grange Supply, 5%.....	15,000	15,000.00
544	—El Paso Natural Gas, Pfd. 4.10%.....	5,000	4,910.63
545	—Western Light & Telephone, 5% pfd.	2,750	2,812.22
548	—Western Light & Telephone Co., 5% pfd.	2,975	3,072.43
550	—American Tobacco Co., Bonds, 3¼%.....	10,000	8,938.82
561	—Wisconsin Electric Power, 3.60% pfd.	2,500	2,165.31
562	—Southwestern Investment Co., Bond, 5%.....	10,000	10,000.00
568	—City of Toronto, Bonds 3%		25,635.92
569	—Shawmut Association, Common		4,600.00
570	—Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 4.50 pfd.	15,000	14,850.00
571	—El Paso Natural Gas Co., Common		9,868.14
576	—Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co., Common ...		8,415.01
577	—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas, 5% pfd.....		15,375.00
581	—Home Insurance—common.....		10,200.00
582	—Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, 4½% pfd.....		10,000.00
583	—Central Electric & Gas—common.....		8,000.00
585	—Province of Ontario, Bonds, 3¼%		9,965.56
586	—City of Montreal, Bonds, 3 5/8%		10,198.68
587	—Ford Motor Company, common.....		6,450.00
588	—Southern California Edison—4.24% pfd.....		5,110.00
589	—Utah Gas Service, 5½% bonds.....		10,041.25
Total			\$268,419.22

CHILDRENS' HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1956

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1955.....	\$ 29,951.65
Securities paid and sold.....	87,186.25
Profit on sale of securities.....	7,478.19
Interest	6,652.84
Total	\$131,268.93

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased.....	\$100,787.96
Transferred to Maintenance Fund.....	8,000.00
Cash on May 10, 1956.....	22,480.97
Total	\$131,268.93

TRIAL BALANCE

Inventory	\$172,523.28
Cash	22,480.97
Bequests	\$ 10,326.40
Bills Receivable.....	184,677.85
Total	\$195,004.25

INVENTORY

Securities	\$165,923.28
Farm Mortgages.....	6,600.00
Cash	22,480.97
Total	\$195,004.25

FARM MORTGAGES

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
81—	Kathleen O'Grady.....	240 Acres, Colfax....	5% \$	2,600.00
82—	Robert Levi.....	Omaha Property....	4½%	4,000.00
Total				\$ 6,600.00

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1956

No.	Name	Par	Cost
68—	Province of Manitoba, Bonds, 4½%	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,643.75
108—	U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2½%	10,000	10,000.00
111—	Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% pfd.	5,000	5,200.00
113—	American Potash & Chemical Corp., 4% pfd... ..	5,000	5,000.00
114—	E. I. Dupont De Nemours Company, 3½% pfd.. ..	10,000	10,200.00
115—	Public Service of Indiana, 3½% pfd.....	5,000	4,775.00
117—	Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, 4½% pfd ..	5,000	5,150.00
137—	Central Illinois Public Service, pfd. 4%.....	10,000	9,061.88
151—	Consolidated Cigar Corp., \$5.00 pfd.	5,000	4,225.00
158—	Indianapolis Power & Light, 4% pfd.	15,000	15,164.19
159—	Shawmut Association, Common		2,300.00
160—	Consolidated Cigar Corp., \$5.00 pfd.	5,000	4,775.00
161—	Gas Industries Fund Inc., Common		10,664.00
163—	Indiana Gas & Water Co., Inc., Common		3,509.00
164—	Iowa Public Service Co., 3.75% pfd.	5,000	4,500.00

166—Iowa Power and Light Company—common....	11,172.48
167—Iowa Public Service Company—common.....	9,780.00
168—Southwestern Investment Company—bonds 5%	10,040.28
169—Interstate Securities—common.....	4,812.50
170—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas—5% pfd.....	10,500.00
173—Province of British Columbia, bonds 3 5/8% ..	10,550.20
175—Gas Service Company—common.....	9,900.00
Total	<u>\$165,923.28</u>

MAINTENANCE FUND

May 10, 1956

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1955.....	\$ 6,858.20
Received from Childrens' Home Endowment Fund.....	8,000.00
Received from Orphans' Educational Fund.....	8,200.00
Received from Building and Improvement Fund.....	5,000.00
Received from Grand Lodge Special Account.....	6,794.25
Total	<u>\$ 34,852.45</u>

CASH CREDIT

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	\$ 28,000.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1956.....	6,852.45
Total	<u>\$ 34,852.45</u>

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND

May 10, 1956

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1955.....	\$ 1,108.55
Check No. 43, from Permanent Reserve Fund.....	900.00
Total	<u>\$ 2,008.55</u>

CASH CREDIT

Check No. 6.....	\$ 25.12
Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....	1,983.43
Total	<u>\$ 2,008.55</u>

TRIAL BALANCE

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 1.00
Stock in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	1.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1.00
Cash, General Fund.....	52,598.14
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account.....	200.00
Cash, Grand Lodge Expense Account.....	400.00
Inventory	53,201.14
Total	<u>\$ 53,201.14</u> \$ 53,201.14

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund Cash.....	\$ 52,598.14
Relief Fund Cash.....	7,420.99
Relief Fund Securities.....	10,013.70
Permanent Reserve Fund Cash.....	5,873.71
Permanent Reserve Fund Securities.....	31,246.25
Building & Improvement Fund Cash.....	43,456.82
Building & Improvement Fund Securities.....	130,941.29
Maintenance Fund Cash.....	6,852.45
Supply Account Cash.....	5,230.66
Orphans' Educational Fund Cash.....	26,124.42
Orphans' Educational Fund Securities.....	268,419.22
Childrens' Home Endowment Fund Cash.....	22,480.97
Childrens' Home Endowment Fund Securities.....	172,523.28
Grand Lodge Expense Account.....	400.00
Grand Lodge Exchange Account.....	210.00
Grand Officers Expense Account.....	62.59
Centennial Contingent Fund Cash.....	1,983.43
Total	\$785,837.92

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA
DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS

This Report prepared by Buffet-Falk & Company—Stanley F. Kunel.

May 10, 1956

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Per- centage
United States Government Bonds.....	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	3.3%
Canadian Bonds.....	66,000.00	66,774.33	8.7%
Australian Bonds.....	10,000.00	9,750.00	1.3%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds.....	79,000.00	79,120.35	10.2%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks.....	185,000.00	186,124.41	24.0%
Industrial & Misc. Preferred Stocks..	95,000.00	96,200.00	12.3%
Industrial Common Stocks.....		32,932.50	4.2%
Public Utility Common Stocks.....		100,628.45	12.9%
(Sub totals) Bonds & Stocks.....		(\$596,530.04)	
Mortgage Loans.....		6,600.00	1.0%
Cash		172,694.18	22.1%
Totals		\$775,824.22	100 %

DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS
SHOWING TYPE OF SECURITIES OWNED
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 10,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% 1963.....	\$ 10,000.00
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\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00

CANADIAN BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57.....	\$ 4,643.75
10,000.00	Province of British Columbia 3 5/8 2-15-77....	10,550.20
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4s 11-15-57.....	1,062.72
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57.....	2,827.50
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57.....	930.00
10,000.00	Province of Ontario 3¼% 9-1-72.....	9,965.56
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56.....	960.00
10,000.00	City of Montreal 3 5/8% 10-1-59.....	10,198.68
25,000.00	City of Toronto 3% 5-15-59.....	25,635.92
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\$ 66,000.00		\$ 66,774.33

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 6-1-56.....	\$ 9,750.00
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INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

\$ 15,000.00	Ada County Grange Supply Co. of Meridian, Idaho 5%	\$ 15,000.00
15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Company 2½% 4-1-71.....	15,225.00
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61.....	9,875.00
10,000.00	Utah Gas Service 5½% Bonds.....	10,041.25
9,000.00	American Tobacco Co. 3¼% 2-1-77.....	8,938.82
10,000.00	Southwestern Investment Co. 5% 9-1-70.....	10,040.28
10,000.00	Southwestern Investment Co. 5% 12-1-63.....	10,000.00
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\$ 79,000.00		\$ 79,120.35

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCK

\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd.....	\$ 5,200.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pfd.....	4,775.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4½% Pfd.....	5,150.00
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd.....	5,200.00
10,000.00	Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 5% Pfd.....	10,250.00
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pfd.....	10,500.00
12,500.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pfd.....	12,756.15
10,000.00	Iowa Public Service 3.90% Pfd.....	10,200.00
15,000.00	Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas 5% Pfd.....	15,375.00
5,000.00	Seranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pfd.....	5,125.00
10,000.00	El Paso Natural Gas Company 4.10% Pfd.....	9,881.88
10,000.00	Central Illinois Public Service 4% Pfd.....	9,061.88
10,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission 4.64% Pfd.....	9,922.50
2,500.00	Western Light & Tel. 5½% Pfd.....	2,818.75

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2,500.00	Wisconsin Electric Power 3.60% Pfd.....	2,165.31
15,000.00	Montana Dakota Utilities 4.50 Pfd.....	14,850.00
10,000.00	Pacific Gas & Electric 4.50 Pfd.....	10,300.00
5,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.24% Pfd.....	5,110.00
5,000.00	Iowa Public Service 3.75 Pfd.....	4,500.00
15,000.00	Indianapolis Power & Light 4% Pfd.....	15,164.19
10,000.00	Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas 5% Pfd.....	10,500.00
5,000.00	Iowa Public Service Co. 3.75 Pfd.....	4,500.00
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\$185,000.00		\$186,124.41

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 5,000.00	American Potash & Chemical 4% A Pfd.....	\$ 5,000.00
10,000.00	E. I. DuPont DeNemours Co. 3½% Pfd.....	10,200.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Company 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Company 4% Pfd.....	10,400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Company 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3 3/4% Pfd.....	5,100.00
10,000.00	Westinghouse Electric Corp. 3.80% Pfd.....	10,050.00
10,000.00	Kerr-McGee Oil Industries 4½% Pfd.....	10,000.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Company 4% Pfd.....	15,600.00
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Company 4% Pfd.....	10,450.00
10,000.00	Consolidated Cigar Corp. 5% Pfd.....	9,000.00
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\$ 95,000.00		\$ 96,200.00

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS COMMON STOCK

500 shares	Shawmut Association Trust.....	\$ 11,470.00
100 shares	Ford Motor Company.....	6,450.00
250 shares	Interstate Securities Company.....	4,812.50
200 shares	Home Insurance Company.....	10,200.00
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		\$ 32,932.50

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCKS

200 shares	El Paso Natural Gas Company.....	\$ 9,868.14
100 shares	Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company.....	8,415.01
300 shares	Indiana Gas & Water Company.....	5,332.50
100 shares	General Public Utilities Corporation.....	3,624.32
859 shares	Gas Industries Fund.....	10,664.00
200 shares	Indiana Gas & Water Company.....	3,509.00
400 shares	Iowa Power & Light Company.....	11,172.48
600 shares	Iowa Public Service Company.....	9,780.00
400 shares	Gas Service Company.....	9,900.00
500 shares	Southern Union Gas Company.....	11,855.00
200 shares	Northern Natural Gas Company.....	8,508.00
500 shares	Central Electric & Gas Company.....	8,000.00
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		\$100,628.45

MORTGAGE LOANS

Kathleen O'Grady 5% Mortgage.....	\$ 2,600.00
Robert Levi 4½% Mortgage.....	4,000.00
	\$ 6,600.00

AN ANALYSIS OF BONDS & STOCKS
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% 1963.....	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 250.00
10,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% 1963.....	10,000.00	9,600.00	250.00
5,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% 1963.....	5,000.00	4,800.00	125.00
\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 625.00
			Average Return 2.50%	

CANADIAN BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57...	\$ 4,643.75	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 225.00
10,000.00	Province of Br. Columbia 3 5/8 2-15-77	10,550.20	10,000.00	362.50
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4s 11-15-57	1,062.72	1,005.00	40.00
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	2,827.50	3,030.00	135.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57.....	930.00	1,005.00	40.00
10,000.00	Province of Ontario 3¼% 9-1-72.....	9,965.56	9,500.00	325.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56...	960.00	1,005.00	45.00
25,000.00	City of Toronto 3% 5-15-59.....	25,635.92	25,000.00	750.00
\$ 66,000.00		\$ 66,774.33	\$ 65,495.00	\$ 2,285.00
			Average Return 3.42%	

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

\$ 10,000.00	Com'wealth of Australia 3¼% 6-1-56	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 325.00
			Average Return 3.33%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

\$ 15,000.00	Ada County Grange Supply Co. of Meridian, Idaho 5%	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 750.00
10,000.00	Southwestern Investment Co. 5% 9-1-70	10,040.28	10,000.00	500.00
15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71.....	15,225.00	14,100.00	375.00
10,000.00	Utah Gas Service 5½% Bonds.....	10,041.25	10,000.00	550.00
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61.....	9,875.00	9,450.00	225.00
9,000.00	American Tobacco Co. 3¼% 2-1-77....	8,938.82	9,000.00	325.00
\$ 79,000.00		\$ 79,120.35	\$ 77,550.00	\$ 3,225.00
			Average Return 4.15%	

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCK

\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd.....	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 195.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pfd...	4,775.00	4,000.00	175.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pfd.....	5,150.00	4,880.00	212.50
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd.	5,200.00	4,400.00	195.00
10,000.00	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas 5% Pfd.	10,250.00	10,300.00	500.00
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pfd.	10,500.00	10,800.00	488.00
12,500.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pfd.	12,756.15	12,750.00	625.00
10,000.00	Iowa Public Service Co. 3.90% Pfd.	10,200.00	8,600.00	390.00
15,000.00	Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas 5% Pfd.....	15,375.00	15,450.00	750.00
5,000.00	Scranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pfd.....	5,125.00	4,200.00	205.00
10,000.00	El Paso Natural Gas 4.10% Pfd.....	9,881.88	9,600.00	410.00
10,000.00	Central Ill. Public Ser. 4% Pfd.....	9,061.88	8,800.00	400.00
10,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission 4.64% Pfd.....	9,922.50	10,000.00	464.00
2,500.00	Western Light & Tel. 5½% Pfd.....	2,818.75	3,325.00	137.50
2,500.00	Western Light & Tel. 5½% Pfd.....	2,818.75	3,325.00	137.50
2,500.00	Wisconsin Electric Power 3.60% Pfd.	2,165.31	2,150.00	90.00
15,000.00	Montana Dakota Utilities 4.50 Pfd..	14,850.00	14,400.00	675.00
10,000.00	Pacific Gas & Elect. 4.50 Pfd.....	10,300.00	10,000.00	450.00
5,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.24% Pfd.	5,110.00	4,900.00	212.00
5,000.00	Iowa Public Service 3.75% Pfd.....	4,500.00	4,200.00	187.50
15,000.00	Indianapolis Power & Light 4% Pfd.	15,164.19	14,550.00	600.00
10,000.00	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas 5% Pfd.	10,500.00	10,300.00	500.00
5,000.00	Iowa Public Service 3.75% Pfd.....	4,500.00	4,200.00	187.50
\$185,000.00		\$186,124.41	\$179,530.00	\$ 8,186.50

Average Return 4.40%

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	American Potash & Chemical \$4 A Pfd.....	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 200.00
10,000.00	E. I. DuPont DeNemours Co. 3½% Pfd.	10,200.00	9,400.00	350.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00	4,750.00	200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	10,400.00	9,500.00	400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00	4,750.00	200.00
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3¾% Pfd.....	5,100.00	4,650.00	187.50
10,000.00	Westinghouse Elec. Corp. 3.80% Pfd.	10,050.00	9,700.00	380.00
10,000.00	Kerr-McGee Oil Industries 4½% Pfd...	10,000.00	10,150.00	450.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	15,600.00	14,250.00	600.00

10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pfd.....	10,450.00	9,400.00	400.00
10,000.00	Consolidated Cigar Corp. 5% Pfd.....	9,000.00	9,000.00	500.00
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\$ 95,000.00		\$ 96,200.00	\$ 90,400.00	\$ 3,867.50
			Average Return 4.02%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS COMMON STOCKS

500 shares	Shawmut Association Trust.....	\$ 11,470.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 500.00
100 shares	Ford Motor Company.....	6,450.00	5,612.50	240.00
250 shares	Interstate Securities Co.....	4,812.50	4,000.00	220.00
200 shares	Home Insurance Co.....	10,200.00	9,500.00	400.00
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		\$ 32,932.50	\$ 30,112.50	\$ 1,360.00
			Average Return 4.12%	

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCKS

	Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
200 shares	El Paso Natural Gas Co.....	\$ 9,868.14	\$ 400.00
100 shares	Panhandle Eastern Pipeline.....	8,415.91	300.00
300 shares	Indiana Gas & Water Co.....	5,332.50	276.00
100 shares	General Public Utilities Corp.....	3,624.32	180.00
859 shares	Gas Industries Fund.....	10,664.00	304.94
200 shares	Indiana Gas & Water Co.....	3,509.00	184.00
400 shares	Iowa Power & Light Co.....	11,172.48	560.00
600 shares	Iowa Public Service Co.....	9,780.00	480.00
400 shares	Gas Service Company.....	9,900.00	544.00
500 shares	Southern Union Gas Company.....	11,855.00	560.00
200 shares	Northern Natural Gas Co.....	8,508.00	440.00
500 shares	Central Electric & Gas Co.....	8,000.00	400.00
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		\$100,628.45	\$ 4,628.94
			Average Return 4.60%

BRETHREN WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE FIFTY
YEAR BUTTON BY THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.
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OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF 1955

Certificate

No.	Name	Date Raised	Lodge	Number
1823—	Fred Funke.....	Aug. 23, 1904...	Lincoln	19
1824—	Walton G. Roberts.....	Feb. 21, 1905...	Lincoln	19
1825—	Frank P. Marlow.....	May 24, 1905...	Lincoln	19
1826—	Henry Reiss.....	Nov. 28, 1904...	Lincoln	19
1827—	J. Stanley Welch.....	June 5, 1905...	Lincoln	19
1828—	Harry W. Benson.....	May 5, 1905...	Oakland	91
1829—	John H. Bond.....	June 26, 1905...	Fairbury	35
1830—	James A. Trowbridge....	Jan. 26, 1905...	Superior	121
1831—	Ross Lee Druliner.....	May 12, 1905...	Justice	180
1832—	Andrew J. Majors.....	Nov. 10, 1904...	Bee Hive	184
1833—	Wilbur S. Shafer.....	Apr. 27, 1905...	Bee Hive	184
1834—	Fred A. Towl.....	Oct. 13, 1904...	Bee Hive	184
1835—	Roy N. Towl.....	Nov. 10, 1904...	Bee Hive	184
1837—	Walton I. Filley.....	Aug. 5, 1904...	Naphthali	206
1838—	Julian A. Pollard.....	May 22, 1905...	Nehawka	246
1839—	Raymond C. Pollard....	May 22, 1905...	Nehawka	246
1840—	George E. Pennington...	Apr. 21, 1905...	Anselmo	258
1841—	Owen J. McDougal.....	June 9, 1905...	Tecumseh	17
1842—	Frederick F. Bodie.....	June 9, 1905...	Tecumseh	17
1843—	Frank Cline.....	June 15, 1905...	Auburn	124
1844—	Charles J. McNamara....	July 15, 1905...	Platte Valley	32
1845—	Roy H. Sawyer.....	Mar. 17, 1904...	Hickman	256
1846—	William H. Barnicle....	Mar. 13, 1905...	Lancaster	54
1847—	George P. Uhlich.....	May 19, 1905...	Lancaster	54
1848—	Charles M. Emig.....	June 30, 1905...	Lancaster	54
1849—	Ralph R. Langley.....	July 28, 1905...	Lancaster	54
1850—	Daniel H. McClenehan...	Nov. 17, 1905...	Lancaster	54
1851—	Ernest C. Ames.....	Nov. 17, 1905...	Lancaster	54
1852—	Thomas E. Postlewait...	May 31, 1905...	Covert	11
1853—	Warren S. Allen.....	June 24, 1893...	Unity	163
1854—	Robert D. Montgomery..	Apr. 8, 1903...	Tyrian	243
1855—	J. Theodore Brammann..	Dec. 29, 1904...	St. Johns	25
1856—	Oscar D. Gooden.....	Aug. 25, 1903...	Hebron	43
1857—	Richard T. Van Metre...	Feb. 10, 1905...	Fremont	15
1858—	William G. Jenkins.....	July 11, 1905...	Fremont	15
1859—	Hamilton N. Morrow...	Aug. 6, 1905...	Fremont	15
1860—	Herman J. Beckman.....	Sept. 13, 1905...	Fremont	15
1861—	Herman O. Wulff.....	Sept. 28, 1905...	John J. Mercer	290
1862—	Earl R. Crary.....	Apr. 17, 1902...	Guide Rock	128
1863—	Oscar A. Otten.....	Nov. 10, 1905...	Hebron	43

1864—William Percy Cady.....	Nov. 11, 1905....	Valley	157
1865—Edward F. Harwood.....	Sept. 18, 1905....	Hampton	245
1866—Charles F. Mann.....	Oct. 19, 1905....	Bee Hive	184
1867—Elza A. Bourne.....	Dec. 28, 1905....	Lotus	289
1868—Henry C. Wengert.....	Dec. 19, 1905....	Ashlar	33
1869—William L. Armstrong... May	29, 1905....	Auburn	124
1870—Piebe Dykstra.....	Dec. 19, 1905....	Florence	281
1871—Charles L. Rogers.....	Nov. 21, 1905....	Pawnee	23
1872—Edward C. Rogers.....	Jan. 16, 1905....	Pawnee	23
1873—Lewis Flanagan.....	Jan. 16, 1906....	Pawnee	23
1874—William C. Bartlett.....	Aug. 25, 1905....	Harlan	116
1875—Julian Ray Roberts.....	June 17, 1905....	Oliver	38
1876—Ross J. Sheppard.....	Dec. 14, 1905....	Tuscan	130
1877—Arthur G. Schultz.....	Sept. 19, 1905....	Fairbury	35
1878—Alfred T. Anderson.....	Oct. 30, 1903....	Geneva	79
1879—Mark M. Pechin.....	Feb. 3, 1906....	Keystone	62
1880—Charles A. Millar.....	Sept. 29, 1905....	North Bend	119
1881—Frank J. Munday.....	Feb. 6, 1906....	Cambridge	150
1882—Wilmer R. Blackett.....	Feb. 5, 1906....	Nebraska	1
1883—Harry A. Greenblatt.....	Mar. 20, 1906....	Nebraska	1
1884—Carl D. Ellis.....	Mar. 18, 1905....	Jachin	146
1885—August H. Brown.....	Feb. 8, 1906....	Hastings	50
1886—Edward J. Doll.....	Jan. 25, 1906....	St. Johns	25
1887—Charles H. Little.....	Dec. 12, 1905....	Fairmont	48
1888—Henry C. McKie.....	Apr. 5, 1906....	Union	287
1889—G. Arthur Bailey.....	Jan. 27, 1906....	Bancroft	145
1890—Albert V. Thomas.....	Feb. 6, 1906....	Fidelity	51
1891—David D. Weddel.....	Jan. 10, 1906....	Alexandria	74
1892—Charles I. Zoellner.....	Apr. 17, 1906....	Robert W. Furnas..	265
1893—Bryant Moore.....	Jan. 11, 1906....	Lincoln	19
1894—Grant Ramage.....	Feb. 23, 1906....	Lone Tree	36
1895—John H. Barnes.....	May 8, 1905....	Ornan	261
1896—Frederic M. Holtz.....	June 6, 1905....	Geneva	79
1897—Albert J. Batchelder... Mar.	8, 1906....	Oliver	38
1898—Robert Lee Hill.....	Mar. 15, 1906....	Edgar	67
1899—George H. Davis.....	July 18, 1903....	Frank Welch	75
1900—Amaso M. Stapleton.....	Feb. 12, 1906....	George Armstrong..	241
1901—Lewis D. Curtis.....	Apr. 20, 1891....	Diamond	291
1902—Louis Kelley.....	Mar. 28, 1906....	Rob Morris	46
1903—Don Leake.....	Mar. 28, 1906....	Rob Morris	46
1904—Clarence D. Purinton... June	6, 1905....	McCook	135
1905—Leon L. Cornell.....	Apr. 10, 1906....	Falls City	9
1906—Raymond S. Scofield... Apr.	5, 1906....	Ionic	87
1907—Arthur W. Sampson.....	Apr. 14, 1906....	Oakland	91
1908—Oscar W. McDaniel.....	May 5, 1906....	Wood Lake	221
1909—William C. Hopkins.....	Apr. 14, 1904....	Mystic Tie	166
1910—William H. Metcalfe... May	26, 1906....	Nebraska	1
1911—Everett C. Ingles.....	May 8, 1906....	Geneva	79

1912—William E. Shook.....	Dec. 25, 1905....	Stella	105
1913—Frank F. Wagner.....	Aug. 19, 1905....	Blazing Star	200
1914—Samuel E. Ely.....	Jan. 19, 1905....	Republican	98
1915—Frank Coker, Sr.....	Oct. 10, 1905....	Sutherland	299
1916—Albin J. Neitzel.....	July 10, 1903....	Canopy	209
1917—T. Herbert Pollock.....	June 26, 1905....	Plattsmouth	6
1918—Charles Lundberg.....	May 12, 1904....	McCook	135
1919—Cullen N. Wright.....	Sept. 2, 1905....	Robert W. Furnas..	265
1920—Edward D. Grimm.....	June 22, 1905....	Washington	21
1921—Charles H. Swift, Sr....	July 17, 1905....	Crofton	273
1922—Karl J. Stern.....	Aug. 17, 1905....	Alliance	183
1923—Alfred S. Kelly.....	Mar. 16, 1906....	Covert	11
1924—Carl Jungerman.....	May 17, 1906....	Mid-West	317

STATISTICS

GROUP LODGE MEMBERSHIP RECAPITULATION

Membership	Dec. 31, 1955		Dec. 31, 1954		Dec. 31, 1953	
Under 30	2		3		4	
30 to 39	13		13		10	
40 to 49	12		14		16	
50 to 59	34		27		28	
60 to 69	28		34		32	
70 to 79	31		30		30	
80 to 89	18		13		16	
90 to 99	19		24		20	
100	2	159	2	160	2	158
101 to 149	43		41		43	
101 to 149	43		41		43	
200 to 299	17		17		18	
300 to 399	10		7		7	
300 to 499	4	99	5	97	6	100
500 to 599	4		4		4	
600 to 799	3		3		2	
800 to 899	1		1		2	
900 to 999	3	11	2	10	2	10
Over 1000	2		3		2	
Over 1100	1		1		1	
Over 1200	2		1		1	
Over 1300	1		2		2	
Over 1600	1	7	1	8	1	7
	276	276	275	275	275	275

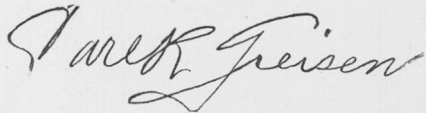
LODGES WITH A MEMBERSHIP LESS THAN 45

No.	Name	Location	1955	1954	1951	1946	1941
74	Alexandria	Alexandria	38	36	34	31	34
130	Tuscan	Surprise	37	38	35	51	48
140	Western	Western	33	32	27	29	27
147	Siloam	Stuart	29	29	27	33	38
156	Pythagoras	Page	39	39	44	44	46
160	Zeredatha	Reynolds	36	36	38	38	35
175	Temple	Filley	38	38	36	39	43
187	Israel	Ulysses	26	28	30	26	28
194	Highland	Cortland	39	43	39	33	31
231	Mt. Hermon	Cook	44	39	44	35	39
243	Tyrian	Oak	31	32	33	30	21
247	Corner Stone	Osmond	33	33	35	38	30
257	Holbrook	Holbrook	30	28	27	24	26
278	Litchfield	Litchfield	36	38	44	41	31
279	Wallace	Wallace	41	39	41	39	30
304	Ruskin	Ruskin	35	36	37	34	32
307	William E. Hill	Otoe	33	35	34	32	32
Totals			598	599	605	597	571

RETURNS

Number of chartered lodges last report.....	275
Chartered during the year (Bellevue No. 325).....	1
Total Lodges.....	276
Number initiated during the year.....	1,498
Number passed.....	1,433
Number raised.....	1,443
Number affiliated.....	329
Numbered dual members.....	16
Number reinstated.....	373
Number gained by other causes.....	5
Total gross increase.....	2,166
Number demitted during the year.....	413
Numbered deceased.....	794
Number suspended.....	499
Number expelled.....	10
Number lost by other causes.....	8
Total loss.....	1,724
Net gain for year ending December 31, 1955.....	442
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1954.....	45,295
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1955.....	45,737

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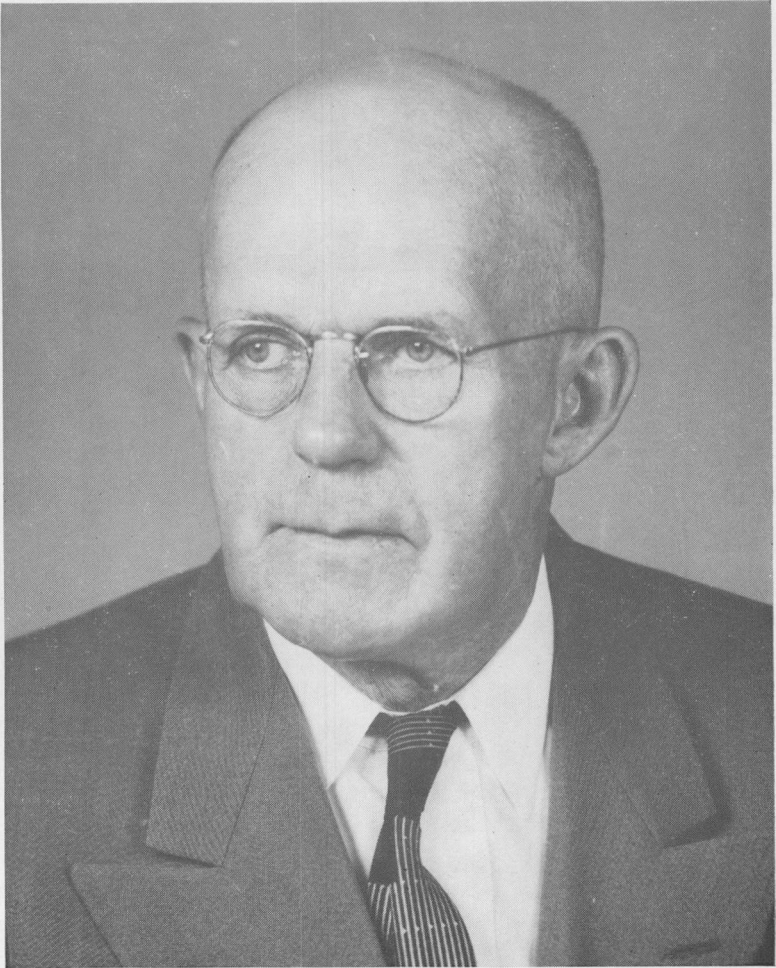


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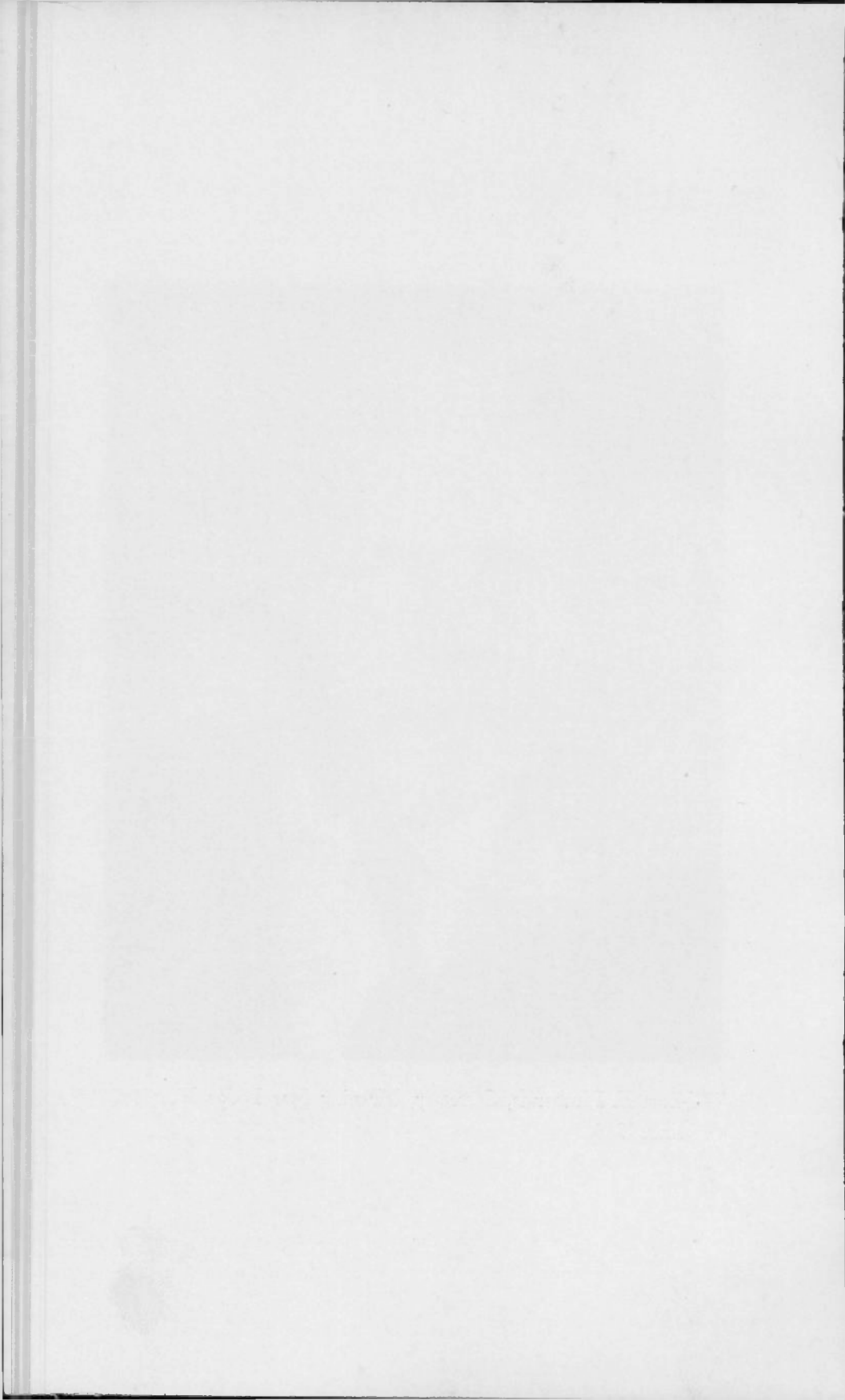
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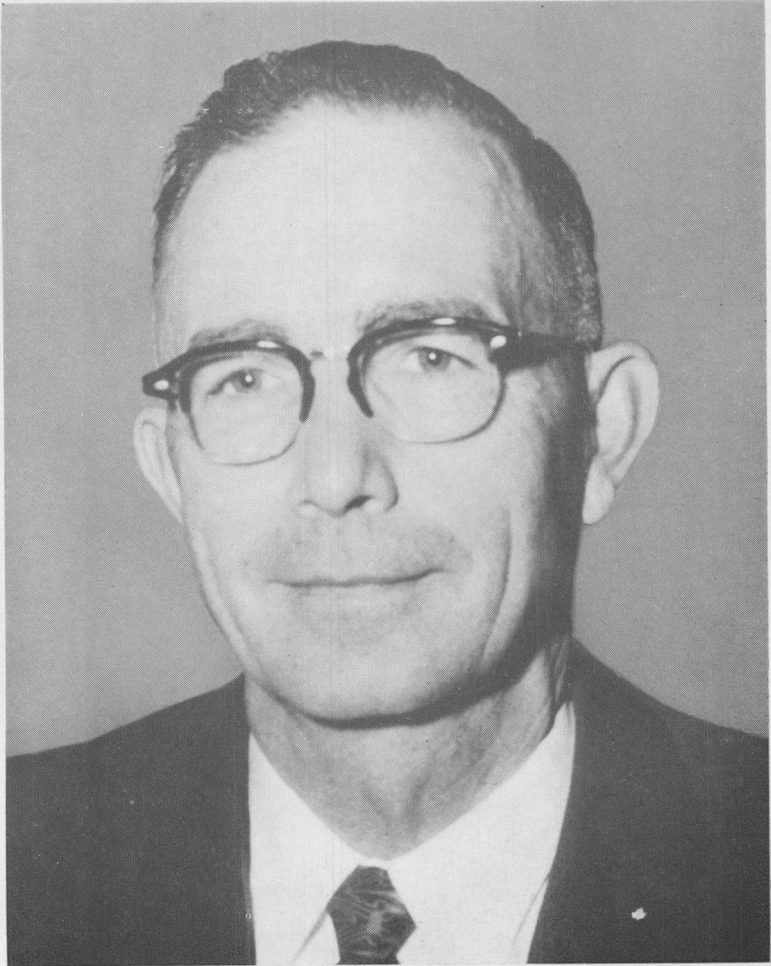
Who have served 25 years or more.

George R. Porter.....	Covert No. 11.....	38 years
Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	37 years
Archie A. Meek.....	Lotus No. 289.....	36 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	35 years
Rudolph H. Jenny.....	Hartington No. 155.....	33 years
Eldon B. Johnson.....	Fidelity No. 51.....	30 years
Edward K. Milmine.....	Camp Clarke No. 285.....	30 years
Siegfried L. Jacks.....	Purity No. 198.....	29 years
James A. Rose.....	Fairmont No. 48.....	29 years
Earl K. Husbands.....	Morning Star No. 197.....	26 years
Paul I. Eaton.....	Pomegranate No. 110.....	26 years
Fredolph C. Chalquist.....	Composite No. 81.....	26 years
C. Robert Carlson.....	Wauneta No. 217.....	26 years
Carl H. Hoge.....	Lebanon No. 323.....	26 years
Leon J. Cherny.....	North Bend No. 119.....	26 years



W. Earl K. Husbands, Secretary, Morning Star Lodge No. 197,
since 1930.





W. Paul I. Eaton, Secretary, Pomegranate Lodge No. 210, since 1930.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

The Grand Custodian fraternally submits his report for the Masonic year beginning June 10, 1955, and ending June 6, 1956.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

There were eighteen Central Schools held this year. Two hundred five Lodges were invited to participate. All but thirteen took advantage of the opportunity to polish and perfect their work and to enjoy the fellowship afforded by this type of school. Nine schools had 100 per cent participation.

The usual storms and bad weather were no general handicap as in other years. Only in one case, the school at Atkinson, was the weather a factor. A severe cold wave and snow storm just about closed us up the second day. Because of the favorable weather conditions, with the single exception, there was a better than normal over-all attendance. There was a total of 3,750 registrations from the Lodges participating.

Locations for Central Schools were chosen so that the greatest number of lodges in a geographical area could be served. In many of these, the Central Schools continue to be the best attended Masonic Activity.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Following the policy adopted in 1948 by this Department of the Grand Lodge, individual schools were assigned to lodges where the need was greatest, where certification almost surely would result, and in most instances, where lodges requested them. The custom of assigning schools so that all lodges will receive this type of instruction every other year has, as usual, been followed. Only in two or three instances has there been a deviation from this procedure for the reason that there is not sufficient interest on the part of the officers of these lodges to make a school possible. There is no reason to waste the time of an Assistant Custodian nor the finances of the Grand Lodge on a group of officers who do not show up for the instruction.

With the exception of these few lodges, the individual schools continue to be the very heart of our program of promulgation and promotion of Nebraska work and are received with enthusiasm by the officers and members alike. Each year the number of lodges making requests for schools increases and certainly indicates the effectiveness of the work of our group of fine Assistant Custodians.

There were one hundred thirty-five individual schools assigned at the beginning of this year. An additional eleven were added at the request of the lodges.

Of this number of assignments, 136 schools were held, three were not completed because of disinterested officers. Seven were not dated by Assistant Custodians because of failure to find mutually satisfactory dates.

LODGE CERTIFICATION

Last year was the first year since 1948 that we had no increase in the number of certified lodges. It is with sincere pleasure, therefore, that we report the issuance of 120 lodge Certificates of Proficiency, the greatest number in our history. Of this number five were certified for the first time. They are: Unity No. 163, Keystone No. 62, Bennett No. 94, Wymore No. 104 and Naphthali No. 206. We commend the zeal of the Officers and Brethren who have made this possible and trust that these lodges will always be found on our certified lists.

Again, every lodge in Douglas County, the Lincoln Lodges and the lodges at both Grand Island and Hastings are on our certified list. This indicates that our work is in a healthy condition in our largest centers of population. However, this honor is evenly shared by lodges in our rural and urban areas as well. Some of the smallest Nebraska lodges are consistently and annually certified, and have the same pride in their accomplishment as do the larger lodges.

The ultimate objective, of course, is the certification of every Nebraska lodge worthy of the name. This is not impossible and is simply a matter of desire, zeal and love of Masonry, and some honest effort on the part of officers whose responsibility and privilege it is to render this reasonable service to the Craft.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

For a long time, the Assistant Custodians and the Grand Custodian have had the deep conviction that the successful functioning of our program of promotion and promulgation of the work largely rested on the capable shoulders of the certified brethren. It is not the duty nor the responsibility of the Assistant Custodian to personally post the officers of the 276 constituent Nebraska Lodges. It would be an impossible task for the twenty-four men of this Department to teach the work to the 2,760 officers involved. We have neither the time nor the means to make the innumerable contacts that would be necessary. Yet, each year, the officers must learn their respective esoteric parts from some competent source. It is tremendously important that the work they learn be accurate and that it meets the standard imposed by this Grand Lodge. What better source of posting and instruction than the certified men?

Our Nebraska system of promulgation of the work is based entirely on the theory and premise that the certified brethren pass on the work to the less informed brethren whose duty it is to learn it. The general over-all excellence of our work expands in direct ratio to the increase in the numbers of certified brethren. The ideal situation would be that every lodge have one or more individual brethren who are certified. This is the goal toward which we are pressing and each year brings us closer to it.

It is with a sense of real gratitude to those fine and zealous brethren who have made it possible, that we report the certification of 611 individual brethren, another high point in the history of this Grand Lodge.

Of this number, 49 were certified for the first time. We express the deep appreciation of all of us in this Department to all of you fine brethren who have made this record possible, both those who have maintained their proficiency through the years, and those who have more recently earned the honor.

STATISTICS

Again this year, a list of the ten Nebraska lodges with the largest number of certified men, and a list of the ten lodges with the highest percentage of proficiency men in relation to total membership, will be an item in the Grand Custodian's report and will continue in the annual reports indefinitely.

The list of the ten lodges with the greatest number of certified Brethren follows: Bee Hive No. 184, 29; East Lincoln No. 210, 28; Lancaster No. 54, 28; Robert W. Furnas No. 265, 23; Lincoln No. 19, 22; Craftsmen No. 314, 18; Alliance No. 183, 15; Ashlar No. 33, 15; Liberty No. 300, 13; Victory No. 310, 13.

The following is the list of the ten lodges with the highest percentage of proficiency Brethren per total lodge membership: Cable No. 225, 10.2 per cent; Sioux No. 277, 9.26 per cent; Victory No. 310, 6.25 per cent; Hay Springs No. 177, 6.19 per cent; Square No. 151, 5.79 per cent; Papillion No. 39, 5.66 per cent; Robert W. Furnas No. 265, 5.47 per cent; Pioneer No. 322, 4.94 per cent; Alliance No. 183, 4.54 per cent; Hooper No. 72, 4 per cent.

This looks like a horse race. The first two are running neck and neck, with Cable No. 225 leading Sioux No. 277 by a nose. The rest of the field is pretty well bunched. The positions have changed materially since last year. The leader, Cable No. 225, is a "dark horse" which came up fast. There are two new entries. Notice that Hay Springs No. 177 and Square No. 151 were not even entered in last year's race. Here is a tip: don't sell short that lodge in last place.

THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

It has been the wish of this Department for a considerable period of time to reward those of our Brethren who have been loyal and untiring in their zeal for our work. Many ideas have been suggested as to the form of recognition that should be given to these Brethren; at what point the recognition should begin; what form it should take. Some time ago, Assistant Custodian Ross Van Sickle came up with what seemed to us the ideal solution and with some further and timely suggestions by Past Grand Master John S. Hedelund, a beautiful certificate, distinctly Masonic, was designed, carrying out Brother Van Sickle's idea that a Brother who had continuously certified for twenty or more years, and who was presently certified, was most certainly entitled to an award of merit. This award comes to those only who earned it by their zeal and devotion to the work of Masonry and serves as a suitable recognition, by this Grand Lodge, as the first visible evidence that the ardent and devoted labors of these fine servants of Masonry have not gone unnoticed nor unrewarded.

This new form of Certificate has the enthusiastic approval of both the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Committee on Nebraska Work.

Following is a list of Brethren who have been, or who soon will be presented with the new Certificate of Merit, and constitutes membership in one of the most unique and exclusive Masonic groups anywhere:

◆Earl M. Bolen.....	130.....	1914
*George A. Stevens.....	158.....	1916
*Orion M. Finley.....	265.....	1916
♣Theophilus C. Wilson.....	33.....	1921
♣Silas A. Wilson.....	46.....	1921
♣Axel T. Danielson.....	116.....	1921
Fred G. Christensen.....	33.....	1922
Carl M. Ketler.....	135.....	1922
Glendon B. Roshon.....	19.....	1922
David C. Spangler.....	41.....	1923
Henry Butherus.....	228.....	1923
Osborne P. Simon.....	174.....	1923
Elmer F. Hollenbeck.....	176.....	1923
Chris Rasmussen.....	97.....	1923
Leslie W. Neil.....	6.....	1924
Raymond C. Cook.....	6.....	1924
Luke L. Wiles.....	6.....	1924
Henning C. Johnson.....	171.....	1924
William A. Lallman.....	72.....	1925
Herman H. Lallman.....	72.....	1925
Henry E. Schemmel.....	2.....	1925
Alvin O. Gronquist.....	54.....	1925
John S. Hedelund.....	268.....	1925
William F. Flickinger.....	56.....	1925
Paul C. Holmberg.....	318.....	1926
Howard E. Bradstreet.....	291.....	1926
J. Allen Trowbridge.....	121.....	1926
Forest A. Lape.....	183.....	1927
Harlan W. Cane.....	227.....	1927
Henry F. Nolting.....	6.....	1927
#Carl L. Caldwell.....	96.....	1927
Austin F. Whitmire.....	75.....	1927
Wallie W. Messick.....	3.....	1928
Henry C. McKee.....	287.....	1928
I. Donald Huston.....	65.....	1928
Earl Barnette.....	146.....	1929
Walter L. Davis.....	314.....	1929
Curry D. Bryson.....	314.....	1929
Clair R. McNeil.....	96.....	1929
Harry H. Kirkman.....	221.....	1929
Harley V. Styer.....	54.....	1930
Elmer H. Seyfang.....	313.....	1930
Carroll C. Raymer.....	164.....	1931

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Frank A. Anderson.....	17.....	1931
John H. Jacobsen.....	171.....	1931
Herbert T. White.....	11.....	1931
Keith J. Lennington.....	158.....	1931
Virgil R. Johnson.....	26.....	1931
Ward B. Schrack.....	46.....	1931
Homer L. Kyle.....	300.....	1931
Arthur C. Johnson.....	33.....	1932
Lewis E. Baker.....	135.....	1932
Ralph D. Hall.....	17.....	1932
William E. Edwards.....	183.....	1932
Charles H. Fueston.....	5.....	1932
Jesse P. Entrekin.....	295.....	1932
Bernard B. Harris.....	265.....	1932
Frank J. Hiersche.....	265.....	1932
Ferris F. Cooley.....	210.....	1932
Albert D. Greenlee.....	75.....	1932
Richmond P. Hobson.....	97.....	1932
Peter Smith.....	187.....	1932
Samuel R. Youds.....	104.....	1932
Cecil C. Gates.....	227.....	1933
Ross Van Sickle.....	184.....	1933
James A. Scott.....	317.....	1933
Everett M. Wood.....	37.....	1933
Bergil E. Sumner.....	209.....	1933
Charles F. Eberline.....	210.....	1933
Lindon S. Crain.....	210.....	1933
**Charles E. McCann.....	1.....	1934
George M. Albury.....	320.....	1934
Carl Thomas.....	271.....	1934
Arthur Kaman.....	271.....	1934
Charles H. Ninegar.....	301.....	1934
Mahlon C. Morgan.....	322.....	1934
Edward H. Lockwood.....	265.....	1934
John T. Sager.....	286.....	1934
A. Victor Bryan.....	263.....	1934
Clarence G. McNamee.....	55.....	1934
Ivan J. Rickert.....	139.....	1934
Steven W. Beck.....	43.....	1935
T. Ross Magowan.....	195.....	1935
Ernest C. Purdy.....	195.....	1935
Roy S. Planck.....	15.....	1935
Merle M. Hale.....	54.....	1935
Wayne W. Reese.....	54.....	1935
Calvin B. Hall.....	54.....	1935
F. Plummer Martin.....	184.....	1935

New Form of Certificate—Concluded

William B. Rushlau.....	184.....	1935
Edwin G. Haas.....	184.....	1935
Albert S. Johnston.....	19.....	1935
Alvin H. Miller.....	19.....	1935
Charles N. Perry.....	210.....	1935
John E. Buckley.....	240.....	1936
Dewey S. Heidloff.....	93.....	1936

◆Certification came with appointment as Assistant Custodian.

*These brethren hold certificates of proficiency issued by M. W. Robert E. French, which he used prior to the issuance of the official Grand Lodge certificate.

♣These are the living brethren of the total of forty-nine who were given the first official Grand Lodge Certificates of Proficiency under the order of Grand Master Lewis E. Smith on July 25, 1921. Theophilus C. Wilson holds certificate No. 5; Silas A. Wilson holds No. 19, and Axel T. Danielson, No. 23.

Until 1948, no records of certifications, either lodge or individual, were kept except as it appears in the Annual Proceedings. The same is true of the record of dates and locations of schools of instruction. These records are now kept in the permanent files of the Grand Custodian's office.

‡Deceased.

96 all told.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

There simply aren't words to describe the service that is rendered to the Craft by this group of men, although each year in these reports, I make an honest effort to do so. Each has his own occupation, his "bread and butter" job to perform. Each, no doubt, would like to have the normal social contacts in his respective community; normal relaxation in entertainment; evenings at home with his family. As a Custodian, he finds it necessary to relinquish these normal activities. In most communities it is no longer possible to hold an individual school during the day. The press of modern living, the demands of occupations and business will not permit. Custodians for the most part can not leave their jobs during the day for the same reason. Therefore, schools must be conducted in evening sessions. The same is true of lodge examinations and individuals. Much of a Custodian's time is spent in travel. Time is at a premium, sleep is a luxury. Yet, these servants of Masonry continue year after year to give this labor of love to the Craft.

At the beginning of this Masonic year, two of our Assistant Custodians found it necessary to retire from our work for reasons of health and inability to meet the necessary, strenuous schedule. W. Buren P. Wells, serving as Assistant Custodian since June 15, 1940, and W. Frank A. Anderson, first appointed March 28, 1949, were designated by the Grand Master, M. W. Herbert T. White, as Assistant Custodians Emeriti. These two Brethren have earned an enviable place in the hearts of all who know them. Both have given service, far beyond that which was their reasonable duty. Both will continue to serve the Fraternity with the same devotion to the limit of their strength and ability.

On June 9, 1955, after his installation, one of the first official acts of Grand Master White was the appointment of W. Brother Willard L. Lewis, Jr., a Past Master of Falls City Lodge No. 9, and a certified man since January 14, 1952, as an Assistant Custodian to take the place made vacant by the retirement of Brother Frank A. Anderson, the Grand Custodian's recommendation having been approved by the Committee on Nebraska Work.

W. Brother Lewis has already amply justified our faith in his ability. He has functioned like a veteran and has proven his worth to his district and to Masonry in general.

W. EARL M. BOLEN

In this report, I would like to call attention to the Masonic record of one of the Assistant Custodians Emeriti. Few Nebraska Masons realize the contribution this truly great Mason has made to this Grand Lodge and to Masonry in Nebraska.

At the recommendation of M. W. Robert E. French, then Grand Custodian, W. Earl M. Bolen, 130, was appointed Assistant Custodian in 1914 in a day and at a time when our manner of promulgating the work was not as well defined as now. He was one of those stalwarts on whom "Uncle Bob" depended to assist in the molding and developing of our

present system. He has been indefatigable in his service; steadfast in his belief in the goodness of Masonry; immovable in his adherence to the principles, laws and landmarks of Masonry. The example he has set for younger Masons has influenced the lives of many, including your present Grand Custodian, who treasures the memory of past association with him and shared moments of fellowship and friendship.

W. Brother Bolen continued to serve this Grand Lodge as an Assistant Custodian until poor health made his retirement necessary. He was appointed an Assistant Custodian Emeritus in 1947. He is the oldest certified Nebraska Mason in length of service. Although his health and advanced years have lessened his participation in Masonic activities, they have not diminished his love for or his interest in Masonry. Brother Bolen has recently had major surgery and a considerable time of hospitalization. He is again back in his home at Ulysses.

We are grateful for Brethren of his stature and are proud to pay this tribute to him as a part of the annual report.

THE PASSING OF AN ASSISTANT CUSTODIAN EMERITUS

Again the grim reaper has swung his scythe. On January 22, 1956, death claimed another faithful Assistant Custodian Emeritus and a well known Nebraska Mason, W. Elmer Surber, a member of East Lincoln No. 210, was first appointed an Assistant Custodian on April 1, 1929, and served with distinction until 1947 when he was given the title of Assistant Custodian Emeritus.

In his quiet and unassuming manner, Brother Surber went about his Masonic work with sincerity and great ability. His friends were legion; his life rich in service to his Brethren.

CENTENNIAL LODGE U. D. .

For the second time in as many years, the Grand Custodian has been called upon to perform that portion of his duties required by the law of this Grand Lodge, namely, to certify to the Grand Master that the officers and brethren requesting the formation of a new Lodge are capable of conferring degrees, giving the lectures, and doing the esoteric and monitorial work required of them in a satisfactory and impressive manner.

W. Brother Ross Van Sickle was assigned to prepare the Officers and Brethren asking the Grand Lodge to constitute Centennial Lodge U. D. ., and to report when they could comply with the letter of the law requiring suitable proficiency in the work and accompanying lectures. When this compliance was achieved the Grand Custodian made proper certification to the Grand Master.

On April 17, 1956, these same officers and brethren of Centennial Lodge U. D. . had made such progress that they were able to pass a satisfactory examination for Lodge proficiency which fact is now offered to this Grand Lodge as further evidence of the ability of this group of brethren to do all the work required of a lodge.

CONDITION OF THE WORK

While there can be no doubt that this Masonic year marks the high point in the excellence of the work in the greatest number of Lodges, and by the greatest number of Masonic brethren; while there is a greater participation in our work by a host of young Masons returned from the services and now entering into the life of our communities; and while your Grand Custodian sincerely believes that there is a high degree of interest in our work and the desire to do it well, coupled with a willingness to labor with fervency and zeal, I would be remiss in my duty if I failed to report the other side of the picture.

As already indicated in this report, there are at least three lodges with so little interest in Masonry that there is insufficient attendance to conduct an assigned school. There are several additional lodges whose elected and installed officers do no work, other than opening and closing their lodge. Past Masters confer degrees, if any, and one or sometimes two of the brethren who have given lectures in their own peculiar way for many years are permitted to continue, while numerous younger men sit on the side lines with nothing to do and no encouragement to participate. Then there is the ever-present evil of "borrowing" brethren from neighboring lodges to give lectures which were once given by brethren who have passed away or who have become too feeble or too ill to come to meetings. We have repeatedly warned these lodges which operate on the "one lecturer" system of the inevitable result. The officers readily agree that "something ought to be done," but nothing ever is. Perhaps, the most discouraging aspect is the complacency and self-satisfaction that we meet in these situations. We are told, rather pointedly sometimes, "We've been doing it this way for twenty years and we are still going." No one ever tells us where they are going or how much of a Masonic asset they are, or how small is the contribution to the community in relation to the potential.

"PEOPLE ARE FUNNY"

Because people never change much with the years, the following observation is taken from the annual report of M. W. Robert E. French, then Grand Custodian, as it appears in the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1921:

"Of the six new lodges recommended for dispensations, five of them secured Assistant Custodians to perfect them in the letter of the work. Just think what that means to this Grand Jurisdiction. If all of the Chartered Lodges were as proficient in the letter of the work as these lodges U. D. are, there would be no necessity for an appropriation for the promulgation of the work for some time to come. You may ask how I account for it. This is an easy question to reply to, viz: The present Grand Custodian will not recommend them if they do not fully comply with all the requirements of the law. The Code is clear, specific and definite on this point on proficiency. Why is it not enforced and the

same results secured from the Chartered lodges that are secured from Lodges U. D. ? Because the letter of the law is not enforced. And who is to blame for this dereliction of duty? If 'stand to and abide by' does not mean all that it says, let us not say it. (The above is not meant to be personal in any way. Simply a matter of principle—a plain statement based on facts and conditions.) When a lodge cannot exemplify the work in an intelligent manner to an intelligent man, then it has no business to tamper with the product."

So spake the redoubtable "Uncle Bob". "So mote it be" say I.

APPRECIATION

To the Grand Master, M. W. Herbert T. White, I express the thanks of all of us in this Department for the cooperation given. Congratulations are in order for his having been one of the recipients of the Certificate of Merit.

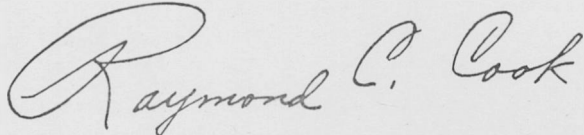
Again, for the Assistant Custodians and myself, I extend to R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and his office staff our thanks for their assistance and cooperation.

To the other Grand Lodge Officers, we say a grateful "thanks" for their interest and participation in the activities of the year. Their attendance at our Central Schools was particularly appreciated. Their words of encouragement will never be forgotten.

The Committee on Nebraska Work has, as usual, been an ever present help in times of need for encouragement and advice. I shall always be grateful that this Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, created this Committee. To them I express my grateful thanks.

To all my Nebraska Brethren who have done so much to advance our program of the promulgation of our work and who have helped to make the load we bear a lot lighter, the road we must travel more pleasant, the rewards much richer, we offer our sincerest and most grateful appreciation.

Fraternally submitted

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the text "Fraternally submitted".

Grand Custodian

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF
GRAND OFFICERS

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

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers has carefully read the address of M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master, and respectfully reports and recommends that the designated sections, as listed herein-after, be referred to the Grand Lodge Committees indicated in this report.

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter on "Necrology".

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Chapter on "By-laws Approved".

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Elect and Install".

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Confer Degrees".

The Chapter on "Other Dispensations".

The Chapter on "Extension of Time for Proficiency".

The Chapter on "Bulletins Issued".

The Chapter on "Committee on the Revision of Section 3-102(d)".

The Chapter on "Pawnee Lodge No. 23".

The Chapter on "Decisions".

The Chapter on "Recommendations", except recommendations numbered three and eleven.

To the Committee on Finance:

The Grand Master's "Recommendations" which are numbered Three, Six, Nine, Eleven and Fourteen.

To the Committee on Returns:

The Grand Master's "Recommendations", the Tenth recommendation.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Charter Relocations".

The Chapter on "Centennial Lodge U. D. I".

The Chapter on "Delinquent Lodges".

To the Committee on Centennial:

The Grand Masters "Recommendations", the Eleventh recommendation.

To the Grand Trustees:

The Chapter on "Masonic Charity".

Grand Master's "Recommendations", the Third recommendation.

To the Temple Building Advisory Committee:

The Chapter on "Building Plans".

The Chapter on "Temple Craft and Financing".

The Chapter on "Pawnee Lodge No. 23".

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Trial Commissions".

The entire address shows a profound knowledge of Masonry and the report is full of the most intensive efforts to be of service to our Fraternity. Our Grand Lodge is indeed fortunate to have had during the past year, the full, loyal and devoted service of this distinguished Mason.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend that the designated portions of the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Finance:

The Section on "Investments".

All Financial Statements of Various Funds.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Section on "Grand Lodge Records".

To the Committee on Returns:

The Section on "Returns".

The Section on "Grand Lodge Records".

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Section on "Grievances".

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Section on "Charters and Dispensations".

The Section on "Centennial Lodge U. .D. .".

The report of the Grand Secretary furnishes adequate proof of his ability and diligence in taking care of the duties of his office in a creditable and efficient manner.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the Report of the Grand Custodian be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work.

The Grand Custodian and his Assistants are the unsung heroes of the field; without their valiant efforts our work would lose much of its beauty.

It is the recommendation of your committee that all matters not herein specifically referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

Fraternally submitted,

LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman

Robert V. Craft, 247

Clyde D. Batie, 211

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

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 6, 1956

At 9:00 a. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

FRATERNAL REVIEW

M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, presented the Fraternal Review which appears in full following the list of Chartered Lodges.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations reports that there has been no change in our fraternal relations with other Grand Jurisdictions with whom we are now exchanging Representatives, during the past Masonic year. We are happy to announce that all the negotiations initiated during the past two years have been completed; with the exception of Tasmania, who apparently have paid no attention to our offers.

For the first time in ten years, at least, no new applications for recognition have been received during the year just passed. We have had letters from several applicants of former years, asking that their requests be granted at this Communication.

Your committee recommends that all requests carried over from former years be laid over for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

A brief summary of some conditions elsewhere may be of interest to the brethren at this time.

In Mexico, the York Grand Lodge has existed for many years in peace, although there are now 22 Mexican Grand Lodges in this country, some of whom have been recently formed. York Grand Lodge is recognized by every American Grand Lodge. They have had an Intervisitation Agreement with the other Mexican Grand Lodges since 1945. In the fall of 1953, the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico abrogated this agreement without notice. Since that time matters have grown progressively worse.

The rise of "nationalism" the world over among former colonies and dependencies, has also developed in Masonic circles. This spirit of independence has doubtless caused the Valle De Mexico to demand a merger on the part of the York Grand Lodge with Valle, under very peculiar terms. They now declare the York Grand Lodge to be a "foreign" Grand Lodge and an invader of the territory held by Valle; while the fact is, since we believe the statements made by the York body, the reverse is true. Valle shrewdly base their complaint on the so-called principle of "exclusive jurisdiction," a principle which may be of value in countries where systems of Masonry have had only one source and origin, but which is more ignored than observed in the Masonic world generally.

Under date of December 3, 1955, Valle De Mexico sent out a circular, which in effect threatens to break off recognition with any Grand Lodge which now recognizes the York Grand Lodge unless they accept the attitude of Valle De Mexico in this matter. We shall see what happens.

Under date of May 31, 1955, the Valle De Mexico addressed a letter to the President and Legislature of Argentina, in which they congratulate Argentina on their stand against the Roman Catholic Church and suggest still further action. This definite departure from the ancient prohibition of entering into political questions can only do harm to Masonry in general; add fuel to the fire of our enemies, and particularly bring harm to their helpless brethren in Argentina itself, who are, since the recent political upheaval in that country, at the mercy of these same elements and the enemies of Masonry. Such procedure is certainly not to the credit of the Valle De Mexico and certainly will delay the further recognition of that body by all thinking jurisdictions.

The spirit of nationalism is perhaps also responsible for the formation of what is possibly the newest Grand Lodge: the State of Indonesia, or "Timur Agung Indonesia" to give it the correct title. This new Grand Lodge is entirely regular, being formed from lodges formally under the Grand Lodge of The Netherlands and which gave its blessing to them on April 7, 1955. So far we have received no application from them, but one would receive favorable consideration, if and when received.

The schism in Sao Paulo still continues. The Grand Lodge we recognize has broken off relations with Colorado because they recognize the dissenting group.

Persecution of Protestants in Colombia continues at an accelerated pace, after a brief period of calm. This is the most severe example of Catholic domination since the attacks in Spain, with which most of you are familiar. Most of the attacks take place in small places in the interior, where the highest local authority, the priest, is the director. In the larger places more subtle forms of pressure are employed. Permits to build or rebuild churches are delayed or refused. Protestant schools are refused recognition and Catholic children who attend them are excommunicated. Many other items could be detailed. It is a sorry commentary on the "religion" which Rome wants to have taught in our own schools. Protestants—Awake!

In France, a proposed union between the National Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of France fell through, after making good headway in committee. This is perhaps just as well, since the Grand Lodge of France is a much larger group and could later repeal much that had been adopted by the two committees who discussed the union. The proposed agreement, at least, would have been acceptable to any Masonic jurisdiction.

In Germany, M.'W.'Dr. Theodore Vogel is again the head of the United Grand Lodge of Germany, caused by the death in office of their Grand Master. This Grand Lodge is making wonderful progress and is further uniting German Masonry. Many younger men, which they so sorely needed and who have had the opportunity to observe military and material might, are being attracted to their ranks. In Austria too, Masonry continues a slow but steady growth.

Nationalism also seems to prevail in the East. In Syria and Lebanon, the nine lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, have requested the formation of a District Grand Lodge, similar to those operated by England for many years. The Grand Lodge of New York gave authority to their Grand Master to set up such a body at his discretion, which might some day lead to the formation of a Grand Lodge there.

This Committee sometimes feels that it is too conservative; is about to make a recommendation for recognition and then some further bit of information leads us to hesitate another year. We feel there is little use in recognizing such bodies as Spain or China, who are no longer in possession of their territory or those who occupy lands wholly under the control of hostile governments or church. Their appeals stir our sympathy and fraternal affection, but rather than subject Nebraska to unwise decision, we continue our middle of the road policy for another year. We would rather wait and see.

RESOLUTION

The Grand Secretary read the following resolution from Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, and Waterloo Lodge, No. 102, Waterloo, and moved that they be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Motion seconded and carried.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That Waterloo Lodge No. 102, A.'F.'&A.'M.'. of Waterloo and Victory Lodge No. 310 of Valley, both within the limits of Douglas County, noting the gradual movement of the corporate limits of the City of Omaha westward, respectfully petition the Grand Lodge, A.'F.'&A.'M.'. for the right to concurrent jurisdiction with all lodges within the corporate limits of Omaha, and with Papillion Lodge No. 39 of Papillion, which now has concurrent jurisdiction with the said Omaha lodges. Attached hereto is a signed statement by the Masters and Secretaries of the said Omaha lodges and of Papillion, signifying their willingness to have such concurrent jurisdiction granted.

In making this request for such concurrent jurisdiction, the above named two lodges hereby relinquish their right to concurrent jurisdiction with Wahoo Lodge No. 59 and Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 of Ashland, accepting in lieu thereof the prescribed territorial limits set forth by Grand Lodge law in territory west and north of Douglas County.

M. W. Herbert T. White offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking in said Constitution wherever it may appear the words, "Subordinate Lodge," or "Subordinate Lodges" and substitute therefore the words, "Constituent Lodge" or "Constituent Lodges".

The Resolution was signed by the required number of members of the Grand Lodge and laid over until the Annual Communication in 1957.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, which was adopted.

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

Year after year this Committee comes before you with its Annual Report and endeavors to provide a picture of something new, something different, which will attract your attention and stimulate your interest to those Masonic ties and teachings which are fundamentally basic with our Masonic structure. Try as we may, however, the overall pattern never changes, notwithstanding that new faces and personalities enter into the picture each succeeding year.

To the interested Brother attending Grand Lodge for perhaps the first time, the report provides only a very brief sketch of the activities of your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. The statistical information is reviewed, the number of cases handled is recorded, together with the related expense, and the report is accepted and placed on file.

To the members of your Committee, however, this report has an entirely different meaning and significance. There is in this report the unwritten word which indicates the heartaches, worries, fears, frustration and tears of those who come to you for advice and assistance, and who perhaps, through no fault of their own are at the end of the road, a dead-end road of despair, so to speak; and they know not which way to turn for further guidance. You encourage them to tell their story while you listen. You direct questions at them in an effort to bring out the underlying cause of their situation. Sometimes you break through that

outer crust of resistance, and when this is done the pattern of their troubles begins to take shape in your mind. You then have a better understanding of approach to the solution of the matter. It is not always easy to evaluate the case under consideration or to determine the best course to pursue, because each case is different, just as personalities are different, therefore, your reactions are different. We do however, have a standard or yard stick of measurement which we apply in all cases, namely, assure yourself that their membership is what they claim and then give them the benefit of the doubt, rather than withhold any assistance of a temporary nature. It is true we have made errors in judgment following this policy, but by so doing, you might perhaps save the life of a Brother or Sister, as has been proven by our experience.

The work of this Committee is related in a very close manner to the work of your Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home. This is as it should be. We are both endeavoring to do our particular part of our charitable work, and for the benefit of those entitled to receive such benefits. The general policy of this Committee is very flexible, and permits immediate action if and when the occasion requires.

In addition to the docket of holdover cases on hand your Committee has granted relief to a number of emergency cases; cases calling for immediate help in varying amounts of time and money. Several new cases of a continuing nature have been referred to us and three old cases have been terminated by death.

The total disbursements from June 1, 1955, to May 31, 1956, was \$5,301.61, representing an expenditure of .116 cents per capita (present membership 45,737) and increase of .002 cents over the previous year.

We are grateful to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and the Grand Chapter O.E.S. for their hearty co-operation and assistance. We call particular attention to a case from Beatrice wherein we are receiving support from each Masonic group, the Lodge, R.A.M., Knights Templar and O.E.S. It is an outstanding example of co-ordination and co-operation of effort.

A complete audit of all records and accounts maintained by this Committee for the past year has been made by James E. Hollander, Certified Public Accountant, and his report is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M.W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, presented the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on the Work desires to submit the following report for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

The labors of this Committee have been exceptionally light during the past year. We have continued the policies first established by the

Committee and as a result we have integrated our work with that of the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian without encroaching upon the duties of either of them.

We commend the Grand Custodian and his assistants for the fine cooperation they have given us. We, in turn, have rendered every assistance possible in aiding proper instruction in the letter of the work in this Grand Jurisdiction. We are convinced that the letter of the work is being correctly taught and that the conditions of our subordinate lodges in that respect are better than ever before.

We continue to urge those who are interested in the letter of the work to make every effort to obtain more information concerning the historical, philosophical and modern interpretations of both the esoteric and monitorial work. Proper instruction often requires accurate explanation which is too often lacking. The opportunities in this field are boundless and the benefits therefrom remain with the new Mason always. Unless the work is integrated into the moral and religious philosophy of our times, its meaning will not be a lasting one. While this is incidental only to the work of this committee, we consider it an important one in which all of us should participate.

We can report, as we have before, that we are optimistic as to the future. The work of our Committee is current and satisfactory. The work in the subordinate lodges is in excellent condition. The letter of the work is being preserved as the "Nebraska Work" as directed by this Grand Lodge. It is being correctly taught and the whole jurisdiction is being well supervised. Discord and dissension among the groups with which we work are unknown. Cooperation in this field is paying great dividends which will be of great benefit to Freemasonry in Nebraska in the years to come. We are pleased to be able to so report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE BUILDING, ADVISORY TO THE GRAND MASTER

W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Temple Building, which was adopted.

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

Your Temple Building Advisory Committee desires to submit for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, the following report of its activities for the past Grand Lodge year.

Activities of this Committee were materially curtailed during the past year, due, possibly, to the severe drought conditions that have existed over all of Nebraska.

Even though conditions have not been entirely favorable for solicitation of funds for building purposes, many lodges are continuing on plans to be ready when more favorable times come along. During the year we have had correspondence or meetings with members of twelve

lodges besides the lodges we will report on later. The following lodges have indicated interest in building either by correspondence or in meetings with our Committee. Superior, Wisner, Ashlar and Grand Island at Grand Island, Chadron, Centennial U. D. at Omaha, Central City, Mullen, Bellevue, Burwell, Cozad and Cotner at Lincoln. Some of these we supplied specially prepared plans, others were furnished copies of the lodge plan prepared by this Committee for the benefit of local lodges.

Your Committee reports, herewith, on recommendations made by this Committee and subsequently approved by the Grand Master.

On July 7, 1955, we recommended approval of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166, Tilden, Nebr., to remodel a second floor room located over an appliance store, as per plans submitted to the committee. No debt was to be incurred in connection with the remodeling.

On October 21, 1954, this Committee recommended approval to Fremont Lodge No. 15, to the construction of a one-story modern structure as per plans submitted and approved. However, before construction was actually started, the Lodge took a new look and decided to alter the plan to different type building, which would taper the over-all costs by a considerable sum. The Ceremony of Laying of the Cornerstone was held on November 26, 1955. We are looking forward to the dedication of this new Temple in the near future.

In our annual report of one year ago, we reported briefly on construction plans for a new L-shaped, one-story, without basement, lodge building for Albion Lodge No. 78. On October 20, 1955, this Committee recommended approval, and subsequently approved by the Grand Master on October 24, 1955. The Cornerstone Ceremony was held on November 11, hampered somewhat by a slow rain in the afternoon. Preceding the ceremony, a wonderful luncheon was served to all guests at the Country Club. We believe all Masonic Lodges interested in building should avail themselves of any opportunity to see and inspect this type of lodge building.

On March 29, 1956, this Committee recommended approval of request of Comet Lodge No. 229, at Ceresco, to borrow \$450 for the purpose of installing two rest rooms in their lodge building. Whereas, this building was at one time jointly owned, Comet Lodge now owns all of the building with rental income from two tenants.

On May 31, this Committee recommended approval of request of Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125, Genoa, for permission to solicit funds to the extent needed to cover cost of new carpeting, new heating system, and miscellaneous repairs.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136, Chairman, presented the report of the Board of Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

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

During the fiscal year ending May 10, 1956, conditions have been extremely erratic. At the first part of the year interest rates were exceedingly low. Today they are very high. This may seem like a small matter but the question of interest rates is the basis on which most securities are sold. In other words, when interest is high the price of securities is lower than when interest is cheaper.

The conditions have meant that your Grand Trustees have had to use great care in purchasing the various items that appear on our statement. The statement of finances of the Grand Lodge is printed in full and in detail and I hope that every brother present will take time and patience to read the report carefully.

You will find the financial report of the Grand Secretary in the advance proceedings. This shows the receipts and disbursements of all funds of the Grand Lodge.

Commencing on page 57 at the middle of the page, you will find a chapter on diversification of the bonds and stocks, both preferred and common, which are now owned by the Grand Lodge.

For the year May 10, 1955 to May 10, 1956, the income on Grand Lodge investments was as follows:

Interest and Dividends received on Bonds and Stocks..	\$23,943.70
Profits on Securities sold.....	19,599.91
	Total Income.....\$43,543.61

This total income compares very favorably with the figures for fiscal year 1955 of \$38,877.34, 1954 of \$32,701.89, and 1953 of \$29,411.54.

As of May 10, 1956, interest and dividends received on all investments of the Grand Lodge averaged a return of 4.09 per cent. This compares with 3.84 per cent as of May 10, 1955, 3.94 per cent as of May 10, 1954, and 3.66 per cent as of May 10, 1953. This is entirely aside from and in addition to the profits obtained from securities sold.

Your Board of Grand Trustees continues to adhere to the policy of avoiding speculation but of obtaining the best possible return on investments consistent with a due regard for the safety and preservation of the principal fund.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge have met regularly and more often than the previous year. Changing conditions kept the members of the Board of Trustees continually alert to the many conditions on buying and selling of investments. The Board appreciates the interest that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary have given to this important branch of the Grand Lodge.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF
GRAND TRUSTEES

M. . W. . Lewis E. Smith, 136, Chairman, presented the following Supplemental Report of the Board of Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

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

Your Board of Grand Trustees have given careful attention to Recommendation No. 3 of the Grand Master which reads as follows:

"I recommend that Section 1-201 (7) of the 1955 Cumulative Supplement, in lines sixteen and seventeen, page 64, be amended to read as follows: "He shall receive a Salary of \$7,500 per annum, payable monthly."

We have consulted with members of the Grand Lodge and many others who are interested in and familiar with the situation. The Grand Secretary is responsible for all the work that goes through his office, including all the details of the Grand Lodge. He is also Secretary of The Nebraska Masonic Home, with its endless amount of detail, and for which he receives no compensation. Because of the above, your Committee feels that this salary increase is meritorious and we, therefore, approve Recommendation No. 3 of the Grand Master.

M. . W. . Brother Smith then moved that the report as adopted be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Motion seconded and carried.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. . W. . Herbert T. White, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and appointed the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers, W. . Jesse P. Entrekin, Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected :

Brother Merle M. Hale, 54 Grand Master
 Brother Roy I. Babbitt, 295 Deputy Grand Master
 Brother John E. Beaver, 253 Grand Senior Warden
 Brother Joseph C. Tye, 46 Grand Junior Warden
 Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32 Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother Mark D. McCallum, 268.....Grand Chaplain
 Brother C. Vin. White, 19.....Grand Orator
 Brother Harold H. Thom, 1.....Grand Historian
 Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6.....Grand Custodian
 Brother Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....Grand Marshal
 Brother John F. Futeher, 302.....Grand Senior Deacon
 Brother Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....Grand Junior Deacon
 Brother Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES, 1956-1957

Applications for Reinstatement: W. Brothers LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Robert J. McDermott, 281, and Earl H. Furman, 290.

Codification of the Law: W. Brothers Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Roy A. Carlson, 314, and Arthur A. Auserod, 276.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. David A. Portwood, 79.

Fraternal Dead: W. Brothers Harry A. Spencer, 227, Chairman; James L. Papez, 78; Lee E. Trabert, 183.

Grand Trustees: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1958), Chairman; W. Brothers C. Earl Fuhrer, 33, (1957) and Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1959).

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: W. Brothers Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; Elmer P. Baruth, 323, and Silas A. Hanke, 195.

Grievances: W. Brothers Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; Charles A. Lee, 277; Howard E. Nesseler, 19.

Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman; W. Brothers Lyle J. Bryant, 297; Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.

Masonic Education: W. Brothers Howard J. Hunter, 59, (1957), Chairman; M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268, (1957); Silas A. Wilson, 46, (1958); Phillip A. Robinson, 155, (1958); Floyd C. Wisner, 265, (1959); Stuart H. Kelley, 11, (1959).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201 (1958), Chairman; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1957); Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1959).

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1957), Chairman; W. Brothers Alvin H. Miller, 19 (1958); Arthur A. Gregory, 265 (1959); Otto Burkhardt, 55 (1960); Joseph M. Troxel, 184 (1961).

Temple Building Advisory: W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1958), Chairman; E. Forest Estes, 19, (1957); A. Victor Bryan, 263, (1959).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Centennial: W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Chairman; W. Harold H. Thom, 1; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32; M. W. Brothers John S. Hedelund, 268; Edward M. Knight, 183; Fay Smith, 198; Charles F. Adams, 68; Herbert T. White 11; Merle M. Hale, 54; Lewis E. Smith, 136, Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, and Elmer E. Magee, 227.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Harry A. Spencer, 227, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted. He was assisted by W. Raymond C. Cook, 6, who sang, "The Peace that My Savior Hath Given" and "There Is No Death" accompanied by W. Harold H. Thom at the organ.

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of

Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

"How fast they fall, those we have known
As leaves from autumn branches blow so quickly seared
Yes, one by one they drop away
As leaves that fall, and stray and disappear.
Sleep on, dear friends. Such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain,
But shed an influence rare, divine,
On those who here remain."

We pause now not to sorrow for those whom God has called home, for the dead need neither grief nor sympathy. They have attained nobler things, for they have seen the King and with Him have entered into an endless eternity.

On this occasion let us remember their contribution to us and to our fraternity. Let us use their lives as a compass to chart our lives along life's road to higher and nobler purposes and greater accomplishments. If we do this, our brothers shall not have lived in vain, and we in turn may set an example for those who in future years will pause in their deliberations to pay respect to our memory.

Our Grand Secretary has received memorial cards from 28 Grand Lodges recording the death of Grand Lodge Officers. These have been carefully preserved to be properly noted at this time. Forty-four Past Grand Masters, one Grand Secretary, one Past Grand Treasurer, one District Deputy Grand Master, two Past Senior Grand Wardens, two Past Junior Grand Wardens, one Junior Grand Steward and one Grand Steward and Tyler have left us during the past year. Our sincere sympathy goes out to these sister jurisdictions for the great loss they have sustained.

Our own Grand Lodge has not been spared. W. Elmer Surber, an Assistant Custodian Emeritus, died at Omaha, Nebraska, on January 22, 1956. W. Brother Elmer Surber was born September 29, 1887, at Waterbury, Nebraska. His Masonic degrees were received in East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, in 1908 and 1909. He was appointed as Assistant Custodian in 1929 and served until 1947, when he was given the title of Assistant Custodian Emeritus. He was a member of the Chapter, being affiliated with Delta Chapter No. 60, R. A. M. of Omaha, and of the Council, being affiliated with Omaha Council No. 1, R. & S. M. of

Omaha. He has been a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association since December 6, 1930.

“When we reach the end of the trail,
And unseen hands shall lift the veil
In fellowship renewed, complete,
Brother still, again we'll meet.”

Nebraska Masonry lost a staunch supporter and good friend in the death of W. Brother William Pieper. He was born December 10, 1882, at Chicago, Illinois, and died March 10, 1956, at Lincoln. W. Brother Pieper will be long remembered by Nebraska Masons because of his faith in the future of our Home at Plattsmouth. It was his gift of over \$100,000 which started a fund for a future addition to our Masonic Home. W. Brother Pieper received his Masonic degrees in Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in 1908 and served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1913. He was a member of the York Rite bodies in Lincoln, served as Excellent High Priest of Lincoln Chapter No. 6 in 1914, Illustrious Master of Lincoln Council No. 4 in 1913 and Eminent Commander of Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4 in 1914. He served as M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1917. He has been a charter member of the Past Commanders' Association since 1937, a member of the Red Cross of Constantine since December 10, 1917, and received the designation of Knight Grand Cross of the York Cross of Honour November 15, 1951. W. Brother Pieper was also a member of the Scottish Rite bodies of Lincoln and received the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour October 20, 1953.

“Here was a friend whose heart was good,
Who walked with men and understood.
His was a voice that spoke to cheer,
And fell like music on the ear.
His was a smile men love to see,
His was a hand that asked no fee
For friendliness or kindness done,
And now that he has journeyed on
His is a fame that never ends
He leaves behind uncounted friends.”

The Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction report that 794 of our brethren have laid aside their working tools during the past year. We express our sympathy to their brethren, their relatives and their friends. They will not have lived in vain, if we remember those things in their lives which prepared them for that journey along the path into that uncharted country, whose portal is death and whose destination is life eternal.

“No one hears the door that closes
As they pass beyond recall;
Soft as loosened leaves of roses
One by one our loved ones fall.”

These brethren have all left their mark. We are better men and the world is a better place in which to live because of their sojourn amongst

us. In the spirit of brotherhood let us remember them in their past, in their deeds that made life glorious and worthy of emulation. Let us remember that the time comes on apace when the curtain will fall for each of us and we also shall pass from the vision of our friends and loved ones. And now, as we usher them into the hall of memory, we close the door with these words of hope:

“When the tide, receding, ebbs across the bar
And the weary seamen sight a land afar,
Heavenly Master, bring these mariners in peace
To the Shore Eternal where the breakers cease.”

M. W. Sir, we recommend that this report be spread upon the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and included in the published report of the proceedings, and may we suggest that you have this Grand Lodge stand in tribute to our departed brethren as our soloist, W. Raymond C. Cook, accompanied by our Grand Historian, W. Harold H. Thom, pay our last respects to them.

ORATION

W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33, Grand Orator, presented the Oration entitled

MASONIC FAITH

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Before beginning my talk, I would like to express to our M. W. Grand Master, Herbert T. White, my deepest appreciation for the appointment as Grand Orator, and for this honor which he accorded to Ashlar Lodge No. 33, to Grand Island and Central Nebraska. In my opinion, M. W. Brother White will go down in the records in the archives of the Grand Lodge as one of our most beloved and conscientious Grand Masters, who constantly sought to improve the welfare of his brethren, a Grand Master who can rightfully take his place with our other distinguished Grand Masters from the days of Robert Carrel Jordan to the present time.

Likewise, I appreciate all the wonderful Masonic friendships, guidance and counsel along my pathway, from the night that I was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, on through the lodge offices, the Scottish Rite, Royal Arch, Knights Templar and Eastern Star, on down to the four appointments on the Committee on Masonic Education by the M. W. Grand Masters Thomas J. Aron, Edward M. Knight, Fay Smith and Charles F. Adams.

Facing now this great array of—well, it has more of the qualities of gold and silver, rather than brass—I feel most humble in appearing before you, who know so much more about Masonry than I will ever know.

I am reminded of that story of the African Chief, who delighted in conquering neighboring tribes and bringing home as trophies to his grass hut the thrones of the fallen Chieftains. As time passed and he acquired more and more thrones, they filled his grass hut and his wife made him stow them away in the attic. But, the weight of the thrones, stowed away in the attic, caused the grass floor of the attic to give way, and they fell down on the Chief and he was killed. That's all there is to this story, except for this little moral, that, "People who live in grass houses shouldn't stow thrones."

At the time of our last Communication, I was in the East, geographically speaking. Upon my return to Nebraska on June 21st, I stopped in Omaha and, through the courtesy of Grand Master White, other Grand Lodge officers, and Nebraska Lodge No. 1, which made history in this jurisdiction by celebrating its Centennial last October, I was duly installed. That same night, I contracted a severe cold, which turned into laryngitis.

Two days later, I gave my first talk before these distinguished Grand Lodge officers, at the 75th Anniversary of Geneva Lodge No. 79, upon the invitation of W. Brother David A. Portwood, and with my Nebraska Wesleyan classmate, fraternity brother, and brother attorney, John C. Gewacke, presiding. But, my laryngitis was so bad, that I could scarcely speak above a whisper.

One of these dear Grand Lodge Brothers has since suggested that he has found it difficult to decide which was the best talk that I gave during the year—the one at Geneva, when he couldn't hear a word I said, or, the one on November 11th at the corner-stone laying for the new Temple of Albion Lodge No. 78, when a rainstorm caused me to limit my remarks to just two minutes.

It has been a rare privilege for me to have traveled around Nebraska with these Grand Lodge officers, including Deputy Grand Master Merle M. Hale, Grand Senior Warden Roy I. Babbitt, the genial Senator John E. Beaver, Judge Herbert A. Ronin, and the others, such as to the dedications of three new Temples on three successive nights at Minden, where United States Senator and Brother Carl T. Curtis was the speaker, at Palisade the following night and at Grant the next night.

It has also been a privilege to attend Central Schools of Instruction, such as at Broken Bow and Hastings, under the splendid guidance of W. Brother Raymond C. Cook, our beloved Grand Custodian. Brethren, I can not speak too highly of the excellent work being done in perfecting and making uniform the esoteric work of our order by our Grand Custodian and his hard working, capable corps of Assistant Custodians, as well as by the certified brothers. Ashlar Lodge, by the way, feels honored in having among its members the Senior ranking certified brother in this Grand Jurisdiction, W. Brother Theophilus C. Wilson, who has also found time to give aid to departed brothers by delivering about 130 Masonic funeral addresses, including the one for my father, Judge Bayard H. Paine, who, during the past year, preceded my mother by a few months to that Eternal Land "from whose bourne no traveler returns."

Likewise, it has been a pleasure to attend the Area meetings, such as at Franklin and Ord, under the auspices of the Committee on Masonic Education. I am sure our Grand Master will agree with me when I say that lodges that have not attended these Area meetings have been missing some rare Masonic treats. W.'Howard J. Hunter and his Committee have surely given us top programs this year.

Brethren, I hope my introductory remarks haven't been too dry. Such as was the case reported by The Scandal Sheet, the finest Rotary Club publication in the country, of Graham, Texas, when they reported that it was so dry in that part of Texas that, when they sent a sample of their city water supply to the State Health Department to be tested, the report came back that their water measured only 14 per cent moisture content.

At our last Communication, immediately after M.'W.'Herbert T. White was installed as our 90th Grand Master, one of the first things he said was this, "Masonry while not a religion has a deeply religious theme."

With this thought in mind, I have chosen for my subject today, "Masonic Faith."

In order properly to view the faith of our great organization, which is the largest, the oldest, and the most widely distributed fraternal order on the face of the earth, with 45,000 members in Nebraska, as Carl R. Greisen, our Grand Secretary, of whom there is none finer in the country, can tell you, with about 95,000 in Iowa, with about 250,000 in Illinois, and with a world-wide membership numbering into the millions, it is logical that we should first trace the background of Masonry, and find where faith entered into it.

The beginning of Freemasonry lies in the distant, misty past. We do not know its exact origin, nor can we trace with accuracy the manner in which it was taken from one country to another, until it reached all parts of the earth. Nevertheless, King Solomon is generally regarded as having been our first Most Excellent Grand Master.

Last June, while visiting relatives of my wife, Lorine, in Greenwich, Connecticut, we were talking about Masonry one evening and my nine-year-old niece, Susan Johansen, asked me, "Where was King Solomon's Temple?" After I went on to great length about its having been built of white Parian marble, that it was begun 3,000 years ago in 1,012 B.C., that many of our modern-day Masonic symbols are still to be seen in its ruins, that it was one of the most magnificent structures in the world's history, and that it was located on the top of Mount Moriah, my little niece thanked me, and then said sweetly, "I thought King Solomon's temple was on the side of his head."

However, there is a form of Masonry, closely allied to that of modern times, that goes back even farther into antiquity than King Solomon. Masonry may well be the successor to the Ancient Mysteries of Egypt. Plato said that these Mysteries were established by men of great genius

who, in the early ages of mankind, strove to teach purity, to ameliorate the cruelty of the race, to refine its manners and morals, and to restrain society by stronger bonds than those which human laws impose.

Some years ago, Joseph Fort Newton, former Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Iowa to write about the origin and background of Masonry, for the benefit of newly-made Master Masons. In his book, "The Builders," he devotes one chapter to "The Drama of Faith," in which he states that these Ancient Mysteries of Egypt taught faith in the unity and spirituality of God, the sovereign authority of the moral law, heroic purity of the soul, austere discipline of character, and the hope of a life beyond the tomb. Their ceremonies were stately dramas of the moral life and the fate of the soul. Mystery and secrecy added impressiveness to the imposing lessons portrayed of justice, piety and the hope of immortality.

Thus we find that, in the earliest times to which we can trace a probable connection, faith in God and in the immortality of the soul had already entered the picture.

Modern Masonry stands in the same tradition as did these ancient Egyptian Mysteries. Masonic faith brings men together at the altar of prayer, keeps alive the great truths and freedoms, applies the rules of architecture to emphasize the timeless lessons of brotherly love, relief and truth, as well as respect for womanhood, and helps them to realize that their trust must ever be in the Supreme Architect above.

Many centuries after these Egyptian Mysteries, there developed the College of Architects of Rome. Here again there was a definite pattern of our Masonic faith, primary of which was their faith in the one God Eternal, and the use of architectural emblems to teach great moral truths. Upon many of the tombs of that period, you can still see carved such familiar instruments as the square and compass, the level and plumb, and the cube and circle.

While traveling in Italy one summer, I climbed to the top of Mt. Vesuvius and I walked the streets of Pompeii and Herculaneum, where you can see chariot tracks worn in the cobblestone streets. Buried for 1,800 years under the lava and ashes of that tragic eruption of 79 A.D., there was excavated in Pompeii in 1878 one of these famous Colleges and also an ancient lodge room, with two columns in front and many other symbols of interest to Masons.

However, the real destruction of these Colleges of Architects was not from a volcano, but from the government itself, as it finally sought to stamp them out of existence, along with the Christian movement at that same time of those courageous followers of Jesus Christ, the humble Carpenter of Nazareth.

There is then a missing gap in our history for several hundred years, with the exception of the Comacine groups of Masons, who were noted as fine builders throughout Europe, with many similar principles to that of modern-day Masonry. Speaking of building, perhaps you've heard the

story of the Scotch contractor, who asked the Secretary of the local lodge to send him a couple dozen free Masons.

Next came the great Cathedral builders of the Middle Ages, whose unshaken faith in God left us many of the greatest Cathedrals in the world's history. With the Cathedral builders of the Middle Ages, many other great Masonic influences were recorded, each with their everlasting testimony of Masonic faith. Such as the Knights Templar, with their world-renowned fame, and the tragic martyrdom of their Grand Master, Jacques DeMolay. I have visited the spot, now marked with a bronze plaque, along the Seine River near Paris, where DeMolay was burned at the stake, because he would not betray his Masonic brethren. About this same period, or perhaps a bit later, there were many other powerful Masonic Orders of Knighthood, as portrayed in the Scottish Rite degrees.

Brethren, I could go on and on about our ancient history. It's like the story I heard in Grand Island one day at Steve Poulos' Royal Cafe, where a group of Masons, such as Bob Cook, Bob Boon, Stan Kully, Harley Candish and others, often gather on Saturdays. This story was about a workman who looked in his lunch pail one day and said, "Cheese sandwiches. Cheese sandwiches. Cheese sandwiches! Day after day, week after week, month after month, nothing but cheese sandwiches." His fellow workman exclaimed, "Well, for goodness' sake, why don't you tell your wife to make some other kind of sandwiches?" The first man replied, "What wife? I'm not married. I make these myself."

So, too, I could go on and on about our ancient history, but there are some other thoughts that I wish to mention instead. However, in passing, there is one thing that I think should be clearly understood. As I have heard mentioned by M. W. Brother John S. Hedelund, one of the greatest research scholars in our Grand Lodge, that, while we are teaching today many of the same great Masonic principles of faith, we do not claim that our present lodges are an exact continuation or duplication of the ancient craft. Our modern form of Grand Lodges came into existence 239 years ago, when four old lodges met in London in 1717 to form a Grand Lodge. Our laws were first compiled in Anderson's Book of Constitutions in 1723. This was the book that was reprinted by Benjamin Franklin, that great colonial Mason whose 250th birthday we have been celebrating this year, and it was the first Masonic book published in America. It was after this book was first printed in 1723 that the Grand Lodge officially declared that the Holy Bible, Square and Compass should be placed upon the altar, as the three great Lights of Masonry.

At the time that our Grand Lodge was meeting last June, I was in Connecticut and New York City, and I availed myself of the opportunity of visiting many old book shops, in quest of unusual Masonic books.

One book, more than 150 years old, that I was fortunate in securing, was called the "Masonic Register" and it was published in Boston in 1802. The preface stated that it was of a limited edition and was the first book of its kind to be printed in the new world, and that it con-

tained the names of all Grand Lodge officers, as well as the officers and the members of subordinate lodges, in six of the colonial states. For example, included among the Grand Lodge officers of Massachusetts was the name of Paul Revere.

All of you know that Paul Revere, later Grand Master, was an officer of his lodge at the time of his famous ride, that the Boston Tea Party originated in a Masonic lodge, that at least 23 and some reports say 31 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons, and that not only was George Washington a Mason but also were 44 out of 45 of his Brigadier Generals and 14 of his Major Generals.

Continuing now with this book, I was particularly interested in its history of Masonry in the colonies up to that time of 1802. It mentioned that in the recent Revolution just a few years before, on June 17, 1775, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Major General Joseph Warren, a renowned doctor and one of our greatest colonial leaders, had been killed while leading his men at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The fighting was so intense that day that more than 1,000 British troops were casualties, while the Americans suffered 450 casualties headed by General Warren.

The most significant thing about Bunker Hill was that this first large engagement of the American Revolution proved to the colonies, and to the world, that American volunteers, fighting for their freedoms, were more than a match for the crack troops of Europe. If the outcome had been otherwise, many historians believe that the cause of the thirteen colonies would have been terminated forever that day.

This history goes on to say that, as soon as the British forces evacuated Boston, his Masonic brethren searched for General Warren's body, which had been indiscriminately buried on the field of battle. They finally discovered the rude grave of their Grand Master Warren, the murdered son of a widow, who had fallen at the hands of ruffian invaders in that historic Battle of Bunker Hill. He had been buried on the brow of the hill, though not in a decent grave, which had been marked by certain twigs placed over it. They raised the body of their beloved Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, General Warren, and committed his body to a more decent interment, and a monument was erected to commemorate his fidelity, his Masonic virtues, and his untimely death at the age of 34 years.

Interesting as was this old "Masonic Register," it was another book that fascinated me beyond words and I want to share it with you today.

As every Mason knows, the oldest existing record of our Craft, so far as a written record is concerned, is the Regius Manuscript, written in England by some unknown brother in 1390, nearly six centuries ago. However, for nearly 500 years, it was in one library after another, under the title, "A Poem of Moral Duties." It was only in 1840 that James O. Halliwell first discovered its vital Masonic character. One of the most interesting things about the Regius Manuscript is that it was copied from another manuscript ancient at that time, but which has since been

lost. As time goes on, we may yet find other records of the ancient history of our Craft.

Let us return now to this book I mentioned a moment ago. It was not among the Masonic books, and I discovered it by accident, while rummaging around in one of these old bookstores. The title is, "The Economy of Human Life." It was published in London in 1798. I have it here with me today, if any of you would care to see it.

The preface contains a letter written to an English Earl on May 12, 1749. over 200 years ago. It sets forth the information that the Emperor of China had heard that in the ancient country of Tibet, adjoining China on the west, there resided in its remote recesses the Grand Lama, or high priest, who was adored by his people almost as though he were a God, and that there was hidden in the possession of this Grand Lama certain priceless manuscripts and scrolls, going back into antiquity.

The Emperor sent one of his greatest scholars, who was well versed in the ancient languages, laden with precious gifts to the Grand Lama, which gifts were exchanged for the opportunity of spending six months in studying, translating and copying these ancient documents. One of them had been written in such a distant age that even the Lamas of Tibet had neither knowledge nor records of its origin. The preface then went on to say that this book was the translation of that sacred scroll, perhaps one of the oldest known documents in the world's history.

Every Mason here today should have his heart skip a beat, as I enumerate some of the Chapter headings in this ancient manuscript, namely: "Temperance," "Fortitude," "Prudence," "Justice," "Brothers," "Benevolence" and "Charity," while another chapter refers to the Precepts of "Truth."

May I read to you a few sentences from the beautiful introduction to this study of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice:

"Wheresoever the sun doth shine, wheresoever the wind doth blow, wheresoever there is an ear to hear, and a mind to conceive, there let the precepts of life be made known; let the maxims of truth be honour'd and obey'd.

"All things proceed from God; his power is unbounded, his wisdom is from eternity, and his goodness endureth for ever.

"On the wings of the wind he walketh abroad, and performeth his will through all the regions of unlimited space.

"The wisdom of God is as the light of heaven; his mind is the fountain of truth.

"Justice and mercy wait before his throne; benevolence and love enlighten his countenance for ever.

"Who is like unto the Lord in glory? Who in power shall contend with the Almighty? Hath he any equal in wisdom? Can any in goodness be compared unto him?

"Hear then his voice, for it is gracious; and he that obeyeth shall establish his soul in peace."

Near the end of this manuscript, the writer set forth his views on religion, as follows:

"There is but one God, the author, the creator, the governor of the world; almighty, eternal, and incomprehensible.

"To the One who is Supreme, most wise, and beneficent, and to him alone, belong worship, adoration, thanksgiving and praise."

This ancient, unknown writer then concludes with these words:

"Let Prudence admonish, let Temperance restrain thee; let Justice guide thy hand, Benevolence warm thy heart, and Gratitude to Heaven inspire thee with Devotion. These shall give thee happiness in thy present state, and bring thee to the mansions of eternal felicity in the paradise of God. This is the true Economy of Human Life."

United States Senator Burnet R. Maybank, in an address to Landmark Lodge No. 76, in Charleston, South Carolina, on the occasion of that lodge's 100th anniversary, declared, "Regardless, however, of the antiquity of the origin of Freemasonry, it is a fraternity composed always of men of leadership and influence in their communities—men who contribute to the upbuilding and advancement of the educational, religious, and cultural interests in their community."

In an address before the Grand Lodge of New York, J. Edgar Hoover, who is a Mason as well as Director of the F.B.I., stated so concisely, "Freemasonry has, for centuries, meant constructive building, in the hearts of men, in the life of institutions, and in the souls of nations."

Mackay maintains, in his "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry," that the Body of Masonry, as we have it today, came out of the Middle Ages, but the Spirit of Masonry can be traced to a far more remote period of antiquity.

Mackay further states that a steadfast belief and faith in God is such an essential point in speculative Masonry that it is a landmark of the order that no atheist can knowingly be made a Mason, and that it was equally true in the earliest times to which Masonry can trace its existence.

When Robert A. Millikan, the great scientist and Nobel prize winner for his work on the electron, was asked his philosophy of life, he replied, "The Great Architect of the Universe has not built a stairway that leads to nowhere."

You all remember the story that Thomas A. Barton, our Grand Chaplain of the past few years before he moved to Colorado, used to tell of that 1941 Christmas broadcast made by the King of England, who was also a Mason, during those dark days in World War II, when he said, "Last night, I dreamt I stood at the Gate of the Years and I said to the Keeper of the Gate, 'Give me a light, that I may travel safely into the darkness.' And the Keeper of the Gate said, 'I cannot give you a light. But I say to you, put your hand in God's hand. It's safer and He knows the way'."

Speaking at the laying of the corner-stone for the new Temple of Fremont Lodge No. 15 last November, our Grand Custodian Raymond C. Cook said that a building is built stone by stone and block by block, and that our Masonic lodges are likewise building faith and character in men's lives, day by day and year by year.

While traveling through Europe many years ago, with my father, mother, sister and brother, I visited the Rheims Cathedral in France and saw the famous "Rose Window." What is it made up of? Just small pieces of glass, each one insignificant in itself. But, put together with all their various shades of dark and light, its result is one of the most beautiful windows in the world.

The life of each Mason is likewise made up of small pieces of life, a day at a time. There are dark days and light days, lonely days and happy days, trying days and glorious days, days of suffering and days of good health, and days of shaken faith in the death of a loved one and days of renewed faith when the sunrise of God's love sweeps all before it. Yet, putting them all together, cemented by Masonic faith, they make up a grand, magnificent "Rose Window of Life."

During World War II, I served in the G-2 Intelligence Section of First Army Headquarters. Prior to the invasion of Normandy, we were stationed in Bristol, one of England's largest and most terribly bombed cities. During a blitz one night, one of Bristol's finest churches was hit by a bomb. While flames were raging and the roof was caving in, one of the fire-fighters suddenly grabbed the arm of his companion and shouted, "Listen! The bell chimes in the clock on the tower are still striking each quarter hour."

How I marvel at the Masonic faith of many of our good Brothers, who, in spite of adversities, hardships and disappointments, go serenely on their way, attending their lodge, taking part in its work, and being a true friend of their brethren. Some of them are wearers of the precious Jordan Medal. No one will ever know how many times a lodge itself has survived, because of the courage, timely counsel and unwavering Masonic faith of a few Brothers, as constant as the chiming of the old clock.

When my father and I were driving back from the Mitchell Area Meeting the year before last, we stopped in Lexington to visit Brother Alfred U. Hannan, who had served faithfully for forty years on the Posting Committee of Ashlar Lodge. After several strokes, Brother Al was now paralyzed and on his deathbed. His eyes stared straight ahead; his face seemed lifeless. My attempts at conversation were in vain.

As I rose to go, I remarked that I had stopped to call on my way home from a Masonic Area Meeting. "Masonic?" came the first faint word from Brother Al's lips. His eyes began to sparkle, a little smile formed around the corners of his mouth. Once more came the word, this time strong and clear, "Masonic!" Then, he lapsed back into the prelude of Eternity. Who knows what bell was rung, what thought clicked in the treasures stored in his subconscious mind. Perhaps it was, "Masonic—Faith!"

While every lodge has brothers who are loyal in attendance, we also know members who seldom attend lodge. Yet, the vast majority of them support Masonry in many other ways, and they would fight for the right proudly to wear the Square and Compass, for they believe in its precepts, and their Masonic faith is so deeply rooted that it is exemplified in the conduct of their daily lives. Nevertheless, I believe they could be even finer Masons, if they would attend lodge occasionally, and renew their vows to God and Freemasonry.

Albert Pike, that brilliant Masonic writer, has said, "The true Mason labors for the benefit of those that come after him and for the advancement of his race."

Last fall in Lincoln, our M. W. Grand Master Herbert T. White, and other Grand Lodge officers and their ladies, gave a dinner in honor of our Senior ranking Past Grand Master and Secretary Emeritus, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, on his 80th birthday. In his remarks that evening, M. W. Brother Lew told us that his 57 years in Masonry had taught him that a brother gets far more happiness out of Masonry, when he is seeking to serve it, than when he is merely expecting Masonry to do something for him.

At our Area Meetings this spring, W. Brother Hunter called attention to the excellent summary of Masonry in *The Christian Science Monitor* for February 23, 1956, which stated that, "From the 'mists of antiquity,' this globe-girdling fraternity, embracing in its membership royal and common citizens, has been a force for good in human society." And, that Masonry has been "Building through good works, good deeds, good will, good habits." It further pointed out that, "Masonry is a system of moral mysticism, expressing faith in God and eternal life, in old and simple symbols of the building art, and teaching brotherly love." It further stated that the Bible, which occupies the most prominent position in the lodge room—on the altar—is honored by Masons as the most valuable of all books, for the light it casts.

Truly, Brethren, the open Holy Bible is the greatest Light in Masonry, and without it, we would cease to exist. It is the most tangible evidence of our Masonic faith in the Light Eternal.

As the late Brother Ward L. Austin, former Chaplain of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, has written, "Give it first place among your books and in your heart, meditate long and earnestly upon its message, study it in life and let it pillow your head in death, and your faith, if well founded, will be rewarded by Him who knows the deepest thoughts of men."

The Bible begins with these four thrilling words, "In the beginning God!" Masonic faith teaches us that at the end, likewise, there is God.

In connection with our Masonic faith, let it be clearly understood by everyone that Masonry should never supplant the church of one's individual choice. Nor has Masonry ever intended, in its entire history, that it should do such a thing. On the contrary, the Lodge should go forward, hand in hand with the Churches, in leading men to a finer

way of life, keeping ever before them an unwavering belief in God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and an unfaltering faith in an Immortal Life.

Professor H. F. Ralls, of Northwestern University, wrote in his book, "A Faith for Today," that we should have faith in God, that through the good, the true and the beautiful, God is speaking to us and showing His faith in us.

Nevertheless, Brethren, I am sure that many of us have known people who have scoffed at faith and have cynically said that they had no faith in God.

Can persons be so ignorant as to say that there is no such thing as faith, when they can hear the laughter of little children, or listen to the sweetness of their evening prayers?

Can they say there is no such thing as faith, when they can hear the ringing of church bells on a Sunday morning, the trill of a bird in the springtime, the rustling of a field of grain, the hum of great industries, the rippling of a brook, the patter of gentle rain and sleigh bells in the twilight?

Can they say there is no such thing as faith, when they consider the understanding of true friends, the glance in a lover's eyes, a father's pride in his family, and a mother's lullaby?

Can they say there is no such thing as faith, when they can see the colors of a rainbow or of a Nebraska sunset, the soft whiteness of the season's first snow, the flag of our country waving in the breeze, flowers in the garden, church steeples against the sky, twinkling stars and a moon on a summer night, majestic snow-capped mountains, and forests of giant redwoods and Sequoias that have been growing for 2,000 years?

And finally, can they say there is no such thing as faith, when they can listen to the rapturous music of a great symphony, the Hallelujah Chorus in Handel's "Messiah," a soloist singing "The Lord's Prayer," "My God and I", or "Be Still, My Soul," a choir singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," a congregation uniting in "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," or "Faith of Our Fathers," and, children's voices in "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," or "Silent Night, Holy Night?"

Peter Marshall, former Chaplain of the United States Senate, in his book, "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master," tells us that in this age of the atomic bomb, we must, more than ever before, have faith in the purposes of God, in the presence of God, in the promises of God, and in the power of God, to deliver us from any trouble.

I could go on and on about this subject of Masonic faith, but there is one last matter that I would like to present to you.

Each of you today is undoubtedly familiar with many curious facts about Masonry. However, in my estimation, the most interesting one of all is right here in our Grand Jurisdiction.

In the Scottsbluff area, there is a group of Masons known as "The Builders Club of Western Nebraska." Many years ago, they hit upon

the idea of sending a carload of potatoes and other produce, at Thanksgiving Time, to our Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, in order to share with our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters.

In 1948, in Ashlar Lodge No. 33 in Grand Island, W. Robert W. Boon, whose avoirdupois is more than matched by the greatness of his heart, discussed with W. Robert W. Cook, one of our most outstanding Assistant Custodians, and with W. Brother Fred G. Christensen, our Senior ranking Assistant Custodian Emeritus, the idea of sending flour and sugar to our Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. It was decided to send out one letter to the members of the lodge, giving them the opportunity of voluntarily sharing in such a project, if they so desired. The response was overwhelming. Five tons of food were sent to the Home.

Grand Island Lodge No. 318, the home lodge of Past Grand Master Edward Huwaldt, likewise gave W. Brother Boon loyal backing, as did many other lodges throughout Central Nebraska, as far as seventy-five miles away, as the word got around, so that Bob Boon's idea for putting into practice Masonic faith and brotherhood is now called "The Central Nebraska Food Truck for Plattsmouth." Each year, the response has increased. Last Thanksgiving, the trucks rolled to Plattsmouth with approximately 40,000 pounds of food.

As you are all aware, The Nebraska Masonic Home has an annual allotment of funds. However, because of this additional food, according to W. William F. Evers, the excellent and efficient Superintendent, three or four more deserving brothers or sisters of the Eastern Star, have been able to be admitted.

Tomorrow noon, with the closing of this Communication, our Grand Lodge will begin its Centennial year. What could be more fitting than for other lodges to join with those in Central and Western Nebraska, in experiencing the joy of applying our Masonic principles of brotherhood and faith, by letting our Honored Guests in Plattsmouth know they are not forgotten. Brethren, this is not a Grand Lodge mandate, but I assure you that it does have its wholehearted sanction.

Before our Centennial year is over, it is my hope and prayer that other Thanksgiving trucks will be rolling to Plattsmouth from the Southwest, the Northeast, the Southeast, and from Omaha, Lincoln, and the Sand Hill Country. All it takes is the initiative of a few brothers, or even a single one, in each area.

May I leave with you this concluding thought. At a Laymen's Conference at Purdue University the summer before last Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Area of the Methodist Church, told the story of a city lad, who wanted to be a forest ranger, so he was sent out for training with an experienced man.

The first night, in the lookout tower, the old ranger told the boy to keep watch for forest fires, and to call him if he saw one. Toward morning, the boy dozed off to sleep. He awakened with a start. In the east, he saw the whole horizon alight with flaming colors of reds and

yellow. Frantically shaking the old ranger, he shouted, "Wake up—Wake up! The whole world is on fire."

The ranger took one glance at the eastern horizon and kindly said, "No, my son. It's the dawning of a new day!"

With God's help and guidance, may our Centennial year be the dawning of a new day for Masonry in Nebraska, as we rekindle the immortal spark of our Masonic Faith.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations submits the following report:

1. We approve the Chapter on Charter Relocations in the Grand Master's Address.

2. We approve the Chapter on Delinquent Lodges in the Grand Master's Address.

3. The following lodges were cited to appear at this Ninety-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to show cause why their charter should not be forfeited for failure to be represented in Grand Lodge for a period of two years:

Sterling Lodge No. 70

Alexandria Lodge No. 74

Laurel Lodge No. 248

Your Committee met with representatives of each of the cited lodges. In each instance the failure to be properly represented was satisfactorily explained. Each of these lodges is progressing in Masonic work and they have given assurance that their lodges will be represented at all future Communications.

We recommend no forfeiture of Charter in any so-cited lodge.

4. We approve the Chapter of Centennial Lodge U. D. in the Grand Master's address.

The growth of Omaha and expansion of its residential district to the west shows a definite need of a Masonic Lodge where Centennial Lodge U. D. has been located. The records and reports of Centennial Lodge U. D. indicate and assure that this lodge is in excellent hands and has a firm membership and financial standing. That its charter can only result in a benefit to Masonry in Nebraska.

We recommend that a charter be granted to Centennial Lodge U. D. under name and rank of Centennial Lodge No. 326.

5. This Committee also examined the report of the Committee on Credentials and find that the following lodge has not been represented for a period of two years: Holbrook No. 257.

We, therefore, recommend that the above named lodge be cited to appear before this Committee at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to show cause why their Charter should not be forfeited.

HISTORY OF THE SEAL OF BELLEVUE LODGE NO. 325

A seal for Bellevue Lodge was discussed at various times in open lodge and among members of the fraternity. After due consideration, it was decided by the lodge members that the theme behind the design of the proposed seal for the lodge should refer to the centennial year of Masonry in Nebraska. It being one hundred (100) years ago, in the community of Bellevue, Territory of Nebraska, that Nebraska Lodge No. 184 received a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Illinois. This lodge later became Nebraska Lodge No. 1 and was moved to Omaha in the year 1888.

A search through historical books revealed a picture of the old trading post in Bellevue, which was the home of the first lodge in the Territory of Nebraska.

Worshipful Master Robert A. Chandler, appointed Ralph E. Den, Senior Warden, to design a suitable seal based on the above facts. The seal was so designed and approved by the lodge. The building engraved on the seal was taken from the historic picture as explained above, and is a replica of the old trading post at Bellevue where the first Masonic Lodge met in the Territory of Nebraska. The words, "IN THE BEGINNING—NEBRASKA 1855," refer to the fact that it was in the community of Bellevue that the seed of Masonry began to grow. We today in the year 1955, look back on 100 years of progress in Masonry in Nebraska, and do hereby dedicate this seal to be used by Bellevue Lodge No. 325 for all official documents and communications after receipt of charter June 24, 1955.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL

W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Centennial which was adopted.

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

The time for our long-planned-for Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge is rapidly approaching—June 2nd to June 6th inclusive, 1957. Your Committee is happy to report that it will be a never-to-be-forgotten event. All committees have been designated and personnel in most instances have happily accepted the assignments. Only a minor number of matters are yet to be completely decided. The more important tasks are well on the way to completion.

Your Committee can make advance announcement now of the more important events:

1. The M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada and a Bishop of the Episcopalian faith has accepted our invitation to deliver the address at the Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, June 2nd, in Music Hall of the Omaha Civic Auditorium. It will be an occasion no one can afford to miss.

2. On Monday evening, June 3rd, in the Music Hall there will be a symphonic orchestra concert with a program of music suitable to our Masonic Order. The University of Nebraska Symphony will honor us with their presence on that occasion.

3. We will announce at the appropriate time who our banquet speaker will be for the Wednesday evening Grand Lodge Banquet.

4. Your Committee has authorized the securing of Civic Auditorium facilities including the Music Hall seating 2600 people, the Convention Hall which joins the Music Hall and such other facilities as are necessary.

5. Your Committee will spare no effort in planning the twenty pre-centennial gatherings to be held out in the State beginning next fall. Full details will be set forth and circulated in due season. Your Committee is meeting shortly after this annual meeting to plan that program.

6. Suitable and beautiful mementos of the occasion have been designed and are now on order for delivery early in the spring. Your Committee believes you are all going to be happy with these.

7. The Committee realizes that this year is going to be the important year of planning and preparation. There will be much for all to do. We request your full cooperation and when you are asked to help accept the assignments cheerfully and with determination to do your best. Anything less than that would be unworthy of us as Master Masons.

8. To the end that we may be able to carry out every undertaking with dignity and to the entire satisfaction of all and to the end that we may not have to needlessly trim our sails your Committee is recommending that this Grand Lodge duly assembled increase its appropriations in the amount of \$13,000 over that already appropriated. Your Committee will authorize no expenditure that is not absolutely necessary. We hope we can turn back some of the money appropriated. We much prefer to do that than to request deficiency appropriations.

9. Finally, we seek and solicit your interest, your effort and your prayers that our Centennial Celebration may be a grand and glorious occasion for us all.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Reinstatements which was adopted.

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

The Committee, Advisory to the Grand Master, on Applications for Reinstatement received for consideration and recommendation eighty-

nine petitions, including five cases where the demit was issued more than three years ago. The following table provides some interesting data by age for the group:

Age Groups	Total			
	Received	Recommended	Rejected	Returned
50 years of age or less.....	16	16		
51-60 years of age.....	31	28	1	2
61-70 years of age.....	29	26	2	1
71-80 years of age.....	10	6	3	1
81-90 years of age.....	2	1	1	
91 and over.....	1		1	
	89	77	8	4

The average petition indicated that the applicant had been 12.3 years in membership and 17.8 years delinquent since suspension. The rejected petitioners were 18.3 years in and 23.5 years out of membership.

There has been some improvement in the reports we have received, in that frequently letters and correspondence have been attached to the petition which is helpful in arriving at a just decision based on the merits of the case.

The Committee observes that there is a tendency on the part of some persons approaching retirement from active business to seek a return to their former lodges. These men could be of great value to the activity of the lodge if they are of the proper type and well-established in the community. There is also the not-so-desirable type which should be sorted out by getting full information on the particular applicant.

Full and complete information on any application assists the committee to do its duty in a fair and impartial manner. We feel that it is important to get information on those applicants who have been away from the lodge area for a long time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAYROLL

W. Robert M. Herre, 224, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Payroll, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Payroll respectfully reports that the amount due for mileage and per diem for the Ninety-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge is.....\$12,391.30

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund which was adopted.

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

During the past year, your Committee has had one young man under its supervision while he is pursuing his college career. He is attending the Vandercook School of Music in Chicago where he is training to be a band teacher. He is doing well in his classes at school and is working part time to help support himself. We can be very proud of him as a graduate of our Masonic-Eastern Star Home.

This year, three students from our Home are graduating from high school. One young lady will enter Midland College in September, taking a Secretarial Course. Another young lady wishes to attend the University of Nebraska, taking a liberal arts course. The third student, a young man, is planning to attend Hastings College. Because of his high scholarship average in high school he is receiving a four-year scholarship at Hastings College. He intends to take a Pre-medic course.

The number of students under the supervision of this committee of course means that a larger amount will need to be requested this year for their care. We are asking that the amount of \$1,600.00 be appropriated to this committee for the coming year. A similar amount has already been appropriated by the Grand Chapter, O.E.S.

It is a real pleasure to work with these young people and to get to know the fine moral standards which these young people have gained through their residence in our Home. We thank you as a committee for the opportunity of serving in the name of the Grand Lodge.

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

SECOND DAY—Wednesday, June 6, 1956

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master, presented Brother J. Henry Taylor, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, and his granddaughter, Vernita McSwan, Grand Worthy Advisory of the Grand Assembly of Nebraska, The Order of Rainbow for Girls. Miss McSwan presented a check for \$155.00 for The Nebraska Masonic Home, explaining that the money had been raised by the Rainbow Girls of Nebraska. M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master, accepted the check and expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 6, 1956

At 2:00 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-YEAR
CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master, presented Twenty-year Certificates of Merit to the following certified brethren:

W. Brothers Steven W. Beck, 43; Everett M. Wood, 37; Ivan J. Rickert, 139; Paul D. Fleming, 93; I. Donald Huston, 65, and Clarence G. McNamee, 55.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all lodges are represented except the following: 30, 44, 65, 84, 98, 100, 134, 143, 149, 151, 155, 171, 175, 176, 193, 194, 204, 208, 212, 219, 228, 235, 257, 271, 273, 274, 277, 304, 319, 322.

Total number of lodges 276, number not represented 31. Lodge not represented for the last two annual communications is: 257.

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Herbert T. White, 11	.....Grand Master
R. W. Merle M. Hale, 54	.....Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, 295	.....Grand Senior Warden
R. W. John E. Beaver, 253	.....Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32	.....Grand Secretary
V. W. Mark D. McCallum, 268	.....Grand Chaplain
W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33	.....Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1	.....Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6	.....Grand Custodian
W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210	.....Grand Marshal
W. Joseph C. Tye, 46	.....Grand Senior Deacon
W. John F. Fatcher, 302	.....Grand Junior Deacon
W. Charles H. Ninegar, 301	.....Grand Tyler

Past Grand Masters: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Chancellor A. Phillips, Walter R. Raecke, Earl J. Lee, Edward F. Carter, George A. Kurk, William B. Wanner, Benjamin F. Eyre, Edward Huwaldt, Elmer E. Magee, Ernest S. Schiefelbein, John S. Hedelund, Thomas J. Aron, Edward M. Knight, Fay Smith and Charles F. Adams.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska No. 1	Raymond E. Seaman	Jack E. Pinkerton..	Rueben C. Saul.....
Western Star.. " 2	.....	*Henry E. Schemmel.	Earl Dyer.....
Capitol " 3	Lloyd M. Benson...	Alban P. Smith....	*Wallie W. Messick.
Nemaha Valley " 4	*J. Adolf Wensien...	.....	John C. Laurence...
Omadi " 5	George Paulsen . . . . .	.....	.....
Plattsmouth . . " 6	John L. Beckman...	Russell H. Nielsen..	Raymond Lancaster
Falls City " 9	Lester R. Kister....	Melvin J. Shipley..	Archibald J. Weaver
Solomon " 10	James J. Knag.....	Harold O. Swanson .	Joe T. Nixon.....
Covert " 11	Donald R. White...	Raymond C. Malmos	Donald W. Madsen..
Oriënt " 13	*C. J. Hershberger...	.....	Ralph Zeoller.....
Peru " 14	William F. Pharaoh	.....	.....
Fremont " 15	Wade F. Lueders...	Gerald A. Moller...	Olaf B. Kvalnes....
Tecumseh " 17	*Harry B. Richardson	*Ormal K. Richardson	*David L. Dunlap...
Lincoln " 19	Howard E. Nesseler.	Clarence M. Pierson	*Donald O. Bush....
Washington . . . " 21	Roy I. Anderson....	*Chris K. Bendorf...	Willard Gustin.....
Pawnee " 23	Elmer Vrtiska.....	*Joe Gifford.....	*Glenn W. Binder...
Saint Johns . . . " 25	Jack Huntley.....	*Jack Huntley.....	*Jack Huntley.....
Beatrice " 26	Gene S. Whitney...	.....	.....
Jordan " 27	Robert D. Moodie..	.....	.....
Hope " 29	Donald E. Stiers....	Dale Skeen.....	Kenneth Rhoades...
Blue River " 30	.....	.....	.....
Tekamah " 31	.....	.....	*Bernard T. Pipher..
Platte Valley. " 32	Donald W. Blaesi..	*Robert A. Phelps...	*George O. Sizemore.
Ashlar " 33	Lyman M. Campbell	Warren A. Hoover..	.....
Acacia " 34	*Carroll K. Longacre	.....	.....
Fairbury " 35	George Dalke.....	.....	Roy F. Holloway...
Lone Tree " 36	*Dean E. Eekhoff...	.....	.....
Crete " 37	Charles F. Bepalec.	.....	*John J. Kubes, Jr...
Oliver " 38	Robert W. Boyes...	.....	.....
Papillion " 39	*Fred R. Lamb.....	.....	.....
Humboldt " 40	C. M. Gilliland.....	*C. M. Gilliland.....	*Ira Mitchell.....
Northern Light " 41	Robert E. Chilcoat..	.....	Arthur M. Adams...
Hebron " 43	Alvin G. Alexander.	.....	*Don D. Freeman....
Harvard " 44	.....	.....	.....
Rob Morris " 46	Oscar L. Thunberg..	Chandler S. Lynch..	.....
Fairmont " 48	*Curtis S. Reed.....	*Curtis S. Reed.....	*Curtis S. Reed.....
Evening Star . . " 49	Frederick G. Bender	Clarence W. Hurst.	*John A. Bottorf....
Hastings " 50	Ervin E. Kimball..	Harold R. Williams.	George M. Chraft...
Fidelity " 51	Glen R. Sargent....	Julian C. Byers....	H. W. Armagost...
Hiram " 52	Charles E. House...	.....	.....
Charity " 53	Allen J. Barta.....	.....	.....
Lancaster " 54	Poster J. Miller....	Collins L. Wilcox...	Alfred B. Gorman..

*Proxy.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Mosaic	No. 55	Norris M. Fauss		*C. G. McNamee
York	" 56	Raymond Pickrel	*William Kleinholz	Duane Grove
Mount Moriah	" 57	*Donald E. Slosson	*Willard Stong	
Wahoo	" 59	E. Gerald Erickson	*Edwin R. Levin	Dean E. Taylor
Melrose	" 60	James H. Mitchell	*Harold G. Simmons	*Lawrence Walker
Thistle	" 61	Gerald D. Young	James H. Burnett	
Keystone	" 62	Edwin C. Weber		
Blue Valley	" 64		W. Edgar Gates	
Osceola	" 65			
Edgar	" 67	Justin W. Merrill	*Harold McGhie	
Aurora	" 68		H. C. Dieckman	
Sterling	" 70		Charles Curtin	Lynn H. Gaines
Trowel	" 71	J. Gilbert Wiese	Layton E. Baker	Ellis A. Stevens
Hooper	" 72	John B. Schiessler	*Dale A. Reynolds	
Friend	" 73	Leonard J. Kellough	Wayne Yokel	*Amzie M. McBride
Alexandria	" 74	Raymond Kerwood	Hugo L. Broeder	*Elmer K. Wolfe
Frank Welch	" 75	Lloyd E. Talich	*Leon A. Lafler	Gordon E. Richards
Nelson	" 77	Eiler H. Svendsen		
Albion	" 78		*Albert N. Lamb	
Geneva	" 79	David A. Portwood		
Composite	" 81	M. Dean Ruth	Leonard C. Davis	*Pearl C. Hillegass
Saint Paul	" 82	Aden A. Gibson	Carlos P. Arterburn	
Corinthian	" 83	Alvin Sundell	Maurice Gustafson	Vernon Fegley
Fairfield	" 84			
Doniphan	" 86	William R. Waters	Gilbert F. England	Frank C. Markham
Ionic	" 87	Glen F. Foner	*Vac Randa	Joe J. Jaent
Star	" 88	Harold E. Hale	*Dick Larson	
Cedar River	" 89	Alvin E. Burch	Lester Pierce	
Oakland	" 91	S. L. Hultquist		
Beaver City	" 93	*Robert H. Carr	*Robert H. Carr	*Robert H. Carr
Bennett	" 94	D. Willis Dibble	*Arch Church	*D. Willis Dibble
Garfield	" 95	*Lloyd G. Gillespie		
Utica	" 96	*Ralph Pollock	*Clair R. McNeil	
Euclid	" 97	E. A. Michelsen Jr.	Eugene M. Smith	
Republican	" 98			
Shelton	" 99	*Harold D. Liggett		*Kenneth Roy
Creighton	" 100			
Ponca	" 101	*Dean H. Ehle		
Waterloo	" 102	Clark F. Morgan	Charles E. Grant	Clarence E. Timm
Ord	" 103	*Leonard Woods		
Wymore	" 104	*Warren E. Robinson	*Warren E. Robinson	
Stella	" 105	Clarence V. Keyser		

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Porter .....No. 106	Norman E. Stephens	Asa J. Farnham....	Arnold L. Lorentz..
Table Rock .. " 108	*Fred J. Jelinek....	Fred J. Jelinek.....	.....
Pomegranate . " 110	Virgil Owen.....	James C. Bryant....	*Richard Buckmaster
De Witt " 111	Carl W. Wilkens...	.....	.....
Springfield .. " 112	*Roy H. Woodward..	Roy H. Woodward..	*Roy H. Woodward..
Globe " 113	Walter L. Purdy...	.....	*Maurice D. Taylor..
Wisner " 114	*Carl H. Freese.....	Milo G. Cheney.....	*Judson M. Meier...
Harlan " 116	Gaylord L. Johnson	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	*Herbert O. Pederson	*Herbert O. Pederson	*Herbert O. Pederson
North Bend .. " 119	Morgan A. Werblow	.....	.....
Wayne " 120	Robert E. Harrison.	*Harry F. Stammer..	*Ralph Crockett....
Superior " 121	Chester C. Stuck...	.....	Dennis C. Latham..
Auburn " 124	*Harry E. Weekly...	*Fred A. Rothert....	.....
Mount Nebo .. " 125	.....	Robert B. Conrad...	.....
Stromsburg .. " 126	Lloyd E. Knight...	.....	Ansel Fredrickson..
Minden " 127	Carroll L. Weedlun.	*Carroll L. Weedlun.	*Carroll L. Weedlun.
Guide Rock .. " 128	*Richard Ely.....	*Neal Zimmerman...	.....
Blue Hill " 129	Dale E. Buschow...	.....	.....
Tuscan " 130	Charles W. Otto....	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	Harold M. Mueksch.	Ralph Fuerst.....	Virgil Swanson....
Elm Creek ... " 133	Elvin L. Young.....	.....	.....
Solar " 134	.....	.....	.....
McCook " 135	*Leo C. Horton.....	.....	.....
Long Pine " 136	*Paul R. Sellars....	.....	.....
Upright " 137	Lloyd E. Lantz....	J. Edgar Blevins...	Joe M. Crosier.....
Rawalt " 138	Clyde Mansfield...	.....	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	Russell E. Swanson.	Victor Nowka.....	*George M. Porter...
Western " 140	Rolland F. Winter..	.....	.....
Crescent " 143	.....	.....	.....
Kenesaw " 144	*Edward E. Guilkey.	.....	.....
Bancroft " 145	Carl E. Anderson...	*W. Reed Moore.....	Wayne M. Meyer...
Jachin " 146	Eugene W. Petersen	.....	.....
Siloam " 147	Charles M. Mulford.	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford	W. Glen Linder, Jr.	.....	.....
Jewel " 149	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge ... " 150	*L. J. Kelly.....	*L. J. Kelly.....	*L. J. Kelly.....
Square " 151	.....	.....	.....
Evergreen " 153	.....	Homer F. Birch.....	.....
Lily " 154	M. M. Jennings Jr.	.....	.....
Hartington .. " 155	.....	.....	.....
Pythagoras ... " 156	*James H. Pruden...	.....	.....
Valley " 157	George B. Skiles...	.....	.....

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Samaritan ..No. 158	*John A. Moeller...	John A. Moeller....	*Welcome W. Naylor
Ogalalla " 159	Hubert O. Lezotte..	Rex L. Peterson....	.....
Zeredatha " 160	Fred R. Oerter.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	Homer Brigham....	Arthur L. Buchholz.	*Lynn Brigham.....
Trestle Board. " 162	C. W. Boellstroff...	.....	.....
Unity " 163	Harry R. Krahmer..	.....	.....
Atkinson " 164	*Carroll C. Raymer..	.....	.....
Barneston " 165	Ralph W. Powell...	.....	.....
Mystic Tie ... " 166	W. Ray Potts.....	*Roy Barkdoll.....	*H. D. Blatchford...
Elwood " 167	.....	Winford Bossung...	.....
Curtis " 168	*Klyte D. Burt.....	.....	.....
Amity " 169	Frank Alonso, Jr..	*Stuart Johnson....	*Frank Alonso, Jr..
Mason City .. " 170	C. Martin Madsen..	.....	.....
Merna " 171	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns " 173	Clark Hanson.....	Frank E. Whipps...	Fred Hanson.....
Culbertson ... " 174	George Carlyle....	*George Carlyle....	*George Carlyle....
Temple " 175	.....	.....	.....
Gladstone " 176	.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs .. " 177	D. G. Strotheide... *	Henry F. Mammen..	Donald G. Strotheide
Prudence " 179	Norval H. Hansen..	Frank G. Hansen...	.....
Justice " 180	E. Merle Gwin.....	*Charles T. Carpenter	Roy E. Davis.....
Faith " 181	Gordon B. Pinney.. *	Gordon B. Pinney.. *	Gordon B. Pinney.. *
Alliance " 183	Lee E. Trabert.... *	Lee E. Trabert.... *	.....
Bee Hive " 184	Amos H. Campbell.. *	Jerome Trunecek... *	Gauer W. Salberg...
Boaz " 185	McKinley E. Stay.. *	McKinley E. Stay.. *	McKinley E. Stay.. *
Israel " 187	*Allen W. Withers..	.....	.....
Meridian " 188	Orly Knutson.....	.....	.....
Granite " 189	*Calvin A. Gordon..	.....	.....
Amethyst " 190	*Alfred Ewaldt....	Richard H. Wells...	.....
Crystal " 191	Roy S. Cox.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa " 192	Harry D. Babcock..	.....	.....
Signet " 193	.....	.....	.....
Highland " 194	.....	.....	.....
Arcana " 195	Robert W. Wood... *	Robert W. Wood... *	*Ernest C. Purdy....
Morning Star. " 197	*Earl K. Husbands..	.....	.....
Purity " 198	.....	Elwood E. Yaw.....	.....
Gavel " 199	*James H. Bryant.. *	James H. Bryant... *	James H. Bryant... *
Blazing Star. " 200	Vestal J. McKenzie.	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff. " 201	Donald E. Jones.... *	Donald E. Jones.... *	L. Blair Rogers.....
Golden Sheaf. " 202	*Anton B. Helms...	.....	.....
Roman Eagle. " 203	William F. Bates...	Kenneth C. Johnson	Donald E. Harris...
Plainview " 204	.....	.....	.....

*Proxy

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Golden Fleece No. 205	Wayne M. Munson		
Napthali " 206	Harold H. Brabouski	*Frank Cully	*Arthur C. Vieths
Parian " 207	*Ralph Empfield	*Ralph Empfield	*Ralph Empfield
Gauge " 208			
Canopy " 209	G. A. Bornemeier	Clifford G. Anderson	*T. H. Kampman
East Lincoln. " 210	Lyle A. Van Arsdol	*W. Roscoe Elliott	Kenneth O. Smith
Cement " 211	Clyde F. Batie	Ed. L. Batie	
Compass and Square " 212			
Plumbline . . . " 214	*Clarence D. Gottula		
Occidental . . . " 215	Curtis D. Fleming		
Palisade " 216	George F. Peterson		
Wauneta " 217	*Howard C. Brown	*Howard C. Brown	*Howard C. Brown
Bloomfield . . . " 218	*John R. Clements		
Relief " 219			
Magnolia " 220	*Paul G. Fuchser		
Wood Lake . . . " 221	M. E. Turnquist	*John M. Pederson	
Landmark " 222		George M. Fitch	John E. Gregerson
Eminence " 223	*James C. Bierbower	Oscar W. Torgerson	
Silver Cord . . . " 224	George Madison	*George Madison	
Cable " 225		John I. Halstead	
Grace " 226	*Ferd V. Hultquist		
North Star . . . " 227	Elmer A. Olander	Leland B. Merrill	Irving Feldman
Bartley " 228			
Comet " 229	James F. Hunter		
Delta " 230			*James O. Duncan
Mount Herman " 231	Rudolph Biere		Warren Brown
John S. Bowen " 232	Fred Gregerson		
Gilead " 233		*William P. Wills	
Zion " 234	Robert L. Rothwell		
Fraternity . . . " 235			
Golden Rule. . . " 236	Eldred C. Smith	*Arthur T. Fegley	Vern M. Hubbard
Cubit " 237	Glen W. Brinkman	*Ronald D. Ferguson	
Friendship . . . " 239	Osborn S. Ruben	*Clyde Rains	
Pilot " 240			Robert L. Little
George Armstrong " 241	Leonard Eriksen	Robert E. Wolfe	Richard H. Lang
Tyrian " 243	*Eugene A. Follmer		
Hampton " 245	Norval W. Weers	C. Denzill Jensen	Alvin L. Gordon
Nehawka " 246	*William A. Ost	Lewis Rogers	*William A. Ost
Corner-stone . . " 247	Robert V. Craft		
Laurel " 248	Ted G. Fuoss	Howard P. Pehrson	Roy Thomas

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gothenburg .No. 249	Arch Trimble.....	Bernard A. Norsworthy, Jr..	*Arch Trimble.....
George Wash- ington " 250	Martin H. Gates...	.....	Boyd H. Vincent...
Wausa " 251	Keith V. Tadlock..	*Keith V. Tadlock...	*Keith V. Tadlock..
Beemer " 253	Milo A. Konopik...	.....	Harry Z. Jackson...
Bassett " 254	Lloyd C. Stolepart..	*John C. Panzer.....	John C. Panzer.....
Hickman " 256	Leslie A. Ryman...	Arthur H. Hornung.	Albert G. Heuser...
Holbrook " 257	.....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	Fred H. Rodocker..	*J. C. Kellenberger..	*Miles M. Kepler....
Ornan " 261	.....	.....	Robert Dickey.....
Endeavor " 262	William A. Hudson..	*William A. Hudson..	*William A. Hudson..
Mitchell " 263	F. Sanford Elliott..	Joe N. Lovelace....	.....
Franklin " 264	*William S. Yates...	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas " 265	Leonard W. Pickett	*Arthur A. Gregory..	*Arthur A. Gregory..
Silver " 266	Merl L. Peterson...	C. Rayner Carlson..	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	.....	*Russell M. Warren..	.....
George W. Lin- inger " 268	Charles A. Irvine...	.....	.....
Oasis " 271	.....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Robert O. Weiler...	Leonard O. Ganzel..	.....
Crofton " 273	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	.....	.....	.....
Ramah " 275	*Oscar W. Ecklund..	.....	.....
Antelope " 276	*Arthur O. Auscrod..	.....	.....
Sioux " 277	.....	.....	.....
Litchfield " 278	.....	Laurence J. Aspen..	.....
Wallace " 279	.....	.....	*Don S. Melton....
Swastika " 280	Royce E. Ferguson..	.....	.....
Florence " 281	William A. Chrisman	*W. Harry Bruner	*L. Irving Rockwell.
Mullen " 282	Lloyd L. Buchfinch.	.....	.....
Seneca " 284	*Nickolas J. Wirz...	.....	.....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	C. D. Christensen...	H. Dwain Riddle...	*Joe Paris.....
Oshkosh " 286	Wesley J. Clark....	*Wesley J. Clark....	*Wesley J. Clark....
Union " 287	*Ross D. McCormick.	Ross D. McCormick.	*Ross D. McCormick.
Omaha " 288	*George E. Johnson..	*Harold P. Loveless..	*Jake Wing.....
Lotus " 289	Tom Sandberg.....	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	John C. Stolley.....	*Ervin J. Kaura.....	Vernon H. Wood...
Diamond " 291	Carroll Clifton....	*Carroll Clifton....	Raymond Stevens..
Wolbach " 292	*Alfred J. Larsen...	.....	.....
Monument ... " 293	*Daniel G. Parker...	*Daniel G. Parker...	*Daniel G. Parker...

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Kimball ....No. 294	*S. Gilbert Allen....	*S. Gilbert Allen....	S. Gilbert Allen....
Minatare " 295	*Herbert R. Hanich..	.....	.....
Cotner " 297	Gerald F. McBride..	Ralph S. Culber....	*Gerald F. McBride..
Chester " 298	*William L. Larkins..	.....	.....
Sutherland ... " 299	*Chester M. McIntire	.....	.....
Liberty " 300	Clyde E. Miller....	.....	.....
Bayard " 301	*Alva L. Sikes.....	.....	.....
Mizpah " 302	*George E. Mitchell..	*R. Wayne Wilson...	Irvin R. Beery.....
Right Angle .. " 303	Henry A. Beyer....	George J. Hittle....	.....
Ruskin " 304	.....	.....	.....
Newman Grove " 305	James D. Broberg..	.....	.....
Golden Rod .. " 306	Horace W. Quinn...	George T. Hillman..	Donald G. Hafer...
William E. Hill " 307	Lane W. Supernau..	.....	.....
Perkins " 308	Charles E. Jackman..	.....	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	George S. Olson....	.....	Carl O. Swanson...
Victory " 310	Ward Abraham.....	Jack W. Flood.....	L. G. H. Widman..
Polk " 311	.....	.....	*Harry J. Schultz...
Oak Leaf " 312	John D. Truman....	.....	.....
Potter " 313	Robert W. Larson..	.....	.....
Craftsmen ... " 314	Roy A. Carlson.....	Thurman N. Anstine	*Curry D. Bryson...
Alpha " 316	Howard M. Richards	Charles L. Scribner.	*Mason S. Antrim...
Mid-West " 317	*Clark Peters.....	John F. Vorpahl....	*Lewis H. Stover....
Grand Island.. " 318	Bernard E. Sawyer.	Floyd Nicholas....	Carl A. R. Bartelt..
Bladen " 319	.....	.....	.....
College View.. " 320	Rollie D. Likens....	*Silas R. Davenport..	.....
Harmony " 321	Verner S. Hinman..	*Clifford D. Webster	*Kenwood Anderson.
Pioneer " 322	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon " 323	*Robert E. Lund....	.....	.....
Cairo " 324	Robert W. Lowry..	.....	*Clarence A. Lowry.
Bellevue " 325	Ralph E. Den.....	Victor R. Clarence..	*Robert A. Chandler.

*Proxy.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master :

Now at this time we will have the report of the Special Committee for the Revision of our Section 3-102 (d), familiarly known as the Intoxicating Liquor provision. This Committee was authorized by the Grand Lodge a year ago. The Chairman, Brother Raymond G. Young, was physically unable to be here today and the report will be given by a member of the Committee, M. W. Charles F. Adams.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENT
OF SECTION 3-102 (d) OF THE BY-LAWS OF
THE GRAND LODGE

M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, presented the report of the Committee on Amendment of Section 3-102 (d) which was adopted.

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

The interpretation and application of the law¹ of this Grand Lodge relating to intoxicating liquors have become increasingly difficult and controversial.² Pursuant to the resolution adopted in 1955,³ the Grand Master appointed your Committee to study the matter and formulate a complete amendment to Section 3-102(d) of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge and report to the Annual Communication in 1956.

The problem has been carefully considered by the Committee. Special attention has been given to the laws in other jurisdictions⁴ and to the methods adopted elsewhere in an attempt to reconcile the Masonic position with the prevailing views on the subject and with generally accepted social practices.

There are nineteen Grand Jurisdictions⁵ in the United States which have no written laws making one ineligible for Masonic degrees or guilty of a Masonic offense because of his being engaged in the sale or manufacture of intoxicants. In those jurisdictions it is deemed to be the proper function of each Lodge in passing upon qualifications to determine for itself the effect to be given to the business or occupation of the petitioner or member.

A survey discloses that the predominant view in those jurisdictions is that, where it is left entirely to the Lodges to screen the applicants in respect of their occupations, the care exercised is no less, but perhaps greater, than where the statutory prohibitions exist, and that the absence of any legislation on the subject presents no problem.⁶

The work of the Committee has been facilitated by the studies that were made and the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The Constitution of that Grand Lodge contained this provision:

"No person who is engaged in, or who has any voice in the management of, the business of selling or manufacturing intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, shall be eligible to petition for the degrees or membership in any Lodge, and any member of a Lodge so engaging or connecting himself with such business after becoming a member, shall be expelled therefrom." (Sec. 13, Art. VIII, Constitution).

The Code contained this General Regulation:

"It is un-Masonic conduct . . . to act as barkeeper, sales agent, clerk or bookkeeper, or in any capacity, about the business of a saloon, or any manufacturer, or dealer in intoxicants to be used as a beverage. (Sec. 3, Par. 20).

In 1949 the special committee which had made a thorough study of the subject recommended that the Constitution be amended by rescinding Section 13, Article VIII, and further recommended that the proposed amendment be given special study by the subordinate lodges with a view to final action in 1950. The proposal to amend was adopted by a two-thirds vote and was laid over for action at the next annual session.⁷

At the 1950 Grand Lodge Communication, the proposed repeal was adopted by a vote of 468 to 38, and Section 3, Paragraph 20 of the Regulations was also repealed.⁸

The reasons for the action were the same as are stated in the Appendix to this report.

The members of the Committee realize that there may be considerable opposition to outright repeal. We further believe that most of the problems now disturbing this Grand Lodge will be solved by retaining Section 3-102 (d) with a clarifying modification. We therefore recommend that said subsection (d) of Section 3-102 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to provide as follows:

"(d) Engaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, or the sale of such liquors as a beverage. One shall not be deemed to be so engaged unless he derives a major part of his earned income from such manufacture or sale."

FOOTNOTES

¹Part Three—Discipline—Ch. XXI—Masonic Offenses.

"Sec. 3-102—ENUMERATED—The following are specifically declared to be Masonic offenses:

* * *

"d. Engaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, or the sale of such liquors as a beverage."

²Appendix.

³Proceedings 1955, p. 475.

⁴The most recent compilations are the publications of The Masonic Service Association, being Digest of Masonic Law Relating to Liquor and Beer in the Forty-Nine Jurisdictions of the United States, Dec. 1, 1933, and Digest of Laws, Letters to Lodges and Edicts, on Liquor and Gambling of the Forty-Nine Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, March 29, 1937.

⁵Arizona, Conn., Dist. of Columbia, Md., Mass., Mich., Minn., N. H., N. J., New Mex., N. Y., Pa., R. I., S. Car., Texas, Vt., Va., W. Va., and Wyo.

⁶Proc. Grand Lodge, Minn. 1950, pp. 141-142.

⁷Proc. Minn., 1949, pp. 119-124.

⁸Proc. Minn., 1950, pp. 138-142.

APPENDIX

In his Annual Address in 1955, M.'W.'.Charles F. Adams, Grand Master, stated the problem as follows:

"According to some of the annotated decisions in our Code, this Grand Lodge has indicated that membership on a board of directors of a corporation which, as an incidental activity to its principal business, sells liquor at wholesale, by the package, at retail or by the drink for consumption on the premises is guilty of a Masonic offense, whereas a stockholder of such corporation would not be guilty. Also that a chemist for a distillery would be guilty whereas a maintenance engineer, a janitor or a book-keeper would not be guilty. It is a matter of common knowledge that our railroads serve liquors on dining cars. Some of our finest Masonic brethren are railroad men. It is also a matter of common knowledge that many of our brethren serve without pay on boards of directors or boards of trustees of country clubs and other community or fraternal organizations maintaining club houses or clubrooms where liquors are sold. With the exception of the bartenders and waiters and persons directly supervising such personnel, it would seem that a serious question exists as to whether or not a Mason thus associated with such an organization would be guilty of a Masonic offense. I have received numerous inquiries as to this and to each of them I have suggested that I would recommend a clarification of our Grand Lodge's position in the matter."

1955 Proceedings, pp. 394-395.

Following is an excerpt from the Report of the Special Committee on Intoxicating Liquors submitted to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota (Proceedings 1949, pp. 120-121):

"Your Committee is well aware that, in this Jurisdiction, notwithstanding our strict laws providing that members engaging in the liquor business after becoming members of the Masonic fraternity shall be expelled, great laxity exists in the enforce-

ment of this provision of the Constitution. Since the repeal of the Prohibition Amendment, we have municipal liquor stores in this State, both off and on sale. There are many drug and wholesale grocery houses which now distribute intoxicating liquors in addition to their regular lines. Many retail drug stores have an off-sale liquor permit. It is quite apparent that members of local Lodges are loath to expel a good Brother because, since his initiation, he has become affiliated in some way with an institution that handles liquor. They urge that his Masonic fitness has not been depreciated because he has changed his business connections. There are those who suggest that, as a fraternal association, we are hypocritical in maintaining laws which are so all-embracing that strict enforcement is an almost impossible problem. We are told that it is not a Masonic offense to drink intoxicating liquor and that many of our members have intoxicating liquor in their homes and serve it to their guests and friends, and the somewhat disturbing query is suggested: Are those who may have some connection with the sale and distribution of intoxicating liquor necessarily of less moral fitness for Masonic degrees than those who patronize the places where liquor is sold or distributed? The question is often pointedly posed: Are we not as Masons too self-righteous in assuming a holier-than-thou attitude in regard to this perplexing problem? Why arbitrarily discriminate against men who are in some way connected with the liquor business? Why not include poolhall operators, or three-two beer tavern operators, some of which places are far more nefarious and evil than a saloon? On the other hand your Committee is fully aware that there is a deep-seated feeling in the minds of many Masons that liquor traffic is demoralizing in its effects and that it has been productive of great evil, misery, and human suffering. Many of us would probably agree that the world and its people would be better off if intoxicating liquors of all kinds could be effectively eliminated and completely banished. But America tried the noble experiment and dismally failed. Other countries have not fared much better with their experiments with prohibition. Laws that are flouted by the people create disrespect for all laws. Since the repeal of the Prohibition Act in this country, many changes, social and economic, have taken place. Reference has been made to the numerous municipal liquor stores which are now operated by the people in the various municipalities where they are authorized to exist. But, under our Masonic law, a clerk or a barkeeper in a municipal liquor store, a clerk or an officer in a wholesale grocery house handling intoxicating liquor, or a clerk or barkeeper directly connected with the liquor business of a hotel, would be subject to the charge of un-Masonic conduct if he were a Mason and would not be eligible for the degrees if he were a petitioner."

Those who are interested in the historical aspects of the liquor problem in Masonry will find that subject admirably treated in the address, "The Liquor Industry as a Bar to Membership," by M. W. Ray E. Cummins, Grand Master of Minnesota, to the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, held February 20, 21, 1950, at Washington, D. C. See Proceedings of that Conference, pp. 57-67.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

By M. W. Charles F. Adams

M. W. Grand Master, I ask the unanimous consent of this Grand Lodge to consider and act upon at this Annual Communication the following motion to amend a section of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, as follows:

"I move that Subsection (d) of Section 3-102 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

'd. Engaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, or the sale of such liquors as a beverage. One shall not be deemed to be so engaged unless he derives a major part of his earned income from such manufacture or sale.'

The resolution was signed by the required number of members of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

Brethren, unanimous consent has been asked that we may consider the amendment at this time. Do I hear any objections?

"Objection."

M. W. Charles F. Adams:

I take it, M. W. Sir, that the objection results in the proposed amendment automatically lying over until the next Annual Communication. I would like the ruling of the M. W. Grand Master for the record.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

I rule that the amendment will lie over until the next Annual Communication.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Brother William F. Patterson, 25, President, presented the report of The Nebraska Masonic Home which was adopted.

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

Each year we have come to you following your visit to the Home. We owe you an account of our stewardship and it is always pleasant to talk to you after you have seen with your own eyes what is being done in your name.

I am certain that you noticed that the old Home has been removed. Its physical condition has been bad for a long time. It was a fire hazard as well as an accident potential. Long ago the last resident was moved to the new building and only the help remained in the old. Finally we knew that it had to go yet we tried to keep the old residence part for memories sake. Its decaying walls crumbled as we neared that end in demolishing operations and so there was no choice but to remove the entire structure.

Though the old Home is gone, its memory remains fresh and green in our hearts. There we started the Home that already was finished in the hearts of Masons throughout our state. The purpose is imperishable and will carry on through the ages. Inspired and devoted friends again this year have seen to it that our Endowment Fund continues to grow.

As we have said before, our sole income to operate the Home is provided from only two sources. One, of course, is our per capita tax that each of us pays in our dues while the other is the Endowment Fund that I have just mentioned. Much of the growth of that Fund is dependent upon you and your circle of influence in your community. We are grateful for the help you have shown in the past and we ask again that you keep fresh in your mind the thought that no finer memorial is possible for those who wish to make a living gift or a bequest in their will.

I hope you liked what you saw at the Home. It is a happy group, our senior residents, and it is no accident that they remain happy. Good care and loving attention preserves their dignity and extends their span of life.

I am happy to tell you that no eligible, needy person is waiting admittance to the Home. We still face the same problem I told you of last year in that, of necessity, we are forced to restrict admission only to those eligible under our by-laws. We feel that yet there are those who have natural protectors who prefer to not or will not recognize their obligation to their own.

You again can assist us since you see the applicant first and where the case does not meet the necessary requirements for admission, it is much easier for you to explain than for the Board to have to vote negatively. I ask your continued help in this respect.

This year there is the picture "Next to Paradise" in color and sound. Your officers and trustees feel that they have created a great picture and have provided a wonderful way to tell our story to those unable to see it first hand. I am happy to announce that following the close of Grand Lodge sessions application may be made through the Grand Secretary for this film if you would like to show it in your Lodge or home community.

You met at the Home, a number, if not all of our trustees and officers. I can't pay too much tribute to those men and the work they do in serious thought that keeps your Home outstanding among all others of its kind. To them I am deeply indebted for their inspiration and help.

I now have the task of saying "thanks." Though it is pleasant, it is a task for I always fear that I will forget or overlook some of the many thoughtful acts of helpfulness and support over the last year.

Forgive me if I am not too specific for time would not allow. First, to you and each of you "thank you" and may God bless you for loving and remembering your Home. Then our thanks to the many groups and organizations who each year follow their usual practice of so beautifully remembering with gifts or services without which things would not be nearly so pleasant.

I should like to express my appreciation and that of all the officers and trustees to our M.'W.' Grand Master, Herbert T. White, who this year has held the dual capacity of board member and Grand Master. He has continued to devote a great amount of his time to the Home and has headed one of the committees in a very active fashion. Our thanks to him know no end.

I should like to express our appreciation to our able Superintendent, William F. Evers and in equal measure to his assistant, his son Raymond F. Evers, our Assistant Superintendent. I doubt if I need tell you that their day never ends.

Then, to our devoted Secretary, R.'W.' Carl R. Greisen, who has the broadest shoulders of any man I ever worked with. His cheerful and willing assistance makes our task much easier.

Our thanks are also due our valued Assistant Secretary, Brother Robert M. Herre for his very valuable help and assistance.

There are others whose help comes without request and is so cheerfully given. Past Grand Masters too numerous to mention, the staff in the office who never work by the clock; all dedicated to our common task and to the fulfillment of our common obligation of which we are ever mindful.

My task is easy with wonderful people such as this and to each and every one again my sincere thanks for the wonderful year and for an even more brilliant future than we have dreamed of before.

Thank you, Brethren.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, President, presented the report of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children which was adopted.

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

The close of another Grand Lodge year is at hand and with it comes the necessity and privilege of bringing you an account of our stewardship as members of the Board of Trustees of your Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

This is an added pleasure because it permits us to bring directly to your attention the activities and progress of the Home, all of which is made possible by the generous and genuine cooperation of our Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, O.E.S., auxiliary organizations and each of you as individuals. It is this spirit of cooperation, directly through which has come the motivation and inspiration which has enabled the board to discharge their duties with so much pleasure.

All of us assembled here today understand that through our great Fraternity we derive no pecuniary benefits, but we all can and do rejoice in the knowledge that in the practical exemplification of our obligation we are helping to chart the course for boys and girls by which they are enabled spiritually, mentally, physically and educationally to cope with the complex problems of modern day living. That we have been at least partially successful in our undertaking is borne out, we believe, by the accomplishments of some of our young people at the Home. Our board of twenty-four members has functioned through its committees and to them I extend my sincere thanks for their spirit of cooperation and record of attendance and participation at the monthly board meetings. Each committee has done a fine job of taking its share of responsibility in the legislative duties of the board. It is this spirit of dedication to the welfare of the Home that has contributed so much to the achievements of the past year.

It is not necessary to detail in this report a financial picture of the Home. This information appears in the published annual report of the Stockholders meeting and has been made available to each Lodge. Suffice to say that the Home is operating on a balanced budget, expending only that which is consistent with a well-founded program of child care. Of special interest, however, is our Endowment fund which has grown to approximately \$70,000. This fund has been augmented during the year through the receipt of several legacies which we gratefully acknowledge. Continued emphasis on this fund will result in the further strengthening and development of our Home.

We have not been confronted with any decisions of a monumental nature but rather have been busy carrying out the directives and decisions which had previously been made. Principally these had to do with our proposed Memorial Recreational and Administrative building and the condemnation action of state and county authorities with respect to some of our land. Through this latter action we suffered the loss of some property along the west side of the Home, made necessary by the widening of Highway 77. We received certain compensations for damages to our fence and trees and in addition cash settlement compensation on the basis of \$500.00 per acre of land taken. The appraiser's award was accepted by the board. The other condemnation action consisted in establishment by the county of an easement for a new drainage ditch directly through our property. We were eventually awarded \$812.00 in right-of-way damages and assessed a \$3,000 benefit. The drainage district will, in addition, construct for us a new concrete bridge across the ditch connecting the Home with the farm at a cost to themselves of approximately \$2,000. The board was very capably represented at all meetings of the drainage district by board members Clarence Spier and Guy Olmstead. Before this new ditch is completed the old Rawhide creek bed through our property as well as a number of low spots in our land will have been filled, all of which will add considerably to the tillable acreage of our farm.

With permission of our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter granted during their 1955 sessions our Board of Trustees has made known to the Masons and Eastern Star members of this Grand Jurisdiction the needs and plans for the Memorial Recreational and Administrative Building for our youngsters. No quotas were set or assessments made. Each member, Lodge, and Chapter acted upon this need as they saw fit. We are happy to advise that due to the generosity in the hearts of the members of these two Grand Bodies our building is very near to becoming a reality. The goal of \$80,000 was attained as recently as last month. Detailed plans have been drawn by our architect which will permit the construction of the proposed building at a cost of between \$75,000 and \$80,000 including architect's fees. Final consideration of these plans will probably be made at our June board meeting and upon approval bids will be asked for. This summer should see the beginning of construction of this building which has so long been a dream of the many members familiar with the physical needs of the Home. We offer our sincere thanks to all those who have had a share in this wonderful project.

During the year we have been immensely pleased with the number of individuals and groups who have taken time to visit the Home. We wish to cordially invite each and every one to see this fine Home and discuss with the Superintendent the activities of our boys and girls. We are also grateful for the interest shown, on your part, for the program being carried on at the Home. Programs on the Home are available for Lodge meetings through prearrangement with the Superintendent. These consist of discussion of the Home by the Superintendent, illustrations

with color slides, as well as musical numbers and recitations by our boys and girls.

The activities of the children at the Home are many and varied according to individual interest and abilities. At present we have thirteen boys and girls taking an active part in the grade school, Junior High and High School bands. There are eleven students enrolled in piano classes. Other activities include 4-H, Hi-Y, Job's Daughters, DeMolay, G.A.A., F.H.A., and sports, plus their part in church youth groups and choir. We have had boys and girls in many positions of responsibility in their various groups this year including officers in Job's Daughters and DeMolay, Vice President of Junior Class, Secretary-Treasurer of Sophomore Class, Treasurer of Hi-Y, Vice President of Hi-Y, and one of our boys is President of the entire student body of Fremont High School. The desire and ability of these boys and girls to take the responsibility of leadership in these organizations gives us a feeling of great pride.

The health of the children has been very good with constant attention given toward dental repair, eye examination and correction, and a program of immunization which we are happy to say now includes immunization against infantile paralysis.

Major improvements to our Home property during this year have included the following items: City water service to our farm when it was found necessary to dispense with the old well due to a drop in the water level. A gas furnace and boiler were installed in the Superintendent's home to replace the worn out original oil unit in that building. A new hot water unit was installed in the Senior Girls' Home and the dining room in the Junior Boys' Home was tiled.

In addition to the aforementioned legacies we have received many fine gifts of food, clothing, furnishings and cash which have aided materially in maintaining the highest of child care standards in a fine homelike atmosphere of love and understanding. These special gifts as well as entertainment provided for the children, have added a great deal of happiness to their lives and we sincerely thank all of the Lodges and individuals who have contributed so generously.

You are the foster parents of these children and by the fulfillment of your obligation are providing, not only shelter and food, but a Home with security and the opportunity to develop the finest of character and personality when personal tragedy has befallen one of these children. What finer exemplification of the teaching of our Order than the building of boys and girls to the stature of young manhood and womanhood through the sound guidance of Christian principles of love and concern of human beings for one another.

I do not feel that I can close this report without a word of apprehension. We have, at present, 38 girls and boys as residents in our Home. Three of these young people will graduate this month leaving us with 35 in residence. The trend all over the country with respect to Homes such as ours has shown a definite decrease rather than increase in population. At present, our per capita cost of maintaining our children approximates

\$1,600. If the trend downward continues, some means of cutting our operational and maintenance cost must be found. Our board is aware of this situation and it is receiving our constant attention.

Our Grand Master, M. W. Herbert T. White, has extended to our board his utmost support and complete understanding of our problems. Grand Secretary Carl Greisen has been invaluable help when counsel was sought which was often. Their wide experience and knowledge of Home operations has meant much to the board. Our immediate Past Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jessie Bergquist, and Past Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Norris Lallman have made the Home one of their principal projects during their year in office. The untiring efforts of these Grand Officers in assisting the Board by constantly carrying the message and work of our Home to our constituent Lodges and Chapters have in a great measure contributed to the success of the Home this year. Brother Robert C. Grassman, our Superintendent, continues to render a most efficient and valuable service. His understanding of the problems which constantly beset young people, and his efficient manner in discharging all duties incumbent upon a Home superintendent never cease to be a source of amazement to the board. The several Matrons of the Home and other employees truly are rendering a labor of love.

To all these fine folk the board extends a sincere thanks for their understanding and assistance in all matters which have been brought to our attention during the year and for the privilege which has been ours in working with them.

THE OMAHA HOME FOR BOYS

The Grand Secretary read the following communication from the Omaha Home for Boys, which had been approved by the Masters of the eleven Omaha Lodges. The communication was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence by the M. W. Grand Master.

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

Brethren:

Pursuant to the action of the Grand Lodge in 1951, 1956 is the last year in which The Omaha Home for Boys may conduct its Maintenance Campaign among Omaha Masons as such.

During the five-year period, the Home has attempted to increase its other sources of income, such as individual gifts, bequests and mail solicitation, to substitute for the income derived from the Maintenance Campaign.

While these other sources of income have increased annually, we have been unable to increase these sources of income sufficiently to entirely substitute for the funds raised by the Maintenance Campaign.

In order that we may continue our efforts to build up outside sources of income to a point where such sources will be adequate to continue the operation and maintenance of the Home, we respectfully request that The Omaha Home for Boys be allowed an additional three year period in which to conduct its Maintenance Campaign among the Masons of Omaha as it has done for more than thirty years.

We respectfully request an opportunity to appear before The Grand Lodge, or its appropriate committee, to present a Financial Statement and a showing of our sources of income and to answer such inquiries as The Grand Lodge or an appropriate committee may present.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Judson M. Meier, 114, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns which was adopted.

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

The following report is respectfully submitted by your Committee on Returns:

Your Committee has checked the files and correspondence relative to the returns of the constituent lodges for the year 1955, and is pleased to report that the lodges have submitted satisfactory reports.

We commend the Grand Secretary and his staff for their labor and efficient handling of the work in his office during the past year.

We commend the secretaries of the subordinate lodges for their efforts and labors during the past year and solicit their greater effort in maintaining correct and up-to-date records.

The Committee has noted Recommendation No. 10 of the Grand Master's address, and an inspection of the returns and tabulated figures confirms the wisdom of his suggestion. The Committee urges that the Grand Lodge approve his recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Secretaries maintain a progress report sheet which will enable them to prepare their yearly reports more efficiently and accurately, and continue to reduce the correspondence thereto.
2. The returns to be sent in as soon as possible.
3. The reports to be typewritten if possible, and handwritten reports to be made more legible.
4. To be sure the seal of the lodge is affixed.
5. The report of the Committee on Returns be particularly called to the attention of the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges for their guidance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education which was adopted.

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

This has been a year of development and progress for the Committee on Masonic Education in Nebraska.

Four Area Meetings were held during the Masonic year of Herbert T. White, Grand Master. Last fall at Alliance on October 18, 1955, and at Randolph on November 29, 1955, this spring at Franklin on March 20, 1956, and at Ord on April 10, 1956. These meetings were well attended by the brethren who were kind enough to freely express themselves as well repaid in benefits received by attending. The program was changed this year to provide variety and to illustrate "suggested type" programs that could be used to advantage by local lodges to tie into their lodge programs to make them more interesting and instructive to the individual Masons of their Lodges and to encourage attendance. This is in line with our belief that many lodges are inviting "poor attendance" by lazy thinking in not providing the membership something more than "just degree work" and business meetings. Masters and Wardens have a big job these days to provide a well-rounded Masonic program and your Grand Lodge Committee is trying to provide "the answers" for those local lodge officers who are interested enough to attend Area Meetings and use the materials available being sent out to them.

In the afternoon sessions after the Lodge was opened by the "Host Lodge," the Grand Master Herbert T. White was officially received and his Grand Lodge officers introduced. Then the Masonic Code was discussed by John S. Hedelund, P.G.M.; Stuart H. Kelley presented a colorful film depicting pre-Revolutionary days and actions of many of our Masonic brethren of those days, such as George Washington; Silas A. Wilson conducted an interesting question and answer contest; and Howard J. Hunter discussed local lodge programs and tie-in with the Grand Lodge Committee. Floyd Wisner arranged for and presided at the Alliance meeting, Philip H. Robinson at both Randolph and Ord and Silas A. Wilson at Franklin.

The break for afternoon coffee gave all the brethren a chance to visit and get better acquainted with the Grand Master and his fine corps of officers who were present at each meeting and added much to the program. Evening speakers included Bayard H. Paine, Jr., with a most interesting and instructive treatise on Brother Benjamin Franklin; Rev. Mark D. McCallum with an inspiring address, and Charles F. Adams, P. G. M., opened the year for us as our evening speaker at Alliance with many extremely interesting items gleaned from the Grand Masters' Conference at Washington, D. C. As usual, these meetings opened promptly and closed early in the same way.

We have continued our distribution of the "Candidate Pamphlets" and more lodges are using them in connection with instruction of their candidates by local lodge Educational Committees.

A new media has been introduced in 1956 with The Service and Information letters of the Grand Lodge Committee sent to each Worshipful Master for use of his Educational Committee. Many items of interest are in these letters including catalog of movie films particularly applicable to Masonic meetings. The Service Letters are punched for filing in a regular three-ring notebook so the information can be kept as a permanent record for use by succeeding Masters, program and educational committees.

The work of the Committee and its policy is kept current with the latest thought by attendance at the Mid-West Conference on Masonic Education, attended this year by Deputy Grand Master Merle M. Hale, Silas A. Wilson and Howard J. Hunter. These meetings are very beneficial. By pooling mutual experiences in Masonic Education of eleven Grand Lodges, progress is insured and costly errors avoided.

The continued and zealous interest of Grand Master Herbert T. White and his officers has been an inspiration to the Committee and the brethren throughout the state. Whole-hearted cooperation "for the good of the Fraternity" has been the rule at all times, and is insuring an "informed membership" in Nebraska. We will continue to strive to erect a solid foundation of Masonic information and truth under ascending steps of each Masonic initiate and with the help of each local lodge we shall succeed in building an even stronger and more permanent Masonic Fraternity in Nebraska.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial which was adopted.

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

In the minutes of the 46th Annual meeting of the Memorial Association we have found some interesting facts. Some of them we give to you.

Forty-six years ago, when this Memorial came into being, it was thought that it would be fully completed and dedicated long before this date. A number of things have interfered: one of them being World War II, another the shortage of building material and labor, and, probably the greatest—our own lack of enthusiasm. The Masons of The United States do not seem to have gotten hold of the idea that was in the minds of those who gave their time, money and talent, so that we of today could receive the fruits of their labors. We have fallen short of their hopes and expectations. They had hoped that we would do better than

we have, but the War and the depression had not been anticipated. Our present Officers are hoping that we will get hold of our Masonic enthusiasm and will hurry the completion of the Memorial.

CONSTRUCTION

The Royal Arch Room has been completed but the furnishings are not in place.

The north and south approaches have been completed.

The Knights Templar have taken the responsibility for the development of the eighth floor.

The Museum on the fourth floor is about 65 per cent complete.

It is hoped that the Grand Councils will complete the seventh floor.

There is one elevator to install and the contract has been let.

NECESSARY TO COMPLETE

Granite for the upper terrace walls.

Bronze trim on doors at main entrance.

Elevator Doors in the Memorial Hall.

Two plaques in the Portico at the east entrance.

Bronze light standards in the Portico.

Bronze light standards at the north and south entrances.

Granite to be placed on the terraces and walls on the grounds.

Planting of trees, shrubbery and other landscaping.

The approximate cost to complete this work is \$668,000.00.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

February 22nd, 1956

For the Building Fund.....	\$ 80,487.76
For the Endowment Fund.....	48,688.50
Total	\$129,176.26

PUBLICITY

This Committee is concerned about the future development and the publicity of this Memorial and we ask that each Master and Secretary give some time and thought as to how your lodge can assist and what you are willing to do to promote and educate your members, so that all of them will be familiar with their Memorial. How many of you are willing to do that? (show hands) How many of you have seen the Memorial?

This Committee does believe that we need new promotional material to send to you in order for your members to be well informed and to appreciate the Fraternal value that is waiting for us to use. Most of our lodges have now used the film, so we feel that its value has ceased. Just two of our lodges used the film this year. The colored slides have not as yet been processed for distribution. We need something new. The Display Panel did not seem to stir much interest. We are in hopes that the Association will give us new material to keep alive that flame of enthusiasm

which is prevalent among Masons. We need all of this to hurry the completion of our great monument and the most beautiful Shrine that the world has ever seen.

Please notice on the first page of the History Pamphlet that has been handed to you that the Association is making a direct appeal to all of the Brethren to give again towards to the raising of a Five Million Dollar Endowment Fund. Your immediate support will be appreciated and will be gratefully acknowledged by this Committee. This will then bring the full completion of the Memorial and you can have the pleasure of knowing that you helped.

Remember, this is our Masonic Shrine, erected to the glory of God and to the memory of George Washington.

Masonry is as beautiful

As it is enduring;

It is the growing need of humanity.

From out of the distant past it came,

On and into the future shall be its march,

And a crown of glory shall be its reward.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE BUILDING

W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, presented a supplemental report of the Committee on Temple Building.

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

In our annual report to the Grand Lodge one year ago, this Committee made an announcement regarding the availability of architectural services and lodge building plans, which we felt would have been of great interest to many of our local lodges struggling with the problems of building. It was unfortunate that our report was presented as the last item of business at that session when local lodge representation was the smallest, because of many having departed for home. We therefore requested permission to repeat this offer to inform the brethren of the availability of this service, and we are grateful for this better spot on the program.

Over the years of existence of this committee we realized a great need for those lodges who have wanted to build new lodge buildings but were unable to procure either building plans or an architect to prepare plans. We conceived the idea of securing an architect to prepare a set of building plans that would be flexible enough to meet local conditions and to cover the needs of a majority of our smaller lodges. By tradition, all lodge plans are basically the same, the final costs varying only according to the tastes and desires of the membership regarding frills and refinements. We presented this idea to Grand Master Charles F. Adams, who

not only whole-heartedly granted approval, but also expressed the desire we complete the plans for presentation at his Grand Lodge session.

The floor plans and elevation we have been promoting were prepared by an architect, who is a Mason. His services will be available to our Committee and local lodges at any time and in any degree desired. The plan, herewith displayed, is 40' x 76' outside dimension. It is a 1½ story, with lodge room floor 4½' above ground level, the social hall, kitchen and heating facilities 4½' below ground level. The building, with 6000 sq. ft. of floor space, will accommodate a membership of 180 to 200 members. The lodge hall and social room are each 38' x 50'. The main lounge is 15' x 23'. The first floor also provides a cloak room, combination preparation room and storage space 9' x 12', and men's and ladies' rest rooms. The downstairs provides, besides a spacious social hall, kitchen 15' x 16', large corridor, heater room, coat room, storage room, and a ladies' powder room 8' x 12'. It is estimated this building can be constructed at costs varying from \$42,000 to \$50,000 depending upon location and materials used, and, correspondingly lower where some material and labor would be donated or furnished at cost. This is often the case where local projects of this kind are beneficial to the local community as a whole. The plan is flexible in that it lends itself well to reduction in size to accommodate smaller memberships, by reducing the floor space to 4000 or 4400 sq. ft. estimated to cost \$30,000 to \$35,000, again depending upon location, and materials used, and further cuts in cost due to possible donated or discounted materials.

You will note we have chosen the flat-roof, which not only is in keeping with the trend of times, but also costs less in construction. We have provided alternate entrances, each of which is supported by symbolic pillars.

We also have in our files a plan for a building, unique in design, which we believe will meet with great favor. It is an L-shaped building, one-story, no basement, no steps, with lodge facilities in one wing, and social facilities in the other wing. The building, also a flat-roof type, is so constructed that the lodge room will have a raised or canopy ceiling, with indirect lighting. The plan, with 4000 sq. ft., will accommodate a membership of 150, is estimated to cost \$35,000.

If any of the brethren attending Grand Lodge are interested in further details, our Committee will be available, and will be very glad to visit with you.

W.:JAMES H. BRYANT

At this time the Grand Master requested the Grand Senior Deacon to present W.:James H. Bryant, Past Grand Tyler, to the East.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master :

W. Brother Bryant, I have been trying to get time to have you presented in this Grand Lodge which you served so many years as a very fine Grand Tyler. We were sorry last year when you felt that you no longer could continue as Grand Tyler. We appreciate the services you rendered over the years. Brethren, won't you all arise with me and let's give this distinguished Mason a hearty welcome.

At 4 o'clock p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 7, 1956

At 9:00 a. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Grievances has had two petitions for restoration. An investigation was made into the merits of the petitions and a just and impartial consideration given to the facts, and the following report is offered:

No. 1. Your committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104 for restoration be denied and that he not be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104 be not granted, and that he not be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 2. Your committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Alpha Lodge No. 316 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Alpha Lodge No. 316 be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master, presented the following Resolution which was adopted:

RESOLUTION

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

Brethren:

At the Annual Grand Lodge Communication in June, 1942, I, as Grand Master, recommended to this Body the establishment of a Board of Trustees to handle the investment of the funds of this Grand Lodge. The plan was adopted and I am sure that you will agree that it has been of great benefit to us as a safe, responsible and competent method of handling these funds. Since that time the business of the Grand Lodge has become more intricate and complex, our income has increased, and our expenses have likewise followed the inflationary trends of our times. Changing economic conditions make it necessary that our business be handled as competently as possible, that our investments be handled by persons having special abilities in the investment field, and that we improve our business practices in order that intelligent consideration can be given to our financial problems by the ever changing membership of the Grand Lodge.

It appears to me that we have carried on our business along the same general pattern for many, many years. I am not in position to say that they have not been competently handled; in fact, I think they have. But perhaps our methods have become antiquated and could be more businesslike and possibly more successful still if we adopt a method whereby we could employ the skills of our membership to the best advantage.

We have liquid assets in the approximate amount of \$785,000. We have real estate investments of great value. We have huge expenses in the operation of the homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont, and in the financing of our relief program. It has become a tremendously big business.

It seems to me that the time has come when a complete examination into our business structure should be undertaken. It should be undertaken with the sole view of endeavoring to improve the handling of the business of the Grand Lodge. The examination of our affairs and the recommendations for more efficient handling should be made by competent personnel who would and could approach the matter fairly, impersonally, and with efficiency the only objective. It is for the foregoing reasons that the undersigned moves the adoption of the following resolution:

I move that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of five to examine into the business affairs of this Grand Lodge with a view of making recommendations for a comprehensive method of efficiently handling its financial and other business transactions; that such committee recommend such changes in the Constitution and By-laws as

may be necessary to place such recommended plan in effect; and that such committee report back to this Grand Lodge at its next annual Communication. I further recommend that the committee, so appointed, give consideration to, but not be limited to, the following propositions as a guide to the scope of the examination, investigation and report which this resolution contemplates:

1. That consideration be given to the enlargement of the Board of Trustees to a membership of five, staggered so that the term of one member expires each year. That the terms of present members of the Board be integrated into the staggered set-up of the new Board of Trustees.

2. That the handling of all investments and securities of the Grand Lodge, The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, and all endowments and special funds, be placed under the general management and control of the Board of Trustees.

3. That consideration be given to requiring that the budgets of the Grand Lodge, The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, be submitted to the Board of Trustees for consideration and report to the Grand Lodge. That such budgets be submitted at least 10 days prior to the annual Grand Lodge Communication. Where accurate budget requirements are not available, estimated requirements shall be shown and so designated.

4. That a special consideration of the Children's Home at Fremont be made in view of the large decrease in the number of children being maintained there. That consideration be given to effecting consolidations and a curtailment of our operations in the interest of economy. That serious thought be given to the use of a part of the cottages for some other purpose consistent with the objectives of the Masonic Order.

5. That the Board of Trustees in its report to the Grand Lodge show all of the fixed and anticipated income for the ensuing year. That the report also show all fixed charges and anticipated expenses for the same period. (This appears advisable in order to acquaint the Grand Lodge with the state of its finances when it is considering appropriations for the current year).

6. That consideration be given to the establishment of the Grand Lodge office of Grand Treasurer, together with the requirements and qualifications for holding such office.

7. That consideration be given to the matter of transferring of funds from one account to another; that special consideration be given to limiting or prohibiting such transfers of funds between Grand Lodge sessions, except when specifically authorized by the Board of Trustees.

8. That consideration be given to the matter of the expenditures of all funds belonging to or under the control of the Grand Lodge, for the filing of itemized vouchers with the Grand Lodge Treasurer before warrants are drawn for the paying out of such funds.

9. That traveling expenses of officers, employees, and others authorized to travel at Grand Lodge expense, be made uniform. That mileage for automobile travel be investigated. That consideration be given to a per diem charge for hotel and meals. That regulations be considered for railroad and airplane travel, and such other travel expenses as are properly assumable by the Grand Lodge.

10. That consideration be given to the bookkeeping methods of the Grand Lodge, the keeping of vouchers and receipts, the regular examination of all books and accounts, and such other requirements as are dictated by sound business practices.

11. That consideration be given to a requirement that the salaries of all officers and employees of the Grand Lodge be fixed by the Grand Lodge upon recommendation of the Finance Committee. That consideration be given to the elimination of honorariums and bonuses to officers or employees, except as authorized by the Grand Lodge at an Annual Communication. That consideration be given to applying the latter rule to all officers and employees of corporations, boards and committees, which the Grand Lodge supports in whole or in part.

12. That such committee make such other recommendations to the Grand Lodge with reference to its income and expenditures as it shall deem expedient to improve the business methods of the Grand Lodge, including its financial dealings with subordinate lodges, if such be required.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section and then as a whole.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered those matters referred to it by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, together with those matters carried over from last year, and submits the following report with its recommendations:

1. In the 98th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge last year the Grand Master made the following recommendation:

"I, therefore, recommend that henceforth no subordinate lodge shall issue a demit until after it has been officially notified of the election of the brother to membership in another lodge, and that all future requests for a demit prior to such election be considered as requests for a certificate of membership only."

The Jurisprudence Committee asked for an extension of time to consider this matter and report to this Annual Communication. In accordance with this request, the Jurisprudence Committee makes the following report:

We believe that the recommendation of the 1955 Grand Master is a worthy one and to accomplish its purpose we recommend adoption of an amendment of the Masonic Code which repeals Section 2-1401 and adopts the following in its place:

"Section 2-1401 (138) Any brother desiring to affiliate with another lodge of Freemasons must apply in writing to his lodge for a certificate of membership for the purpose of securing a demit. Such application must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, and if no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if he has complied with Section 2-402 (66) of the law, is clear on the books and is not an installed officer of the lodge, the Master shall order such certificate issued, and the Secretary shall make a record of such action.

"Upon notice by another lodge through the return of that portion of the certificate which officially certifies as to his election to membership therein, the Master shall order that a demit be issued and mailed to the lodge which elected him to membership. The Secretary shall make record of the issuance of such demit." (Adopted)

2. We further recommend the adoption of the following amendment to Section 2-1405 which repeals the former section and in its place adopts the following:

"Section 2-1405 (142) Duplicates—A lodge may issue a duplicate demit, being fully satisfied that the original is lost or destroyed. The duplicate must state that an original has been previously issued." (Adopted)

3. At the 1955 Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master made the following recommendation:

"I recommend, until we join or support the Masonic Service Association or some similar organization with a hospital visitation program, that we, as a Grand Lodge, undertake to perform this service as a part of our program of Masonic Charity. We have obligated ourselves to help all our distressed brethren. What greater distress can there be than that which they endure?"

This Committee asked that it be allowed to investigate further and report back at this Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The following is our report to the Grand Lodge:

(1) It is our opinion that hospital visitation service should be left to the subordinate lodges, particularly the lodges in Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island, where Veterans Administration Hospitals are located.

We, therefore, recommend that the Grand Lodge not undertake such service at this time.

(2) The Welfare Department of the Masonic Service Association has a hospital visitation service staffed with paid welfare workers. It is supported entirely by contributions from many Grand Jurisdictions, the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, and other donations from Masonic Bodies and individuals. During the year 1955 twenty-eight Grand Lodges made contributions. According to the Annual Report of the Association for the year ending December 31, 1955, 1,819,674 visits were

made to hospitals located in fifty different cities. Of this number 188,042 visits were made to Masonic brethren. Included in this number were 1,383 visits to Nebraska brethren who were patients in hospitals located outside of our Grand Jurisdiction.

We recommend that the sum of \$1,000 be contributed by this Grand Lodge to the Welfare Department of The Masonic Service Association as a token of our appreciation of the service to our Nebraska Brethren. (Adopted)

4. At the 1955 Communication of the Grand Lodge the following recommendation of the Grand Master was adopted:

"I recommend that the Jurisprudence Committee prepare such rules and regulations as they deem appropriate in matters of Masonic etiquette and protocol."

We submit the following recommendations for your approval.

PART ONE

The matter of protocol for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as to meetings within this Grand Jurisdiction:

The following shall be the order in which reception and introduction shall be made at all meetings, whether regular lodge meetings, Area Meetings, Central Schools of Instruction, or special functions, where a lodge of Master Masons is opened:

- (1) Reception of the Grand Master (with Grand Honors)
- (2) Reception and presentation of Past Grand Masters (with Grand Honors)
- (3) Presentation and introduction of Grand Lodge officers
- (4) Introduction of Assistant Custodians
- (5) Introduction of Committee Chairmen and Committeemen of Grand Lodge Committees.

The Grand Lodge officers are only those who are named in Article V of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, as amended in 1950 (Page 1 of 1955 Addenda)

The presentation of Assistant Custodians and that of Committeemen may, at the discretion of the presiding officer, be made either by presentation from the East, or by introduction as they stand in their places in the Lodge room.

The following procedure shall be used for introductions in affiliated bodies, whose membership is predicated on membership in a Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and who are recognized by this Grand Lodge:

The Grand Master, when received in and by such bodies, shall be received by the presiding officer in the same manner as he would be in a Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, conducted to the East, and be given the Grand Honors due him by virtue of his office, which outranks any office of any other body insofar as Masonry is concerned.

We recommend this portion of the report be printed in the appendix of the new Masonic Code as standard practice in Nebraska.

PART TWO

Protocol for introduction and reception of distinguished guests at the Centennial Grand Lodge Communication in 1957:

Presumably formal invitations will go out to every Grand Jurisdiction in the United States and Canada, and, in line with the action of other Grand Lodges on such occasions, it is also presumed that the invitations will be given only to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of each Grand Jurisdiction so invited.

It is the judgment and recommendation of your Committee that only those who have been sent formal invitations shall be formally received: that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of each Grand Jurisdiction shall be received and presented in the order of the date of the institution of such Grand Lodge, and that at the discretion and judgment of the Grand Master these two Grand Lodge officers may be presented simultaneously or separately, as conditions at that time indicate to be the wisest course. Your Committee, however, would recommend, if possible, that the Grand Masters be first presented individually, and then the Grand Secretaries following that, as being a more distinctive manner of recognizing the Grand Jurisdiction in the person of its ranking officer.

Should there be other formally invited distinguished guests, these may be formally presented and introduced either immediately following the presentation of those heretofore named, or at such time in Grand Lodge sessions as the Grand Master may deem wise. (Adopted)

5. We recommend that the section entitled "By-Laws Approved" in the Grand Master's address be approved. (Adopted)

6. We recommend that the section entitled "Dispensations to Elect and Install" in the Grand Master's address be approved. (Adopted)

7. We recommend that the section entitled "Dispensations to Confer Degrees" in the Grand Masters address be approved. (Adopted)

8. We recommend that the first paragraph of the section entitled "Other Dispensations" in the Grand Master's address be approved. (Adopted)

9. We recommend that the second paragraph of this section relating to the moving of the Charter of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to Council Bluffs, Iowa, be disapproved.

Charters shall not be temporarily moved from the designated location for which they are issued, except when conditions exist which will not permit the convening of a lodge in that location. The Committee believes that the practice of inter-jurisdictional visitations should be encouraged but that it is neither necessary nor desirable to move a lodge charter to accomplish this purpose. Our law provides for the conferral of degrees by another lodge as a courtesy and the lodge authorized to confer the degree may invite other brethren to fill the stations. Nebraska work may be used in another jurisdiction with the consent of the Grand Master of that jurisdiction. (Adopted)

10. We recommend approval of the section entitled "Extension of Time for Proficiency" in the Grand Master's address. (Adopted)

11. We note with approval the compliance of the Grand Master with the direction of the Grand Lodge in the appointment of the special committee on amendment of Section 3-102(d) pursuant to Grand Master Adams' Recommendation No. 12, as amended. There is no action necessary. (Adopted)

12. We approve that section of the Grand Master's address entitled "Bulletins Issued" and are gratified to note that there was immediate and wholehearted compliance with his request. (Adopted)

13. Though listed as decisions, the majority of the matter in the section entitled "Decisions" consists of following the applicable sections of the law. The following we consider as decisions which should be annotated to the appropriate sections of our Masonic Code except as noted. (Adopted)

14. Decision No. 10—The Jurisprudence Committee believes that the particular occasion referred to in this paragraph was a "Masonic Occasion" as mentioned in Section 2-507 of the Masonic Code where it says, "But Masonic clothing should be worn only when the lodge is at work or upon some Masonic Occasion." We therefore recommend disapproval of this decision.

The Deputy Grand Master was invited to preside. M.'W.'Brother White offered the following resolution:

I am going to move as a substitute motion that Decision No. 10 as it appears in the advance copy of the proceedings be approved.

The motion was seconded and following discussion the substitute motion was adopted. The original motion as amended was then adopted.

15. Decision No. 13—The monitor adopted by the Grand Lodge in Section 2-1209 of the Masonic Code says on page 124: "Dedication of Masonic Halls. The ceremony cannot be lawfully conducted except by the Grand Master in person or by some brother acting for him under special written authority." In the light of this direction we recommend approval of the Grand Master's decision. (Adopted)

16. Decision No. 20—We recommend approval of this decision of the Grand Master. (Adopted)

17. Decisions Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 are plainly covered by our Code and require no action. (Adopted)

18. In decisions Nos. 2 and 19, assuming that the legal residence of the petitioner was in the city where the lodge conferring the degrees is located the interpretations of the Code by the Grand Master is correct and no action by the Grand Lodge is necessary. (Adopted)

19. Decision No. 3—With the exception of the last sentence of this paragraph we approve the Grand Master's interpretation of the law in this paragraph. We believe, however, that the Grand Master did not correctly interpret the Code in allowing the Master to appoint a Past Master to serve in his stead. We therefore recommend that the last

sentence of this paragraph be disapproved. No further action on this matter is necessary. (Adopted)

20. Recommendation No. 1—We recommend approval of this recommendation. (Adopted)

21. Recommendation No. 2—It is the opinion of the Committee that the Grand Lodge should not "establish" a Lodge of Research. On the other hand, we believe that this Grand Lodge should give consideration to the enactment of suitable enabling legislation in the event that a group of brethren, interested in Masonic research, should petition for a charter for such a Lodge. (Adopted)

22. Recommendation No. 3—We recommend approval of the report of the Board of Grand Trustees relative to the salary of the Grand Secretary and refer the same to the Committee on Codification of the Law as provided by Sections 1-305 and 1-502. (Adopted)

23. Recommendation No. 4—We recommend disapproval of this recommendation.

The Grand Master invited the Deputy Grand Master to preside. M. W. Brother White offered the following substitute motion:

"I move that Recommendation No. 4 as printed in the advance copy of the proceedings be approved."

The motion was seconded and following discussion the substitute motion was adopted. The original motion as amended was then adopted.

24. Recommendation No. 5—We recommend disapproval of this recommendation. (Adopted)

25. Recommendation No. 6—We recommend that action on this recommendation be deferred and that it be referred to the Committee on Masonic Education for further study, and for report to the next Communication of the Grand Lodge. (Adopted)

26. Recommendation No. 7—We recommend disapproval of this recommendation. (Adopted)

27. Recommendation No. 8—We recommend disapproval of this recommendation.

The Deputy Grand Master was invited to preside. M. W. Herbert T. White offered the following substitute motion:

"I move that Recommendation No. 8 be laid over until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge."

The motion was seconded and following discussion the substitute motion was adopted. The original motion as amended was then adopted.

28. Recommendation No. 9—We recommend disapproval of this recommendation. We believe this reported need deserves further investigation and study. Therefore, we recommend that the incoming Grand Master be directed to immediately appoint a special Grand Lodge Office Committee of three members who shall thoroughly investigate the office and vault needs, obtain detailed plans and estimates of cost from responsible

contractors for the various unit improvements as well as an over-all plan and its cost.

Finally, when the Grand Lodge Office Committee has made its report to the Grand Master, if he finds urgent need for some remodeling or improving he shall be and is hereby authorized, with power to act, to allow this Committee to expend not to exceed \$5,000 for only the most necessary remodeling or equipment now needed. Otherwise, the entire problem shall be postponed until the next Annual Communication.

The Deputy Grand Master was invited to preside. M. W. Herbert T. White offered the following substitute motion:

"I move as a substitute motion that Recommendation No. 9 as it appears in the advance copy of the proceedings be approved."

The motion was seconded and following discussion the substitute motion was lost. The original recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was then adopted.

29. Recommendation No. 10—We recommend approval of this recommendation. (Adopted)

30. Recommendation No. 12—We recommend approval of this recommendation and that such a committee be appointed. (Adopted)

31. Recommendation No. 13 (a)—We recommend approval of this paragraph. (Adopted)

32. Recommendation No. 13 (b)—We recommend approval of this paragraph. (Adopted)

33. Recommendation No. 13 (c)—We recommend approval of this paragraph with the following changes:

(1) Add to the list of Regular Committees "Grand Lodge Office" between "Credentials" and "Payroll."

(2) Add to the sentence on Special Committees the words "or at the direction of the Grand Lodge."

(3) Add a new section entitled "Grand Lodge Office" identified as Section 1-322 as follows:

"GRAND LODGE OFFICE—The Committee on Grand Lodge Office shall examine the equipment of the Grand Secretary's office, and shall make recommendations for any improvements needed for the same, and for additional furniture and facilities required for the more convenient and efficient work of the office."

(4) Change Section 1-322 to 1-323

(5) Change Section 1-323 to 1-324

(6) Change Section 1-324 to 1-325 (Adopted)

34. Recommendation No. 13 (d)—We recommend disapproval of this paragraph. (Adopted)

35. Recommendation No. 13 (e)—We recommend approval of this paragraph. (Adopted)

36. Recommendation No. 13 (f)—We recommend approval of this paragraph. (Adopted)

37. Recommendation No. 14—We recommend approval of this recommendation. (Adopted)

38. In the Grand Secretary's report to this Grand Lodge, he refers to the new edition of the Masonic Code. The Jurisprudence Committee was directed at the 1955 Grand Lodge Communication to co-operate with the Grand Secretary in the preparation and publishing of this new edition. In the furtherance of that objective, a subcommittee has been appointed by the Jurisprudence Committee consisting of M. W. Charles F. Adams, Chairman; M. W. Walter R. Raecke and M. W. Earl J. Lee. We are sure that this Committee will be of great assistance to the Grand Secretary in the printing of this up-to-date edition of the Masonic Code. (Adopted)

39. Referring to the section entitled "Pawnee Lodge No. 23" in the Grand Master's address, this Committee commends the Grand Master for his zeal in attempting to preserve the good name of Masonry but disagrees with the methods used by him. We therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Master as set forth in this section be disapproved and that the entire matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master for his immediate attention.

The Deputy Grand Master was invited to preside. M. W. Herbert T. White offered the following substitute motion:

"I move as a substitute motion that the Section in the Grand Master's address entitled 'Pawnee Lodge No. 23' as it appears in the advance copy of the proceedings be approved."

The motion was seconded and following discussion the substitute motion was lost. The original recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was then adopted.

40. The matter of concurrent jurisdiction of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 and Victory Lodge No. 310 with the eleven Omaha lodges and Papillion Lodge No. 39 was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee by the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. Since it is impossible to get full information at this session from the lodges involved, we recommend that this matter be laid over until the next Annual Communication. (Adopted)

41. We recommend that the request contained in the communication from the Omaha Home for Boys for an extension of the time for solicitation of members of Douglas County Lodges on a lodge basis be denied.

W. W. Harry Bruner, 281:

I move that the request from the Board of Trustees of the Omaha Home for Boys as concurred in by the eleven Masters of the Omaha Lodges be received by this Grand Lodge and adopted.

(Note. The Deputy Grand Master ruled the motion of W. Brother W. Harry Bruner out of order for the reason that the request involves change in our Masonic Code and cannot be considered in the absence of the offering of an amendment to our Code. Solicitation under our Masonic Law is illegal.)

The Deputy Grand Master, presiding ruled that the motion was out of order. The original recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was then adopted.

42. We recommend that the proposed preface to the 1956 edition of the Nebraska Masonic Code, as submitted to this Committee, be approved, provided that the subcommittee of this Committee, consisting of M. W. Charles F. Adams, M. W. Earl J. Lee and M. W. Walter R. Raecke, charged with the duty of assisting the Grand Secretary in the publication thereof, be authorized to make such changes in said preface as they may deem advisable. (Adopted)

The preface to the 1956 edition of the Nebraska Masonic Code, referred to in Paragraph 42 of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, is as follows:

At the 98th (1955) Annual Communication, M. W. Charles F. Adams submitted the following recommendation:

"8. The Grand Secretary informs me that there are only about forty copies of the Nebraska Masonic Code, 1946, now on hand. I recommend that a new edition of our Code be printed, which will incorporate all of the changes and annotations now appearing in the Cumulative Pocket Parts Supplement, together with the changes that will be made at this Annual Communication. I further recommend that the Jurisprudence Committee formulate a foreword to be incorporated in the new edition informing the brethren as to the extent to which the annotated decisions of the Grand Lodge shall be considered as binding upon the Grand Lodge as a precedent."

The Jurisprudence Committee reported favorably as follows:

"23. We recommend the approval of Recommendation No. 8. May we also request that any errors, typographical or otherwise, which are in the present Masonic Code, or its supplement, should be called to the attention of the Grand Secretary in order that these may be corrected in the new edition of the Code."

The report of the Committee was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Pursuant to these instructions, the Grand Secretary and the Jurisprudence Committee have compiled the present volume. It contains all of the law enacted at the 99th (1956) and prior Annual Communications. It should be emphasized that this is a compilation of existing law rather than a revision, excepting only the correction of errors as set forth in the Appendix.

Also, the section numbers used in the 1934 Edition have been eliminated from the text and shown, instead, in the Cross-Reference Table

in the Appendix. The black face "catch head" lines have been retained, with some corrections, and additional ones inserted. These are for convenience and easy reference only and are not a part of the law itself.

The chapter numbers in Parts II and III have been changed to correspond with the section numbers. Thus, every section number will indicate the Part and the Chapter as well as the particular section therein. The figure preceding the hyphen (1, 2 or 3) will indicate that the section is found in Part I, Part II or Part III of the Code, as the case may be. The last two figures indicate the number of the section within the Chapter (01 to 15, for example) and the figure or figures between the hyphen and the last two figures indicate the Chapter. Thus, the section dealing with "Objections" carries the number 2-1101. This indicates that it is found in Part II, Chapter XI, Section 1. New enactments adopted subsequent to the assignment of section numbers in the 1946 Edition are sometimes assigned a number such as 2-1101.01 to indicate that it is properly codified between Sections 2-1101 and 2-1102.

The Annotations contained in the 1946 Edition and the 1955 Cumulative Supplement have been retained and the various acts of the Grand Lodge at its 1956 Annual Communication have been added. These annotations are references to the actions of the Grand Lodge on the reported decisions of the Grand Masters and the recommendations of the Jurisprudence Committees thereon. This material is submitted for informative purposes only. As such, it gives some indication as to what action the Grand Lodge might take should the same or a similar question arise. While the action of the Grand Lodge is a final determination of the Masonic law *in that particular case*, such action *does not make new law*. That can only be done by proper and formal amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. C. Ray Macy, 26, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Finance submits its report as follows:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and the various Committees and other units of the Grand Lodge having any part in the financial program of the Grand Lodge.

We have carefully reviewed the audit, submitted by Moeller, McPherrin & Judd, and have examined all matters of finance which have in any way been referred to this Committee by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, Committees, or individuals connected with the Grand Lodge, and respectfully report our findings and recommendations for your consideration.

GENERAL FUND COMPARISON

In accordance with the practice followed for the past several years, we have prepared a list showing a comparison between the General Fund Budget adopted last year and the actual expenses during the past year.

We submit herewith as a matter of permanent record our findings.

COMPARISON OF 1955 FUND
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

EXPENSE ANNUAL SESSION	Appropriated	Expended or Withdrawn	Savings	Overdraft
Payroll, 1955.....	\$12,126.80	\$12,126.80		
Grand Lodge Dinner.....	750.00	698.94	51.06	
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	1,000.00	1,003.33		3.33
Reporting and transcribing of 1955 Communication.....	75.00	75.00		
Grand Tyler.....	15.00	15.00		
Grand Organist.....	10.00	10.00		
EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES				
Masonic Education.....	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Relief and Care of Orphans.....	600.00	600.00		
Trial Commission.....	100.00	100.00		
Committee on Work.....	100.00	100.00		
Grand Chaplain.....	100.00	100.00		
Grand Trustees.....	50.00	50.00		
Other Committees.....	100.00	100.00		
Unassigned Incidental Expense under Direction of Grand Master.....	1,250.00	1,281.21		31.21
TRAVELING EXPENSE				
Grand Master.....	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Grand Secretary.....	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Grand Custodian and Assts.....	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Other Grand Officers under Di- rection of Grand Master.....	600.00	600.00		
Grand Secretary Emeritus, M. W. Lewis E. Smith.....	500.00	500.00		
SALARIES				
Grand Secretary.....	6,000.00	6,000.00		
Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff....	7,040.00	7,040.00		
Grand Custodian.....	5,500.00	5,500.00		
FIXED EXPENSES				
Rent of Grand Lodge Quarters to June, 1956.....	2,200.00	2,200.00		
Audit of Grand Lodge Books and Securities.....	225.00	225.00		

Grand Secretary's Office Expense..	4,000.00	4,326.84	326.84
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master...	154.00	154.00	

PRINTING

Proceedings of 1955 Communication			
Including Advance Copies, etc.	3,000.00	4,390.10	1,390.10
Printing Nebraska Masonic Code			
Books as per Grand Master's			
Recommendation No. 8.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	

INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workmen's Compensation & Liability			
Insurance to 6-18-56.....	39.27	39.27	
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of			
U.S. and Canada 45,295 members	288.97	288.97	
Social Security Tax.....	550.00	587.20	37.20
Surety Bond of Grand Lodge Officers			
Committees & Employees.....	315.00	313.20	1.80
Liability Insurance to Cover Grand			
Lodge Liability on Grand Master's			
and Others' Cars.....	30.00	30.00	
Owners-Landlords & Tenants			
Schedule Liability Insurance...	13.00	13.00	
Premium on two \$10,000 policies			
Covering Grand Lodge F&F for			
3 years expiring 6-10-58.....	95.55	119.25	23.70

MISCELLANEOUS

Cost of Transportation of Grand			
Lodge for Visit to The Nebraska			
Masonic Home and The Masonic-			
Eastern Star Home for			
Children at Fremont.....	456.16	399.17	56.99
New Equipment for Grand Secre-			
tary's Office.....	750.00	710.02	39.98
For Purchase of 100 50-year			
Buttons at \$2.45 Each Plus			
10 per cent Tax.....	294.80	294.80	
To Cover 1-Year's Premium for			
Comprehensive Public Liability			
Insurance as per Grand			
Lodge Action.....	4,982.45	4,982.45	

Totals	\$65,111.00	\$65,730.55	
			\$1,192.83
			\$1,812.38
			\$ 619.55

The following list of unexpended balances from appropriations with-
drawn have been or will be returned to the Grand Lodge General Fund:

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

The amount of \$1,800.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. The report of this Committee shows an expenditure of \$1,236.81, leaving a balance of \$563.19, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVEL EXPENSE

The amount of \$2,500.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. The itemized expense report filed shows an expenditure of \$2,946.65, making an over-expenditure of \$446.65. It is our recommendation that M. W. Herbert T. White be reimbursed the amount of \$446.65, and this amount will be set up in our Budget.

CENTENNIAL FUND

According to a previous report of this Committee, \$22,000 of the Permanent Reserve Fund is earmarked for the Centennial Fund.

In our report of 1954 we recommended that \$1,500 of this amount be appropriated from the Permanent Reserve Fund to the Centennial Contingent Fund for use of the Centennial Committee to defray expenses as they had been or would be incurred. Last year we recommended a further appropriation of \$900.00 from the Permanent Reserve Fund. Expenses to this date by this Committee have amounted to only \$416.57, leaving a balance of \$1,983.43, May 10, 1956.

In conformity to Grand Master White's Recommendation No. 11 an appropriation of \$13,000.00 is to be made from the Permanent Reserve Fund, which will make a total earmarked for the Centennial Fund of \$35,000.00. This appropriation will be later set forth in our report under the heading of Special Appropriations.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

The Grand Master recommends that Sec. 1-201(7) of the 1955 Cumulative Supplement be changed to read "He shall have a salary of \$7,500.00 per annum, payable monthly."

This recommendation has been approved by the Grand Trustees and the Jurisprudence Committee. Our Committee are unanimously in agreement with this and we are setting up the proposed amount in our Budget, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 6

This recommendation calls for an addition of \$500.00 to the Masonic Education Committee to permit trying out the so-called Indiana Mentor system.

The Jurisprudence Committee by their report have requested deferment of this for further consideration. Therefore, no special appropriation will be made in excess of the regular amount for the Masonic Education Committee.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 9

This recommendation was referred jointly to the Jurisprudence Committee and the Finance Committee. The Jurisprudence Committee in their report have recommended that the incoming Grand Master be directed to appoint a special committee of three to be known as the GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE to thoroughly investigate the needs and report to the Grand Master, who is empowered by their report, if the needs are urgent, to allow this committee to spend not to exceed \$5,000. We concur in this report and will set up a special appropriation from the Building and Improvement Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 14

This recommendation covers the request the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a new set of aprons and chain collars for the Grand Lodge officers at a price not to exceed \$1,100.00.

As this appears to be an item pertaining to the Centennial observance and Communication of 1957, we recommend that this purchase be made and paid for out of the Centennial Fund. Therefore, we are setting up no special appropriation for this item.

The Committee which was appointed this past year to consider the recommendation by M. W. Grand Master Charles F. Adams, in regard to our joining or supporting the Masonic Service Association as a part of our program of Masonic Charities, has recommended that we contribute to the Welfare Department of the Masonic Service Association the sum of \$1,000.00.

We, therefore, will set up in our Budget for this year, the sum of \$1,000.00, conforming to this Committee's recommendation.

GRAND MASTER ADAMS' RECOMMENDATION NO. 8

In our report of last year we appropriated the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used in printing a new edition of our Nebraska Masonic Code which was to incorporate all changes then appearing in the cumulative Pocket Parts Supplement, including changes that might be made in the 1955 Annual Communication.

This amount was not used as it was determined that many corrections were to be made and could not be accomplished in time for printing this past year.

We understand that all necessary corrections have been made and these will be printed, including all changes that may be made during this Annual Communication. We will, therefore, set up in the Budget the amount necessary for printing 1,000 copies.

GENERAL FUND

There is cash in this fund in the amount of \$52,598.14, as of May 10, 1956, on deposit in the United States National Bank. There has been or will be returned to the General Fund unexpended balances of \$563.19 from various committees.

This will make a total of \$53,161.33 available for the 1956 General Fund Budget.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET

EXPENSE OF ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Payroll, 1956.....	\$12,391.30
Grand Lodge dinner.....	750.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests.....	1,500.00
Reporting and transcribing of 1956 Communication.....	75.00
Grand Tyler.....	15.00
Grand Organist.....	10.00

EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Masonic Education.....	1,800.00
Relief and care of Orphans.....	600.00
Trial Commission.....	100.00
Committee on Work.....	100.00
Grand Chaplain.....	100.00
Grand Trustees.....	50.00
Other Committees.....	100.00
Unassigned Incidental Expense under direction of Grand Master.....	1,250.00

TRAVELING EXPENSE

Grand Master.....	2,500.00
Grand Secretary.....	1,500.00
Grand Custodian and Assistants.....	5,000.00
Other Grand Officers under direction of the Grand Master.....	600.00
Grand Secretary Emeritus, M. W. Lewis E. Smith.....	500.00

SALARIES

Grand Secretary.....	7,500.00
Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff.....	7,040.00
Grand Custodian.....	5,500.00

FIXED EXPENSES

Rent of Grand Lodge Quarters to June, 1957.....	2,200.00
Audit of Grand Lodge Books and Securities.....	350.00
Grand Secretary's Office Expense.....	4,500.00
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master.....	154.00

PRINTING

Proceedings of 1956 Communication, including Advance copies, etc.....	4,500.00
Printing 1,000 Nebraska Masonic Code books.....	2,948.00

INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workmen's Compensation and Liability Ins. to 6-18-57.....	41.01
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of U.S. and Canada, 45,737 members.....	291.18
Social Security Tax.....	590.00
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, Committees, and employees.....	315.00

Liability Insurance to cover Grand Lodge liability on Grand Master's and others' cars (blanket insurance).....	73.15
To cover 1-year's premium for Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance on all Subordinate Lodges, expiring 6-17-57.....	5,031.07
MISCELLANEOUS	
Cost of transportation of Grand Lodge for visit to The Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth.....	294.00
For purchase of 100 50-year buttons at \$2.45 each plus 10 per cent tax and delivery charges.....	270.00
Refund to Omaha Lodge No. 288 for Special Dispensation granted May 12, 1955.....	10.00
To M. W. Herbert T. White refund on expense.....	446.65
Total	\$70,945.36

In the adoption of the foregoing Budget, amounting to \$70,945.36, it will be necessary to amplify the General Fund by special appropriations from the Relief Fund and the Children's Home Endowment Fund, which will be provided for under the heading of Special Appropriations.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

MAINTENANCE FUND, THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

For estimated maintenance for the ensuing year to be matched by an equal appropriation from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.....\$28,000.00
 As there is only \$6,852.45 available in this fund, it will be necessary to amplify this by special appropriation from other funds as provided by law.

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the amount in the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont (From income and profit on sale of securities..)\$10,000.00
 Special appropriation to amplify the General Fund 1956 Budget.\$ 8,500.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children as provided by law

Special appropriation for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home Student Fund (to be matched by an equal amount from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star).....\$ 1,600.00

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children as provided by law

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

Special appropriation for the Centennial Fund.....\$13,000.00

RELIEF FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the General Fund 1956 Budget. \$ 9,500.00

Special appropriation for Welfare Department of the

Masonic Service Association.....\$ 1,000.00

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

For special improvement in the Grand Lodge office and furnish-

ings, according to Jurisprudence Committee report.....\$ 5,000.00

CONCLUSION

We are pleased to advise you that the funds for all of the foregoing appropriations are available, and that all funds of the Grand Lodge are in order for the regular business of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
CODIFICATION OF THE LAW**

W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted.

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 submits its report and recommends as follows:

1. That Section 2-1401-(138) be amended to read as follows: and that the original of said section be repealed:

“Section 2-1401-(138) Any brother desiring to affiliate with another lodge of Freemasons must apply in writing to his lodge for a certificate of membership for the purpose of securing a demit. Such application must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, and if no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if he has complied with Section 2-402 (66) of the law, is clear on the books and is not an installed officer of the lodge, the Master shall order such certificate issued, and the Secretary shall make a record of such action.

Upon notice by another lodge through the return of that portion of the certificate which officially certifies as to his election to membership therein, the Master shall order that a demit be issued and mailed to the lodge which elected him to membership. The Secretary shall make record of the issuance of such demit.”

2. That Section 2-1405 (142) be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

“Section 2-1405 (142) Duplicates. A lodge may issue a duplicate demit, being fully satisfied that the original is lost or destroyed. The duplicate must state that an original has been previously issued.”

3. That Section 2-319 be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

"2-319 A Master-elect may be installed without first having received the degree of Past Master. A Master-elect shall not be installed while under charges."

4. That Section 1-201 be amended by deleting the following words: "and for all such services he shall receive a salary of \$6,000.00 per annum, payable monthly." and placing a period after the words "Grand Communication" in place of said deleted language to complete the sentence in the text;

and that the following new section to be identified as Section 1-201.1 be adopted as follows:

"Section 1-201.1—For all services rendered by the Grand Secretary in accordance with his duties listed above he shall receive a salary of \$7,500.00 per annum, payable monthly."

This matter of the salary of the Grand Secretary has been placed in a separate new section to facilitate future changes in the amount of the salary by doing away with the necessity to amend a rather long section of the code in order to make allowance for what may be frequent changes in this salary. The decimal numbering system here introduced is to be used in the new edition of the Code for 1956 in accordance with current legal codification practice to permit subsequent code changes by the addition of new sections without destroying the orderly sequence of the existing code provisions.

5. That Section 2-1204 be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 2-1204—WORK ON SUNDAY—Except to conduct a funeral no meeting of a lodge shall be held on Sunday nor shall Masons appear in Masonic regalia on Sunday.

6. That Section 1-201 be amended by striking out the third sentence thereof and substituting these words: "He shall receipt for and deposit without delay in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Trustees, 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 the Grand Secretary."

and that said section be further amended by striking out the words "He shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of \$10,000.00 which may be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the cost of which shall be paid by this Grand Lodge" and substituting the following words: "He shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of \$100,000.00 which may be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the cost of which shall be paid by this Grand Lodge."

7. That Section 1-301 be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 1-301 ENUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION—The committees of this Grand Lodge shall be of four classes, namely, Standing

Committees, Regular Committees, Special Committees and Trial Commissions.

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Fraternal Dead, Relief and Care of Orphans, Temple Building Advisory, Masonic Education, Grand Trustees, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, Applications for Reinstatement, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and Nebraska Work. Except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

The Regular Committees shall be the following: Codification of the Law, Grievances, Doings of Grand Officers, Finance, Charters and Dispensations, Credentials, Grand Lodge Office, Payroll, Entertainment of Distinguished Guests and Returns. The Regular Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master at least sixty days prior to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Special Committees may be appointed at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master or at the direction of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master shall appoint from time to time such committees for the purpose of conducting Masonic trials as in his judgment shall be deemed advisable; each committee shall consist of not less than three nor more than five disinterested Master Masons. Said committee shall be styled "Trial Commission." The Grand Master shall designate the President of such Commission. Three members shall constitute a quorum and a Master Mason appointed by the Commission shall act as its Secretary and in his absence the Trial Commission may designate some other Master Mason so to act. A majority of such Commission sitting at a trial shall decide all questions before it.

That Section 1-302 be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 1-302 SEAT AND VOICE—Each member of a standing, regular or special 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."

That Section 1-304 be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 1-304 JURISPRUDENCE—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of all the Past Grand Masters in attendance, with the Junior as chairman. The committee shall carefully examine and report upon all matters of Masonic law and controversy which may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master."

That Section 1-308 be repealed and that the following Section be adopted and substituted therefore:

"Section 1-307 FRATERNAL DEAD—The Committee on Fraternal Dead shall prepare and present to the Grand Lodge suitable memorials of

the dead of this and other Grand Jurisdictions. All announcements of death received from other Grand Lodges shall be referred to this committee."

That Section 1-322 be repealed and that the following Section to be identified as Section 1-309 be adopted and substituted therefore:

"Section 1-309 TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY—The Temple Building Advisory Committee shall consist of three members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall investigate all requests for approval of lodge building and financing activities as set forth in Section 2-616 and to advise and assist all subordinate lodges in such activities."

That Section 1-319 be repealed and that the following Section to be identified as Section 1-310 be adopted and substituted therefor:

"Section 1-310 MASONIC EDUCATION—The Committee on Masonic Education shall consist of six members, each to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire two members thereof annually. The committee shall disseminate Masonic light and information for the purpose of bringing the Craft to a higher and fuller understanding of the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity."

That Section 1-320 be repealed and that the following section to be identified as Section 1-311 be adopted and substituted therefor:

"Section 1-311 GRAND TRUSTEES—The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of five members including the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary as ex officio members thereof and three appointive members, each appointive member to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall have full charge of the investment and re-investment of all Grand Lodge Funds, and shall be available for financial counsel to all other separately created organizations or boards of the Grand Lodge."

That the following new section to be identified as Section 1-312 be adopted as follows:

"Section 1-312 MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND—The Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund may, from the funds appropriated to its use, provide financial assistance to children formerly residing at The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children to enable them to further their education."

That the following new section to be identified as Section 1-313 be adopted as follows:

"Section 1-313 APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT—The composition, appointment and duties of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement shall be as set forth in Section 3-911."

That the following new section to be identified as Section 1-314 be adopted as follows:

“Section 1-314 GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION—The Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association shall collect and disseminate information to the subordinate lodges and members thereof regarding the work of the Association and the Memorial Building in Alexandria, Virginia.”

That Section 1-321 be repealed and the following section to be identified as Section 1-315 be adopted and substituted therefor:

“Section 1-315 NEBRASKA WORK—The Committee on Nebraska Work shall consist of three Past Grand Masters, each member to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually. The committee shall be advisory to the Grand Custodian and to the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and shall study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and its rulings shall be final, subject only to appeal to and determination by the Grand Lodge.”

That Section 1-313 be repealed; that the text of said Section 1-313 be adopted as a new section to be identified as Section 1-319 with only the following amendment thereto: That the words “the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund” be deleted and the words “the Board of Grand Trustees” be substituted therefor.

That Section 1-317 be repealed; that the text of said Section 1-317 be adopted as a new section to be identified as Section 1-323 with only the following amendment thereto: That the word payroll be used in said text without the hyphen.

That the following new section to be identified as Section 1-324 be adopted as follows:

Section 1-324 ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS—The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests shall welcome and accommodate all distinguished visitors to the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge and shall see that they are properly introduced.”

That the following new section to be identified as Section 1-325 be adopted as follows:

“Section 1-325 RETURNS—The Committee on Returns shall examine all returns from subordinate lodges and correspondence in connection therewith in the office of the Grand Secretary and report their recommendations to the Grand Lodge.”

That the following sections of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 and amendments thereto be renumbered upon their appearance in the Code for 1956 with no change being made in the text of said sections as the same now appear in the Code for 1946 and amendments thereto:

1946 Code	Subject Matter	1956 Code
Sec. No.		Sec. No.
1-306.....	Fraternal Relations.....	1-305
1-307.....	Standards of Recognition.....	1-306

1-309.....Relief and Care of Orphans.....1-308
 1-305.....Codification of the Law.....1-316
 1-311.....Grievances1-317
 1-312.....Doings of Grand Officers.....1-318
 1-314.....Charters and Dispensations.....1-320
 1-315.....Credentials1-321
 1-316.....Grand Lodge Office.....1-322

8. That the following enumerated sections in the Nebraska Masonic Code of 1946 and amendments thereto be repealed:

Section 1-310; Section 1-318 and Section 1-412.

9. That Section 2-314 be amended by striking out all of its present language and substituting therefor the following: "Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Secretary the sum of 20c for each \$100.00 of protection to the Lodge against misappropriation of Lodge funds by its Secretary and by its Treasurer. It shall be the duty of each lodge annually to report to the Grand Secretary the amount of protection necessary adequately to protect its funds against misappropriation by each of its said two officers, which report shall fix the maximum amount of protection to which the lodge shall be entitled for that year.

"All payments hereunder by lodges shall be paid annually to the Grand Secretary, who shall keep a record thereof. The Grand Secretary shall procure a surety bond from a company legally issuing such bond sufficient in amount to protect all of the lodges against misappropriation of its funds by its Secretary and by its Treasurer, and pay the amount thereof out of the money received for this purpose from such lodges, such payment not to exceed the rate of 20c for each \$100.00 or portion thereof of the face amount of such bond. Said bond so furnished to be conditioned for the full protection of the Grand Lodge and the several subordinate lodges."

10. The approved decisions of the Grand Master require nothing more than recording as annotations to the proper sections of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge.

MINUTES APPROVED

W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian:

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the published proceedings of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held on June 7, 8 and 9, 1955, and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary be ratified and approved. (Seconded and carried).

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal:

M. W. Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge, I move that this Grand Lodge go on record as expressing its earnest appreciation and

gratitude to the officers and members of the eleven Omaha lodges for the many courtesies, arrangements and kindnesses that they have extended us and our visitors, in making this session not only so successful but most pleasant. (Seconded and unanimously carried.)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. . W. . Thomas J. Aron, Past Grand Master, was Installing Officer, assisted by M. . W. . Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, Installing Marshal.

PRESENTATION OF MASONIC GAVELS

M. . W. . Herbert T. White, Past Grand Master :

M. . W. . Grand Master, during my travels this past year I made the acquaintance of a brother in Wyoming who is an artist in plastics. This good brother had made several plastic gavels for the brethren of Wyoming and I prevailed upon him to make a set of gavels for me that I might in turn present them to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to be used at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge and especially during our Centennial Celebration.

One gavel has the emblem of the Grand Master, the second the emblem of the Grand Senior Warden and the third the emblem of the Grand Junior Warden, each with a gold band indicating the presentation. These are beautiful gavels and it is my pleasure to present them to you, M. . W. . Sir, for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska that you may be the first to use them during the Centennial year.

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

M. . W. . Brother White, it is certainly with deep gratitude that I receive these gavels for the Grand Lodge. The Grand Wardens and I will use them with real pleasure and properly. As we use them, we will think of you and all the fine things you have done for this Grand Lodge.

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

M. . W. . Brother Aron and M. . W. . Brother Smith, I would certainly like to have you sit in the East until we close. I want to thank M. . W. . Brother Aron for being the installing officer. Brethren, as you no doubt suspected, M. . W. . Brother Aron appointed me as Grand Junior Deacon and made it possible for me to have this high honor today. And M. . W. . Brother Lewis E. Smith and I have been very close friends for many years. As Installing Grand Marshal, he has installed me in every station as I came up through the Grand Lodge line and it is a real honor for me to have these two good brethren install me and my officers.

Brethren, the hour is late so I just want to say a few words. My heart is full, this is a wonderful honor, it is a grave and great responsibility. I don't feel that I am capable of fulfilling the office of Grand Master in the manner in which it has been so capably filled in the past, but I am going to do my best and will need a lot of help. I think we will have a fine Centennial year. Brethren, I certainly do appreciate this fine honor, I will do my best to serve you to the benefit of this Grand Lodge and to your satisfaction. Thank you.

W. Foster Miller, Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54:

M. W. Sir, as Master of your Lodge, Lancaster No. 54, I would like on behalf of the officers and brethren to congratulate you on being elevated to the office of Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

Since being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, you served through the line in Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and the Grand Lodge line. Your contribution to Masonry has been enormous. And now that you have been elected to the office of Grand Master of Masons your duties will be tremendously increased since this is the Centennial Year of Masonry in Nebraska. I want you to know that you will have our prayers and our support. Please feel free to call on us, we will be ready to help at any time.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Thank you, W. Brother Foster. I have always been so proud of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and I appreciate sincerely the patience that the brethren have had today in passing up the lunch hour to see me installed. I appreciate very much those kind words, W. Brother Foster, and I will certainly call on my good brethren of 54 for lots of help.

W. Joseph H. Hartley, Junior Past Master, Lancaster Lodge No. 54:

M. W. Grand Master, if you are proud of No. 54, I'll identify myself as being a Past Master of No. 54 but I should like to speak on behalf of the Masonic brethren of the organization from which we have been drawing pay checks for our part-time jobs these many years. The brethren of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company have followed your career of Masonic service for all of these years, M. W. Brother Merle, and we want you to know that we are very happy and proud of the honor that has come to you in these last few moments. We wanted to show our sentiments, we thought of several things. First, we thought of buying you a gift, quite a regular thing, we had it gift wrapped, but in spite of its pretty package, it left something to be desired. So we knew of your affection for The Nebraska Masonic Home and we thought perhaps we could make, as Telephone Masons, a donation to the Home in your honor. This we have done but still it didn't quite fill the bill.

So, M. W. Brother Merle, the Telephone Masons have become authors—180 or more of them—and they have published a book in which our sentiments and your virtues are, we think, on perpetual record. The inscription page says some very nice things about you and that is followed by sixteen pages of signatures showing the name, lodge number and location of all of the brethren. We think that we have the name of every Telephone Mason in the organization.

May I present these to you, M. W. Brother Merle, on behalf of the Masonic brethren of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company with heartiest good wishes.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

Thank you very much, Brother Hartley and through you all of the Telephone Brethren. I am just overwhelmed. Things like this are something you can't buy. I certainly do appreciate it. Thank you very much for the contribution you have made to The Nebraska Masonic Home in my name.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master :

M. W. Brother White, five years ago when I appointed you in line I had the pleasure of seeing you installed and I have watched your progress through the line with pride and pleasure. Last year, I had the privilege of pinning on you the jewel of Grand Master, the highest honor Masonry can give. I watched your year and I know that you have to say, like everyone of us do, when we step out of office, (and I take my little old Episcopal Prayer Book for it) "We have done the things we should not have done and we have left undone some of the things that we should have done."

It is going to be your privilege now to sit with that distinguished group of men and still contribute your Masonic knowledge and your Masonic judgment. It gives me still greater pleasure to pin this Past Grand Master's Jewel on you. This jewel you will always wear and I hope when you wear it you can say to yourself, "I did not willingly inflict any grievance on any man, nor did I willingly do anything which might detract from Masonry."

M. W. Herbert T. White, Past Grand Master :

Thank you, M. W. Brother Hedelund. You don't know how much this means to me . . . Brethren, I want to tell you this good brother has been my close friend for many years. He knows my faults and failings and despite that he has always loved me and been kind to me through the years. I think you can understand the fullness of my heart. I thank God that he has been spared to present me this jewel. God bless you, John.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON

R. . W. . Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary :

M. . W. . Brother White, it is a real pleasure and honor for and on behalf of the Grand Lodge to present to you at this time a Past Grand Master's apron. I know you are going to enjoy wearing it for many years.

M. . W. . Herbert T. White, Past Grand Master :

Thank you very much, R. . W. . Brother Greisen, for this beautiful apron. I shall certainly wear it with pride and I shall never forget the fact that you presented it to me. Carl, it has been such a pleasure to serve with you all year, thank you for all the million kindnesses and little things you have done to help me along in my official capacity.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EMERITI

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

As my first official act, I want to appoint W. . Brothers Osborn P. Simon of Culbertson Lodge No. 174 and Austin F. Whitmire of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 as Assistant Custodians Emeriti. W. . Brother Simon was certified March 1, 1923, and appointed Assistant Custodian in 1930. Last year during Grand Lodge he suffered a heart attack and the present condition of his health does not permit him to continue. He has given us loyal service for twenty-six years.

W. . Brother Austin F. Whitmire follows W. . Brother Simon in length of service. He was certified in 1927, appointed Assistant Custodian in 1931, and has given twenty-five years of service.

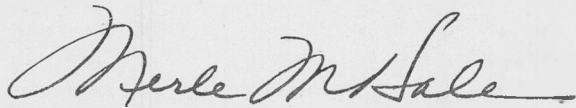
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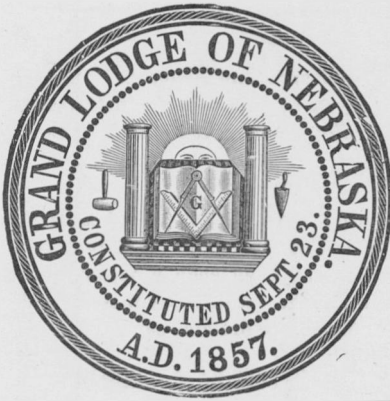
Brother Grand Senior Deacon, conduct W. . Brothers Clifford D. Webster of Harmony Lodge No. 321 and Mathias E. Manuel of Robert Burns Lodge No. 173 to the East.

Brethren, it is a real privilege for me to present to you these first Commissions as Assistant Custodians. We know that the work in your districts will be in good hands and that Masonry will be improved and benefited by your fine work. We congratulate you on this appointment.

At 2:50 p. m., no further business appearing, after prayer by the V. . W. . Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.



Grand Master

**Attest:**

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the Ninety-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 5, 6 and 7, 1956, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 20th day of July, 1956.

Jack R. Feisen

Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

This page is fraternally and affectionately
dedicated to the memory of
Seven Hundred ninety-four
Beloved Brethren
of this Grand Jurisdiction
who will be seen on earth no more.

*"Light rest the ashes upon thee and may the
sunshine of Heaven beam bright at thy waking."*

IN MEMORIAM

To the Distinguished Dead
of other
Grand Jurisdictions
This page is
Fraternally and Affectionately
Dedicated.

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Lewis E. Smith, 54 Years	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32- 33-34-35-36-37-38-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49- 50-51-52-53-54-55-56
William Cosh, 49 Years	1908-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23- 24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56
Charles A. Chappell, 44 Years	1912-13-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28- 29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56
Chancellor A. Phillips, 41 Years	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28- 29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-53-56
William F. Evers, 37 Years	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35- 36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56
George A. Stevens, 35 Years	1917-18-19-20-21-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49- 51-54-55
Earl M. Bolen, 34 Years	1913-14-15-16-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-29-30- 31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46- 47-48
Benjamin F. Eyre, 34 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56
John S. Hedelund, 34 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56
Raymond C. Cook, 34 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36- 37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56
Carl R. Greisen, 33 Years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55- 56
C. Ray Macy, 33 Years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55- 56
Earl W. Dean, 31 Years.	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29- 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-46-47- 48
William C. Smith, 28 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53

Virgil R. Johnson 28 Years	1928-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55
Pearl C. Hillegass, 28 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56
Walter R. Raecke 28 Years	1924-25-26-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56
James H. Bryant, 26 Years	1893-94-97-99-1902-04-05-08-17-20-21-27-29-30-34 42-43-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-55-56
Herbert T. White 26 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56

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BEYOND THE VEIL.

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Jan. 9th, 1899..	3..(1st)..	1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Nov. 12th, 1896..	3. (2nd)..	1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Nov. 27th, 1912..	6....(3rd)..	1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	June 1st, 1905..	4....(4th)..	1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Jan. 27th, 1883..	5....(5th)..	1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Nov. 23rd, 1914..	11....(6th)..	1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Dec. 29th, 1917..	2....(7th)..	1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Feb. 18th, 1915..	3.....(8th)..	1873
FRANK WELCH	Sept. 4th, 1878..	27.....(9th)..	1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	July 10th, 1894..	19.....(10th)..	1875
GEORGE H. THUMMEL.....	Feb. 5th, 1932..	33.....(11th)..	1876
GEORGE W. LININGER.....	June 8th, 1907..	3.....(12th)..	1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE....	April 11th, 1916..	27.....(13th)..	1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Feb. 2nd, 1904..	19.....(14th)..	1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Jan. 21st, 1901..	53.....(15th)..	1880
JAMES R. CAIN, SR.....	Nov. 24th, 1920..	9.....(16th)..	1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	July 9th, 1923..	2.....(17th)..	1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Nov. 15th, 1913..	55.....(18th)..	1883
JOHN JAY WEMPLE.....	May 28th, 1943..	50.....(19th)..	1884
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Sept. 28th, 1917..	59.....(20th)..	1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT.....	Aug. 23rd, 1910..	11.....(21st)..	1886
MILTON J. HULL.....	Sept. 18th, 1923..	67.....(22nd)..	1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Aug. 16th, 1914..	56.....(23rd)..	1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Feb. 25th, 1915..	4.....(24th)..	1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Feb. 16th, 1927..	46.....(25th)..	1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER...	May 8th, 1909..	89.....(26th)..	1891
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.....	Dec. 8th, 1928..	17.....(27th)..	1892
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Nov. 12th, 1918..	76.....(28th)..	1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT	Nov. 1st, 1925..	41.....(29th)..	1894

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
HENRY H. WILSON.....	June 28th, 1941..	19.....	(30th)..1895
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Aug. 24th, 1915..	34.....	(31st)..1896
JOHN B. DINSMORE	Oct. 6th, 1915..	49.....	(32nd)..1897
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Dec. 24th, 1917..	207.....	(33rd)..1898
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Aug. 17th, 1922..	25.....	(34th)..1899
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Aug. 23rd, 1915..	158.....	(35th)..1900
ROBERT E. EVANS.....	July 8th, 1925..	5.....	(36th)..1901
NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Nov. 19th, 1913..	93.....	(37th)..1902
FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Jan. 31st, 1933..	32.....	(38th)..1903
CHARLES E. BURNHAM.....	May 29th, 1933..	55.....	(39th)..1904
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL....	May 2nd, 1911..	31.....	(40th)..1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD	Dec. 17th, 1916..	155.....	(41st)..1906
ORNAN J. KING.....	Dec. 26th, 1927..	54.....	(42nd)..1907
WILLIAM A. DE BORD.....	May 17th, 1916..	3.....	(43rd)..1908
MICHAEL DOWLING.....	May 5th, 1921..	119.....	(44th)..1909
HARRY A. CHENEY.....	June 27th, 1948..	100.....	(45th)..1910
HENRY GIBBONS.....	Aug. 22nd, 1923..	46.....	(46th)..1911
JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	Sept. 3rd, 1950..	105.....	(47th)..1912
APLHA MORGAN	April 17th, 1924..	148.....	(48th)..1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Aug. 12th, 1919..	93.....	(49th)..1914
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Aug. 11th, 1931..	54.....	(50th)..1915
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	May 9th, 1941..	55.....	(51st)..1916
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	Aug. 13th, 1944..	61.....	(52nd)..1917
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON....	Mar. 16th, 1944..	139.....	(53rd)..1918
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	July 31st, 1934..	258.....	(54th)..1919
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG....	June 14th, 1950..	3.....	(55th)..1920
EDWARD M. WELLMAN.....	Aug. 31st, 1922..	1.....	(57th)..1922
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	June 18th, 1941..	95.....	(59th)..1924
JOHN WRIGHT.....	Oct. 29th, 1936..	19.....	(60th)..1925
EDWIN D. CRITES	Nov. 7th, 1953..	158.....	(61st)..1926
ALBERT R. DAVIS.....	Mar. 7th, 1929..	120.....	(62nd)..1927
FRANK H. WOODLAND.....	Oct. 23rd, 1940..	25.....	(63rd)..1928
IRA C. FREET.....	Oct. 13th, 1944..	56.....	(64th)..1929
ORVILLE A. ANDREWS.....	Oct. 16th, 1936..	19.....	(65th)..1930
JOHN R. TAPSTER.....	Mar. 21st, 1954..	119.....	(66th)..1931
EDWIN B. JOHNSTON.....	Feb. 11th, 1933..	33.....	(67th)..1932
ARCHIE M. SMITH.....	May 8th, 1950..	203.....	(69th)..1933
WILLIAM C. RAMSEY.....	May 19th, 1938..	268.....	(71st)..1935
WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON....	July 3rd, 1944..	6.....	(73rd)..1937
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE..	Nov. 16th, 1951..	317.....	(75th)..1939

PAST GRAND MASTERS
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE

A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

- LEWIS E. SMITH (56th) ..1921
 321 Trust Building, Lincoln
- CHARLES A. CHAPPELL (58th) ..1923
 Minden
- RALPH O. CANADAY (68th) ..1933
 Hastings
- VIRGIL R. JOHNSON (70th) ..1934
 822 North 9th, Beatrice
- CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS (72nd) ..1936
 Cambridge
- WALTER R. RAECKE (74th) ..1938
 Central City
- EARL J. LEE (76th) ..1940
 1617 Colson, Fremont
- EDWARD F. CARTER (77th) ..1941
 State House, Lincoln
- GEORGE A. KURK (78th) ..1942
 1909 Ryons St., Lincoln
- WILLIAM B. WANNER (79th) ..1943
 2017 Stone St., Falls City
- WILLIAM C. SCHAPER (80th) ..1944-1945
 1009 South D St., Broken Bow
- BENJAMIN F. EYRE (81st) ..1946
 2001 Douglas Street, Omaha
- EDWARD HUWALDT (82nd) ..1947
 Commercial National Bank, Grand Island
- ELMER E. MAGEE (83rd) ..1948
 1201 O Street, Lincoln
- ERNEST S. SCHIEFELBEIN (84th) ..1949
 Wahoo
- JOHN S. HEDELUND (85th) ..1950
 401 Masonic Temple, Omaha
- THOMAS J. ARON (86th) ..1951
 Crete State Bank, Crete
- EDWARD M. KNIGHT (87th) ..1952
 Alliance National Bank, Alliance
- FAY SMITH (88th) ..1953
 Box 7, Imperial
- CHARLES F. ADAMS (89th) ..1954
 Aurora
- HERBERT T. WHITE (90th) ..1955
 522 Insurance Bldg., Omaha
- NATHAN ROSCOE POUND (Honorary) ..1949
 304 School Street, Watertown, Massachusetts

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
*FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	June 9, 1899, to June 11, 1925
LEWIS E. SMITH.....	June 11, 1925, to June 6, 1946
CARL R. GREISEN.....	June 6, 1946

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

LEWIS E. SMITH
 321 Trust Building
 Lincoln, Nebraska



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

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama.....	C. H. Stubinger.....	Box 98, Montgomery
Alberta.....	Edward H. Rivers.....	Calgary.
Argentina.....	Alcibiades Lappas.....	Cangallo 1242 (R28), Buenos Aires
Arizona.....	Joseph A. E. Ivey.....	Box 1488, Tucson
Arkansas.....	Leland L. McDaniel....	Masonic Temple, Little Rock
Austria.....	Rudolph Rappas.....	Wien I. Dorotheergasse 12, Vienna
Brazil, United Grand Lodge of Bahia..	Ivo Lopes da Silva.....	Masonic Temple Rua Carlos Gomes, N. 21, Salvador
Brazil, Ceara.....	Luis Nepomuceno de Mattos	Box 76, Fortaleza
Brazil, Minas Gerais.	Sergio Alexandre Ivanenko.	Avenida do Brasil, 478 Box 5, Belo Horizonte
Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul.....	Dr. Carlos Barcellos Fagundes.....	Box 683, Praca Garibaldi 21, Porto Alegre
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro.	Jose Rodrigues.....	Box 2215, Rio de Janeiro
Brazil, Sao Paulo..	Erwin Seignemartin....	Box 8348, Sao Paulo
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba.....	Arnaldo Ivo Soles.....	Box 3, Paraiba
British Columbia..	J. H. N. Morgan.....	Freemason's Hall, 692 Seymour St., Vancouver
California.....	Lloyd E. Wilson.....	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada.....	Ewart G. Dixon.....	Box 217, Hamilton, Ontario
Chile.....	Zacarias Gomez Marzheimer	Box 28674, Santiago.
Colorado.....	Harry W. Bundy.....	319 Masonic Temple, Denver
Colombia National Grand Lodge...	Emerito de Lima.....	Apartadox Postal No. 333, Baranquilla
Connecticut.....	Earle K. Haling.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Enrique, Chaves B.....	Apartado 1052, Baranquilla
Cuba.....	Jose F. Castellanos.....	Apt. 72, Havana
Delaware.....	Chester R. Jones.....	818 Market Street, Wilmington
Denmark.....	Einar Hoeg.....	Blegdamsvej, 23, Copenhagen
Nat'l Grand Lodge District of Columbia.	Raymond N. Babcock....	Masonic Temple, Washington
Ecuador.....	Silvio Clemente Perez Sanchez.....	Box 932, Guayaquil
Egypt.....	Mohamed Rifaat.....	P. O. Box 1714, Cairo.
England.....	Sydney A. White.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	George W. Huff.....	Jacksonville.
National Grand Lodge of France.....	L. F. Poirson.....	65, Boulevard Bineau, Neuilly-Sur-Seine
Georgia.....	Daniel W. Locklin.....	Macon.
Germany, United Grand Lodge...	Rechtsanwalt Walther Schiffman.....	P. O. B. Box 16288 A M Care of Chancellory, Frankfurt
Greece.....	Dr. Panayiotis Hadjipetros.....	Tektonikon, Idryma 19, Acharnon Street, Athens.
Iceland.....	Olafur Gislason.....	Freemasonry Hall, Borgartun 4, Reykjavik.
Idaho.....	Clyde I. Rush.....	Masonic Temple, Boise.
Illinois.....	Richard C. Davenport....	Box 111, Harrisburg
Indiana.....	Dwight L. Smith.....	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Earl B. Delzell.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	J. O. Harte.....	Freemasons Hall, Dublin
Israel, State of..	E. Dubinsky.....	P. O. B. 2080, Tel Aviv
Kansas.....	Arthur H. Strickland....	320 W. 8th. Topeka
Kentucky.....	Al. E. Orton.....	4th & Kentucky, Louisville.
Louisiana.....	D. Peter Laguens, Jr....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Earle D. Webster.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	Thomas C. Jackson.....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Claud Shaffer.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Earl W. Taylor.....	Masonic Temple, Boston 16
Mexico, (York Gr. Lg)	Carl B. DeVries.....	Apt. 1986, Mexico City.
Michigan.....	Charles E. Sherman.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	David E. Palmer.....	Masonic Temple, St. Paul
Mississippi.....	Sid F. Curtis.....	Meridian.

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OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—(Concluded)

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	Masonic Temple, St. Louis
Montana	Byron F. Gaither	Box 1158, Helena.
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Netherlands	Dr. P. J. Van Loo	22 Fluween Burgwal, The Hague
Nevada	Edward C. Peterson	Masonic Temple, Carson City
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Box 643, St. John
New Hampshire	Harold O. Cady	44 S. Main St., Concord
New Jersey	Harvey E. Whitey	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico	Chandler C. Thomas	Box 535, Albuquerque
New South Wales	James S. Miller	Masonic Temple, Sydney.
New York	Edward R. Carman	Masonic Hall, New York
New Zealand	F. G. Northern	Box 1833, Wellington
Nicaragua	Greg A. Tapia	Apt. 102, Managua
North Carolina	Wilbur L. McIver	Box 3063, Raleigh
North Dakota	Harold S. Pond	Box 1269, Fargo.
Norway	Odd Lie Davidson	Freemasons Hall, Nedre Voldgate 19 Oslo
Nova Scotia	Reginald V. Harris	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Nuevo Leon, Mexico	Ernesto de Villarreal Cantu	Apt. Num. 309, Monterrey
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	J. Fred Latham	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Panama	Nathan A. Reid	Box 84, Panama
Pennsylvania	George A. Avery	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
Philippines	Mauro Baradi	520 San Marcelino, Manila
Prince Edward Island	F. A. Van Iderstine	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico	Emiliano Isaales	Box 8385 Ferndon's Junce Station, Santurce
Quebec	R. W. Louthood	1559 St. Mark St., Montreal
Queensland	E. G. Radford	Box 675, Brisbane
Rhode Island	N. Arthur Hyland	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Masonic Temple, Regina
Scotland	Alexander F. Buchan	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St. Edinburgh.
South Australia	F. J. Ellen	Freemasons Hall, North Terrace Adelaide
South Carolina	Henry F. Collins	Columbia.
South Dakota	Elvin F. Strain	Box 468, Sioux Falls
Sweden	G. E. A. Bottiger	Stockholm 6
Tamaulipas	Augustin Miret Comas	Apt. Postal No. 419, Tampico, Tamps., Mexico
Tasmania	H. A. Wilkinson	117 Macquarie St., Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Box 216, Nashville.
Texas	Harvey C. Byrd	Box 446, Waco.
Utah	Emery R. Gibson	650 So. Temple Street, Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Masonic Temple, Burlington.
Victoria	C. W. Davis	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St Melbourne.
Virginia	James N. Hillman	Masonic Temple, Richmond.
Washington	John I. Preissner	Masonic Temple, Tacoma
Western Australia	N. J. Munro	Box D 177, Gen. P. O. Perth
West Virginia	Julian B. Hollingsworth	Charleston 28.
Wisconsin	Paul W. Grossenbach	705 E. Wells St., Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Box 459, Casper

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR AND FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
E. Jonah Shipp	Northport	Mar. 27, 1956	Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Plattsmouth	May 4, 1939
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Earl M. Bolen, 130	Ulysses	May 2, 1924
Dr. Eduardo Ayala	Buenos Aires	Sept. 23, 1954	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fleicher Sills, Jr.	Prescott	April 13, 1949	Arizona	Morace F. Smith, 265	Scottsbluff	Mar. 18, 1950
A. B. Arbaugh	Jasper	Feb. 19, 1942	Arkansas	Louis J. Lepinski, 184	Omaha	Aug. 24, 1944
Hugo Barber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 1951	Austria	Mainard E. Crosby, 32	North Platte	Aug. 12, 1955
Raul Ballalal de Carvalho	Val. do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia, United	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Sept. 19, 1936
Roumundo Nonata do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	Ernest E. James, 1	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Jose Cesarino Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Guilherme Wittine	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	John J. Helzer, 158	Lincoln	Sept. 17, 1941
Ablio Herve	Rio Grande do Sul	Oct. 10, 1949	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Chadron	Nov. 15, 1949
Onelio Leal DaSilva	Paraiba	Feb. 4, 1954	Brazil, Lodge of Paraiba	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Walter Pinto	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Lincoln	Dec. 10, 1954
William Fraser	Creston	April 20, 1955	British Columbia	Edward F. Carter, 201	Crete	July 10, 1947
C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	April 15, 1944	Canada	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Rodolfo C. Oliveira	Estado 62, Santiago	Mar. 18, 1930	Chile	Fred G. Christensen, 33	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Jose Maria Serna	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Grand Island	July 2, 1938
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932	Colorado	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Omaha	June 24, 1943
George S. Hull	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948	Connecticut	Frank A. Anderson, 17	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Cecilio Nielo Casoba	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918	Costa Rica	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Tecumseh	Jan. 5, 1952
V. H. Francisco Enrique	Garcia	Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Kearney	June 25, 1954
Fagan Simanton	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	Delaware	John S. Hedelund, 268	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Alex Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 10, 1946	Denmark	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
John Linn McGrew	Washington	July 6, 1917	Dist. of Columbia	Guy W. Anderson, 36	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Fernandos Gayangos Aroya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Emil H. Vierig, 33	Lincoln	May 12, 1939
Ibrahim F. K. Pacha	Alexandria	Oct. 10, 1933	Egypt	Fay Smith, 198	Grand Island	July 23, 1947
William R. S. Bothurst	Wiltshire	May 18, 1950	England	Charles B. Nicodemus, 15	Imperial	June 17, 1954
Leon E. Forbes	Jacksonville	April 15, 1944	Florida	Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Fremont	April 15, 1944
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	France	William F. Evers, 6	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
Frank G. Birdsang	LaGrange	April 24, 1951	Georgia	Carl H. Freese, 114	Plattsmouth	Jan. 23, 1941
Karl Roeder	Frankfurt	Sep. 20, 1955	Germany	Steve G. Paulos, 318	Wisner	July 13, 1954
George Sakellariou	Athens	April 10, 1954	Greece	Nels Ostergaard, 32	Grand Island	Nov. 20, 1953
Bjarne Bjarnason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland	David C. Spangler, 41	North Platte	June 26, 1953
Everett W. Rising	Nampa	April 30, 1932	Idaho	Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Harry L. Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Illinois	Roy S. Planck, 15	Wahoo	Dec. 20, 1944
John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1949	Indiana	Thomas T. Varney, 176	Fremont	Mar. 7, 1952
John A. Wallace	Dublin	Jan. 7, 1953	Ireland	William Grodinsky, 11	Ansley	Dec. 20, 1944
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1954	Israel, State of	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Homer B. Osborn	Wichita	Sept. 28, 1944	Kansas	Barton H. Kuhns, 268	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Beattyville	April 20, 1945	Kentucky	Norris Chadderdon, 146	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
Charles F. Ratcliffe	Baton Rouge	Sept. 18, 1936	Louisiana	Carlos E. Schaper, 148	Holdrege	June 22, 1937
James A. Sanker	Belfast	Sept. 14, 1948	Maine	Ernest C. Purdy, 195	Broken Bow	May 26, 1950
Nathan Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Manitoba	George A. Kurk, 54	Gordon	June 24, 1943
Ernest L. Payner	Cambridge	Dec. 8, 1953	Maryland	William B. Wanner, 9	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Roscoe Pound	Torrence, Coah.	May 1, 1929	Massachusetts	Earl J. Lee, 15	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Horace Dillon	Dowagiac	Feb. 23, 1907	Mexico	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Fremont	April 9, 1934
Frank W. Richey	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Michigan	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Herbert S. Ramberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota		Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952

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Buford Walker	Picayune	May 28, 1951	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
J. Renick Jones	Independence	July 3, 1956	Missouri	Edward E. Carr, 32	North Platte	July 2, 1938
J. R. P. Reinemer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	Welcome W. Naylor, 158	Chadron	Mar. 4, 1950
W. R. Wansink	Rotterdam	May 10, 1955	Netherlands	Piebe Dykstra, 281	Omaha	May 10, 1955
Harry H. Atkinson	Reno	June 19, 1911	Nevada	Phil B. Campbell, 65	Osceola	May 4, 1939
Kenneth Roberts Nelson	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Mahlon C. Morgan, 322	Gering	Sept. 3, 1946
John O. Lovejoy	Bristol	April 14, 1934	New Hampshire	Virgil R. Johnson, 26	Beatrice	Oct. 10, 1931
John A. Steffer	Mapplewood	Aug. 11, 1947	New Jersey	John F. Fletcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Masman	Mar. 10, 1950	New So. Wales	Glen L. Rice, 3	Seward	July 10, 1947
Philip H. Beldolt	New York City	Nov. 27, 1953	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
William Grant Hay	Dunedin	Jan. 6, 1926	New Zealand	James H. Bryant, 199	Plattsmouth	April 22, 1952
Gral. Anastasio Somaza	Managua	Dec. 9, 1941	Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Armon E. Baggett	Yarmouth	Oct. 22, 1953	North Carolina	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Albert H. Hood	Oslo	July 1, 1941	North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire, 306	Sidney	Dec. 20, 1944
Ole Kristofer Roed	Stellarton	Feb. 8, 1956	Norway	Nels Hammar, 56	York	Feb. 21, 1956
C. Fraser Larimer	Manterrey	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekim, 295	Gering	July 10, 1941
Juan L. Arocha	Youngstown	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Morris V. Balcom, 46	Kearney	May 7, 1954
Robert L. Traescher	Oklahoma City	April 26, 1952	Ohio	Eldridge G. Reed, 46	Kearney	April 2, 1945
Manford S. Runyan	Portland	Feb. 7, 1941	Oklahoma	Lewis E. Baker, 135	McCook	Apr. 28, 1953
Clarence D. Phillips	Panama	Sept. 4, 1937	Oregon	Vorro E. Tyler, 2	Nebraska City	Dec. 9, 1941
Elias S. Mizrachi	Manila	Jan. 12, 1953	Panama	Walter R. Raecke, 36	Central City	April 8, 1935
Aurelio B. Aquino	Souris	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines	John C. Green, 280	Sargent	Oct. 17, 1945
Roy C. McLean	Fajardo	Mar. 24, 1943	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
A. G. Lightbourn	Montreal	May 3, 1945	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1952
Alex Nickle	Brisbane	Jan. 31, 1934	Quebec	John E. Beaver, 253	Beemer	Jan. 8, 1954
Harry Hill	Cranston	May 31, 1923	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Edinburgh	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Haagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke	Adelaide	Nov. 19, 1942	Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	July 10, 1947
Frank Ernest Haddrick	Charleston	June 9, 1910	Scotland	William Cosh, 11	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
Harace Greeley Adams	Vermillion	Aug. 7, 1942	South Australia	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	Feb. 1, 1951
Robert F. Patterson	Linkoping	Feb. 3, 1955	South Carolina	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
G. A. E. Lagerfelt	Tampico	Oct. 6, 1939	South Dakota	W. Alex Danielson, 116	Alma	Sept. 10, 1953
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Jackson	Sept. 8, 1949	Sweden	Robert D. Wilson, 268	Omaha	Aug. 8, 1949
P. D. Kersh	Dallas	Sept. 14, 1948	Tamaulipas	C. Ray Macy, 26	Beatrice	Sept. 23, 1954
Harold A. Bateman	Ogden	July 28, 1952	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
George F. Meissner	Johnson	Feb. 3, 1944	Texas	Albert S. Johnston, 19	Lincoln	June 27, 1941
D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr.	Melbourne	Feb. 4, 1943	Utah	William A. Kommers, 234	Hyannis	Mar. 10, 1945
Farrin Webb	S. Arlington	Mar. 23, 1946	Vermont	Clarence T. Spier, 268	Omaha	Jan. 29, 1951
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	Puyallup	Jan. 2, 1952	Victoria	Charles H. Marley, 1	Omaha	May 4, 1939
Stewart E. Perry	Perth	July 18, 1946	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
R. H. G. Clark	Clarksburg	Apr. 22, 1941	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Alliance	June 27, 1941
Harry E. Hoffman	Milwaukee	Feb. 12, 1947	West Australia	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	July 10, 1947
George J. Schreiber		Mar. 23, 1946	West Virginia	Alvin H. Miller, 19	Lincoln	May 4, 1939
			Wisconsin	Osborne P. Simon, 174	Culbertson	June 24, 1943

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- Acacia, 34.
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 Beatrice, 26.
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 DeWitt, 111.
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 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
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 Hartington, 155.
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 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
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 James A. Tulleys, 267.
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 John J. Mercer, 290.
 John S. Bowen, 232.
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 Lone Tree, 36.
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 Orient, 13.
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 Platte Valley, 32.
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 Pomegranate, 110.

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Porter, 106.
Potter, 313.
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Robert W. Furnas, 265.
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Springfield, 112.
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Stella, 105.
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St. Johns, 25.
Stromsburg, 126.
Superior, 121.
Sutherland, 299.
Swastika, 280.

Table Rock, 108.
Tecumseh, 17.
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Thistle, 61.
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Trowel, 71.
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Unity, 163.
Upright, 137.
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- Adams, 214.
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Ansley, 176.
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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.
Beemer, 253.
Bellevue, 325.
Benkelman, 180.
Bennet, 94.
Benson, (Omaha), 290.
Bertrand, 275.
Bladen, 319.
Blair, 21.
Bloomfield, 218.
Blue Hill, 129.
Bridgeport, 285.
Brock, 162.
Broken Bow, 148.
Brownville, 4.
Burchard, 137.
Burwell, 200.
Butte, 233.
- Cairo, 324.
Callaway, 207.
Cambridge, 150.
Carleton, 199.
Cedar Bluffs, 215.
Central City, 36.
Ceresco, 229.
Chadron, 158.
Chapman, 239.
Chappell, 205.
Chester, 298.
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Columbus, 323.
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Craig, 241.
Crawford, 181.
Creighton, 100.
Crete, 37.
Crofton, 273.
Culbertson, 174.
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- Dakota City, 5.
Dalton, 321.
- Danbury, 185.
Davenport, 154.
David City, 51.
Decatur, 88.
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Doniphan, 86.
Douglas, 237.
Dunbar, 272.
- Edgar, 67.
Elgin, 276.
Elm Creek, 133.
Elmwood, 209.
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Emerson, 220.
- Fairbury, 35.
Fairfield, 84.
Fairmont, 48.
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Franklin, 264.
Fremont, 15.
Friend, 73.
Fullerton, 89.
- Geneva, 79.
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Giltner, 223.
Gordon, 195.
Gothenburg, 249.
Grand Island, 33, 318.
Grant, 308.
Greenwood, 163.
Gresham, 197.
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- Hampton, 245.
Hardy, 117.
Harrison, 277.
Hartington, 155.
Harvard, 44.
Hastings, 50, 317.
Hay Springs, 177.
Hebron, 43.
Herman, 222.
Hickman, 256.
Holdbrook, 257.
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Hooper, 72.
Humboldt, 40.
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- Imperial, 198.
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- Kearney, 46.
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- Laurel, 248.,
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Lynch, 312.
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Mason City, 170.
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Merna, 171.
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Neligh, 71.
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Niobrara, 87.
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- Oak, 243.
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Oxford, 138.
- Page, 156.
Palisade, 216.
Palmvra, 287.
Papillion, 39.
Pawnee City, 23.
Pender, 203.
Peru, 14.
Phillips, 62.
Pierce, 153.
Plainview, 204.
Plattsmouth, 6.
Polk, 311.
Ponca, 101.
Potter, 313.
Primrose, 143.
- Randolph, 202.
Ravenna, 289.
Red Cloud, 53.
Republican City, 98.
Reynolds, 160.
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- Rulo, 13.
Rushville, 169.
Ruskin, 304.
- Saint Edward, 230.
Saint Paul, 82.
Sargent, 280.
Schuyler, 34.
Scotia, 191.
Scottsbluff, 265.
Scribner, 132.
Seneca, 284.
Seward, 38.
Shelby, 161.
Shelton, 99.
Sidney, 71.
Silver Creek, 266.
South Sioux City, 316.
Spencer, 261.
Springfield, 112.
Stanton, 41.
Stapleton, 190.
Stella, 105.
- Sterling, 70.
Stratton, 173.
Stromsburg, 126.
Stuart, 147.
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Superior, 121.
Surprise, 130.
Sutherland, 299.
Sutton, 49.
Syracuse, 57.
- Table Rock, 128.
Tecumseh, 17.
Tekamah, 31.
Tilden, 166.
Tobias, 149.
- Ulysses, 187.
Utica, 96.
- Valentine, 192.
Valley, 310.
Valparaiso, 151.
- Wahoo, 59.
Wakefield, 83.
Wallace, 279.
Walthill, 274.
Waterloo, 102.
Wauneta, 217.
Wausa, 251.
Wayne, 120.
Weeping Water, 97.
Western, 140.
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Wilber, 64.
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- Cass, 6, 97, 163, 209, 246.
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- Fillmore, 48, 79.
Franklin, 264.
Frontier, 168.
Furnas, 93, 138, 150, 157, 257, 298.
- Gage, 26, 104, 165, 175, 194, 214.
Garden, 286.
Garfield, 200.
Gosper, 167.
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- Hall, 33, 86, 211, 318, 324.
Hamilton, 62, 68, 223, 245.
Harlan, 60, 98, 116.
Hitchcock, 173, 174, 216.
Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.
Hooker, 282.
Howard, 82.
- Jefferson, 35, 160, 206.
Johnson, 17, 70, 231.
- Kearney, 127, 226.
Keith, 169.
Kimball, 294.
Knox, 87, 100, 218, 251, 273.
- Lancaster, 19, 54, 94, 210, 227, 250, 256, 297, 300, 314, 320.
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- Madison, 55, 113, 166, 305.
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- Adams, U. D., (ext.)
 Adoniram, 159, (ext.)
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131), (ext.)
 Allen, U. D., (236)
 Anchor, 142, (ext.)
 Arapahoe, 109, (ext.)
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U. D., (ext.)
 Ashland, 18, (ext.)
- Bannack City, U. D., (ext.)
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Beaver, U. D., (179)
 Beaver Valley, U. D., (230).
 Bee, 259, (consolidated)
 Belgrade, U. D., (269)
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241).
 Benkelman, U. D., (180).
 Benson, U. D., (290).
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85).
 *Bradshaw, 255,
 Brainerd, 115, (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (223).
 Burchard, U. D., (137).
 Burnett, U. D., (166).
 Butte, U. D., (233).
- Carleton, U. D., (199).
 Cedar, U. D., (13).
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215)
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143).
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D., (229).
 Chadron, U. D., (158).
 Chapman, U. D., (239).
 Columbus, U. D., (ext.)
 Columbus, U. D., (58).
 Columbus, 8, (ext.)
 Cowles, 296, (ext.)
 Crab Orchard, U. D., (238), ext.
 Crawford, U. D., (181).
 Cumming City, U. D., (21).
 Custer, U. D., (148).
- Dakota, (5).
 Danbury, U. D., (185).
 Davenport, U. D., (154).
 Decatur, 7, (ext.)
 Doric, 118, (ext.)
 Douglas, U. D., (237).
- Elk Creek, 90
 Eureka, 16, (ext.)
 Ewing, U. D., (156).
 Exeter, U. D., (ext.)
 Exeter, 283 (ext.)
 *Consolidated.
- Firth, U. D., 66 (ext.)
 Fortitude, 69, (ext.)
 Genoa, U. D., (125).
 Gibbon, (see 46).
 Gibbon, U. D., (189).
 Giddings, (2).
 Grafton, 172, (ext.)
 Grant, U. D., (34).
 Grant, U. D., (186).
 Greenwood, U. D., (163).
 Gresham, U. D., (197).
- Hamilton, U. D., (68).
 Harmony, U. D., (ext.)
 Hermon, U. D., (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (ext.)
 Hildreth, 252
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29).
 Holdrege, U. D., (146)
 Hubbell, 92
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- Idaho, U. D., (ext.)
 Imperial, U. D., (198).
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- Jasper, 122, (ext.)
 Jephtha, U. D., (264).
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 *Joppa, 76
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- Lafayette, 24, (ext.)
 Lebanon, 58, (ext.)
 Leigh, U. D., (193).
 *Level, 196
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 Livingstone, 66, (ext.)
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- Mackey, U. D., (242).
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 Magic City, U. D., (184).
 Miller, 213, (ext.)
 Monitor, U. D., (ext.)
 Morrill, U. D., (271).
- Nebraska City, 12 (ext.)
 Norfolk, U. D., (55).
 North Loup, U. D., (142), (ext.)
- Odell, U. D., 122, (ext.)
 Ohiowa, U. D., (182).
 Orion, 242, (ext.)
 Overton, U. D., (267).
 Oxford, U. D., (138).
- Pacific, U. D., (310).
 *Palmer, (315).
 Palestine, U. D., (ext.)
 Palmyra, 45, (ext.)
 *Parallel Lodge No. 152 (ext.)
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23)
 Peru, U. D., (ext.)
 Plumb, 186, (ext.)
- Reynolds, U. D., (160).
 Rising, U. D., (81).
 Rising Star, U. D., 20, (ext.)
 *Riverside, 269, (Consolidated).
 Riverton, 63, (consolidated)
 Rock Bluff, 20, (ext.)
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).
- Salem, 47, (ext.)
 Saline, U. D., (73).
 Saline, U. D., (101).
 Saline, U. D., (118).
 Samuel W. Hayes, U. D., (287).
 Scotia, U. D., (191).
 Seward, U. D., (38).
 Shelby, U. D., (161).
 Shickley, U. D., 178, (extinct)
- Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Sincerity, 244, (ext.)
 Springview, 260 (ext.)
 Square & Compass, 213, ext.
 Stanton, U. D., (41).
 Steele City, 107, (ext.)
 Stockville, U. D., (196).
 Summit, 7, (transferred).
 Summit, 141, (ext.)
 Syracuse, U. D., (57).
- Talmage, U. D., (162).
 Temple, U. D., (5).
 Tobias, U. D., (149).
 Trenton, U. D., (ext.)
 Trilumular, U. D., (210).
 *Tyre, 85, (Consolidated)
- Ulysses, U. D., (187).
- Valentine, U. D., (113).
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151).
 Waco, 80 (ext.)
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97)
 Wilcox, U. D., (226).
 Winside, U. D., (235).
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265)
 Wyoming, 28 (transferred)
- Zeredatha, U. D., (98) (ext.)

LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORY OTHER THAN NEBRASKA

NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION
Summit No. 7	Parkville, Colorado... Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8....	Gold Hill, Colorado.. Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U. D.	Central City, Colorado. Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannaek City, U. D.	Bannaek City, Idaho.. Instituted April —, 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U. D.	United States Army.. Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U. D.	Nevada City, Idaho.... Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28....	South Pass City, Wyoming.... Instituted No- vember 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874.

CONSOLIDATIONS

- Joppa Lodge No. 76 with Franklin No. 264, Oct. 18, 1934.
- Parallel Lodge No. 152 with Barneston No. 165, Jan. 2, 1940.
- Tyre Lodge No. 85 with Wymore No. 104, July 7, 1941.
- Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 with Hampton No. 245, May 21, 1942.
- Level Lodge No. 196 with Cambridge No. 150, June 4, 1942.
- Riverside Lodge No. 269 with Cedar River No. 89, June 5, 1942.
- Juniata Lodge No. 42 with Kenesaw No. 144, July 15, 1942.
- Palmer Lodge No. 315 with St. Paul No. 82, Oct. 6, 1942.
- Riverton Lodge No. 63 with Franklin No. 264, May 16, 1945.
- Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 with Tecumseh No. 17, Nov. 11, 1944.
- Hildreth Lodge No. 252 with Grace No. 226, Oct. 11, 1945.
- Hubbell Lodge No. 92 with Hebron No. 43, Feb. 8, 1946.
- Incense Lodge No. 182 with Jewel No. 149, April 22, 1947.
- Bee Lodge No. 259 with Oliver No. 38, June 13, 1947.

EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES

NAME	LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7	Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8	Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12	Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16	Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18	Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20	Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macoy No. 22	Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24	Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45	Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47	Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58	Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66	Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69	Ulysses	July 14, 1887
Waco No. 80	Waco	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107	Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109	Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115	Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118	Dorehester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122	Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123	Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131	Ainsworth	September 26, 1890
Summit No. 141	Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142	North Loup	June 5, 1901
Parallel No. 152	Liberty	Jan. 2, 1940
Grafton No. 172	Grafton	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178	Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186	Grant	November 15, 1897
Square & Compass No. 213	Miller	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238	Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242	Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244	Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260	Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270	Huntley	June 7, 1939
Exeter No. 283	Exeter	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296	Cowles	December 31, 1946

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Nebraska	1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Raymond E. Seaman	Walter Dinkel
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Francis Cole	Henry E. Schemmel
Capitol	3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Lloyd M. Benson	Wallie W. Messick
Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	Robert P. Sage	J. Adolph Wensien
5 Omadi	5	Dakota City	Dakota	Second Tuesday	George Paulsen	Raymond H. Ream
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	John L. Beckman	Emil J. Weyrich
Falls City	9	Falls City	Richardson	Second Thursday	Lester R. Kister	George W. Goldsmith
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	James J. Knag	Edward H. Lorenzen
Covert	11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Donald R. White	George R. Porter
10 Orient	13	Rulo	Richardson	Second Tuesdays	John Stevens	Robert E. Kreutzer
Peru	14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	William F. Pharaoh	Darrell E. Winger
Fremont	15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Wade F. Lueders	Roy S. Planck
Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Alfred G. Aden	Dale R. Bush
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Howard E. Nessler	Richard L. Wait
15 Washington	21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Roy I. Anderson	Chris K. Bendorf
Pawnee	23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	Third Tuesday	Elmer Vrtiska	David D. Dusenbery
St. Johns	25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Jack Huntley	Harry M. Green
Beatrice	26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Eugene S. Whitney	Dwayne N. Gribble
Jordan	27	West Point	Cuming	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	Robert D. Moodie	John A. Wagner
20 Hope	29	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Donald E. Stiers	Jay Burns
Blue River	30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Chris P. Helm	Clarence C. Wertman
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	John L. Peck	Anton E. Kokes
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Donald W. Blaes	George O. Sizemore
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Lyman M. Campbell	Robert W. Cook
25 Acacia	34	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Johnny F. Mastny	Richard E. Conrad
Fairbury	35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	George Dalke	Walter E. Scott
Lone Tree	36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Robert J. Jones	Dean E. Eckhoff
Crete	37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	Charles F. Bespalec	Everett M. Wood
Oliver	38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Robert W. Boyes	Walter E. Beck
30 Papillion	39	Papillion	Sarpy	Second Wednesday	James N. Kahler, Jr.	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt	40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Coleman M. Gilliland	Albert M. Watsek
Northern Light	41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	Robert E. Chilcoat	Fred R. Waring
Hebron	43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Alvin G. Alexander	Harlan S. Gordon
Harvard	44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Melvin E. Kitzinger	Ira F. Fishback
35 Rob Morris	46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Oscar L. Thunberg	Alfred B. Saum

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Fairmont	48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Second Tuesday	Wendell W. Moul	James A. Rose
Evening Star	49	Sutton	Clay	Second Thursday	Frederick G. Bender	John A. Bottorf
Hastings	50	Hastings	Adams	First Thursday	Ervin E. Kimball	Curtis L. Walters
Fidelity	51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday	Glen R. Sargent	Ben L. Stahl
40 Hiram	52	Arlington	Washington	Second Thursday	Charles E. House	W. Therio Reckmeyer
Charity	53	Red Cloud	Webster	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Allen J. Barta	Marion Bloom
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Foster J. Miller	Russell R. Rauch
Mosaic	55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Norris E. Fauss	Clarence G. McNamee
York	56	York	York	Last Friday	Raymond Pickernel	Frank E. Wood
45 Mt. Moriah	57	Syracuse	Otoe	Second Thursday	John Rhodus	Donald E. Slosson
Wahoo	58	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	E. Gerald Erickson	Edwin R. Levin
Melrose	60	Orleans	Harlan	Second & fourth Wednesdays	James H. Mitchell	Fred H. VanHollen
Thistle	61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Gerald D. Young	G. Hanford Smith
Keystone	62	Phillips	Hamilton	Second Monday	Edwin C. Weber	William C. Mabon
50 Blue Valley	64	Wilber	Saline	First and Third Tuesdays	Bernard F. Schleis	Otto Novak
Osceola	65	Osceola	Polk	Second Thursday	Samuel T. Crouse	I. Donald Huston
Edgar	67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	Justin W. Merrill	Wayne Hunter
Aurora	68	Aurora	Hamilton	First Tuesday	Clifford B. Draper	Claude A. Rennau
Sterling	70	Sterling	Johnson	Second Monday	William H. Husing	Arnold W. Feistner
55 Trowel	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	J. Gilbert Wiese	Lee R. Fleming
Hooper	72	Hooper	Dodge	First Friday	John B. Schiessler	Norris W. Lallman
Friend	73	Friend	Saline	First and third Wednesdays	Leonard J. Kellough	Alva N. Murray
Alexandria	74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Tuesday	Raymond Kerwood	Guy B. Averill
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Lloyd E. Talich	Harold K. Bond
60 Nelson	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	First Thursday	Eiler Svendsen	Warren C. Hall
Albion	78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	James L. Papez	John S. Papez
Geneva	79	Geneva	Fillmore	First Tuesday	David A. Portwood	Gerald B. Walton
Composite	81	Rising City	Butler	First Tuesday	M. Dean Ruth	Fredolph C. Chalquist
St. Paul	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	Aden A. Gibson	Fred E. Haggart
65 Corinthian	83	Wakefield	Dixon	Third Friday	Alvin Sundell	V. H. Robert Hanson
Fairfield	84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Mondays	Clyde Shaw	Charles V. Glenn
Doniphan	86	Doniphan	Hall	First Friday	William R. Waters	Harlo M. Treat
Ionic	87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before O	Glen F. Foner	John R. Wagner
Star	88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Harold E. Hale	Walter W. Small
70 Cedar River	89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Mondays	Alvin E. Burch	Ernest A. Gaither

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Oakland	91	Oakland	Burt	First Thursday	Sherman L. Hultquist	Charles W. West, Sr.
Beaver City	93	Beaver City	Furnas	Second Monday	Clarence E. Haines	Homer S. Young
Bennett	94	Bennet	Lancaster	First Tuesday	D. Willis Dibble	Roy Church
Garfield	95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	William W. McIntosh	Lloyd G. Gillespie
75 Utica	96	Utica	Seward	Second Thursday	Ronald W. Barth	Clair R. McNeil
Euclid	97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	Elmer A. Michelsen, Jr.	Alvin C. Groesser
Republican	98	Republican City	Harlan	Second Wednesday	Reuben W. Bashford	Lennie E. Workman
Shelton	99	Shelton	Buffalo	Third Tuesday	John L. Johnson	Frederic M. Wiseman
Creighton	100	Creighton	Knox	First Tuesday	Ivan E. Johnson	Charles A. Kent
80 Ponca	101	Ponca	Dixon	Third Thursday	William F. Brown	Dean H. Ehle
Waterloo	102	Waterloo	Douglas	First Tuesday	Clark F. Morgan	Herbert L. Johnson
Ord	103	Ord	Valley	First Wednesday	Eldwin Hallock	John H. LaCornu
Wymore	104	Wymore	Gage	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Ralph E. Herman	O. Wayne Miller
Stella	105	Stella	Richardson	First Thursday	Clarence V. Keyser	Elmer R. Ham
85 Porter	106	Loup City	Sherman	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Norman E. Stephens	Frederick J. Leschinsky
Table Rock	108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Paul W. Diehm	Orval O. Johnson
Pomegranate	110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Virgil Owen	Paul I. Eaton
DeWitt	111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before O	Carl W. Wilkins	Everett E. Dunn
Springfield	112	Springfield	Sarpy	Second Tues. and fourth Sat.	Jack M. Latham	William A. Ward
90 Globe	113	Madison	Madison	First Tuesday	Walter L. Purdy	Vern O. Peterson
Wisner	114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Delmar L. Smith	Judson M. Meier
Harlan	116	Harlan	Harlan	First and third Tuesdays	Gaylord L. Johnson	Allen W. Parker
Hardy	117	Hardy	Nuckolls	First Thursday	Dorman Clark	Herbert O. Pedersen
North Bend	119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Morgan A. Werblow	Leon J. Cherny
95 Wayne	120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Thursdays	Robert E. Harrison	Archie L. Wert
Superior	121	Superior	Nuckolls	Third Tuesday	Chester C. Stuck	Merle P. Hayes
Auburn	124	Auburn	Nemaha	First Tuesday	George F. Davis	William N. Boyd
Mount Nebo	125	Genoa	Nance	Second Tuesday	Clifford L. Peterson	Vernon K. Olson
Stromsburg	126	Stromsburg	Polk	Second Tuesday	Lloyd E. Knight	Richard Boyd
100 Minden	127	Minden	Kearney	Second Monday	Carroll L. Weedlun	Jack White
Guide Rock	128	Guide Rock	Webster	Second Thursday	Fritz Ohmstede	Donald M. Ohmstede
Blue Hill	129	Blue Hill	Webster	Second and fourth Mondays	Dale E. Buschow	Oliver H. Martin
Tuscan	130	Surprise	Butler	Second Thursday	Charles W. Otto	Arthur Kunzman
Scribner	132	Scribner	Dodge	First Tuesday	Harold Mueksch	Donald D. Hill, Sr.
105 Elm Creek	133	Elm Creek	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Elwyn L. Young	Cooper H. Butt

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Solar	134	Clarks	Merrick	Second Tuesday	Carl Holm	Willard L. Copeland
McCook	135	McCook	Red Willow	First and third Tuesdays	Guy M. Ess	Leo C. Horton
Long Pine	136	Long Pine	Brown	Third Tuesday	Norman Johnson	Benjamin C. Dewell
Upright	137	Burchard	Pawnee	First and third Wednesdays	Lloyd E. Lantz	William Yarpe
110 Rawalt	138	Oxford	Furnas	Third Thursday	Clyde Mansfield	Alfred H. Nissen
Clay Centre	139	Clay Center	Clay	Second and fourth Tuesday	Russell E. Swanson	George M. Porter
Western	140	Western	Saline	Second Monday	Rolland F. Winter	Glenn C. Wieggers
Crescent	143	Primrose	Boone	Second Thursday	Alex Long	Harry P. Hansen
Kenesaw	144	Kenesaw	Adams	Second Thursday	Elvin Williams	Edward E. Guilkey
115 Bancroft	145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and fourth Mondays	Carl E. Anderson	Lawrence H. Preston
Jachin	146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Eugene W. Peterson	Elmer G. Brunzell
Siloam	147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or before O	Charles M. Mulford	Harry L. Cowles
Emmet Crawford	148	Broken Bow	Custer	Third Wednesday	W. Glen Linder, Jr.	Henry J. Dean
Jewel	149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Harry H. Miller	John L. Pfingston
120 Cambridge	150	Cambridge	Furnas	First and third Tuesdays	L. J. Kelly	Harley I. Simon
Square	151	Valparaiso	Saunders	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Loyd J. Ang	Herman J. Schmidt
Evergreen	153	Pierce	Pierce	Second Tuesday	William B. Chilvers	Harry T. Greenlee
Lily	154	Davenport	Thayer	Third Thursday	Melvin M. Jennings, Jr.	Vivian H. Virchow
Hartington	155	Hartington	Cedar	First Thursday	Herschel B. Forinash	Rudolph H. Jenny
125 Pythagoras	156	Page	Holt	First Friday	Elmer S. Bergstrom	LuVern Van Conett
Valley	157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Second Tuesday	George B. Skiles	Lewis L. Skiles
Samaritan	158	Chadron	Dawes	First Thursday	Virgel E. Irelan	George A. Stevens
Ogalala	159	Ogallala	Keith	First Tuesday	Hubert O. LeZotte	Howard F. Payne
Zeredatha	160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Fred R. Oerter	Ernest T. Thaller
130 Mount Zion	161	Shelby	Polk	Second and fourth Mondays	Homer Brigham	Ernest E. Lees
Trestle Board	162	Brock	Nemaha	First Tuesday	Charles W. Boellstorff	Floyd Christy
Unity	163	Greenwood	Cass	First and third Tuesdays	Harry R. Krahmer	Wayne E. Landon
Atkinson	164	Holt	Holt	First and third Wednesdays	Elmer Spence	Robert D. Martens
Barneston	165	Barneston	Gage	First Tuesday	Ralph W. Powell	E. Howard Goin
135 Mystic Tie	166	Tilden	Madison	Third Thursday	W. Ray Potts	Fred A. Lindahl
Elwood	167	Elwood	Gosper	Second Monday	Eugene Staedelin	Aubrey O. Mitchem
Curtis	168	Curtis	Frontier	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Don W. Dodson	Klyte D. Burt
Amity	169	Rushville	Sheridan	First and third Tuesdays	Frank Alonzo, Jr.	Clarence E. Benschoter
Mason City	170	Mason City	Custer	Second Tuesday	C. Martin Madsen	Henry O. Knudson
140 Merna	171	Merna	Custer	First Thursday	Dallas L. Wood	Samuel W. Lyons

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Robert Burns	173	Stratton	Hitchcock	Second and fourth Mondays.	Clark Hanson	Clyde H. Jones
Culbertson	174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays.	George Carlyle	Arvene C. Eisenhart
Temple	175	Filley	Gage	Third Tuesday	Russel L. Rickman	Robert E. Norton
Gladstone	176	Ansley	Custer	Third Thursday	Harry O. Hallman	Curtis S. McCallister
145 Hay Springs	177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays.	Donald G. Strotheide	Roy T. Stiehl
Prudence	179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	First Tuesday	Norval H. Hansen	Grant E. Hansen
Justice	180	Benkelman	Dundy	Second and fourth Mondays..	E. Merle Gwin	Warren B. Jackson
Faith	181	Crawford	Dawes	Second and fourth Thursdays	Gordon B. Pinney	Ward L. Mosher
Alliance	183	Alliance	Box Butte	Second Thursday	Lee E. Trabert	William E. Edwards
150 Bee Hive	184	Omaha†	Douglas	First Thursday	Amos H. Campbell	Louis J. Bishop
Boaz	185	Danbury	Red Willow	First Wednesday	McKinley E. Stay	Clyde E. Weyeneth
Israel	187	Ulysses	Butler	Third Tuesday	Carl E. Diers	Allen W. Withers
Meridian	188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	Orly Knutson	J. Harlan Peden
Granite	189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Charles Swindell	Calvin A. Gordon
155 Amethyst	190	Stapleton	Logan	First and third Wednesdays	Virgil L. Wells	Virgil K. Magnuson
Crystal	191	Scotia	Greeley	Second Thursday	Roy S. Cox	Edgar E. Stillman
Minnekadusa	192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Harry D. Babcock	Arthur P. Starkjohann
Signet	193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before O	Anton Stepan	F. Otto Nelson
Highland	194	Cortland	Gage	Second Tuesday	Jesse L. Balderson	Eldon E. DeVries
160 Arcana	195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays...	Robert W. Wood	Ange H. Christensen
Morning Star	197	Gresham	York	First Friday	Kenneth Moore	Earl K. Husbands
Purity	198	Imperial	Chase	First Friday	Virgil M. Eskew	Siegfried L. Jacks
Gavel	199	Carleton	Thayer	First Tuesday	Harold A. Bice	Herbert B. Wittenberger
Blazing Star	200	Burwell	Garfield	Second Thursday	Vestal J. McKinzie	Charles A. Green
165 Scotts Bluff	201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Donald E. Jones	Maurice Scriven
Golden Sheaf	202	Randolph	Cedar	Second Monday	M. Dean McGrew	Anton B. Helms
Roman Eagle	203	Pender	Thurston	First and Third Tuesdays..	William F. Bates	Richard Hoffman
Plainview	204	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	Werner H. Weiseth	Duane M. Douglas
Golden Fleece	205	Chappell	Dewel	First Thursday	Wayne M. Munson	Alfred G. Taylor
170 Napthali	206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Harold H. Grabouski	Robert L. Upson
Parian	207	Callaway	Custer	First Thursday	Kenneth H. Vollenweider	Allston S. Asmus
Gauge	208	Arcadia	Valley	First and thitd Tuesdays...	Floyd Bossen	Arnold E. Tuning
Canopy	209	Elmwood	Cass	Second Saturday	George A. Bornemeier	Bergil E. Sumner
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Lyle A. Van Arsdol	Charles E. Eberline
175 Cement	211	Wood River	Hall	Third Thursday	Clyde F. Batie	John J. Carter

†South Side Station.

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Compass & Square	212	Sumner	Dawson	Second Monday	Morris L. Eutsler	Lee E. Quail
Plumblaine	214	Adams	Gage	Second Monday	Roy N. Adams	Clarence D. Gottula
Occidental	215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	First Thursday	Curtis D. Fleming	August Wiegand
Palisade	216	Palisade	Hitchcock	First Tuesday	George F. Peterson	Roy V. Miller
180 Wauneta	217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Dwight E. Hoff	C. Robert Carlson
Bloomfield	218	Bloomfield	Knox	First Tuesday	Victor C. Jelinek	John R. Clements
Relief	219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Thursday	Ralph H. Kunze	Laverne B. Yost
Magnolia	220	Emerson	Dixon	Third Tuesday	Frank C. Jebsen	Arthur V. Bonderson
Wood Lake	221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Tuesday	Maurice E. Turnquist	Harry H. Kirkman
185 Landmark	222	Herman	Washington	Third Tuesday	Allan O. Yowell	Wayne W. Loftis
Eminence	223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Richard D. Kreutz	James C. Bierbower
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	George Madison	Harold E. Hooker
Cable	225	Arnold	Custer	First Tuesday	Archie E. Beatty	L. Paul Hartman
Grace	226	Wilecox	Kearney	Second and fourth Mondays	Robert Browning	Robert R. Caswell
190 North Star	227	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Elnor A. Olander	Roy W. Deal
Bartley	228	Bartley	Red Willow	Second Wednesday	Marion J. Smith	August W. Teter
Comet	229	Ceresco	Saunders	First Thursday	James F. Hunter	Otis Beaman
Delta	230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Roy L. Smith	Kenneth R. Weed
Mt. Hermon	231	Cook	Johnson	Second Tuesday	Rudolph Biere	LeRoy Schacht
195 John S. Bowen	232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	Fred Gregerson	Nic Friedrichsen
Gilead	233	Butte	Bord	Second, 4th and 5th Mondays	William H. Allpress	William P. Wills
Zion	234	Hyannis	Grant	Second Wednesday	Robert L. Rothwell	Merlyn D. Shepherd
Fraternity	235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Thursday	Wayne L. Kerstine	Irving F. Gaebler
Golden Rule	236	Allen	Dixon	First and third Tuesdays	Eldred C. Smith	Marvin R. Burgess
200 Cubit	237	Douglas	Otoe	First Thursday	Glen W. Brinkman	Marcus A. Roberts
Friendship	239	Chapman	Merrick	Second Friday	Osborne S. Ruben	Andrew B. Knight
Pilot	240	Lyons	Burt	Third Thursday	E. Harlan Cates	Edwin A. Loppnow
George Armstrong	241	Craig	Burt	First Tuesday	Leonard Eriksen	Frank F. McMullin
Tyrian	243	Oak	Nuckolls	First Monday	Arthur E. Swanstrom	Leonard K. Scroggin
205 Hampton	245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Norval W. Weers	Fred W. Christiansen
Nehawka	246	Nehawka	Cass	Second Wednesday	Raymond O. Mayfield	George H. Rieke
Corner Stone	247	Osmond	Pierce	Second Friday	Robert V. Craft	Clifford J. Dennis
Laurel	248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Thursdays	Ted G. Fuoss	Morten T. Fredrickson
Gothenburg	249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Arch Trimble	Ernest O. Van Weay
210 George Washington	250	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Martin H. Gates	Otis W. Cave, Sr.
†Havelock Station.		†University Place	Station.			

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Wausa	251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	Keith Tadlock	Melvin E. Rosen
Beemer	253	Beemer	Cuming	First Tuesday	Milo A. Konopik	John R. Cohee
Bassett	254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Lloyd C. Stolcpart	Earl L. Anderson
Hickman	256	Hickman	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Leslie A. Ryman	Marvin G. Walvoord
215 Holbrook	257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Harold L. Frack	Raymond L. Wilmot
Anselmo	258	Anselmo	Custer	Second Tuesday	Fred H. Rodocker	Miles M. Kepler
Ornan	261	Spencer	Boyd	First and Third Mondays	Robert Hamilton	Gayle E. Couch
Endeavor	262	Indianola	Red Willow	Third Thursday	William A. Hudson	B. Adrian Quigley
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	F. Sandford Elliott	Martin E. Turpen
220 Franklin	264	Franklin	Franklin	Second Monday	Jack W. Nelson	Dale E. Rasmussen
Robert W. Furnas	265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	First and third Mondays	Leonard W. Pickett	Bernard B. Harris
Silver	266	Silver Creek	Merrick	Second Thursday	Merl L. Peterson	Paul V. Hobert
James A. Tulleys	267	Overton	Dawson	Second Monday	Grant G. Gard, Jr.	Russell M. Warren
George W. Lininger	268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Charles A. Irvine	John S. Hedelund
225 Oasis	271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Second Thursday	Robert C. Thomas	Carl Thomas
Lee P. Gillette	272	Dunbar	Otoe	First Monday	Robert O. Weiler	Harry H. Moller
Crofton	273	Crofton	Knox	First Tuesday	Neil R. Carr	Ellis Q. McShannon
Olive Branch	274	Walhill	Thurston	Second Monday	Arthur Mickelson	Orville J. Crew
Ramah	275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	Neil Morrison	Donald G. Mintun
230 Antelope	276	Elgin	Antelope	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Richard B. Huffman	Donald S. Hinman
Sioux	277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Charles A. Lee	Francis D. Viele
Litchfield	278	Litchfield	Sherman	Second Thursday	Jens W. Jensen	Harve I. Lang
Wallace	279	Wallace	Lincoln	First Tuesday	Alan S. Melton	Kenneth L. Shafer
Swastika	280	Sargent	Custer	First Wednesday	Royce E. Ferguson	John C. Green
235 Florence	281	Omaha †	Douglas	First Monday	William A. Chrisman, Jr.	Elmer E. Shively
Mullen	282	Mullen	Hooker	Second Tuesday	Lloyd L. Buchfinch	Neal J. Dutton
Seneca	284	Seneca	Thomas	Second Wednesday	Grover S. Giles	James G. Miller
Camp Clarke	285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	C. Darwin Christensen	Edward K. Milmine
Oshkosh	286	Oshkosh	Garden	First Monday	Wesley J. Clark	John T. Sager
240 Union	287	Palmyra	Otoe	First Friday	Merle Barker	Arthur J. Lamborn
Omaha	288	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Harold L. Stern	George E. Johnson
Lotus	289	Ravenna	Buffalo	Second Tuesday	Tom Sandberg	Archie A. Meek
John J. Mercer	290	Omaha †	Douglas	First Tuesday	John C. Stolley	George J. Storms
Diamond	291	Orchard	Antelope	Second Thursday	Carroll Clifton	Howard E. Bradstreet
245 Wolbach	292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	Vern G. Dollarhide	Edwin L. Johnson

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†Florence Station.

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Monument	293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Roland E. Emmett	Miles E. Lewis
Kimball	294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	Howard J. Naylor	Charles M. Fisher
Minatare	295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second Friday	Fred R. Conklin	J. Clive Jull
Cotner	297	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Monday	Gerald F. McBride	Harry B. Hall
250 Chester	298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	Walter J. Topping	James E. Woodward
Sutherland	299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	Charles J. Humphrey	John F. Fleak
Liberty	300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Clyde E. Miller	John S. Burley
Bayard	301	Bayard	Morrill	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	Ernest R. Burden	Charles H. Ninegar
Mizpah	302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Alfred T. Stone	Elmo R. Clayton
255 Right Angle	303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Henry A. Beyer	Cloyd L. Hawley
Ruskin	304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Thursdays	Ernest C. Nelson	Erik H. Topping
Newman Grove	305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second Monday	James D. Broberg	Lloyd L. Welburn
Golden Rod	306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Horace W. Quinn	Ralph R. Carleton
William E. Hill	307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Lane W. Supernau	Herbert E. Goad
260 Perkins	308	Grant	Perkins	First Monday	Charles E. Jackman	Otto E. Gauger
Winnebago	309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	George S. Olson	Floyd A. Taylor
Victory	310	Valley	Douglas	Second Thursday	Ward Abraham	Francis A. Roberts
Polk	311	Polk	Polk	Second Monday	Oscar E. Jones	Everett W. Green
Oak Leaf	312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Tuesday	John D. Truman	Wallace E. Moffett
265 Potter	313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Robert W. Larson	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Roy A. Carlson	Curry D. Bryson
Alpha	316	South Sioux City	Dakota	Second Thursday	Howard M. Richards	Clarence A. Stewart
Mid-West	317	Hastings	Adams	First Wednesday	Myron C. Harris	Homer C. Davey
Grand Island	318	Grand Island	Hall	First Tuesday	Bernard E. Sawyer	Albert B. Osborn
270 Bladen	319	Bladen	Webster	Second Tuesday	Clairmont E. Clark	Howard R. James
College View	320	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Rollie D. Likens	Silas R. Davenport
Harmony	321	Dalton	Cheyenne	Second Wednesday	Verner S. Hinman	Clifton J. Berry
Pioneer	322	Lyman	Scotts Bluff	Second Tuesday	Richard W. Butcher	George E. Holberg
Lebanon	323	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Orval W. Cooley	Carl H. Hoge
275 Cairo	324	Cairo	Hall	Second Monday	Robert W. Lowry	L. Owen Rolofson
Bellevue	325	Bellevue	Sarpy	First Wednesday	Ralph E. Den	Robert A. Chandler
Centennial	326	Omaha*	Douglas	First Tuesday	Kenneth E. Ryan	Richard E. Beckman

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†College View Station.

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ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Name	Appointed
Jesse P. Entrekin, 295, 1404 R. Street, Gering	1934
Harold D. Weddel, 208, 114½ W. 5th, Lexington	1937
Cecil C. Gates, 227, 4807 St. Paul Ave., Lincoln	1938
Ross Van Sickle, 184, 2515 So. 35th, Omaha	1938
Steven W. Beck, 43, Hebron	1940
Roy S. Planck, 15, 1950 N. Main, Fremont	1940
Clarence G. McNamee, 55, 605 So. 8th, Norfolk	1941
Lewis E. Baker, 135, Box 96, McCook	1943
Louis V. Sylvester, 281, 2572 Vane, Omaha	1946
LaVerne A. Walker, 55, Norfolk	1946
Ernest E. James, 1, 1202 So. 55th, Omaha	1948
Robert W. Cook, 33, Box 524, Grand Island	1949
Charles M. Frederick, 136, Ainsworth	1949
Paul D. Fleming, 93, Beaver City	1949
Ralph M. Carhart, 120, Wayne	1950
Morris V. Balcom, 46, Box 567, Kearney	1950
William F. Flickinger, 56, Waco	1951
Forest A. Lape, 183, 607 Box Butte Ave., Alliance	1951
Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, 2741 South St., Lincoln.....	1954
Harold M. Wilkerson, 54, Beatrice	1954
Willard I. Lewis, 9, Route 1, Rulo	1955
Clifford D. Webster, 321, Dalton	1956
Mathais E. Mauel, 173, Stratton	1956

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EMERITUS

Fred G. Christensen, 33, Grand Island	1938
Earl M. Bolen, 130, Ulysses	1914
Ward B. Schrack, 46, 2306 E. 6th Ave., Denver, Colo.	1933
I. Donald Huston, 65, Osceola	1928
Buren P. Wells, 36, Archer	1940
Frank Anderson, 17, Box 703, Tecumseh	1949
Osborne P. Simon, 174, Culbertson	1930
Austin F. Whitmire, 75, 1057 6th Ave., Sidney	1931

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 1, 55...	Oct. 3, 55 *1
	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56 *2
	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57 *3
	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	December 15, 57...	June 2, 58
5	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	October 4, 64...	June 23, 65
	" 10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	August 15, 65...	June 22, 66
	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
10	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
15	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
20	" 29	Nemaha.....	Nemaha.....	November 8, 69...	June 23, 70
	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
25	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
30	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72...	June 18, 73
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73...	June 18, 73
Hebron	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73...	June 18, 73
Harvard	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73...	June 18, 73
35 Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73...	June 26, 74
Fairmont	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73...	June 26, 74
Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73...	June 26, 74
Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74...	June 26, 74
Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74...	June 26, 74
40 Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74...	June 26, 74
Charity	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74...	June 26, 74
Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
York	" 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
45 Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74...	June 23, 75
Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75...	June 23, 75
Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75...	June 24, 75
Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76...	June 21, 76
50 Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 76...	June 20, 77
Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76...	June 20, 77
Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77...	June 20, 77
Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76...	June 19, 78
Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	July 16, 77...	June 19, 78
55 Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 28, 78...	June 19, 78
Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78...	June 25, 79
Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78...	June 25, 79
Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
60 Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79...	June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Albion No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
	Geneva " 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
	Composite " 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
	Saint Paul " 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
65	Corinthian " 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
	Fairfield " 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	September 3, 80...	June 22, 81
	Doniphan " 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	January 7, 81...	June 22, 81
	Ionic " 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
	Star " 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
70	Cedar River " 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
	Oakland " 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
	Beaver City " 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
	Bennett " 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
	Garfield " 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
75	Utica " 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
	Euclid " 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
	Republican " 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
	Shelton " 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
	Creighton " 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
80	Ponca " 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
	Waterloo " 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
	Ord " 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
	Wymore " 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
	Stella " 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
85	Porter " 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
	Table Rock " 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
	Pomegranate " 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
	DeWitt " 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
	Springfield " 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
90	Globe " 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	February 16, 82...	June 24, 84

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
North Bend	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
95 Wayne	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84...	June 24, 84
Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
100 Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
Blue Hill	" 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	February 18, 84...	June 24, 84
Tuscan	" 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	February 20, 84...	June 24, 85
Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
105 Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	November 14, 84...	June 24, 85
110 Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
Clay Centre	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	January 24, 85...	June 24, 85
Kenesaw	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	January 28, 85...	June 24, 85
115 Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	April 30, 85...	June 24, 85
Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	August 15, 85...	June 17, 86
Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	August 10, 85...	June 17, 86
Jewel	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	February 25, 85...	June 17, 86
120 Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	March 31, 85...	June 17, 86

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Square No. 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	September 7, 85...	June 17, 86
	Evergreen " 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	November 27, 85...	June 17, 86
	Lily " 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85...	June 17, 86
	Hartington " 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86...	June 17, 86
125	Pythagoras " 156	Page.....	Holt.....	October 24, 86...	June 16, 87
	Valley " 157	Wilsonville.....	Furnas.....	February 22, 86...	June 16, 87
	Samaritan " 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17, 86...	June 16, 87
	Ogallala " 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14, 86...	June 16, 87
	Zeredatha " 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	August 21, 86...	June 16, 87
130	Mount Zion " 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	August 25, 86...	June 16, 87
	Trestle Board " 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	October 9, 86...	June 16, 87
	Unity " 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	December 18, 86...	June 16, 87
	Atkinson " 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	August 19, 86...	June 21, 88
	Barneston " 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	August 20, 86...	June 21, 88
135	Mystic Tie " 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	February 18, 87...	June 21, 88
	Elwood " 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Curtis " 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Amity " 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88
	Mason City " 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	August 1, 87...	June 21, 88
140	Merna " 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	August 2, 87...	June 21, 88
	Robert Burns " 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	November 15, 87...	June 21, 88
	Culbertson " 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	November 16, 87...	June 21, 88
	Temple " 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	December 9, 87...	June 21, 88
	Gladstone " 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	February 18, 88...	June 21, 88
145	Hay Springs " 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	February 20, 88...	June 21, 88
	Prudence " 179	Beaver Crossing.....	Seward.....	August 24, 88...	June 20, 89
	Justice " 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	October 8, 88...	June 20, 89
	Faith " 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	December 13, 88...	June 20, 89
	Alliance " 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	January 18, 89...	June 20, 89
150	Bee Hive " 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22, 89...	June 20, 89

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Boaz No. 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	January 24, 89...	June 20, 89
	Israel " 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	February 2, 89...	June 20, 89
	Meridian " 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	February 4, 89...	June 20, 89
	Granite " 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	February 18, 89...	June 20, 89
155	Amethyst " 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	August 5, 89...	June 20, 90
	Crystal " 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	August 7, 89...	June 20, 90
	Minnekadusa " 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	August 15, 89...	June 20, 90
	Signet " 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	September 3, 89...	June 20, 90
	Highland " 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	September 21, 89...	June 20, 90
160	Arcana " 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	October 17, 89...	June 20, 90
	Morning Star " 197	Gresham.....	York.....	December 16, 89...	June 20, 90
	Purity " 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	December 24, 89...	June 20, 90
	Gavel " 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	July 20, 89...	June 18, 91
	Blazing Star " 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	August 5, 90...	June 18, 91
165	Scotts Bluff " 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	August 8, 90...	June 18, 91
	Golden Sheaf " 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	August 29, 90...	June 18, 91
	Roman Eagle " 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	August 30, 90...	June 18, 91
	Plainview " 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	September 1, 90...	June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece " 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	September 2, 90...	June 18, 91
170	Napthali " 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	December 31, 90...	June 18, 91
	Parian " 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	January 31, 91...	June 18, 91
	Gauge " 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	August 24, 91...	June 16, 92
	Canopy " 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	September 4, 91...	June 16, 92
	East Lincoln " 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	November 5, 91...	June 16, 92
175	Cement " 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	November 27, 91...	June 16, 92
	Compass & Square " 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	December 12, 91...	June 16, 92
	Plumblin " 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	November 17, 91...	June 15, 93
	Occidental " 215	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders.....	July 16, 92...	June 15, 93
	Palisade " 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock.....	July 18, 92...	June 15, 93
180	Wauneta " 217	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	December 7, 92...	June 15, 93

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Bloomfield No. 218	Bloomfield.....	Knox.....	January 18, 93...	June 15, 93
	Relief " 219	Coleridge.....	Cedar.....	January 19, 93...	June 15, 93
	Magnolia " 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	January 21, 93...	June 15, 93
	Wood Lake " 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	September 22, 92...	June 21, 94
185	Landmark " 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1, 93...	June 21, 94
	Eminence " 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	September 26, 93...	June 21, 94
	Silver Cord " 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	October 17, 93...	June 21, 94
	Cable " 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	November 17, 93...	June 21, 94
	Grace " 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	January 20, 93...	June 13, 95
190	North Star " 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28, 94...	June 13, 95
	Bartley " 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23, 94...	June 13, 95
	Comet " 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	December 5, 94...	June 13, 95
	Delta " 230	Saint Edward.....	Boone.....	December 11, 94...	June 13, 95
	Mount Hermon " 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	December 19, 94...	June 13, 95
195	John S. Bowen " 232	Kennard.....	Washington.....	February 6, 95...	June 13, 95
	Gilead " 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	November 22, 94...	June 10, 96
	Zion " 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	July 19, 95...	June 10, 96
	Fraternity " 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	August 2, 95...	June 10, 96
	Golden Rule " 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	August 3, 95...	June 10, 96
200	Cubit " 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	August 9, 95...	June 10, 96
	Friendship " 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October 7, 95...	June 10, 96
	Pilot " 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	November 29, 95...	June 10, 96
	George Armstrong " 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	August 1, 95...	June 17, 97
	Tyrian " 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	August 24, 98...	June 8, 99
205	Hampton " 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
	Nehawka " 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	January 2, 00...	June 7, 00
	Corner-Stone " 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	January 3, 00...	June 7, 00
	Laurel " 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	February 12, 00...	June 7, 00
	Gothenburg " 249	Gothenburg.....	Dawson.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
210	George Washington " 250	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wausa	251	Wausa	Knox	November 18, 00	June 6, 01
Beemer	253	Beemer	Cuming	January 1, 02	June 5, 02
Bassett	254	Bassett	Rock	October 8, 02	June 4, 03
Hickman	256	Hickman	Lancaster	December 7, 03	June 9, 04
215 Holbrook	257	Holbrook	Furnas	January 11, 04	June 9, 04
Anselmo	258	Anselmo	Custer	December 10, 04	June 7, 05
Ornan	261	Spencer	Boyd	March 5, 06	June 5, 07
Endeavor	262	Indianola	Red Willow	June 28, 06	June 5, 07
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	July 5, 06	June 5, 07
220 Franklin	264	Franklin	Franklin	June 11, 07	June 10, 08
Robert W. Furnas	265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	June 21, 07	June 10, 08
Silver	266	Silver Creek	Merriek	June 14, 07	June 10, 08
James A. Tulleys	267	Overton	Dawson	December 26, 07	June 10, 08
George W. Lininger	268	Omaha	Douglas	February 26, 08	June 10, 08
225 Oasis	271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	June 14, 09	June 8, 10
Lee P. Gillette	272	Dunbar	Otoe	June 14, 09	June 8, 10
Crofton	273	Crofton	Knox	July 10, 09	June 8, 10
Olive Branch	274	Walthill	Thurston	September 20, 09	June 8, 10
Ramah	275	Bertrand	Phelps	November 8, 09	June 8, 10
230 Antelope	276	Elgin	Antelope	January 12, 10	June 8, 10
Sioux	277	Harrison	Sioux	June 10, 10	June 6, 11
Litchfield	278	Litchfield	Sherman	December 19, 10	June 6, 11
Wallace	279	Wallace	Lincoln	February 25, 11	June 4, 12
Swastika	280	Sargent	Custer	October 18, 12	June 4, 13
235 Florence	281	Omaha	Douglas	January 17, 13	June 4, 13
Mullen	282	Mullen	Hooker	July 22, 13	June 9, 14
Seneca	284	Seneca	Thomas	September 29, 13	June 9, 14
Camp Clarke	285	Bridgeport	Morrill	October 16, 13	June 9, 14
Oshkosh	286	Oshkosh	Garden	November 25, 13	June 9, 14
240 Union	287	Palmyra	Otoe	December 15, 13	June 8, 15

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Omaha	No. 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24, 14...	June 8, 15
Lotus	" 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	June 11, 14...	June 8, 15
John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 21, 14...	June 8, 15
Diamond	" 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	November 23, 14...	June 8, 15
245 Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach.....	Greeley.....	December 18, 14...	June 8, 15
Monument	" 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December 18, 14...	June 8, 15
Kimball	" 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 15...	June 7, 16
Minatare	" 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 10, 15...	June 7, 16
Cotner	" 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15, 17...	June 5, 18
250 Chester	" 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	June 27, 17...	June 5, 18
Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland.....	Lincoln.....	June 23, 17...	June 5, 18
Liberty	" 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January 10, 18...	June 5, 18
Bayard	" 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	January 19, 18...	June 5, 18
Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 12, 18...	June 4, 19
255 Right Angle	" 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 24, 19...	June 9, 20
Ruskin	" 304	Ruskin.....	Nuckolls.....	January 5, 20...	June 9, 20
Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January 14, 20...	June 9, 20
Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole.....	Cheyenne.....	August 19, 20...	June 8, 21
William E. Hill	" 307	Otoe.....	Otoe.....	November 8, 20...	June 8, 21
260 Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	December 1, 20...	June 8, 21
Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago.....	Thurston.....	December 6, 20...	June 8, 21
Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27, 20...	June 8, 21
Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21...	June 8, 21
Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	June 23, 21...	June 7, 22
265 Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	September 10, 21...	June 7, 22
Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22, 22...	June 5, 23
Alpha	" 316	South Sioux City.....	Dakota.....	January 27, 25...	June 10, 25
Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 8, 25...	June 10, 25
Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	April 1, 25...	June 9, 26
270 Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	January 11, 26...	June 9, 26

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	College View	No. 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1, 27... June 6, 28
	Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	February 21, 28... June 5, 29
	Pioneer	" 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 28, 28... June 5, 29
	Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28... June 5, 29
275	Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36... June 8, 37
	Bellevue	" 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	March 5, 55... June 24, 55
	Centennial	" 326	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 26, 55... June 6, 56

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss		
																					No. on Rolls, December 31, 1954		By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Nebraska.....	1	30	171	30	21	15	471	1314	22	2	0	5	0	1343	10	31	15	0	0	56	1287	1
Western Star.....	2	13	38	13	11	9	102	254	10	4	0	2	0	270	1	7	9	0	0	17	253	2
Capitol.....	3	29	64	28	21	6	313	944	27	2	0	1	0	974	8	15	6	0	0	29	945	3
Nemaha Valley..	4	1	3	0	1	1	25	54	1	1	0	0	0	56	1	2	1	0	0	4	52	4
Omadi.....	5	4	28	3	3	3	44	119	3	0	0	0	0	122	1	1	3	0	0	5	117	5
Plattsmouth.....	6	11	20	8	7	2	32	301	6	0	0	7	0	314	1	3	2	0	0	6	308	6
Falls City.....	9	9	24	8	7	0	80	288	4	0	2	2	0	296	2	6	0	0	0	8	288	9
Solomon.....	10	0	3	1	2	2	14	90	1	1	0	3	0	95	1	1	2	0	0	4	91	10
Court.....	11	57	51	58	22	6	218	1608	63	2	0	1	0	1674	20	28	6	0	0	54	1620	11
Orient.....	13	4	7	5	5	0	18	46	4	0	0	3	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	1	52	13
Peru.....	14	2	9	1	1	2	27	107	1	0	0	0	0	108	0	0	2	2	0	4	104	14
Fremont.....	15	42	16	42	9	6	119	609	40	1	0	1	0	651	3	11	6	0	1	21	630	15
Tecumseh.....	17	6	19	3	7	1	52	195	1	0	0	2	0	198	0	4	1	0	0	5	193	17
Lincoln.....	19	16	93	14	16	1	372	1000	14	2	0	9	0	1025	8	15	1	0	0	24	1001	19
Washington.....	21	2	9	0	0	2	30	165	3	0	0	1	0	169	0	5	2	0	1	8	161	21
Pawnee.....	23	2	11	2	5	2	50	119	2	0	0	0	0	121	1	2	2	0	0	5	116	23
Saint John.....	25	26	75	27	16	6	355	1002	31	3	0	2	0	1038	9	16	6	0	0	31	1007	25
Beatrice.....	26	7	36	4	25	0	145	361	6	2	0	7	0	376	2	5	0	0	0	7	369	26
Jordan.....	27	2	6	0	0	0	23	81	1	0	0	1	0	83	2	0	0	0	0	2	81	27
Hope.....	29	0	3	0	0	0	14	47	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	29
Blue River.....	30	2	7	2	1	0	32	99	4	4	0	1	0	108	2	2	0	0	0	4	104	30
Tekamah.....	31	6	7	8	6	1	41	149	4	0	0	2	0	155	0	5	1	1	0	7	148	31
Platte Valley....	32	36	63	29	18	0	208	500	34	4	0	2	0	540	2	11	0	0	0	13	527	32
Ashlar.....	33	29	36	22	12	6	184	614	26	1	0	0	0	641	5	13	6	0	0	24	617	33
Acacia.....	34	3	8	7	2	0	49	176	7	0	0	0	0	183	2	1	0	0	0	3	180	34
Fairbury.....	35	7	32	4	5	2	41	253	6	3	0	1	0	263	0	7	2	0	0	9	254	35
Lone Tree.....	36	9	7	10	6	2	27	217	7	1	0	3	0	228	3	7	2	0	0	12	216	36
Crete.....	37	9	16	8	2	6	58	189	10	0	0	12	0	211	2	0	6	0	0	8	203	37
Oliver.....	38	10	9	9	1	7	71	188	8	0	0	5	1	202	0	6	7	0	0	13	189	38
Papillion.....	39	7	9	9	4	0	27	154	7	2	0	0	0	163	0	4	0	0	0	4	159	39
Humboldt.....	40	1	7	4	3	1	22	125	3	2	0	1	0	131	1	1	1	0	0	3	128	40
Northern Light..	41	1	11	1	2	0	18	96	1	1	0	0	0	98	1	1	0	0	0	2	96	41
Hebron.....	43	5	10	3	4	0	11	141	3	2	0	1	0	147	1	2	0	1	0	4	143	43
Harvard.....	44	1	10	1	0	1	30	78	4	0	0	0	0	82	2	2	1	0	0	5	77	44
Rob Morris.....	46	7	35	8	4	4	152	346	9	3	0	4	0	362	0	11	4	0	0	15	347	46
Fairmont.....	48	1	2	1	1	0	26	101	2	1	0	0	0	104	0	4	0	0	0	4	100	48
Evening Star....	49	0	0	2	1	0	18	97	2	2	0	1	0	102	3	2	0	0	0	5	97	49
Hastings.....	50	18	35	15	3	8	170	517	16	0	0	6	0	539	1	8	8	0	0	17	522	50
Fidelity.....	51	10	11	8	2	4	57	153	7	0	0	0	0	160	1	2	4	0	0	7	153	51

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			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1955	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1955		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1955	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1955		By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission		By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
																				Total			By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes
Hiram	52	1	8	0	7	0	11	96	0	0	0	0	0	96	1	1	0	0	0	2	94	52
Charity	53	3	23	5	6	3	23	162	6	0	0	2	0	170	2	2	3	1	0	8	162	53
Lancaster	54	30	69	36	13	10	274	900	38	7	0	9	0	954	5	27	10	0	0	42	912	54
Mosaic	55	9	44	9	6	10	118	401	11	1	0	2	0	415	4	10	10	0	0	24	391	55
York	56	5	10	6	4	1	70	269	6	0	2	0	0	277	2	4	1	0	0	7	270	56
Mt. Moriah	57	0	4	0	1	2	48	72	0	1	1	1	0	75	1	2	2	0	0	5	70	57
Wahoo	59	10	12	10	14	0	62	268	10	1	0	2	0	281	1	4	0	0	0	5	276	59
Melrose	60	2	15	0	0	0	36	73	0	1	1	0	0	75	0	4	0	0	0	4	71	60
Thistle	61	6	8	10	6	2	56	219	9	3	0	2	0	233	3	3	2	0	0	8	225	61
Keystone	62	1	4	2	2	1	19	45	2	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	1	0	0	1	46	62
Blue Valley	64	6	8	3	5	0	16	79	3	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	0	0	0	1	81	64
Osceola	65	2	4	1	3	0	14	91	2	0	0	1	0	94	0	2	0	0	0	2	92	65
Edgar	67	1	0	1	2	0	13	100	0	0	0	0	0	100	2	1	0	1	0	4	96	67
Aurora	68	7	9	12	7	0	36	157	10	3	0	1	0	171	3	3	0	0	0	6	165	68
Sterling	70	1	9	1	3	0	31	51	3	0	0	0	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	1	53	70
Trowel	71	2	9	2	5	1	48	89	2	3	1	1	0	96	0	6	1	0	0	7	89	71
Hooper	72	0	6	0	0	0	19	103	0	1	0	0	0	104	0	3	0	0	0	3	101	72
Friend	73	0	1	3	3	0	8	66	1	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	1	66	73
Alexandria	74	1	11	3	1	1	23	36	3	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	1	0	0	1	38	74
Frank Welch	75	21	22	17	9	5	93	294	17	2	0	2	0	315	5	3	5	0	0	13	302	75
Nelson	77	2	3	4	7	0	29	81	3	1	0	2	0	87	2	1	0	0	0	3	84	77
Albion	78	6	29	4	5	1	33	111	4	0	0	4	0	119	1	1	1	0	0	3	116	78
Geneva	79	2	9	1	0	0	22	146	1	0	0	0	0	147	2	2	0	0	0	4	143	79
Composite	81	0	0	0	1	0	27	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	1	57	81
St. Paul	82	4	18	2	5	0	29	210	2	1	0	1	0	214	1	1	0	0	0	2	212	82
Corinthian	83	4	6	2	0	1	19	77	3	0	0	1	0	81	0	3	1	0	0	4	77	83
Fairfield	84	1	6	1	2	1	25	59	2	0	0	0	0	61	0	1	1	0	0	2	59	84
Doniphan	86	2	9	0	2	0	16	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	86
Ionic	87	8	34	8	9	0	43	112	6	0	0	1	0	119	1	0	0	0	1	2	117	87
Star	88	3	16	0	2	3	22	124	0	0	0	2	0	126	1	5	3	0	0	9	117	88
Cedar River	89	3	13	1	1	4	88	102	2	0	0	2	0	106	3	4	4	0	0	11	95	89
Oakland	91	2	10	2	1	0	35	152	2	0	0	0	0	154	3	3	0	0	0	6	148	91
Beaver City	93	2	8	1	2	1	29	77	1	0	0	0	0	78	1	2	1	0	0	4	74	93
Bennett	94	1	11	0	1	0	33	59	1	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	94
Garfield	95	6	13	4	1	0	17	91	4	0	0	0	0	95	1	1	0	0	0	2	93	95
Utica	96	2	4	2	1	0	28	89	2	0	0	1	0	92	0	3	0	0	1	4	88	96
Euclid	97	7	13	8	1	0	45	102	7	1	0	0	0	110	2	0	0	0	0	2	108	97
Republican	98	1	6	1	5	1	22	56	0	1	0	2	0	59	1	1	1	0	0	3	56	98
Shelton	99	5	5	7	5	0	23	77	2	1	0	0	0	80	0	1	0	0	0	1	79	99

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Creighton.....	100	2	15	1	0	1	36	112	2	0	0	0	0	114	0	1	1	0	0	2	112	100
Ponca.....	101	3	3	3	8	0	20	89	4	1	0	0	0	94	0	2	0	0	0	2	92	101
Waterloo.....	102	15	26	8	1	1	39	165	7	0	0	0	0	172	1	3	1	0	0	5	167	102
Ord.....	103	4	14	5	3	0	42	152	5	1	0	0	0	158	2	2	0	0	0	4	154	103
Wymore.....	104	1	17	2	2	1	53	231	3	0	0	2	0	236	2	5	1	0	0	8	228	104
Stella.....	105	0	7	1	2	2	21	62	1	0	0	0	0	63	0	2	2	0	0	4	59	105
Porter.....	106	6	4	6	3	0	13	58	4	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	106
Table Rock.....	108	0	0	1	0	1	26	56	1	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	1	0	0	2	55	108
Pomegranate.....	110	12	14	12	4	2	39	229	13	0	0	1	0	243	5	5	2	0	0	12	231	110
DeWitt.....	111	2	12	2	2	3	44	54	2	0	0	0	0	56	0	2	3	0	0	5	51	111
Springfield.....	112	4	18	5	5	2	26	118	4	0	0	2	0	124	1	1	2	0	0	4	120	112
Globe.....	113	4	17	3	3	0	3	82	4	0	0	1	0	87	4	0	0	0	0	4	83	113
Wisner.....	114	4	14	1	1	1	20	110	2	0	0	2	0	114	2	2	1	0	0	5	109	114
Harlan.....	116	1	11	2	2	0	13	95	3	0	0	0	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	116
Hardy.....	117	2	6	5	2	0	13	46	3	2	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	117
North Bend.....	119	3	3	2	1	0	14	116	2	0	0	0	0	118	0	2	0	0	0	2	116	119
Wayne.....	120	6	9	4	2	3	38	198	7	1	0	2	2	210	2	3	3	0	0	8	202	120
Superior.....	121	9	16	8	1	0	40	195	9	1	0	0	0	205	3	4	0	0	0	7	198	121
Auburn.....	124	3	9	4	0	0	41	176	4	0	0	3	0	183	0	5	0	0	0	5	178	124
Mt. Nebo.....	125	3	17	2	5	4	43	105	3	0	0	4	0	112	0	1	4	0	0	5	107	125
Stromsburg.....	126	1	4	1	1	1	31	76	1	0	0	2	0	79	1	0	1	0	0	2	77	126
Minden.....	127	4	8	4	7	1	21	90	1	3	0	0	0	94	4	1	1	0	0	6	88	127
Guide Rock.....	128	5	8	0	0	0	11	62	1	0	0	1	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	128
Blue Hill.....	129	0	6	2	0	1	30	53	2	0	0	1	0	56	1	0	1	0	0	2	54	129
Tuscan.....	130	0	1	0	2	0	18	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	1	37	130
Scribner.....	132	0	7	0	1	0	13	52	2	1	0	1	0	56	0	3	0	0	0	3	53	132
Elm Creek.....	133	2	11	3	7	0	39	63	2	0	0	0	0	65	1	1	0	0	0	2	63	133
Solar.....	134	1	3	3	1	0	33	77	4	2	0	0	0	83	1	2	0	0	0	3	80	134
McCook.....	135	10	39	10	4	4	59	387	9	5	1	3	0	405	2	7	4	0	0	13	392	135
Long Pine.....	136	0	9	3	2	1	20	71	3	0	0	0	0	74	0	3	1	0	0	4	70	136
Upright.....	137	0	7	0	1	1	13	85	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	1	0	0	1	84	137
Rawalt.....	138	0	2	0	0	6	36	77	1	1	0	1	0	80	0	2	6	0	0	8	72	138
Clay Centre.....	139	0	8	1	7	2	34	77	1	0	0	0	0	78	1	4	2	0	0	7	71	139
Western.....	140	1	5	1	1	0	36	32	1	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	140
Crescent.....	143	0	6	0	3	0	33	59	0	0	1	0	0	60	0	3	0	0	0	3	57	143
Kenesaw.....	144	0	13	0	4	0	58	75	0	1	0	1	0	77	0	1	0	0	0	1	76	144
Bancroft.....	145	6	15	4	7	0	20	66	2	1	0	0	0	69	3	2	0	0	0	5	64	145
Jachin.....	146	5	11	3	2	2	45	183	4	3	0	0	0	190	0	3	2	0	0	5	185	146
Siloam.....	147	0	2	1	1	0	16	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	147
Emmet Crawford	148	6	19	5	5	11	43	209	4	0	0	8	0	221	3	2	11	0	0	16	205	148

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Jewel.....	149	0	8	2	2	0	30	72	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	73	149
Cambridge.....	150	0	6	0	1	1	42	126	0	0	0	3	0	129	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	123	150
Square.....	151	3	19	2	6	2	40	69	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	67	151
Evergreen.....	153	0	5	0	1	1	20	65	1	0	0	1	0	67	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	65	153
Lily.....	154	0	7	0	2	0	20	70	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	154
Hartington.....	155	2	18	3	3	1	32	79	4	0	0	1	0	84	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	79	155
Pythagoras.....	156	1	18	2	4	0	36	39	1	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	39	156
Valley.....	157	3	4	4	2	1	24	52	4	0	0	1	0	57	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	53	157
Samaritan.....	158	9	16	7	4	3	29	305	8	3	1	0	0	317	3	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	302	158	
Ogalalla.....	159	5	20	6	8	1	58	172	4	5	0	0	0	181	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	178	159
Zeredatha.....	160	0	2	0	1	0	5	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	160
Mount Zion.....	161	1	5	1	1	4	32	61	2	0	0	2	0	65	1	0	4	0	1	6	59	161					
Trestle Board.....	162	0	4	0	2	4	28	93	0	0	0	0	0	93	1	1	4	0	0	6	87	162					
Unity.....	163	5	12	3	4	0	34	70	4	0	0	0	0	74	1	0	0	0	0	1	73	163					
Atkinson.....	164	2	3	1	1	0	9	58	1	0	2	0	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	2	59	164					
Barneston.....	165	0	4	1	1	1	36	67	1	2	0	1	0	71	1	2	1	0	0	4	67	165					
Mystic Tie.....	166	1	9	4	0	0	31	47	4	2	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	166					
Elwood.....	167	1	6	1	3	0	30	54	1	1	0	0	0	56	0	2	0	0	0	2	54	167					
Curtis.....	168	3	15	2	2	0	21	98	1	1	0	0	0	100	2	3	0	0	0	5	95	168					
Amity.....	169	2	10	2	1	0	35	109	2	0	0	0	0	111	0	2	0	0	0	2	109	169					
Mason City.....	170	0	4	1	0	0	25	44	1	0	0	0	0	45	1	2	0	0	0	3	42	170					
Merna.....	171	1	15	1	4	1	32	57	1	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	1	0	0	1	57	171					
Robert Burns.....	173	1	8	1	1	0	15	100	3	0	0	0	0	103	1	1	0	0	0	2	101	173					
Culbertson.....	174	0	9	2	7	0	16	64	2	0	0	1	0	67	0	2	0	0	0	2	65	174					
Temple.....	175	2	15	0	3	0	33	38	2	0	0	0	0	40	0	2	0	0	0	2	38	175					
Gladstone.....	176	3	10	1	3	5	27	93	1	0	0	1	1	96	2	0	5	0	0	7	89	176					
Hay Springs.....	177	12	5	11	0	0	22	105	12	1	0	0	0	118	0	5	0	0	0	5	113	177					
Prudence.....	179	2	15	2	10	1	36	53	2	0	0	1	0	56	1	0	1	0	0	2	54	179					
Justice.....	180	4	16	3	1	9	46	138	2	0	0	2	0	142	1	1	9	0	0	11	131	180					
Faith.....	181	2	8	3	6	3	66	136	3	1	0	6	0	146	2	4	3	0	0	9	137	181					
Alliance.....	183	14	33	12	8	1	127	328	11	4	0	1	0	344	3	10	1	0	0	14	330	183					
Bee Hive.....	184	31	42	28	9	26	206	1026	30	2	0	10	0	1068	37	13	26	0	0	76	992	184					
Boaz.....	185	0	4	0	2	0	9	79	1	0	0	0	0	80	1	0	0	0	0	1	79	185					
Israel.....	187	0	6	0	1	0	29	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	1	0	0	0	2	26	187					
Meridian.....	188	6	20	6	2	0	50	136	5	0	0	12	0	153	2	5	0	0	2	9	144	188					
Granite.....	189	1	6	2	2	4	36	73	2	3	0	3	0	81	2	1	4	0	0	7	74	189					
Amethyst.....	190	1	7	1	1	0	19	55	1	1	0	2	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	190					
Crystal.....	191	4	15	9	5	0	28	87	5	0	0	0	0	92	0	2	0	0	0	2	90	191					

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Minnekadusa	192	6	19	6	5	2	39	159	8	2	0	2	0	0	171	0	6	2	0	0	8	163	192
Signet	193	2	8	1	0	0	16	66	1	1	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	193
Highland	194	1	1	0	1	0	22	42	0	0	0	1	0	43	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	39	194
Arcana	195	7	15	7	6	1	47	143	6	0	0	0	0	149	0	1	1	0	0	2	147	195	
Morning Star	197	0	2	1	0	3	15	71	1	0	0	0	0	72	1	2	3	0	0	6	66	197	
Purity	198	4	19	3	7	2	32	145	3	0	0	0	0	148	1	1	2	0	0	4	144	198	
Gavel	199	1	2	1	0	0	8	52	2	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	199	
Blazing Star	200	2	11	1	1	0	34	97	2	0	0	0	0	99	1	0	0	0	0	1	98	200	
Scotts Bluff	201	6	17	4	3	10	56	186	4	0	0	6	0	196	1	0	10	0	0	11	185	201	
Golden Sheaf	202	5	11	5	5	1	48	81	6	4	0	0	0	91	2	0	1	0	0	3	88	202	
Roman Eagle	203	1	10	1	5	5	29	68	1	0	0	2	0	71	1	0	5	0	0	6	65	203	
Plainview	204	5	10	5	6	0	37	116	4	1	0	1	0	122	1	3	0	0	0	4	118	204	
Golden Fleece	205	5	8	3	3	0	25	205	1	1	0	0	0	207	1	3	0	0	0	4	203	205	
Napthali	206	4	5	4	1	1	33	57	4	0	0	1	0	62	0	2	1	1	0	4	58	206	
Parian	207	1	10	1	2	0	41	66	1	2	0	0	0	69	3	2	0	0	0	5	64	207	
Gauge	208	0	8	0	4	0	19	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	43	208	
Canopy	209	5	16	1	5	3	59	135	1	4	0	0	0	140	3	2	3	0	0	8	132	209	
East Lincoln	210	53	79	52	15	21	306	1147	55	5	0	5	0	1212	8	13	21	0	0	42	1170	210	
Cement	211	1	5	0	1	1	8	93	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	1	1	0	0	2	91	211	
Compass & Square	212	0	6	0	0	1	42	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	0	1	1	0	0	2	63	212	
Plumline	214	0	3	0	0	3	41	44	1	0	0	2	0	47	0	0	3	0	0	3	44	214	
Occidental	215	1	4	1	1	0	34	75	1	0	0	0	0	76	0	2	0	0	0	2	74	215	
Palisade	216	1	10	0	0	0	36	103	0	1	0	0	0	104	1	2	0	0	0	3	101	216	
Wauneta	217	0	8	1	3	0	35	64	0	0	0	0	0	64	2	1	0	0	0	3	61	217	
Bloomfield	218	6	17	3	3	1	47	77	2	0	0	0	0	79	1	1	1	0	0	3	76	218	
Relief	219	5	9	2	1	0	13	53	2	2	0	0	0	57	1	2	0	0	0	3	54	219	
Magnolia	220	2	9	3	1	1	15	71	3	1	0	0	0	75	2	0	1	0	0	3	72	220	
Wood Lake	221	7	10	8	3	0	11	71	8	0	0	0	0	79	1	2	0	0	0	3	76	221	
Landmark	222	3	5	3	1	0	22	113	3	0	0	1	0	117	1	3	0	0	0	4	113	222	
Eminence	223	0	5	2	4	0	16	61	0	0	0	1	0	62	1	3	0	0	0	4	58	223	
Silver Cord	224	5	11	8	5	6	28	150	7	0	0	5	0	162	2	1	6	0	0	9	153	224	
Cable	225	4	6	3	7	0	36	92	3	3	0	5	0	103	2	3	0	0	0	5	98	225	
Grace	226	0	9	0	2	3	40	82	0	0	0	0	0	82	1	1	3	0	0	5	77	226	
North Star	227	15	39	12	9	6	80	482	11	3	0	5	0	501	4	5	6	0	0	15	486	227	
Bartley	228	2	2	2	0	1	16	63	2	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	1	0	0	1	64	228	
Comet	229	1	5	2	2	3	38	91	2	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	3	0	0	6	87	229	
Delta	230	1	12	0	1	0	20	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	230	
Mt. Hermon	231	3	5	3	4	0	37	39	4	1	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	231	
John S. Bowen	232	1	4	6	0	2	19	63	6	0	0	5	0	74	1	1	2	0	0	4	70	232	
Gilead	233	2	9	7	1	0	9	64	6	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	0	0	0	1	69	233	

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Zion.....	234	1	0	1	2	0	40	93	2	1	0	2	0	98	0	2	0	0	0	2	96	234		
Fraternity.....	235	2	7	2	0	2	24	63	3	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	2	0	0	3	63	235		
Golden Rule.....	236	1	7	1	4	0	11	62	2	1	0	0	0	65	2	0	0	0	0	2	63	236		
Cubit.....	237	1	4	1	1	1	17	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	0	3	1	0	0	4	58	237		
Friendship.....	239	2	9	0	4	7	30	97	2	0	0	8	0	107	0	0	7	0	0	7	100	239		
Pilot.....	240	0	5	0	3	1	22	124	1	1	0	2	0	128	2	3	1	0	0	6	122	240		
George Armstrong	241	1	12	0	0	1	19	90	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	1	1	0	0	2	88	241		
Tyrian.....	243	0	5	0	0	0	13	32	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	1	0	0	0	1	31	243		
Hampton.....	245	1	20	1	1	3	41	70	1	1	0	0	0	72	1	3	0	0	0	7	65	245		
Nehawka.....	246	1	4	1	2	3	17	116	1	0	0	0	0	117	1	2	3	0	0	6	111	246		
Corner Stone.....	247	1	16	1	2	0	52	33	1	0	0	0	0	34	0	1	0	0	0	1	33	247		
Laurel.....	248	3	21	3	4	5	66	107	4	2	0	0	0	113	2	0	5	0	0	7	106	248		
Gothenburg.....	249	10	14	8	5	1	25	159	4	1	0	0	0	164	2	3	1	0	0	6	158	249		
Geo. Washington.....	250	13	34	9	2	4	114	344	8	2	0	2	0	356	2	7	4	0	0	13	343	250		
Wausa.....	251	2	1	2	0	2	25	62	2	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	2	0	0	3	61	251		
Beemer.....	253	2	2	1	1	0	15	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	1	52	253		
Bassett.....	254	2	15	3	2	0	36	93	3	0	0	4	0	100	0	1	0	0	0	1	99	254		
Hickman.....	256	2	2	2	0	1	24	65	2	2	0	1	0	70	0	2	1	0	0	3	67	256		
Holbrook.....	257	1	7	1	0	0	22	28	1	1	0	1	0	31	0	1	0	0	0	1	30	257		
Anselmo.....	258	4	11	4	4	0	34	99	4	0	0	3	0	106	0	2	0	0	0	2	104	258		
Ornan.....	261	3	4	2	1	2	41	82	1	0	0	0	0	83	0	2	2	0	0	4	79	261		
Endeavor.....	262	4	1	4	0	0	11	102	7	0	0	1	0	110	0	3	0	0	0	3	107	262		
Mitchell.....	263	3	12	4	3	5	45	161	3	0	0	5	0	169	0	6	5	0	0	11	158	263		
Franklin.....	264	6	15	4	3	0	114	105	5	1	0	1	0	112	0	1	0	0	0	1	111	264		
Robert W. Furnas	265	19	28	16	4	0	76	419	16	8	0	5	0	448	5	3	0	2	0	10	438	265		
Silver.....	266	4	5	3	3	1	16	61	4	1	0	0	0	66	0	1	1	0	0	2	64	266		
James A. Tulleys.	267	0	2	2	3	0	17	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	1	0	0	0	0	1	58	267		
Geo. W. Lininger.	268	9	3	13	1	1	59	250	13	1	0	0	0	264	3	6	1	0	0	10	254	268		
Oasis.....	271	5	4	5	1	0	41	135	6	1	0	0	0	143	0	1	0	0	0	1	142	271		
Lee P. Gillette...	272	1	4	1	0	0	21	69	1	0	0	1	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	272		
Crofton.....	273	0	1	1	1	0	22	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	3	0	0	0	3	62	273		
Olive Branch.....	274	1	15	1	7	0	37	62	1	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	274		
Ramah.....	275	3	3	1	1	2	11	73	0	1	0	0	0	74	0	1	2	0	1	4	70	275		
Antelope.....	276	1	8	2	6	2	16	69	1	0	1	0	0	71	0	0	2	0	0	2	69	276		
Sioux.....	277	1	3	3	1	0	6	53	3	0	0	0	0	56	1	1	0	0	0	2	54	277		
Litchfield.....	278	0	4	0	1	0	28	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	1	1	0	0	0	2	36	278		
Wallace.....	279	3	6	1	0	0	22	39	3	0	0	0	0	42	1	0	0	0	0	1	41	279		
Swastika.....	280	5	11	6	5	0	19	77	3	0	0	0	0	80	1	1	0	0	0	2	78	280		
Florence.....	281	44	70	46	9	6	126	865	47	11	0	0	0	923	7	15	6	0	0	28	895	281		
Mullen.....	282	2	3	3	0	1	28	79	3	1	0	0	0	83	1	2	1	0	0	4	79	282		

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Seneca.....	284	0	11	0	3	2	36	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	2	2	2	0	0	0	6	81	284
Camp Clarke.....	285	5	20	6	4	0	34	184	6	4	0	2	0	196	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	189	285	
Oshkosh.....	286	3	17	3	4	2	46	120	4	0	0	0	0	124	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	122	286		
Union.....	287	1	6	0	0	0	14	59	0	0	0	2	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	59	287		
Omaha.....	288	17	33	20	3	19	206	579	20	0	15	0	614	6	21	19	0	0	0	46	568	288			
Lotus.....	289	9	10	5	1	0	28	174	5	1	0	0	180	1	4	0	0	0	5	175	289				
John J. Mercer.....	290	50	46	52	6	3	171	1341	52	8	0	5	1406	11	12	3	0	0	26	1380	290				
Diamond.....	291	4	9	5	2	2	29	74	5	0	0	0	79	0	1	2	0	0	3	76	291				
Wolbach.....	292	0	7	1	2	0	29	43	1	0	1	0	45	0	2	0	0	0	2	43	292				
Monument.....	293	3	9	1	2	0	17	66	4	1	0	1	72	1	1	0	0	0	2	70	293				
Kimball.....	294	11	13	5	0	1	35	147	5	2	1	0	155	0	2	1	0	0	3	152	294				
Minatare.....	295	1	7	2	1	9	37	96	2	0	0	2	100	0	2	9	0	0	11	89	295				
Cotner.....	297	11	17	9	3	4	59	229	8	3	0	1	241	1	2	4	0	0	7	234	297				
Chester.....	298	2	1	3	1	0	10	43	3	1	0	0	47	0	3	0	0	0	3	44	298				
Sutherland.....	299	1	9	0	2	1	16	98	0	0	1	0	99	0	0	1	0	0	1	98	299				
Liberty.....	300	25	28	22	10	4	138	447	21	1	0	8	477	3	5	4	0	0	12	465	300				
Bayard.....	301	1	10	1	3	2	29	111	1	0	0	0	115	5	3	2	0	0	10	105	301				
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Ruskin.....	304	0	4	0	2	0	18	36	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	1	0	1	35	304				
Newman Grove.....	305	1	4	0	2	0	23	59	0	0	2	1	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	305				
Golden Rod.....	306	2	3	1	1	0	9	85	1	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	86	306					
William E. Hill.....	307	2	9	2	2	0	30	35	0	0	0	0	35	1	1	0	0	0	2	33	307				
Perkins.....	308	7	7	5	6	1	33	105	3	0	0	3	111	1	2	1	0	0	4	107	308				
Winnebago.....	309	1	13	0	5	0	15	60	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	309				
Victory.....	310	8	7	8	6	4	45	201	10	2	0	3	216	2	2	4	0	0	8	208	310				
Polk.....	311	0	9	0	1	1	12	61	1	1	0	0	63	0	3	1	0	0	4	59	311				
Oak Leaf.....	312	3	10	4	0	2	9	50	4	0	1	0	55	0	2	2	0	0	4	51	312				
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Craftsmen.....	314	9	22	14	5	9	81	579	16	2	0	1	598	6	6	9	0	0	21	577	314				
Alpha.....	316	10	29	9	5	3	15	177	12	2	0	0	191	1	3	3	0	0	7	184	316				
Mid-West.....	317	23	49	21	12	4	56	440	22	4	0	1	467	2	5	4	0	0	11	456	317				
Grand Island.....	318	11	13	8	2	0	44	294	7	8	0	0	309	3	1	0	0	0	4	305	318				
Bladen.....	319	0	5	0	0	0	19	45	0	0	1	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	319				
College View.....	320	6	15	6	4	0	31	165	4	0	0	3	172	1	0	0	0	0	1	171	320				
Harmony.....	321	8	8	6	3	3	7	67	7	1	0	7	82	0	0	3	0	0	3	79	321				
Pioneer.....	322	3	8	2	0	0	11	78	3	0	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	322				

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E.A.A.		F.A.C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS						No. on Rolls December 31, 1955	No. of Lodge							
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Lebanon	323	2	13	2	3	3	36	185	4	3	0	3	0	195	5	2	3	0	0	10	185	323
Cairo....	324	3	1	3	1	0	0	60	4	1	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	324
Bellevue	325	26	6	20	3	0	0	0	17	85	0	0	0	102	0	1	0	0	0	1	101	325
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FRATERNAL REVIEW

By M. W. William B. Wanner

In opening our report for this year, we quote in part the foreword of P.G.M. and Co-worker Earle K. Haling, who says: "Past Grand Master Ernest R. Moore, in his Fraternal Reviews published in the Iowa Grand Lodge Bulletin, heads them with this phrase: 'A department devoted to better acquainting the Craft with the problems, policies, and programs of other Grand Jurisdictions.'

"I think perhaps this best expresses our purpose in preparing the following report. In our perusal of the many volumes here reviewed we have endeavored to select for your edification those matters which, either by conforming to or contrasting with Masonic practices in Connecticut, emphasize the uniformity of all our problems and policies; at the same time noting the minor variations in the methods of solving these problems and in putting the policies into effect.

"But—and we would emphasize this—unless the Craft will read what we have prepared, it will not better acquaint itself with our common problems and policies and it will not obtain that broad view of Masonry at work throughout the world which will give it the sense of being an integral part of an organization which extends far and wide beyond our own jurisdictional borders." I too hope that you will read what is here presented.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

General conditions continue good in the U. S. and Canada. Gains are general, but in every jurisdiction the gain is less than a year ago and, sad to relate, four states show a loss: Arkansas, 454; District of Columbia, 53; Illinois, 492; and Vermont, 14. Two subjects seem to occupy more space than usual this year; the first: Masonic Education, and the second: Lack of attendance at lodge meetings. One is more or less connected with the other. Phelan Douglas of Tennessee writes: "The importance of more complete instruction in the fundamentals of our Institution—its history, origin, landmarks, aims and purposes—has been the subject of more thought and effort probably than any other. Many plans and new ideas have been advanced to accomplish this ambition. Certainly this is a healthy condition and augurs well for the future of the Fraternity." Grand Master Scully of Arkansas states: "Ritualistic work now takes a great portion of the meeting time of the lodges, possibly too much, to give to the members what they should obtain from the Fraternity. The lodge should never deteriorate to become simply a 'degree mill' with no other activity at its meeting except conferring of degrees and the routine business of the lodge. We confer the degrees on our candidates and then too frequently let them shift for themselves, because the routine work and the conferring of degrees takes up all the time, and none is left to indoctrinate the newly made Brother in our mysteries, or to inculcate the great lessons and precepts that Masonry

stands for. No wonder the new member soon loses interest and goes elsewhere to find the fellowship he has failed to find in our lodge."

M. W. Brother Mitchell of Missouri writes: "Our Fraternity is beset with the same problem as with most every other organization—lack of attendance at meetings. The coming of television and the requirements and demands of our modern, complex life have had their effect. It is, however, significant to note that those lodges which arrange an occasional social program or other interesting meeting, have little difficulty in getting out a crowd. Many have expressed concern why so many members of various lodges have apparently lost interest and become lax in attendance. Perhaps this is the answer: The ritual is necessary to the teaching of Masonic truths and proficiency therein is highly desirable, but an over-emphasis on proficiency in the ritual, so many times rendered in a monotone and by meaningless rote, will very likely have an adverse effect. Experience, however, teaches that a varied program will make for a more active and a more interested membership."

The Grand Master of New Jersey says this: "I am not so naive as to believe that because an opportunity is provided to secure further information every new brother will avail himself of it, but neither do I believe that this fact excuses us from providing the opportunity and using every means in our power to encourage the use of it. It is not my thought that a new Mason should be required to learn any more ritual than he does now—the information that I would present to him would be what I believe to be practical knowledge as to the institution. For instance, he should be acquainted with the organization of his own lodge, the existence and organization of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Home and Charity Foundation of New Jersey, what he can reasonably expect when visiting another lodge, the use of the ballot, general information on what could be termed 'Masonic etiquette', and other matters too numerous to detail here."

M. W. Brother Joseph Hearn of Ontario, speaking at New Jersey, said: "As you look back in your jurisdiction, and we similarly in ours, we can ask ourselves, 'have we built well?', 'have we preserved the landmarks?', 'have we been as careful in our selection of members as we might have been?' or 'are they coming in too fast?'"

"Some lodges are accepting (and I am now speaking for our own jurisdiction) more than they can conveniently handle; degree-wise and financial-wise. Degree-wise because they cannot give individual instruction to their candidates. The acceptance of too many candidates might mean the relaxing of proper investigation. Application for membership in Freemasonry is unlike joining a club; there is more to it than mere paying of dues. Selection without discrimination ought to be the basis for a sound operation. As we continue to look back, what about our Lodges? Are they merely social clubs or are they playing their part in the mission of Freemasonry? What about our Grand Lodges? Are they merely content to govern the Craft? To drift with the tide? Or are they always looking ahead a step or two—to the front, leading the brethren?"

M. W. Brother Raymond C. Ellis of New York writes in his address: "We are in competition, as are our churches and synagogues, with the automobile, the radio, and television. No lodge today is a Community Lodge in the same sense it was twenty-five years ago. Many lodges are no longer Community Lodges in any sense of the term whatever. It is time we took stock and faced reality. If the fraternity is to progress and to expand its influence it must hold its own numerically and increase its membership on a quality basis."

Even in conservative Pennsylvania, the Grand Instructor of Ritualistic Work writes: "Unfortunately, because in many of our lodges the number of approved petitioners and others to be advanced is large, there is a tendency to 'speed up' the work to avoid the need for extra meetings. So the officers work under pressure, resulting in failure to impress the Candidate or the members."

The Grand Master of West Virginia states in his address: "Today far too many seek membership in Masonic lodges for the sole purpose of thereby obtaining the necessary qualifications for joining some attached group, many of whom have for their sole reason of existence entertainment. There are two remedies for this, one to interest the newly made Mason in the affairs of the lodge—and second to postpone his opportunity to petition or join any other body or associated group for a given period."

Grand Master Reid of Virginia says it this way: "The low attendance at the meetings of our subordinate lodges continues to be a problem. This is not solely a Virginia problem. Other Grand Lodges report parallel conditions and we must regard it as a segment of a national problem. In part it seems to involve the increasing size of our lodges. The figures indicate that the larger the lodge, the smaller the attendance in proportion to the whole membership. Some of our lodges have been holding as many as eight Communications in a single month. These Communications are devoted primarily to degree work and the lodges themselves have become 'degree mills'. Officers are chosen in many instances because they are good ritualists or because they attend regularly. Thus advancement in Masonry becomes an endurance test. I recognize that fortitude is a Masonic virtue, but one must also recognize that there are other qualities and virtues. The singling out of one quality and the consequent exclusion of others deprives us of the leadership and attendance of many brethren who would otherwise be ready to share their talents with their brethren. Lest we attempt to correct our shortcomings by making the large lodges whipping boys, let me call your attention to the fact that our smaller lodges also have their problems. In this respect, I have come to the conclusion that we are taking into our membership too many men who have no interest in Freemasonry as such, but want to advance their social, political, or business interests by acquiring so-called 'higher degrees' or affiliating with the Shrine. Our fundamental fault is that we have been pushing men through our degrees and exposing them to the great allegory upon which our ritual rests, and we have been permitting them to leave our lodges under the delusion that our allegory is history."

We must no longer assume that each candidate will find out about Freemasonry by his own efforts. We must acknowledge our own duty to become the bringers of light into his darkness."

The Illinois Committee on Masonic Information in their report state: "Many years ago Brother H. L. Haywood in his book, 'The Great Teachings of Masonry,' stated: 'There is no authorized interpretation of Freemasonry. The newly initiated brother does not find waiting for him a ready-made Masonic creed, or a ready-made explanation of the ritual—he must think Masonry out for himself. But to think Masonry out for one's self is no easy task. It requires that one see it in its own large perspectives; that one knows the main outlines of its history; that one knows it as it actually is, and what it is doing; and that one knows it as it has been understood by its own authentic interpreters and prophets.'"

The Midwest Masonic Conference on Masonic Education met in its sixth meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, last November. This is getting to be quite an affair with delegates present from fifteen states, attending this year in one capacity or another. Carl Claudy addressed last year's conference held in Indianapolis as follows. What he said can be used for the guidance of all committees on Masonic Education everywhere. He said in part: "The first (thought) is that you cannot educate anybody. All you can do is to make him WANT education—if you can make a Master Mason want education, he'll educate himself, but you will have many opportunities to make a man want to be a better Master Mason by keeping your information SIMPLE."

Then he goes on and asks a lot of simple questions about Masonry and states there are 16,000 lodges in the United States and that he was doubtful if the Masters of 15,000 of them could answer the questions.

Continuing, "These seem to be childish questions? I conducted a forum once before a Masters and Wardens Association in Connecticut. There were 400 present including the Grand Master. I had twenty-five questions that seemed to me to be absolutely elementary. All could be answered with a 'yes' or 'no' or a date. After the papers were evaluated, I was able to announce that the winner, the Grand Master, had a score of 49 per cent. My opinion for the thirty years that I have been engaged in Education is that Masonic Education has to start at the top and not at the bottom. This group is engaged in getting out educational material and attempting to interest the man at the bottom. But you need an educated Grand Master and Grand Officers if you are going to be successful in keeping up your efforts at the bottom. I know a Grand Master who boasted publicly that never in his life had he read a Masonic book! He was a magnificent business administrator of his Grand Lodge, but what kind of an inspiration was he for any kind of education, let alone simple education for his brethren? As to your methods, I'm delighted with the material that you have. I have read practically every booklet put out in all the Grand Lodges for initiates. The material is splendid. How do you get the candidate to read it? That is the question that I

have been asking myself for the past twenty-five years. I have known many men who have received those things (booklets) and said to me, 'Well, I am going to read 'em some day when I have time, but just now I really don't know just where they are.'

"Isn't one of our troubles, you and I who know so much, compared to the initiate, that we think they have a background which they do not possibly and cannot possibly possess? When a man goes into a Masonic Lodge he is entirely at sea. He sees things, but nobody tells him 'what it's for'. I was two years in a lodge before I realized that the Master was really the Master. I thought of him as the president of a society, that he could be overruled by his body, that he could be put out of his position at any time by the will of the body and the idea that there was somebody that was really the boss of the works—was brand new. Because I had an intellectual curiosity, I learned something about Freemasonry. I was one of the group, as you are, men with curiosity, men with a desire to know, men who could find out things for themselves and enjoy the process. Most of us who come into Masonic Lodges aren't built that way. It seems to me our business, your business, my business is to get hold of these men to make these brethren want to learn something.

"How do you make them want it? Tell them something romantic. You don't start with telling them how and where the marble monument came into American Masonry. You don't start with Jeremy M. Cross. You don't start with Preston. You don't start with the regius poem or one of the old manuscripts. You don't start with the Masonic history of your own state. If you want to know what I mean, consider the 'Boston Tea Party', which was conceived and carried out by the members of a Masonic lodge. How McKinley became a Mason having visited a Confederate Lodge and finding that Masonry was there at work—the story of the 'prentice pillar in Scotland, the E. A. who was murdered, at least according to myth, by the M. M. because he carved a more beautiful pillar. Show him a picture of that pillar. Pick out something romantic, something interesting, something different, something that teases the imagination. From there on tell them the rest of Masonry and they will like it! All you have to do is to dig a little yourselves".

England, year in and year out, continues to charter approximately 100 lodges per year. In view of the abnormal size of some of our lodges, this is something to ponder over.

Going back to Ontario, we find this: "Life piled on life were all too little to accomplish what needs to be done, and although the span of years be three score and ten, or even four score years or more, it is soon gone. Therefore, figuratively, let us gird our loins as we continue to climb the great mountain of Masonic truth. And in order that we may more effectively press on towards the summit, let us rededicate ourselves to the Obligations we have taken. Thus in greater strength may we serve our day and generation to the honor of Freemasonry and to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe who, having estab-

lished Creation and perfected it thus far, may even now eagerly be awaiting our co-operation to crown it with the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. I wonder."

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

I am going to take the space to bring to you two tales, true tales that seem to me to demonstrate that very wonderful thing in this day and age. One of these stories is old, the other new. Our world is in a rather peculiar situation today. From far-off Tasmania, we print an extract from the address of the Grand Master. "I cannot conclude this report, Brethren, without asking you to join me in giving a rather hurried look at the world in which we live, and then asking ourselves are we doing all that we should and could do to help our fellowmen and to spread the ideals which we profess to admire. Internationally we can sense a nervous tension amongst the nations, based on fear, suspicion and mistrust, and there can be no real security and peace while this tension lasts.

"And here in Tasmania, we find that conditions are far from being so happy and stable that we could with confidence say that the 'Golden Rule' is being given effect to. Our first duty, Brethren, as Freemasons, is to exert our influence by precept and example in the orbit in which we move and we can only do that if we are strengthened and fortified by a power stronger than ourselves, a power that is available if we only ask for it. There is great strength to be gained and great help to be given if we only practice what has been promised so often on behalf of each one of us."

And then from P. G. M. Whittelshoper of Colorado, who writes their Fraternal Review. "These are indeed strange days. With all the advances of medical science; the progress of technological knowledge; the rise in the standard of living; the abundance of material things; the constant increase in adherence to dogmas and creeds of churches and temples of the different faiths, there is constantly spreading, as has been recently said, a spiritual disease infecting the hearts and minds and acts of men. Organized vice has been permitted to grip itself upon our social and communal life; dishonesty and corruption have festered our National and Local governments; the disrespect of children for their parents and their irreverence for their God is made manifest in the growth of juvenile delinquency; the willingness of citizens to evade the very laws they have themselves made to insure a righteous and democratic government and the readiness of nations to disavow their pledged words all give evidence of the fact that civilization in its spiritual and moral concepts has made little progress since Moses came out of the mist of the mountains bearing in his hands the Ten Commandments or since Jesus strode the shores of Galilee and spoke the Sermon on the Mount. In these blighted and dark times, let us as Freemasons keep burning brightly that Masonic Light, 'which guides us to all truth; directs our path to the Temple of Happiness and points out the whole duty of Man'."

A gloomy picture—maybe the following will cheer you up. Several states have concern about the burial places of their Past Grand Masters. New Mexico, California and Louisiana all have special committees for this purpose. In moving the remains of two of their Grand Masters this year down in New Orleans, due to a change in a highway, the body of Lt. Commander John E. Hart was also moved. Who was John E. Hart? He was a Mason, a member of St. George Lodge No. 6, New York. But his death occurred during the War Between the States, while the ship which he commanded was firing on the town of St. Francisville, Louisiana. A truce party from the ship came ashore and asked if there was a Masonic lodge there. On being informed there was, they told that Brother Hart had requested that he be buried with Masonic honors. The Senior Warden of the lodge, Judge Leake, since the Master was away in the war, granted the request and the service was held. You cannot appreciate in this day and locality, Brethren, the bitterness that the Civil War caused, especially in the South, where for decades after the war, such words as “Yankee” and “Republican” were profanity and worse. Sons were divided against fathers, brother against brother, whole families divided. And still in the midst of all this rancor and hate; against their enemies, the Blockaders, who were slowly but surely strangling their country to death, the Mystic Tie prevailed and a Brother was tenderly laid to rest. At the ceremony of dedicating the marble coping and monument about the grave, the Grand Master of Louisiana, Brother Louis A. Legett, said: “I am very happy to have part in this wonderful ceremony that could well make real and beautiful history. It will be my desire to impress upon you the fact that we are dedicating something more than the beautiful stone and inscription. We as Masons should re-dedicate ourselves to the fine principles of our Order.

“We hear a great deal about the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. It is a very beautiful phrase, but where is the Brotherhood of Man to be found today? As we look about the world, instead of finding humanity welded together in one great comradeship and brotherhood, we find the world an armed camp, with nations arming with the most deadly weapons the world has ever seen. In times of peace—nations are spending tremendous amounts of money—and for what? Human minds are being used to the highest degrees of efficiency—and for what? For the creation of instruments of death against their fellow men. There has been developed in the world a spirit of so-called ‘nationalism’. Nationalism has been a means of dividing men from one another—not only the nationalism which finds its expression in tariff rates, but the nationalism that creates an antagonism between nations and men. In the industrial world we find no brotherhood in industry; capital and labor are maneuvering for position, one against the other—as a matter of fact, wherever we look across the broad field of human life—Brotherhood is hard to find.

"But our search for the spirit of Brotherhood need not be in vain. In our world today this great Masonic Fraternity, the oldest and the largest of its kind, and along with its collateral and appendant Bodies, really exemplifies by its pure principles the spirit of Brotherhood. The Children's Homes, Old Folk's Homes, Crippled Children's Hospitals, and the too many heart warming projects to list here, are the very foundation of the Brotherhood of Man. A peculiar aspect of our Fraternity is that we do not desire publicity. All of this work is done quietly but effectively; it is not a cold charity—but rather a charity of the heart.

"As we participate here today, my mind runs to that great hope of the World, PEACE. It has been said the churches will bring this about. Yet the churches are separated too, each denomination taught theirs is the correct way. No place in history has a war been stopped for a Baptist burial or a Methodist burial, or so on. Here we commemorate a most striking episode in history, a truce for Masons to bury, not an enemy, but a brother. Ladies and gentlemen, I say to you that if Masonry were as well established throughout the world as it is in America and England, the chances of war among men would be abolished. Yes, when we look about us in the world and wonder where is 'Brotherhood of Man,' we can look to our magnificent Fraternity and find a very genuine exemplification of the spirit of humanity, faith in God and American citizenship."

A representative of St. George Lodge said in part: "This was a little incident in a decisive conflict in which brother fought against brother—it would not cause a ripple on the broad surface of history—yet this act of Masonic recognition remains today, nearly a century later, an outstanding example of the basic Masonic belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

The second story concerns a stranger in our land and is told by Grand Master Johnson of Massachusetts. Massachusetts, along with many other states, operates a Masonic blood bank. "I just want to tell you a little story about the Masonic Home and the Masonic Blood Bank. One Saturday morning last October when our Grand Lodge office was closed, someone rang the night bell, and the watchman, who was on duty, went to the front door and looked through the glass and saw a stranger outside asking admission into our Masonic Temple. There seemed to be some urgency on the part of the stranger, and he was admitted into the Temple and taken down into the engine room where the watchman made his headquarters. The visitor said that he was a Mason, that his wife was in the hospital in Massachusetts desperately in need of blood, and he was a complete stranger in town. He had no place to turn. He was told at the hospital that his wife could have the blood only if it were replaced. He said he would be very glad to pay for it, but they said it was not available except that it could be replaced. He came to the Masonic Temple. He identified himself as a member of a lodge in Bombay, India. He had no dues card such as we are used to seeing here in the United States. He had some difficulty establishing the fact that he belonged to the lodge in Bombay, but

finally in fumbling through his papers, he produced a lodge notice or communication, whatever you brethren here call it, the monthly notice that he received. Of course, that wouldn't be sufficient identification to admit him into a lodge, but it was sufficient identification so that the watchman sensed that this brother was in distress and should be helped. He telephoned to our Director of Service, and over the telephone, in a few moments time, the need was explained and the blood authorized. The brother went back to the hospital and so far as we might have known, that was the very end of the transaction, one of which there are hundreds and hundreds every year in our Grand Lodge. About two or three weeks later, the brother came back. He said he wanted to come back and express his appreciation to our Grand Lodge for what had been done. His wife was getting along and she was to be discharged, and they were going to New York. He, of course, now realized that Masonic blood is something that can't be paid for, but is something that is very real and very much needed. He wanted to know if we had some charity that his wife could make a contribution to, in appreciation of what had been done for her, and our Director of Service said, 'Well, yes, we have a Masonic Home for the Aged at Charlton and a Masonic Hospital for Incurables at Shrewsburg.' The brother noted them down on a little piece of paper and went away. One week later to the exact day, the Director of Service received a letter from New York, from this Brother, thanking us again for what had been done, for four pints of blood that had been supplied to his wife, and out of the letter tumbled two checks. The Director of Service picked them up and looked at them. One check was made payable to the Masonic Home, the other to the Masonic Hospital. Each of these checks, my Brethren, was for \$5,000. Ten thousand dollars for four pints of blood, which had been given freely by the Masons of Massachusetts to the wife of a stranger. There is still a sequel to the story. About a month later, a telephone message came to our Grand Lodge that this good lady was back in Boston in the hospital again and needed some more blood, and would it be possible for her to have some more blood from the Masonic Blood Bank. Of course it was possible. About two weeks later, just as she was getting ready to be discharged from the hospital again, she passed away very suddenly in her sleep. About a week after her death, our Grand Lodge received a letter from the Surrogate Court in New York, containing a copy of the lady's will, and from the time that she first received four pints of blood in our Grand Lodge, between that time and her death, she had revised her will, and she had set aside a trust fund of \$100,000 for her husband, the income of which should go to him for his life time, after his death, one-sixth of that should go to our Masonic Hospital, one-sixth to our Masonic Home, and the other four-sixths to charitable institutions in New York. Now, my Brethren, the thing I am trying to say to you tonight is that there is something about our institution that we can't always explain in words, but there is something about our institution that is very real and vital."

These are long tales for a review but we feel justified in doing so, for certainly personal stories like these are worth many pages of oratory or routine happenings.

CHAPTER REFERENCES

Our Grand Master is to be commended for the many visits he has made over the country. He attended the Washington Conferences and participated in the program of that Conference, as well as part of the Committee to visit Mount Vernon. We recommend the practice of sending the Deputy Grand Master to the Conference be continued. We approve of his appointment of Grand Representatives during the year. We find Nebraska present in thirty-three jurisdictions this year, a slight increase over last year. Sometimes this seems to be an empty honor, but one cannot always tell just what your influence could be.

AWARDS

Minnesota adopted a resolution to establish a Grand Lodge award to be presented to an outstanding member of their jurisdiction for either public service or Masonic service. He cannot have held elective office in the Grand Lodge. The first recipient was Brother Clyde H. Bailey, Dean Emeritus of the Agricultural College of the University of Minnesota, and recognized as the world's foremost authority on flour milling and cereal chemistry.

Vermont adopted three awards for outstanding service; the first called the John Barney Medal of Bronze, two of which may be given annually to Vermont members, except Grand Lodge officers, for service to Vermont Masonry; the second called the Philip C. Tucker Medal of nickel-silver, two of which may be given annually for outstanding service to Masonry to any Mason in any lodge in the United States or Canada; and third, a Medal of Honor to any individual, regardless of affiliation or faith, creed or color, for humanitarian work. Even before the adoption, the committee presented five names; for the first medal, a brother who has attended more than fifty annual communications and to a brother, a fine student and ritualist, blind for more than 20 years. For the second medal, Carl H. Claudy and Aaron H. Grout and for the third, United States Senator and Ambassador to the United Nations, Warren R. Austin.

MASONIC LAW

Sometimes one hears of dissatisfaction with Masonic law or a question is raised why if the civil law does not cover or govern, why does the Masonic law? This is well answered by this part of the Jurisprudence Committee of Texas. "Masonry has its own Jurisprudence which is not derived from, neither is it dependent upon, the Civil Law of the land. It requires the Mason to be obedient to the laws of the country in which he resides, because it respects the law of the land—

hence it provides in Article 538 of our laws that, 'every violation of the Laws of the United States, a State or of a Municipality, involving moral turpitude, is a Masonic offense'—but it goes further than that, and provides that every violation of a Masonic obligation, every violation of the Constitution, Laws, Resolutions or edicts of this Grand Lodge, or of the Usages and Customs of Masonry, is a Masonic offense, and the usages and customs of our Fraternity require that every Mason obey not only the Civil, but also the Moral law.

"Your Committee has repeatedly held, and it holds again, that even though one has been indicted for, and is tried, and is found "not guilty" in the Courts of our Country, he can still be prosecuted for the same offense by his Lodge through the orderly processes that our Masonic Laws have provided, and if found guilty by the Trial Commission, will suffer such punishment as it feels the offense justifies—expulsion, indefinite suspension, definite suspension or reprimand, and the Junior Warden or any member of the Lodge has the same right as the accused to appeal to Grand Lodge from any final judgment of the Trial Commission, and this Grand Lodge many times has found the accused guilty, and given him the proper punishment, even though he had been found "not guilty" or a proper degree of punishment had not been assessed by the Trial Commission of the Masonic Lodge, or perhaps he had been declared 'not guilty' by the Courts.

"Your Committee has held, and it again holds, that a Lodge should not wait to see if the Courts of the land perform their duty with regard to Masons charged with crime, but its concern must be to see that its own officers perform their own duty, and if they don't, someone who can speak with authority should tell them to read and understand that as a part of our Jurisprudence we have Article 532 which says and means that 'Neglect by any Lodge under this jurisdiction to exercise Masonic discipline and inflict the punishment due for gross un-Masonic conduct on the part of a member, will subject such Lodge to a forfeiture of its Charter upon the evidence of such fact being presented to this Grand Lodge'."

The Grand Orator of Arkansas in 1955 had this also to say in this connection: "Back in the early days of Masonry in Arkansas, a Mason would be haled before his Lodge for un-Masonic conduct, if he acted unfairly or unethically in his business dealings. I had occasion this last summer to read of some of the hearings in some of the subordinate Lodges conducted long before I was born. If a Mason acted unfairly or unethically in his business dealings it was un-Masonic conduct. Are we that careful today? I ask myself this soul-searching question: am I keeping Masonry on the high plane that it occupied when my great-grandfather was an officer in this Grand Lodge in 1849 and 1860? Am I keeping Masonry on the same high plane it occupied when my grandfather was Master of his Lodge in 1876? Ask yourself these same questions."

The matter of door prizes, lotteries, raffles, chances, etc., etc., has engaged the attention of Grand Masters from California to Massachusetts. North and south, east and west, to the credit of our leaders, they have decided such items to be illegal and against the best interests of the fraternity.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

The meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in February was most interesting. From the statistical tables we find there are still five states who have not yet, in spite of the great gains of the past few years, attained the membership they had in 1932. These are Illinois, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island and Vermont. We were told that it will take another half million dollars to complete the Memorial, with an additional \$168,000 to construct some granite walls about the grounds. But the building is nearly completed. All the floors have been assigned and some are almost finished. The museum is about 90 per cent completed. An electronic bell carrillon was dedicated and a concert played by a young lady from Chicago. The fixed expense of the building runs about \$75,000 per year. The Endowment Fund amounts to \$700,000 and is in government bonds at present. Approximately \$129,000 was contributed this year in the "march" of Grand Masters. A contract for the second elevator has been let at a cost of about three times that of the first one. These two elevators are unique, nothing like them anywhere, running at a slant, being 40 feet apart at the base and 8 feet apart at the top. In riding, one has no unusual feeling, they ride like any other.

In the Memorial Hall, the addition of the stained glass windows, the mural paintings and the new lighting, make this a new room; transforming the barrenness of the past to a Jewel of Beauty, worthy of a visit by every patriotic American.

An interesting sidelight on the Memorial Room Murals is the fact that the artist, Allyn Cox, was not a Mason at the time of his employment. He became so interested as a result of the research he himself did in the preparation for the paintings, that he determined to discover some of the answers for himself and became a member of a New York Lodge.

In the proceedings of Nevada, an account is given of the laying of a cornerstone by Grand Master Hugh M. Wilson who used the trowel used by Past Grand Master Silas E. Ross when he laid the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. We would think this would be a good item for the Association to acquire for the new museum.

GLEANINGS

In Wisconsin, a special committee was appointed to study the problem of senility among the residents of their Home. This is a condition that is increasing with the extension of the life span of humanity and a problem that affects all states. Their studies will be watched with interest by many. The science of Geriatrics is in its infancy, so to

speak. It is most important since Masonic Charity is not only our crowning jewel but it is also our greatest expense.

In the 144-year history of the District of Columbia, only three Grand Masters have ever died in office. Two of these, however, have died in the past four years of cancer. A special Grand Lodge committee has been set up to disseminate information to the brethren throughout the year, of the necessity of early recognition of this dread disease in the early stages. They will operate by means of motion pictures and well informed speakers.

Virginia, after a very successful celebration of the initiation of Brother George Washington, is proceeding with the Bicentennial of the birth of Chief Justice John Marshall, who was the sixth Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Virginia. This will climax in September, 1956.

Many states honor veteran Secretaries, but a pair of brethren in California broke all records. This year the Grand Master welcomed these two men to seats in the East. They are both fifty year veterans belonging to the same lodge and have served as Treasurer and Secretary respectively for forty-eight years. A wonderful record of service!

The National Monument to the memory of George Washington is of course on Virginia soil, and in their jurisdiction. Any lodge in this country can initiate candidates therein after dispensation is received from Virginia's Grand Master. That this privilege is being used is shown by the increased number of dispensations issued for this purpose. This year nineteen were given to seven states, Pennsylvania leading with eleven; District of Columbia two; Ohio two; and Connecticut, Massachusetts, Tennessee and Indiana, one each.

Masonic lodges located in places dominated by a hostile church, such as Mexico, Central and South America, have many problems unknown to us. Such an incident is here told. A lodge in Guadalajara (Mexico) according to the "Trestleboard" (York Grand Lodge Paper) wanted to rent another meeting place. The landlord asked twice the ordinary rent. When asked why, he stated they (the lodge) would fill the house with devils and it would be hard to rent again. The landlord evidently knew what he was talking about, for after they left the premises, the building was vacant for months, even after a priest had been called in to exorcise the evil spirits.

The Grand Lodge of South Carolina is 218 years old, but as yet they have not decided on the design or pattern for the Jewel of their Past Grand Masters. The Committee was continued for further study, which task they think can soon be completed.

The "Cup of Brotherly Love" was delivered by M. W. Brother Joseph Ivey, Grand Secretary of Arizona, after display in five lodges there, to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. This cup and book started from Evans Lodge No. 525, Evanston, Illinois, in 1929 for a trip in an ever easterly direction around the world. The trip was anticipated to take seven years. It was to pass from lodge to lodge by the hand of a Brother Mason. Its travels have been rough and rugged. It has been carried by

land, sea and air. It has been presented in scores and scores of lodges, including fourteen lodges in Palestine. It has gone to India, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, lost several times, but finally arrived back in San Francisco in 1953. It has a record of its travels engraved on its side and a history of its presentation is contained in an accompanying book.

The District of Columbia has a problem of population movement that is hard to solve. When their residents move to the suburbs they move out of the District into Maryland and Virginia. This cuts down the available good material for the lodges. No one has as yet come forward with a good solution of the problem as it is a hard nut to crack with our present ideas on jurisdiction. Incidentally, the District allowed a lodge in Maryland who lost their home to meet in Washington for a year.

Most jurisdictions prohibit lodges from having the same name as another, but in Connecticut we find 2 Columbias, 2 Corinthians, 2 Euclid, 3 Harmony, 3 Hiram, 2 LaFayette, 2 Morning Star, 5 St. John, 2 St. Mark, 3 Temple, 4 Union, 3 Washington and 2 Wooster Lodges. In Delaware, with a total of only twenty-four lodges, we find 2 Union, 2 Temple and 2 Hiram. Wonder how come?

During the last big war, it was a common item to note in the proceedings of Jurisdictions belonging to the English Commonwealth, expenditures for "Food for Britain." We were amazed however to see in that of Victoria an item of 26,151 pounds sterling still being spent for that purpose.

The Grand Historian of Manitoba, Past Grand Master Douglas, had the thrill of a lifetime while visiting the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. There, he discovered in their "secret vaults," a dispensation issued by Minnesota to form a lodge in that part of British North America which afterwards became Manitoba. The first Master of that lodge was John Christian Schultz, M. D., and Brother Douglas has been trying for thirty years to find out something about him and this time he found his record of initiation in 1863. The Grand Master of Minnesota, at a visit to Manitoba, presented this original petition and other papers to their Grand Lodge as a lasting symbol of the close Masonic ties between the two jurisdictions.

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma now amounts to about two and one-half million dollars, with mineral rights and prospects of much greater sums carried at nominal amounts. They have agreed to lend the Grand Lodge a half million dollars to construct new buildings at the Masonic Home.

Many states have followed the lead of California many years ago in promoting interest in the Public School System of America. They are this year, in connection with Public School Week, offering two scholarships of \$1,000 each to graduate students on the subject of "The Origin, Development and Purpose of the American School System." Arkansas, who has been among the lowest of our states in school salaries, adopted, released to the public press and prints in the proceedings, a

lengthy report on what can be done to improve their situation. Texas also is among the leaders in this field, they claim more than a million persons visited or otherwise participated in their observance of School Week.

In Iowa this past year, three important events occurred. The first was the dedication of the wonderful new building housing the offices and world-famous library in Cedar Rapids. The second was the acceptance of the bequest of Brother Herman L. Rowley, which provided for the establishment of a Masonic Home at Perry. They have had a hospital at Bettendorf for many years. The third was the changing of the Annual Communication date from June to September.

In North Dakota, a bronze plaque was placed in their library and dedicated to the memory of their great brother Walter Lincoln Stockwell. Forty years their Grand Secretary, their Grand Master and a Grand Man. It was dedicated as a symbol of his dream to give to all who entered, in search of truth; in search of that which will broaden perspective and knowledge; in search of that which makes life more worthwhile in inner richness and growth: fulfillment.

Minnesota adopted a new form of opening Grand Lodge. In brief, an entrance march includes Past Grand Masters, Visiting Dignitaries, Grand Lodge officers in reverse rank, all of whom are formed in two ranks by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Master then enters through the lines, goes to the Altar, kneels in silent prayer, then goes to the East. Visitors are escorted to the East by Past Grand Masters, Officers assume their stations. The Colors then enter, go to altar, are then placed; "America" and "God Save the Queen" are sung, Color Guard retires and Grand Chaplain offers prayer. Grand Lodge is seated, lodge is purged and Grand Master declares, without further ceremony, that the Grand Lodge is now open. The brethren seemed to like it very much.

Montana supports a Chair of Religion at their State University. This year Dr. Ferm, a non-Mason, gave a lengthy and scholarly report relating to religion and higher education. He called attention to the many gods that influence students: such as money, pleasure, materialism, the last being most potent. He called attention to the fact that unless something is done to counteract these, our Country will eventually fail. The third "P" of the Communists, that of Passion (Zeal) over and above the two "Ps" of the Christian Philosophy and Program, is what is winning for the Communist World and must be counterbalanced by something of the sort in the Western World. It is most interesting.

Delaware, like New Jersey, has done away with all jurisdictional lines between lodges in that state. More than 50 per cent of their membership lies in the area surrounding Wilmington alone and this will enable new lodges to be formed in this territory without a lot of line headaches. They also will no longer confer the E. A. degree as a courtesy for other jurisdictions.

Brother Henry Shellard, who retired last year after more than fifty years service in the Grand Secretary's office and as Grand Secretary of Ireland, died on March 17th, 1955, in his 81st year. He had become almost a legend in Ireland and was an Honorary Member of most of the Metropolitan Lodges in Dublin. He was also an accomplished organist.

This year we find an unusually large number of cornerstone addresses printed in the various books. We have ten of them on file, so if anyone needs an address of this kind, you are welcome. There is a wide divergence of opinion among Grand Masters (and on many others too) as to what constitutes a cornerstone. Some will lay just a slab, deeming it but a symbol; while others will lay a stone, even after a building is well along; while most will not lay a stone, when any part of the building is finished higher than the stone. California's Grand Master says a plaque will do as well as a stone, while our Most Worshipful Brother in Texas says: "The ceremony of leveling a cornerstone came from the Operative Craft and is practically the same used by them 225 years ago, in fact, it is the last remaining link between Masonry of today and the Operative Mason of the long ago. The ceremony is older than the Master's Degree as we know it. Why cheapen it? Why expose ourselves to the ridicule of the Masonic World by calling a 'slab' a cornerstone?"

Brother Reginald V. Harris has been the Grand Secretary of Nova Scotia for the past ten years. He points out their accomplishments over that time: a 50 per cent gain in members; a 31 per cent gain in lodges; their Home enlarged with an infirmary added; the Endowment Fund almost doubled; their Home Income more than doubled; and many, many more improvements that we at least from reading their proceedings credit to him, although he modestly gives credit to their past Grand Masters. He really has been a workhorse and although recovering from a serious illness, is still not his old self and asks for help. As is too often the case, we cannot find that anything was done about it. We wish him well and hope he will be spared for many more years of willing service.

The operation of Masonic Homes over the country is chiefly concerned these days with the erection or expansion of hospital facilities for the residents. About 35 jurisdictions operate such homes and in general we find facilities crowded and hospital room not adequate. Pennsylvania publishes a table showing the growth in the number of residents from 1911 to 1954, from 52 to 644, an almost steady increase year by year. The average age shows an increase from 75 to 80 years, reflecting the increased span of life. The operating costs have correspondingly increased.

In Children's Homes, we find space more than needed, even to the point of too few guests for economical operation. Some jurisdictions are even considering plans for taking children who have no Masonic connection as a matter of favorable public policy. Two states at least have appointed committees to study the matter and make report.

The Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan gives an interesting account of the Institution of their newest lodge, Uranium Lodge, U.D., situated within the shadow of the Pole and the fartherest north of any lodge in the world. It is situated in the extreme northwest corner of the Province and in the center of this unique mining district. The brethren are enthusiastic and the quarters are satisfactory.

The Grand Lodge of Utah notes the passing of M. W. Brother Dana Tyrrell Smith, who during his residence in Omaha was a frequent visitor to our Grand Lodge. We too mourn with them his passing.

All of those interested in Masonic Education, Masonic History or in the many aspects of the fraternity besides ritualism will be saddened by the news of the passing of Brother Harry LeRoy Haywood, who died February 25th, 1956. His countless short articles on all phases of the above and other full length books are read by thousands. Truly, a giant has fallen!

The Order of DeMolay for Boys is attracting the attention of more and more Grand Lodges. Of course, like many subjects, reactions vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction; from Grand Master to Grand Master. But favorable reaction is the rule. More than a million young men have been inducted into the ranks of the Order, many of whom have become officers in our lodges and even quite a few have become Grand Masters. The future of Masonry lies more in our young men than in ourselves. Nevada supports DeMolay to the extent of \$2,500 out of a total estimated income of \$9,500 for the year. Very few DeMolay boys ever become "delinquents". M. W. Melvin M. Johnson of Massachusetts said a few years ago: "Our fraternity itself functions for the development of character in mature men. There is one gap to which proper attention has not been given and that is in the field of youth, too old for children's homes, too young to be members of our Craft, but nevertheless in a formative period when proper influences are more needed than at any other time. If Freemasonry somehow can show its benevolence through its membership in reaching this great mass of the youth of America, it will be doing a mighty thing for them and for our country, as well as inspiring these youths with ideals which might lead them to become Masons when they reach maturity. Here Freemasonry neglects one of the most fertile fields for the building and preserving the American habit of life as well as furnishing prospective candidates for our degrees."

The newest chartered lodge in Maine is named after a living man, M. W. Brother Ralph J. Pollard, an Honorary Past Grand Master in that State. There is one other such lodge in one of the Canadian Provinces. One may wonder, how come? But Ralph J. Pollard is an unusual man. He is a Reviewer of the greatest ability; a Masonic scholar of the highest order and author of the "Pollard" plan for the instruction of initiates in that state. He is also an invalid, being a victim of muscular dystrophy for several years and lies flat on his back with no use of his hands whatever! With the aid of his wonderful wife, he is able to perform his work. From friends we have the story that if it were not for his

Masonic work he would lose all interest in life. He was present at the Constitution of the above mentioned lodge, but on a stretcher. Our hat is off to him!

New Jersey started a Chiropody Department in their Masonic Home this past year. The science of Geriatrics has made many advances and through chiropody, the elimination of many infections, caused by self treatment, is important. Many of the guests suffering from diabetes and circulatory deficiencies were seen weekly in order that gangrene of the extremities might be avoided.

In addressing the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Grand Master of the State of Israel stated they now have 42 lodges, including four English speaking lodges, one named George Washington and two Arabic speaking lodges. They are doing well. The two now conflicting races do all right inside the lodge room. You might be interested in knowing what qualifications a candidate must have here. Before an application is prepared, a committee of officers interview the gentleman. If they approve, he is allowed to make application. Three Master Masons then visit him separately at his home, while a committee of Past Masters appointed by the Grand Lodge make a separate investigation. The candidate must answer in his own handwriting thirty searching questions, not only about his parentage, occupation and education, but about his views on philosophy, ethics, music, literature, etc. A notice of his application with photograph, is posted on the Bulletin Board for fourteen days. After all this, if he is elected, the time between degrees must be six months and actually is about a year.

The Grand Master of Saskatchewan sent out a Christmas letter from which I quote two paragraphs. "St. Mary of Bethlehem was founded as a hospital in England in the year 1247. Two centuries later, it was turned into a hospital for the insane. The noise and confusion of the institution became known throughout the land. The original name was changed through contraction and corruption to Bedlam. Bethlehem to Bedlam—it's a parable to what we have done. This world was meant to be a place of peace and good-will, but we have made it a place of war and confusion.

"Christmas tells us that Bedlam can be made Bethlehem in personal life and in the life of the nations. We often grope for something to give us guidance. Nothing can guide, strengthen, or inspire us as He can. He is our example. His teaching is always with us. A rebirth of His spirit in each of us is the starting point. From us it must work its way out into daily life in wider circles until all the world sings 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.' Then Bedlam will give way to Bethlehem."

Speaking of the Masonic Service Association and the Veteran's Hospital in Elsmere, Delaware, the Grand Master tells of another group: "Another group of those unsung heroes who so richly deserve our appreciation and applause are those faithful brothers from our three lodges in Newport. These brethren over a period of about eight years have been going every Sunday morning to carry or wheel disabled patients to the

Protestant Chapel Service at the Hospital. Please get this, my brothers, many of the same men have performed this service for about 400 weeks. This, my brothers, is real Masonry in action and they could stand some relief in this task from others."

The Grand Master of Massachusetts welcomed to the East the oldest living Mason in the United States. Brother Charles W. Thiery, who was born in October, 1850, and raised in January, 1878—seventy-seven years a Master Mason. He was greeted with hearty applause.

Two girls, residents of the Masonic Home and School of Texas, gave talks before the Grand Lodge that were really good. The first was on the "Advantages of the Home" and the second "Masonic Home Builds Character." No one can read them without being impressed by what is being done in that place.

Massachusetts contributed \$500 to the fund for the repair of Old North Church in Boston, damaged severely by Hurricane Carol. The Masonic Service Association also sent \$100 for this cause. This was because of the great historical and Masonic significance of this structure. It is now completely repaired.

Pennsylvania pays loving tribute to one of their Past Grand Masters, William Holbrook Brehm, who died during the year. He was one of their large donors, having given the Brehm Farm of 105 acres, which adjoins the outstanding Masonic home in this state. He was also a Trustee of the Thomas Ranken Patton School for Boys. This remarkable school trains boys, along with their regular education, in Carpentry and Machine Shop Practice. The present enrollment is fifty-four boys, about all they can accommodate in their dorms. The graduates of this school are in demand as they really know their professions.

We close this report with the following culled from South Carolina. "When is a Lodge too big? When the individual becomes lost in the crowd; when the machinery grows too complicated for the average man to manage; when the multiplication of activities swamps legitimate Lodge duties; when the Lodge is no longer a brotherhood, but a crowd; when fellow Masons can be members but not acquaintances.

"When is a lodge too small? When it cannot fill the chairs at the monthly communication; when it cannot pay its debts; when it breaks out into bickering and quarrels; when it has no money for charity; when it grows small in spirit and ideals; when it leaves no trace of its influence in the community.

"When is a Lodge too rich? When it builds a costly temple, but lets its charity funds run low; when it becomes filled with vanity because of its rich furniture; when a poor man ceases to feel at home among his Brethren; when it becomes an exclusive club.

"When is a Lodge too poor? When it loses the love and loyalty of its members, however many there may be; when its Ritual becomes as sounding brass, nothing but 'Words, Words, Words!' When it has ceased to break the bread of fellowship; when it has degenerated into a mere degree mill."

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