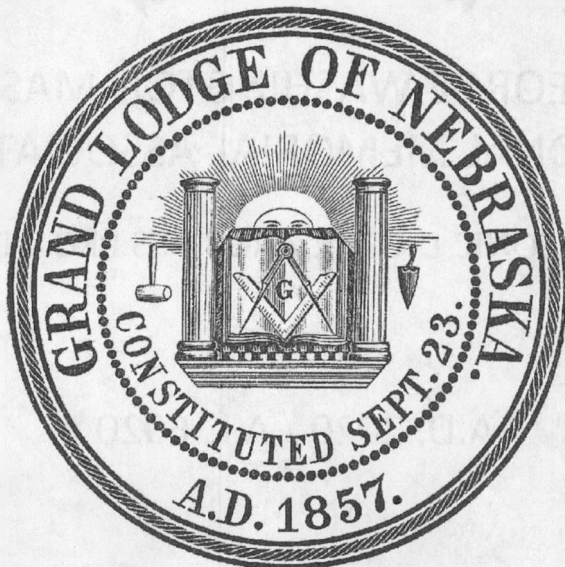


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The Centennial Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska was a fitting climax to a glorious history of One Hundred Years since its inception, — years of growth and prosperity — other years of bleak discouragement and doubt, — but always the unflinching adherence to the ancient fundamentals of this Venerable Order. Ingeniously conceived, meticulously arranged, faultlessly presented, this historic occasion provided a wealth of entertainment for the many distinguished guests from every quarter of the Masonic world and brought honor to every member of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction.

From the welcoming hand extended to the first arrival to the fluttering wave of farewell to the last departing guest, nothing was left undone that would enhance the pleasure of the visitors or contribute to their enjoyment. The beautiful favors, the unusual souvenirs, the well-appointed and delicious dinners, the colorful decorations, the commodious and comfortable accommodations, as well as the genuine, warm-hearted, personal interest of the Grand Lodge officers and the many committees in seeing to it that no one lacked the fulfilment of any desire, all merged into a continuous flow of delightful and harmonious enjoyment. The many expressions of pleasure that have been received since the visitors returned to their homes is ample reward for the months of painstaking planning that made this Centennial Communication a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

The Music Room of the City Auditorium was the scene of all Grand Lodge sessions as well as of several other functions. The comfortable, opera-type seats and the well-regulated air-conditioning system made the selection of this room a most happy one.

The Centennial Observance began with a Thanksgiving Service at 7 o'clock Sunday evening, June 2nd. This unusual service was in the form of an Anglican Even-song, with the music furnished by the Omaha University Choir, John D. Miller, Director, and Mrs. Howard Rushton, Organist. The officiants of the service were: Rev. Mark D. McCallum, All Saints Episcopal Church (Omaha); Rev. C. Vin White, First Presbyterian Church (Lincoln); Rev. William P. Reid, St. John's Episcopal Church (Omaha); Rev. William Cross, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Lincoln). The sermon was delivered by Right Reverend William L. Wright, Archbishop of Algoma and Metropolitan of Ontario, presently the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Province of Ontario. This distinguished Churchman and Mason brought a masterful and challenging message to a capacity audience, using for his text a portion of Psalm 96, verse 6: "Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary."

The strength of the sermon, the beauty of the music and the reverential participation of the audience in the printed service provided an inspiration for the Centennial Communication that set the tone for the entire week and assured the realization of all expectations.

At 9 o'clock on Monday morning, the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska made a pilgrimage to Prospect Hill Cemetery

to lay a wreath on the tomb of M. W. Robert Carrel Jordan, the first Grand Master of Nebraska. The eulogy was delivered by Past Grand Master M. W. Ralph O. Canaday, who in very fitting words paid a well-deserved tribute to the life and work of that distinguished Mason.

At 10 o'clock fourteen bus-loads of brethren and their ladies traveled to Plattsmouth to visit The Nebraska Masonic Home and the guests there, and to enjoy a delicious picnic lunch on the grounds around the Home, prepared under the direction of the efficient and well-loved Superintendent, W. William F. Evers and his wife. En route to the Home, the caravan stopped for a few moments at the City Park in Bellevue to view the monument commemorating the establishment of Masonry in Nebraska. W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian, who, as Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 during the Diamond Jubilee of the Grand Lodge in 1932, presided at the presentation of the monument to the Grand Lodge, spoke briefly about that ceremony in explanation of the significance of the monument.

After lunch was over, the travelers again boarded the buses to go to Fremont to visit The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, where they were greeted by members of the Home Board and welcomed by the children as they moved around and through the various buildings. After a light collation, the trip was resumed for return to Omaha. The day was perfect and every detail of the trip was carefully worked out.

Monday evening brought a concert by the University of Nebraska Symphony Orchestra which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The character of the music and the artistry of the players combined to make a most pleasurable evening.

On Tuesday evening M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, entertained the distinguished guests and their ladies, together with the Grand Lodge officers and their ladies, at a banquet in the Ballroom of the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel. This brilliant affair, though formal in complexion, was most informal in character, with many interchanges of pleasantries as bandinage flitted from table to table while introductions were being made. A solo with words of his own composition, sung by W. Dr. Harlan S. Heim, accompanied by W. Harold H. Thom, and a group of duets by Mr. Millard Cates and Mr. Gordon Ohlsson, accompanied by Mrs. Gordon Ohlsson, were greatly appreciated by all present and added much to their enjoyment. This was the largest and one of the most enjoyable of the long line of Grand Master's dinners, and the personable charm of the Grand Master as he presided made everyone seem part of one happy family.

Wednesday evening brought the annual Grand Lodge dinner in the Ballroom of the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel. This was another delightful occasion, high-lighted by an outstanding address by M. W. Thomas S. Roy, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and Secretary of the Grand Master's Conference of North America, on the subject: "The Imperatives of Masonry." All who had heard him on previous occasions knew what to expect from this gifted and distinguished Mason and were not disappointed. The great group of nearly one thousand Masons were thrilled and electrified by matchless eloquence

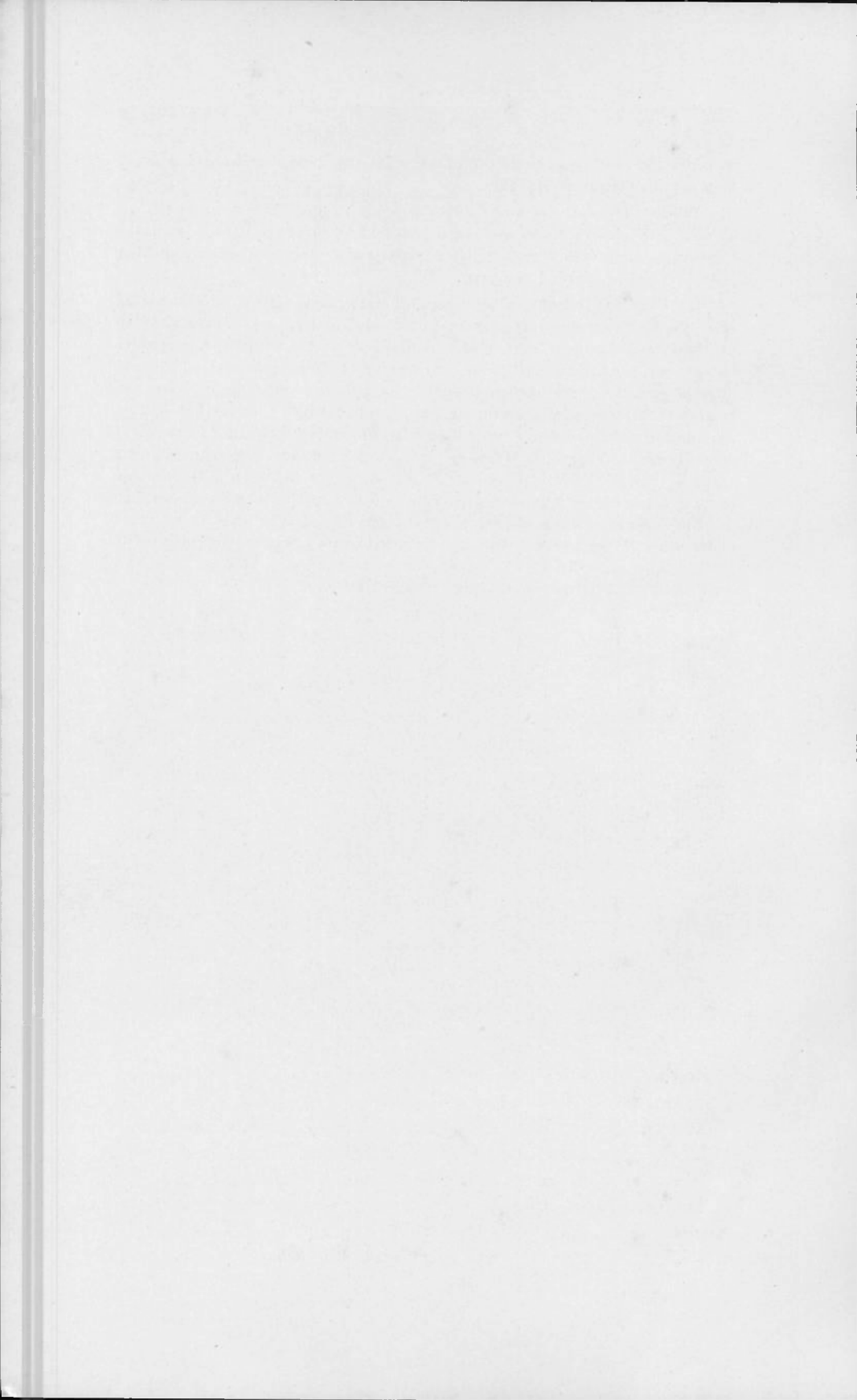
and sobered by the personality of his challenge. It was indeed a great moment in Nebraska Masonry.

While the brethren were enjoying this "feast of reason and flow of soul", the ladies were passing a pleasant evening at a dinner in the City Auditorium which they reported was just as outstanding as anything that had been afforded the men.

On Thursday, shortly after noon, all business having been transacted and the newly-elected officers installed, the Centennial Communication of the Grand Lodge closed, and visitors and members alike departed to their near or far-distant home, cherishing a fond recollection of old friends greeted, new friends made, happy and profitable hours of fraternal intercourse, stimulated and strengthened for further duties and greater achievements as the slowly-descending curtain of the First One Hundred Years of Masonry in Nebraska fades into the opening vista of the SECOND CENTURY. It will never be permitted for this same group to meet again on this earth — but in the illimitable reaches of the Celestial Lodge above, the Supreme Grand Master will welcome every one of us to that Eternal Communication where the pillars of STRENGTH and BEAUTY guard the portals of Everlasting Life and PERFECT WISDOM shall reign, world without end.

SO MOTE IT BE!!!

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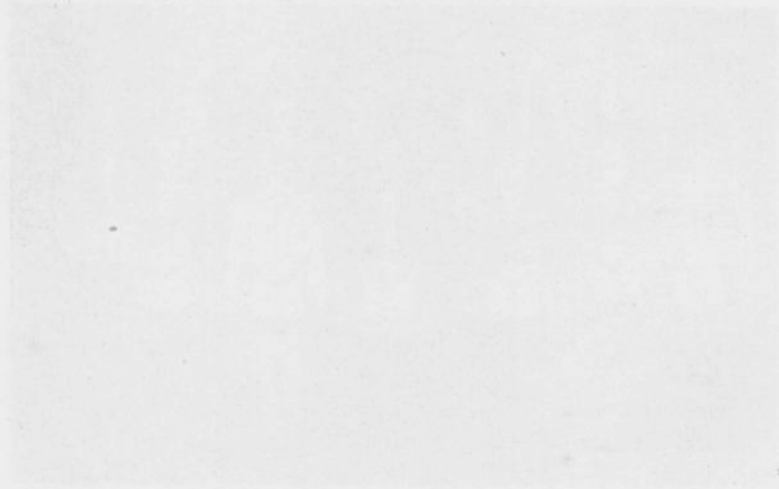
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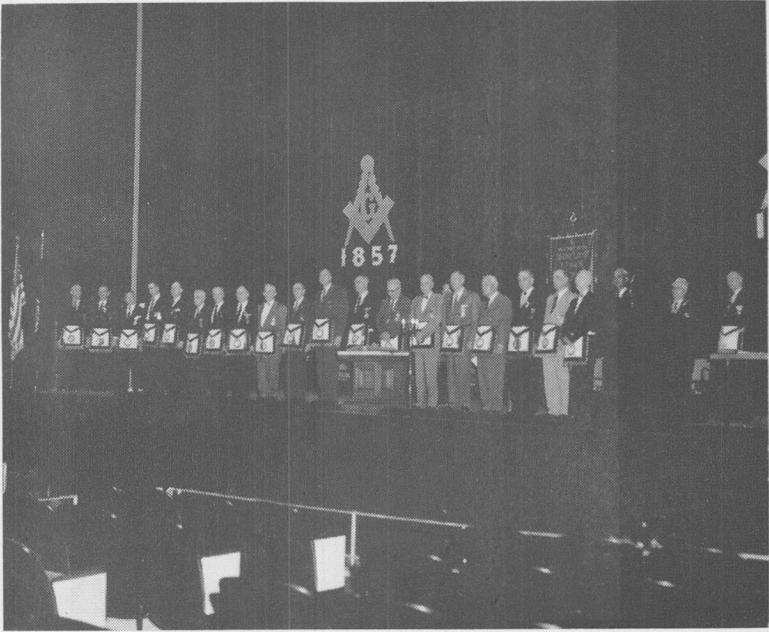
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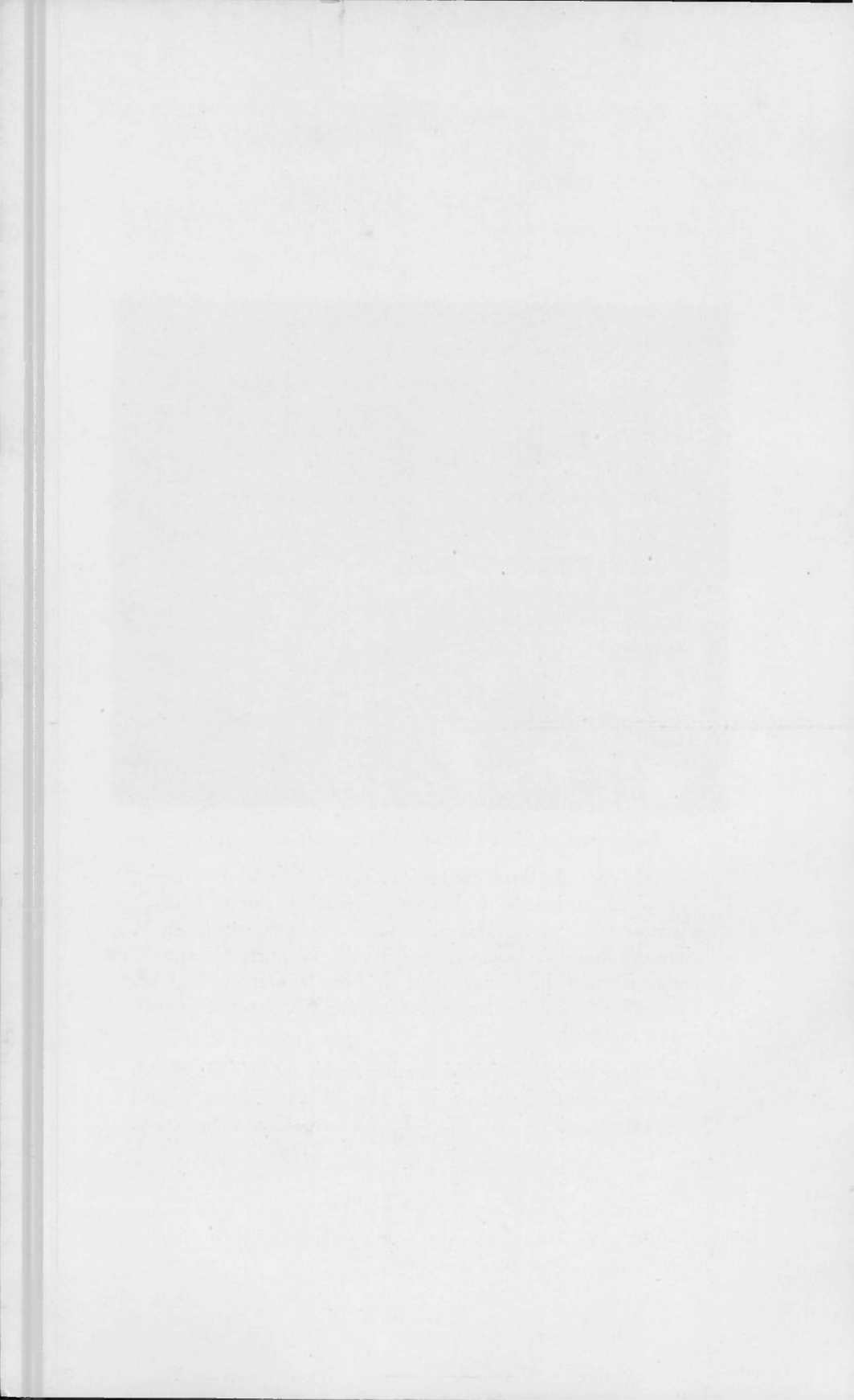
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Reception of Past Grand Masters, left to right:

M·W·Brothers Herbert T. White, Charles F. Adams, Fay Smith, Edward M. Knight, Thomas J. Aron, John S. Hedelund, Elmer E. Magee, Edward Huwaldt, Benjamin F. Eyre, William C. Schaper, William B. Wanner, George A. Kurk, Edward F. Carter, Earl J. Lee, Walter R. Raecke, Chancellor A. Phillips, Ralph O. Canaday, Charles A. Chappell, Lewis E. Smith.

Those behind M·W·Brother Smith are W·Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W·Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian, and R·W·Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.





M. · W. · Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, presenting Fifty-year Attendance Certificate to W. · William Cosh, 11. (See page 300)



M. · W. · Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, presenting Bronze Jordan Medal to M. · W. · Edwin L. Lunde, Grand Master of Iowa. (See page 308)





M. · W. · Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, presenting Centennial Certificate to W. · Alban P. Smith, Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3. (See page 299)



M. · W. · Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge banner which he presented to the Grand Lodge. (See page 299)



A CENTENNIAL CHARGE TO NEBRASKA MASONS
BASED UPON THE FOUNDATION LAID BY
ROBERT CARREL JORDAN, OUR FIRST GRAND MASTER

By M. W. Ralph O. Canaday

We have met here this morning at the last resting place of our first Grand Master. Robert Carrel Jordan was chosen our Grand Master one hundred years ago. He presided over the destinies of our Grand Lodge during the first three years of its existence. These were the formative years. Reading his addresses shows that the big issue then to be decided was whether the new Grand Lodge was to genuinely follow and abide by the ancient landmarks, whether its members were to live up to the high moral code prescribed by Masonic teaching, whether spiritual principles and religious faith were to be its guide or whether the Grand Lodge was to permit lip service only to these things and tolerate indifference to the landmarks and to its moral standards and its spiritual ideals. His firm stand and his splendid leadership helped lay the solid foundation upon which our Grand Lodge has builded so successfully over this hundred years, and made this institution the great influence for good that it has been, not only in the lives of the thousands who have been and are its members, but in the building of our State.

But we are not here today to pay tribute to or honor Robert Carrel Jordan. Nothing we can do or say will add honor or luster to that which he has already received.

We have met here at his tomb rather for our own benefit to reflect upon his life, to become again inspired by his lofty ideals, his courage and his leadership and to again rededicate our lives and energies to the continued building of this great Masonic edifice on the firm foundation laid by our first Grand Master and his founding brethren.

It is well that we do this if we are to preserve Masonry—the Robert Carrel Jordan kind of Masonry. We live in a changing world. Not only has there been great scientific changes that have changed completely our way of life, but there are changes in our way of thinking, in our beliefs, our attitudes toward ourselves, our neighbor, and our Maker being urged upon us. We all recognize that change is necessary, that we cannot stand still, that we must go forward. But there are two kinds of changes. There is the change that is guided by the experiences of the past, that builds upon the firm foundations of the past. This is the kind of change that accepts those principles that the past have proven tried and true, that recognize that there are certain fundamentals that must guide man in his relationship to his fellow man and to his Maker, that can never change. This is the kind of change that we as Masons believe in. It is the kind of change that will lead us forward, help us build upon the foundations which such men as Grand Master

Jordan laid for us. On this foundation we as Masons can build an edifice that will endure.

Then there is the other kind of change—change for the sake of change—change that would build its edifice on the shifting sands, oblivious to the experiences and the lessons of the past. Those who would bring about this kind of change would ignore history. They see in the distance the mirage of a utopia and they want to break with the past, ignore its lessons and follow false prophets.

As Masons we must differentiate between these two kinds of change. We have built our Masonic institution on foundations that have been laid for us in the past. Those great truths that our order venerates which have come down to us, tried and proven to be eternal in the crucible of the past, we know to be true and that only by observing them can we meet the problems of today and build for a glorious and enduring tomorrow.

Masonry's greatest contribution to our country and to our civilization today should be the part it takes in weaving into the fabric of the present the moral and spiritual principles upon which it was founded and which have caused it to endure.

This, then, is the reason for our meeting at this hallowed spot today—that we may, for a moment, contemplate upon the life of this great and good man and the lives of others who have gone before, whose lives were dedicated to promulgating the principles of our order and in building these principles into the foundation upon which our nation was founded. We have met here that we may partake again of their inspiration and rededicate ourselves to following in their footsteps.

May our country have change—may it progress. But may that progress and that change always have in it, and be guided by, the great spiritual and moral principles so ably advocated by Robert Carrel Jordan and all other wise and devoted brethren who have gone before us.



At the grave of M·W· Robert Carrel Jordan, first Grand Master of Nebraska.



M·W· Ralph O. Canaday placing a wreath on the grave of M·W· Robert Carrel Jordan, first Grand Master.



"HERITAGE AND OBLIGATION"
ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS

By M. W. Thomas J. Roy, Past Grand Master of
Massachusetts.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren: Thank you for your welcome. I am grateful beyond words for the honor of being invited to come and speak to you on this occasion. I wish that I were more worthy of this honour. I have been sitting here, waiting to be turned loose on you, and wondering why I ever thought that it would be worth your while for me to come so far, and perhaps say so little. I have been addressing audiences of all kinds now for fifty years, and I am completely honest when I say that I never get on my feet to talk without an agonizing sense of inadequacy.

I congratulate you most heartily on the attainment of your one hundredth anniversary as a Grand Lodge. I bring you the congratulations of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the warmest good wishes of the Grand Master and all of the brethren. Next year we celebrate our two hundredth and twenty-fifth anniversary. We hope, that as you face the future, it is with the confidence that it will bring the fulfillment of all the hopes and dreams that have gone into this Grand Lodge for one hundred years.

I do not share the sentiment sometimes expressed that just to have existed for a hundred years is nothing to be proud of. Even a tree that has lived for a hundred years has weathered the storms, and thus indicates an inherent virility that was not possessed by its erstwhile neighbors that went down before the storm or succumbed to disease. Your Grand Lodge was erected in a day of turmoil, of fierce fanaticism, when the passions of men flamed out in bitter hatred, and base treachery, and wanton cruelty, and eventually war. When the idea of erecting a Grand Lodge was first proposed they could very well have said to one another: "this is no time to organize a group conceived in the consciousness of man's inherent worth, and dedicated to the proposition that men can live together as brothers." To have lifted its head above the conflict of those turbulent days, and to have survived the subsequent shocks of war, and disaster, and depression reveals a ruggedness of character, and a tenacity of purpose that demand the highest tribute that we can bring to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as we celebrate this centennial.

We are not so naive, however, as to think of the Grand Lodge as an entity that exists of and by itself. It has no existence apart from those who constitute its membership. So that it is the founders of this Grand Lodge, and those who have given it support and direction during the years whom we honor tonight. We are grateful for the qualities they possessed, and the abilities they put into action.

Ours is a day of clever phrases and banal cliches. One of the most cynical consists of just two words: "so what!" Having acknowledged

all that the past has given to us as heritage, does it have any meaning for us today? Has it any significance for us today? Is it in any sense relevant to the life situation of the present, particularly Freemasonry and its ends? The answers are to be found in the imperatives of Freemasonry which are as insistent and compelling today as they were one hundred years ago, and that constitute the only argument we need for the investment of our lives in the perpetuation of the Craft.

I. QUEST.

The fundamental character of Freemasonry is revealed in our quest, for we are perpetual seekers for the light. We know that this is a valid venture, for it has been the primary purpose of man ever since he first became conscious of himself as a personal being on the earth. We sometimes think of the divine fiat, "Let there be light!" as having been uttered once for all at the creation; but Freemasonry has nowhere been more consistent with the very nature of the universe than in its insistence upon saying over and over again, "Let there be light." For we thus symbolize in our ritual man's search for the secrets of the universe.

One of the courses I had in college was a history of philosophy. A few years ago I reread the book we used in that course to see if it would have any more meaning for me than it had almost fifty years ago. Much of it was just as incomprehensible to me as it was when I studied it first. I am ready to agree with the man who said that the study of philosophy is like looking into a dark closet for a black cat that is not there. All of the philosophers across the centuries have been living in the same world, and looking for the same thing, namely that which would give meaning and unity to the world. Each one of them found an answer. But the trouble is that no two of the answers agree. So that if you have not found an answer to the question as to what it is all about, don't worry, for you belong to the great majority. And if you have found an answer, don't be too sure that it is the right one. One conclusion resulted from my second reading of the history of philosophy, and that is that these men were all uttering the divine fiat. Whether it was Thales saying that water is the ultimate ground of everything, or Heraclitus saying that fire is the ultimate ground of everything, or, some twenty-five-hundred years later John Dewey affirming that there is no 'absolute and that therefore relativity reigns in the realm of morals, each has been saying in his own way, "Let there be light."

This imperative of the quest for light is not only consistent with man's continuous search for truth, but is consistent with the ideal end or purpose of any worthwhile organization. Too often it happens that an organization with worthy ends becomes completely absorbed, not in the realization of those ends but in perpetuating itself. It is not seeking for light in the interest of those ends, but for that which will support its claims to validity as an organization. My experience in the study of religion across the years compels me to conclude that

sometimes what began as a positive faith in something big and universal degenerated into a negative prejudice against all other beliefs. Sometimes, instead of seeking for the light, for the truth, it is seeking for support for its claim to be the custodian of the light, and the source of all truth. We are not interested in keeping Freemasonry alive as an organization just for the sake of keeping it alive. We are not interested in trying to justify our right to live today by virtue of something that happened yesterday. Rather are we interested in making the present so vital that it will justify the past-giving worth to all that Masons of days gone by have done to make the present possible.

This is not a perfect world, and, great as it is this is not a perfect nation. We'd like to think that we live in a land of equal justice, where the rights of all men are equally respected; but honesty compels us to admit that it is not so. Sometimes it seems that there are demonic forces at work releasing the worst in man in his inhumanity to his fellow man. As long as there is social injustice; as long as there is political corruption; as long as there is industrial exploitation; as long as there is religious superstition, just so long must we be seeking for the light, for the secret that will enable us to help the world to find its life on the level of Justice, and Honesty, and Service and Truth.

II. PROGRESS.

The second imperative, as insistent and compelling as it was one hundred years ago is that of advancement, or progress. This imperative is both implicit and explicit in Freemasonry. It is at the heart of our Masonic philosophy, and it is symbolized in our degrees. We advance from one to another.

One of the great controversies among philosophers, and among theologians is over the question of the possibility of human progress. The English philosopher, Spencer, identified progress with evolution, and looked upon it as an inevitable thing. Will Durant came along and said that to a generation disillusioned by the first world war, "The idea of progress seemed now to be one of the shallowest delusions that had ever mocked man's misery, or lifted him up to a vain idealism and a colossal futility." However, he seems to have some hope for progress when he says: "Progress need not be continuous in order to be real. There may be plateaus in it, Dark Ages and disheartening retrogressions; but if the last stage is the highest of all we shall say that man makes progress."

As Freemasons we are irrevocably committed to the idea of progress. We go from light to more light. We acknowledge here and there that light has come as yet but partially. Because of our experience in the Craft we refuse to believe that there is any finality in the search for light. We are interested these days in the voyage of the Mayflower II, now making her way across the Atlantic to the landfall on these shores first sighted by the Mayflower I. It has stirred up considerable interest in my part of the country. I hope that we are not going to

be so absorbed in the details of the physical reconstruction of the ship that we forget the spiritual values brought by the Pilgrims. I hope that we do not forget the words of one of the greatest of the Pilgrims who did not even get to make the voyage on the Mayflower. The Pilgrims were dissenters from the Established Church in England who fled to Leyden in Holland where they could worship God as conscience dictated. Because they did not wish to lose their identity, as in the course of time they would in the Dutch nation, they embarked for the new world. That is, part of them embarked for the new world. Their Pastor, John Robinson, stayed behind with the rest of the Congregation, intending to come later. Unfortunately he died before he could carry out his intentions. But as that first group sailed away from Leyden, the last message their Pastor gave to them was to remember that God had more light to break from his Holy Word. He was a Mason in spirit as he told them to look for more light.

To insist on progress in life we must struggle against our own inertia, and that of Society. It is difficult to overcome the feeling that this is the end of the road. Two thousand years ago, or thereabouts the northwest confines of Europe was given the name of Ultima Thule, which meant the end of the world. Others of those western countries inscribed on their coins the words "ne plus ultra," meaning "nothing more beyond." But there came the day when a man sailed over the horizon with the slogan "Sail On!" and found a new world for himself and mankind.

Our late lamented Brother Rudyard Kipling has given us a hint of the meaning of progress, and the urge to advance in his poem, "The Explorer." The old explorer recalls what they said to him on the Eastern side of the mountains, and what his experience was.

"There's no sense in going further, it's the edge of cultivation,"
So they said, and I believed it—broke my land and sowed my crop—
Built my barns and strung my fences in the little border station
Tucked away below the foothills where the trails run out and stop.
Till a voice, as bad as Conscience, rang interminable changes
On one everlasting Whisper day and night repeated—so:
'Something hidden. Go and find it. Go and look behind the Ranges—
Something lost behind the Ranges. Lost and waiting for you. Go.'

That's Freemasonry's message isn't it? There is something lost behind the ranges. There is a lost word; there is a lost secret; there is a lost principle beyond our sight, beyond our immediate knowledge. We must keep going on. For we are either explorers or exploiters. We are either pushing on seeking for that ultimate word or meaning that will help us to lead the world into a new day, or we are shamelessly exploiting that which has been so hard-won for us by the explorers of yesterday; using it for our pleasure or profit. What we owe to the seekers after light is the measure of the effort we must put into the search for light. For whether it was the explorer who went out not knowing whither he

went, or the scientist who dreamed his way to automation, or the physician who took the race beyond Yellow Fever, or Sleeping Sickness, or Polio, or the man who filled the sky with planes, or the founders of this Grand Lodge who believed that we should not stand still, but use every possible means to open new paths for men to the secrets of life, they all placed the world in their debt by their insistence on seeking more light.

"It is no compliment to the fathers to camp where they fell." Loyalty to their memories demands that we carry Freemasonry closer to the problems of life, and make it the activating agent that will release within men the beneficent forces that will help them to find their lives in unity and brotherhood.

III. CONFORMITY.

There is a third imperative that has strengthened with the years. The brethren who erected this Grand Lodge found it, and lived with it. There is no hope for the future of Freemasonry or mankind if we don't realize that it must be given increasing emphasis with the years. It is the imperative of Conformity.

While one of the great ends of Freemasonry is to try to establish the collective life of mankind in brotherhood there is nothing soft about the Craft. While it seems to accommodate itself to the individual's need, it can be as inflexible in its demands as steel. One meets it on the threshold of Freemasonry, for before the candidate can proceed to the degrees he must affirm that he is willing to conform to all of the ancient established usages and customs of the order. We talk about our ideals, and principles and purposes, which seem mild enough, but we insist upon obligations.

Let us face the fact that Freemasonry, and rightly so, is really rough at this point. A candidate comes into the Lodge room a free man, but he goes out a slave. He comes into the Lodge room a person whose actions are determined by his desires, but he goes out a man who is no longer able to do what desire, or caprice, or expediency dictates, for every decision thereafter must be made with reference to his obligation. His freedom to do as he pleases ends where his obligation begins. He must conform to the principles of the Craft.

There can be no question whatever as to the number one implication of that obligation. Whether we sense it or not; whether we acknowledge it or not that obligation calls for an uncompromising morality. There is only one way in which a Mason can demonstrate the worth of Freemasonry, and that is by the superior moral quality of his life. I know all about our benevolent activities. Add them all together and they surpass by a wide margin every other fraternal organization in the world. But our chief distinction must be in character. If we fail there we succeed no place. If we succeed there we fail no place.

In my work as Secretary of the Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, I was under the necessity recently of trying to get some in-

formation as to what happened to Freemasonry in Bolivia. I knew that the government had initiated action looking towards the suppression of Freemasonry in that country. I had received conflicting reports. Some said the law had gone into effect, and some said it had not. I knew of a minister working in a Mission in Bolivia, so wrote to him for information. He is not a Mason, and it took him some time to get the information, but it came a few days ago. The suppression law was not put into effect. But this is what I want to tell you. My friend received his information from a Mr. B. who is not a Bolivian, and this is what he wrote about him: "If all the Lodge men are of Mr. B.'s calibre, they are indeed fine men." Because Freemasonry succeeded in the life of Mr. B. it succeeded in the life of my clergyman friend. If Freemasonry succeeds in you it succeeds in every life that touches yours and identifies Freemasonry with you. If Freemasonry fails in you, it fails in every life that touches yours and identifies Freemasonry with you. There is upon each of us a tremendous responsibility, for in the eyes of the Profane Freemasonry is no better than the man who calls himself a Mason. That is what I mean when I say that conformity to the moral demands of Freemasonry is one of the great imperatives today, even as it was one hundred years ago.

IV. COOPERATION.

There is another imperative as compelling for us as it was for the founders of this Grand Lodge, and that is the imperative of cooperation. Perhaps we should call it brotherhood. I like the word cooperation because it is the active equivalent of brotherhood. I realize that in talking about it at all I lay myself open to the charge of emphasizing the obvious, or over-playing the commonplace. Let me assure you, however, that there is nothing obvious or commonplace about this as I think of it. One of the most unfortunate things that could happen to us would be for brotherhood to become just a phrase—like a coin worn smooth, with the mark of its value worn off.

Freemasonry is more than a Brotherhood. To use the language of the market place we can say that Freemasonry is a sales agency for the Brotherhood idea. It is an active agent for the thrust of brotherhood into the life of the world. Perhaps the hardest thing for the Freemason to learn is that the imperative implicit in our teachings is that there is a place to start the practice of cooperation in brotherhood, but there is no place to stop. For the limits of the Masonic lodge within which brotherhood is to be practiced are the limits of the universe. The Mason can never find himself in a situation in which he can say, "with this man I do not have to act by the principles of Brotherhood."

At the risk of being tedious let me indicate how it works out. In travelling about I meet officious people who irritate me, only to find sometimes that we are brother Masons. If we had known we would have been different. This compels me to practice the "as if" philosophy. It is very simple. I do not know whether or not there is a God. I believe there should be a God, so I am going to act as if there were a God. If

there is a God I am not sure that He is a righteous God and demands righteousness of me. But I believe that that is how it should be so I am going to act as if he were a good God and demanded righteousness of me. Apply this "as if" philosophy to Freemasonry, and it means this. My obligation demands a certain kind of conduct from me towards a Brother-mason. But I do not know whether this man is a Brother-mason or not, and there is no opportunity to find out. Therefore I must act towards every man as if he were a Mason. I am going to hazard an assertion that I do not think can be successfully challenged, and it is that it is this philosophy that alone can give moral validity to some of the particular vows in our obligations. If I am to be scrupulously honest in my dealings with a Brother-mason, and I cannot always identify him as such, then I must be as scrupulously honest with every man as if he were a Mason. If I am to protect the relatives of Masons and have no way of identifying them as such, then I must protect every woman as if she were the relative of a Mason. That is an implication of brotherhood that constitutes an imperative as compelling today as it was one hundred years ago. There is no use talking in vague generalities about brotherhood, dissipating its force in a maudlin sentimentalism, that demands nothing specific and gets less than that. If Freemasonry makes a difference in our acts and attitudes then here is the place to prove it.

These then are the imperatives that prove that Freemasonry is no ivory tower. It is no escape from the problems and tensions that are inevitable in our kind of world. We are not using Masonry as an escape from the obligations of life, playing at brotherhood as substitute for an acceptance of the realities of brotherhood. The founders of this Grand Lodge have given us a Masonry that can be released as a great constructive force in the life of the world. They have made us privileged men—men who have seen a vision of what life can be; men who have dreamed a dream of an ideal life for humanity and therefore forever committed to the task of translating that vision and that dream into action. And may God be with you men of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as you carry on this task in the years to come.

For:

This is your hour,
Creep upon it!
Summon your power,
Leap upon it!
Grasp it, clasp it,
Hold it tight!
Strike it, spike it
With full might!
If you take too long to ponder
Opportunity may wander.
Hesitation is a mire;
Climb up, climb out, Climb on higher!
Do your best and do it now!
Live your best, and live it now!

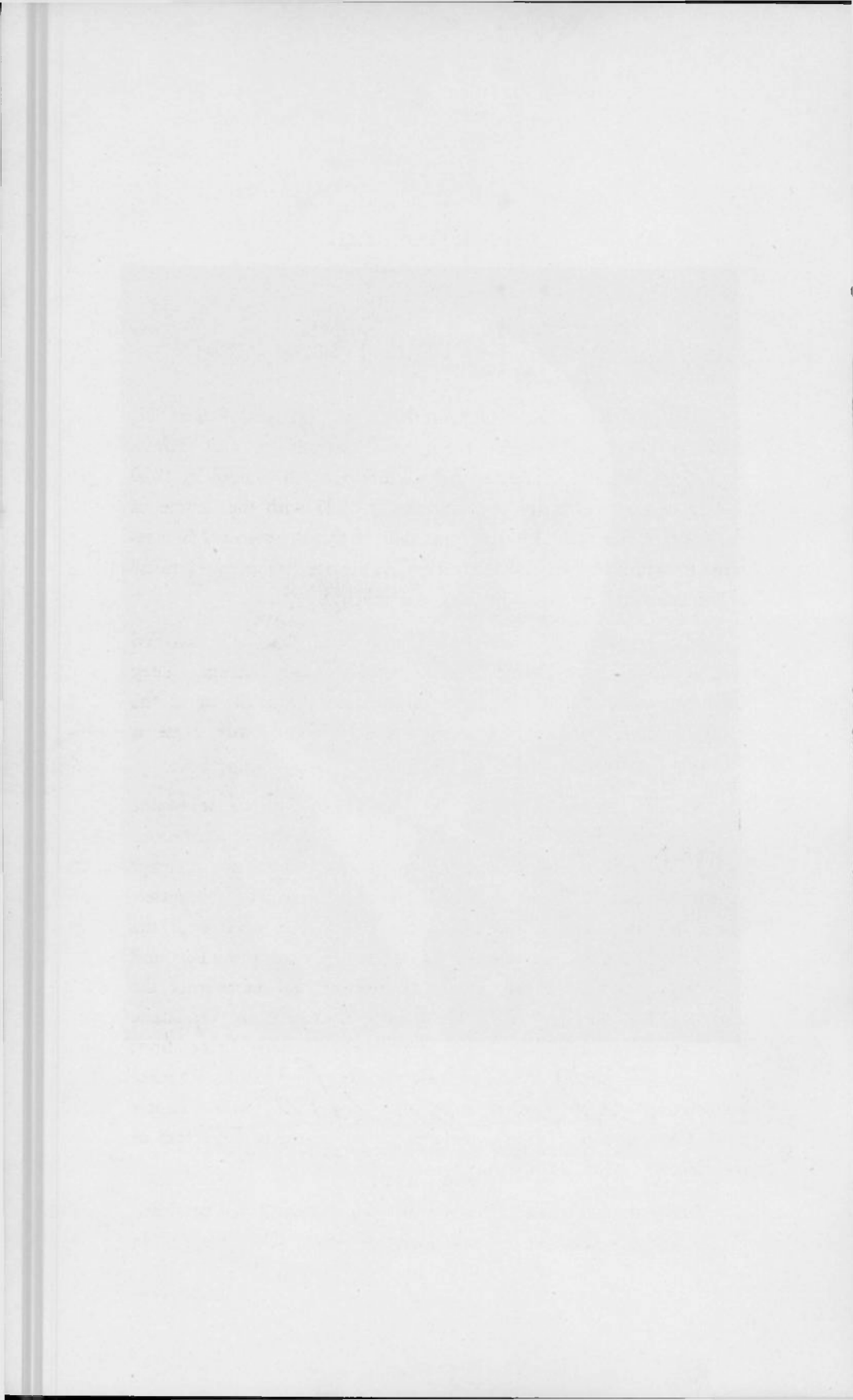




Merle M. Hale

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1956 . 1957



Biographical

Merle McKee Hale

Merle McKee Hale, 91st Grand Master, was born August 21, 1902, at Lincoln, Nebraska, the son of William O. and Eulalia McKee Hale. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1920 and from the University of Nebraska in 1925 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program of Harvard University, Graduate School of Business Administration, receiving his diploma in 1950.

M.·W.·Brother Hale and Louise Harrison were married June 16, 1926 and make their home at 1915 D Street, Lincoln. They have two sons, Robert H. and John M. and are members of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church where M.·W.·Brother Hale is a former Vestryman.

M.·W.·Brother Hale has been associated with the telephone industry since 1919. He is vice president in charge of operations of The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company and a member of the company's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He is president and a member of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Telephone Directory Company; a past president and presently a member of the Board of Directors and member of the Executive Committee of the United States Independent Telephone Association; past president of the Nebraska Telephone Association; past national president of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association and past president of the Frank H. Woods Chapter of that association. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Security Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Active in civic affairs, M.·W.·Brother Hale is a past president of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club of Lincoln

and Nebraska Society, Sons of the American Revolution. He is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Executive of the Cornhusker Council, Boy Scouts of America, and the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. He was general chairman of the United Fund Campaign in Lincoln in 1954 and is now a member of the Board of Directors of that organization.

MASONIC HISTORY

Lodge: Initiated October 12, passed November 16, and raised December 28, 1928, all in Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln. He served as Master in 1938. Received Certificate of Proficiency in 1935 and has regularly renewed his certification. *— STILL CURRENT*

He is a member of Lincoln Chapter No. 6, Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4 and Lincoln Council No. 4, all of Lincoln.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M.·W.· Thomas J. Aron in 1951, and elected and installed Grand Master on June 7, 1956. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota on February 14, 1952 by M.·W.· Thomas J. Aron.

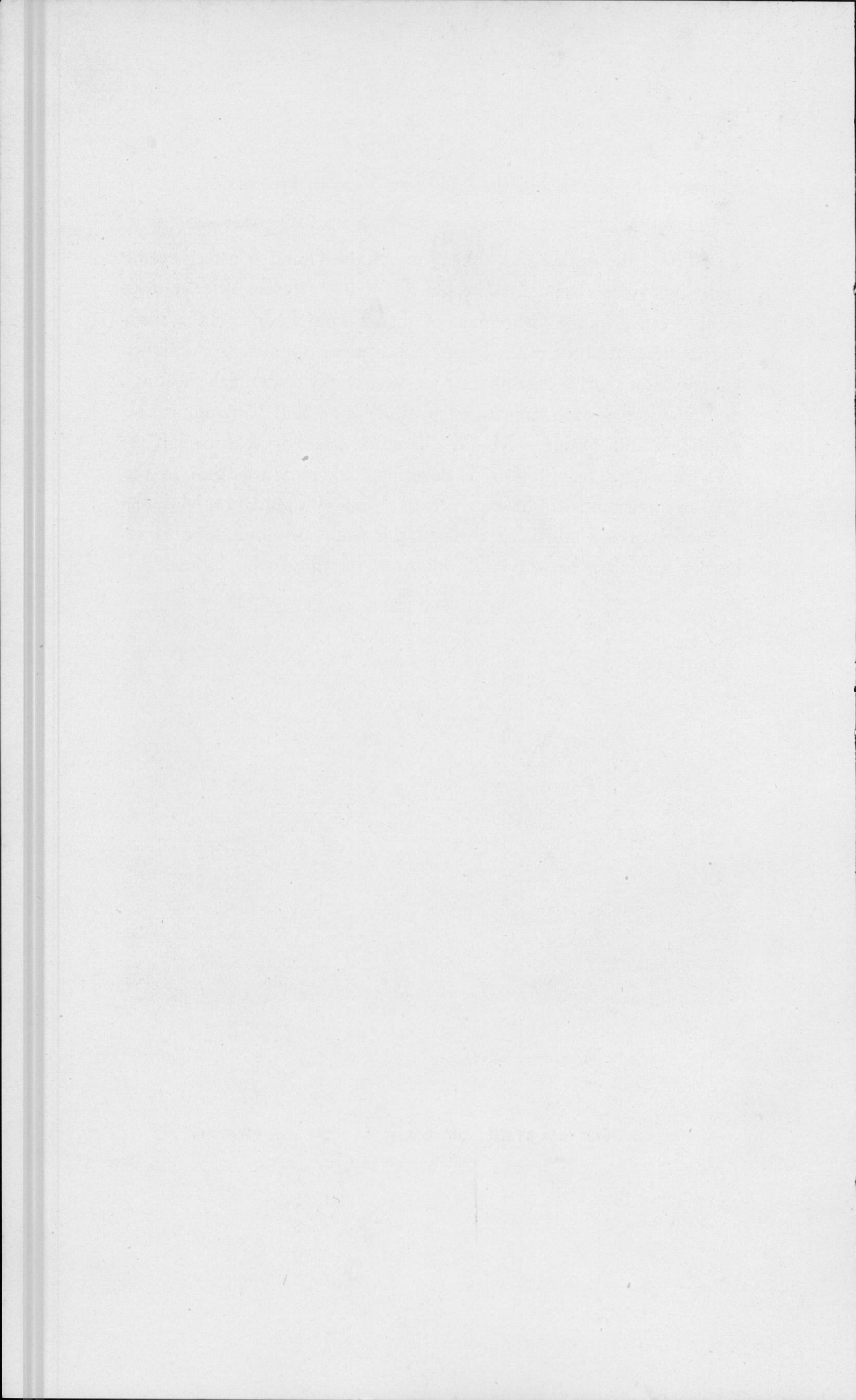
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M.·W.· Brother Hale is a ~~32nd~~ degree Mason, ~~K.C.C.H.~~, of the Lincoln Consistory, Valley of Lincoln, Orient of Nebraska, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.. In 1953 and 1954 he served as Venerable Master of the Lincoln Lodge of Perfection and is a member of the Scottish Rite Temple Board. *(still on Board)*

Past Potentate
He is a member of the ~~Ritualistic Divan of Sesostris Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and Past Patron of Temple Chapter No. 271, O.E.S. at Lincoln.~~ *He is a Past Grand Worthy Patron of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska*

STILL
no longer — He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home since 1940 and a member of the Advisory Council, Lincoln Chapter, Order of DeMolay since 1954. He was chairman of the Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee on Education from 1940 to 1950. He is a member of the

Hiram Club, Jesters and the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association.

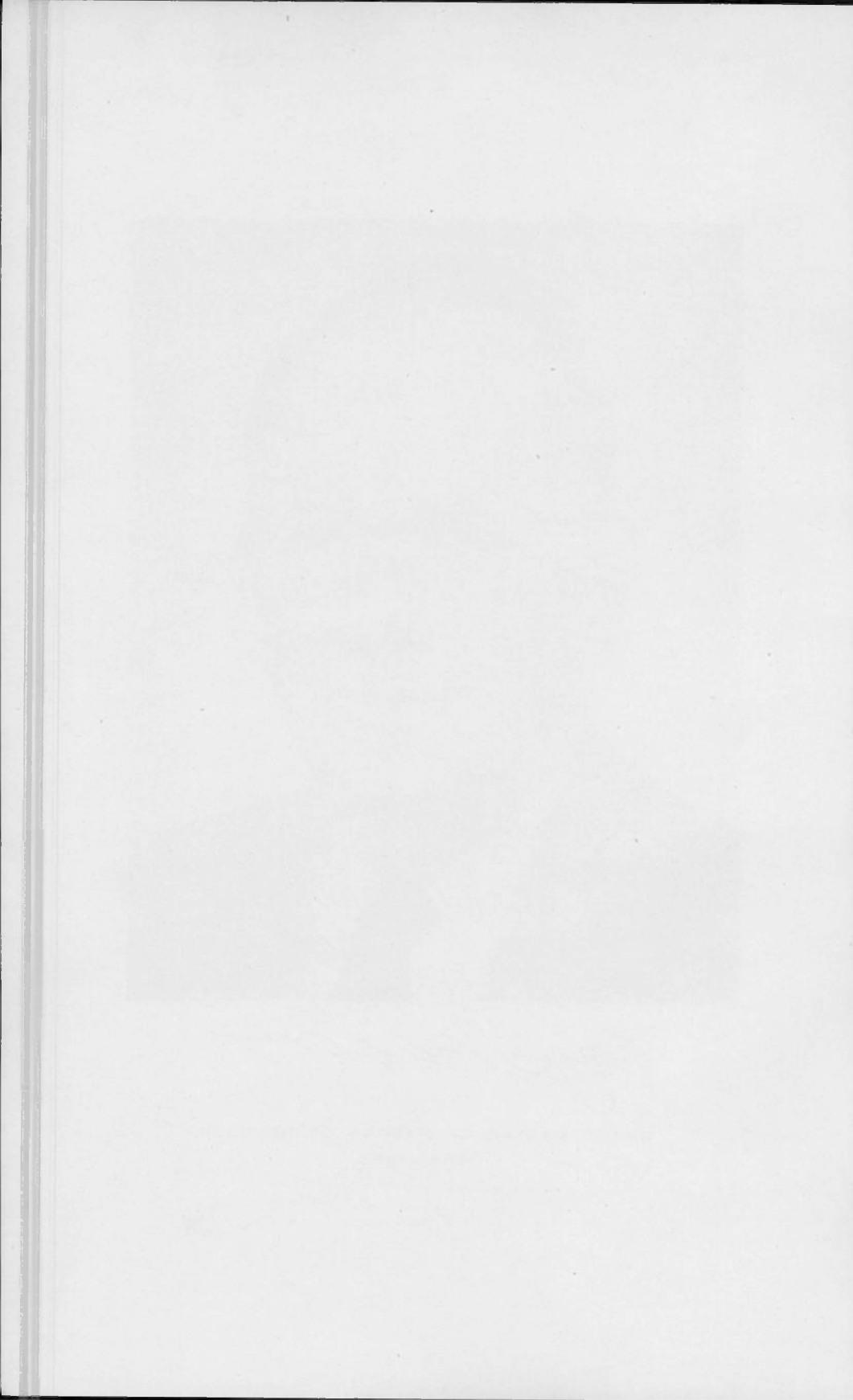
Truly, the duties and obligations of the Grand Master became more and more extended as he led the 46,000 Masons of Nebraska in observance of the Centennial of their Grand Lodge. In a spirit of rededication of the exalted principles of the Fraternity to Almighty God, Masons of Nebraska met in twenty pre-centennial meetings throughout the state culminated by the Centennial Communication of the Grand Lodge. M. W. Brother Hale took full part in these functions in addition to devoting assiduous attention to the usual responsibilities of his high office. Under his guidance, Masonry in Nebraska has advanced through this important milestone of its history leaving a heritage of inspiration for those who follow.





Roy J. Babbitt

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
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ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 4, 5 and 6, 1957



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 4, 1957

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication in the Music Hall, City Auditorium, Omaha, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, June 4, A.D. 1957, A. L. 5957.

There were present the following:

M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54.....	Grand Master
R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, 295.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. John E. Beaver, 253.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. Mark D. McCallum, 268.....	Grand Chaplain
W. C. Vin White, 19.....	Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1.....	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	Grand Marshal
W. John F. Futeher, 302.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....	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. Roy I. Babbitt, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. W. Mark D. McCallum, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Thomas J. Aron, 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 One Hundredth 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.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS

Presentation of the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the Dominion of Canada was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1 in a most impressive manner. The following tribute to the United States Flag by W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon, was given:

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

It is thrilling and most gratifying to see the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack presented together. This ceremony is very appropriate because of the close and most friendly relationship that exists between the United States and Canada. Both flags symbolize Freedom and Democracy in our respective countries, together they represent the mutual trust and good-will we repose in each other as evidenced by thousands of miles of unprotected border. This constitutes an ideal example for other nations to emulate, and which if projected worldwide would build the sure foundation of a lasting peace.

It is my honored privilege to offer tribute to our beautiful American Flag. Blessed by Almighty God and glorified by the sacrificial blood of our heroic dead and living heroes, it represents the soul-stirring history and the great spirit and heart of the American people. Let us ever be thankful to God for our liberties, our traditions and high ideals, that we Americans possess and cherish and of which our precious flag is the symbol.

May we as true Masons and loyal citizens ever stand in reverence before our glorious flag dedicated to our sacred duty to mankind and under God, to the destiny of our great nation:

"The purest white, the truest blue,
The richest red, we see in you.
God grant that Old Glory will forever wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Tribute to the Canadian Flag was given by W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian as follows:

TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG OF CANADA

To me has been given the honor of paying a tribute to the flag so dear to the hearts of our brethren who live on the "far side" of the longest unfortified boundary-line known to the world.

Banners are immortal. The banner of Ancient Rome recalls to this day the eloquence of Cicero in the Forum and the achievements of Caesar on the battlefield. The banner of Ancient Greece enables Homer once more to sing and Socrates again to teach.

The world has long been bannered with flags. Tattered and torn, begrimed with smoke of battle, or softly rippling in the gentle breezes of peaceful summer, they fly wherever man has his abode. The flag of Canada, by angels' hands to valor given, has ever stood foursquare for the sacred cause of freedom under constitutional government and for the divine destiny of God-fearing men and women. Its beauty has caused the poets to say:

"The hand of God thy colors blent
And heaven to earth thy beauty lent."

It is a victorious flag! In the battles of Ypres and the Champagne sector in the First World War, — on many a foreign shore and under many an alien sky in the Second, it achieved glorious renown and brought undying fame to Canada's valiant sons, many of whom shed their blood and laid down their lives on the field of battle in order that this flag might not be trailed in the dust of dishonor.

"O Canada, the blood of all thy sons
Cries out, today, from fair and glorious deeds;
And spirit legions of Immortal Ones
Who died to serve their country and its needs,
Pledge thee anew, by their white Honour Roll,
To loftier issues, born of sacrifice;
Bidding thee keep, unstained, that nobler soul
Which they have ransomed with so great a price."

May this glorious symbol of a magnificent tradition long continue to wave over a land dedicated to the highest moral concepts, all aglow with the fervor of a devoted patriotism. Mighty Flag of the Empire of the North, with our hearts pulsating in unison with every beat of thine, we salute thee!

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. . John F. Fitcher, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority:

Lewis E. Smith.....	(56th)	1921
Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th)	1923
Ralph O. Canaday.....	(68th)	1933
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. Wannier.....	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper.....	(80th)	1944-1945
Benjamin F. Eyre.....	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt.....	(82nd)	1947
Elmer E. Magee.....	(83rd)	1948
Ernest S. Schiefelbein.....	(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
Herbert T. White.....	(90th)	1955

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

It is a great honor to welcome you to this historic Grand Lodge Communication. You are devoted Masons and have contributed greatly to the strength and stature of this Grand Lodge. We are fortunate that twenty of our ninety Past Grand Masters are living and that nineteen are with us today. We are pleased and honored by your presence.

M. . W. . Lewis E. Smith gave the

RESPONSE

M. . W. . Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

May we express our appreciation of the honor of being received by you on this occasion that most of us are not going to forget so long as life lasts.

Nebraska is a young state. The Grand Lodge was in existence more than ten years when the state was admitted into the union. Today we are celebrating its 100th anniversary, marking a century of progress in every field of endeavor.

Looking over the roster of the early citizens who occupied places of prominence in the state government, practically all of them were Freemasons. The Past Grand Masters who are present today are a part of the 91 brethren who have served this Grand Lodge as Grand Master. How well these brethren have carried on is a matter of history, and we trust a record of which we can be proud.

It might be of interest to know that two Grand Masters served three years each; six Grand Masters served two years each; and one served but 85 days when he was called from this world. Since 1940, including our Grand Master presiding, there have been 16 brethren that served as Grand Master without a break in the line.

Our Grand Lodge has been very cautious in conferring honorary titles. In the century there has been but one honorary distinction given to one of our brethren, M. W. Nathan Rosecoe Pound, who is Past Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, and has served this Grand Lodge as Grand Orator on two occasions. He moved to the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts to become Dean of the Law School of Harvard University.

When his home Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary, the Grand Lodge, by unanimous vote, elected him Honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction. He is a scholar, author, lecturer, and a recognized authority on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Lodge deemed it a privilege to confer this title on one who is a native of Nebraska, and a member of our beloved Fraternity.

Looking backward we cannot fail to appreciate the foundation that was so well laid by our predecessors who built better than they knew so that today we can look forward with a song in our hearts and high hopes for the future.

If the Past Grand Masters have a message for you and the loyal members assembled here today, it would be to remind you that the Apostle Paul said, "Hold fast that which is good". In whatever direction the future moves, we know that we are all responsible to-and for-one another because we are dependent on one Father who made Brothers of us all.

W. Harlan S. Heim, 40, sang the Centennial Song accompanied by W. Harold H. Thom, 1, as follows:

CENTENNIAL SONG

(With apologies to Merideth Wilson)

May the Good Lord Bless and keep you
Whether near or far away,
May you find that long awaited golden day today,

May your troubles all be small ones,
 And your fortune ten times ten,
 May the Good Lord Bless and Keep you 'til we meet again.
 May you walk with sunlight shining,
 And a bluebird in every tree,
 May there be a silver lining,
 Back of every cloud you see.
 Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows,
 Never mind what might have been,
 May the Good Lord Bless and Keep you 'til we meet again.

As we celebrate together
 Our one hundredth year today,
 We have come from all the Lodges
 Close and far away.
 We congratulate you fondly
 For your strong activity,
 You deserve the commendation
 Given by Masonry.
 As you look into the future,
 With its challenge and its work,
 Will you grasp the hands of brothers
 And your duties never shirk?
 In the years that lie before you
 Come its sunshine or its rain,
 May the Good Lord Bless and keep you
 'Til we meet again.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, introduced the
 Grand Custodian, his Assistants, and W. Brothers I. Donald
 Huston and Frank A. Anderson, Assistant Custodians Emeriti.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, requested the Grand
 Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other
 Grand Lodges. The Grand Master extended to them a hearty
 welcome and suggested that they convey his greetings to the
 Grand Lodge they represent. The following brethren re-
 sponded:

Alabama.....	Raymond C. Cook
Argentina.....	Pearl C. Hillegass
Arkansas.....	Elmer E. Magee
Brazil, Bahia, United.....	Mainard E. Crosby
Brazil, Ceara.....	George O. Sizemore

Brazil, Minas Gerais.....	Ernest E. James
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro.....	*Cecil C. Gates
Brazil, Lodge of Paraiba.....	Benjamin F. Eyre
Brazil, Sao Paulo.....	*Delbert H. Pinkerton
British Columbia.....	Thomas J. Aron
Canada.....	Edward F. Carter
Chile.....	Ralph O. Canaday
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
Illinois.....	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
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 Hampshire.....	Clyde H. Jones
New Jersey.....	John F. Fatcher
New Mexico.....	Harold D. Weddel
New South Wales.....	Harry A. Spencer
New York.....	George R. Porter
New Zealand.....	James H. Bryant
Nicaragua.....	Paul D. Fleming
Nova Scotia.....	Jesse P. Entrekim
Nuevo Leon.....	Morris V. Balcom
Oklahoma.....	Lewis E. Baker
Panama.....	Walter R. Raecke
Puerto Rico.....	*Roy I. Babbitt
Quebec.....	John E. Beaver
Queensland.....	*Edward Huwaldt
Sackatchewan.....	Harold H. Thom
Scotland.....	William Cosh
South Australia.....	Frank F. McMullin

South Carolina.....	Herbert T. White
South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell
Tasmania.....	C. Ray Macy
Tennessee.....	William C. Schaper
Utah.....	William A. Kommers
Vermont.....	Cary W. Dresslar
Virginia.....	Ernest O. Van Wey
Washington.....	Edward M. Knight
West Australia.....	Charles F. Adams
West Virginia.....	Alvin H. Miller

* Personal Representative of the M. W. Grand Master.

James A. Sanker, our Grand Representative from Maine and Floyd O. Robinson, from New York were present, introduced and given a hearty welcome.

W. Edward E. Carr, 32, Grand Representative of Missouri, gave the Response.

W. James M. Paxson, Master, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, gave the Address of Welcome and W. Collins L. Wilcox, Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, gave the Response.

The following Committees, having been appointed by M. W. Merle M. Hale, entered upon the discharge of their duties:

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

Charters and Dispensations: W. Brothers John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman; Jason K. Preston, 120; Robert A. Chandler, 325.

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

Credentials: W. Brothers Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; Clyde H. Jones, 173; John C. Green, 280; Herman Reimers, 1; Alfred B. Saum, 46; Harold C. Diekman, 68; Leonard B. Woods, 103; Homer C. Davey, 317; John J. Carter, 211.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. Brothers LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Francis W. Cole, 2; Harold R. Williams, 60.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: M. W. Brothers Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; Herbert T. White, 11; Edward M. Knight, 183; Thomas J. Aron, 37; Fay Smith, 198.

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

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

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

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

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

Grievances: W. Brothers Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; Elwood E. Yaw, 198; Howard E. Nesseler, 19.

Jurisprudence: M. W. Herbert T. White, Chairman, and all Past Grand Masters present.

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; Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1959); Stuart H. Kelley, (1959); Silas A. Wilson, 46 (1958); Philip H. Robinson, 155 (1958); M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268 (1957).

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

Payroll: W. Brothers Robert M. Herre, 224, Chairman; Frank F. McMullin, 241; Elmo R. Clayton, 302.

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

Returns: W. Brothers Leo C. Horton, 135, Chairman; William Yarpe, 137; Clair R. McNeil, 96.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Grand Lodge Business Affairs: M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 301, Chairman; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1; Thomas J. Aron, 37; Elmer E. Magee, 227; Edward Huwaldt, 318.

Grand Lodge Office: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210; R. W. John E. Beaver, 253.

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.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

It is with pride, but with a distinct sense of humility, that I address you this morning, and prepare to preside at this important occasion, the 100th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. This is indeed a most memorable occasion, and one which each of us will remember as long as we live. May the things we say and do here reflect the firm foundations builded by our predecessors. May we embark on a new century of service to our fellow men, based on the teachings which have been proven by the test of time during the past one hundred years.

You elevated me to this high office, and while I feel I am unworthy, I appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Grand Master. I hope I have conducted the office to your entire satisfaction. It has been a busy year but a pleasant one.

I would remind you that this is your Grand Lodge Session, and I urge you to actively participate in it. Every delegate has the privilege of the floor, and each delegate has a vote. There will be important matters which will require your serious consideration. I welcome each of you to this historic Communication. May the things we do here reflect to our credit in the future.

NECROLOGY

It is with a sense of real personal loss that I report the passing of Past Grand Master Virgil R. Johnson. To know him was to love him. My feeling of personal loss comes from the fact that M.'W.'. Brother Johnson was my installing officer for all of the offices I held in Lancaster Lodge No. 54. Other brothers that M.'W.'. Brother Johnson served are legion. He loved Masonry and was always ready to perform any Masonic service requested. Our last Grand Lodge session was the first he had missed in twenty-eight consecutive sessions. M.'W.'. Brother Johnson was our 70th Grand Master, serving from June 6, 1934 to June 5, 1935. Brother Johnson passed away August 7, 1956 at the age of 81 years. Masonic funeral services were conducted by M.'W.'. Brother John S. Hedelund, assisted by your Grand Master, R.'W.'. John E. Beaver as Deputy Grand Master, W.'Harold H. Thom as Grand Senior Warden, W.'Harold M. Wilkerson as Grand Junior Warden, R.'W.'. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and the following Past Grand Masters: M.'W.'. Brothers Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Earl J. Lee, Edward F. Carter, George A. Kurk, William B. Wanner, Ernest S. Schiefelbein, and Herbert T. White. The officers and members of Beatrice Lodge No. 26, and a host of friends, were in attendance.

During the past year the working tools have slipped from the hands of 825 of our brothers. A few short months ago they were by our side. We miss them greatly, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. We know that we will again see and know them in that Grand Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever presides and forever reigns. A memorial service will be presented later by our Committee on Fraternal Dead.

JORDAN MEDALS AND FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

Brother Edward Cronau of Lotus Lodge No. 289, a resident of our Masonic Home, and now 96 years of age, continues as the holder of the Gold Jordan Medal. May he continue as the proud possessor of this Medal for many years.

During the year 39 brothers were presented Bronze Jordan Medals. It is a high honor to be the recipient of this medal, and those receiving it are always very much pleased. It was my pleasant privilege to present a Bronze Jordan Medal to Fred Elliott, Jr., the first recipient of this medal in Centennial Lodge No. 326. This presentation was made at the time the lodge was constituted on July 7, 1956.

During the year 107 brothers received their fifty-year buttons. I personally presented buttons to Brother Clarence D. Purinton of McCook Lodge No. 135, and Brother A. B. Gadd of Lincoln Lodge No. 19.

CORNERSTONES

The laying of a cornerstone is a very important Masonic ceremony. It is one which we are always happy to perform. I am very pleased to report that during the past year we have been called upon six times to lay cornerstones, four of these for public education buildings.

On June 23, 1956, I laid the cornerstone for the Wiley G. Brooks Residence Hall for Men at the Nebraska State Teachers College, Chadron, upon invitation of the Board of Education of State Normal Schools and Samaritan Lodge No. 158. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted in the ceremony: R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Junior Warden; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon; W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler; Forest A. Lape and Jesse P. Entrekin, Assistant Custodians. The oration was by Bruce Hagemeister, Vice President of the State Normal Board.

On August 18, I laid the cornerstone for the new Temple of Cotner Lodge No. 297 at Lincoln. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted in the ceremony: R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. C. Vin White, Grand Orator; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. John F. Futcher, Grand Senior Deacon; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon; W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler; Delbert H. Pinkerton, Assistant Custodian; M. W. Lewis

E. Smith, George A. Kurk and John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Masters. The oration was by W. C. Vin White, Grand Orator.

On September 22, I laid the cornerstone for the Dormitory at the Nebraska State Teachers College at Wayne, upon invitation from the President of the College and Wayne Lodge No. 120. Grand Lodge officers present and taking part in the ceremony were: R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon; M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master. Oration was by W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian.

On October 9, I laid the cornerstone of the Elementary School Building of School District No. 1 at Loup City, upon invitation of the School Board and Porter Lodge No. 106. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted in the ceremony: W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. John F. Futcher, Grand Senior Deacon; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon; M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master. The oration was by Dr. Frank E. Henzlik, Dean of the Teachers' College, University of Nebraska.

On November 1, I laid the cornerstone for the Administration-Recreational Building, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, at Fremont, upon invitation of the Home Board and Fremont Lodge No. 15. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted in the ceremony: 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. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal, W. John F. Futcher, Grand Senior Deacon; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon; Louis V. Sylvester, Assistant Custodian; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, John S. Hedelund, Edward M. Knight and Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Masters. The oration was by W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon.

On May 24, 1957, I laid the cornerstone of the new Student Union Building at the Kearney State Teachers College, upon invitation from the President of the College and Rob Morris Lodge No. 46. The following Grand Officers were present: R. W. Ray I. Babbitt, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Junior 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 Junior Deacon, and M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master.

DEDICATIONS

It was a special thrill to dedicate the Masonic Temple of Upright Lodge No. 137 at Burchard on October 11, 1956. This is an example of what a small lodge, with enthusiasm and perseverance, can accomplish. Grand Lodge officers present and assisting in the ceremony were: 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. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; M. W. William B. Wanner and John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Masters. The dedication address was by W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.

The beautiful new Temple of Fremont Lodge No. 15 was dedicated in the presence of an overflow crowd on October 22. Grand Lodge officers present and assisting in the ceremony were: R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. John F. Fitcher, Grand Senior Deacon; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon; W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler; Ernest E. James and Roy S. Planck, Assistant Custodians; M. W. Earl J. Lee, John S. Hedelund and Herbert T. White, Past Grand Masters. The dedication address was by W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.

On March 7, 1957, we dedicated the fine new Temple of Albion Lodge No. 78. It is with deep sorrow that I am reminded of the death on Monday, April 1st, of Ray Hall, who was one of the brothers responsible for this beautiful Temple. We do have the satisfaction of knowing that Brother Ray lived to see the Temple completed and dedicated. Grand Lodge officers present and assisting in the dedication ceremony were: R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon; and M. W. Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Master, who gave the dedication address.

CHARTER RELOCATIONS AND BUILDING PLANS

On June 12, 1956, following inspection by R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Deputy Grand Master, permission was granted to move the Charter of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 from Gering back to their original Temple at Scottsbluff. They had vacated their Temple temporarily because of repairs occasioned by a serious fire.

On July 20, following inspection by M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Master, permission was granted Albion Lodge No. 78 to move their Charter to their new Temple building.

On August 29, following inspection by Roy S. Planck, Assistant Custodian, who is also Secretary of Fremont Lodge No. 15, permission was granted Fremont Lodge No. 15 to move their Charter to the new Temple.

On January 28, 1957, permission was granted Cotner Lodge No. 297 at Lincoln to move their Charter to the new Temple, which I had inspected a few days previously.

On March 19, permission was granted Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 at Central City to move their Charter to another location during the construction of a new Temple on their present lodge site. They will

use the Knights of Pythias' rooms, upon recommendation of M.'W.'. Brother Walter R. Raecke.

On May 29, following inspection by M.'W.'.Earl J. Lee, Past Grand Master, permission was granted Acacia Lodge No. 34 to move their Charter to their new Temple building.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

During the year I approved 5 new sets of by-laws, and 33 amendments to existing by-laws.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

I granted 31 special dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time. In 23 instances the candidate was a member of the Armed Forces and I felt there was good cause to grant the dispensation. The customary special dispensation fee was waived. In the other 8 instances, while not involving servicemen, I felt there was good reason for allowing special dispensation; however, the customary fee was not waived. In all cases the requirement in regard to proficiency was waived only temporarily, and the candidates understand that they are to comply with our law in this respect as soon as possible.

I granted the following dispensations to elect and install:

January 9, 1957, to Ogalalla Lodge No. 159, to elect and install a Secretary on January 22. The fee was not waived.

On January 14, to Polk Lodge No. 311, to elect and install a Treasurer at their meeting on that date. The fee was not waived.

On January 24, to Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha, to elect a Treasurer, and install the Treasurer and Junior Steward, at a special meeting. The fee was not waived.

On January 24, to Ponca Lodge No. 101, to elect and install a Junior Warden on January 30. The fee was not waived.

January 29, to John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232, Kennard, to elect and install a Secretary. The fee was not waived.

February 15, to Nelson Lodge No. 77, to install the Master-elect and Chaplain on February 21. The fee was not waived.

February 25, to Sioux Lodge No. 277, Harrison, to install the Secretary-elect. The fee was not waived.

March 18, to Stella Lodge No. 105, to install a Senior Warden. The fee was not waived.

March 18, to Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 231, Cook, to install the Master-elect. The fee was not waived.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROFICIENCY

I granted extension of time to examine 19 brothers as to their proficiency in the Master Mason degree. I would suggest that each Master

and each Secretary review Section 2-402 of our Masonic Code, and be certain that they are complying with its provisions.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

During the year I approved 89 applications for reinstatement for brothers who had been suspended for nonpayment of dues. I disapproved 11 applications for reasons which appeared to be sufficient. I also approved 8 applications for admission on demit.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Application for Reinstatement, composed of W. Brother LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman, W. Brother Robert J. McDermott, 281, and W. Brother Earl H. Furman, 290, who are advisory to the Grand Master, deserve a great deal of credit for their work throughout the past year in giving careful consideration to these 88 applications. I extend to them my hearty thanks.

TEMPLE BUILDING AND FINANCING

The Temple Building Advisory Committee, while not quite as busy as in some years, did a thorough and very worthwhile work, as usual. Each proposal they consider is very important for the future of the lodge involved, and perhaps even for the good name of Masonry.

Upon recommendation of W. Brother Otto Nelsen and his Committee, I approved five financing plans. All were on a sound basis and should be repaid without being a burden.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

R. W. J. Renick Jones, Independence, Missouri, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Missouri, to fill the vacancy left by the passing of R. W. E. E. Morris. Approved July 2, 1956.

R. W. Mogens Mullertz, Copenhagen, Denmark, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near Denmark, in place of Alex Troedsson, who wished to retire as Representative. Approved November 16.

W. G. Cecil Broadwell, Jackson, Tennessee, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, to fill vacancy created by death of Philip D. Kersh. Approved November 29.

R. W. T. W. Pairman, Mangaweka, New Zealand, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, to fill vacancy left by the passing of R. W. F. W. Herbert. Approved December 3.

W. Floyd O. Robinson as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of New York, replacing R. W. Philip H. Berdolt, whose term had expired. Approved January 11, 1957.

Otis E. Dixon, Macon, Georgia, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Georgia, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank G. Birdsong. Approved January 14.

V. W. S. V. Tilley, PGDC, as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, near the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Tasmania. Approved March 28.

It was my privilege to nominate the following brethren as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and commissions have been issued to them by the Grand Lodges involved:

W. Clyde H. Jones, Stratton, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, to fill vacancy left by death of M. W. Virgil R. Johnson. Approved September 14, 1956.

W. Cary W. Dresslar, Chairman of George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee, Grand Representative of Vermont, to fill vacancy created by death of W. Clarence T. Spier. Approved November 7.

W. Frank F. McMullin of Craig, Grand Representative of South Australia, in place of Thomas A. Barton who moved from the jurisdiction of Nebraska. Approved November 7.

W. Harry A. Spencer, Lincoln, Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, in place of Dr. Glenn L. Rice, who moved from the jurisdiction of Nebraska.

LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

On June 22, 1956 I attended the 75th Anniversary banquet of St. Paul Lodge No. 82. I was accompanied by R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden, and W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon. Brother Clayton Andrews, who was born and raised in St. Paul, was the speaker of the evening. Brother Andrews gave a very interesting talk, and the evening was very enjoyable.

On October 23, Western Star Lodge No. 2 at Nebraska City celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a very outstanding event. In the afternoon there was a large parade, with Shrine units from Omaha and Lincoln participating. A Commandery drill team, and several bands and floats also took part. Following the parade, the Grand Lodge officers dedicated a memorial plaque, installed on the wall of the lodge building, commemorating their century of service. Great credit goes to W. Brother Francis Cole and his officers for arranging such an outstanding event. In the evening a joint banquet celebrating their anniversary and our pre-centennial Area Meeting was held, with an attendance of over 600 Master Masons. The following Grand Lodge officers were present: 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. John F. Fletcher, Grand Senior Deacon, W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon; M. W. William B. Wanner,

Benjamin F. Eyre, Ernest S. Schiefelbein, John S. Hedelund and Herbert T. White, Past Grand Masters.

On May 11, 1957, I attended the 100th Anniversary celebration of Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha.

CENTENNIAL LODGE NO. 326

It was not only an unusual, but a very distinct honor to present the Charter and install the officers of Centennial Lodge No. 326, Omaha, on July 7, 1956. This is the second Nebraska lodge to be chartered since 1937, the other one being Bellevue Lodge No. 325 which was chartered last year. The brothers of Centennial Lodge deserve great credit for the fine progress made in creating an active Masonic lodge. They display Masonic brotherhood in its highest form, working together for a worthwhile purpose. They also deserve great credit for the fine improvements made in their lodge quarters. The lodge and the place in which it meets are both of great credit to Masonry. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted in the presentation of the Charter and the installation of the officers: R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden, acting as Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Junior Warden, acting as Grand Senior Warden; W. John F. Fatcher, Grand Senior Deacon, acting as Grand Junior Warden; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, acting as Grand Treasurer; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian, acting as Grand Chaplain; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon, acting as Grand Senior Deacon; Ross Van Sickle, Assistant Custodian - Book of Constitutions. Also present was M. W. Herbert T. White.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Having been a member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home since 1940, I have a deep appreciation of the fine service we are rendering to our Masonic brothers and our sisters with Masonic heritage. Due to the press of other activities this past year I have not attended as many meetings of the Board as has been my custom, but I intend in the future to be more faithful. The President of our Home, Brother William F. Patterson, will give a report later in the session, which will give you more information regarding this fine Masonic activity. I do want to express my appreciation for the fine work and service rendered by Brother Patterson. His is a labor of love. Great credit for our fine Masonic Home goes to our beloved Superintendent, Brother William F. Evers, and to his fine son, Assistant Superintendent Raymond F. Evers. They are a wonderful team, and together they are doing a fine work. I urge you to drop in and visit them. They will welcome you.

And here I want to express the thanks of this Grand Lodge to Brother Bill Evers for two beautiful and worthwhile gifts—specimens

of his woodworking genius. One is the symbol used in Temple dedication ceremonies, and the other is a case to carry our new Grand Lodge officers' aprons. We think of you, Brother Bill, every time we use them. Thank you very much.

Again I gave approval to the Masonic bodies in Grand Island to solicit the Masonic lodges within a radius of one hundred miles of Grand Island for contributions to the Annual Thanksgiving Food Truck to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. This is Masonry in action, and the Masons of Central Nebraska are certainly to be congratulated for carrying on this fine project.

I also gave permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha to solicit funds from the subordinate lodges for Christmas gifts for the residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont. This is a very worthy activity, and the Masons of Omaha are to be commended for their interest in these two fine Homes.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Here again I was not able to attend as many meetings of the Board as I would like to have done. I do know that the administration of this Home is in excellent hands, with half of the Board members from the Order of the Eastern Star, and half from the Masonic fraternity.

During the year the new Administration-Recreational building was completed. It will greatly improve the facilities of the Home.

During my term The Masonic-Eastern Star Home has been served by W.'Brother Louis V. Sylvester and W.'Brother Guy Olmsted as Presidents. They deserve our appreciation for their sacrifices in time and effort in this noble work. Brother Robert Grassman, Superintendent during most of my year, did a fine job and deserves a real vote of thanks. We were sorry that a more remunerative position took him away from us. I wish to express my appreciation for the very fine relationships which I have had with Sister Lorene Peterson, Worthy Grand Matron, with W.'Brother Ernest Purdy, Worthy Grand Patron, and with Sister Wilma Harms, Grand Secretary, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

This very important committee has charge of the investment of all Grand Lodge funds. I have met with this committee twice during the year, and I was impressed with their zeal and thoroughness. The committee is composed of M.'W.'Lewis E. Smith, 136, Chairman, W.'Carl D. Ganz, 209, and W.'C. Earl Fuhrer, 33.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

Some of the normal activities of this committee were foregone this past year, and they took on some new responsibilities. I wish to thank Howard Hunter and his committee for their co-operation and help. This committee handled all arrangements for the twenty Pre-Centennial ban-

quets. In all cases every detail was taken care of to perfection, thus taking a big load off your Grand Master's shoulders. That these Pre-Centennial meetings were a success is due in no small measure to the work of this committee. You will hear a more detailed report of their activities later, but I want to give them a big "thank you" now.

COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL

The work of this committee is now drawing to a close. This committee was appointed by M. W. Brother Benjamin F. Eyre in 1946. They have worked since that time that we might here suitably commemorate this important occasion, our 100th Annual Communication. As this time approached, the tempo of the work of the committee increased. They have worked hard, and I believe they have arranged a program of which we will all be proud.

My special thanks go to Brother George W. Rosenlof, Chairman of this committee since its inception. I know at times he has eaten, slept and lived this Centennial. If this occasion is a success, and I'm sure it will be, the greatest share of the credit must go to Brother Rosenlof. I know I speak for every Mason in Nebraska when I express appreciation for his devoted labors. Brother Rosenlof will give his report later, and you will learn in greater detail the job the committee has done.

OMAHA HOME FOR BOYS

On August 13, 1956, I granted authority to the Omaha Home for Boys to solicit funds from the Omaha and Douglas County Masonic lodges for the present Grand Lodge Masonic year. This is the fifth and last year of the stipulated five-year period which this Home was to be permitted to solicit funds from the Omaha and Douglas County lodges.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS IN NORTH AMERICA

One of the high points in the Grand Master's year is attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters in North America. This year was no exception. The meeting was held on February 20 and 21 in Washington, D. C. I was honored by being a member of the Conference Committee of eight who arranged and had charge of the program. It was also my privilege to nominate the Conference Chairman, who presided during the session, Past Grand Master Otto L. Danek of Minnesota.

Other Nebraskans attending this year were: M. W. Brother Herbert T. White, M. W. Brother Charles F. Adams, M. W. Brother William B. Wanner, R. W. Brother Roy I. Babbitt, R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen, W. Brother Harold H. Thom, W. Brother Robert E. Lund and Ill. Brother Joseph W. Seacrest.

The Conference is a very informal group with no authority. It passes no motions and makes no decisions. The discussion subjects, however, are very interesting, educational and illuminating. It is interesting to learn how other jurisdictions do things and how their thinking coincides with or differs from ours.

M. W. Brother Charles F. Adams is a member of the important Committee on Information and Recognition. This is an honor to Brother Adams and to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

We were disappointed that M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith was unable to attend the Conference for the first time in many years.

We were pleased to have as our guests at the Grand Masters' banquet the members of our Congressional delegation who are Masons and their wives. Our guests were Senator and Mrs. Roman Hruska, Senator and Mrs. Carl Curtis, Congressman and Mrs. A. L. Miller, Congressman and Mrs. Phil Weaver and Congressman Robert Harrison. The banquet speaker, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, gave a very fine address.

The Nebraska group was again invited to attend the Frank Land breakfast and the Wisconsin breakfast. Both affairs were very enjoyable, and we appreciate being included. Another fine occasion was when the entire Conference was invited to the House of the Temple for luncheon as guests of Luther A. Smith, Illustrious Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction. Our Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska, Joseph W. Seacrest, was one of our hosts.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

On February 22nd the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was held in the Memorial Building in Arlington, Virginia. Nebraska is honored to have M. W. Brother Charles F. Adams a member of the Board of Directors of the Memorial Association.

The Memorial is now nearing completion and is truly an inspiration. You will hear more about it in the report of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association Committee.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

I am pleased to report that I had only five trial commissions to appoint. While a Grand Master hates to appoint even one such commission, I am pleased to report that this is a lesser number than has been appointed for several years. One commission appointed last year made its report this year.

Of the six trials, three involved violations of our liquor law, and three involved moral turpitude.

VISITATIONS TO SUBORDINATE LODGES AND PRE-CENTENNIAL AREA MEETINGS

June 8, 1956—Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, my own lodge. Reception and dinner.

June 22—St. Paul No. 82, 75th Anniversary banquet. Accompanied by R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden, and W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon.

June 23—Samaritan No. 158, Chadron. Cornerstone, Nebraska State Teachers College.

June 28—Bee Hive No. 184, Omaha. Dinner and address.

July 7—Constituted Centennial Lodge U. D. and installed officers.

July 31—McCook No. 135. Dinner, and presented 50-year button.

August 15—Minden No. 127. Master Mason degree conferred on John Chappell, son of M. W. Charles A. Chappell. Also present were Grand Lodge officers R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Junior Warden, W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, and W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon; also, Past Grand Masters Ralph O. Canaday and John S. Hedelund, in addition to Charles A. Chappell.

August 18—Cotner No. 297, Lincoln. Cornerstone, new Masonic Temple.

September 22—Wayne No. 120. Cornerstone, Nebraska State Teachers College.

September 25—Lincoln No. 19. "Elgin Nite" dinner.

September 26—Platte Valley No. 32, host lodge, North Platte Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.

September 27—McCook No. 135, host lodge, Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.

September 28—Lancaster No. 54, Lincoln. "Telephone Day" dinner.

October 9—Porter No. 106, Loup City. Cornerstone, Elementary School.

October 9—Ashlar No. 33, host lodge, Grand Island Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.

October 11—Upright No. 137, Burchard. Dedication of Masonic Temple.

October 22—Fremont No. 15. Dedication of Masonic Temple.

October 23—Western Star No. 2, Nebraska City. Centennial celebration, dedication of plaque, banquet and Pre-Centennial Area Meeting with Western Star No. 2 as host.

October 26—Emmett Crawford No. 148, host lodge, Broken Bow Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.

November 1—Fremont No. 15. Cornerstone, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Administration and Recreation Building.

November 1—Fremont No. 15, host lodge, Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.

November 6—Geneva No. 79. Dinner. Accompanied by W. C. Vin White, Grand Orator, who delivered address, and W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Junior Deacon.

- November 21—East Lincoln No. 210. Dinner.
- November 23—George Washington No. 250, Lincoln. Dinner and address.
- December 17—Craftsmen No. 314, Lincoln. Dinner.
- January 3, 1957—Pawnee No. 23, Pawnee City. Special meeting. Accompanied by R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.
- January 5—Joint installation of officers, the eight Omaha downtown lodges.
- January 8—Centennial No. 326, Omaha. Installation.
- January 9—Hastings No. 50 and Mid-West No. 317. Installation.
- January 10—Lincoln No. 19, Lancaster No. 54 and Liberty No. 300, Lincoln. Installation—acted as Installing Marshal.
- January 12—John J. Mercer No. 290, Omaha. Installation.
- January 18—Nebraska No. 1, host lodge, Omaha Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.
- January 25—Mizpah No. 302, Omaha. Honoring Grand Lodge. Dinner—presented key to City of Omaha by Mayor Rosenblatt. Address.
- February 28—Lincoln No. 19, host lodge, Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.
- March 6—Mosaic No. 55, host lodge, Norfolk, Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.
- March 7—Albion No. 78. Dedication of new Masonic Temple.
- March 8—Falls City No. 9, host lodge Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.
- March 21—York No. 56, host lodge, Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.
- March 22—Wayne No. 120, host lodge, Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.
- March 26—Lincoln No. 19. "State House Night."
- April 11—Beatrice No. 26, host lodge, Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.
- April 18—Purity No. 198, Imperial. Dinner.
- April 19—Jachin No. 146, host lodge, Holdrege Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.
- April 26—Omadi Lodge No. 5, host lodge, Dakota City Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.
- May 3—Hastings No. 50, host lodge, Pre-Centennial Area Meeting.
- May 11—Capitol No. 3, Omaha, 100th Anniversary Celebration.
- May 22—College View No. 320, Lincoln.
- May 24—Rob Morris No. 46, Kearney. Cornerstone, Student Union Building, Kearney State Teachers College.
- May 28—Centennial No. 326, Omaha.

I am very sorry that I was unable to accept all of the invitations extended to me. The addition of twenty pre-centennial meetings increased the time requirements, but these meetings did give me a chance to visit with many brothers from many lodges. Due to an attack of flu, I was

unable to attend two of the pre-centennial meetings. This I regret very much. I found the brothers very understanding when I was unable to accept their invitations.

I wish to thank all the brothers for the many courtesies and kindnesses shown me at the various meetings I attended this past year. When I was formally received, it was always done properly and with dignity.

OTHER VISITATIONS IN NEBRASKA

June 7, 1956—Nile installation of Supreme Queen, Omaha.

June 12—Grand Guardian Council of Nebraska, International Order of Job's Daughters, York.

June 15—Grand Assembly of Nebraska, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Omaha.

June 30—Camel Club, Ashland.

July 7—Meeting of Centennial Committee, Omaha.

July 18—Meeting of Grand Trustees, Lincoln.

August 9—Funeral of M.'W.' Virgil Johnson, Beatrice.

August 13—Jesters, Lincoln.

September 5—Nile officers, dinner, Lincoln. Naphis Temple.

September 21—Scottish Rite, Lincoln—Candidates' dinner.

October 29—O.E.S. District Meeting, Lincoln.

November 5—DeMolay Advisory Council luncheon, Lincoln.

November 6—Scottish Rite membership luncheon, Lincoln.

November 7—Hiram Club luncheon, Lincoln. Spoke on "Our Centennial Year."

November 7—Scottish Rite, Lincoln—night class.

November 11—Took food donation of Temple Chapter No. 271, O.E.S., to Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

November 15—Luncheon KCCH-33^o, Lincoln. Sovereign Grand Commander Luther A. Smith present.

November 16—Lincoln—Scottish Rite banquet.

November 17—Electa Chapter No. 8, O.E.S., Lincoln.

November 19—Past Masters' night, Temple Chapter No. 271, O.E.S., Lincoln.

November 29—Scottish Rite Consistory Banquet, Lincoln. Brought greetings.

November 30—Shrine Ceremonial, Lincoln.

December 1—Temple Chapter No. 271, O.E.S., Lincoln. Officers Party.

December 3—DeMolay Advisory Council luncheon, Lincoln.

December 4—Grand Council, R. .&S. .M. . in Nebraska, 77th Annual Assembly, Omaha.

December 5—Grand Chapter, R. .A. .M. . of Nebraska, 90th Annual Convocation, Omaha. Banquet.

December 8—Tangier Temple Ceremonial banquet, Omaha. Introduced at banquet and formally presented.

December 15—Centennial Committee meeting, Omaha.

December 20—Dinner honoring Supreme Queen Ruth C. Deaton, Naphis Temple No. 66, Daughters of the Nile, Lincoln.

January 11, 1957—Sesostriis Temple Shrine, Lincoln—installation of officers.

January 19—Capitol Chapter No. 320, O.E.S., Lincoln. Installation.

January 28—Scottish Rite Double Eagle Banquet, Lincoln—speaker.

January 30—Temple Chapter No. 271, O.E.S., Lincoln. Past Matrons and Past Patrons dinner.

February 4—Funeral of Victor Seymour, Lincoln, Secretary Emeritus, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

February 7—Scottish Rite Temple Board dinner, Lincoln.

February 11—DeMolay Advisory Council luncheon, Lincoln.

February 11—Scottish Rite, Lincoln—Candidates' dinner.

February 12—DeMolay Father and Son dinner, Lincoln.

February 15—Scottish Rite Temple Board dinner, Lincoln.

February 25—York Rite Smoker, Lincoln.

March 2—Centennial Publicity Committee meeting, Lincoln.

March 6—Hiram Club luncheon, Lincoln.

March 18—Temple Chapter No. 271, O.E.S., Lincoln. Past Matrons and Past Patrons dinner.

March 23—Job's Daughters banquet, Lincoln.

March 30—Centennial Committee meeting, Omaha.

March 31—Scottish Rite Education and Welfare Association meeting, Lincoln.

April 1—Temple Chapter No. 271. O.E.S., Lincoln.

April 5—Naphis Temple No. 66, Daughters of the Nile, Lincoln. Installation.

April 12—Scottish Rite banquet, Lincoln.

April 15—Meeting of Grand Trustees, Lincoln.

April 25—Grand Commandery, K. .T. . of Nebraska, McCook.

April 29—O.E.S., Lincoln—covered dish dinner.

May 6—Meeting of Grand Trustees, Lincoln.

May 10 & 11—Conference of Grand Officers of Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska, in Omaha.

May 13—Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, Lincoln, dinner and reception for R. .E. .Donald A. Keys, Grand Commander.

May 14—Grand Chapter of Nebraska, O.E.S., Lincoln—introduced.

May 15—DeMolay Chevalier Degree, Lincoln.

May 27—O.E.S. Charter Day, Lincoln.

Some of the highlights of my year have been my visits to some of our allied or affiliated bodies. With a few exceptions, I was received and accorded the honors due the office of Grand Master. I found these organizations teaching Masonic principles, and fulfilling a real need. We can be proud of them.

I'm sorry that I was not able to accept all of the invitations extended to me, but here again I found my brothers very understanding.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

I was unable to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, held in Yankton on June 12 and 13, 1956. M.'W.'Brother Benjamin F. Eyre attended as my personal representative.

I was unable to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, held in Torrington on August 27 and 28, but our Grand Jurisdiction was very ably represented by our Deputy Grand Master, R.'W.'Roy I. Babbitt as my personal representative.

M.'W.'Herbert T. White attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of California as my personal representative. This Communication was held September 17 in San Francisco.

On September 30, and October 1, 2 and 3, with R.'W.'Brother Carl R. Greisen and our wives, we attended the 150th Anniversary celebration of the Grand Lodge of Delaware in Wilmington. It was a delightful occasion, with many interesting things planned for our pleasure and edification. Brother Carl and I brought home some good ideas, which we passed on to our Centennial Committee.

On October 4 and 5, I attended the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in Chicago. This is one of our Mother Grand Lodges, and I was accorded many fine courtesies. Mrs. Hale accompanied me.

On January 21 and 22, I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado in Denver. The Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Kansas are responsible for the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and we can certainly be proud of our protege.

I was unable to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, held in Wichita in March, due to business obligations. I was invited and did accept the invitation of Keystone Lodge No. 102 of Coffeyville, Kansas, when they honored their new Grand Master on April 6th at a banquet and reception. M.'W.'Richard L. Becker is a member of Keystone Lodge No. 102, and is the first Grand Master they have had in the 85 years of their existence. To say that they went all out to show how proud they are of their Grand Master, is an understatement. Mrs. Hale and I had a very enjoyable time, and visited with many former

Grand Masters of Kansas who wished to be remembered to their Nebraska friends.

On November 2, 1956, December 7, 1956 and February 1, 1957, it was my very great privilege to confer the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the first section of the Master Mason degrees on my son, Bob, in Newton Lodge No. 59, Newton, Iowa. I want to express appreciation to Newton Lodge for giving me the opportunity to confer this work on my son. I also want to express appreciation to M. W. Brother J. Guy Swartzlander, who was Grand Master of Iowa in 1949, for conferring the second section of the Master Mason degree on Bob, and for permitting me to assist.

I was very sorry that I was unable to accept invitations from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Netherlands, Missouri, Kentucky, Iowa, South Carolina, Florida and North Carolina.

PAWNEE LODGE NO. 23

By your vote last year you directed the Grand Master to reconsider the problem which had developed in Pawnee Lodge No. 23. The problem stemmed from joint ownership and joint control of the building, which has rental properties on the first floor and lodge rooms on the second floor. Joint and equal ownership was between Pawnee Lodge No. 23 and Bethlehem Chapter No. 20, R. A. M. .

R. W. Carl Greisen and W. Brother Herbert Ronin accompanied me to Pawnee City, and at an informal meeting of the members of both bodies, it was agreed: (1) Title to the property should be held in the name of Pawnee Lodge No. 23. (2) Pawnee Lodge No. 23 would assume the indebtedness of \$1,000.00 which Bethlehem Chapter No. 20 owed on the property. (3) Pawnee Lodge No. 23 would provide lodge facilities to Bethlehem Chapter No. 20 for all their usual and normal chapter functions, on a share-the-maintenance-expense basis.

At the date of our meeting, December 28, 1956, all bills including taxes were paid, and the Trustees had a small cash balance on hand.

The proposal was approved by Bethlehem Chapter, No. 20 and Pawnee Lodge No. 23 at their regular meetings, for which proper notices had been sent to their respective memberships in advance. The proposal was approved by Lewis E. Baker, Grand High Priest, R. A. M. ., and on January 17, 1957, I approved revised by-laws of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, providing for control and supervision of the building by Pawnee Lodge No. 23. I confidently believe that the new arrangement will work out to the advantage of all concerned.

DECISIONS

I had very few requests for opinions concerning the application of our Masonic Law. I am not sure whether this reflects the opinion of my

brothers regarding my judgment, or indicates that most of the questions have been answered previously.

Most of the inquiries received were covered in the Law in its published decisions. I believe, however, the following merit your special consideration:

(1) A Temple Building Association inquired whether or not it was necessary to secure the Grand Master's permission to sell a lot owned by them. I could find nothing covering this in our Masonic Law, and I advised them that it was my opinion that they could proceed to sell without the Grand Master's permission.

(2) A lodge inquired whether or not they could spend lodge funds in connection with a proposed appeal to the Supreme Court of Nebraska in a case involving an estate wherein part of the property was left to the lodge. I ruled that the use of lodge funds, if properly authorized at a meeting of the lodge, for the prosecution of the case in order to acquire what appears to be the lawful property of the lodge, would be using lodge funds for Masonic purposes.

(3) A brother wished to circularize the members of his lodge, offering them the privilege of purchasing a 75% interest in a mineral lease covering the oil and gas rights on certain land in Kentucky. In the event of commercial production, he proposed to turn over all profit accruing to him as a result of his 25% interest to the care of crippled children and underprivileged boys. I ruled that his proposal would be in violation of Section 2-614 of the Code. I also believe that Section 2-704, while not covering such a case specifically, would indicate that such a solicitation would be un-Masonic.

(4) Inquiry was made as to whether or not a lodge which had in January voted to surrender its Charter, could conduct a funeral service in April. The question was whether or not the surrender of the Charter was final at the time of the vote or when the action is approved at the next Grand Lodge session. I ruled that when the lodge voted to surrender its Charter it was not in possession of a Charter, and therefore not qualified to hold Masonic meetings or conduct Masonic services.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1) I recommend that Article III of the Constitution, and that Section 1-101 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, be amended to provide that the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge shall be held in Omaha on odd numbered years, and in Lincoln on even numbered years. I believe that in each two year period we will get better attendance coverage if we alternate our meetings between Lincoln and Omaha. Lincoln is geographically closer to two-thirds of Nebraska than is Omaha. Thus, one year we would hold Grand Lodge in the city which is closest to most lodges, and the other year we would hold it closest to most members. I think our Grand Lodge would be strengthened by such a combination.

2A) I recommend that Section 1-301 of the By-laws be revised to provide for a Jurisprudence Committee consisting of the seven junior Past Grand Masters residing in Nebraska, with the senior member of the group as chairman.

2B) I recommend that the Grand Master submit to the Jurisprudence Committee the recommendations he intends to make in his communication address, and all decisions rendered to date, not less than thirty days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. Further, that the Jurisprudence Committee meet prior to the opening of Grand Lodge and consider the recommendations and decisions, and that any decisions made after submitting the above to the Jurisprudence Committee shall be presented to the Committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge.

I think that recommendations 2A and 2B will expedite the work of the Grand Lodge and will permit more careful and thoughtful consideration of the matters presented. It will permit most, if not all, of our Grand Masters to be in attendance at all Grand Lodge sessions and we will have the benefit of their constant advice and counsel.

2C) If recommendations 2A and 2B are approved, I recommend an appropriation of \$500 be made to cover the expense of the special meeting of the Committee, with the understanding that no expense other than that specified in Chapter I, Section 1-105 shall be paid members of the Committee attending a meeting during the Grand Lodge session.

2D) If recommendations 2A, 2B and 2C are approved, I recommend that Chapter I, Section 1-105 be revised to include Past Grand Masters.

3) I recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to investigate the District Deputy systems of other Grand Jurisdictions and to present at our next Annual Communication a District Deputy plan for our Grand Jurisdiction. We have a large jurisdiction in area, we are growing, and we are active. I think a District Deputy Grand Master can be of real help to the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian and the Grand Marshal. At least let us have a plan developed, and then we can decide whether or not we want to adopt it.

4) I recommend that this Grand Lodge permit lodges to sponsor DeMolay Chapters. No doubt I'm prejudiced, as I was a charter member of my DeMolay Chapter, both of my sons have served their DeMolay Chapter as Master Councillor, and I'm now an Advisory Council member. If we can't take some time to devote to our youth, then I say we are not good Masons or good citizens. Certainly there will be problems, but are we afraid to face them? Nearly everything worthwhile takes effort. Let's help that fine organization which teaches patriotism, preservation of public schools, good citizenship, and clean living. I find that many other Grand Jurisdictions permit, or rather I should say, encourage their subordinate lodges to sponsor DeMolay. If they can do it, we can do it.

5) I recommend that we abandon our doctrine of the perfect youth, and make each lodge responsible for all time for all members they admit

who are maimed. We turn away many good men, men who were maimed fighting to preserve our freedom or injured in honest toil—they are honest, intelligent men, who are fine, productive citizens. We profess that we believe in the "Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God." Let's prove it.

6) I recommend that Nebraska Lodge No. 1 be reimbursed in the amount of \$430 for money spent in rehabilitating the Masonic monument at Bellevue which marks the location of the first lodge organized in Nebraska. It is true that they expended this money without approval, but it was work which was certainly necessary. The Grand Lodge participated in re-dedicating this monument last year, and we visited it yesterday on our way to Plattsmouth. Surely we want it to be something we can be proud of.

7) I recommend that a Grand Lodge Committee on Public Schools be established whose duty it will be to promulgate a program, approved by the Grand Master, which will support public education in this Grand Jurisdiction. We as Masons must protect, assist and lend active assistance to the free public school system. If we Masons really want to be more effective during the coming century, I commend this activity to your very serious consideration.

8) I recommend that Article XII, Section 4 of the Constitution be revised to increase the price of providing a new charter from \$75 to \$100. Our Grand Secretary tells me that the cost of securing this document has increased materially since the present rate was established, and that the proposed amount will barely cover the actual cost.

9) At the suggestion of our Grand Secretary I recommend that Chapter XXII, Section 3-403 of the By-laws be revised to permit the use of either registered or certified mail.

10) I believe that the action taken at our last Communication amending Section 2-1204, may have been hasty in that a strict observance of the revised law would prohibit Masons from wearing their aprons on Sunday when conducting a funeral, Scottish Rite Masons from wearing their caps on Easter morning during the ceremony of relighting the Symbolic Lights, Knights Templar from wearing their regalia on Easter Sunday, Shriners from wearing their fezzes during the Sunday afternoon performances of the Shrine Circus or at Shrine picnics held on Sunday. I, therefore, recommend that this matter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for their further consideration and recommendation.

GRAND SECRETARY

My good right hand throughout this year has been R. W. Brother Carl Greisen. I want to thank him for his help. This has been an especially busy year for Brother Carl. There have been many new demands upon his time and talents because of our Centennial celebration. He has handled everything with his usual dispatch.

I have not used the Grand Master's office in the Grand Lodge quarters very much this year, nor have I made many visits to our Grand Secretary's office. I'm sure you will realize that I would prefer to use the telephone. Brother Carl and I have been in telephone communication two or three times a week, and we have met at Masonic occasions once or twice a week, so we were able to co-ordinate our work. It has been a pleasure to work with your Grand Secretary, and I thank him for his co-operation and ever ready assistance.

While I haven't been around Brother Carl's office very much this year, I am aware that he has a very efficient staff, and I thank each of them for their help and kindnesses.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

W. Brother Ray Cook and his efficient staff of Assistant Custodians have not been able to carry out their normal activities during this past year because of the pre-centennial meetings held throughout the state.

Perhaps a break in the regular routine is good once in awhile; it gives one a better chance to evaluate what one has been doing. I'm sure we will all agree that Brother Cook's department has done and is doing an outstanding job for Masonry in Nebraska. One thing alone, the dignity with which the degrees are conferred, is proof of this. The number of certified men and certified lodges continues to increase. This is fine, but I would give one word of caution—let's not make individual proficiency a prerequisite to holding office. There are other qualifications, in my mind, which are equally important, such as leadership, administrative ability, dependability, etc.

I especially want to thank Brother Ray for his tremendous contribution to our pre-centennial celebrations. He attended all twenty meetings and gave a very interesting talk at each one entitled, "The Origin and History of the Masonic Ritual." I know the brothers learned much from this talk, and the only way it could have been improved was for Brother Ray to have had more time.

To Brother Ray and to all his fine Assistant Custodians I say "Thanks"—it's been a pleasure working with you.

OTHER MASONIC BODIES

Organizations which have membership in the Masonic Order or the recommendation of a Master Mason as a prerequisite to membership must be a constant source of interest and concern to this Grand Lodge. What these organizations do can bring credit or discredit to Masonry. These organizations must never be allowed for one minute to forget that they owe their very existence to this Grand Lodge, and that they are accountable to this Grand Lodge.

It is my personal belief that, in general, these organizations are a great credit to Masonry. I'm sure we are all proud of the great work many of them are doing.

There is, however, one thing which some of these groups do which bothers me. It is a fundamental concept of Masonry that application must be a wholly voluntary act. This is not the case in some of the so-called higher bodies, where I think undue pressure is often put on a Master Mason to join. "Let your light so shine before men that they will see your good work and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Can we not also say, "Let your light so shine before men that they will see your good works and want to join with you in furthering them?"

We have three youth organizations which have Masonic relationships—Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, and DeMolay. To me it is regrettable that this Grand Lodge has not seen fit to permit local lodges to sponsor DeMolay Chapters. Having been a charter member of the DeMolay Chapter in Lincoln, having had two sons who served their Chapter as Master Councillor, and being a member of the DeMolay Advisory Council, I feel strongly on this subject, and have made a recommendation earlier in my report.

It is regrettable that the impression prevails in some parts of our jurisdiction that some Grand Lodge representatives are opposed to Masonic youth organizations. I certainly hope, and I do not believe this is true. The future of our country lies in our youth, and any of you who have witnessed the initiatory work of our three fine Masonic youth organizations could not help but be proud that they claim a Masonic heritage. Let's do everything we can to encourage them—they are the citizens of tomorrow.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED

It is with regret that I report that Israel Lodge No. 187 of Ulysses, and Grace Lodge No. 226 of Wilcox, surrendered their charters this past year. Each of these lodges had less than ten resident members. It is a difficult decision to decide to give up your lodge, but there comes a time when that is a wise decision. It is hoped that all the brothers will affiliate with a neighboring lodge promptly, and lend their full support to their new home.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE COMMITTEE

At your direction last year, I appointed a Special Grand Lodge Office Committee of three members, consisting of M. W. Charles F. Adams, Chairman, R. W. John E. Beaver, and W. Herbert A. Ronin. They have applied themselves to the task assigned, and will give a report at this session. I now thank them for their acceptance of this assignment.

GRAND LODGE BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

In consequence of a Resolution adopted by this Grand Body last year, I appointed a Grand Lodge Business Affairs Committee consisting of M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, Chairman, Benjamin F. Eyre, Edward Huwaldt, Elmer E. Magee and Thomas J. Aron.

I selected five consecutive Past Grand Masters who had not served too recently, so they would have a perspective, and who had not served so long ago that our problems and size were too different. I don't think I could have selected a better qualified group—there are bankers, businessmen, a lodge secretary, an attorney and judge.

This committee has a deep interest in the over-all welfare of our Grand Lodge, as I'm sure we all have. They will give a report and, I assume, some recommendations, later in the session.

LANCASTER LODGE NO. 54

I want to express my sincere appreciation to my lodge, Lancaster No. 54, for the support and many courtesies extended to me, not only this past year, but ever since I became a member in 1928.

I thank them for the reception given Mrs. Hale and me in Lincoln June 8, 1956, and for the gift presented to me at that time. I can report that I have used it to excellent advantage throughout the year.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

In spite of drought conditions which prevailed during 1956, we finished the year with a net gain of 327. This was truly remarkable. It is not numbers, as such, that we glory in, but rather the quality of those who knock on our doors. From my observation we are raising fine young men who are a credit to the fraternity. Young men are assuming responsibilities in the lodges.

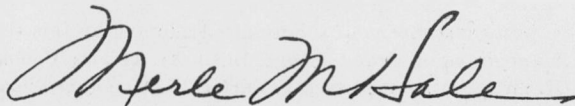
For the most part our lodges are in a healthy and active condition. Several have moved into new Temples, improved their present quarters, or are making plans to construct Temples in the near future.

CONCLUSION

And so we come to the end of another year—not just an ordinary year, but a special milestone—the end of one century. It is a fine thing to be able to reflect that we have builded well, to glory in our two fine Masonic Homes, to compliment ourselves on our ritualistic purity and perfection, to point with pride to our growth in numbers, to feel security because of monetary possessions, and to feel that we have benefited our fellow men, the communities in which we live and our state, but I'm reminded of that famous epigram, "The past is prologue." For us the past is prologue—it points the way for us to be of greater service in the future to our churches, to our schools, to our country and to our brothers.

It has been a great honor to serve you, and I hope I have done so to your satisfaction.

Fraternally submitted,



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:

It is a great privilege to serve the Grand Lodge as Secretary and it is with genuine pleasure that I greet you this morning, assembled as you are in this One Hundredth Annual Communication, and bring to you my tenth report as your Grand Secretary. Eight men have preceded me in this office since 1857. They are, in the order of their service: George Armstrong, Robert W. Furnas, Robert C. Jordan, Stephen D. Bangs, J. Newton Wise, Robert W. Furnas, William R. Bowen, Francis E. White and Lewis E. Smith.

All have long since entered into eternal rest except my immediate predecessor M. W. Lewis E. Smith, senior Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus. He is here today as chipper as ever. He has been a tower of strength to this Grand Lodge and to me personally. I shall always be grateful for his brotherly love and timely counsel.

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." Matthew 7:25.

Truly this Grand Lodge was founded upon a rock and has withstood the adversities of 100 years and prospered. Some one has said, we cannot face the future looking at the past. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska faces a great challenge as we begin the next 100 years. May we accept the challenge with courage and maintain our position on the rock.

Now my report.

INVESTMENTS

The financial statement reflects the activity in the several funds.

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from every lodge and all dues for the year 1956 have been paid in full. Again may we express our thanks and appreciation to the lodge secretaries for their fine co-operation. For the most part theirs is a labor of love and they do a wonderful job.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from Fremont No. 15, Lincoln No. 19, Wayne No. 120, Culbertson No. 174, Landmark No. 222, and Grand Island No. 318. Notice of an appeal from the decision of a trial commission from Fairbury No. 35 and Bancroft No. 145. These have all been referred to the Committee on Grievances for consideration and report at this Annual Communication.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Holbrook Lodge No. 257 has been cited to appear and show cause why their charter should not be forfeited in accordance with action of Grand Lodge at its 99th Annual Communication.

December 18, 1956, Israel Lodge No. 187, Ulysses, voted to surrender their charter. With only nine brethren living in or near the village and two of the nine physically unable to attend, it was just impossible to continue. The brethren will all affiliate with lodges near by. The charter and records are in the office and available for the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

January 14, 1957, Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox, voted to surrender its charter. This charter was surrendered for the same reason as Israel Lodge No. 187. The charter and records are in the office and available for the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

CENTENNIAL LODGE NO. 326

On the evening of July 7th the Grand Master, M. W. Merle M. Hale, constituted Centennial Lodge No. 326. They have had a fine year and are doing well. We can be proud of our two new lodges, Bellevue No. 325 and Centennial No. 326.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

During the year 107 buttons have been presented to brethren entitled to receive them. We now have 605 brethren in this distinguished group.

JORDAN MEDALS

Thirty-nine special meetings and ceremonies have been held this year at which time the senior member of the lodge was presented with the Robert Carrel Jordan Bronze Medal. It means, too, that thirty-nine brethren who were proud to wear the likeness of our first Grand Master, have laid down the working tools for the final time.

PRE-CENTENNIAL MEETINGS

Twenty pre-centennial meetings were held this year. It was my privilege and pleasure to attend eighteen.

The activity of the Grand Custodian during this Grand Lodge year has been centered around the pre-centennial meetings. However, we have continued to keep close contact with W. Brother Cook and the Assistant Custodians. We appreciate and thank them for their co-operation.

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D. I.

To W. Ralph S. Tully, the Officers and brethren of Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U. D. I., we express our thanks and appreciation. This lodge is called upon many times each year to conduct the funeral of a sojourning brother. It is a great service to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE RECORDS

Last year you authorized the removal from the rolls of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons who had failed to advance within the five-year period and suspended Master Masons who had failed to reinstate within the three-year period. We have removed from the rolls 2,883 Entered Apprentices, 630 Fellow Crafts and 11,720 suspended.

This leaves our rolls current and affords a better opportunity for the lodge officers to maintain a closer contact with these brethren and urge their advancement and continued membership.

We have visited with the Grand Master and the Committee on Grand Lodge Office relative to the micro-filming of at least seventy-five years of our Grand Lodge records. This procedure would give us much needed vault and work room space and eliminate the purchase of additional filing cabinets. If a recommendation is made in favor of this procedure we hope you approve.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC CODE

We are pleased to report that the Centennial edition of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska will be ready for distribution to the lodges on or before June 6th. Together with M. W. Brother Adams, Lee and Raecke we have spent hours upon hours in the preparation of this book. We hope you like it.

FINANCIAL REPORT
SPECIAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1957

DEBIT

Received from 45,737 members at \$3.00 each.....	\$137,211.00
Received from 1,386 initiations at \$10.00 each.....	13,860.00
Received from 11 affiliations at \$10.00 each.....	110.00
Received from Surety Bond Premiums.....	641.30
Received from Supplies	3,835.52
Received from Liability Insurance	4,121.37
Received from 1,361 brethren for George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at \$1.00 each.....	1,361.00
Ornan Lodge No. 261.....	9.00
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Total.....	\$161,149.19

CREDIT

Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 91,474.00
Transferred to Maintenance Fund	6,860.55
Transferred to Relief Fund	9,147.40
Transferred to General Fund	47,829.42
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund.....	1,361.00

Transferred to Supply Account	4,476.82
Total.....	\$161,149.19

GENERAL FUND

May 10, 1957

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....	\$ 52,598.14
Refunds 1956 budget.....	570.19
Special dispensations	160.00
Payroll account	2,101.70
Interest	655.48
Special account	47,829.42
Miscellaneous	301.29
Children's Home Endowment Fund.....	8,500.00
Relief Fund	9,500.00
Centennial Lodge No. 326 Charter.....	75.00
Total.....	\$122,291.22

CASH CREDIT

Payroll	\$ 12,391.30
Grand Lodge dinner.....	654.50
Entertainment of distinguished guests.....	1,298.20
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 Grand Master.....	867.25
Travel expense, Grand Master.....	2,500.00
Travel expense, Grand Secretary.....	1,500.00
Travel expense, Grand Custodian.....	5,000.00
Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, salary.....	5,500.00
Grand Officers expense.....	600.00
Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus.....	500.00
Grand Secretary Clerical Staff.....	7,040.00
Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, salary.....	7,500.00
Rent Grand Lodge quarters to June, 1957.....	2,200.00
Audit of books.....	350.00
Grand Secretary office expense.....	4,500.00
Past Grand Master's jewel.....	154.00

Proceedings and advance copies.....	4,025.50
Liability insurance premium.....	23.15
Masonic Relief Association.....	291.18
Bond premium on lodges.....	5,031.07
Social Security tax.....	680.45
Bond premiums, Grand Lodge Officers.....	313.20
Compensation insurance	41.01
Transportation to Plattsmouth.....	294.00
Fifty-year buttons	294.80
Omaha Lodge No. 288.....	10.00
Expense, M. W. Herbert T. White.....	446.65
Cash on hand May 10, 1957.....	55,334.96
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Total.....	\$122,291.22

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1957

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....	\$ 5,230.66
Received from supplies.....	3,839.14
Received from Lodges for Bond Premium.....	641.30
Lost check No. 64.....	39.50
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Total.....	\$ 9,750.60

CASH CREDIT

Premium on Secretaries and Treasurers bond.....	\$ 577.17
Supplies	1,652.58
Postage	600.00
Lost Check No. 64.....	39.50
Cash on hand May 10, 1957.....	6,881.35
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Total.....	\$ 9,750.60

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1957

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....	\$ 7,420.99
Special Account	9,147.40
Interest	250.00
Securities paid and sold.....	9,659.29
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Total.....	\$ 26,477.68

CASH CREDIT

Paid to Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	\$ 3,000.00
Masonic Service Association.....	1,000.00
Grand Lodge General Fund.....	9,500.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1957.....	12,977.68
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Total.....	\$ 26,477.68

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1957

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....	\$ 5,873.71
Securities paid and sold.....	31,717.72
George Washington Masonic National Memorial.....	1,361.00
Interest	1,389.74
Profit on sale of securities.....	1,992.12
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Total.....	\$42,334.29

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased	\$ 8,166.47
Transferred to Centennial Fund.....	31,600.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1957.....	2,567.82
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Total.....	\$ 42,334.29

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1957

No.	
48—Missouri Power & Light Co., 3.9% pfd.....	\$ 5,200.00
57—Shawmut Association, common.....	2,295.00
59—Rare Metals Corp. of America, common.....	200.00
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Total.....	\$ 7,695.00

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1957

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....	\$ 43,456.82
Securities Paid and Sold.....	28,689.11
Interest	6,606.42
Profit on sale of securities.....	3,474.03
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Total.....	\$ 82,226.38

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased	\$ 72,319.86
Maintenance Fund	2,150.00
Grand Lodge Office.....	2,531.35
Cash on hand May 10, 1957.....	5,225.17
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Total.....	\$ 82,226.38

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1957

No.	Name	Cost
89—	U. S. Treasury Coupon bonds, 2½%	\$ 10,000.00
91—	Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd.....	20,800.00
94—	Shell Union Oil Co., bonds 2½%	15,225.00
95—	Dana Corporation, 3.75% pfd.....	5,100.00
99—	Westinghouse Electric Corp., 3.80% pfd.....	10,050.00
101—	Commonwealth of Australia, bonds 3¼%	9,750.00
102—	Southern California Edison Co., 4.88% pfd.....	10,500.00
116—	Province of Saskatchewan, bonds 4%	1,062.72
122—	Tennessee Gas Transmission, pfd., 4.64%	9,922.50
133—	Pacific Gas & Electric 4.50 pfd.....	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.....	4,500.00
140—	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas, 5% pfd.....	10,250.00
147—	Hugoton Gas Trust, common.....	10,125.00
148—	Rochester Telephone Corp., common.....	11,112.50
149—	Otter Tail Power Co., common.....	8,550.00
150—	Arizona Public Service, common.....	7,300.00
151—	Iowa Power & Light Co., 3.30% pfd.....	7,900.00
152—	Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line, common.....	3,837.50
154—	Texas Gas Transmission, common.....	2,387.50
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Total.....		\$174,572.04

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1957

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....	\$ 26,124.42
Securities paid and sold.....	32,070.65
Profit on sale of securities.....	4,018.61
Interest	10,805.08
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Total.....	\$ 73,018.76

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased	\$ 48,265.50
Transferred to Maintenance Fund	9,000.00
Transferred to Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund.....	1,600.00
To correct error.....	46.88
Cash on hand May 10, 1957.....	14,106.38
Total.....	\$ 73,018.76

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1957

No.	Name	Cost
410—	Province of Manitoba, bonds, 4%	\$ 930.00
471½—	Western Light & Telephone Co., 5% pfd.....	6,871.50
502—	Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd.....	15,600.00
506—	Iowa Public Service, 3.90% pfd.....	10,200.00
507—	Southern Pacific Ry. bonds, 2½%	9,875.00
508—	Fruehauf Trailer Company, 4% pfd.....	10,450.00
510—	Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Co., 4.10% pfd..	5,125.00
515—	U. S. Government Treasury bonds, 2½%	5,000.00
527—	El Paso Natural Gas Company, 4.10% pfd.....	4,971.25
541—	Ada County, Idaho, Grange Supply, 5%	15,000.00
544—	El Paso Natural Gas, pfd. 4.10%	4,910.63
545—	Western Light & Telephone, 5% pfd.....	2,812.22
548—	Western Light & Telephone Co., 5% pfd.....	3,072.43
550—	American Tobacco Co., bonds, 3½%	8,938.82
561—	Wisconsin Electric Power, 3.60% pfd.....	8,690.31
562—	Southwestern Investment Co., bonds, 5%	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.....	14,850.00
577—	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas, 5% pfd.....	15,375.00
581—	Home Insurance, common.....	14,875.00
583—	Central Electric & Gas, common.....	8,000.00
585—	Province of Ontario, bonds, 3½%	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
590—	Home State Mining Co., common.....	6,694.50
591—	Colorado Oil & Gas Co., pfd. 1.25.....	9,525.00
592—	Pacific Lighting Corp., pfd. 4.36%	9,858.50
593—	Illinois Power Co., common.....	5,637.50
594—	Western Light & Telephone Co., pfd., 5.20%	5,350.00
Total.....	\$284,614.07	

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1957

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1956.....	\$ 22,480.97
Securities paid and sold.....	18,816.75
Profit on sale of securities.....	3,398.36
Interest	7,508.40
Paid on farm mortgages.....	1,000.00
Total.....	\$ 53,204.48

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased	\$ 16,975.00
Transferred to Maintenance Fund, Special appropriation.....	10,000.00
Transferred to General Fund, Special appropriation.....	8,500.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1957.....	17,729.48
Total.....	\$ 53,204.48

FARM MORTGAGES

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
81—	Kathleen O' Grady.....	240 acres Colfax....	5%	\$ 1,600.00
82—	Robert Levi.....	Omaha property....	4½%	4,000.00
Total.....				\$ 5,600.00

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1957

No.	Name	Cost
108—	U. S. Government Treasury bonds, 2½%.....	\$ 10,000.00
111—	Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% pfd.....	5,200.00
113—	American Potash & Chemical Corp., 4% pfd.....	5,000.00
114—	E. I. Dupont De Nemours Company, 3½% pfd.....	10,200.00
115—	Public Service of Indiana, 3½% pfd.....	4,775.00
117—	Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, 4½% pfd.....	5,150.00
137—	Central Illinois Public Service, pfd. 4%.....	9,061.88
151—	Consolidated Cigar Corp., \$5.00 pfd.....	4,225.00
158—	Indianapolis Power & Light, 4% pfd.....	15,164.19
159—	Shawmut Association, common.....	2,300.00
160—	Consolidated Cigar Corp., \$5.00 pfd.....	4,775.00
164—	Iowa Public Service Co., 3.75% pfd.....	4,500.00
166—	Iowa Power and Light Company, common.....	12,372.48
167—	Iowa Public Service Company, common.....	9,780.00
168—	Southwestern Investment Company, bonds 5%.....	10,040.28
169—	Interstate Securities, common.....	8,812.50
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
176—Pacific Power & Light Co., common	2,950.00
177—Western Casualty & Surety Co.	8,825.00
Total	\$164,081.53

MAINTENANCE FUND

May 10, 1957

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1956	\$ 6,852.45
Special Account	6,860.55
Building and Improvement Fund	2,150.00
Orphans' Educational Fund	9,000.00
Children's Home Endowment Fund	10,000.00
Total	\$ 34,863.00

CASH CREDIT

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$ 28,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1957	6,863.00
Total	\$ 34,863.00

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND

May 10, 1957

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1956	\$ 1,983.43
Cash from Permanent Reserve Fund	31,600.00
Total	\$ 33,583.43

CASH CREDIT

Warrants No. 7 to 51 inclusive	\$ 8,003.57
Cash on hand May 10, 1957	25,579.86
Total	\$ 33,583.43

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund cash	\$ 55,334.96
Relief Fund cash	12,977.68
Permanent Reserve Fund cash	2,567.82
Permanent Reserve Fund securities	7,695.00
Building and Improvement Fund cash	5,225.17
Building and Improvement Fund securities	174,572.04

Maintenance Fund cash.....	6,863.00
Supply Account cash.....	6,881.35
Orphans Educational Fund cash.....	14,106.38
Orphans Educational Fund securities.....	284,614.07
Children's Home Endowment Fund cash	17,729.48
Children's Home Endowment Fund securities	169,681.53
Grand Lodge Expense account	407.66
Grand Lodge Exchange account	210.00
Grand Officers Expense account	262.64
Centennial Contingent Fund cash.....	25,579.86
 Total.....	 \$784,708.64

DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS

Type of Investment	Total Cost	Percentage
United States Government Bonds.....	\$ 25,000.00	3.1%
Canadian Bonds	58,343.08	7.7%
Australian Bonds	9,750.00	1.2%
Industrial and Miscellaneous Bonds.....	79,120.35	10.1%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks.....	210,120.41	26.8%
Industrial and Miscellaneous Preferred Stocks.....	95,725.00	12.2%
Industrial and Miscellaneous Common Stocks.....	67,452.00	8.5%
Public Utility Common Stocks.....	85,451.80	10.9%
(sub totals) Bonds and Stocks.....	(\$630,962.64)	
Mortgage Loans	5,600.00	.7%
Cash	148,128.04	18.8%
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	\$784,690.68	100 %

AN ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS

BONDS AND STOCKS

Type of Investment	Total Cost	Annual Income Received	Yield
United States Government Bonds.....	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 625.00	2.5%
Canadian Bonds	58,343.08	1,880.00	3.2%
Australian Bonds	9,750.00	325.00	3.4%
Industrial and Miscellaneous Bonds.....	79,120.35	3,225.00	4.2%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks.....	210,120.41	9,207.50	4.4%
Industrial and Miscellaneous Pfd. Stocks	95,725.00	3,792.50	3.9%
Industrial and Miscellaneous Com. Stocks	67,452.00	3,265.00	4.8%
Public Utility Common Stocks.....	85,451.80	4,570.00	5.3%
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	\$630,962.64	\$ 26,890.00	5.9%
Average Income Per Year.....			4.3%

BRETHREN WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE FIFTY
YEAR BUTTON BY THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.
OF NEBRASKA, SINCE THE LAST REPORT AS
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Certificate

No.	Name	Date Raised	Lodge	Number
1925—	Chalmers H. England....	April 14, 1906....	Emmet Crawford..	148
1926—	Neils J. P. Larke.....	May 8, 1906....	Prudence	179
1927—	Edward A. Brittenham....	April 13, 1906....	Lily	154
1928—	Jesse Parker.....	June 1, 1906....	Pomegranate	110
1929—	Alexander S. Gilbert....	June 2, 1906....	Keystone	62
1930—	Edward A. Grove.....	July 3, 1906....	East Lincoln	210
1931—	Thomas J. Dempster....	May 9, 1906....	Laurel	248
1932—	Joseph T. Marshall.....	Nov. 21, 1899....	Unity	163
1933—	Clinton D. Leonard.....	Dec. 5, 1905....	East Lincoln	210
1934—	Wallace G. Firth.....	June 1, 1906....	Right Angle	303
1935—	William C. Rosecrans....	June 15, 1906....	Pomegranate	110
1936—	Benjamin M. Williams...	June 26, 1905....	Jachin	146
1937—	Luther Bonham.....	June 21, 1906....	Zeredatha	160
1938—	Ira W. McEachron.....	July 13, 1906....	Geneva	79
1939—	Cornelius T. Hecht....	May 16, 1906....	Hartington	155
1940—	Jesse E. Hayes.....	Mar. 7, 1906....	Frank Welch.....	75
1941—	Francis C. Hedges.....	June 4, 1906....	Fairbury	35
1942—	Otto Kotouc.....	Aug. 7, 1906....	Humboldt	40
1943—	John H. Agee.....	April 19, 1905....	Friend	73
1944—	Charles A. Geil.....	Sept. 26, 1906....	St. Paul	82
1945—	Arch Stafford.....	Oct. 19, 1906....	Capitol	3
1946—	Edward W. Keating....	May 16, 1904....	Capitol	3
1947—	Oscar E. Johnson.....	May 21, 1906....	Capitol	3
1948—	George Gordon Pray....	June 25, 1906....	Capitol	3
1949—	William J. Rogers.....	Aug. 29, 1906....	York	56
1950—	Stanley Maly.....	Sept. 17, 1906....	Crescent	143
1951—	James H. Kemp.....	Mar. 19, 1906....	Cedar River	89
1952—	George H. Robinson....	June 6, 1906....	Utica	96
1953—	George A. Agnew.....	July 10, 1906....	Lone Tree	36
1954—	Frank E. Lytle.....	Apr. 21, 1905....	Pomegranate	110
1955—	Frank J. Davis.....	Feb. 3, 1902....	Euclid	97
1956—	Raymond D. Kingsbury..	Oct. 18, 1906....	Ashlar	33
1957—	Lynn B. Thompson....	Nov. 19, 1906....	Arcana	195
1958—	Ralph E. Cressey.....	June 21, 1906....	Bee Hive	184
1959—	Harry C. Batty.....	Aug. 6, 1906....	Ornan	261
1960—	Joseph B. Schrock, Sr...	Nov. 3, 1906....	Robert W. Furnas.	265
1961—	Leonard H. Barwick....	Oct. 16, 1906....	Lincoln	19
1962—	William R. Brooks.....	Nov. 13, 1906....	Lincoln	19
1963—	Arthur B. Gadd.....	Sept. 19, 1906....	Lincoln	19
1964—	John F. Evans.....	Nov. 17, 1906....	Tecumseh	17

1965—Willis C. Hartley.....	Dec. 4, 1906....	Beatrice	26
1966—William E. Minier.....	Nov. 6, 1906....	George Armstrong..	241
1967—Jesse R. Caley.....	Dec. 28, 1906....	Creighton	100
1968—John W. Barth.....	Oct. 26, 1905....	St. Johns	25
1969—Jacob Vollmer	Oct. 31, 1906....	Covert	11
1970—Isaac B. Zimmerman.....	Dec. 27, 1906....	St. Johns	25
1971—Harry J. Antrim.....	Apr. 3, 1906....	Ogalalla	159
1972—Leroy A. DeVoe.....	June 21, 1906....	Ogalalla	159
1973—Iva C. McCrory.....	Nov. 3, 1906....	Canopy	209
1974—Oscar C. Zink.....	Nov. 3, 1906....	Canopy	209
1975—Paul A. De Odney.....	Aug. 18, 1906....	Blue River	30
1976—John P. Merritt.....	Aug. 9, 1905....	Tekamah	31
1977—Guy D. Hanks.....	Jan. 3, 1907....	Blazing Star	200
1978—Peter H. Fritchhoff.....	June 14, 1899....	Nebraska	1
1979—Howard C. Graham.....	Aug. 28, 1906....	Table Rock	108
1980—Hugh G. Ware.....	Sept. 12, 1906....	Jachin	146
1981—William Harvey	Jan. 31, 1907....	St. Paul	82
1982—Alfred B. Downing.....	Nov. 11, 1906....	Tecumseh	17
1983—Robert O. Johnson.....	Jan. 22, 1904....	Meridian	188
1984—Carl R. Witham.....	Feb. 2, 1907....	Alliance	183
1985—Clark A. Jeffers.....	Feb. 25, 1907....	Samaritan	158
1986—Ross R. Bodien.....	Jan. 26, 1907....	Melrose	60
1986—Adolph H. Wellensick...	Aug. 2, 1906....	Mt. Moriah	57
1987—George R. Porter.....	Jan. 23, 1907....	Covert	11
1988—Robert Brown	Mar. 7, 1907....	Ashlar	33
1989—William H. Fase.....	Mar. 13, 1907....	Springfield	112
1990—Herbert O. Miller.....	Feb. 20, 1907....	Nebraska	1
1991—William S. Becher.....	Mar. 28, 1907....	St. Johns	25
1992—Lyman C. Brooke.....	Feb. 8, 1907....	Geneva	79
1993—Alva L. Brown.....	Mar. 26, 1907....	Fairmont	48
1994—Fred Shelledy.....	Feb. 22, 1907....	Lincoln	19
1995—William Breitingner	Mar. 27, 1906....	Jordan	27
1996—Clarence Spurgin.....	Apr. 9, 1907....	Auburn	124
1997—Alvie Devers	Mar. 15, 1907....	Samaritan	158
1998—Floyd J. Axtell.....	Dec. 11, 1906....	Lincoln	19
1999—Curtis L. Walters.....	May 3, 1906....	Hastings	50
2000—Lewis C. Johnson.....	Feb. 16, 1907....	Covert	11
2001—Philip H. Bartholomew ..	Mar. 14, 1907....	Lincoln	19
2002—Samuel H. Smith.....	Mar. 16, 1907....	Lincoln	19
2003—Frank R. Beers.....	Mar. 26, 1907....	Lincoln	19
2004—Hugh B. Eller.....	Mar. 20, 1907....	Fremont	15
2005—Herman Petersen.....	Nov. 13, 1906....	Fremont	15
2006—Albert Falconer.....	Dec. 8, 1903....	Covert	11
2007—Frank P. Smith.....	July 5, 1906....	Franklin	264
2008—William E. Pierson.....	Mar. 16, 1906....	Hastings	50
2009—Nelson S. Mercer.....	Mar. 24, 1906....	Capitol	3
2010—Wallace H. Peake.....	Oct. 24, 1904....	Capitol	3

2011—Homer E. Race.....	Dec. 10, 1906....	Capitol	3
2012—Ralph E. Segur.....	Mar. 1, 1906....	Capitol	3
2013—Allan C. Scott.....	Mar. 24, 1906....	Capitol	3
2014—Clarence L. Minnick.....	Apr. 28, 1907....	Endeavor	262
2015—Charles E. Byers.....	Mar. 29, 1907....	Mid-West	317
2016—Phylander H. Young.....	Mar. 14, 1905....	Minnekadusa	192
2017—Herbert H. Slater.....	Mar. 15, 1906....	Cement	211
2018—Robert A. Mitchell.....	Apr. 30, 1907....	Melrose	60
2019—Willard S. Avery.....	Apr. 22, 1907....	Edgar	67
2020—John A. Gardner.....	May 13, 1907....	James A. Tulleys..	267
2021—Gilbert E. Carpenter.....	Oct. 24, 1906....	Covert	11
2022—William L. Atchison.....	Apr. 6, 1907....	Canopy	209
2023—Clarence E. McCartney...	Feb. 22, 1907....	Geneva	79
2024—Amos Thomas.....	May 7, 1907....	George W. Lininger	268
2025—Chris Nelson.....	May 17, 1907....	Evergreen	153
2026—Homer C. McDonald.....	May 22, 1907....	Newman Grove...	305
2027—Roy W. Hicks.....	May 2, 1907....	Blazing Star	200
2028—Dexter C. Buell.....	Apr. 20, 1907....	George W. Lininger	268
2029—Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	May 7, 1907....	Culbertson	174
2030—Orville E. Buckley.....	Apr. 20, 1907....	Winnebago	309

STATISTICS

GROUP LODGE MEMBERSHIP RECAPITULATION

Membership	Dec. 31, 1956		Dec. 31, 1955		Dec. 31, 1954		Dec. 31, 1953	
Under 30	1		2		3		4	
30 to 39	10		13		13		10	
40 to 49	15		12		14		16	
50 to 59	34		34		27		28	
60 to 69	31		28		34		32	
70 to 79	27		31		30		30	
80 to 89	17		18		13		16	
90 to 99	23		19		24		20	
100	160	2	159	2	160	2	158	2
101 to 149	40		43		41		43	
150 to 149	28		25		27		26	
200 to 299	16		17		17		18	
300 to 399	8		10		7		7	
400 to 499	97	5	99	4	97	5	100	6
500 to 599	4		4		4		4	
600 to 699	3		3		3		2	
800 to 899	0		1		1		2	
900 to 999	11	4	11	3	10	2	10	2
1000 plus	2		2		3		2	
1100 plus	1		1		1		1	

1200 plus	2		2		1		1
1300 plus	0		1		2		2
1400 plus	1		0		0		0
1600 plus	7	1	7	1	8	1	7 1
Totals	275	275	276	276	275	275	275 275

**MEMBERSHIP IN SIXTEEN SMALLEST LODGES

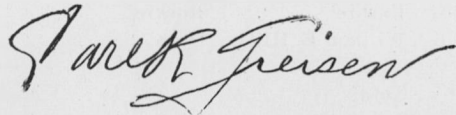
No.	Name	Location	1956	1951	1946	1941
74	Alexandria	Alexandria	37	34	31	34
130	Tuscan	Surprise	37	35	51	48
140	Western	Western	36	27	29	27
147	Siloam	Stuart	30	27	33	38
156	Pythagoras	Page	41	44	44	46
160	Zeredatha	Reynolds	38	38	38	35
175	Temple	Filley	42	36	39	43
194	Highland	Cortland	40	39	33	31
231	Mt. Hermon	Cook	43	44	35	39
243	Tyrian	Oak	30	33	30	21
247	Corner Stone	Osmond	31	35	38	30
257	Holbrook	Holbrook	29	27	24	26
278	Litchfield	Litchfield	36	44	41	31
279	Wallace	Wallace	41	41	39	30
304	Ruskin	Ruskin	38	37	34	32
307	William E. Hill	Otoe	33	34	32	32
Totals			582	575	571	543

**Israel No. 187 Charter surrendered Dec. 31, 1956.

RETURNS

Number of chartered lodges last report.....		276
Chartered during year (Centennial No. 326).....		1
Total Lodges.....		277
Number initiated during year.....	1,386	
Number passed.....	1,360	
Number raised.....	1,361	
Number affiliated.....	288	
Number dual members.....	7	
Number reinstated.....	343	
Number gained by other causes.....	5	
Total gross increase.....		2,004
Number demitted during year.....	351	
Number deceased.....	825	
Number suspended.....	486	
Number expelled.....	7	
Number lost by other causes.....	8	
Total loss.....		1,677
Net gain for year ending December 31, 1956.....		327
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1955		45,737
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1956		46,064

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary



W. Fredolph C. Chalquist,
Secretary, Composite Lodge
No. 81 for 27 years.



W. C. Robert Carlson,
Secretary, Wauneta Lodge
No. 217 for 26 years.



W. Carl H. Hoge,
Secretary, Lebanon Lodge
No. 323 for 27 years.



W. Leon J. Cherny,
Secretary, North Bend
Lodge No. 119 for 26 years.

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

George R. Porter.....	Covert No. 11.....	39 years
Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	38 years
Archie A. Meek.....	Lotus No. 289.....	37 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	36 years
Rudolph H. Jenny.....	Hartington No. 155.....	34 years
Eldon B. Johnson.....	Fidelity No. 51.....	30 years
Edward K. Milmine.....	Camp Clarke No. 285.....	31 years
Siegfried L. Jacks.....	Purity No. 198.....	30 years
James A. Rose.....	Fairmont No. 48.....	30 years
Alexis R. Gustavson.....	Newman Grove No. 305.....	29 years
Earl K. Husbands.....	Morning Star No. 197.....	27 years
Paul I. Eaton.....	Pomegranate No. 110.....	27 years
Fredolph C. Chalquist.....	Composite No. 81.....	27 years
Carl H. Hoge.....	Lebanon No. 323.....	27 years
C. Robert Carlson.....	Wauneta No. 217.....	26 years
Leon J. Cherny.....	North Bend No. 119.....	26 years
William W. Ward.....	Springfield No. 112.....	25 years
Calvin A. Gordon.....	Granite No. 119.....	25 years

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 7, 1956, and ending June 6, 1957.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF NEBRASKA WORK

The history of the Nebraska Masonic ritual occupies an important place in the history of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. As we have turned back the hands of time and delved into the ancient records, we have been tremendously impressed with the sincerity of the effort of the early leaders of the Craft in Nebraska to achieve the use of nothing but the Webb-Preston work in the subordinate lodges. Robert Carrel Jordan, the first Grand Master, was explicit in his order that there should be no departure from, nor innovation in the Webb-Preston work during the formative and early period of the Grand Lodge.

By 1861, Grand Master George Armstrong appointed a Committee of three to prepare a distinctive Nebraska ritual with direction to adhere closely to the forms, ceremonies and ritual of the Webb-Preston work in all its basic purity. A group of Nebraska brethren were sent to a National School of Masonic instruction, conducted by Rob Morris, an outstanding Masonic ritualist of that day, held in Cleveland, Ohio. Here the Webb-Preston work was presented in its purest form.

The development of the proposed new ritual, both monitorial and esoteric, continued with the care and thoroughness typical of Nebraska Masons, and moved steadily forward toward the conclusion finally reached in 1908-09, when the Committee appointed by Grand Master William DeBord recommended the adoption of the esoteric and monitorial work as prepared by the Committee composed of Past Grand Masters George H. Thummel, Robert E. French and Grand Secretary Francis E. White. The report was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge.

In 1922, the Grand Lodge reiterated its approval of this work and added the present system of promotion and promulgation under the instruction of a Grand Custodian and Assistant Custodians together with our present system of certification for lodge officers and individuals.

There have been no changes in our Nebraska work, except for one restoration, since that time. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has steadfastly held the line against the encroachments of work from other sources; has maintained its integrity and observed its own obligations by prohibiting the use of all keys and ciphers of any nature whatsoever. The work has moved forward steadily and surely until today, it stands at the highest level in its long and honorable history. It is a suitable tribute paid to the wisdom of the leaders of our Grand Lodge in every age of its development. Their determination to achieve uniformity, dignity, solemnity and meaning in the ceremonies and ritual has paid rich dividends indeed.

PRE-CENTENNIAL BANQUETS

I feel sure that it was this fine record of accomplishments during this past century made by Nebraska Masons in the matter of Masonic work, that brought the request from the Centennial Committee, that the Grand Custodian prepare and give a condensed version of the history of the development and evolution of the ritual at the twenty pre-centennial banquets held in all areas of Nebraska.

It was a high privilege for me to cooperate in these meetings by being present at all of these banquets and to perform to the best of my ability the tasks assigned to me.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Because of the pre-centennial emphasis and the resulting area banquets at which our Nebraska brethren and their ladies were given the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the long and honorable history of the Craft, there were no Central Schools scheduled.

The announcement of dates and locations of Central Schools for the coming year will be made about September 1st.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

Again, the Individual Schools of Instruction in our Nebraska Lodges proved to be the hub around which our most useful function revolves. All schools assigned have been held with the exception of two where the Assistant Custodian found it impossible to give the time to conduct them. These will be reassigned next year. In addition to the regular assigned schools, requests were made by lodges for schools that had not been assigned. This seems indicative of a healthy condition when lodge officers and brethren possess the zeal and will to work at their Masonic tasks. A total of 138 Individual Schools of Instruction were conducted in this Masonic year.

LODGE CERTIFICATION

It is with considerable satisfaction and genuine thankfulness that we are again able to report a gain in Lodge certification over the high point of last year. One hundred twenty-five Lodge Certificates of Proficiency have been issued. The following Lodges were certified for the first time in the history of the Lodge: Trowel No. 71, Neligh; Gilead No. 233, Butte; Mullen No. 282, Mullen; Humboldt No. 40, Humboldt; Orient No. 13, Rulo; Ord No. 103, Ord. Centennial No. 326, Omaha, was certified, as reported last year, while under the U.D. status. This year it was certified for the first time as a Chartered Lodge. Gavel No. 199, Carleton, has become a certified lodge for the third time in its history and for the first time since 1937. Anselmo No. 258 has been certified for the first time in more than 20 years and for the second time in its history.

Among the certified lodges are the oldest and the youngest; the largest and many of the smaller lodges. It is true that with very few exceptions, the larger lodges are certified consistently, year after year.

However, the same can be said for many lodges with membership of 50 to 100 and from 100 to 300 as well. This certainly proves that no Nebraska lodge is excluded from doing excellent and proficient work if they possess the will to do it. If they are excluded they exclude themselves.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

Last year's report of the Grand Custodian contained these words: "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 overall excellence of our work expands in direct ratio to the increase in the numbers of certified brethren. The ideal situation would be that every Nebraska lodge should have one or more certified men. This is the goal toward which we are pressing and each year brings us closer to it."

The individually certified brethren are the hard core around which our system of teaching Nebraska work is built. Every Nebraska Mason should be everlastingly grateful for the wisdom, foresight and vision of those giants of Masonry of a past generation who devised and put into operation this system. It worked then. It is working now. As our numbers of Certified men increase, the momentum of excellent and proficient work increases. This, in turn, is reflected in a high type of constituency. It is axiomatic that excellent Masonic work of dignity and meaning makes excellent Masons of adequate understanding. The prime purpose of a Masonic Lodge is to confer Masonic degrees. There is no other way by which a man can be made a Mason.

Fifty-two brethren have been certified for the first time this year. This brings the total of certified brethren to 630, the highest total in our one hundred year history. Again, I congratulate these fine servants of Masonry and extend to them my deepest gratitude for their willing zeal and unselfish devotion.

STATISTICS

In the list of the ten Nebraska Lodges with the greatest number of certified men, we find that two are tied for first place with 30 each. They are Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. The rest comes in this order: Bee Hive, 184, 28; Robert W. Furnas, 265, 22; Lincoln, 19, 20; Victory, 310, 17; Craftsmen, 314, 16; Ashlar, 33, 15; Alliance, 183, 13; Liberty, 300, 13.

A quick look at this list will bring out some interesting facts. Grand Master Merle M. Hale's own lodge shares the lead in this list. He is numbered among its thirty certified men as is also M. W. Brother George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master. Of this list of the first ten lodges, five are in the city of Lincoln.

The following is a list of the ten lodges with the highest percentage of proficiency Brethren in relation to lodge membership: Sioux No. 277, 9.25%; Cable No. 225, 9.18%; Victory No. 310, 8.17%; Square No. 151, 7.46%; Papillion No. 39, 5.66%; Hay Springs No. 177, 5.30%; Robert W.

Furnas No. 265, 5.04%; Pioneer No. 322, 4.93%; Comet No. 229, 4.59%; George Armstrong No. 241, 4.54%.

This is another close race. Cable No. 225 and Sioux No. 277, have exchanged places in the standings. Victory No. 310 remains in third place although it has gained percentage-wise. Square No. 151 came up from fifth to fourth place while No. 39, No. 177, No. 265 and No. 322 remained in the thick of the race all closely bunched. Comet No. 229 and George Armstrong No. 241 are newcomers to this race. Several lodges missed this list by an eyelash. No. 222, No. 240, No. 77 and No. 72 were the closest. One or two more individual certifications would put any one of them in the thick of this race.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

For the first time, last year, a new award was given to those Nebraska Masons who had been continuously certified for twenty years or more, in recognition of their faithful and loyal service. A backlog of these faithful brethren constituted a considerable number, since it was the first award of its kind in the one hundred years of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Ninety-six of our Nebraska Brethren were eligible to receive these Certificates of Merit. This honor was bestowed just in time, for eight of these fine Masonic workers have now passed to their reward to the Celestial Lodge above. It is to be regretted that a host of our Nebraska brethren who could have met the eligibility requirements in the years gone by, passed on before their devotion to our work was recognized. It is to be regretted, also, that three names that belong on this list were inadvertently left out of the proceedings. They are: Arthur J. Bracken, 159, first certified in 1923; Harold D. Weddel, 208, first certified in 1931, and Paul D. Fleming, 93, all three have been presented with the Twenty-year Certificates of Merit.

The following brethren have become eligible to receive their Certificates of Merit in this Masonic Year: Ernest E. James, 1; Charles W. West, Sr., 91; Almet K. Salmon, 3; Robert E. Harry, 56; Frank E. Knutson, 139; Hiram K. Buchanan, Louis J. Bishop, 184, and Warren W. Miller, 310.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

In all the hundred year history of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, it is the deepest and most sincere conviction of the Grand Custodian, that there has never been any group of Masons who has ever given greater service to the Craft with more willingness and "without the hope of fee or reward", than has this group of fine brethren. Each year I grope for words to adequately express our appreciation to them. Many of them have grown old in the service of Masonry. Theirs is not a glamorous task. Seldom do they bask in the spotlight of Masonic prominence. Their only reward is the knowledge that their effort is reaping a rich and satisfactory harvest and that they are much loved and appreciated by the brethren with whom they work.

Two of our oldest and most loved Assistant Custodians have found it necessary to retire from their labors. W. Brother Osborne P. Simon, who was the dean of the Assistant Custodians, was first appointed in 1930, serving a total of 26 years. W. Brother Austin F. Whitmire, who was next to the oldest Assistant Custodian in terms of years of service, was first appointed in 1931, serving a total of 25 years. Both of these fine brethren served this Grand Lodge with great distinction and faithfulness. Both have given a generous portion of their lives to God and to their fellowmen through the Masonic fraternity.

W. Brothers Simon and Whitmire were given the rank and title of Assistant Custodian Emeritus by M. W. Brother Merle M. Hale. Through this report, may I express to them the sincere best wishes of the entire Craft in Nebraska and further that our prayer for them is that they may have many years ahead in which to enjoy a less arduous Masonic existence.

THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Those who were present at the closing session of the Ninety-ninth Annual Communication will remember that after the appointment of the retiring Assistant Custodians to the status of Assistant Custodians Emeriti, the next official act of M. W. Merle M. Hale was the appointment of two brethren to take the place of the retiring Assistant Custodians. W. Brother Clifford D. Webster, 321, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of W. Brother Austin F. Whitmire and W. Brother Mathias E. Mauel, 173, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of W. Brother Osborne P. Simon. Both of these recommendations of the Grand Custodian bore the approval of the Grand Lodge Committee on Nebraska work.

Those two men have made enviable records in their first year as Assistant Custodians, justifying in a large way, the confidence which was reposed in them. We trust and pray that they will be given many years of health and usefulness to devote to Nebraska Masonry.

FRED G. CHRISTENSEN

God, in his infinite wisdom, has called home one of the best-known and loved Masonic figures in his day and in his area. Fred G. Christensen, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, was appointed an Assistant Custodian, December 16, 1938. He served as such until his retirement, at which time he was appointed as an Assistant Custodian Emeritus. W. Brother Christensen never lost his interest in Masons or Masonry. He received his Certificate of Merit last year and was actively engaged in the teaching of the work to the brethren who requested his aid at the time of his death. We extend to his family and friends our sincerest sympathy.

CONDITION OF THE WORK

It is fitting, at this time of Centennial Celebration, that we should present to this Grand Lodge, the Nebraska work and ceremonies adopted

and authorized by it, in the highest state of excellence yet achieved. We believe this to be an honest and factual statement in every respect and without qualifications. We believe, also, that it is to the everlasting credit of the rank and file of Nebraska Lodges and Brethren that this statement can be made. Never has the work been so good in the good lodges; never has there been so much encouraging improvement in most of the others; never has the list of poor and indifferent lodges been so small. Even in some of these a young Mason occasionally emerges who is willing to bring his lodge up to a better and higher standard through hard work and perseverance. In all honesty, I am compelled to say that never could the work be any worse than it is now in a handful of the "hopeless" lodges. These are the lodges that are located in dying communities; communities from which hope is gone; communities of empty business buildings, abandoned homes, closed churches and emptying schools. Under these circumstances, it should be crystal clear to anyone that a lodge, like a family, dies when the last baby is born. In every situation, such as this, there have been no degrees conferred for several years. Petitions come to the lodge that deserves to receive them. Masonry has lived through the ages only where and when it has justified its existence. It will ever be thus.

APPRECIATION

It has been a privilege to work under the direction of M. W. Merle M. Hale. This has been a year of great Masonic activity leading up to our Centennial Celebration. Consequently, the regular routine of the functioning of this department of the Grand Lodge could not always be followed. I express to him my sincere and grateful thanks for his never failing courtesy and thoughtfulness, and most of all for his interest in our Nebraska work and its relation to the welfare of our lodges.

To the Grand Secretary and his fine office force, I extend, both for the Assistant Custodians and myself genuine appreciation for the courtesies and cooperation given.

Because of the nature of the Anniversary theme and program, the year developed a close working arrangement with the Committee on Masonic Education, through its chairman, W. Brother Howard J. Hunter. To him, certainly, do I express my real pleasure and genuine thanks for his kindness and thoughtful consideration.

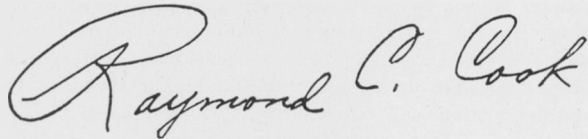
For the privilege of sharing in the pre-centennial program of this year, I offer my sincere thanks to the Centennial Committee and its fine and talented Chairman, W. Brother George W. Rosenlof.

To the Committee on Nebraska Work, may I say again, "thanks" from the depths of a grateful heart for the encouragement, counsel and advice that is always available to the Grand Custodian. This year, as in all years past, our work together has been both pleasant and harmonious.

"Thanks" is an inadequate word to express to all my Nebraska brethren the deep gratitude and the abiding faith that I feel for those

with whom it is my privilege to work. Your cooperation, your understanding, your fellowship, your friendship has been the most rewarding experience of my life.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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:

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the address of the M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, under its designated heads, be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter on "Necrology."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Chapter on "By-Laws Approved."

The Chapter on "Special Dispensations."

The Chapter on "Extension of Time for Proficiency."

The Chapter on "Pawnee Lodge No. 23."

The Chapter on "Decisions."

The Chapter on "Recommendations." Recommendations No. 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Charter Relocations."

The Chapter on "Charters Surrendered."

The Recommendation No. 8 jointly with the Jurisprudence Committee.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Trial Commissions."

To the Committee on Finance:

The Chapter on Recommendations, sections 2C and 6.

The entire report indicates the fervency and zeal with which the Grand Master has discharged his duties and promoted the welfare of the Craft not only at home but also wherever he has traveled. We commend him for a job well done for the honor and good of the Fraternity.

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 Chapter on "Investments."

All Financial Statements of various accounts.

To the Committee on Returns;

The Chapter on "Returns."

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Grievances."

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Charters and Dispensations."

The Chapter on "Centennial Lodge No. 326."

Our review of the Report of the Grand Secretary indicates that he has attended to the duties of his office with diligence and benefit to the Craft.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the report of the Grand Custodian be referred to the Committee on Work. The genial and efficient W. Brother Raymond C. Cook and his Assistant Custodians deserve commendation for the service they render to the Masons of Nebraska by keeping the ritualistic work proper and on a dignified basis.

This Committee further recommends that all matters not herein specifically referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

Fraternally submitted,

W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman

W. Francis W. Cole, 2

W. Harold R. Williams, 50

M. .W. .Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren, it is a real pleasure for me to present W. .Brother Alban P. Smith, the Worshipful Master of Capitol No. 3 of Omaha, and through him to Capitol Lodge No. 3 this Centennial certificate which marks 100 years of service to Nebraska Masons. This certificate reads as follows:

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE
MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY
OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA
CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATE
PRESENTED TO CAPITOL LODGE NO. 3 OF OMAHA

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 100th Annual Communication in the City of Omaha, this 4th day of June, 1957.

ATTEST:

MERLE M. HALE

Grand Master

CARL R. GREISEN

Grand Secretary

(SEAL)

W. .Alban P. Smith, Master, Capitol Lodge No. 3:

M. .W. .Brother Hale, this is indeed an exceptional day for me, to have been chosen as Master of Capitol Lodge in its Centennial year. As I have had a physical attack earlier this year, I can't say as much as I would like to, but I would like to express my appreciation and the thanks of Capitol Lodge for your wonderful presentation of this certificate. I am truly grateful that I am alive and a member of this great Fraternity and hope that Nebraska Masonry will continue for centuries to come.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND LODGE BANNER

M. .W. .Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren: It seemed fitting to me that the Grand Lodge at its Centennial Communication and for those following that a Grand Lodge banner should be displayed in the East. With this in mind one has been made and it is my pleasure now to present it to the Grand Lodge.

W. .Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian:

M. .W. .Grand Master and Brethren, I think it very fitting that this Grand Lodge should express for the record, its appreciation for

this fine and generous gift which the Grand Master has made to this Grand Lodge in the presentation of this banner which we see on the platform. And I would move that it be entered in the record that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska does thank and express appreciation to the Grand Master for this very beautiful gift. (Motion seconded and carried unanimously.)

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR CERTIFICATE TO
W. WILLIAM COSH, 11.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren, it is a real honor and pleasure for me to present to William (Bill) Cosh (another telephone man) my good friend of many years standing this certificate which indicates that Brother Cosh has attended fifty Grand Lodge Communications. Congratulations, Brother Bill. The Certificate reads as follows:

THE GRAND LODGE, ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF NEBRASKA at its One hundredth Annual Communication

Presents this Certificate to Worshipful Brother

WILLIAM COSH

in grateful recognition of his faithful service in
attending Fifty Consecutive Annual Communications

(SEAL)

MERLE M. HALE
Grand Master

CARL R. GREISEN
Grand Secretary

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Will W. Brother Warren C. Hall of Nelson Lodge No. 77, and W. Brother David A. Portwood of Geneva Lodge No. 79, please come to the platform? Brethren, it is my honor and privilege to introduce to you W. Brother Hall Secretary of Nelson Lodge No. 77, and W. Brother David Portwood, Junior Past Master of Geneva Lodge No. 79. These brethren have a presentation to make.

W. Brother Warren C. Hall, 77:

M. W. Grand Master and brethren, many great pictures are hanging in our Art Galleries, but one that is outstanding to Americans is the picture of Washington and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. One of these pictures has been in the Follmer family for many years, and our Brother Harry R. Follmer, a Brother of Nelson Lodge No. 77, has asked that the Nelson Lodge accept this picture and

present it to the Grand Lodge at its Centennial Communication.. The Master of Nelson Lodge No. 77 has appointed me his representative to present this picture to the Grand Lodge, and M. W. Grand Master, I am happy to make the presentation. (The picture is on an easel at the right in the East.)

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Thank you, W. Brother Hall, we certainly do appreciate this fine gift and we do accept it, and we want to thank Brother Harry Follmer for giving it to Nelson Lodge and for Nelson Lodge passing it on to us. Thank you very much.

W. Brother David A. Portwood, Past Master, Geneva Lodge No. 79:

M. W. Grand Master, Brethren, the members of Geneva Lodge No. 79 deem it a special honor and privilege that we have been asked to present this Volume to this Grand Lodge of Masons. In November, 1949, the author, Brother Harry R. Follmer, presented his first volume of the life of General John J. Pershing, entitled "Footprints on the Sands of Time", to the Grand Lodge assembled at an area meeting in Geneva. It was for this reason that Brother Follmer requested Geneva Lodge to again participate in his worthy labors.

This Volume I am to present to you is entitled:

"A Living Memorial
The Heritage of Freedom, a Tribute to
General John Joseph Pershing
A Great American
in a
Great Age of World History
Historical Documentations
1776-1957
Memoirs
General John Joseph Pershing
Monuments Movement"

This Volume, as well as the other two already presented, is dedicated to the Boys and Girls of America; for it is only by the continuous education of our young people in the glorious history of our Nation that we can hope to remain a free people.

From time immemorial the labors of illustrious men for their country have earned them a lasting place in the "Hall of Fame." The generations among whom they lived and labored paid special tribute to them and acknowledged what they tried to accomplish.

May these volumes be as the lamp which lights the path of those who follow after. The world will be a better place because of the evidence of their lives.

General Pershing, you have built a monument more lasting than brass, higher than the Royal sight of the Pyramids, which neither the wasting rain, the raging storm, nor the endless flow of years and flight of time, shall be able to destroy.

M. W. Grand Master, I move that these three volumes of Brother Follmer's be accepted by this Grand Lodge of Masons and that Brother Follmer be once again commended for his unselfish devotion to a cause so dear to his heart.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

Thank you, W. Brother Portwood, and will you hand me those volumes? We do accept these volumes which are the work of Brother Harry R. Follmer. One volume is in two sections, the other volume is in one section. Brother John J. Pershing was not only an outstanding military man but a fine Mason, a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in Lincoln, and we are very proud that he was a member of the Craft and we do accept with real deep appreciation these books which Brother Follmer has prepared as a courtesy to General Pershing. And I would like to have Brother Follmer stand and take a bow. Thanks, Brother Harry R. Follmer. The books have not been bound in their final form because Brother Follmer thought there might be some last minute changes, but he does have the covers here and we would like to have you brethren examine these books and also examine and inspect this very beautiful picture of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Brother Follmer, we certainly do appreciate and thank you for your efforts and for this fine contribution to Nebraska Masonry.

At 11:45 a. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Tuesday, June 4, 1957

At 1:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were officially received, introduced and given the grand honors :

R. W. Daniel C. Locklin, Grand Secretary, 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. Henry F. Collins, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. M. of South Carolina; M. W. Charles H. Cover, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Maryland; R. W. Claud Shaffer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Maryland; M. W. Charles A. Harris, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina; M. W. H. Clifford Bauer, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Delaware; R. W. Chester R. Jones, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Delaware; M. W. R. Baker Harris, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M. of District of Columbia; M. W. Elmer I. Gibson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Louisiana; M. W. D. Peter Laguens, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Louisiana; M. W. J. Walker Kerr, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Tennessee; M. W. Thomas E. Doss, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Tennessee, and M. P. General Grand Master, General Grand Council, R. & S. M.; M. W. Dwight L. Smith, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Indiana and Secretary, Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America; M. W. Carl C. Cooper, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Alabama; M. W. Leslie M. Greene, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Arkansas; M. W. Leland L. McDaniel, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Arkansas; M. W. Richard C. Davenport, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Illinois; M. W. Edwin L. Lunde, 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, and President, Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada; M. W. William L. Wright, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario; R. W. Ewart C. Dixon, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and President, Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America; M. W. Richard L. Becker, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas; M. W. D. Aubrey Spann, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado; R. W. Julian B. Hollingsworth, Grand Secretary, Personal Representative of M. W. Robert G. Coffman, Sr., Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of West Virginia; R. W. Irving E. Clark, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Wyoming; M. W. Leonel M. Jensen, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota; R. W. Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota; M. W. Moises Santiago Pimentel, Grand Master, Grand Loja Do Ceara, Brazil; M. W. Thomas S. Roy, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Massachusetts; Executive Secretary, Conference of Grand Masters in North America, and Principal Speaker; W. James E. Mason, Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge, National Francaise; R. W. William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, Personal Representative of R. W. Charles H. Nitsch, Grand Master, and Vice President, Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada; M. W. Carroll T. Hughes, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Illinois; M. W. Orestes Mitchell, Jr.,

Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri; M. W. Clifford D. Jory, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa, and President, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association; R. W. Clyde E. Hegman, Senior Grand Warden, Personal Representative of M. W. George R. Wilson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota; W. Albert E. Jameson, Grand Lecturer, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado; W. Leon H. Snyder, Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado; W. Stewart Shafer, Chairman, Centennial Celebration, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado; M. W. Guy Hummel, Past Grand Master, Personal Representative of M. W. R. C. Hodson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Saskatchewan; R. W. John A. Barner, Deputy Grand Master, Personal Representative, M. W. James C. McCormick, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of North Dakota; R. W. Frank M. Fulton, Senior Grand Warden, Personal Representative, M. W. Herbert A. Davies, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Washington; R. W. James A. Sanker, Past Grand Junior Warden, Past Deputy Grand Master, Grand Representative of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Maine, and Personal Representative of M. W. Royal L. Cleaves, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Maine; R. W. Harold H. Saunders, Deputy Grand Master, Personal Representative of M. W. Franklin J. DeForest, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Wyoming; W. Robbins F. Kendall, Grand Tyler, Personal Representative of M. W. Earl Goode, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Oklahoma; R. P. Ross J. Camblin, General Grand Recorder General Grand Council, R. & S. M.; W. Howard A. Clark, Executive Secretary, Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada; Brother John D. Cunningham, Deputy Executive Secretary and Welfare Director, Masonic Service Association; M. E. Angus L. Cavanagh, Grand Master General, Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; Frank S. Land, Founder and Secretary General Order of DeMolay; Ill. Clayton F. Andrews, Imperial Assistant Rabban, Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. M. S. for North America; M. E. Lewis E. Baker, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; M. I. Alfred F. Walter, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; R. E. Donald A. Keys, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska; Brother Kenneth L. Stewart, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Nebraska; 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; Brother Guy A. Olmsted, President, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children; Brother Victor E. Anderson, Governor of Nebraska.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren, we are fortunate today in having with us for a very short period His Excellency, Brother Victor E. Anderson, Governor of Nebraska. I am going to ask the Governor to speak to us at this time.

Brother Victor E. Anderson, 250, Governor of Nebraska :

Distinguished Guests, Officers from other Jurisdictions and my fellow Masons from Nebraska: Certainly, this is a great honor for me to represent the people of Nebraska in inviting these Distinguished Guests here today. Certainly it is a great thrill for us and we are very happy to have you here. Throughout my administration as Governor of Nebraska, I have been reminded many times of my obligation and many times the teachings of Masonry. I find much consolation in quotations from the Good Book, so much a part of the Masonic ritual, the Bible. I am also admonished by that quotation from the charge, that you are elevated to high office for a time to serve your fellowman, that you are also elevated by them. I am proud to be a member of the Masonic Lodge. I think there is no comparable organization so ancient and so honorable, with such compassion for their fellowman as in the obligations and actual practice of the world wide Masonic lodges. Here in Nebraska with our Home for the Aged at Plattsmouth, and that for the Children at Fremont, we have fine examples of the age-old truth, "that I am my brother's keeper".

To those of you who are about to leave office and the responsibility that goes with it, I congratulate you for a job well done. To those of you who are taking on the new obligations, I wish you every success and I put forth my full support. To all of you, God Speed. Thank you.

Brother Kenneth L. Stewart, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Nebraska :

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren: As Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, O.E.S., I welcome the opportunity to bring to you the greetings from the Grand Chapter, the 263 Subordinate Chapters and the 44,000 members.

I am particularly grateful for the opportunity to bring you these greetings on an occasion marking the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and to congratulate the Masons of Nebraska on this and their many other achievements. I am proud to be a Mason. Proud of my affiliation with a Fraternity that numbers among its members, and has numbered such distinguished brethren as Washington, Lafayette, Voltaire, Franklin, and others who have contributed so much to the welfare of this and other nations. I am proud to be affiliated with a Fraternity that numbers among its members brothers such as you, who throughout the communities of the State of Nebraska contribute so much to the welfare of those various communities. I am proud of my membership in a Fraternity that has achieved its goals, not through material power or political influence but has had as its only weapon a firm conviction in the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

The Order of the Eastern Star recognizes that it is no part of your Ancient and honorable institution, but is composed of the wives, widows, mothers, daughters and sisters of Master Masons, as well as of Masons

themselves. We have become the largest Fraternal organization in the world to which men and women both belong. Our hearts beat responsive to the same inspirations that prompt Masons to perform their noble deeds. We solicit your interest in us and we trust that we shall continue to merit the same spirit of cooperation and assistance from all Masonic bodies that has been so evident throughout our entire history. Thank you for allowing me these few words. I am happy to present to the Grand Lodge this beautiful basket of flowers for your enjoyment and as a token of the honor and esteem in which we hold you.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Thank you so much, Brother Stewart, and will you please convey to your Grand Matron and to your Grand Chapter our thanks for their thoughtfulness in presenting us this basket of flowers and their good wishes.

To our Distinguished Guests, it is difficult for me to find words adequate to welcome you, I do feel that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has been honored beyond all hope because so many of you found time from your busy lives to come here and be with us and to help us celebrate this memorable occasion. You are the symbol of Masonry throughout North and South America, you are the symbol of its strength, you are the symbol of its universality, and I know that all of our brethren feel highly honored that you would come and visit us. We hope that your stay with us is pleasant and if there is anything that we can do to make it more pleasant, please do not hesitate to call on our Committee in charge of our Distinguished Guests or any of the Grand Lodge Officers.

We would like to hear from each and every one of you, but because our program is rather full, that is impossible because of the time factor. It was my privilege to select one to respond for the group, and so I selected one that I had a very fond feeling for. I didn't select him because he represented the oldest lodge in the United States or the largest lodge in the United States or that he represented one of our founding Grand Lodges, I just selected him because I like him and I wanted him to respond for you. And so it is my pleasure to present and introduce to you M. W. Richard L. Becker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas.

M. W. Richard L. Becker, Grand Master of Kansas:

M. W. Grand Master, and Brethren, not the least of the attributes of Freemasonry is Masonic intercourse. This privilege that we have to visit lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions and to know Masons throughout the world. I think here today we have a rare illustration and example of the universality of Masonry. I am most happy to have the opportunity to speak for these brethren who have come from Ontario and Brazil. Truly a representative group of this great Fraternity. I have come to admire and love the Grand Master of Nebraska. Brother Merle is one

of the finest men I have had the privilege to meet. I personally feel highly honored, Brother Merle, and not only honored but greatly pleased for this opportunity. I hope that these Brethren for whom I am speaking will not be disappointed in what I am saying because words are not enough, words can not do a job of this kind. We are particularly privileged to be here upon this once in a century occasion. One hundred years, my brethren, is over 5% of the time which has elapsed in the Christian era. Of course, I come from Kansas, and Masonically I look down upon you from our old age of 101 years. You see, we have passed our century mark. One hundred years, my brethren, is a long time.

The antiquity of Masonry is one of the things that proves its worth beyond question, because only things of value last. And as the Grand Lodge of Nebraska starts this day on its second century, those of us who are here as representatives of Masons literally throughout the world extend to you congratulations, hearty good wishes and a feeling of great confidence that Masonry is in good hands in Nebraska. We commend you upon the progress you have made, we look forward to the progress you will make, and those of us in this group in front are going to sit back and thoroughly enjoy ourselves as you brethren go about the work of your Grand Lodge.

I close merely by saying, "thank you." I say it without adjectives because there are not adjectives sufficient to tell you, M. W. Brother Hale and the rest of the brethren of Nebraska, how much we truly do appreciate the courtesies we have received and the pleasures that we are going to continue to have these next two days. On behalf of the Distinguished brethren in front of me, I want to say thank you for the opportunity of speaking for you and I will turn this meeting back to you brethren who have work to do.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Thank you, M. W. Brother Dick, for those very kind words. You all give us strength and support by just being here, and we appreciate very much your response. Thank you.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren: I have been asked to read this letter which comes from Illustrious Joe W. Seacrest, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

"M. W. Brother Merle M. Hale, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. M. W. Sir: May I take this opportunity of telling you how sorry I am that I can not attend the Grand Lodge Centennial Celebration of its 100 years of successful operation in Nebraska? It becomes my duty to be out of this area and I would like to tell you and through you to the Grand Lodge in session, that Scottish Rite Masonry in the Jurisdiction of Nebraska stands behind the Grand Lodge and its activities in all manners and means.

"For the 9,300 Scottish Rite Masons in Nebraska I would like to say we recognize the Grand Lodge as the governing body of Masonry in this State, and the Grand Master as the supreme authority. We will always continue to support any worthy objectives that your Grand Lodge session develops and hope that we can be of benefit in the years to come. Accept my best wishes for a very pleasant and successful session.

Fraternally yours,
JOE W. SEACREST."

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Thank you, M. W. Brother Magee, and will you please extend to Brother Seacrest our regrets of his inability to be with us, and thank him for his communication.

PRESENTATION OF BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

M. W. Brother Edwin L. Lunde, would you step up here beside me for just a minute? We have a custom in Nebraska, Brother Lunde, which I want to tell you about and perhaps I should tell the brethren about it too. Our Masonic Grand Lodge was formed by three subordinate lodges receiving their charters from three Grand Lodges. The first was from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, second was from the Grand Lodge of Missouri and the third which is now Capitol Lodge No. 3 was from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, following which they very proudly formed the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, so we got our strength and our start from these three great Grand Lodges,

We hold in very high esteem in our jurisdiction the Jordan Medal which is named after and bears the likeness of our first Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan. To be given this medal is the highest honor that a Master Mason can receive in his lodge. I say that in all sincerity. It is prized very highly because it is worn only by the oldest Master Mason in each lodge, and the gold Jordan medal is worn by the oldest Master Mason in the Grand Jurisdiction, and I visited yesterday with the holder of the Gold Jordan Medal, at our Masonic Home in Plattsmouth.

So, Brother Ed, I want to present to you because the Grand Lodge of Iowa granted a charter to Capitol Lodge No. 3 and enabled us to start on our way as a Grand Lodge of Nebraska, this Bronze Jordan Medal and with it this booklet which gives the presentation ceremony that we use in presenting the medal in our subordinate lodges. I hope you will accept it from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

M. W. Edwin L. Lunde, Grand Master of Iowa:

M. W. Grand Master, and my Brethren, for once in my life I am really speechless. To say that I am highly honored at receiving this medal would be a very feeble attempt in expressing my gratitude. We, in Iowa, are so thankful and so pleased that we did have some part in starting Masonry in this great State of Nebraska. We are so proud and pleased of the progress that you have made in this 100 years now just closing.

It was a real delight for me and my Grand Lodge Officers to be honored at the Centennial Observance of Capitol Lodge No. 3 in Omaha, a few short weeks ago. If we have been able in any way at all to give any inspiration to the Masons of Nebraska, I assure you that each and every one of us have been more than repaid in the inspiration that you have given us. It is wonderful to be living in an age right between centuries, is it not? To be able to see the conclusion of 100 years and the beginning of the next. It brings home that lesson of the responsibility to me, that I owe to the Masons of the great State of Iowa and of Nebraska, that I should be privileged to receive this medal which as your Grand Master has said is the highest honor that can be conferred upon a Mason in this great State. I assure you, M. W. Brother Hale, that I accept this with all humility and in the spirit in which it has been tendered to me. I know that my brethren in Iowa will appreciate this medal and the sentiment which it carries as much as I do. On behalf of myself and the Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa, numbering over 95,000, I want to thank you for this honor and for this medal and congratulate you upon the very fine progress you have made during this 100 years and to wish for the Masons of Nebraska, many many great successes in the years ahead.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Thank you, M. W. Brother Lunde. This noon, Brother Lunde and I were visiting and he said, not only are the Grand Jurisdictions of Nebraska and Iowa close geographically, they are also close Masonically, and that is certainly true. The Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa is so generous with all of us in the use of their wonderful library at Cedar Rapids, it is a wonderful help to all of us and I know we all appreciate it.

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 Committee had an ambitious program of twenty Pre-centennial Area Meetings throughout the state this year, instead of the usual four.

We feel from the comments and reports we have had that they met with your approval, and that the Master Masons and their ladies who attended felt well repaid. Attendance varied from about 150 to well over 600 at the Nebraska City meeting which was combined with their own lodge's Centennial. The host lodges did an admirable job of preparing for and staging the meetings and the Committee had the fullest cooperation from the Grand Master and his Grand Lodge officers in addition to that of the Centennial Committee.

Without doubt, this is the best coverage we have had in the state in any one year and the fine attendance and good fellowship at each of these meetings testified to Masonry's strength in Nebraska and the appreciation of the brethren to this accelerated program of Masonic Education. We were especially pleased to have the ladies with us this year of our Centennial.

We introduced the little gold Centennial Edition of "100 Questions About Freemasonry" to each Mason present and they were generous in their praise of this little booklet. They are also available for you during this Grand Lodge Communication.

In addition to this new booklet, we have continued the distribution of the four Candidate booklets and more and more lodges are adopting the idea of a local educational committee to meet with their new candidates and go over the information in the booklets with them. The new booklet "100 Questions About Freemasonry" is designed for the Committee's use in meeting with and educating new members, and we recommend it be a regular part of our kit of Masonic pamphlets for new members.

Your Committee had intended to issue more of the "Service and Information Letters" than the two we actually were able to produce this year but, if all goes well, your Master or Secretary will again begin receiving them after the Centennial. Masonic items, lists of current movies, etc., available for lodge programs and other articles particularly of interest to the Master, Wardens, Secretary and lodge Education Committees are available in these letters which are punched for filing in a three-ring note book for lodge use.

We are keeping closely in touch with the Mid-West Conference on Masonic Education, trying to add our bit and in turn to take advantage of the experiences and ideas that come out of this fine "work shop" of ways and means for advancing Masonic Education. The Conference is made up of eleven mid-west Grand Jurisdictions.

Your Committee is anxious to have your ideas and counsel, much of which in past years has already been incorporated into our present program.

Your Committee requests the Jurisprudence Committee give them an additional year of study and attendance at this year's Mid-West Conference before submitting a recommendation regarding adoption of the Indiana Mentor system.

The following Grand Lodges who were not represented sent greetings and best wishes:

Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Alberta; The National Grand Lodge of Denmark; United Grand Lodge of England; Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of California; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Connecticut; Gran Logia de Cuba; United Grand Lodge of Germany; The National Grand Lodge of Iceland; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Ireland;

Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Israel; Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Kentucky; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Manitoba; Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of New Brunswick; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of New Jersey; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of New Mexico; Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of New York; The Grand Lodge of Norway; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nova Scotia; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Prince Edward Island; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Quebec; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Rhode Island; Grand Loja do Estado de Sao Paulo; Grand Lodge of South Australia; Grand Lodge of Sweden; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Texas; Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Utah; Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Vermont; The United Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Victoria; The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Virginia; Grand Encampment, K. T., U. S. A.; Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine; Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A.; M. W. Roscoe Pound, Honorary Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

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:

Your Committee on Centennial was authorized and appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, Benjamin F. Eyre, subsequent to the Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1946. One year later it made its first report and at that time recommended the proposed Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, be held at the time of and in conjunction with the One Hundredth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1957, and that it be held in Omaha and there be authorized a publication of a suitable and appropriate history of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. It was also recommended to the subordinate lodges that special communications in celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge be held at convenient and suitable times during the year preceding. Your Committee arranged for the holding of twenty such area meetings in twenty communities throughout the State of Nebraska. We can now report that these area meetings, thanks to the host lodges, were eminently successful and that approximately 5,000 Master Masons and their ladies attended these pre-centennial events. At each of these meetings there were in attendance Officers of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Centennial is deeply grateful to W. Howard J. Hunter and the members of the Committee on Masonic Education for their splendid co-operation in adjusting their own program of Masonic Education to better serve the purposes of the Committee on Centennial and its special responsibilities.

It is the firm belief of the Officers of the Grand Lodge and certainly of the Committee on Centennial that the best interests of Masonry in Nebraska have been well served. The program at each of these area meetings was essentially the same. An officer of each of the host lodges presided. The M. W. Grand Master was introduced. He brought greetings from the Grand Lodge, and spoke most fittingly concerning plans for our Centennial Celebration and invited the subordinate lodges to send a full quota of not only official delegates but visiting members and their ladies as well. W. Harold H. Thom, the Grand Historian, addressed the brethren and guests on the subject of the History of the Grand Lodge; W. Raymond C. Cook gave an interesting and informative address on Masonic Ritual and a concluding inspirational address, by a prominent member of our Fraternity brought each area meeting to a close. The general theme of these pre-centennial meetings has been "Nebraska Masonry during its First One Hundred Years."

Your Committee has at succeeding communications of the Grand Lodge made reports and recommended the formation of the many special committees. In 1953 your Committee on Centennial recommended these special Committees:

- Program Committee
- Hospitality Committee
- Committee on Invitations
- Housing Committee
- Registration Committee
- Committee on Local Arrangements
- Banquet Committee
- Committee on Publicity
- Music Committee
- Committee on Distinguished Guests
- Committee on Entertainment
- Committee on Decorations.

These Committees with certain adjustments and additions have performed in yeoman fashion. Time does not permit of a detailed delineation of their invaluable services. The personnel of all the Committees will be made a matter of record in the forthcoming "History" of the Grand Lodge during its first one hundred years, to be published during the ensuing year.

Your Centennial Committee wishes at this time to pay tribute and express its deepest gratitude to the Chairmen and in some instances to the ladies and all the members of the various Committees that have served so unselfishly and with so much initiative in carrying out the many details of their several assignments. This One Hundredth Communication could not be the happy occasion that it is for all of the brethren and their ladies had it not been for their wonderful co-operation and valued assistance.

More especially does your Committee on Centennial wish to publicly acknowledge the many, many hours of painstaking labor of our Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen, and his staff of able and devoted assistants. Without Brother Greisen's meticulous care and intuitive foresight in caring for so much of the preparation that was made, we could not possibly have been ready for this auspicious occasion.

In no less measure are we grateful to our M. W. Grand Master, Brother Merle M. Hale, for his constant solicitude, his deep interest and his extraordinary insight. He, too, has been a Rock of Gibraltar, to whom we looked for guidance and inspiration. Your Chairman of the Committee on Centennial, finally, is grateful to all the members of this Committee for their loyalty and constancy in completing our assignment. I bespeak for these Brethren our continued concern in the publication of the projected History of the Grand Lodge which it is our hope will be ready for distribution sometime within the next six months or thereabouts. In it further suitable recognition will be given to the labors of all those who have in any wise contributed to this occasion. May God richly bless them all.

We are now at the culmination of ten years of preparation. This is our One Hundredth Communication. It is a time for rejoicing and for thanks to Almighty God for all that has been vouchsafed to us. Our Fraternity has enjoyed a truly great period of One Hundred Years of notable achievement. We now number more than 46,000 brethren bound together in Masonic fealty and pledged to devote our energies and material resources to an even greater period of usefulness in the righteous causes of humanity in the years ahead.

As we have sought to emphasize in our area meetings, this is not only a time of commemoration of the deeds of the past and a dedication to Masonic duty in the present but it is more than all else the time to envision the responsibilities of our next one hundred years. Our fraternity under God has a unique responsibility of contributing to the cementing of brotherly love and affection among men and citizens of not only our own jurisdiction but of contributing to that same end all around the world. Under the Divine Guidance of our Heavenly Father, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, we dare not fail. Wherever Masonry exists there lies our immediate responsibility and therein we must function as Master Masons.

It hardly seems necessary to remind you of the many problems that now confront us. Of these we surely are well aware. On our trestle boards are laid out the plans and patterns for the future activity of this Masonic jurisdiction. Look to these well. Build for yourselves upon the basis of an enlarged vision of personal responsibility and renewed faith and dedication to all that for which Masonry stands. Above all remember and have faith to believe that God is in His Heaven and that all can be right with the World. We hold the keys in our hands. To your stations, my brethren, and look well to the Future.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

W. Brother Rosenlof, I have a gift which we want to present to you at this time and as you look at this, I hope that you will think of the love and affection of the 46,000 Masons you have served so well by enabling us to fittingly commemorate this very important occasion. Now, I am sure you are not curious as to what is in here, but I am sure that the brothers who are giving it to you are curious because they do not know what it is, at least some of them don't, so I suggest that you open it at this time. Through Brother George's efforts, your Grand Lodge officers have been able to have contact with more Master Masons and more lodges than any Grand Lodge officers in any one Grand Lodge year. On the back is engraved, "Presented to Brother George Walter Rosenlof, in token of appreciation for his outstanding contributions to the observance of the 100th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, June 4, 1957." (The gift was a silver tray).

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren, we are honored by having our former Grand Tyler, W. Brother James H. (Jimmie) Bryant with us and, Brother Jimmie, we are so happy that you are here. Will you just stand and take a bow.

Brother Jimmie, as you know, is a resident of The Nebraska Masonic Home. He was our Grand Tyler for many years and a grander man and Mason, there never was. Let's give Jimmie a hand.

As far as we are able to determine, W. Brother Bryant is the only Mason living who sat in lodge with our first Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan, that is a distinctive honor.

ORATION

W. C. Vin White, 19, Grand Orator, presented the Oration entitled,

NEBRASKA MASONS LOOK AT A CENTURY

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Worthy Grand Officers, Honored Special Guests, Brethren:

It is an unique honor to be among those having special responsibilities in the Grand Lodge during the observance of its Centennial in Nebraska. The honor lies in having the privilege of being associated with the caliber of men who hold the offices and direct its welfare. The ideals of Masonry would be attractive even though they remained on paper; but when they become incarnated in the lives of the membership, they provide both a declaration and an attraction that capture the best minds and enroll the outstanding people. Many testify that being a part of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons has brought them talents and treasures beyond measure. But the supreme worth of the Order is to be discovered in the kind of men who seek and are sought for membership. This is to point up that in the last analysis what the Almighty Creator

and Father of us all is really after is to produce on earth a family of His sons who glorify His name by doing His will. To have the opportunity to be associated with men of Godly character, who "do justly, who love mercy, and who walk humbly before God," is to experience in this life some of the abiding satisfactions that tend to render important many of the difficulties and to overcome some of the enemies.

It is the assignment of the Grand Orator to make a speech. Knowing that he is to speak to a group of men who have long since been wondrously conditioned by and to the spoken word he may proceed without restraint for anything he will have to say will have been said many times before, and any way he will say it must be less eloquent and more obscure than the beauty and clarity of the matchless lectures that form parts of the rituals and instructions cherished by Masons all over the world. Only with such confidence could this little pastor have the temerity to present an oration before this august, honorable, and erudite assemblage.

The Masons in Nebraska have had an opportunity to learn some things during the past one hundred years. That is not to say that all of them have passed the course with distinction; but the stalwart centenarian demonstrates that he has performed as a Master Craftsman should. He has planned with care, constructed with fidelity and performed with an obedient conduct evidencing that he has not only learned the lessons but also has put them into practice. He is to be congratulated for his faithful service, and challenged with the favorable prospect. To have attained the enviable position of a centenarian is to have been provided with the equipment for gaining a perspective. Looking back over one hundred years makes it possible to use both a telescope and a microscope at the same time and with proper procedures so as to see with accuracy and wisdom.

The Past Is Still With Us

The year 1857 was a very important period in the unfolding of history. That was the year that the Atlantic Monthly began with James Russell Lowell as editor, and Harper's Weekly started with George William Curtise at the helm.

With Napoleon III flexing his biceps and Garibaldi sharpening his sword, the magazines had something to write about, and James Buchanan the 15th President of the United States, had something to worry about. His concerns were mightily deepened that year for the Dred Scott decision gave political approval to slavery. George Fitzhugh wrote an editorial in the Richmond "Enquirer" that Abe Lincoln used as the basis for his famous "House Divided" speech the next year. In it he stated, "I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free." Credence to this sentiment was gained as Germany and Italy moved toward a unification of their divided people. England and France were moving in on China and all western nations were eyeing the rich possibilities in the Far East. The great Mogul Empire was on the verge

of collapse, and Paris was still agog over its successful Exposition two years before.

It was a great year, was 1857, for first things. The first baseball association was formed, the first Mardi Gras was held in New Orleans, the first chess congress was called, the first subsidy for an overseas cable was granted, and the first American horse "Priores" raced in Europe. That was the year the railroad from New York reached St. Louis, and the beautiful Central Park was laid out on Manhattan Island by Fred Olmsted and Calvert Vaux. Speculation in railway securities and real estate brought on a financial crisis and 5,000 businesses failed. But at the same time William Kelly patented his process by which pig iron is converted into steel, and Kelly beat out Bessemer's claims to the patent.

That was the year the Grand Lodge was born in Nebraska. A year of international awakening, national travail, the beginning of the steel age, the opening of the era of travel, the first lessons in trying to understand that people are people no matter what their color, their geography or their creeds. If the Masons had carefully chosen a time to take the Grand step, they couldn't have chosen a more auspicious and significant year than 1857. Such a brief review confirms our conviction that yesterday is still with us. Although tremendous changes have been effected the East and West look at each other across broad chasms of misunderstanding charged with fear, the railroads have not solved all their problems, little Napoleons strut before modern mirrors, and coloration continues to be a large issue in politics, religion and economics. Baseball, Mardi Gras, and horse-racing have not spent themselves. France and Italy are getting new governments, so it was announced this morning!

If we have learned that lesson, we actually have come a long ways. For whenever men conclude that they can cut up history into exclusive categories, so that the past is irrevocably past, they are but weaving the stuff of which dreams are made. Yesterday is still with us, and no one should know that better than Masons who cherish the ancient traditions, recognize the worth of timeless virtues, and give stability to the innovation by always squaring it with the long established custom.

Today Is Almost Gone

At the same time, perspective provides the necessary equipment astutely to take an inventory of the present. For today is already almost gone as soon as it arrives. The business of being a child of an Ancient and Accepted Order while also being a child of the contemporary puts a strain on one's mind and heart that may, on occasion, become almost unbearable. Perhaps the greatest conflicts arise over our awareness that things as they are may not at all be what they ought to be.

It is interesting to listen to those who keep telling us what is the matter with us. Great numbers insist that if we could just learn to relax, we would have most problems solved. Others call for peace within, and to be in concord with our fellowmen. Some suggest harder work, more savings, a more rigid discipline. When all of them are added together

the first conclusion to be drawn is that we are in the present, and whenever things are being born, getting done, coming along, something other is needed than a little dose of this or a quick dash of that. Some of the more caustic have called this the aspirin age during which multitudes seek to dull the pain without actually encountering the cause. Because of the current expectation that if you can just hit upon the right combinations of numbers the jack-pot is assured, some tab this period as the slot-machine age. But by whatever name, and with whatever prescription, those who seriously take a look at where we are in the light of where we have been come up with the insight that unless we get at life in terms of what is essence, not being content with appearance, we shall have forfeited our privilege granted to us by the past one hundred years.

Long ago a wise man took a look at his day and came up with this advice: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsels of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seats of the scornful." If he had stopped there, it would have been a hollow pronouncement, however true it sounded. But he continued, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on His law doth he meditate both day and night." That is just another way of saying in beautiful language what we know in more earthly terms: "The present is a frightful time unless it is deeply rooted in the eternities." Or as a mechanic told his customer who was complaining that his machine was about to shake itself to pieces. "The trouble is," said the workman, "that the center is not central." It has been said so many ways. We say, "First look to the East, and from there take your bearings." Einstein said that unless we catch up spiritually and morally we very well could find our great skills and knowledge destroying their masters. The President of the United States says that we should have more prayer and fewer pronouncements. The wise men have always told us that the only sure way to strengthen the backbone is to build into it a full supply of prayer bones.

One of our neighbors threatened to upset our normal stolid ways by his questionable conduct. Everyone was concerned about his standing in his back yard each morning throwing some pebbles into the air and watching their sure flight back to earth. After many attempted explanations on the part of his observers, one of them mustered up the courage to seek out from the perpetrator the true reason for such conduct. The neighbor gladly supplied the explanation. Said he, "After reading the morning paper and listening to the seven o'clock news, I am in such a state of despair that going to work is more than I can bear. I go out in back, throw up some stones to see if the law of gravity is in effect, that the universe is still in order, and that I am a man and God is God. After I have been assured of that conviction, I can go on." "But, believe me," he added, "the morning those stones don't come down, I am not going to the office."

Being one hundred years old should help us fully understand that God is our Maker, and we are His creatures, and we never should get the two confused. Manliness and Godliness, to a Mason, are not synonymous, but there is such a relationship between them that the one without the other is a falsehood, and the other with the one is a contradiction. It is not a simple matter to be God's man in the present time; but it is imperative. There is something tragically wrong with the philosophy of the taxi driver Marcus Bach employed over in Konnersreuth, Germany. The driver's philosophy came out this way, "the best preacher is a man's conscience; the best teacher is time; the best book is experience; and the best business is driving a cab." That poor fellow is in for a cruel awakening. When I read Bach's report I thought of the line in Hugh Thompson Kerr's mighty poem that goes this way:

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;
With us abide.

Lead us by faith to hope's true Promised Land;
Be Thou our guide.

With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight."

We have a perspective for the present that reveals to us that moral rectitude, social sensitivity, spiritual alertness and physical purity are not phrases with which to make speeches but are imperatives to incarnate into life. "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees," said our Lord, "the salt of the earth will lose its savor." An intemperate, selfish, immoral, unspiritual Mason ought to be an impossibility. In our day, he assuredly is an anachronism, denying both the one hundred years in Nebraska, and the centuries throughout the world.

Tomorrow Is Already Here

Two things we have learned in our first century are that yesterday is still with us, and that today is nearly gone. And now it is that we become aware that tomorrow is already here. Such a prospect would be frightening were we not Masons; but as such it is not necessary for us to make frantic preparation. The getting ready to a large degree has been accomplished for us and by us within the fraternity. There is considerable guess work about what form the challenges of tomorrow will finally take. The shape of things to come is ever the poet's province and the prophet's property. But there is no question but what certain ideas will be battling for supremacy. This certainly is based upon the evidence that Almighty God is in the victory business and that He will keep forever at His purposeful and powerful plan until it is established. The Masons of Nebraska along with all the brethren everywhere will be given the opportunity to be engaged in fostering in our land what the Almighty insists belong in His Kingdom.

This will mean a great many things, of course, but perhaps, common to them all will be the requirement that people will be considered first

as people, and then whatever distinctions as may be present may be recognized without reference to the primary consideration. We have a bad history in America on this score, so we have a long ways to go. But tomorrow already is making it mighty clear to us that a continuance of the idea that a difference implies inferiority will be tragedy all round. Those who are in positions of leadership, who believe in the worth of individuals, who hold high the priceless treasure personal integrity will see to it that the barriers in between will be removed and the chasms that separate will be bridged. A strong society is an integrated society. Tomorrow demands that today prejudicial discriminations must be eliminated and that people be greeted as people, worked with as people, worshipped with as people, and cared for as people.

Not only will this call for reformations in our social relationships, but also some considerable readjustment in our economic structures and practices. I speak as a churchman who is aware that it is within the churches of our land where the universal gospel is proclaimed to every creature, but where quiet, forceful segregation is practiced with almost a holy zeal. But tomorrow has already told us that this shall not be. The years ahead will give to us new insights into the meaning of brotherhood and mutual welfare.

This is not new to Masons. Long since have we known that the Brotherhood of Man is based upon the Fatherhood of God. From the very first, Masons have looked to the East before they have looked into the eyes of a fellow pilgrim and laborer. We learned, right at the very outset, that people are to be accepted as creatures of the Creator. This kind of thinking gives a new dimension to geography, a new shade to every color, a new vocabulary for every creed.

Tomorrow has arrived, and with it has come the demolition of every separating wall. We Masons find ourselves being looked at and up to, as we move into the vanguard of those who fashion a society that includes people, just because they are people.

Tomorrow's voice can already be heard speaking of an interdependent world, of natural resources as a stewardship the Creator has bequeathed upon us, of the solemn responsibility of educating the young in a free society with a free public school system, of granting the right to worship as we choose, but to pay for it out of our own pockets and not out of our public funds; of seeking the truth until it is found, and of disseminating it despite the opposition of those who fear the truth lest it undermine their precarious positions and their greedy powers. Tomorrow speaks; for tomorrow is already here. What we do today tomorrow will either bless or force us to do over better and correctly.

We have learned some things in the century just past. We now know that yesterday is still with us, that today is almost gone, and that tomorrow is already here. These are lessons that can assist us wondrously as we step into the next century of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, enlightened by 1857, disciplined by 1957, and directed by 2057.

It will have been good to be here if those who gather at the next mid-century look upon us as having been those who measured accurately, who worked assiduously, and who builded wisely. Surely our heritage has richly endowed us, our opportunities have abundantly supplied us, and our prospect has adequately challenged us. We are privileged to present to the Almighty a society He need not blush to call His own.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brother White, we do sincerely thank you, not only for your fine oration today, but for the many addresses you have given us throughout this past year. It has been an honor to have you as our Grand Orator.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren. There are so many of you who come today from other Grand Jurisdictions. Having been born in a little country which fought for its independence for many years from the country south of it and was overrun by the Germans in World War II, we established fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Denmark. When fraternal relations were established, it was my privilege to be appointed as a Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, an honor which I very much appreciated, having been born in that country and brought here at a very young age. My relations with them have been most pleasant.

I was able to write to them in the Danish language and received a letter from their Grand Secretary who thanked me for my use of the Danish language, which he said was as good as any he could find over there, and I thought that was a compliment. It is not possible for a Grand officer from Denmark to be here today, but they did take the time to mail us a very beautifully engraved note of appreciation which I now present to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on behalf of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark.

"We convey to you, the sincere fraternal congratulations for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Lodge. Copenhagen, May 13, 1957, signed by the Grand Master, Frode Rydgaard, by their Grand Secretary, Brother E. Hoeg and by the Grand Chancellor Brother K. D. Friils."

I am proud of the lineage which has stood for so many years and which has supplied so many of the royal houses of Europe with the Monarchs who reigned and some of those who are reigning today.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

M. W. Brother Hedelund, I accept this on behalf of the Grand Lodge. It is a beautiful document and I know it means much to you personally and it is a great honor to receive it by our Grand Lodge.

At 4 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 5, 1957

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

Song by Brother Jack H. Wright, 11, "No Man is an Island." accompanied by W. Harold H. Thom, 1.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Thank you, Brother Jack. I heard that song for the first time at one of our pre-centennial meetings, in fact it was at South Sioux City last month and I thought it would be very appropriate for this occasion. I am so pleased that you sang it for us, Jack.

**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:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully 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. Our overtures to the Grand Lodge of Switzerland have been acknowledged; but to date we have heard nothing further, which we regret very much.

During the past Masonic year, your Committee has received only two applications for recognition and exchange of Representatives from the following Grand Lodges:

Grande Loja De Santa Catarina, Florianopolis, Brazil.

Grand Lodge of F. & A. Masons of Japan, Tokyo, Japan.

We have had several letters and pamphlets from several applicants of former years, asking that their requests be granted at this Communication.

At the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, last February, we were informed that most of the members of the lodges in Japan, who then belonged to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, were civilians in government employ or part of our armed forces stationed there. We were told that progress of the lodges in obtaining applications from Japanese Nationals would perhaps be slow; since for a Japanese to ask for something means that he would "lose face" and therefore he would be hesitant to do so. As to the regularity of this new Grand Lodge, they

are within their rights as to its formation and of course they are the off-spring of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Only last year their parent translated the ritual into the Japanese language for them.

In Colombia, matters continue most unfavorable to our institution. Time Magazine recently published a picture of the audience given the President by Cardinal Luque, who stated, "Our relations with the government are cordial—for the time being", which meant he had everything he wanted at that time.

Your committee is much disturbed by the continual formation of new Grand Lodges in Central and South America, Mexico and other Countries of the World; either by rebellion against those in authority or otherwise. Much caution should be observed in visiting in many places. There are two Grand Lodges or clandestine bodies in too many countries and states, including these United States. Perhaps the time is ripe for a concerted drive in the Courts, to clean house so to speak of these ulcers also, we of this Continent perhaps do not appreciate or understand the difficulties under which so many of our Brethren work. The Grand Master of Minas Gerais in Brazil, whom we recognize, has this to say: "We believe what lacks most in our relations is a mutual knowledge of our Countries and of our everyday life, both as citizens and Masons. How many of our American and other English speaking brethren have trodden the Latin American continent or read any reliable account of how we live and what we do, particularly as to how we manage to survive as a group in a not very friendly (to put it mildly) environment?" In their Boletim Official (Official Bulletin) their Committee on Foreign Correspondence asks the question: "Is it worth while to proceed?" "Hundreds of letters were addressed to the 95 Masonic powers with which we are in fraternal relation. However to be honest, for every ten letters we write, if three or four replies are received, it is really much. It would almost be necessary to use a cork-screw to get a sign of life out of some of them. Frankly we think it time by now to awake and do something about this. Intelligence and culture do not lack in the various Grand Jurisdictions—hands to work, brethren; and excuse the frankness."

For several years, we have had under consideration the application of the Grand Lodge of Peru, Washington St. Temple in Lima. Since 1945 there have existed two Grand Lodges in Peru, a fact that has caused much confusion, but from all the information at our command, we recommend the recognition of the above mentioned Grand Lodge and the exchange of Representatives.

We quote from a letter from M. W. Brother Thomas S. Roy, in which he states in part: "Our recognition of a Grand Lodge is not only an acknowledgment of the regularity of that Grand Lodge, but our approval of the conduct of that Grand Lodge." This has always been the attitude of your present committee. We are conservative and proud of it and close this report on fraternal relations with two quotations; one from Brother Benjamin Franklin, whose 250th Anniversary was so

fittingly celebrated by many states last year and the second by John Stuart Mill on the Pursuit of Truth.

Franklin on Universal Understanding could very easily be transposed to apply to our institution. "God grant that not only the love of liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the nations of the earth, so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say: 'This is my country'."

Just what is Truth is one of the problems, if not the greatest, of your Committee on Fraternal Relations. Mill in 1856 gives us a very vivid definition in this sentence. "Not the violent conflict between parts of the truth, but the quiet suppression of half of it, is the formidable evil; there is always hope when people are forced to listen to both sides; it is when they attend only to one that errors harden into prejudices, and truth itself ceases to have the effect of truth, by being exaggerated into falsehood."

We further recommend that all other past and present applications not acted upon in this report be continued for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Since our report was written, we have received a letter or Manifesto, as it is called, from the Grand Master of the Philippines, M. W. Brother Orosa. This letter gives a little of the history behind the formation of the Grand Lodge of Japan; the suspension by the District Grand Master for Japan of the officers of the only lodge in Japan composed of Japanese Nationals, their reinstatement by the Grand Master of the Philippines, an attempt to get an audit made of the accounts of the District Grand Lodge and its failure, etc. All in all, it shows the formation of this Grand Lodge of Japan to be premature and arbitrary and hence the recognition by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines has been deferred. Two lodges in Japan who have the largest number of nationals in their membership have refused to join the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master of Japan is a former Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, which is a far cry from Japan. Your committee felt the Brethren of Nebraska would be interested in these latest developments.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman, 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 Nebraska Work has been faced with no problems during the last Masonic year. We have examined the report of the Grand Custodian and we concur with all that is said therein. Since anything

we might say would only be a repetition of the Grand Custodian's Report, we adopt its contents, by reference, as our report.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

We will now have the report of the Business Affairs Committee which was a Special Committee appointed by me by action of this Grand Lodge last year. I appointed on this Grand Lodge Business Affairs Committee, M. W. Brother Edward F. Carter as Chairman; M. W. Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, M. W. Brother Thomas J. Aron, M. W. Brother Elmer E. Magee and M. W. Brother Edward Huwaldt, and I would like to suggest that the members of that Committee come up on the stage and take seats here as they may be needed to answer questions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE BUSINESS AFFAIRS

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs.

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

On June 7, 1956, a resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge which provided for the appointment of a committee of five to examine into the business affairs of the Grand Lodge with a view of making recommendations for a comprehensive method of efficiently handling its financial and other business transactions. This resolution will be found in the 1956 proceedings on page 148. An examination of this resolution reveals that it contemplated an all-inclusive review and report, and we have so treated its scope. We cannot, of course, adequately cover the contemplated area of our activities within one year for the reason that Grand Lodge decisions must be made on some major changes in policy before the remaining work can be completed. We shall make some high-level recommendations and, if they be adopted, the Grand Lodge itself will necessarily prescribe subsequent methods of handling.

Your committee has assumed a constructive approach. Our recommendations will be prospective and will refer to past practices only for the purpose of demonstrating their inefficiency and showing a need for corrective measures. We assume that all transactions in the past have been handled as we would expect Brother Masons to handle them under the system in use. We desire to make it clear that criticism of our brethren is not intended. On the other hand, it will be difficult for many to distinguish between a faulty system and improper handling. Our purpose is to put our house in order, not only that we may have accurate records of income and disbursements, but that by inspection, examination and accounting we can justify every transaction to the satisfaction of those primarily interested.

We point out that our business practices have changed very little over the years. We have now grown in size until we could be classed as a \$1,000,000 corporation. In fact, a recapitulation of all accounts, including those which have heretofore been handled by the Board of The Nebraska Masonic Home, amounts to \$2,130,333.55 for the year 1956. It stands to reason that changes should be made commensurate with our growth and the needs which it implies. Frankly, our methods have been outgrown and outdated. We have had the advantage of favorable investment markets for several years with the result that our securities have shown gains without too much risk of loss. But this condition may not continue to exist. If we should move into a period with a declining economy instead of an inflationary one, we should be prepared to meet it in the most acceptable manner in accordance with modern business practices. It appears fundamental to this committee that unless we recommend measures which will place the handling of our investments in the hands of persons highly trained in the investment field we would be derelict in our duty. Most anyone can make investments and show some profit on a continually rising market, but it is not everyone that can analyse the investment situation and arrive at a conclusion upon which a fraternal organization such as ours can safely rely. This leads us to our first recommendation.

1. We recommend that the Board of Grand Trustees shall be increased to five members for staggered terms of five years each. At the session of the Grand Lodge at which the proposal becomes effective, the Grand Master shall appoint two additional trustees whose terms shall be integrated with the existing terms of present members of the board to accomplish the purpose of this recommendation. We recommend that Chapter IV of the By-Laws be amended to make this recommendation effective. (See Appendix 1 for copy of the proposed amendment).

2. We recommend also that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary not be included as members of the Board of Grand Trustees. The Grand Secretary shall serve as secretary to the Board of Grand Trustees and shall keep a full and complete record of all actions taken by such Board.

3. We recommend that all funds, securities, and other investments of the Grand Lodge which have been set aside for the use of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth be conveyed, assigned, and transferred to the Grand Lodge and delivered to the Board of Grand Trustees thereof for the purposes of management and investment.

4. We recommend that the Board of Grand Trustees be authorized to enter into an agency account arrangement with a suitable banking institution or trust company to safely keep all securities of every description under the control and management of such Grand Trustees.

5. We recommend that the Grand Trustees formulate an investment policy which they would deem proper for the handling of investments for a fraternal order such as ours, to be reported to the Grand Lodge.

We shall report next on our Grand Lodge finances, our bookkeeping and accounting practices, the method of authorizing expenditures, and matters of similar import. A recapitulation of all the funds and endowment of the Grand Lodge at the close of the 1956 fiscal year shows the total amount thereof to be \$785,837.82. The investment, and reinvestment, of these funds since 1942 has been in the hands of the Board of Grand Trustees. Our investigation reveals that this phase of the work has been competently and efficiently handled for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. The bookkeeping system is adequate insofar as it produces correct results and a proper showing of amounts on hand. Our bookkeeping methods are faulty in that they do not show detailed income and expenditures in a manner in which they are easily determinable. Our methods of appropriating funds are lax and inefficient. The methods of spending appropriated funds, and the determination of the purposes for which they are actually spent, are not readily ascertainable. It is the opinion of the committee that our spending methods should be made more workable. Appropriations should be fixed and strictly adhered to. Records of expenditures should be kept and properly vouchered so that they can be checked and approved or disapproved by the proper Grand Lodge committee. It is also our opinion that appropriations to committees should be paid out on proper vouchers filed with the Grand Secretary and approved by the proper officer, such payment to be made through the Grand Secretary's office. All vouchers for the expenditure of Grand Lodge funds should be retained in the office of the Grand Secretary for a minimum period of four years. We deem this necessary to afford committees of the Grand Lodge an opportunity to make examinations and comparisons of past committee expenditures to determine where reductions or increases in appropriations are justified.

We have come to the conclusion that the financial structure of the Grand Lodge should be changed to provide for two standing committees of five members each with staggered five-year terms, to be known as (1) the Committee on Finance, and (2) the Committee on Appropriations. This recommendation is made to provide continuity on these committees and to maintain an accumulated experience in the handling of their important functions. It is our recommendation that the function of each be substantially as follows:

(a) Committee on Finance: The Committee on Finance shall examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary, including the vouchers of all officers and committees for whom appropriations have been made. The committee shall determine if all such vouchered expenditures are within the scope of the appropriation, and report to the Grand Lodge any expenditures which it deems to have been improperly paid from an appropriation. It shall examine all expenditures from each appropriation and report the amount of any unexpended balance to be returned to the proper fund of the Grand Lodge. It shall determine and report the actual state of all the different funds of the Grand Lodge, consider all

matters relating to revenue and its disbursement, and it may report such recommendations as it may deem proper for the financial benefit of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts of the Grand Lodge annually and certify the result thereof to the Grand Lodge in its annual report. If doubt should arise as to whether or not an expenditure can properly be made from an appropriation by the Grand Lodge, such expenditure shall not be made therefrom without securing the written approval of the Committee on Finance. The committee shall have authority to employ a public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge if in the judgment of the Committee and the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appropriations to fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge and report such amounts appropriated to the Grand Lodge. Unless such amounts are changed by the Grand Lodge, they shall be final and binding, and shall be considered as the financial limit of the authority of the officer, person, or committee in exercising the purpose for which the appropriation was made. In case of an emergency, the Committee on Appropriations may increase an appropriation between sessions of the Grand Lodge, provided, that it has the approval of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge. In the fixing of the amounts to be appropriated, the officers, persons or committees requiring such appropriations shall make request in writing therefor. The committee may hold open hearings on such requests at which any member of the Grand Lodge may appear and be heard.

We call attention to the fact that Section 1-301 of the By-laws provides for the appointment of a committee entitled "Grand Lodge Office," whose duties are prescribed by Section 1-322 of the By-laws. Our proceedings do not indicate that such a committee has been appointed. In the 1956 proceedings, a special committee to be known as the "Grand Lodge Office Committee" was appointed to investigate the needs of the Grand Lodge Office and report to the Grand Master, who was authorized to allow the committee to expend not to exceed \$5,000 if a need was urgent. It is our opinion that the committee provided for in Section 1-301 ought to be appointed as herein provided and that all expenditures for office equipment and repairs, the employment of clerical help and the salary to be paid, the rental of office space, and all matters involving the general operation of the office, should be subject to the approval of this committee before such expenditures may be used from any appropriation for such purpose. In the opinion of the committee, no amendments to the by-laws are required to provide an adequate control over the expenditure of funds for the Grand Lodge Office. We recommend that the incoming Grand Master promptly appoint a Committee on Grand Lodge Office and that such committee investigate the number of employees required, the salaries to be paid, examine into the needs for equipment and repairs, the adequacy of the quarters of the Grand

Lodge Office, and report its findings and recommendations to the Grand Lodge. It shall also be the duty of the committee to approve all general expenditures of the office for salaries, office equipment, employees, rehabilitating or refurbishing the office, and the like. It shall be the function of this committee to make request to the proper committee for the amounts needed each year for the general operation of the office.

We think that the management of our business should be completely separated from the bookkeeping, accounting and handling of cash. It is for this reason that we recommend that salaried officers and employees be considered ineligible as members of committees, boards, or policy-making positions of any kind. In an organization such as ours, with its limited number of employed personnel, it is quite impossible to separate the functions of those who handle the money and those who keep the books. Internal check is quite impossible under such circumstances without outside methods being provided. The double signing of checks generally has been inadequate because of the tendency to have a cosigner sign checks in advance. We are not in accord with the idea of multiple signing of checks. Consequently we find no necessity to establish the office of Grand Treasurer. We are of the view that an adequate voucher method is more to our needs. We recommend that a signed voucher be required by the Grand Secretary before the issuance of any check, such voucher to be approved by the chairman of the proper committee and filed by the Grand Secretary in his office. Under this arrangement the Grand Secretary alone would sign all checks. It is our recommendation also that the Finance Committee set up a petty cash account for the Grand Secretary in such sum as it deems adequate and provide for a keeping of records of income and disbursements to and from this fund, such amounts not to exceed \$25.00 on any one item. The Grand Secretary shall not be required to file vouchers or obtain approval of petty expenditures from this fund, but shall keep a running account of income and disbursements, and make a monthly report thereof to the chairman of the Finance Committee.

In the judgment of this committee a reclassification of our accounts should be made and their purposes redefined. We think there are too many accounts which are separately kept, thus adding to the bookkeeping problems of the Grand Lodge.

We have sought the advice of a certified public accountant concerning bookkeeping and accounting methods. To investigate the records which we have, determine the extent of controls which we desire, make adequate recommendations for their accomplishment, and take the time necessary to put them in proper operation, is a time-consuming and laborious task. A business management advisor, together with the necessary auditors and accountants, would result in an expense of \$3,000 to \$4,000. At first blush the amount seems large. We call attention to the fact that we have liquid assets of \$2,130,000. Adequate controls

and reports are essential. We would probably save money in the years to come if such a complete reorganization was worked out.

We are therefore requesting that the Grand Lodge make available to us the sum of \$3,500 to bring about the result we have recommended. We hope we can do it for less money, but the advice we have received is that it will take this amount. We recommend strongly that it be done, but the final decision is one to be made by you.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

The Nebraska Masonic Home is a corporation under the control of the Grand Lodge. Its articles of incorporation are antiquated and unfitted, in our opinion, for the proper conduct of the business of the Home. The present articles bear the date of 1924 and, except for one minor change, have not been amended since that time.

We recommend a Board of Trustees for the Home of 15 Masons with staggered terms of 3 years each. We think this is necessary to obtain the needed feeling of responsibility and to create the interest necessary to a proper operation of the Home.

We desire to point out that new articles of incorporation for the Nebraska Masonic Home must be adopted by the stockholders of the Home and approved by the Grand Lodge. We have caused such new articles of incorporation to be prepared and submitted herewith. The approval of them by the Grand Lodge at this time meets all legal requirements even though they must subsequently be approved by the stockholders before they can be effective. We herewith submit such articles of incorporation and By-laws for your approval, and urge their adoption.

AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be "The Nebraska Masonic Home."

ARTICLE II -- PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal business office of this Corporation shall be in the City of Omaha, Nebraska. The name of the Resident Agent of the Corporation is Carl R. Greisen, 401 Masonic Temple, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

ARTICLE III — NATURE OF BUSINESS

The business of this Corporation shall be to aid, care for, and maintain needy and distressed Freemasons, their wives, widows, mothers, daughters, and sisters, and female members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and for this purpose and to this end, it shall have authority:

To establish, maintain and operate homes, hospitals, and other institutions for the care of said parties; or to enter into contracts for their care and maintenance at other places;

To acquire by purchase, gift or devise, any and all kinds of property, real, personal or mixed, and to sell and convey the same;

To construct, own, hold, lease or manage buildings and structures of any or every character;

To loan or invest money on its own account, or as agent for other persons or corporations, and to take and hold such security therefor on real or personal property as it may see fit;

To purchase, sell, negotiate, assign or cancel, notes, bonds, mortgages and all kinds of obligations, including stock in other corporations, and State, County, or Municipal warrants or bonds;

To act as agent in a fiduciary, or other capacity, for persons or corporations;

To act, under the appointment of any Court of record having jurisdiction, either by itself or jointly with any natural person or persons, as administrator, executor, guardian, or trustee of persons or estates;

To transact any business that will contribute directly or indirectly to the purposes of its organization; and it may do all other acts and things necessary, convenient or incidental to carrying into effect the objects for which it has been created.

ARTICLE IV — CAPITAL STOCK

The authorized capital stock of this Corporation shall be One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars divided into Ten Thousand (10,000) Shares of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars each, which shall be issued when subscribed and fully paid, and shall be nonassessable.

Stock shall be issued for all sums paid into the permanent assets of the Corporation by any Masonic or Eastern Star Body of Nebraska, or by members in good standing of any such bodies. No stock shall be issued for donations contributed for the maintenance and operation of the HOME, the care and comforts of the residents therein, or for any other temporary purpose.

The stock of this Corporation shall not be transferable either by sale, gift, bequest, or devise, but on the death of the person to whom issued, shall become the property of some Masonic Body, or the Grand or a subordinate chapter of The Order of The Eastern Star, of Nebraska, which shall be designated by the purchaser of said stock and named in the certificate at the time of its issue.

In case any Masonic or Eastern Star Body holding stock in this Corporation shall become extinct, the stock held by said Body shall thereupon become the property of its Grand Body in Nebraska.

No dividends shall ever be paid on any stock of this Corporation, and no property or assets of this Corporation shall ever be applied to, or for the use of, any stockholder or officer, but all of its property and income shall be devoted to, and used in the establishment, maintenance and operation of the Homes and Hospitals of the Corporation, and in the conduct of its other legitimate business herein set forth.

ARTICLE V — COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION

The time of commencement of this Corporation was June 17, 1889, and its corporate existence shall be perpetual unless sooner terminated according to law or by action of its stockholders.

ARTICLE VI — MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS

ANNUAL MEETING — The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of this Corporation shall be held on the Anniversary of Saint John, The Almoner, January 23rd, or the following Monday whenever that Anniversary falls on Sunday.

SPECIAL MEETINGS — The President may call a special meeting of the stockholders, and he shall do so upon a majority vote of the Trustees at any regular meeting of the Board, or upon the written request of the holders of one-third of the outstanding stock of the Corporation.

NOTICE OF MEETING — Written notice of all special meetings shall be given by the Secretary, stating the object of the meeting, and be mailed to each registered stockholder at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

QUORUM — At all meetings of the stockholders a majority of the outstanding stock held by the person to whom issued or by corporations having legal existence, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

REPRESENTATION — At all meetings of the stockholders, each stockholder shall have one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of stock owned; and

All stock held by any Masonic, or Eastern Star Body, shall be represented by one of the three highest officers of the Body owning the stock, preferred in the order of their rank, unless such Body shall have duly appointed a proxy for such purpose.

ARTICLE VII — INDEBTEDNESS

This Corporation shall not have power to mortgage or encumber any of its property except with the express consent and approval of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

ARTICLE VIII — TRUSTEES

The affairs of this Corporation shall be under the direction of a Board of fifteen (15) Trustees, all of whom shall be elected by the stockholders.

ELIGIBILITY — Only Master Masons in good standing in a Nebraska Lodge may be elected Trustees of this Corporation, and no employee of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska shall be eligible for membership on said Board.

The Trustees now in office shall hold their office until the effective date of these amended articles. At the stockholders' meeting at which these Amended Articles are adopted, the stockholders shall elect fifteen (15) Trustees, five for a term of one year, five for a term of two

years, and five for a term of three years. At each annual stockholders' meeting held thereafter, five Trustees shall be elected for three years to fill the terms of Trustees which have expired.

Each trustee shall hold office until his successor has been elected and has accepted the office.

In case of a vacancy in the Board of Trustees, occasioned by death, resignation, or from any other cause, of any trustee elected following the adoption of these Amended Articles, the Board may fill such vacancy until the next annual meeting of the stockholders.

BY-LAWS — The Board of Trustees may make and adopt such By-Laws, rules and regulations for the management of the affairs of this Corporation and the government of the HOME as they may deem necessary and not inconsistent with these ARTICLES and the laws of the State of Nebraska.

PROVIDED, that all By-Laws, rules and regulations for the transaction of business and the government of the HOME shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge, or in vacation to the Grand Master of Masons, for approval.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that at all meetings of the Board not less than eight (8) Trustees shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX — OFFICERS

The officers of this Corporation shall consist of a President, a First, a Second, and a Third Vice-President, and a Secretary, each of whom shall hold office for one year, and until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Immediately after each Annual Election of Trustees, the Board shall meet and organize by electing said officers by ballot from among their number, PROVIDED that the Board may, in its discretion, elect a Secretary who is not a member of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE X — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, and the Chairman of each of the following Standing Committees: Finance Committee, Committee on Admission, and Committee on Building and Grounds. When the Board is not in session, the Executive Committee shall have and exercise all the powers of the Board, except the power to buy or sell real estate, or to authorize the erection of permanent buildings or other permanent improvements; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in the exercise of the authority hereby granted, the action of the Executive Committee shall at all times be subject to the approval of the Board, and at the first meeting of the Board thereafter, the Executive Committee shall report on cases in which it has exercised such authority or has acted on behalf of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XI — AMENDMENTS

These articles may be amended by a majority vote of the outstanding stock at any annual meeting of the stockholders, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, notice in writing of the proposed amendment having been given to the stockholders at least thirty (30) days previous to the meeting at which such amendment is to be considered.

PROVIDED, that no amendment shall be valid, or take effect, until it has been approved by the Grand Lodge.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
AMENDED BY - LAWS

I. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

ANNUAL MEETINGS of the Board of Trustees shall be held after the annual election of Trustees on the Anniversary of Saint John, The Almoner, January 23rd, or the following Monday should that Anniversary fall on Sunday.

At this meeting the Board shall organize by electing a President, a first, second, and third Vice President, and a Secretary.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS shall be held at the office of the Secretary, in Omaha, Nebraska, on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 A.M., except that the Board may, in its discretion, elect not to hold meetings during any of the months of June, July, or August.

SPECIAL MEETINGS of the Board may be called by the President at any time, either at Omaha or at the Home; and the President shall call a special meeting on the request of three (3) members of the Board.

ORDER OF BUSINESS. The Order of Business at any regular or special meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be: (1) Roll call of Trustees present, (2) Reading and disposal of any unapproved minutes, (3) Reports of officers, (4) Reports of standing and special committees, (5) Unfinished business, (6) New business, (7) Adjournment.

QUORUM. At all meetings of the Board of Trustees eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

DEPOSITORY. The Board shall designate a depository in which the funds of the corporation are to be deposited.

SECRETARY'S BOND. The Board shall designate the amount of the Secretary's bond, the premium thereof to be paid out of the funds of the Home.

II. OFFICERS

TIME OF SERVICE. All Officers shall be elected for one year, and shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT. The President, if present, shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and of the Trustees, and shall generally perform such duties as devolve upon the presiding officer in similar organizations.

He shall appoint all Committees except the Executive Committee and he shall be Ex-officio a member of all committees.

All officers, committees, and employees shall be responsible to the President for the faithful and proper discharge of their several duties, and shall make such reports to him as he may from time to time require.

As the executive officer of the Board he shall execute all contracts and other instruments to be made or executed for, or on behalf of, the corporation.

In case of emergency, and on recommendation of the Committee on Admission, he may admit an applicant, but such admission shall be temporary only, and shall be subject to the action of the Board.

On recommendation of the Committee on Admission, he may discharge and cause the removal of any resident from the Home whenever, in his opinion, the interests of the Home will be thereby conserved.

All matters pertaining to the management of the Home shall be referred to him, and he shall recommend from time to time such plans and action as, in his judgment, will be most successful in promoting its interests.

Together with the Secretary, he shall sign all checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of bills which have had the prior approval of the Board.

In addition to the foregoing the President shall perform such other duties as the Board may require, and have such additional authority as the Board may from time to time confer.

In the exercise of authority hereby granted, the action of the President shall at all times be subject to the approval of the Board; and, at the first meeting of the Board thereafter, he shall report all cases in which he exercises such authority or acts for the corporation.

VICE PRESIDENTS. In the absence of the President or his inability to act, the duties of his office shall be performed by the ranking Vice President who may be present and able to act.

In all cases in which a Vice President shall exercise any of the functions of the President's office he shall make prompt report to the Board of Trustees setting forth his action and the cause or occasion of the same.

SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep in a book prepared for that purpose, a true and fair record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Stockholders, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee. The records or minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees,

shall contain the Superintendent's monthly reports of operating expenditures and shall, in addition, include a detailed list of all bills or expenses approved for payment by the Board.

He shall have the custody of the Corporate Seal, and shall affix the same to all instruments which require sealing; and shall have charge of all books, documents and papers which properly belong to his office.

He shall notify the Masonic Body recommending an applicant as to the action of the Board on the application, and also as to whether, after examination by the House Physician and the period of probation, the applicant has been finally admitted as a resident in the Home.

He shall act as financial agent of the corporation for the receipt and disbursement of its funds and, together with the President, shall sign all checks, drafts or orders for the payment of bills or expenses after prior approval thereof by the Board.

He shall see that the books of account of the corporation are kept correctly and in proper form. The books shall at all times be open to the inspection of any member of the Board, and the Secretary shall deliver the books to his successor together with all moneys of the corporation remaining in his hands.

At each regular monthly meeting of the Board, he shall make a report of the condition of the finances of the corporation, and in addition shall prepare a detailed list of all current bills and expenses for the inspection and approval of the Committee on Finance and for presentation to and final approval by the Board. He shall also assist the Committee on Finance in preparing a quarterly financial report of the corporation for presentation to the Grand Master, the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance, and to the President of the Board.

All moneys received by him as Secretary of the Home, he shall immediately deposit in the bank, trust company, or other financial institution, which shall have been designated by the Board of Trustees as the depository for the funds of the corporation.

He shall furnish such bond as may be required by the Board, the premium thereof to be paid out of the funds of the corporation.

He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the stockholders, Board of Trustees, or President.

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, First Vice-President, and the Chairman of the following standing committees: Finance Committee, Committee on Admission, and Committee on Buildings and Grounds; and shall have all the power set forth in Article X of the Articles of Incorporation.

Said Committee shall cause record to be kept by the Secretary of all its acts and doings and shall report the same in full at the next meeting of the Board.

IV. COMMITTEES

Standing Committees of not less than three members each, appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board, shall consist of a Committee on Finance, a Committee on Admission, and a Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

All standing committees shall serve one year, and until their successors have been appointed, and all committees appointed by the President shall co-operate with him in the performance of their duties, that peace and harmony may prevail and the Home be enabled to render the greatest possible service.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance shall have general charge of the investment of the funds of the corporation; and to this Committee shall be submitted all proposed investments for investigation, and recommendation.

It shall pass upon requisitions made by the Superintendent for supplies, may authorize him to purchase such supplies as may be needed from month to month for the operation of the Home, and shall audit his accounts. Such accounts and the Committee's audit thereof shall be presented to the Board for its approval and shall be incorporated in the minutes of the Board meeting.

Preceding each regular monthly meeting of the Board, the Committee, with the assistance of the Secretary, shall prepare and audit a list of all current bills and expenses to be presented to the Board for its final approval.

It shall, from time to time, recommend to the Board a depository in which funds shall be deposited.

As occasion may arise, the Committee shall make recommendations concerning the financial affairs of the Home and the corporation.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION

Applications for admission to the Home shall be referred to the Committee on Admission, who shall investigate and report thereon at a regular meeting of the Board.

Before recommending any applicant for admission, the Committee shall be assured that all rules, regulations and conditions regarding applicants have been complied with, especially the rule requiring the conveyance of applicants' property to the Home. The Committee shall also be assured that space in the Home is available and the funds on hand are sufficient for properly caring for the residents.

If funds are insufficient the Committee shall take up with the bodies having residents in the Home and arrange a proportion of expenses to be charged such bodies and report their recommendation to the Board.

The question of removing or discharging a resident from the Home shall also be submitted to this Committee which shall investigate and report to the President.

In special cases and emergencies requiring prompt action, the Committee on Admission after careful investigation may arrange for the care of applicants in places other than the Home, but these arrangements shall not be permanent until approved by the Board.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

This committee shall have general charge of the buildings, grounds, equipment, and all physical properties of the Home and shall make such repairs as may be necessary to prevent damage to the property or keep the Home in good habitable condition.

It shall consider all matters of alteration of buildings, and grounds, and report its recommendation to the Board; but the construction of no new building shall be undertaken, and no alteration in any building, or in any of the rooms in the House, or in any of the additions or improvements, except of a minor character as may be necessary for the preservation of the property, shall be made until they have been submitted to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and the Committee has presented the desired changes to the Board of Trustees, with an estimate of the cost, and the Board has approved the same.

It shall also keep in touch with the needs of the Home, and report to the Board its conclusions as to what additional facilities may be necessary to keep the Home in condition to meet fully the requirements of the Masonic Fraternity.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special Committees may be appointed by the President from time to time with the approval of the Board.

All such committees shall promptly investigate and consider the matter submitted to them, and promptly report their findings and recommendations to the Board.

V. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The printed rules and regulations for the management of The Nebraska Masonic Home shall be followed in all cases; but, when deemed necessary for the welfare of the Home or Residents, the Board of Trustees may modify or change any rule at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the whole Board.

VI AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote of the whole Board, provided that ten (10) days notice of such proposed change shall have been given by the Secretary to each Trustee in writing, and provided, further, that any such amendments shall not take effect until approved by the Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master if the Grand Lodge is in vacation.

We desire to point out that new articles of incorporation for The Nebraska Masonic Home must be adopted by the stockholders of the Home and approved by the Grand Lodge. We have caused such new articles of incorporation to be prepared and submitted herewith. The approval of them by the Grand Lodge at this time meets all legal requirements even though they must subsequently be approved by the stockholders before they can be effective. We herewith submit such articles of incorporation and by-laws for your approval, and urge their adoption.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master:

We recommend that new Articles of Incorporation and By-laws be adopted.

MASONIC - EASTERN STAR HOME

The problems of this home stem from the high cost of operation and the per capita cost of caring for the children occupying the home. There were only 37 children in the Home when this report was written. This simply means that the home is operated at much less than full capacity. But we are required to operate a facility designed for many more at a per capita cost that is out of proportion to average costs for such services.

The problem is primarily one of policy. Opportunities exist to lease some of the grounds for business purposes. Questions have been raised about the advisability of selling or leasing the farm lands in connection with the Home. There have been advocates of a policy of admitting children from other jurisdictions. It has also been suggested that a part of the homes be set aside and operated as rest homes for Masons and their dependents who are able to pay for such a service. These policy problems are pressing and extremely important. It is necessary to augment the income for this Home from these sources if it is at all possible to do so.

We have been informed that a committee of six, three from the Eastern Star and three from the Masons, has been appointed to consider these problems. Due to the dual character of the operation of this Home, we are of the opinion that the problems of this home are being approached in the proper manner and that our committee should not undertake any recommendations in the matter.

Our investigation otherwise has revealed nothing which we deem worthy of our consideration. If we find upon further investigation, if this committee be continued, that there is a lack of controls over the money which we as a Grand Lodge contribute to the Home each year, we would recommend changes to correct the situation. But the methods of vouchering, approving and disbursing such funds for the benefit of the Home is a matter requiring expert assistance to this committee. We shall seek it only if authorized by the Grand Lodge to do so. The situ-

ation is further complicated by the fact that the Eastern Star has equal voice in the operation of the Home. Any recommendations adopted by the Grand Lodge would be advisory only to the Eastern Star.

CONCLUSION

We think it is extremely important to remember that when the Grand Lodge of Nebraska came into being 100 years ago, we were a struggling organization with a financial system suitable to the conditions of those time. Our Masonic ancestors were frugal men who had the foresight to make proper financial beginnings. We have grown and prospered in the accumulation of money and property. We have made some changes as conditions demanded, but by and large we have continued the old Town-Hall system of handling our affairs. We have burdened our Grand Secretaries in the past, not only with the duties of Grand Secretary, but with the handling of our finances, the investment of our funds, and many other duties executive in their nature. We have been favored with Grand Secretaries of exceptional ability as the end results testify beyond anything we can say here. But the fact remains that we are now in big business with its added responsibilities,—responsibilities which any one man should not be required to shoulder. All this simply means that the Grand Lodge should assume its true role and that our executive department, through a system of delegating its authority to committees, should establish controls over income and disbursements.

The fundamentals underlying our recommendations are many. We request a complete separation of business policy, the function of management, from bookkeeping, accounting, and the physical handling of our funds. We desire proper vouchers and approvals by delegated managerial authority before disbursements are made. We think paid officers and hired employees should not serve on committees, boards, or in executive positions, except where our Masonic law requires it.

We have discussed these matters at length with Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and William F. Patterson, President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, who have indicated a complete willingness to cooperate in the installing of a system which will bring about the desired results. We mention this because no system, however perfect it may be, will operate properly without cooperative personnel.

Lastly, I desire to personally, as chairman of the committee, pay tribute to the sincerity with which the other four members of this committee performed their assignment. Their approach was always objective, having for their purpose only the best interests of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction and the 46,000 brethren it represents.

Motion by M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, that the Report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs be adopted.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

I am happy to recognize Brother William F. Patterson, President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, who will second this motion.

Brother William F. Patterson, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home:

M. W. Grand Master, Brethren, it is indeed a pleasure to second this motion. My Board instructed me at its meeting last month to appear before you and to recommend the adoption of this Report. We felt you should hear from us because actually we constitute a pretty substantial part of it. May I please again pledge you and this fine Committee our complete cooperation and assistance in putting these suggestions to work to the end that the finest Home in this country will ever remain so, and what is more, be the best managed. We have the best manpower, the fine dedicated manpower with the brains to do the job. Your approval is all that we need. I again take pleasure in the privilege afforded me in seconding this motion. Thank you, Brethren. (Motion carried.)

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

It has been moved and seconded that the amendments in this report be accepted and that unanimous consent be given for their consideration at this Grand Lodge communication. If unanimous consent is given, they will be considered as the first order of business tomorrow morning, and each one will be read in full and voted on separately. Are there any objections to granting unanimous consent for their consideration at this Grand Lodge Communication? Hearing none, they will be considered tomorrow morning as the first order of business.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, we have a set of amended Articles of Incorporation for The Nebraska Masonic Home, and a set of amended By-Laws of The Nebraska Masonic Home. I might say that these were actually prepared by W. Brother Lewis R. Ricketts, Attorney at Lincoln, who is the First Vice President of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and have been gone over by the President of the Home and others who have been interested in it. They are too long for us to read here, and I am sure they would serve no purpose other than to bore those who are present. Consequently, the Committee moves, M. W. Sir, that these be referred to a Special Committee who shall examine and report back tomorrow morning at the time the other amendments are taken up.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

It has been moved and seconded that the new Constitution and By-laws of The Nebraska Masonic Home, be referred to a Special Com-

mittee who will report tomorrow morning at this Grand Lodge Communication, so it will not be necessary to read the entire Constitution and By-laws. If there is no objection, I will appoint on that Committee M. W. Brother Walter R. Raecke, Chairman; M. W. Brother Earl J. Lee, and Brother William F. Patterson, President of the Home.

Thank you, M. W. Brother Carter, for that very complete and comprehensive report and for the dispatch with which you presented it.

M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, Past Grand Master :

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the Grand Lodge Business Affairs Committee be continued for another year and that an appropriation of \$3,500 be allowed to permit them to carry out the recommendation made in their report. (Motion seconded and carried.)

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and appointed the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers, W. Ralph M. Carhart, Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

- Brother Roy I. Babbitt, 295..... M. W. Grand Master
- Brother John E. Beaver, 253..... R. W. Deputy Grand Master
- Brother Joseph C. Tye, 46..... R. W. Grand Senior Warden
- Brother John F. Futcher, 302..... R. W. Grand Junior Warden
- Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32..... R. W. Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

- Brother William P. Reid, 281..... V. W. Grand Chaplain
- Brother Ellsworth F. DuTeau, 19..... W. Grand Orator
- Brother Harold H. Thom, 1..... W. Grand Historian
- Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6..... W. Grand Custodian
- Brother Ralph M. Carhart, 120..... W. Grand Marshal
- Brother Herbert A. Ronin, 210..... W. Grand Senior Deacon
- Brother Ernest O. Van Wey, 249..... W. Grand Junior Deacon
- Brother Charles H. Ninegar, 301..... W. Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES 1957 - 1958

Appropriations: W. Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 281, (1962), Chairman; Ernest E. James, 1, (1961); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1960); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1959); Ralph M. Carhart, 120 (1958).

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

Finance: W. Brothers C. Ray Macy, 26, Chairman, (1962); Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1961); Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1960); Robert E. Lund, 323 (1959); Welcome W. Naylor, 158 (1958).

Fraternal Dead: W. Brothers Harry A. Spencer, 227, Chairman; Frank H. Smith, 301; J. Clive Jull, 295.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Wayne Campbell, 306.

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

Grand Lodge Office: M. W. Brothers George A. Kurk, 54, Chairman; Walter R. Raecke, 36; Edward M. Knight, 183.

Grand Trustees: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1958); W. Brothers Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1959); William E. Moor, 102 (1962); Leslie E. Martin, 281 (1960); Edward Huwaldt, 318 (1961).

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. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1960) Chairman; M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268 (1960); W. Brothers 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, 301 (1958) Chairman; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1960); Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1959).

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

Temple Building Advisory: W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1958) Chairman; E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1960); A. Victor Bryan, 263 (1959).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Grand Lodge Business Affairs: M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1; Edward Huwaldt, 318; Elmer E. Magee, 227; Thomas J. Aron, 37.

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children: R. W. John E. Beaver, 253, Chairman; M. W. Brothers Merle M. Hale, 54, Elmer E. Magee, 227.

The following was presented by R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and it was referred by the Grand Master to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the following sentence of Section 2-801 of the Nebraska Masonic Code be stricken: Provided further, that Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, and Victory Lodge No. 310 shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all pe-

tioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named lodges. Provided further, that Ogalalla Lodge No. 159 and Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory within the corporate limits of Big Springs at the time the petition is received.

The intent of the resolution is that the territorial jurisdiction of each of the above named lodges shall revert to the general prescribed rule in said section, to wit: "exclusive territorial jurisdiction half way in an air line to each surrounding chartered lodge."

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

Brethren: I am going to call upon M. . W. . Clifford D. Jory, President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, for a few remarks.

M. . W. . Clifford D. Jory, President, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, in his remarks gave a brief but comprehensive resume of the Memorial from its organization to the present. It was well received.

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

Brethren, we will now have the report from M. . W. . Charles F. Adams on the Amendment to Section 3-102 (d) which was laid over from last year.

M. . W. . Brother Adams reviewed briefly the Committee's report of a year ago and the recommendation made at that time and which was laid over until this Annual Communication, and moved the adoption of the amendment.

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

It has been moved that the amendment as presented last year and carried over be adopted. Is there a second? It has been moved and seconded that the amendment as carried over and presented be adopted. Are there any remarks?

M. . W. . Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master :

M. . W. . Grand Master, I am not in favor of the amendment as presented. I don't think it covers what we want to cover. I agree substantially with everything Brother Adams has said, and I think our law ought to be changed. I am going to offer a substitute motion. I move that paragraph (d) of section 3-102 of the by-laws be amended to read as follows:

1. Engaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors including wine and beer.
2. Engaging in the sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, except where it is a part of one's duties as an agent or employee, and incidental only to the business of the principal or employer.

(The proposed amendment was signed by thirteen members of the Grand Lodge.)

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

You have heard the substitute amendment and I rule that this amendment is eligible for consideration at this Grand Lodge Communication, since it is an amendment of the amendment which has laid over for one year. Is there a second to the substitute amendment? Motion has been seconded. Are there any remarks?

M. . W. . Brother John S. Hedelund spoke against the original and substitute amendment. Brother Roy Holloway, Senior Warden of Fairbury Lodge No. 35 spoke against the original and substitute amendment.

Brother Daniel G. Packer, Junior Warden, Monument Lodge No. 293, spoke against the original and substitute amendment.

Brother Emil J. Weyrich, Secretary and proxy for Senior Warden of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, spoke against the original and substitute amendment.

Brother Archibald J. Weaver, Senior Warden, Falls City Lodge No. 9, spoke against the original and substitute amendment.

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

Are there any further remarks? If not, I will give M. . W. . Brother Carter the right to close.

M. . W. . Brother Carter closed, speaking in favor of the substitute amendment saying that we must meet practical situations with a practical effort.

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

Brethren: It is necessary to vote on the substitute amendment first and I am going to ask for a secret ballot using ballot No. 2 of your blank ballot. I believe this is the fairest and the most certain way that we can determine that only those who are eligible to vote will vote on this very important subject.

Please prepare ballot No. 2 if you favor the Amendment that M. W. Brother Carter has submitted, indicate by writing yes. If you do not favor it, indicate by writing no. Use only ballot No. 2, and prepare them immediately, and the Assistant Custodians will collect them. I will appoint W. Cecil C. Gates as Chairman of the tellers for the collection of these ballots. Have all voted who are entitled to do so? I declare the ballot closed.

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:

Another Masonic year has gone by and your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is again called upon to provide you with a report of our activities during the interim of time this Grand Lodge has been at recess. For a quarter of a century, with the exception of one year, your Chairman has appeared on this platform and submitted this report for your approbation and approval.

During this span of years many interesting contrasts in the lives of people have been observed and studied. Many things have occurred which have had a direct influence on our lives and our present standard of living. We do not need to recall the early 30's with our State a barren dustbowl. We saw our Masonic population shrink from 42,000 plus Masons to slightly over 30,000, a loss of almost 25% in a decade. Then came the struggle to regain our losses. The favorable trend began in 1942 and continued every year until now we have 46,000 members on our membership rolls. During the period of decline in the 30's and early 40's your Committee on Relief was carrying the heaviest load it has ever experienced. From the Canadian border to the Gulf, from the Atlantic to the Pacific they came. The contributing causes and factors leading to this heavy load were many; unemployment, no crops, no income, even Lodges unable to pay their per capita dues to the Grand Lodge.

As our membership decreased our per capita cost for this part of our work increased until in 1940 a total of \$9,899.00 for direct relief was spent representing 32 cents per capita. We could write a book on the history of our experiences and it is our opinion that you firmly would believe that, "Truth is stranger than fiction." It was a struggle, we got over the hump, and we began the "comeback trail". Now this comeback trail has been a slow, progressive movement, but the trend has continued to be favorable each succeeding year. Today we can report to you that the cases on our docket which we classify as regular cases, are the lowest in our 25 years of experience.

We called your attention to the low number of regular cases now carried. It is the emergency cases which demand our time and attention. Emergency cases are those we cannot and do not anticipate or expect but happen at the most inconvenient time and require immediate decisions and action. During the past year these emergency cases have taken us to Houston, Texas; Washington, D. C.; Twin Falls, Idaho; Hyattville, Maryland; Los Angeles, California; Portland, Oregon; Phoenix, Arizona; Carthage, Illinois; Chicago, Illinois; Alton, Illinois, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In addition we have had a few develop within our own Jurisdiction.

On April 25th of this year, a devastating tornado struck the community of Milford, Nebraska. Many homes and buildings were destroyed but most fortunately no lives were lost. Milford is the home of Blue River Lodge No. 30. Several of our members and their families failed to escape the effects of this storm and when our Grand Secretary, Brother Greisen, received a letter from the Lodge advising of losses, we immediately requested Brother Alvin H. Miller of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 and a member of this Committee, to make an on-the-premise survey as it affected these members. His investigation and report was complete in every respect and revealed that all losses were adequately covered by insurance. No immediate assistance was required or requested. This information was promptly forwarded to Grand Master Hale.

The funds available for the use of this Committee are established by our law on the basis of 20 cents per capita. At no time during the past fifteen years has it been found necessary to use all available funds, but we have handled our work well within and substantially below the established amounts. During the past year we expended a gross total of \$5,285.68 which is a decrease of \$15.93 over the preceding year. On the other hand our net amount is considerable less due to the fact that we received \$1,559.00 from outside sources from related Masonic Bodies that participated in these costs. Our experience has been that a participation plan by other Bodies is more effective, because it gives closer consideration and supervision by the local group, which should give us also a deeper sense of responsibility, satisfaction and pride when we consider that we are all endeavoring to accomplish the same objective. We are grateful to the Grand Chapter, O.E.S.; Tangier Temple of the Shrine; Mt. Calvary Commandery; the Scottish Rite Relief Board and the several subordinate lodges who have participated in this work. Our special thanks to Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Livingston Chapter R. A. M. Mt. Hermon Commandery and Vesper Chapter for their cooperation and support in the case at hand for No. 26.

We will not hazard a guess regarding the outlook for the future and things that may or may not happen. We will give you this solid assurance that we will continue with our best efforts along this line and meet each situation as it develops. Each case must be handled on an individual basis and on its individual merit.

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

W. C. Cecil C. Gates, Assistant Custodian:

M. W. Grand Master, the tellers are ready to report. We have counted 319 ballots on the substitute amendment, with 183 yes, 136 no.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren, by your action you have adopted the amendment to Section 3-102(d) as presented by M. W. Brother Carter.

SECOND DAY—Wednesday, June 5, 1957

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Carol Smith, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, and daughter of our Past Grand Master, M. W. Fay Smith; and Ruth Adams, Grand Charity of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, the daughter of our Past Grand Master, M. W. Charles F. Adams. (M. W. Brothers Smith and Adams accompanied their daughters to the East.)

Miss Smith presented a check for \$175 for The Nebraska Masonic Home, explaining that the money had been raised by the Rainbow for Girls of Nebraska. M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, accepted the check and expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren, I now have the pleasure to introduce Mrs. Jessie O. Young, Grand Guardian; Mrs. Dora Eckert, Vice Grand Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters; and Honored Queens: Gwen Stiekels, Bethel No. 1; Sharon Olson, Bethel No. 13; Joyce Paulson, Bethel No. 18; Barbara Jones, Bethel No. 33; Shirley Carson, Bethel No. 69. The girls presented a check for \$100 for The Nebraska Masonic Home and asked that they might have the privilege of repeating the prayer which they give at each regular meeting.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS' PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, we adore Thee for Thy loving kindness, and thank Thee for Thy many Blessings. Bless, Oh Lord, we beseech Thee, our Mothers, Fathers and Guardians. Help us to be more loving and obedient unto them, day by day. Bless and protect, we pray Thee, the Master Masons who gave us heritage. And when our life on earth is ended, may we gather at the great vestal on high. We ask this for Thy name sake. Amen.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, accepted the check, expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 5, 1957

At 2:00 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

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:

Your Grand Trustees submit herewith their report for the year 1956-1957. On account of there being so much business before this Grand Lodge, I call your attention to the figures in the Grand Secretary's report, which show the amount earned in the four funds, and the Recapitulation of all funds, this without explanation.

I thought you might be interested in knowing how the Orphans' Educational Fund originated and how it has grown to its present \$298,000. The account was established at the close of the Civil War. The Grand Lodge assessed its members first in the year 1867 at 50¢ per member. In 1872, according to the proceedings, sufficient amount had been raised to answer all needed relief and no more assessments were needed. The original capital amounted to \$5,000 which was invested and has now grown to \$298,000. There is no Mason living today that ever put a dime in this account.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, which was adopted.

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

At our last Annual Communication M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master, recommended the expenditure of \$31,500, or so much thereof as might be needed, to remodel the Grand Lodge office and to purchase additional office equipment. This was his Recommendation No. 9 and appears on page 45 of the 1956 proceedings.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended disapproval of this Recommendation No. 9 and further recommended the appointment of a special Grand Lodge Office Committee to investigate the office and vault needs and to expend, subject to the approval and direction of the Grand Master, not to exceed \$5,000 for only the most necessary remodeling and equipment. This action of the Jurisprudence Committee was approved by the Grand Lodge and appears of record at page 155 of the 1956 proceedings. The Finance Committee's report included an appropriation of \$5,000 for such purposes.

On August 23, 1956, M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, appointed the members of this Committee. We had our first meeting in the Grand Lodge Office on September 8, 1956, at which time we conferred with various Grand Lodge officers and with representatives of the Omaha Masonic Temple Craft Association. At this meeting we gave consideration to a plan for micro-filming some of the office records which if adopted would make it unnecessary to enlarge the present vault space. We also gave careful consideration too the purchase of carpeting, draperies and window curtains for the Grand Lodge office rooms.

On December 5, 1956, the members of this Committee recommended to Grand Master Hale the expenditure of \$2,531.35 for carpets, draperies and window curtains and these items were accordingly purchased and installed. This is all that has been spent and thus only about half of the \$5,000 authorized has been used.

Your Committee met for the last time on June 3, 1957, and inspected a micro-film machine that had been placed in the Grand Lodge office for experimental use. We find that it will be useful in various ways and will absolutely eliminate the need for further vault space for years to come. We further find that the Grand Secretary's office should be provided with an additional electric typewriter and with a document copying machine and that these three pieces of equipment can be purchased for not to exceed \$1,500, and that the Grand Custodian's office should be provided with a window air conditioner not to exceed \$300. We further find that it is not necessary at this time to expend any Grand Lodge funds for remodeling the Grand Lodge office.

We therefore recommend that this report be received and placed on file and that the portion thereof dealing with the expenditure of \$1,800 for office equipment be referred to the Finance Committee for inclusion in the budget for the ensuing year.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

Brethren, I want to introduce to you Brother Gerald A. Nancarrow, a member of Covert Lodge No. 11, and a retired Telephone man. He composed a Centennial poem and I thought it was very fine so I wanted him to read it to you at this Centennial Communication.

Brother Gerald A. Nancarrow, 11 :

I am deeply conscious of the honor accorded to me at this moment. I am but a humble working member of my Lodge. I have no office and

no status in this August body save that of my allegiance to our Grand Lodge and the consciousness that there are thousands of humble but devoted Masons in every grand jurisdiction whose honors consist solely of their labors and their adherence to the principles of our beloved order.

On behalf of all my Brethren I offer these lines:

O Time! O thou that changest not nor tires!
 Where pointest thou that questing creature, Man?
 Is he but body o'er the earth to creep
 Or Soul to reach him to his Father - God?

Nay Time! God's greatest handiwork — a man —
 Was not designed an animal to crawl,
 But he was made a living Soul to climb
 To any heights his hungering heart may call.

God is — and is our own to love and claim;
 And Heaven is for man to gain or lose;
 But man must learn and early know it well
 In his own Soul doth Heaven lie — or Hell.

Long, long have our Masonic fathers known —
 Have understood and taught this potent law,
 And by their lives advanced it to their times
 That coming generations, too, might rise.

Long centuries ago, yea long before
 The Nazarene was born in Bethlehem
 An Eastern teacher gave his ancient world
 The first known words on duties man to man.
 To bless the race man's love for man was born
 And from that birth so long ago has spread—
 Though much too slowly — The Brotherhood of Man.
 One glorious morn came Magi from the East,
 Found in a manger God's great gift to man—
 Found Him who came to teach that first great law:—
 "The Lord our God is One — thou shalt love Him
 With all thy heart, thy Soul, thy mind, thy strength—
 And that like unto it: Thy neighbor as thyself."
 Up, up through growing centuries since then
 Enlightened men have sought with golden words,
 With symbol, story precept, and example
 To spread abroad the earth His ordinance.

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God!"
 In the beginning "Let there be light!" said He.
 And up to our own time has come the craft
 Whose purpose through the centuries has been
 To Light the minds and Raise the Souls of Man.

Masonry! Thou most beneficent society of Men!
 Blest by God and His great gift to us are thou!
 Masonry! Born of the hunger in the heart of Man
 And flowing to us from our Father God
 We bow to thee today as our fathers bowed before.

"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy Name!"
 How excellent they to whom Thou gavest worth!
 Men in whose eager Souls Thy Grace did place
 The hope of Brotherhood for all the race.
 Up, up the long highway of the centuries
 Devoted Brethren have held aloft the torch
 Of Brotherhood and kept it flaming bright —
 Have never let to die or dim the light
 Thou gavest unto them and bade them keep aglow.

The Psalmist sang and so sang they:
 "Behold how good and how pleasant it is
 For Brethren to dwell together in unity!"
 On Mars hill in Athens Saint Paul declared:—
 "God made of one blood all nations of men
 To dwell on all the face of the earth."

Here in our own and our beloved land
 With living words our Masonic Fathers taught:—
 "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth!"
 It matters not who wrote that potent line—
 Solomon, Koheleth or The Preacher—
 For Truth is Truth whate'er its source may be;
 Applying Truth in living is all that counts.
 Our Masonic Fathers of the century just past
 By honest living gave sermons to their times—
 On the values of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty,
 Living lives of Truth and Love and Duty;
 They met their neighbors on the level,
 Acted toward them by the square—
 They remembered their Creator
 And called His Name in prayer.

And to that oft-repeated question asked by Job
 And echoed down the corridors of time:—
 "If a man die shall he live again?"
 Our Masonic Fathers made reply:—
 Our beloved order has taught us to believe
 In immortality,
 And that God whom we all revere
 Has impressed upon our Souls
 The firm and living conviction
 That the Soul of man lives before his birth

And shall continue when the body dies.
 Our Fathers taught as Ancient Krishna taught:—
 "I, myself, never was not, nor thou,
 Nor all the people who on earth e'er lived,
 Nor shall we ever cease to be."

More than a century has past since that great day
 When Nebraska Masonry had its birth!
 Here we believe, yea, firmly we believe
 That here in this beloved land of ours
 Is borning now and destined to be born increasingly
 Throughout the years to come another and a nobler race of men—
 Men whose work is now and e'er shall be
 To bind all men in blessed bonds of Harmony;
 Men whose will is now and it shall be to make
 A cleaner, better, fairer world
 In which nor wars nor selfish strivings be—
 Where Peace and Love and Brotherhood shall thrive.

Separateness is a cursed delusion!
 It leads man to hatreds, wars, and confusion!
 Separateness is the Babel of the Soul;
 It retards the upward-wending of the race.
 But that blessed concept: the Oneness-of-all-souls
 Is worthy goal toward which all men may strive
 And that new race now coming on the earth
 Will teach the non-dividedness of Soul
 As Paul did teach the unity of blood.
 Our past Masonic Fathers have laid the stones
 On which a graceful Temple can be raised:—
 One blood in-flowing every vein on earth
 One Soul in-forming every living man
 And all the children of One Living God.

Peace and Love and Brotherhood must increase!
 Nor hate, nor sect, nor party e'er destroy
 The Temple faithful brethren gone before
 So nobly started here.
 If we who follow after do not fail
 The blessed object of our beloved Order shall prevail.

Our Brother Edwin Markham sang:— "The crest and crowning of
 all good—
 Life's final star is Brotherhood."
 And so sing we who labor toward that goal
 Bequeathed to us by Brethren gone before—
 By Brethren who long since have heard the words:—
 "Well done thou good and faithful servants of Thy Lord."
 We, the Nebraska Masons of today,

Now hymn to Thee our gratitude, O Lord,
 For all who served in Brotherly accord;
 For Brethren past who now hand up to us
 The lighted torch which they so nobly bore.
 O may that torch through years cast Light before
 And guide us on the selfsame path they trod —
 Service to Humanity and God.

Masons of Nebraska, we here now and those who follow after:
 May we in the Century beginning build as gloriously as builded
 they
 Who labored in the Century just past.
 May we serve as selflessly as they
 To whom we pay our homage here today,
 May we meet our new century's demands
 By using well the working tools the past now places in our hands.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:
 Thank you very much, Brother Nancarrow.

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, "There Is No Death", accompanied by W. Hal J. Samuel, 25, at the organ.

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

"It is not death to die,
 To leave this weary road,
 And 'mid the brotherhood on high
 To be at home with God."

Once again we pause not to sorrow for but to honor those whom God has called home. We, firm in the faith that bids us not to pause at the first or second step but to look forward to greater light, know that they have attained nobler things, for they have seen the King and with Him have entered into a life eternal.

At this Centennial Session it is well to remember that we have built on the abilities of the past. Each of those who have passed on, according to his own abilities and his own inclinations, has filled his unique niche in our organization. His race has been run. The baton has been placed in our hands. The present, then, has become our responsibility. As we chart the course for our second century, let us use their lives as our compass to chart our own way along life's road to higher and nobler purposes and to greater achievements. By so doing, we honor our

departed brethren and in turn will merit the respect of future generations when they pause on a similar occasion.

Time, in its relentless march, has witnessed the passing of many Masonic leaders in our sister jurisdictions. Our Grand Secretary has received memorial cards from twenty-six Grand Lodges recording the death of Grand Lodge Officers. These have been carefully preserved to be properly noted at this time. Forty-two Past Grand Masters, two Grand Treasurers, one Past Grand Secretary, one Grand Historian, one Grand Organist, one Past Grand Senior Warden and two Past Grand Junior Wardens have entered upon their eternal rest during the past year. We know that each of these brethren was loved and respected by those they leave behind. We sincerely sympathize with our sister jurisdictions in the great loss they have sustained.

Our own Grand Lodge has not been spared. After a lingering illness, Past Grand Master Virgil R. Johnson, a stalwart leader of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction, passed beyond the vale on August 7, 1956. M. W. Brother Virgil was born at Seward, Nebraska, October 21, 1875. His Masonic Degrees were received from Beatrice Lodge No. 26, in 1925. He served that Lodge as Master in 1928 and 1929, and served this jurisdiction as Grand Master from June 5, 1934, to June 4, 1935. He served also as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire from October 10, 1931, to his death. M. W. Brother Virgil was also an active York Rite Mason and served as M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1940. M. W. Brother Virgil was a sincere Mason who conscientiously performed the tasks entrusted to him and, of course, was a regular attendant at Grand Lodge Sessions.

"His presence lingers on about the room,
His footsteps echo still upon the floor;
The brightness of his smile dispels the gloom,
Tho' he has slipped away, and closed the door.
So, biding here today I feel — I know,
Whichever way his fading footsteps wend;
A little time, then that way I shall go,
He was my friend."

W. Brother Fred G. Christensen, Assistant Custodian Emeritus, died at Grand Island, Nebraska, March 19, 1957. W. Brother Fred was born at Hampton, Nebraska, May 12, 1895, and received his Masonic Degrees in Ashlar Lodge No. 33, in 1918 and 1919. He served that Lodge as Master for two terms and as secretary for fourteen years. He was appointed as Assistant Custodian in 1938 and became an Assistant Custodian Emeritus in 1947. He served as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colombia in this jurisdiction from July 2, 1938, to his death. W. Brother Fred was also active in the York Rite and was the first Companion in the United States to receive the Distinguished Service Medal from the General Grand Chapter, on December 5, 1951.

"A sturdy soul has left us
For the realm of peace and light."

The subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction report that 825 of our brethren have completed their earthly temples and are now receiving the wages of a well-spent life.

“One by one we miss the voice that we love so
well to hear.

One by one their kindly faces in the darkness
disappear.

One by one they cross the chasm as they pass
beyond recall.

Soft as loosened leaves of roses, one by one
our loved ones fall.”

When one we love passes on, it seems the ache in our heart will never heal. The past becomes more real than the present; the future, something we wish not to see at all. Yet God meant for us to live on, to be a part of the lovely world He made. We extend our sympathy to the families, the brethren and the friends of our departed members, knowing that each will be remembered by those he leaves behind. His memorial is in the heart of those he loved. Our lives will not have been lived in vain if, with a firm reliance on Divine Providence, we emulate those virtues which prepared them for the Temple Eternal.

This is our second century. There is much in the lives of our departed brethren that is worthy of emulation. As we accept the trust they have passed on to us, let us pick up our tools and resume our labors. Let us remember that God will do His children no harm. The temporary loss of those we love reminds us that we know not how soon the hour of our disillusion may come. A few more rolling suns and some one of our brethren may here remark:

“The working tools have fallen from his grasp,
The journey ended for his weary feet;
Death holds his tired hand in gentle clasp;
His work is done; his temple is complete.”

And so now as we usher our departed brethren into the hall of memory, I close the door with these words from Kipling:

“Lord, God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.”

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 urge that you have this Grand Lodge stand in tribute to our departed brethren as our soloist, W. Brother Raymond C. Cook, accompanied by W. Brother Hal J. Samuel, pays our last respects to them.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY

W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Temple Building Advisory 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.

The labors of this Committee have been exceptionally light during this past Grand Lodge year, which should not be surprising in light of drought conditions that have prevailed over Nebraska the past several years.

We all know, regardless of whether the time is the most desirable time to build, deterioration of buildings never ceases, and for this reason, we urge, that even though local conditions may not warrant actual construction at this time, there never was a better time to lay the ground work for the building program that will eventually come. The preliminary work, which costs nothing but the time involved, and yet a part of any program, consists of site location, building plans, and an appraisal of incomes and expenses within the lodge for the purpose of establishment of a reserve fund for future building purposes.

To the interested brother attending Grand Lodge for perhaps the first time, this report provides a very brief sketch of the numerous activities of this Committee. The following recommendations were made by this Committee and subsequently approved by the Grand Master:

On September 28, 1956, we recommended that Fremont Templecraft Association be granted permission to borrow an additional \$5,000, bringing the total borrowed in connection with their building program, to \$25,000. Fremont Lodge No. 15 is now occupying their new building, which was dedicated on October 22. This building will be a great credit to the City of Fremont in general, and to Masons in particular, and a great tribute to a hard-working committee.

On November 9, this Committee recommended approval of a request from Cotner Temple Building Corporation, of Bethany, to borrow \$7,500 in connection with construction of a new Masonic Temple for Cotner Lodge No. 297. On January 16, 1957, we recommended approval of a request to borrow an additional \$2,500, bringing the total borrowings to \$10,000. The money was loaned to the Lodge by a Past Master of their lodge, who also served on the building committee. The money is to be paid back at the rate of \$1,000 per year, plus interest. Cotner Masons are now enjoying their fine new Masonic Temple.

On February 26, 1957, this Committee recommended approval of a request from Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 to borrow \$11,000 from local banks to pay incurred bills in connection with their new Masonic Temple.

The funds borrowed are secured by an equal amount of signed pledges maturing over a five-year period. We have heard many fine compliments on the new Masonic Temple at Hay Springs.

On March 7, our Committee recommended approval of a request from Hiram Lodge No. 52, Arlington, to borrow up to \$2,500 in connection with repairs and improvements to their combined business-lodge building. Approval was contingent upon Hiram Lodge adopting certain reforms deemed necessary to the future successful operation of their lodge.

The foregoing covers the recommendations of this Committee requiring approval of the Grand Master.

We also wish to report on activities not yet advanced to the stage requiring official approval.

Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, Burwell, has adopted the Masonic building plan prepared under the auspices of this Committee. The final plans and specifications are being prepared by our architects and will soon be placed in the hands of building contractors for bids. The building, of stone construction, will be 34 by 72 feet.

Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City, is having plans prepared by Grand Island architects covering a one-story building of brick and block construction, 40 by 110 feet, to cost approximately \$45,000. The lodge is now conducting lodge affairs in temporary quarters pending construction of their new Temple.

Bellevue Lodge No. 325, Bellevue; Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud, and Meridian Lodge No. 188, Cozad, are drafting preliminary plans for the construction of new Masonic temples to accommodate their respective memberships.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren, one of my recommendations involved a change in the constitution. I therefore, present this resolution: Resolved that Article 3 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the words, "in the City of Omaha" and adding the following: "Such regular communication shall be held in the city of Omaha in odd numbered years and in the city of Lincoln in even numbered years". Article 3 as amended will then read: "The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular communication annually. Such regular communication shall be held in the city of Omaha in odd numbered years and in the city of Lincoln in even numbered years." It is signed by five official delegates to this Grand Lodge Communication.

W. James M. Paxson, Master, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2-704
OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE,
A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA

The undersigned, members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held on June 4, 5 and 6, 1957, at Omaha, do hereby propose that Section 2-704 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-704—LODGE ROSTER.—The Grand Secretary or the subordinate lodges shall not furnish any person, who intends to use the same for business purposes or for soliciting or circularizing subordinate lodges or the members thereof with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge or a roster of the subordinate lodges or the members thereof. Provided, that this Section shall not apply to the Lodges of Omaha furnishing a list of their members to The Omaha Home for Boys located at Omaha, Nebraska. (The underlined clause is an addition to the present section.)

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

These resolutions will lay over for action next year.

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 seven petitions for restoration and one appeal from the Grand Master. 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 Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M. for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to
"Be it Resolved that the petition of a former member of Fremont good standing as a Mason."

No. 2. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M. 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 Lincoln Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 3. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Wayne Lodge No. 120, A. F. & A. M. 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 Wayne Lodge No. 120, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 4. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, A. F. & A. M. 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 Grand Island Lodge No. 318, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 5. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Culbertson Lodge No. 174, A. F. & A. M. 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 Culbertson Lodge No. 174, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 6. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Landmark Lodge No. 222, A. F. & A. M. Herman, 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 Landmark Lodge No. 222, A. F. & A. M. Herman, be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 7. Bancroft Lodge No. 145, A. F. & A. M. received a complaint charging one of its Entered Apprentice Masons with unmasonic conduct and specified the charge in its complaint. Due notice was given, a Trial Commission was appointed and hearing was held, and the Trial Commission did find the said member guilty and gave the said member an indefinite suspension from the Lodge. Your Committee does not favor the penalty imposed and recommends to this Grand Lodge that the penalty be an absolute expulsion, and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it Resolved that the penalty of a former member of Bancroft Lodge No. 145, A. F. & A. M. be amended and that the said former member be expelled from good standing as a Mason."

Your Committee on Grievances has an appeal from the decision of the Trial Commission concerning a member of Fairbury Lodge No. 35,

A. F. & A. M. Fairbury, and after due consideration your Committee recommends that the appeal be denied and that the member be not restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

“Be it Resolved that the appeal of a former member of Fairbury Lodge No. 35, A. F. & A. M., Fairbury, be denied, and that the decision of the Trial Commission finding him guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason and their vote of the penalty of expulsion be approved and confirmed.”

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, which was adopted.

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

In the year now past the Committee, Advisory to the Grand Master, on Applications for Reinstatement, received for action 109 petitions, seven of which were on demits outstanding more than three years. The actions of the Committee are reflected in the following table.

Age Groups	Received	Recommended	Rejected	Returned
50 years of age or less.....	15	15		
51 to 60 years of age.....	38	36	2	
61 to 70 years of age.....	39	34	4	1
71 to 80 years of age.....	16	10	5	1
81 years of age and over.....	1	1		
Totals.....	109	96	11	2

An analysis of the reasons given for suspension were, 78 on account of finances, 2 for personal or religious scruples, 22 for neglect to pay dues and seven on demits. The present residences of these petitioners showed fifty-two outside the state and fifty-seven within the state. Petitioners indicated an average of 15.2 years in membership and 18.1 under suspension.

The eleven petitions not recommended by the Committee showed an average age of 67.8 years with 13.2 years of membership and 25 years under suspension. Periods of suspension varied from 17 to 41 years.

We feel that some Lodges do not make sufficient examination of the present physical and financial condition of members who have been removed from the vicinity of the Lodge for a long period of time.

We are pleased to note that the number of petitioners increased over the number for the preceding year as we recommended 96 Brethren for reinstatement compared with only 77 last year. We regret that our

information was such that we felt the necessity of not recommending eleven petitions, however these can be renewed if other factors are available or there are changes in the applicant's situation.

We have found some very helpful material supplied by some Lodges showing good investigation of remotely located brethren. Your Committee urges the submission of any evidence at hand and personal contact with the Committee where you feel it desirable.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Herbert T. White, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section, with some amendments, 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, and submits the following report with its recommendations:

One matter remains as unfinished business of the Committee from last year on which we report as follows:

1. With reference to paragraph 40 of the Committee's report of last year, which laid over, the consideration of the Resolution appearing on page 95 of the 1956 Proceedings, we find that matters have occurred since last year that now make it unnecessary to take any action thereon. We therefore recommend that said Resolution be indefinitely postponed. (Adopted)

2. We recommend that the section entitled "By-Laws Approved" in the Grand Master's address be approved. (Adopted)

3. We recommend that the section entitled "Special Dispensations" in the Grand Master's address be approved. (Adopted)

4. We recommend that the section entitled "Extension of Time for Proficiency" in the Grand Master's address be approved. (Adopted)

5. We recommend that the section entitled "Pawnee Lodge No. 23" in the Grand Master's address be approved. (Adopted)

6. We recommend approval of Decision No. 1, in the section entitled "Decisions" in the Grand Master's address. (Adopted)

7. We recommend approval of Decision No. 2. (Adopted)

8. We are of the opinion that the sections of our Code cited by the Grand Master in his decision No. 3 are not pertinent to the facts as stated in this decision. While we find no specific provision of our law which prohibits a member from circularizing the members of his own lodge for non-Masonic purposes, we approve the intent of the Grand Master in making this decision. (Adopted)

9. We recommend approval of Decision No. 4 with the following rewording of the decision in order to clearly set out the circumstances of the decision:

"Inquiry was made as to whether or not a lodge which had in January voted to surrender its Charter, could conduct a funeral service in April. I ruled that when the lodge voted to surrender its Charter and was not in possession of a Charter, it was therefore not qualified to hold Masonic meetings nor to conduct Masonic services." (Adopted)

10. We recommend that Recommendation No. 1 in the Grand Master's address be disapproved.

The Deputy Grand Master was invited to preside. M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master offered the following substitute motion:

I will make a substitute motion that the matter be held over for action next year at the same time that the matter of revising the Constitution will be considered.

Motion seconded and following discussion, substitute motion was adopted.

11. We recommend that Recommendation No. 2A be disapproved.

The Deputy Grand Master was invited to preside during the remainder of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, explained in detail his reason for making the Recommendation and cautioned the brethren that a "yes" vote is a vote approving the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and disapproving his Recommendation. The Recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was disapproved and the Recommendation of the Grand Master prevailed.

M. W. Charles F. Adams spoke in favor of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and against the Recommendation of the Grand Master.

12. We recommend that the first paragraph of Recommendation No. 2B be approved after striking out that portion of the second sentence beginning with "Further" and ending with "and that" so that the Recommendation reads as follows:

"I recommend that the Grand Master submit to the Jurisprudence Committee the recommendations he intends to make in his communication address, and all decisions rendered to date, not less than thirty days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. Any decisions made after submitting the above to the Jurisprudence Committee shall be presented to the Committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge."

We consider paragraph 2 of Recommendation 2B as explanatory only and it does not require action by the Grand Lodge.

The recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was disapproved and the recommendation of the Grand Master prevailed.

13. We recommend disapproval of Recommendation No. 2C.

The recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was disapproved and the recommendation of the Grand Master prevailed.

14. We recommend disapproval of Recommendation No. 2D.

The recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was disapproved and the recommendation of the Grand Master prevailed.

M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Master :

M. W. Grand Master, I just want to correct one impression that has been given by some mistake. Now it is true that the Past Grand Masters would not receive mileage if they are not members of a Committee. However, it was not necessary to pass what we have just passed in order to make the Past Grand Masters permanent members of the Grand Lodge, because the Constitution says, who shall be members and the last part of it is, "and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of a subordinate lodge." So it doesn't change our status as members of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

I will accept that but they should be entitled to mileage since you have approved my recommendation, and I am sure we want them to receive their mileage even though they would otherwise be members of this Grand Lodge. I was incorrect in stating that they would not be members of the Grand Lodge.

In order that there will be no misunderstanding, I would like to move that my Recommendation 2A be approved. You did it by disapproving the Jurisprudence Committee report but some of the lawyers here say it must be certain that this is correct, so I would like to move that my Recommendation 2A be approved.

R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Deputy Grand Master :

It has been moved and seconded that the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 2A, be approved. Motion seconded and carried.

15. We recommend disapproval of Recommendation No. 3.

M. W. Merle M. Hale explained the reasons for his recommendation and offered a substitute motion that his Recommendation No. 3 be approved.

The recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was disapproved and the recommendation of the Grand Master prevailed.

16. We recommend that Recommendation No. 4 be retained by the Jurisprudence Committee for further study and that the incoming Chairman of this Committee appoint a special Committee of this Committee to make a complete study of the entire matter and report to the next Annual Communication. (Adopted)

17. The subject matter of Recommendation No. 5 has been considered by this Grand Lodge on many occasions. Reports previously made to

and approved by the Grand Lodge call attention to the fact that since the matter of physical qualification is a landmark of the Fraternity (Mackey's landmark No. 18) would violate that portion of the Constitution which reads "That the ancient landmarks of the fraternity be held inviolate."

We therefore recommend disapproval of this recommendation. (Adopted)

18. We recommend that the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 7 be disapproved. (Adopted)

19. We recommend the approval of Recommendation No. 8 but find that this does not require amendment of the Constitution. We do recommend the adoption of a new By-Law to be known as 2-202.01 which shall read as follows: "The fee for a new Charter shall be \$100.00." (Adopted)

20. We recommend approval of Recommendation No. 9. (Adopted)

21. In accordance with the request of the Grand Master in Recommendation No. 10, we recommend that Section 2-1204 be amended by striking out the second sentence so that section shall read "Except to conduct a funeral, no meeting of a lodge shall be held on Sunday." (Adopted)

22. We wish to amend an action of the Jurisprudence Committee of last year as recorded on page 43, Decision No. 1 of the 1956 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. We recommend approval of this portion of the Grand Master's report except the last sentence, which is not pertinent to the inquiry of the Master of Monument Lodge No. 293 and should be stricken from the records. (Adopted)

23. We recommend that the Committee on Masonic Education continue the study of the "Indiana Mentor" system and report their recommendations at the next Annual Communication. (Adopted)

R. W. Deputy Grand Master, I move the adoption of the report as a whole, as amended. (Motion seconded and carried.)

At 4:55 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 6, 1957

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

W. Brother Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, sang "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by W. Harold H. Thom, 1.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master:

Brethren, I read a report here yesterday, and informed you that we would have a number of amendments, and they were set for special order of business this morning. It was necessary to obtain consent of all of you that these amendments be taken up at this session. That was granted and I shall now read these amendments with the idea of their being adopted into the law.

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, 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, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, and Grand Lodge Office. 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, Charters and Dispensations, Credentials, Payroll, Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, Returns and Fraternal Dead. The Regular Committees shall consist of not less than three or 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. This amendment is signed by the five members of the Committee.

M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of the amendment.
(Motion Seconded and Carried.)

"Section 1-401 BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES—(a) The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of five members to be appointed by the

Grand Master for terms as hereinafter provided. A majority of said Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting for the transaction of official business. Said Board of Grand Trustees shall have full charge of the purchase and sale of all investments of every nature belonging to the Grand Lodge, and the investment or reinvestment of all Grand Lodge funds subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Grand Lodge; including all funds, securities, mortgages, real estate, and other property belonging to the Grand Lodge. It is the intent of this section that all funds and accounts of the Grand Lodge, The Nebraska Masonic Home, and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be conveyed and assigned to the Grand Lodge and delivered to the Board of Grand Trustees for the purpose of management and investment.

(b) The Grand Master elected at the session of the Grand Lodge at which this amendment is passed, shall immediately after taking office appoint five Grand Trustees, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years. Existing members of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be appointed to the terms corresponding to the years of their unexpired terms. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one Grand Trustee for a term of five years to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of one Grand Trustee, and each Grand Master shall in the event a vacancy occurs on the Board of Grand Trustees by death, resignation, incapacity to act, or otherwise, appoint a Grand Trustee to fill the unexpired term caused thereby.

(c) The Grand Trustees appointed shall be members in good standing of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and shall be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment field. All Trustees shall be residents of the State of Nebraska, and if any Trustee shall cease to be a resident of this State, or shall cease to be a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, his place as Grand Trustee shall be declared vacant by the Grand Master, and a new Grand Trustee appointed, immediately.

(d) The Board of Grand Trustees shall select its chairman from its membership. The Grand Secretary shall act as Secretary of said Board.

(e) The Grand Trustees shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expense incurred covering mileage, hotel rooms and meals. They are also authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary for financial advice and service from funds appropriated by the Grand Lodge for that purpose. They may also expend such sums for legal service and court costs as they deem necessary for the proper handling of the investments and the protection and collection of the same.

(f) The securities of the Grand Lodge shall be kept in a bank or trust company for handling, accounting, and safety purposes under an agency account agreement to be negotiated and executed by the Board

of Grand Trustees. It is the intent of this section that such an agreement shall provide for the custody and safekeeping of all securities by the bank or trust company, for the sale, purchase, investment, reinvestment, collection and remitting of securities or funds under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees, and render complete statements of all accounts to the Board of Grand Trustees in the manner and at such intervals as such Board may require. Such Board is hereby authorized to expend an amount not exceeding one-fourth of one per centum of the value of the property per year for such a contract. The Board of Grand Trustees shall review the list of securities annually and make a written report of their analysis to the Grand Lodge. Funds for investment and reinvestment shall be given consideration not less than once each quarter, and a complete record of the data presented for consideration and the action taken, shall be kept by the Secretary and be available at all times for those to whom access shall be granted, and an annual report of the doings of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be made to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

(g) The Board of Grand Trustees shall establish its own investment policies, if not in violation of Section 27-A of the By-laws, and determine its limitations on classes of investments as it deems wise and prudent, and may delegate to one or more of its members authority to act to carry out such policies within such limitations in case of emergency or under such conditions and regulations as the Board may establish for handling the investments when the Board is not in session.

(h) All funds, securities, mortgages and real estate belonging to this Grand Lodge shall be the property of and carried in the name of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. All deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property, and all mortgage releases or assignments of stock certificates, securities or such other legal documents, having to do with the investment or reinvestment of Grand Lodge funds, shall be executed for the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary upon authorization of the Board of Grand Trustees, provided, however, in the absence of the Grand Master all assignments, transfers, and other legal documents that are necessary for the sale or transfer of securities can be executed by the Grand Secretary together with the chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

(i) The Board of Grand Trustees shall employ a certified public accountant to make an annual audit of the Accounts of the Grand Lodge, The Nebraska Masonic Home, and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. An original of such audit or audits shall be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary.

(j) The Board of Grand Trustees shall designate the depositories for all funds and securities of the Grand Lodge under such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper.

This amendment is signed by the five members of our Committee, M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of the amendment. (Motion

Section 1-404—RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS—The Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home shall keep an accurate and detailed record of its proceedings, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Grand Master, and any one authorized by him for that purpose, and shall at least ten days before the annual Grand Lodge communication file with the Grand Secretary a full, detailed and itemized statement of the moneys received and paid out, the dates and sources of such receipts, and the dates and objects of such payments. Said report shall be referred to the proper committee of the Grand Lodge in the same manner as the reports of officers and other committees accounting for the expenditure of funds.

This proposed amendment is signed by the five members of the committee, and M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of the proposed amendment. (Motion seconded and carried.)

We recommend that Section 1-406 of the by-laws be amended to read as follows:

Section 1-406—ORPHAN'S EDUCATIONAL FUND—That the name of the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund is hereby changed to the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund. This endowment fund with its net annual increase, shall, by the Board of Grand Trustees, be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds. So much of the current net annual income therefrom as may be needed may be allocated by the Board of Grand Trustees to The Nebraska Masonic Home, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

This proposed amendment is signed by the five members of the committee. (Motion seconded and carried.)

We move that Section 1-319 of the by-laws be amended to read as follows:

Section 1-319—FINANCE—The Finance Committee shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master for terms herein provided. The Grand Master elected at the session at which this amendment is adopted, shall immediately after taking office appoint five members, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one member for a term of five years to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of one member and, in case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. It shall be the duty of the committee to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary, including the vouchers of all officers and committees for whom appropriations have been made. The committee shall determine if all such vouchered expenditures are within the

scope of the appropriation and report to the Grand Lodge any expenditures which it deems to have been improperly paid from the appropriation made. It shall examine all expenditures from each appropriated fund and report the amounts of any unexpended balance to be returned to the proper fund of the Grand Lodge. It shall determine and report the actual condition of all funds and accounts of the Grand Lodge, consider all matters relating to revenue and its expenditures, and report such recommendations as it may deem for the financial benefit of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts annually and certify the result thereof to the Grand Lodge in its annual report. If doubt should arise as to whether or not an expenditure can properly be made from an appropriation by the Grand Lodge, such expenditure shall not be made therefrom without the written approval of the Committee on Finance. The committee shall have authority to employ a Certified Public Accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge if in the judgment of the committee and the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary.

This proposed amendment is signed by the five members of the committee, and M. W. Grand Master, I move its adoption. (Motion seconded and carried.)

We move that the By-laws of the Grand Lodge be amended by adding the following to be designated as Section 1-326.

Section 1-326—APPROPRIATIONS—The Committee on Appropriations shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master for terms hereinafter provided. The Grand Master elected at the session at which this section is adopted, shall immediately after taking office appoint five members, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one member for a term of five years to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of one member and, in case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. It shall be the duty of the committee to fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge, they shall be final and binding, and shall be considered the financial limit of the authority of the officers, person or committee in exercising the purpose of the appropriation. The officers, persons or committees requiring an appropriation of funds shall make a request therefor in writing. The Committee shall hold open hearings on such requests at which any member of the Grand Lodge may appear and be heard. In case of an emergency, the committee may increase an appropriation between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of the necessity, provided however, that it has the approval in writing of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge.

This proposed amendment is signed by the five members of the committee and M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of the above new sections of the Law. (Motion seconded and carried.)

M. W. Grand Master, I have here a motion, signed by all members of the Committee to approve the amended Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of The Nebraska Masonic Home, but in view of the fact that you referred that to a Special Committee, I assume we should leave it for them to make the motion. Is that correct? Very well, that concludes our amendments.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren, in the interest of saving time, I appointed a Committee of three, to review the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws of The Nebraska Masonic Home, composed of M. W. Brothers Walter R. Raecke, Chairman; Earl J. Lee and Brother William F. Patterson. If they are ready to report, I thought that you would probably be willing to take their word that the Articles of Incorporation were proper and accept them without being read in detail. If that is your pleasure, we will have the report of M. W. Brother Raecke at this time.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

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

Your Special Committee appointed yesterday, to examine the proposed amended Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of The Nebraska Masonic Home, which were submitted by the Committee on Grand Lodge Affairs, respectfully submit the following report: We have examined such proposed Articles and By-laws, and have also checked certain pertinent sections of The Nebraska Statutes. We find that the proposed Articles and By-Laws are in a large part rewritten from the original Articles and By-Laws, with such amendments as are necessary to meet the recommendations of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That Article 3 of the Articles of Incorporation, page 2 line 3, be amended by inserting after the word "guardian" the following; "conserver."
2. That the proposed by-laws be amended by adding at the bottom of page 1, following the paragraph entitled "Secretary's Bond" the following paragraph, to-wit: "Corporate seal—This Corporation shall have a corporate seal which shall contain the name of the corporation."
3. That with the changes as above recommended we move the adoption of the amended Articles of Incorporation and By-laws for The Nebraska Masonic Home as submitted by the Committee on Grand Lodge Business affairs. (Motion seconded and carried.)

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

Brethren, it has been called to my attention that one item of business which we transacted yesterday was not completed. I regret this very much. We had a motion to Section 3-102 (d) which was laid over last year for action at this Communication. I approved the submission of an amendment to that amendment yesterday, and the amendment to the amendment was carried, however, we did not vote on the amendment as amended. We had a wonderful representation of our Grand Lodge Brethren here yesterday, it was a special order of business, it was not completed, so it is my ruling that the amendment which laid over was amended by your vote but the amended amendment was not acted upon and shall therefore lay over until the next Grand Lodge Communication, at which time it will again be a special order of business.

The Grand Senior Warden was invited to preside.

M. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master :

R. . W. . Grand Senior Warden, the amendment to Section 3-102 (d) is such an important matter and because so many of our delegates went home last night under the impression that the Law had actually been amended, I think that immediate notice should be given to all Lodges that the amendment was not completed and that the Law as it now stands will be in effect until our next Annual Communication. I move that such notice be promptly given to the Lodges. (Motion seconded and carried.)

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

R. . W. . Brother Grand Senior Warden and Brethren, I would like to have the opportunity at this time to make a revision in one of the recommendations which I made yesterday. I made a recommendation that the Jurisprudence Committee be composed of seven Junior Past Grand Masters. I sent my recommendation and a complete list of my decisions to every Past Grand Master and every Grand Lodge Officer. I sent them 30 days ahead of this Grand Communication. No one came and visited with me or took any exception to anything I had decided or recommended.

After our action yesterday, I have given this subject a lot of thought and I have had several of our most devoted Masons talk to me about it, and I would like to make a change in this recommendation.

I move that my recommendation No. 2-A be amended as follows: That the Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of the five Senior Past Grand Masters and the two Junior Past Grand Masters, that they elect their own chairman, and that all decisions and recommendations of the Grand Master, be sent to all Past Grand Masters and to all Grand Lodge Officers, at the time they are sent to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master:

R. W. Brother Grand Senior Warden and Brethren, I may be technical in this but yesterday you did adopt Section 2A of the Grand Master's address which was an amendment to Section 1-304. I think we must secure permission from this Grand Lodge to withdraw the vote and to rescind its action of yesterday and then proceed along this line, with which I am heartily in accord.

R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden:

M. W. Brother Hale, would you like to make that request?

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Yes, I would and I have the assurance of our Past Grand Masters that they are in approval with my revised amended recommendation. I, therefore, move, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, that Recommendation 2A as approved yesterday be rescinded. (Motion seconded and unanimously carried.)

R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden:

M. W. Brother Hale, do you wish to renew your motion?

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

I move that the Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of the five senior Past Grand Masters and the two Junior Past Grand Masters, that they elect their own Chairman and that decisions and recommendations of the Grand Master be sent to all Past Grand Masters and to all Grand Officers at the time they are sent to the Committee on Jurisprudence. (Motion seconded and carried.)

R. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Warden, invited the M. W. Grand Master to preside.

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, section by section, 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 Charters and Dispensations submits the following report upon various matters referred to it:

1. We have submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee our recommendation of approval of Recommendation No. 8 of the Grand Master's Address.

2. We approve the chapter on Charter Relocations as set out in the Grand Master's Address.

3. Holbrook Lodge No. 257 was cited to appear before this Committee for failure to be represented for two years at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The present Senior Deacon of this lodge, a past master, represented Holbrook Lodge No. 257 at hearings before this Committee.

Our records reveal that in 1951 the Grand Master, after a personal inspection of the lodge situation, records and work, recommended the arrest of the Charter of this lodge until it had improved its work and could show itself proficient. This lodge sent no representatives to Grand Lodge Annual Communications in 1952, 1953, 1955 or 1956. They were cited to and did appear at the 1954 Communication.

We examined this lodge as to the amount of work they are doing, as to their holding of regular communications and financial condition in general. We find that they have commenced work with new candidates and have improved their lodge with some new furnishings and major repairs to the premises; That they are capable of putting on Masonic work in proper order if the members will apply themselves to the job at hand; That this lodge has been holding regular communications but has been unimpressed with the necessity of attendance at Grand Lodge Annual Communications.

Your Committee holds that a Charter of a Lodge of Masons is a Sacred Trust, one which is not indiscriminately issued, lightly held or summarily forfeited or surrendered. We believe that Holbrook Lodge No. 257 can, and will, carry out the terms of their Charter if given another opportunity to prove their works and intentions to this Grand Lodge.

We, therefore, recommend that the Charter of Holbrook Lodge No. 257 be not forfeited but that the incoming Grand Master, through his representatives, satisfy himself that Masonic education and work in this Lodge meets a satisfactory standard and that this lodge will be represented regularly at future Grand Lodge Annual Communications.

4. This Committee has examined the report of the Committee on Credentials and find that the following lodges have not been represented at the Grand Lodge for the past two years:

Jewel Lodge No. 149

Merna Lodge No. 171

Gauge Lodge No. 208

We therefore recommend that the above named lodges be cited to appear before this Committee at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to show cause why their charters should not be forfeited.

5. The Grand Master has reported the surrender of charters by two lodges. We wish to report these actions separately:

(a) Israel Lodge No. 187 of Ulysses, had an active membership of 25. Of these only nine resided in the immediate area, some of these by reason of old age and physical infirmities were unable to attend or to take part in the Lodge work.

Your committee recommends the formal acceptance of the surrender of the Charter of Israel Lodge No. 187 at Ulysses.

(b) Grace Lodge No. 226 of Wilcox, forwarded their Charter and records to the Grand Secretary following a meeting of that lodge on January 14, 1957. We have examined the records and reports of this lodge, its history, present condition and prospects for future activities.

We find that at a regular communication on December 10, 1956, with eleven of its seventy regular members present, it was voted to investigate the relinquishment of their charter and to notify all resident members that a vote would be taken at the next meeting. That on January 14, 1957, with twenty-six members present, a vote was taken to surrender the Charter. This motion prevailed by a vote of 15 to 11 and reported to the Grand Secretary on January 21, 1957. We further had at hand a petition addressed to, and requesting, the Grand Lodge not to approve the action of Grace Lodge No. 226 in surrendering its charter. This petition is signed by nineteen members in good standing in the lodge.

Your committee has carefully studied the records of this lodge for the past several years, its increases and decreases in membership, its work and attendance at regular communications. In 1940 this lodge received several former members of extinct Huntley Lodge No. 270. On October 11, 1945, Hildreth Lodge No. 252 was consolidated with this lodge and while its membership is not predominately located in Wilcox, a majority of its members still reside within easy meeting distance of this lodge.

Repeating our belief that a Charter should not be summarily suspended or forfeited, we have reviewed the entire action of this lodge in light of the prayer of the petition of several members of this lodge for reinstatement of their Charter. Referring to the Masonic Code and decisions rendered in the past, we find that in 1891 the Grand Lodge approved the Grand Master's determination that a lodge cannot surrender its charter without the consent of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master during the interim, as long as there are eight Master Masons, members thereof, duly qualified who desire to work under said Charter.

We feel that perhaps the action taken on January 14, 1957, was hasty and without complete information and discussion. We do not believe that any lodge should be compelled to continue to hold its Charter against its consent. Neither do we believe that a petition of nineteen members in good standing should be lightly laid aside and such brothers be forced to affiliate at distant lodges if they can prove themselves capable of maintaining a proper lodge at home. We feel that if such action is not maintained and such Charter returned, that should any member desire to withdraw from such lodge, his individual ability to obtain a demit should suffice to satisfy any personal desires.

Our consideration in this matter has further been directed to the fact that we, as considering committee, as well as the members of this lodge, have not had available any guidance or regulations providing procedure for such actions. Our code fails to provide for the giving of notice of such intentions to the members or to the majority which should be required to sustain such action. We feel, and herein later recommend, that definite procedures should be established for voluntary surrender of Charters.

Your committee recommends the return of the Charter to Grace Lodge No. 226 of Wilcox, as petitioned by members of that Lodge. This recommendation and return of the Charter to be conditioned only that if the incoming Grand Master, after conference with members of this lodge, be satisfied that there will be sufficient membership, attendance and work as to insure a properly working lodge and one capable of financial soundness.

6. We recommend that proceedings be adopted to establish and determine the actions necessary for any subordinate lodge to effect a voluntary surrender of its Charter. Such procedure to provide for the introduction, study and referral for consideration of any such motion and for adequate notice to be given the members of the lodge and the majority required to pass on such action.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAYROLL

W. Elmo R. Clayton, 302, 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 One Hundredth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge is \$12,351.90.

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:

Your Committee on the Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund is pleased to bring you this report of its activities during the past year. This Committee had, during that time, four students under its supervision who were attending college. One young man is concluding his second year at the Vandercook School of Music in Chicago. He has concluded all of the schooling given by this committee and will now be on his own for the rest of his education. We have had very fine reports of his progress and can be very proud of the work which he has accomplished.

First year students include a girl at Midland College in Fremont, a boy at Hastings College at Hastings and a girl at the University of Nebraska. We have received good reports on their work.

The young lady who is attending the University of Nebraska has decided to get married this Summer and so will not be under further supervision of this Committee. The other two students will continue their work at the same institutions as last year and will be supervised by our Committee during the coming year.

Four of our young people in the Home graduated from Fremont High School this year. Two of them have decided to get their service requirements out of the way and have been accepted by the Marine Corps. They will want to attend college when they return from the service and will then come under the supervision of this Committee. Of the other two graduates, the young woman wishes to attend Midland College for her two year secretarial course. The other, a young man, wishes to attend Hastings College to take a business administration and accounting course.

This means that we will have at least four students in attendance at college, starting next September.

We are requesting the Grand Lodge to appropriate \$1,200.00 to match a similar amount from the Order of the Eastern Star to take care of these young people during the next school year. We hope that it will not be necessary to spend this amount, but we would like to have it appropriated to use if necessity demands it. Your Committee has enjoyed immensely the privilege of serving the Grand Lodge and these young people during the past year and we are particularly happy to be able to report such fine progress made by them.

REPORT OF 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:

Nos. 74, 86, 101, 113, 119, 126, 130, 149, 154, 171, 174, 187, 191, 208, 216, 217, 226, 243, 247, 262, 279, 305, 312.

Total number of lodges 277. Number not represented 23. Lodges not represented for the last two annual communications: Nos. 149, 171, 208.

GRAND OFFICERS

M.'.W.'.Merle M. Hale.....	Grand Master
R.'.W.'.Roy I. Babbitt.....	Deputy Grand Master
R.'.W.'.John E. Beaver.....	Grand Senior Warden
R.'.W.'.Joseph C. Tye.....	Grand Junior Warden
R.'.W.'.Carl R. Greisen.....	Grand Secretary
V.'.W.'.Mark D. McCallum.....	Grand Chaplain
W.'.C. Vin White.....	Grand Orator
W.'.Harold H. Thom.....	Grand Historian
W.'.Raymond C. Cook.....	Grand Custodian
W.'.Ralph M. Carhart.....	Grand Marshal
W.'.John F. Futeher.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W.'.Herbert A. Ronin.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W.'.Charles H. Ninegar.....	Grand Tyler

Past Grand Masters: M.'.W.'.Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Ralph O. Canaday, Chancellor A. Phillips, Walter R. Raecke, Earl J. Lee, Edward F. Carter, George A. Kurk, William B. Wanner, William C. Schaper, Benjamin F. Eyre, Edward Huwaldt, Elmer E. Magee, Ernest S. Schiefelbein, John S. Hedelund, Thomas J. Aron, Edward M. Knight, Fay Smith, Charles F. Adams and Herbert T. White.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
NebraskaNo. 1	John E. Pinkerton..	Reuben C. Saul.....	*Alex T. Nelson.....
Western Star.. " 2	Francis W. Cole....	Don Hobbie.....	*John M. Scott.....
Capitol " 3	Alban P. Smith....	Raymond C. Cook..	*Wallie W. Messick..
Nemaha Valley " 4	*Adolph Wensien....	.....	.....
Omadi " 5	R. H. Hudson.....	*Charles H. Fueston..	*Oscar T. Olson.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	Russell H. Nielsen..	*Emil J. Weyrich...*	William F. Evers...*
Falls City " 9	Melvin J. Shipley..	Archibald J. Weaver	*G. W. Goldsmith...*
Solomon " 10	Harold O. Swanson..	Joe T. Nixon.....	Stanley Ohrt.....
Covert " 11	*Gail Burbridge....	Don W. Madsen....	*William Cosh.....
Orient " 13	*Willard I. Lewis, Jr.	.....	.....
Peru " 14	John L. Lewis.....	.....	.....
Fremont " 15	Gerald A. Moller...*	Frank J. Wilkins...*	Donald S. Mack....*
Tecumseh " 17	Alfred G. Aden.....	*Harry B. Richardson	Leonard C. Albers..
Lincoln " 19	*Richard L. Wait....	Corbett W. Krumtum	Donald O. Bush....
Washington .. " 21	Thomas H. Wilson...*	Willard Gustin....	Robert A. Fleming..
Pawnee " 23	*Glenn W. Binder...*	.....	L. R. Bradbury....
Saint Johns .. " 25	Marion L. Inda....	Benjamin F. Owen..	*William F. Patterson
Beatrice " 26	Asa E. Book.....	*Dwaine N. Gribble..	*W. M. VanBrunt...*
Jordan " 27	Wade W. Nyquist..	*Herman F. Meyer..	Harvey H. Sass....
Hope " 29	*Norman Kennedy...*	*Emil Skeen.....	*Dale Skeen.....
Blue River " 30	Chris P. Helm.....	*Clarence C. Wertman	.....
Tekamah " 31	Harvey H. Walker..	*John W. MacDonald	.....
Platte Valley. " 32	Virgil C. Kuhns....	Robert D. Carpenter	Russell S. Keep....
Ashlar " 33	Warren A. Hoover..	Carl J. Peterson...*	Delbert J. Barbee..
Acacia " 34	Arthur A. Grier....	*Charles W. Stava...*	Morris E. Bailey...*
Fairbury " 35	Roy W. Milne.....	Roy F. Holloway...*	Donald W. Larkins..
Lone Tree " 36	*Dean E. Eckhoff...*	*Walter R. Raecke...*	.....
Crete " 37	Charles F. Hroch...*	Lester L. Hein....	Lumir C. Havlicek..
Oliver " 38	Thomas W. Wright..	.....	.....
Papillion " 39	Robert H. Ward....	William H. Dohse..	*Fred R. Lamb.....
Humboldt " 40	Henry J. Kroese....	William E. Prater..	Thomas D. Carsh...*
Northern Light " 41	H. H. Robinson, Jr..	Arthur M. Adams...*	Fred R. Waring....*
Hebron " 43	Walter H. Siebolds.	Paul M. Uphoff...*	Harlan S. Gordon...*
Harvard " 44	Robert H. Yost....	Harold Hohnstein..	.....
Rob Morris .. " 46	Chandler S. Lynch..	.....	*Glen E. Martin....
Fairmont " 48	*Curtis Reed.....	.....	*Curtis Reed.....
Evening Star .. " 49	Clarence W. Hurst..	Forrest H. Brown..	*John A. Bottorf...*
Hastings " 50	Harold R. Williams.	*H. F. Favinger....	*Lisle C. Kirk.....
Fidelity " 51	*Charles Baker.....	H. W. Armagost....	*Ben L. Stahl.....
Hiram " 52	George I. Haney....	Leo Bucharđt.....	.....
Charity " 53	Ralph E. Ferebee..	*Allen Barta.....	*Allen Barta.....
Lancaster " 54	Collins L. Wilcox..	Alfred B. Gorman..	*Walter H. W. Wilson

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
MosaicNo. 55	Eugene D. Palmer..	*Richard J. McNamee	*Alfred G. Miller....
York " 56	.....	Paul S. Waller.....	*Frank E. Wood.....
Mount Moriah " 57	*Don Slosson.....	.....	.....
Wahoo " 59	*Edwin R. Levin....	Dean E. Taylor.....	John E. Benson....
Melrose " 60	.....	Roscoe Johnson.....	.....
Thistle " 61	James H. Burnett..	Ralph Batie.....	*G. Hanford Smith..
Keystone " 62	Donald H. Olson....	Robert C. Mabon...	*Harry Olson.....
Blue Valley " 64	*Arnold A. Prince..	.....	.....
Osceola " 65	Robert L. Mills....	*I. Donald Huston...	.....
Edgar " 67	Everette Shaw....	*Everette Shaw....	*Everette Shaw....
Aurora " 68	*Irvin L. Peterson..	*Charles F. Adams..	*Edsel Madsen.....
Sterling " 70	Charles Curtin....	Lynn H. Gaines....	.....
Trowel " 71	*Harold A. Tilton..	Ellis A. Stevens....	.....
Hooper " 72	*Norris W. Lallman..	Donald E. Morrow..	*H. H. Lallman....
Friend " 73	Wayne W. Yokel....	*Alva N. Murray....	*Charles H. Andrew..
Alexandria " 74	.....	.....	.....
Frank Welch " 75	Forrest F. Belieu..	.....	*Harold K. Bond....
Nelson " 77	*Guy M. Bruce.....	*Harry R. Follmer..	*Jesse Hamel.....
Albion " 78	*Albert N. Lamb....	.....	.....
Geneva " 79	*David A. Portwood..	*Gerald B. Walton...	.....
Composite " 81	*Leonard Davis....	*Oscar Schmid.....	*Pearl C. Hillegass..
Saint Paul " 82	Carlos P. Arterburn.	Richard J. Haggart.	Edward F. Bartle..
Corinthian " 83	Maurice Gustafson.	.....	*V. H. R. Hanson....
Fairfield " 84	*C. V. Glenn.....	Albert J. Mason....	.....
Doniphan " 86	.....	.....	.....
Ionie " 87	*Vac Randa.....	Joe J. Jacot.....	Marlo M. Custer...
Star " 88	Earl W. Thomas....	Earl C. Bucy, Jr....	Joe P. Neary.....
Cedar River " 89	Lester Pierce.....	*Roy R. Russell....	.....
Oakland " 91	Samuel F. Baltzell..	Alden E. Engdahl..	.....
Beaver City " 93	*R. H. Carr.....	.....	.....
Bennett " 94	Henry A. Thaden..	*Arch Church.....	.....
Garfield " 95	Gale W. Dierberger.	.....	.....
Utica " 96	Dale R. Jones.....	*Clair R. McNeil....	Virgil E. Hyde....
Euclid " 97	Eugene M. Smith....	H. C. Rasmussen...	Frederick B. Cherry
Republican " 98	*L. L. Kammerer....	.....	.....
Shelton " 99	Gerald Stock.....	*Kenneth Roy.....	.....
Creighton " 100	James E. Burt.....	*James E. Burt.....	*James E. Burt.....
Ponca " 101	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo " 102	Charles E. Grant....	Clarence E. Timm..	Donald L. Bayly...
Ord " 103	*Joe R. Ruzicka....	*Henry N. Norris....	Merle R. VanZandt.
Wymore " 104	Mark H. Mains....	William J. Marples.	*Warren E. Robinson
Stella " 105	Robert C. Briggs...	*Daniel S. Hinds....	*Art Banks.....

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Porter .....No. 106	Asa J. Farnham, Jr.	.....	.....
Table Rock .. " 108	Fred Jelinek.....	*Fred Jelinek.....	*Fred Jelinek.....
Pomegranate . " 110	James C. Bryant....	*Richard Buckmaster	*Jesse D. Fidler.....
De Witt " 111	C. L. Kaufman.....	.....	*Carl Wilkins.....
Springfield .. " 112	*Melvin E. Johnson..	Earl E. Hurlburt...	.....
Globe " 113	.....	.....	.....
Wisner " 114	.....	*Carl H. Freese.....	*Judson M. Meier...
Harlan " 116	Leonard J. Meredith	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	*Herbert O. Pederson	.....	.....
North Bend .. " 119	.....	.....	.....
Wayne " 120	*Archie L. Wert.....	Harold E. West....	*Harry F. Stammer..
Superior " 121	.....	Dennis C. Latham..	*Fred E. Sowles.....
Auburn " 124	John R. Harmon....	Donald L. Bressler..	.....
Mount Nebo .. " 125	Robert B. Conrad..	.....	.....
Stromsburg .. " 126	.....	.....	.....
Minden " 127	.....	.....	*Charles A. Chappell
Guide Rock .. " 128	*Richard L. Ely.....	.....	.....
Blue Hill " 129	Dale E. Buschow...*	*Charles F. Hootman.	.....
Tuscan " 130	.....	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	Harold Mueksch....	*Ralph Fuerst.....	.....
Elm Creek ... " 133	Floyd W. Else.....	.....	*E. B. Harrelson....
Solar " 134	Willard L. Copeland	.....	.....
McCook " 135	*Elmer P. Baruth...*	*Leo C. Horton.....	Kenneth R. Garver..
Long Pine ... " 136	*Charles M. Frederick	.....	*Lewis E. Smith....
Upright " 137	J. Edgar Blevins...*	Joe M. Crosier.....	.....
Rawalt " 138	.....	*Alfred H. Nissen...*	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	Victor Nowka.....	Glenn F. Sperry....	Lester Aspegren....
Western " 140	*Rolland F. Winter..*	.....	.....
Crescent " 143	*Thomas G. McBride..*	*Harry P. Hansen...*	.....
Kenesaw " 144	.....	.....	M. Craig Weeks....
Bancroft " 145	F. W. Greenfield...*	Wayne M. Meyer...*	*Frank A. Wood....
Jachin " 146	*Arthur Anderson...*	.....	.....
Siloam " 147	Wilbur L. Moon....*	*Wilbur L. Moon....*	Leonard A. Roberts.
Emmet Crawford	*Henry J. Dean.....*	*Don L. Ling.....*	.....
Jewel " 149	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge ... " 150	John W. McLane...*	*John W. McLane...*	*John W. McLane...*
Square " 151	LeRoy A. Ang.....	Clarence P. Lefler..	.....
Evergreen ... " 153	*William B. Chilvers.*	*William B. Chilvers.*	*William B. Chilvers.*
Lily " 154	.....	.....	.....
Hartington .. " 155	Robert E. Weir....*	*Rudolph H. Jenny..*	*Rudolph H. Jenny..*
Pythagoras .. " 156	Harold C. Freemyer.*	*Harold Lee Banta..*	.....
Valley " 157	*Clarence Treat.....*	.....	.....

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Samaritan ..No. 158	John A. Moeller....	*R. W. Wrightson...	John E. Dalton.....
Ogalalla " 159	Rex L. Peterson....	Harold L. McGreer..	.....
Zeredatha " 160	Lloyd E. Welch....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	Arthur L. Buehholz	*Fred Scow.....	.....
Trestle Board. " 162	Lee R. Casey.....	.....	Floyd Kennedy.....
Unity " 163	*John Seefield.....	*Elmer Mathis.....	.....
Atkinson " 164	*Robert D. Marten..	*Clarence E. Spence.	.....
Barneston " 165	Fred M. Gleeten....	*W. W. Wildt.....	*E. Howard Goin....
Mystic Tie ... " 166	.....	*H. D. Blatchford...	.....
Elwood " 167	Winford Fossung...	*George V. Moor....	.....
Curtis " 168	*Klyte D. Burt.....	.....	.....
Amity " 169	Paul B. Smith.....	*Stuart A. Johnson..	*Paul B. Smith.....
Mason City .. " 170	Clarence A. Lamb..	*Chester A. Lamb...	.....
Merna " 171	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns . " 173	Frank E. Whipps...*	*Clyde H. Jones.....	*Clyde H. Jones.....
Culbertson ... " 174	.....	.....	.....
Temple " 175	*Roy M. McFarren..	.....	.....
Gladstone " 176	*C. A. McCallister...	.....	.....
Hay Springs .. " 177	D. R. Armstroong...	*Albert E. Johansen.	*Roy T. Stiehl.....
Prudence " 179	Frank G. Hansen...	Frank B. Smetter...	*Carl Paulsen.....
Justice " 180	*Charles T. Carpenter	Roy E. Davis.....	.....
Faith " 181	*Ward L. Mosher....	.....	.....
Alliance " 183	*James W. Keebaugh	James W. Keebaugh	*Carl A. Johnson....
Bee Hive " 184	William E. Miller..	Gauer W. Salberg..	*Orville N. Yeager..
Boaz " 185	*Robert A. Jeffrey..	*Robert A. Jeffrey..	*Robert A. Jeffrey..
Israel " 187	.....	.....	.....
Meridian " 188	Paul K. Thompson..	.....	.....
Granite " 189	O. D. Smallcomb...	.....	*Calvin O. Gordon...
Amethyst " 190	Richard H. Wells...	*Virgil K. Magnuson.	Alfred Ewaldt.....
Crystal " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa . " 192	Eugene W. Babeock	*U. Wesley Fox.....	*A. P. Starkjohann..
Signet " 193	William H. Clem...	Maurice Dasenbrock	.....
Highland " 194	.....	R. E. Hollenbeck...	.....
Arcana " 195	*Martin B. Johnson.	.....	*Martin B. Johnson..
Morning Star. " 197	Craven M. Stream..	.....	.....
Purity " 198	Elwood E. Yaw....	Frank Hams.....	Gordon Luhrs.....
Gavel " 199	*H. B. Wittenberger.	*H. B. Wittenberger.	*James H. Bryant...
Blazing Star. " 200	*Vestal J. McKinzie.	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff.. " 201	John H. Reed.....	*John H. Reed.....	.....
Golden Sheaf. " 202	*O. H. Scott.....	*O. H. Scott.....	*O. H. Scott.....
Roman Eagle.. " 203	*Stanford D. Diehl..	.....	Loren Callahan.....
Plainview " 204	*Duane M. Douglas..	.....	.....

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Golden Fleece No. 205	Lloyd A. Criswell..	*Lloyd A. Criswell..	*Lloyd A. Criswell..
Napthali " 206	*John Steiner.....	*John Steiner.....	*John Steiner.....
Parian " 207	*Allston S. Asmus...	*Allston S. Asmus...	Ralph Empfield....
Gauge " 208	.....	.....	.....
Canopy " 209	Clifford G. Anderson	.....	.....
East Lincoln.. " 210	*Charles F. Eberline.	Kenneth O. Smith..	*Frank E. Pfoutz...
Cement " 211	Clyde F. Batie.....	*A. B. Jensen.....	*R. H. Luebs.....
Compass and Square and " 212	J. Daniel Shadley..	.....	*M. L. Eutsler.....
Plumbline " 214	*Clarence D. Gottula.	.....	.....
Occidental ... " 215	Raymond J. Pecena.	James R. Fleming ..	.....
Palisade " 216	.....	.....	.....
Wauneta " 217	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield ... " 218	Lawrence C. Donat.	*Albert L. Haines...	.....
Relief " 219	.....	*LaVerne B. Yost...	.....
Magnolia " 220	Earl W. Carper....	.....	.....
Wood Lake ... " 221	Alvie N. Thayer....	*Robert C. Lamb....	*John M. Pederson..
Landmark " 222	George M. Fitch....	John E. Gregerson..	*R. Clare Johnson...
Eminence " 223	*James C. Bierbower.	.....	.....
Silver Cord .. " 224	John B. Cassel....	*Robert M. Herre...	.....
Cable " 225	John I. Halstead..	*George W. Brown..	Edwin P. Erikson..
Grace " 226	.....	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	Leland B. Merrill..	Irving Feldman....	*Roy W. Deal.....
Bartley " 228	*Max Ingram.....	Max Ingram.....	*August W. Teter...
Comet " 229	*Paul C. Bulling....	*Otis Beaman.....	*James F. Hunter...
Delta " 230	Roy L. Smith.....	*Kenneth R. Weed...	*James O. Duncan...
Mount Herman " 231	*Rudolph Biere....	.....	.....
John S. Bowen " 232	Fred Gregerson....	Walter C. Wrich...	.....
Gilead " 233	*William Mahannah.	.....	*Gus A. Sieler.....
Zion " 234	.....	*Eugene Thurston..	*M. D. Shepherd....
Fraternity ... " 235	Donald G. Davis...	Charles E. Jackson.	.....
Golden Rule... " 236	.....	.....	*Marvin R. Burgess..
Cubit " 237	Waldo J. McPherson	Samuel H. Brownlee	*Lloyd B. Brugman..
Friendship ... " 239	.....	Dale N. McMillan..	John L. May.....
Pilot " 240	Walter Sorenson...	.....	Emmett Robertson..
George Arm- strong " 241	Robert E. Wolfe...	*Leonard G. Eriksen.	Donald Cain.....
Tyrian " 243	.....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	*E. Glendon Harp...	.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	Lewis W. Rogers...	*Merle Rogers.....	*George H. Rieke....
Corner-stone .. " 247
Laurel " 248	Howard R. Pehrson.	Roy C. Thomas.....	Melvin C. Smith....

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gothenburg .No. 249	Farrel L. Thelin....	*Ernest O. VanWey..
George Wash- ington " 250	*Boyd H. Vincent..	Boyd H. Vincent...	.....
Wausa " 251	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....
Beemer " 253	Howard Drake.....	Harry Z. Jackson..	.....
Bassett " 254	Edmund D. Shaw..	John C. Panzer....	.....
Hickman " 256	.....	Albert G. Heuser..	*Vernon Etmund....
Holbrook " 257	*Ben Phillipson....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	*J. C. Kellenbarger..	*Miles Kepler.....	.....
Ornan " 261	*George E. Spangler.	.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell " 263	Joe N. Lovelace....	.....	.....
Franklin " 264	*E. R. Tuers.....	*Jesse Maliek.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas " 265	William I. Troyer..	E. J. Williamson...	*Everett K. Dappen.
Silver " 266	C. Rayner Carlson..	Guildford D. Bryan.	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	*Russell M. Warren..	.....	.....
George W. Lin- inger " 268	William C. Spire...	Robert C. Byrne....	*Robert C. Byrne....
Oasis " 271	*Arthur W. Kaman..	*Kent Lane.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Leonard O. Ganzel..	*Robert Wiler.....	.....
Crofton " 273	James R. Cayler...	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	Lewis H. Dunn....	.....	.....
Ramah " 275	.....	*David Rowlands...	.....
Antelope " 276	*Donald S. Hinman..	.....	*Donald S. Hinman..
Sioux " 277	*John Marking.....	*John A. Davis.....	.....
Litchfield " 278	Laurence J. Aspen..	*Harve I. Lang.....	.....
Wallace " 279	.....	.....	.....
Swastika " 280	L. Minor Cole.....	*Carl J. Benson....	.....
Florence " 281	Sebert A. Stover...	*L. Irving Rockwell.	*Elmer E. Shively...
Mullen " 282	*Neal J. Dutton....	*William E. Simmson	*Lawrence L. Jones..
Seneca " 284	*George W. Merz....	.....	*George W. Merz....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	H. Dwain Riddle..	.....	Joe Paris.....
Oshkosh " 286	Francis W. Bell....	Edward C. Smith...	.....
Union " 287	Ross D. McCormick.	*Arthur J. Lamborn.	Ira C. Stanley.....
Omaha " 288	*George E. Johnson..	George M. Bechtel..	H. P. Loveless.....
Lotus " 289	*Archie A. Meek....	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	Vernon H. Wood...	Harold I. Clarke...	Ervin J. Kaura.....
Diamond " 291	Walter K. Gray....	Raymond Stevens..	Dale D. Greenmeyer
Wolbach " 292	*Alfred J. Larson...	.....	.....
Monument ... " 293	.....	.....	Daniel G. Packer...

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Kimball ....No. 294	*S. G. Allen.....	S. G. Allen.....	*S. G. Allen.....
Minatare " 295	.....	*Kenneth Jurgens...	*Kenneth Jurgens...
Cotner " 297	Ralph S. Culver....	.....	.....
Chester " 298	.....	*Paul W. Dry.....	.....
Sutherland ... " 299	*John F. Fleak.....	.....	.....
Liberty " 300	Willard E. Jones...	Lyle L. Short.....	*John S. Burley....
Bayard " 301	Maurice E. Anderson	Clyde D. Spangler...	*Maurice E. Anderson
Mizpah " 302	James M. Paxson...	*E. R. Clayton.....	R. Wayne Wilson..
Right Angle .. " 303	George J. Hittle....	Stanley E. Peterson	*Arthur J. Andersen.
Ruskin " 304	.....	*Chauncey O. Hull..	.....
Newman Grove " 305	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rod .. " 306	George T. Hillman..	Donald G. Hafer...	Donald Brown.....
William E. Hill " 307	.....	Harry D. Ablker...	.....
Perkins " 308	John C. Bounds....	.....	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	.....	Carl O. Swanson....	.....
Victory " 310	Jack W. Flood.....	LeRoy G. H. Widman.....	*Virland D. Hollins..
Polk " 311	Floyd K. Miller....	Estor Lackey.....	*Artie Miller.....
Oak Leaf " 312	.....	.....	.....
Potter " 313	William G. Smith..	*Elmer H. Seyfang..	*Elmer L. Adams....
Craftsmen ... " 314	Thurman N. Anstine	Dean J. Pettett....	*Curry D. Bryson...
Alpha " 316	Charles L. Scribner.	*L. J. Dickinson....	*Clarence S. Stewart.
Mid-West " 317	John F. Vorpahl...	Leonard R. Campbell	*Lewis H. Stover....
Grand Island.. " 318	Floyd W. Nichols..	Carl A. R. Bartelt..	J. H. Nitzel, Jr....
Bladen " 319	*William H. Vankirk	.....	.....
College View.. " 320	Dale L. Dunkle....	Ira L. Vorhies.....	Charles Hildebrand.
Harmony " 321	Robert B. Ankeny..	*Robert B. Ankeny..	*Clifford D. Webster
Pioneer " 322	Carl Stratton.....	*Carl Stratton.....	*Carl Stratton.....
Lebanon " 323	*Robert E. Lund....	*James E. Sperry....	*Robert E. Lund....
Cairo " 324	Alfred L. Veeder...	L. O. Rolofson....	*L. Owen Rolofson..
Bellevue " 325	Victor Clarence....	Hueston M. Holscher	F. G. Schlosser....
Centennial ... " 326	Alfred F. Walter...	Floyd L. Hurd.....	Lynn W. Cooman...

*Proxy.

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:

My Brethren, may I first say to you that at our Trustees meeting last month I was instructed to carry to you, the Grand Lodge, the greetings, the well wishes and congratulations of the officers and trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home on this, the One Hundredth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. It is a great occasion and we are happy to be a part of it.

I hope you enjoyed your visit to the Home on Monday. We all look forward each year to that visit and our senior residents have been anticipating for days your coming.

Actually that visit is my report. You observed, I am certain, the quiet efficient way in which our work is going on and if you examined closely, I am confident that you found happy, contented and dignified expressions on the faces of all who are residents of the Home as a direct result of the great heart of Masonry in which we are but your instrument in providing tender loving care for those less fortunate.

I am happy to report to you that all is well in the operation of our Home. Our finances continue to grow, our property is in excellent shape and there is no waiting list for admission to the Home.

A great measure of our ability to do these things rests upon the generosity of Brother Masons and friends who have remembered us with bequests both in their wills and during their lifetime. This, as you know, is our only source of income besides the per capita tax that we all pay.

Each year we hope to encourage gifts and memorials for this reason. One of our thoughts behind our picture "Next To Paradise" was that more people could see what was happening at the Home and as a result, expand the knowledge that our Home is second to none in this country. Our purpose has been accomplished and yet not all lodges have seen this picture. I should like to encourage you to request it if your lodge has not yet seen it.

I hope you met, while you were at the Home, a number of our Officers and Trustees. If I could literally pin an orchid on each of those gentlemen today, it would still not express my feelings of appreciation and gratitude for the serious and devoted approach each and every one of them bring to their work in the maintenance and operation of our Home. All the credit for accomplishment lays at their door.

We try each year to say "thank you" to so many people for so very much. This year is no exception. First, to you and each of you, our sincere thanks. May God bless you for loving and remembering your Home. Our thanks to the many groups and organizations far too

numerous to list here for following the usual practice of remembering so bountifully with gifts or services which by now have become almost traditional but never to be forgotten.

I should like to express our deepest appreciation and that of all the officers and trustees to our M. W. Grand Master, Merle M. Hale, and to also express our pride that this year our Grand Master has been one of our Board Members of many years standing. His value to us during this year has been outstanding.

Our sincere appreciation as usual to our very capable Superintendent, William F. Evers and equally to his assistant, his son, Raymond F. Evers, our Assistant Superintendent. Their quiet, capable work never ends.

To our devoted secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, we owe a multitude of thanks. This year, with much of the Centennial on his hands, he has still performed in his usual outstanding fashion cheerfully and willingly.

To our Assistant Secretary, W. Robert M. Herre, another vote of thanks for his very capable and able help and assistance at all times.

I could take your time in trying to enumerate the people we are indebted to. May I please, for a better way of expressing it, just say "thank you" from the bottom of our hearts for the Home is really you and yours and this sort of spirit means to me that our Home is well launched hand in hand with you on the second One Hundred years with its head up, with pride, courage and confidence that the years ahead will be truly the golden years.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Brother Guy A. Olmsted, 15, 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:

Another Grand Lodge year has closed and we bring to you an account of the stewardship of the Board of Trustees of your Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

The friendly cooperation of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, as well as a host of individuals have made the work of your Board most pleasant, for which we extend our heartfelt thanks. I should like to list in this report all of the organizations and individuals who have given of their time, talent and resources without which the splendid work being done by and for the children at the Home, would be impossible and to express the deep appreciation of every member of the board for this cooperation. However, in the interest of brevity, we shall confine our report, as nearly as possible, to factual information.

As always, the Number One concern of your Board of Trustees has been to surround the children entrusted to our care with as nearly a home-like atmosphere as is possible; to care for their physical needs, their health, education and most of all, their spiritual guidance. The fine records being made by many who have graduated from the Home indicates that we have been successful to a marked degree. For this, we are grateful and to those devoted matrons, their assistants and to the Superintendent, who are responsible for the day to day living with the children, we say thanks and God Bless You.

This has been a year of "missions accomplished" as far as the physical property is concerned. The Rawhide Creek controversy seems on the way to settlement after having been reprocessed by the county board. A new assessment of benefits has been levied in the amount of \$2,300.59 net. This is approximately \$100 more than the original assessment due to additional engineering fees. This tax will not be delinquent until September 1st and it is still possible that objectors will attack the validity of the assessments through the courts. Until this is finally settled the \$2,200 in the Drainage Ditch Fund should be held intact.

The Recreation-Administration Building is complete and in use. There had been over \$80,000 contributed for this building before work was started. The cost, including architect's fees amounted to \$76,384.56. There are still a few minor items of equipment to be purchased, such as stage props, gymnastic equipment, possibly a piano, etc. The furnishings, when complete, will have cost approximately \$4,500. It is a great improvement to the entire property and all who have contributed so generously of time and money to this long-needed building may take justifiable pride in the consummation of their efforts.

The buildings and grounds are in good condition, except some settling at the Junior Boys' Home and steps are being taken to correct this.

Regarding activities, the boys and girls are busy with their 4H calves—10 of them—music, bands and class offices. Hi-Y, Job's Daughters, DeMolay and church choirs are taking advantage of talent from the Home. We should all be proud of them. The health of the children is generally good.

A matter of major importance was the resignation, effective May 1st, 1957, of Superintendent Robert L. Grassman, who left to take over the supervision of a Boy's Home in South Dakota. Mr. Grassman was a "natural" as a Home Superintendent. A good administrator, conservative, budget minded, and stood high in the community. We shall miss him.

Several applicants were interviewed by the Employees Committee who unanimously recommended Mr. Hugh Hansen, a Fremont man, for the position. He has been an instructor in the Junior and Senior High Schools, is a college graduate and very much interested in following work with children. We have every reason to believe that a wise choice was made. The Board approved his employment at the April meeting.

Another resignation, that of Sister Harriet Hall, from the Board of Trustees was received with keen regret. We shall miss her service and counsel.

Your Board has seen to it that the Home has operated within its budget and the endowment fund has increased approximately \$2,000 during the year. It is hoped that some day the earnings from this fund will be sufficient to at least partially cover operating costs. The per capita cost now appears to be \$1,525. as compared to an average per capita in other homes of \$1,972. However, the Home is equipped to care for nearly twice as many children as are presently residing there and inasmuch as the trend of applicants has been downward for several years, your Board of Trustees officially endorse the recommendation made by past President, W. Louis V. Sylvester, that the Grand Bodies of Masons and Eastern Stars give serious consideration to admitting children from contiguous jurisdictions having no homes for children. Such children, of course, to have proper Masonic or Eastern Star relationship and upon the condition that the Grand Lodges and/or Grand Chapters of such jurisdictions pay at least a pro rata share of the operational cost on a per capita basis. Rules and regulations for such admissions to be promulgated by the Grand Bodies of Nebraska.

There are now 39 children in the Homes. 4 will graduate and 2 are to return to their parents, leaving 33.

One other recommendation was submitted to the annual stockholders' meeting viz. that of leasing the southwest corner of the Home grounds for commercial purposes. This has been discussed at length by the Board of Trustees who registered official disapproval of the recommendation. In our judgment this would be detrimental to the entire property both economically and esthetically.

Committees of the Board have been faithful in their duties, attendance at Board meetings, (at their own expense) and generous with their time and talents. We are most appreciative of the interest of M. W. Grand Master Merle M. Hale, Grand Matron, Sister Lorene Peterson, Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary of O. E. S. Sister Wilma Harms and to all other Grand Officers of both Grand Bodies. Especially do we thank the Grand Lodge for the splendid program at the corner-stone laying of the Recreation-Administration building. Many groups and organizations have visited the Home during the year and many visiting for the first time have gone away with a new feeling of pride in our great Fraternity. May God continue to bless our combined efforts.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Brethren, at the last Grand Lodge Communication, there was a resolution submitted which laid over, changing the word "subordinate" to "constituent" lodges. I now call on M. W. Herbert T. White who proposed the resolution.

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

M. W. Grand Master and brethren, last year I submitted the following 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 therefor the words, "Constituent Lodge" or "Constituent Lodges."

M. W. Grand Master, might we have at this time from the Grand Secretary the vote by Lodges?

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary:

M. W. Grand Master and M. W. Brother White, 216 lodges responded to the request. 189 voted for the amendment and 27 voted against.

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

M. W. Sir, I guess the next thing is for you to put the motion to approve or disapprove.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

In accordance with our Constitution, I now put the question. Shall the resolution be adopted?

M. W. John S. Hedelund spoke against the Resolution, calling attention to the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the action of the Grand Lodge last year.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master:

I would like to read Section 2-309 of the Grand Lodge Law and inquire if that section was complied with.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

R. W. Grand Secretary, what information do you have in answer to this question?

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary:

M. W. Grand Master, the only item in the section that was not complied with is that only 216 Lodges acted upon the recommendation, out of the 275. Fifty-nine Lodges failed to report.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

In am going to rule that Section 2-309 has not been complied with, because I have personal knowledge of that fact and therefore, this resolution is not properly before this Grand Lodge Communication.

M. W. Herbert T. White presented 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 therefor, the words "constituent lodge" or "constituent lodges".

(Resolution was held over until next Annual Communication.)

M. W. Thomas J. Aron presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that where the Grand Lodge of Nebraska rules of order as to conducting its business are not clear then Robert's Rules of Order shall govern,

That the Senior Past Grand Master, or such member of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as he may appoint shall act as a parliamentarian at all sessions of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

I move the adoption of the resolution. (Motion seconded and carried.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Leo C. Horton, 135, 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 subordinate lodges for the year 1956, and is pleased to report that the lodges have submitted satisfactory reports.

We especially commend the Grand Secretary and his staff for their labor and efficient handling of the work in his office during the past year.

We also wish to commend the secretaries of the subordinate lodges for their efforts and labors during the past year, especially in removing all Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons who have failed to advance within the five-year period as prescribed by law and all Suspended Master Masons who have failed to reinstate within the three year period. We know this has added a great amount of work to their present duties.

The Committee wishes to call to the attention of the secretaries of the subordinate lodges that annual returns provide that the same shall be signed by both the Master and Secretary of the subordinate lodge

and that the Seal of the lodge must be affixed thereto. Attention has been called to the laxity of proper completion of these returns and a check of the 1956 returns reveals that almost 15% are deficient in one or more of these requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the reports to be typewritten if possible, and handwritten reports be printed and spaced accordingly to the lines on the report.

2. That the secretaries check their seals and make sure that they make a clear impression. We found a number of the seals that could hardly be read or seen and we are certain that they can be repaired at a nominal cost.

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 Association, which was adopted.

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

To most of you brethren who sit in this Communication, one hundred years seems a long space of time. It is, and yet you should be thinking, that things of great purpose, strength, and service must of necessity grow cautiously and slowly, if they are to survive the test of time. You should also be giving thanks that this Grand Lodge of ours has come down through the Ages, guided by the Wisdom of God and by courageous brethren who put aside their personal gain so that the excellent tenets of Freemasonry would be handed unimpaired to the generations that were to follow them. So we today, who have come to this Centennial are enjoying the fruits of their labors and should be humbly grateful. The Masonry we now enjoy came out of the distant past and it is our duty to take it on into the future and hand it "unimpaired" to the generation that is to follow us. Our Masonic forefathers have named us their fraternal beneficiaries, left us a charge, an inheritance, trust of safe-keeping and God help us if we fail. These brethren of yester-year have shown by their good deeds, that they were dedicated to a worthy cause that has brought to us a fraternity of freedom and brotherly love, in which men feel the power of its binding ties, and made it the growing need for everyday good living. Our reflections over the days of the past shall surely bring faith and hope for the future. Let us, each one, take a personal inventory, to determine if he is truly a Master Mason.

We do not think long about this Centennial which we are observing without remembering that George Washington had much influence in bringing Masonry to America. No man, except One, has held or ever will hold the high esteem of so many millions of Americans, as does George

Washington. He had much to do with the good Masonry that we at this moment are enjoying, and it would do well for all American Masons of this generation and for those to come, to keep warm in their hearts and fresh in their minds the spirit of George Washington.

Surely as he built the foundation for this Great Union of ours, he must have been thinking of the generations that were to follow him. Historians searching the record have found so much wisdom in his philosophy of life, so much dedication and devotion to the principles of Masonry, that our leaders deemed it proper to build a Memorial which would "for the duration of time" immortalize his name. Thus, began the building of the "Temple on Shooters Hill."

For a moment let's take a look at the progress report:

1. The Museum on the 4th floor is complete. Many of the Washington momentos and relics will be on display in this room.

2. The 5th floor developed by the Royal Arch Masons has been completed and dedicated.

3. The Chapel on the 8th floor developed by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar was completed and dedicated on April 20th, 1957.

4. The General Grand Council are developing the 7th floor and fifty per cent of the funds have been paid in. The completion of this floor will complete the interior of the Memorial.

NECESSARY TO COMPLETE

1. There yet remains the granite work on the exterior of the building and on the terraces. This granite work, together with the necessary landscaping has been estimated to cost about \$600,000.

2. The completion of the Memorial will also increase the personnel and the payroll. Then the estimated cost of operation will be about \$125,000. annually.

There is now needed an Endowment Fund of Four Million Dollars to properly care for the maintenance and operation, after the building is completed. Plans for this Endowment are being studied. Special gifts will be accepted with gratitude.

The present problem is to get the story of the Memorial and the urgent need for funds to every Mason in the United States.

This Committee can state with assurance to the Grand Master that we are ready to co-operate with any plan of promotion presented to us. We desperately need working tools to bring inspiration and facts to the Brethren.

There has been but little activity this year. Two or three of our lodges have used the film. At North Platte we used the colored slides and had many favorable comments. We sincerely hope that all of you will avail yourselves of an opportunity to use the film or the slides. Now would be a good time to begin making plans for an evening meeting with the ladies. Have a dinner and ask for a Grand Lodge Officer to

attend. Make it an evening of Masonic Inspiration and you will have a full house.

CONCLUSION

May we who hold in reverence the name of George Washington keep his influence to stimulate us—his philosophy to live by—his wisdom to guide us—his devotion as an example—and his spirit to refresh us.

Let us all remember that it is "WE" who have erected this Majestic Masonic Shrine as an immortal monument to him whom Providence commissioned to give to us a Nation under God born out of a great principle and dedicated to the blessing of liberty.

W. Emil J. Weyrich, 6:

I move that from the printed proceedings each Lodge shall be requested to read the report of the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. (Motion seconded and carried.)

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 Mueller, 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 expense during the past year.

We submit herewith as a matter of permanent record our findings.

**COMPARISON OF 1956 FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**

EXPENSE ANNUAL SESSION	Appro- priated	Expended or With- drawn	Savings	Over- draft
Payroll	\$12,391.30	\$10,289.60	\$2,101.70	
Grand Lodge dinner	750.00	654.50	95.50	
Entertaining distinguished guests .	1,500.00	1,298.20	201.80	
Reporting and transcribing 1956				
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 Commissions	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	867.25	382.75	
TRAVELING EXPENSE				
Grand Master	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Grand Secretary	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Grand Custodian and Assistants ..	5,000.00	5,000.00		
Other Grand Officers under				
direction of Grand Master ...	600.00	600.00		
Grand Secretary Emeritus,				
M. W. Lewis E. Smith	500.00	500.00		
SALARIES				
Grand Secretary	7,500.00	7,500.00		
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, 1957	2,200.00	2,200.00		
Audit of Grand Lodge books and				
Securities	350.00	350.00		
Grand Secretary's office expense .	4,500.00	4,500.00		
Jewel for retiring Grand Master ..	154.00	154.00		
PRINTING				
Proceedings for 1956 Session,				
including Advance copies, etc.	4,500.00	4,025.50	474.50	

Printing Nebraska Masonic Code books as per GM Charles F. Adams, Recommendation No. 8	2,948.00		2,948.00	
INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS				
Workmens Compensation and Liability insurance to June 18, 1957	41.01	41.01		
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of U. S. and Canada, 45, 737 members	291.18	291.18		
Social Security Tax	590.00	680.45		90.45
Surety Bond of Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees	315.00	313.20	1.80	
Liability Insurance to cover Grand Lodge Liability on Grand Master's and other cars	73.15	23.15	50.00	
To cover one-year premium for Compensation, Public Liability Insurance on all Subordinate Lodges, expiring June 17, 1957	5,031.07	5,031.07		
MISCELLANEOUS				
Cost of Transportation of Grand Lodge for visit to The Nebras- ka Masonic Home	294.00	294.00		
For purchase of 100 Fifty-year buttons @ \$2.45 plus 10% tax and delivery charges	270.00	294.80		24.80
Refund to Omaha Lodge No. 288 for special dispensation granted (not used)	10.00	10.00		
To M. W. Herbert T. White, refund on expenses	446.65	446.65		
Totals	\$70,995.36	\$64,504.56	\$6,873.55	\$115.25

The following list of unexpended balances from appropriations with-
drawn have been returned to the Grand Lodge General Fund:

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

The amount of \$1,800 was appropriated and withdrawn. The report
of this Committee shows an expenditure of \$1,776.31, having a balance of
\$23.69 which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVEL EXPENSE

The amount of \$2,500 was appropriated and withdrawn. The itemized
expense report filed shows an expenditure of \$2,493.24, leaving a balance
of \$6.76, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS LEWIS E. SMITH
TRAVEL EXPENSE

The amount of \$500 was appropriated and withdrawn. The expense report filed shows an expenditure of \$350, leaving a balance of \$150, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S AND ASSISTANTS' TRAVEL EXPENSE

The amount of \$5,000 was appropriated and withdrawn. The itemized report filed shows an expenditure of \$4,522.01, leaving a balance of \$477.99, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

PAST GRAND MASTER HERBERT T. WHITE'S
RECOMMENDATION NO. 9

The above recommendation, which was adopted last year, provided that the incoming Grand Master be directed to appoint a special committee of three to be known as "Grand Lodge Office Committee", to investigate the needs for remodeling and refurnishing the Grand Lodge offices, and report to the Grand Master, who was empowered to allow the Committee to spend not to exceed \$5,000 and a special appropriation from the Building and Improvement Fund was made in the amount of \$5,000.

This Committee authorized the expenditure of \$2,531.35 only, which leaves \$2,468.65 unexpended from the original appropriation which was not transferred. They now request an appropriation of \$1,800 for the purchase of four pieces of equipment consisting of a micro-film machine, an electric typewriter, a document copying machine and an air conditioner.

We approve this request, and will make proper appropriation later in this report.

M. W. GRAND MASTER MERLE M. HALE'S RECOMMENDATION
NO. 6

This is a recommendation that Nebraska Lodge No. 1 be reimbursed in the amount of \$430, covering expense in rehabilitating the Masonic Monument at Bellevue which marks the spot of the first lodge organized in Nebraska.

Our Committee is unanimous in agreement that this is an item that should be properly borne by this Grand Lodge, and we are setting up this amount in our Budget.

The report of the Grand Lodge Business Affairs Committee, M. W. Brother Edward F. Carter, Chairman, presented to the Grand Lodge at this Session, and which was adopted, calls for an expenditure of approximately \$3,500 to carry out the plans recommended to the Grand Lodge.

Later in our report under the heading of Special Appropriations this amount will be provided for.

GENERAL FUND

There is in cash in this fund the amount of \$55,737.37 as of May 10, 1957 on deposit in the U. S. National Bank. There has been or will be returned to the General Fund unexpended balances in the amount of \$658.44 from various committees. This will make a total of \$56,395.81 available for the 1957 General Fund Budget.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET

EXPENSE OF ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Payroll for 1957 Communication	\$12,351.90
Recording and transcribing of 1957 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
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	5,600.00
Other Grand Officers and Committees under direction of the Grand Master	1,050.00
Grand Secretary Emeritus, M. W. Lewis E. Smith	500.00

SALARIES

Grand Secretary	7,500.00
Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff	7,760.00
Grand Custodian	5,500.00

FIXED EXPENSE

Rent of Grand Lodge Quarters to June, 1958	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 1957 Communication, including advance copies, etc.	4,500.00
Printing 1,050 Nebraska Masonic Code books	4,800.00

INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workmen's Compensation and Liability Insurance to June 18, 1958	41.01
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of U. S. and Canada, 46,064 members	292.82

Social Security Tax	710.00
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, Committees, and employees	331.20
Liability Insurance to cover Grand Lodge liability on Grand Master's and other cars (blanket insurance)	22.60
To cover one-year's premium for Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance on all subordinate lodges expiring June 17, 1958	4,145.76
MISCELLANEOUS	
To purchase of 200 fifty-year buttons, \$2.70 each, plus 10% ..	594.00
Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to cover expense on Masonic Monument at Bellevue, Nebraska	430.00
Total	\$71,083.29

In the adoption of the foregoing Budget, amounting to \$71,083.29, 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, Order of the Eastern Star\$27,500.00
As there is only \$6,863 available in this fund, it will be necessary to amplify this by special appropriations from other funds as provided by law.

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the amount in the Maintenance 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, 1957 budget.\$ 8,000.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children as provided by law\$ 9,000.00
Special appropriation for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home Student Fund (to be matched by an equal amount from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star)\$ 1,200.00

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children as provided by law\$ 2,000.00

RELIEF FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the General Fund 1957 Budget . \$ 7,000.00

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Special appropriation for purchase of equipment for Grand
 Lodge office \$ 1,800.00
 Special appropriation for Grand Lodge Business Affairs
 Committee \$ 3,500.00

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 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 the five Senior Past Grand Masters and the two immediate Junior Past Grand Masters, residing in Nebraska, who shall elect their own Chairman. The Committee shall meet prior to the opening of Grand Lodge and shall consider the recommendations and decisions submitted to it by the Grand Master and all matters of Masonic Law and controversy which may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master.”

2. That the following new section, to be identified as Section 1-304.01 be adopted as follows:

“Section 1-304.01—GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS—All recommendations which the Grand Master intends to make in his communication address, and all decisions rendered to date, shall be submitted by the Grand Master to the Jurisprudence Committee, all Past Grand Masters and all Grand Lodge Officers not less than thirty days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. Any decisions made after the submission of the above to the Jurisprudence Committee shall be submitted to the Committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge.”

3. That Section 1-105 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 1-105—MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—The retiring Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and one representative from each chartered Lodge, according to official rank, if present, and each member of a standing committee, shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge 10¢ per mile for each mile traveled going to Grand Lodge, to be estimated by the most direct route, and five dollars per day for each day's attendance. In case the lodge is not represented by any of the first three officers, the proxy given by the highest ranking officer shall be entitled to mileage and per diem. Each member of a standing committee, convened in advance of the annual communication, shall receive per diem for such additional attendance, besides the mileage and per diem for Grand Lodge attendance, unless he be excused by the Grand Lodge. Each member of the Jurisprudence Committee shall receive mileage and per diem for attendance at the meeting of this committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge, provided that the total expense for such mileage and per diem shall not exceed \$500.00 in any one year for such special meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee. Provided that no member shall be paid for mileage traveled out of this state, nor for a greater distance than from the location of his lodge in this state."

4. That the following new section, to be identified as Section 2-202.01 be adopted as follows:

"Section 2-202.01—The fee for a new charter shall be \$100.00."

5. That Section 3-403 of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the third sentence thereof and substituting the following words:

"Any notice served by mail shall be by either registered or certified mail, with request for return receipt."

6. 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."

7. That Section 1-301 of the by-laws be amended by the substitution of the following for paragraphs 2 and 3 of said section and by striking out said paragraphs as they now appear:

"The standing committees shall be the following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, 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, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, and Grand Lodge Office. 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, Charters and Dispensations, Credentials, Payroll, Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, Returns

and Fraternal Dead. 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.”

8. That Section 1-401 of the by-laws be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

“Section 1-401—BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES—(a) The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master for terms as hereinafter provided. A majority of said Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting for the transaction of official business. Said Board of Grand Trustees shall have full charge of the purchase and sale of all investments of every nature belonging to the Grand Lodge and the investment or reinvestment of all Grand Lodge funds, subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Grand Lodge; including all funds, securities, mortgages, real estate and other property belonging to the Grand Lodge. It is the intent of this section that all funds and accounts of the Grand Lodge, The Nebraska Masonic Home, and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be conveyed and assigned to the Grand Lodge and delivered to the Board of Grand Trustees for the purposes of management and investment.

(b) The Grand Master elected at the session of the Grand Lodge at which this amendment is passed shall immediately after taking office appoint five Grand Trustees; one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years. Existing members of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be appointed for the terms corresponding to the years of their unexpired terms. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one Grand Trustee for a term of five years to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of one Grand Trustee and each Grand Master shall in the event a vacancy occurs on the Board of Grand Trustees by death, resignation, incapacity to act, or otherwise, appoint a Grand Trustee to fill the unexpired term caused thereby.

(c) The Grand Trustees appointed shall be members in good standing of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and shall be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment field. All trustees shall be residents of the State of Nebraska, and if any Trustee shall cease to be a resident of this State, or shall cease to be a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge his place as Grand Trustee shall be declared vacant by the Grand Master, and a new Grand Trustee appointed immediately.

(d) The Board of Grand Trustees shall select its chairman from its membership. The Grand Secretary shall act as Secretary of said Board.

(e) The Grand Trustees shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expense incurred covering mileage, hotel rooms and

meals. They are also authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary for financial advice and service from funds appropriated by the Grand Lodge for that purpose. They may also expend such sums for legal services and court costs as they may deem necessary for the proper handling of the investments and the protection and collection of the same.

(f) The securities of the Grand Lodge shall be kept in a bank or trust company for handling, accounting, and safety purposes under an agency account agreement to be negotiated and executed by the Board of Grand Trustees. It is the intent of this section that such agreement shall provide for the custody and safe keeping of all securities by the bank or trust company, for the sale, purchase, investment, reinvestment, collection and remitting of securities or funds under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees, and render complete statements of all accounts to the Board of Grand Trustees in the manner and at such intervals as such Board may require. Such Board is hereby authorized to expend an amount not exceeding one-fourth of one per centum of the value of the property per year for such a contract. The Board of Grand Trustees shall review the list of securities annually and make a written report of their analysis to the Grand Lodge. Funds for investment and reinvestment shall be given consideration not less than once each quarter, and a complete record of the data presented for consideration and the action taken, shall be kept by the Secretary and be available at all times for those to whom access shall be granted, and an annual report of the doings of The Board of Grand Trustees shall be made to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

(g) The Board of Grand Trustees shall establish its own investment policies if not in violation of Section 1-402 of the By-Laws, and determine its limitations on classes of investments as it deems wise and prudent, and may delegate to one or more of its members authority to act to carry out such policies within such limitations in case of emergency or under such conditions and regulations as the Board may establish for handling the investments when the Board is not in session.

(h) All funds, securities, mortgages and real estate belonging to this Grand Lodge shall be the property of and carried in the name of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. All deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property, and all mortgage releases or assignment of stock certificates, securities or such other legal documents having to do with the investment or reinvestment of Grand Lodge funds, shall be executed for the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary upon authorization of the Board of Grand Trustees, provided, however, in the absence of the Grand Master all assignments, transfers, and other legal documents that are necessary for the sale or transfer of securities can be executed by the Grand Secretary together with the chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

(i) The Board of Grand Trustees shall employ a certified public accountant to make an annual audit of the accounts of the Grand Lodge, The Nebraska Masonic Home, and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. An original of such audit or audits shall be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary.

(j) The Board of Grand Trustees shall designate the depositories for all funds and securities of the Grand Lodge under such terms and conditions as it shall deem proper."

9. That Section 1-404 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows, and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 1-404—RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS—The Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home shall keep an accurate and detailed record of its proceedings, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Grand Master, and any one authorized by him for that purpose, and shall at least ten days before the annual Grand Lodge communication file with the Grand Secretary a full, detailed and itemized statement of the moneys received and paid out, the dates and sources of such receipts, and the dates and objects of such payments. Said report shall be referred to the proper committee of the Grand Lodge in the same manner as the reports of offices and other committees accounting for the expenditure of funds."

10. That Section 1-406 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows, and that original of said section be repealed:

"Section 1-406—GRAND LODGE ENDOWMENT FUND—That the name of the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund is hereby changed to the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund. This endowment fund, with its net annual increase, shall, by the Board of Grand Trustees, be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds. So much of the current net annual income therefrom as may be needed may be allocated by the Board of Grand Trustees to The Nebraska Masonic Home, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and the General Fund of the Grand Lodge."

11. That Section 1-319 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows, and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 1-319—FINANCE—The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master for terms herein provided. The Grand Master elected at the session at which this amendment is adopted, shall immediately after taking office appoint five members, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one member for a term of five years to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of one member and, in case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill the unexpired term. It shall be the duty of the committee to examine the books and vouchers of the

Grand Secretary, including the vouchers of all officers and committees for whom appropriations have been made. The committee shall determine if all such vouchered expenditures are within the scope of the appropriation and report to the Grand Lodge any expenditures which it deems to have been improperly paid from the appropriation made. It shall examine all expenditures from each appropriated fund and report the amounts of any unexpended balance to be returned to the proper fund of the Grand Lodge. It shall determine and report the actual condition of all funds and accounts of the Grand Lodge, consider all matters relating to revenue and its expenditure, and report such recommendations as it may deem for the financial benefit of the Grand Lodge. It shall examine all accounts annually and certify the result thereof to the Grand Lodge in its annual report. If doubt should arise as to whether or not an expenditure can properly be made from an appropriation by the Grand Lodge, such expenditure shall not be made therefrom without the written approval of the Committee on Finance. The committee shall have authority to employ a certified public accountant at the expense of the Grand Lodge, if in the judgment of the committee and the Grand Master it shall be deemed necessary."

12. That the following new section, to be identified as Section 1-326, be adopted as follows:

"Section 1-326—APPROPRIATIONS—The Committee on Appropriations shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master for terms hereinafter provided. The Grand Master, elected at the session at which this section is passed, shall immediately after taking office appoint five members, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one member for a term of five years to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of one member and, in case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. It shall be the duty of the Committee to fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge. Unless such amounts are changed by the Grand Lodge, they shall be final and binding, and shall be considered the financial limit of the authority of the officers, person or committee in exercising the purpose of the appropriation. The officers, persons or committees requiring an appropriation of funds shall make a request therefor in writing. The committee shall hold open hearings on such requests at which any member of the Grand Lodge may appear and be heard. In case of an emergency, the committee may increase an appropriation between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of the necessity, provided however, that it has the approval in writing of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge."

13. 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.

M. .W. .Merle M. Hale, Grand Master :

I wish, at this time, to discharge the Committee on Centennial, W. .Brother George Rosenlof, Chairman, with the very great thanks of this Grand Lodge and all its members. You did an outstanding job, you have given us an occasion which we will long remember, and we do appreciate the great effort that you have put forth, and I am sure you can feel satisfied that it was a wonderful occasion.

W. .Brother George W. Rosenlof, 314 :

M. .W. .Grand Master, I regret exceedingly that on Tuesday when I made my report as a member of this Committee, representing my Committee, and you made that beautiful presentation, that I found myself without words to adequately express my appreciation. It was wholly unnecessary I can assure you, because ours has been from the beginning what we have liked to conceive as a labor of love. What we have done has been done with pleasure and satisfaction to all members of our Committee. We are happy in the knowledge that the Brethren are pleased and that this Communication is now rapidly drawing to a close. It has been a period of most joyful service and we should be expressing gratitude for the privilege of having served so grand an organization as this. I think it goes without saying that the members of the Centennial Committee are desirous of seeing its labors concluded satisfactorily. And if it is in the scope of this duty and responsibility, that the M. .W. .Grand Master-elect will see fit to call upon the members of that Committee to cooperate further with W. .Brother Harold H. Thom in the preparation of the history, we shall be at your service. God bless you. Thank you.

M. .W. .George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master :

M. .W. .Grand Master, Brethren of the Grand Lodge: I know the Grand Master has thanked the various committees, but I want, at this time to move that the grateful thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Committee that probably did more work and whose beneficial effects will be felt for many many years to come. Probably as long as this Grand Lodge exists, and that is the Committee headed by M. .W. .Brother Edward F. Carter. I move that the grateful thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to M. .W. .Brother Carter and the members of his Committee. (Motion seconded and carried.)

M. .W. .John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master :

M. .W. .Grand Master, by your ruling on my point of order, no action was taken on M. .W. .Brother White's recommendation No. 8 in 1956, in which the Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved the change in by-laws. It still remains unfinished business. I, therefore, ask by unanimous consent that it be left as unfinished business until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge when the matter of amendment to

the Constitution will be brought up. So if it is desirable, we can bring it up at that time.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

Is there any objection? Hearing none, it is so ordered.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master:

I, of course, could not thank all of the Committees, but I did thank those who reported, but there was one Committee who made no report but was busy all the time. I thanked the Chairman personally, but I do want to publicly thank the entire Committee. That is the Committee on the Entertainment of our Distinguished Guests. That was a tremendous job this year because we had so many of them that this Committee was busy every minute and they didn't overlook a thing and the thanks that we received from our Distinguished Guests for their treatment here certainly shows that this Committee and the Reception Committee of the Centennial Committee, who operated at the Hotel, all certainly did do a wonderful job.

RECOMMENDATION

W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman of the Committee on Temple Building, Advisory to the Grand Master, presented the following Recommendation, which was adopted:

GRAND LODGE TEMPLE BUILDING LOAN FUND

In the course of performing its duties, your Temple Building Advisory Committee has had the opportunity to observe many of the facets involved in the financing of Temple construction or renovation. The building situations with which we are confronted have almost invariably been given earnest consideration by the officers and other members of the lodge; rare indeed, if ever, is the approval of your Committee sought for a project that exceeds the ultimate financial ability of the lodge presenting it. However, it is also an unusual situation that does not find the lodge assuming indebtedness—sometimes borrowing from local brothers, sometimes by mortgaging its property to a commercial lending institution, sometimes both.

Through the years, many of our lodges have failed to anticipate future needs of their respective lodges and because of this, have failed to adjust and control their incomes and expenses so as to provide reserve surplus funds for future building needs. Sooner or later they are confronted with the problem of providing a desirable building to meet their needs. To provide the necessary funds at one time, or when the emergency arises, poses a hardship beyond capacity of the membership, whereas, if dues had been adequate and a portion of such dues set aside for that purpose annually, the lodge would need only to

borrow the required difference, which in turn could then be amortized by the excess in dues. We have found where lodges have been compelled to borrow from local banking institutions, the prevailing rate of interest runs in the neighborhood of 5%.

It is well-known that many of our church fellowships maintain, on a national scale, revolving building funds to be devoted, on a loan basis, to church building or renovation. The record of these funds for financial soundness is proverbial. Through the mechanism of such a revolving fund, a dollar can build many dollars of construction because, as it is returned from one mission it again goes out on another.

In the same way, though on a smaller scale, your Committee feels that a Grand Lodge Temple Building Loan Fund could be extremely useful in helping to more effectively build Masonry in Nebraska. How much more effective, to the new Mason, if his Masonic birth can be in clean well-kept surroundings that to him suggest the love and reverence in which Masonry is held by his new brethren.

There are very practical and down-to-earth reasons for the establishment of a Grand Lodge Temple Building Loan Fund.

(1) In the first place, from the commercial lender's standpoint a mortgage secured by property devoted to religious and/or fraternal purposes will not ordinarily rank as a particularly choice investment. Even though its members constitute a select group from the standpoint of integrity, the facts are that in most cases such property, of itself, either has no earning capacity or (as in the case of a lodge building in a commercial area where the ground floor can be rented for commercial purposes) at best has a limited earning capacity in comparison with other types of commercial property.

(2) Also, the commercial lender must always keep in mind what his position will be if the borrower runs into difficulty in meeting interest and principal payments. Institutions such as banks, building and loan associations, insurance companies, etc., who are lending other peoples' money have a high sense of trusteeship. The interests of their depositors are, with them, paramount. An investment that gets into difficulties must from their standpoint, be handled in a way that serves THEIR DEPOSITORS best; and the best interests of a group of depositors may not be the same as the best interests of the borrower.

(3) In contrast, Grand Lodge funds are not deposits of individuals, subject to some form of direct withdrawal. While it is true that Grand Lodge funds are held in trust, such trusteeship is from the standpoint of what is best for Nebraska Masonry. Your Committee would suggest that a very substantial benefit to Nebraska Masonry would well accrue if, initially from Grand Lodge funds, a Grand Lodge Temple Building Loan Fund were to be established. It is the considered opinion of the Committee that the dollars in such a fund, invested in the physical properties of Nebraska Masonic Lodges, would not only render material assistance to constituent lodges but at the same time furnish an invest-

ment outlet that, from the standpoint of the Grand Lodge, would be of the highest quality.

At this point it is only proper to raise the question as to why the value of a Masonic Temple mortgage is enhanced the mere fact that it is owned by the Grand Lodge rather than a commercial lender. The answer lies in the fact that the Grand Lodge has a different interest in the constituent lodge and its affairs and its well-being than does the commercial lender. To the latter, a mortgage on a Masonic Temple is—just another investment, to be handled just as any other mortgage. Within the circle of Masonry, however, such a mortgage, when made from Grand Lodge funds, is a symbol of a community of interest. Because after all the Grand Lodge is simply a body composed of its subordinate lodges, and in all things that is where its interests and responsibilities lie. Thus a loan from Grand Lodge funds made to help a worthy subordinate lodge benefits all of us. Under such a community relationship a borrowing subordinate lodge will on the one hand find a patient and helpful lender if it meets adversity; likewise, the Grand Lodge (in contrast to any other lender) is in a position to give it every encouragement in keeping its financial house in order.

RECOMMENDATION

The Temple Building Advisory Committee therefore makes the following recommendation, for adoption by the Grand Lodge:

(1) That a Grand Lodge Temple Building Loan Fund be established by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, such fund to be initially set up by the allocation, from the Grand Lodge permanent funds, of such amount as may appear to be suitable;

(2) That the purpose of such Loan Fund be to enable constituent lodges to borrow therefrom at interest, to assist in the construction, renovation, and/or furnishing for such lodges as meets the approval of the Grand Master, Grand Trustees, and the Temple Building Advisory Committee;

(3) That the administration of such Loan Fund be delegated to the Board of Grand Trustees as outlined under their duties contained in Sec. 1-401, Nebraska Masonic Code. Such action, if any, by the Board of Trustees shall be upon recommendations of the Temple Building Advisory Committee through the Grand Master.

(4) That the amount to be loaned to any individual lodge be based on its requirements and the lodge's ability to pay.

(5) It is further recommended that additional rules for making and servicing of loans from the Grand Lodge Temple Building Loan Fund be initially set up by the Grand Lodge Trustees meeting with the Temple Building Advisory Committee.

MINUTES APPROVED

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master:

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 5, 6 and 7, 1956, 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. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian:

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 twelve 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 OFFICERS

M. W. Edward M. Knight, Past Grand Master, was Installing Officer, assisted by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, Installing Marshal.

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master:

I would like to first address a few remarks to M. W. Brother Edward M. Knight. Only a very short time ago you laid the keel and now just five years later you are officiating at the launching. It is now up to the boat to put to sea and try to weather the storms which lie ahead. I sincerely solicit your prayers for calm seas and smooth sailing for the few short months which are immediately ahead of me.

I believe it was Emerson who wrote something to the effect that no one should ever apologize for his weaknesses and short-comings. These will become evident soon enough and it is just possible that some of them would never have been discovered, had they not been admitted.

Nevertheless, I feel impelled to most humbly admit my feeling of deficiency to do justice to the high honor reposed in me. At the same time, I am accepting this honor with far less misgivings than I felt upon accepting my original appointment into the Grand Lodge Line.

When I accepted this appointment, it was made plain that, if and when I ever became Grand Master, I would still be working for a livelihood and my first duty would still be to those whom I had served for so many years and my available time for Grand Lodge duties would of necessity be limited. That time having arrived, my circumstances are found to be as I had predicted. I was, however, assured that all the

necessary help I might need would be freely given. My implicit belief that this will be true is the reason why I am accepting this responsibility with the confidence I do feel.

In spite of all that has been said about the ability of the Past Grand Masters to take the Grand Master to task and put him in his place, I already have evidence that their willingness to, when solicited, pick up the Grand Master and carry him over the rough spots far overshadows their afore-mentioned pitilessness. However, in acknowledging their wonderful support and council, it is admitted that this, in itself, is not sufficient.

I believe I have become aware of the fact that there is a much Higher Authority whose counsel and guidance must be sought through the medium of prayer and when faith is sufficient and those prayers are acceptable to Him, strength and courage will be granted to fulfill the responsibilities confided, and that the help from those distinguished Past Grand Masters and the Grand Lodge Officers will be the result of the graciousness of Almighty God being made manifest through them. This, my brethren, is the source of my feeling of self-confidence in assuming this most important assignment.

I trust it will be fully realized that many of the duties of a Grand Master, as evidenced by my distinguished predecessors, will, of necessity, be severely curtailed. Visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions and to our own Lodges and Affiliated Bodies will be greatly limited. I hope these circumstances will be understood by all the brethren concerned.

With these limitations, I most humbly accept this high honor and it is my most ardent prayer that Nebraska Masonry will continue to grow and prosper during the coming year as it has done in the past.

M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, I certainly want to express my sincere appreciation for your acting as Grand Marshal for the installation. I doubt if you can recall how many Grand Lodge Officers you have conducted to the East, acting as Grand Marshal.

I want to recognize the brethren who are here from up and down the North Platte Valley. Will those brethren please stand? Brethren, that is the representation of every lodge up and down the North Platte Valley and I am grateful for their presence.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. W. Thomas J. Aron, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Merle M. Hale, we are now in a season of graduation, High School Seniors and College Seniors are stepping out of the theoretical into the practical. You have completed five years of labor in the Grand Lodge line and now it is a pleasure to welcome you into the realm of the has beens, so to speak. We know that you are in the communications business, we feel that you have communicated a great deal over the wires, at least, in your business and in this job as Grand Master

this past year. Actually, if we agreed on every item that was done there would be something just as wrong as if we disagreed on every thing. Personally, I have spent about as many years out of the office as I spent in the line getting to the office, and I wish to assure you that you are joining a group of men and Masons who have only the best interests of Masonry at heart. And though our remarks sometimes get a little pointed they are meant for the good of the Order, as we have felt that your remarks and actions have been. Therefore, may I present you with this jewel, and be the first to welcome you into the line of Past Grand Masters.

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Past Grand Master :

M. . W. . Brother Tom, I appreciate this presentation from your hands, I hope I have not disappointed you as Grand Master. I may have at times, but I mean in overall occasions, I hope I have not. I have done what I thought was right and if I have made mistakes, they have been mistakes of the mind and not of the heart because my love is in this grand Order, and I have asked Divine guidance before I entered any session of this Grand Lodge and I have felt His strength and support with me in everything that I did, and I hope that I have contributed something to this Grand Lodge. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON

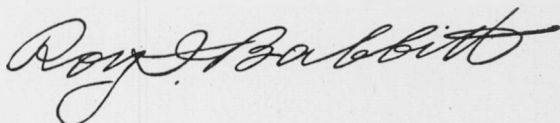
R. . W. . Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary :

M. . W. . Grand Master, might I have a word. M. . W. . Brother Merle, on behalf of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, I have the pleasure of presenting you with a Past Grand Master's apron. We have had a wonderful year together and I have enjoyed it very much.

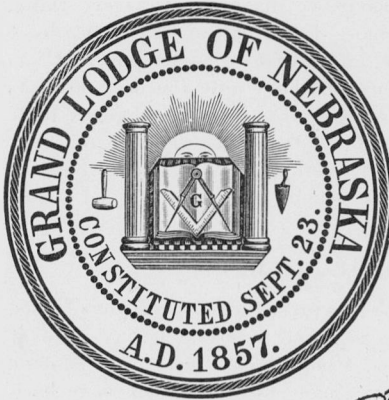
M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Past Grand Master :

Thank you, Brother Carl, it is an honor to receive this apron from your hands. It has been a real pleasure to work with you this year, we have been very busy but we have enjoyed it and it will be a year that I will never forget, and I want to thank you and Cathy for your many courtesies.

At 1:15 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 One Hundredth 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 4, 5 and 6, 1957, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 25th day of July, 1957.

Charles E. Jensen

Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

This page is fraternally and affectionately
dedicated to the memory of
Eight Hundred Twenty-five
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.

IN MEMORIAM

This page is inscribed to the Memory of

Most Worshipful Brother

VIRGIL R. JOHNSON

GRAND MASTER

June 6, 1934 to June 5, 1935

Born October 21, 1875, Seward, Nebraska

Died August 7, 1956, Beatrice, Nebraska

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Lewis E. Smith, 55 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- 50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57
William Cosh 50 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- 55-56-57
Charles A. Chappell, 46 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- 44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57
Chancellor A. Phillips, 42 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- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-53-56-57
William F. Evers, 38 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- 52-53-54-55-56-57
George A. Stevens, 36 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- 51-54-55-57
Benjamin F. Eyre, 35 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- 55-56-57
John S. Hedelund, 35 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- 55-56-57
Raymond C. Cook, 35 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- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57
Carl R. Greisen, 34 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 56-57
C. Ray Macy, 34 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 56-57
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 B. Wanner, 31 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41- 42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57
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

Pearl C. Hillegass, 29 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57
Walter R. Raecke, 29 Years	1924-25-26-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57
James H. Bryant, 27 Years	1893-94-97-99-1902-04-05-08-17-20-21-27-29-30-34 42-43-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-55-56-57
Herbert T. White 27 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57

(No Grand Lodge Communication in 1945, however Credit is given.)

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE PASSED
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
HENRY H. WILSON.....	June 28th, 1941..	19.....(30th)..	1895
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Aug. 24th, 1915..	34.....(31st)..	1896

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
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
VIRGIL R. JOHNSON.....	Aug. 7th, 1956..	26.....	(70th)..1934
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		
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		
MERLE M. HALE	(91st) ..	1956
1342 M Street, Lincoln		
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



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	Robert M. Herre, 224	Omaha	July 30, 1957
Dr. Eduardo Ayala	Buenos Aires	Sept. 23, 1954	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fletcher Sills, Jr.	Prescott	April 13, 1949	Arizona	Morace F. Smith, 265	Scottsbluff	Mar. 18, 1950
A. B. Arbaugh	Jasper	Feb. 19, 1942	Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
Hugo Barber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 1951	Austria	Louis J. Lepinski, 184	Omaha	Aug. 12, 1955
Raul Ballalao de Carvalho	Val. do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia, United	Mainard E. Crosby, 32	North Platte	Sept. 19, 1936
Roumundo Nonato do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Jose Cesario Horto	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Guilherme Wittine	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
Abio Herve	Rio Grande do Sul	Oct. 10, 1949	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	John J. Helzer, 158	Chadron	Nov. 15, 1949
Onelio Leal DaSilva	Paraiba	Feb. 4, 1954	Brazil, Lodge of Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Walter Pinto	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	Dec. 10, 1954
William Fraser	Creston	April 20, 1955	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	April 15, 1944	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Rodolfo C. Oliveira	Estado 62, Santiago	Mar. 18, 1930	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Jose Maria Serna	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Clifford D. Webster, 321	Sidney	July 30, 1957
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 24, 1943
George S. Hull	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948	Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Cecilio Nieto Casobo	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918	Costa Rica	Frank A. Anderson, 17	Tecumseh	Jan. 5, 1952
V. H. Francisco Enrique	Garcia	Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
Fagan Simonton	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Mogens Millertz	Washington	Nov. 19, 1956	Denmark	John S. Hedelund, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
John Linn McGrew	Guayaquil	July 6, 1917	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Fernandos Gayangos Araya	Alexandria	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Guy W. Anderson, 36	Lincoln	May 12, 1939
Ibrahim F. K. Pacha	Wiltshire	Oct. 10, 1933	Egypt	Emil H. Vierig, 33	Grand Island	July 23, 1947
William R. S. Bathurst	Jacksonville	May 18, 1950	England	Fay Smith, 198	Imperial	June 17, 1954
Leon E. Forbes	Paris	April 15, 1944	Florida	Charles B. Nicodemus, 15	Fremont	April 15, 1944
Edward Jeanmond	Macon	Sept. 14, 1954	France	Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
Otis E. Dixon	Frankfurt	Jan. 15, 1957	Georgia	William F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Jan. 23, 1941
Karl Roeder	Athens	Sept. 20, 1955	Germany	Carl H. Freese, 114	Wisner	July 13, 1954
George Sakellariou	Helgafell	April 10, 1954	Greece	Steve G. Paulos, 318	Grand Island	Nov. 20, 1953
Bjarne Bjarnason	Nampa	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland	Nels Ostergaard, 32	North Platte	June 26, 1953
Everett W. Rising	Decatur	April 30, 1932	Idaho	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Harry L. Kline	South Bend	July 11, 1950	Illinois	Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59	Wahoo	Dec. 20, 1944
John P. Lippincott	Dublin	Feb. 26, 1949	Indiana	Roy S. Planck, 15	Fremont	Mar. 7, 1952
John A. Wallace	Tel Aviv	Jan. 7, 1953	Ireland	Thomas T. Varney, 176	Ansley	Dec. 20, 1944
Israel Levin	Wichita	Sept. 14, 1954	Israel, State of	William Gradinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Homer B. Osborn	Beatyville	Sept. 28, 1944	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Baton Rouge	April 20, 1945	Kentucky	Barton H. Kuhns, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
Charles F. Ratcliffe	Belfast	Sept. 18, 1936	Louisiana	Narris Chadderdon, 146	Haldrege	June 22, 1937
James A. Sanker	Winnipeg	Sept. 14, 1948	Maine	Carlos E. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 26, 1950
Nathan Rothstein	Cambridge	Mar. 22, 1951	Manitoba	Ernest C. Purdy, 195	Garden	June 24, 1943
Ernest L. Poyner	Torreon, Coah.	Dec. 8, 1953	Maryland	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Roscoe Pound	Dowagiac	May 1, 1929	Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Horace Dillon	Ada	Mar. 17, 1944	Mexico	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	April 9, 1934
Frank W. Richey		Feb. 23, 1907	Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Herbert S. Ramberg		Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR AND FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Orman Rinehart Smith	Cornith	June 21, 1957	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. Taylor, 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			
John O. Lovejoy	Bristol	April 14, 1934	New Hampshire	Clyde H. Jones, 173	Stratton	Sept. 27, 1956
John A. Stecker	Maplewood	Aug. 11, 1947	New Jersey	John F. Fitcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1952	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New So. Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	July 30, 1936
Floyd O. Robinson	New York City	Jan. 12, 1957	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
T. W. Pairman	Mangaweka	Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand	James H. Bryant, 199	Plattsmouth	April 22, 1952
			Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Armon E. Baggett		Oct. 22, 1953	North Carolina	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Albert H. Hood	Yarmouth	July 1, 1941	North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmore, 306	Sidney	Dec. 20, 1944
Ole Kristofer Roed	Oslo	Feb. 8, 1956	Norway	Nels Hammar, 56	York	Feb. 21, 1956
C. Fraser Lorimer	Stellarion	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekin, 295	Gering	July 10, 1941
Juan L. Arocha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Morris V. Balcom, 46	Kearney	May 7, 1954
Robert L. Troeschler	Youngstown	April 26, 1952	Ohio	Eldridge G. Reed, 46	Kearney	April 2, 1945
Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941	Oklahoma	Lewis E. Baker, 135	McCook	Apr. 28, 1953
Clarence D. Phillips	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937	Oregon	Varro E. Tyler, 2	Nebraska City	Dec. 9, 1941
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Panama	Walter R. Raecke, 36	Central City	April 8, 1935
			Peru			
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines	John C. Green, 280	Sargent	Oct. 17, 1945
Roy C. McLean	Souris	Mar. 24, 1943	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
A. G. Lightbourn	Fajardo	May 3, 1945	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1952
Alex Nickle	Montreal	Jan. 31, 1934	Quebec	John E. Beaver, 253	Beemer	Jan. 8, 1954
Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Guy H. Hummel	Nokomis	July 1, 1942	Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	July 10, 1947
Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke	Edinburgh	Nov. 19, 1942	Scotland	William Cosh, 11	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
Frank Ernest Haddrick	Adelaide	June 9, 1910	South Australia	Frank F. McMullin, 241	Omaha	Jan. 2, 1957
Horace Greeley Adams	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1942	South Carolina	Herbert T. White, 11	Craig	Feb. 1, 1951
Robert F. Patterson	Vermillion	Feb. 3, 1955	South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Omaha	Aug. 26, 1918
G. A. E. Lagerfelt	Linkoping	Oct. 6, 1939	Sweden	W. Alex. Danielson, 116	Minden	Sept. 10, 1953
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson, 268	Alma	Sept. 10, 1953
			Tasmania	C. Ray Macy, 26	Omaha	Aug. 8, 1949
C. Cecil Broadwell	Jackson	Nov. 30, 1956	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Beatrice	Sept. 23, 1954
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Texas	Albert S. Johnston, 19	Broken Bow	Sept. 23, 1954
George F. Meissner	Ogden	Feb. 3, 1944	Utah	William A. Kommers, 234	Lincoln	May 4, 1939
D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr.	Johnson	Feb. 4, 1943	Vermont	Charles H. Dresslar, 32	Lincoln	June 27, 1941
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Victoria	Charles H. Marley, 1	Hyannis	Mar. 10, 1945
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	North Platte	Nov. 14, 1956
Stewart E. Perry	Puyellup	July 18, 1946	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Omaha	May 4, 1939
R. H. G. Clark	Perth	Apr. 22, 1941	West Australia	Charles F. Adams, 68	Omaha	May 4, 1939
Harry E. Hoffman	Clarksburg	Feb. 12, 1947	West Virginia	Alvin H. Miller, 19	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	Wisconsin	Osborne P. Simon, 174	Alliance	June 27, 1941
					Aurora	July 10, 1947
					Lincoln	May 4, 1939
					Culbertson	June 24, 1943

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 Ainsworth, U. D., (131).
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 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)
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 Benkelman, U. D., (180)
 Benson, U. D., (290)
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85)
 *Bradshaw, 255
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 Burnett, U. D., (166)
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- Carleton, U. D., (199)
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 Cowles, 296, (ext.)
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- Firth, U. D., 66 (ext.)
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- Genoa, U. D., (125)
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- Mackey, U. D., (242)
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- Salem, 47, (ext.)
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 Syracuse, U. D., (57).
- Talmage, U. D., (162).
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 Trenton, U. D., (ext.)
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- 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.
Bannack City, U..D'.....	Bannack 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
Macy 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.....	Dorchester	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
Israel No. 187	Ulysses	December 18, 1956
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	John E. Pinkerton	Walter Dinkel*
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Francis W. Cole	Avery G. Lett
Capitol	3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Alban P. Smith	Wallie W. Messick*
Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	John Sierks	J. Adolf Wensien
5 Omadi	5	Dakota City	Dakota	Second Tuesday	Richard H. Hudson	Raymond H. Ream
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Russell H. Nielsen	Emil J. Weyrich
Falls City	9	Falls City	Richardson	Second Thursday	Melvin J. Shipley	George W. Goldsmith
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	Harold O. Swanson	Edward H. Lorenzen
Covert	11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Raymond C. Malmos	George R. Porter*
10 Orient	13	Rulo	Richardson	Second Tuesdays	Lloyd J. Anno	Robert E. Kreutzer
Peru	14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	John L. Lewis	Darrell E. Winger
Fremont	15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Gerald A. Moller	Roy S. Planck
Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Alfred G. Aden	Gerald M. Hardin
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Clarence M. Pierson	Richard L. Wait**
15 Washington	21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Thomas H. Wilson	Chris K. Bendorf
Pawnee	23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	Third Tuesday	Leonard J. Buman	David D. Dusenbery
St. Johns	25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Marion L. Inda	Harry M. Green*
Beatrice	26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Asa E. Book	Dwaine N. Gribble
Jordan	27	West Point	Cuming	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	Wade W. Nyquist	John A. Wagner
20 Hope	29	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Donald Stiers	Jay Burns
Blue River	30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Chris P. Helm	Clarence C. Wertman
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	Harvey H. Walker	Anton R. Kokes
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Virgil C. Kuhns	George O. Sizemore
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	Hall	First Thursday	Warren A. Hoover	Robert W. Cook
25 Acacia	34	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Arthur A. Grier	Godfrey A. Machal, Sr.
Fairbury	35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Roy W. Milne	Walter E. Scott
Lone Tree	36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Cecil R. Glause	Dean E. Eckhoff
Crete	37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	Charles F. Hroch	Everett M. Wood
Oliver	38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Thomas W. Wright	Walter E. Beck
30 Papillion	39	Papillion	Sarpy	Second Wednesday	Robert H. Ward	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt	40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Henry J. Kroese	Richard W. Nims
Northern Light	41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	Harold H. Robinson, Jr.	Fred R. Waring
Hebron	43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Walter H. Siebolds	Harlan S. Gordon
Harvard	44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Robert H. Yost	Ira F. Fishback
85 Rob Morris	46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Chandler S. Lynch	Alfred B. Saum

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Fairmont	48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Second Tuesday	Sidney E. Atwood, Sr.	James A. Rose
Evening Star	49	Sutton	Clay	Second Thursday	Clarence W. Hurst	John A. Bofforf
Hastings	50	Hastings	Adams	First Thursday	Harold R. Williams	Curtis L. Walters
Fidelity	51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday	Julian C. Byers	Ben L. Stahl
40 Hiram	52	Arlington	Washington	Second Thursday	George I. Haney	W. Therlo Reckmeyer
Charity	53	Red Cloud	Webster	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Ralph E. Ferebee	Marion Bloom
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Collins L. Wilcox	Russell R. Rauch**
Mosaic	55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Eugene D. Palmer	Clarence G. McNamee
York	56	York	York	Last Friday	Willard M. Bowen	Frank E. Wood
45 Mt. Moriah	57	Syracuse	Otoe	Second Thursday	John Rhodus	Donald E. Slosson
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Everett F. Barry	Edwin R. Levin
Melrose	60	Orleans	Harlan	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Laurance D. Walker	Fred H. VanHollen
Thistle	61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	James H. Burnett	G. Hanford Smith
Keystone	62	Phillips	Hamilton	Second Monday	Donald H. Olson	Harold Beins
50 Blue Valley	64	Wilber	Saline	First and Third Tuesdays	W. Edgar Gates	Otto Novak
Osceola	65	Osceola	Polk	Second Thursday	Robert L. Mills	I. Donald Huston
Edgar	67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	Everette S. Shaw	Wayne Hunter
Aurora	68	Aurora	Hamilton	First Tuesday	Volney A. Simpson	Claude A. Rennau
Sterling	70	Sterling	Johnson	Second Monday	Charles Curtin	Arnold W. Feistner
55 Trowel	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Layton E. Baker	Lee R. Fleming
Hooper	72	Hooper	Dodge	First Friday	Raymond A. Edelmaier	Norris W. Laliman
Friend	73	Friend	Saline	First and third Wednesdays	Wayne W. Yokel	Alva N. Murray
Alexandria	74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Raymond Kerwood	Guy B. Averill
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Forrest F. Belieu	Harold K. Bond
60 Nelson	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	First Thursday	Alvie M. Bueoy	Warren C. Hall
Albion	78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Robert O. Lubeck	John S. Papez
Geneva	79	Geneva	Fillmore	First Tuesday	John K. Turek	Gerald B. Walton
Composite	81	Rising City	Butler	First Tuesday	Charles Lnenicka	Fredolph C. Chalquist
St. Paul	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	Carlos P. Arterburn	Fred R. Haggart
65 Corinthian	83	Wakefield	Dixon	Third Friday	Maurice Gustafson	V. H. Robert Hanson
Fairfield	84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Mondays	Lester H. Vaughan	Clyde Shaw
Doniphan	86	Doniphan	Hall	First Friday	Gilbert F. England	Harold A. Johnson
Ionic	87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before ☉	Alvin E. Fosterman	Fulton R. Olson
Star	88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Earl W. Thomas	Walter W. Small
70 Cedar River	89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Mondays	Lester Pierce	Ernest A. Gaither

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Oakland	91	Oakland	Burt	First Thursday	Samuel F. Baltzell	Charles W. West, Sr.
Beaver City	93	Beaver City	Furnas	Second Monday	Edwin H. Franklin	Homer S. Young
Bennett	94	Bennet	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Henry A. Thaden	Roy Church
Garfield	95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	Gale W. Dierberger	Winfred W. Waller
75 Utica	96	Utica	Seward	Second Thursday	Dale R. Jones	Clair R. McNeil
Euclid	97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	Eugene M. Smith	Alvin C. Groesser
Republican	98	Republican City	Harlan	Second Wednesday	Lloyd W. Boon	Lennie E. Workman
Shelton	99	Shelton	Buffalo	Third Tuesday	Gerald Stock	Frederic M. Wiseman
Creighton	100	Creighton	Knox	First Tuesday	James E. Burt	Charles A. Kent
80 Ponca	101	Ponca	Dixon	Third Thursday	Gordon L. Hansen	Dean H. Ehle
Waterloo	102	Waterloo	Douglas	First Tuesday	Charles E. Grant	Herbert L. Johnson
Ord	103	Ord	Valley	First Wednesday	Joe R. Ruzicka	John H. LaCornu
Wymore	104	Wymore	Gage	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Mark H. Mains	O. Wayne Miller
85 Stella	105	Stella	Richardson	First Thursday	R. Clark Briggs	Elmer R. Ham
Porter	106	Loup City	Sherman	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Asa J. Forhham, Jr.	Frederick J. Leschinsky
Table Rock	108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Fred J. Jelinek	Orval O. Johnson
Pomegranate	110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	James C. Bryant	Paul I. Eaton
DeWitt	111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before O	C. Lawrence Kaufman	Everett E. Dunn
Springfield	112	Springfield	Sarpy	Second Tues. and fourth Sat.	Roy H. Woodward	William A. Ward
90 Globe	113	Madison	Madison	First Tuesday	Stuart W. Trine	Vern O. Peterson
Wisner	114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Milo G. Cheney	Judson M. Meier
Harlan	116	Alma	Harlan	First and third Tuesdays	Leonard J. Meredith	Allen W. Parker
Hardy	117	Hardy	Nuckolls	First Thursday	Robert C. Dailey	Herbert O. Pedersen
North Bend	119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Edward E. Walla	Leon J. Cherny
95 Wayne	120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Thursdays	Jason K. Preston	Archie L. Wert
Superior	121	Superior	Nuckolls	Third Tuesday	Maurv B. Campbell	Merle P. Hayes
Auburn	124	Auburn	Nemaha	First Tuesday	John R. Harmon	William N. Boyd
Mount Nebo	125	Genoa	Nance	Second Tuesday	Robert B. Conrad	V. Keith Olson
Stromsburg	126	Stromsburg	Polk	Second Tuesday	Lloyd E. Knight	Richard V. Boyd
100 Minden	127	Minden	Kearney	Second Monday	Dean A. Layton	Jack White
Guide Rock	128	Guide Rock	Webster	Second Thursday	Kenneth Hagan	Wayne A. Reed
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 Kutzman
Scribner	132	Scribner	Dodge	First Tuesday	Harold Mueksch	Donald D. Hill, Sr.
105 Elm Creek	133	Elm Creek	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Floyd W. Else	Cooper H. Butt

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Solar	184	Clarks	Merrick	Second Tuesday	Robert Betts	Willard L. Copeland
McCook	185	McCook	Red Willow	First and third Tuesdays	Kenneth P. Ellenberger	Leo C. Horton
Long Pine	186	Long Pine	Brown	Third Tuesday	Charles A. Kurtz	Benjamin C. Dewell
Upright	187	Burchard	Pawnee	First and third Wednesdays	J. Edgar Blevins	William Yarpe
110 Rawalt	188	Oxford	Furnas	Third Thursday	Elmer A. Blincow	Alfred H. Nissen
Clay Centre	189	Clay Center	Clay	Fourth Tuesdays	Victor Nowka	George M. Porter
Western	140	Western	Saline	Second Monday	Leon W. Haddix	Rolland F. Winter
Crescent	143	Primrose	Boone	Second Thursday	Dell R. Carlson	Harry P. Hansen
Kenesaw	144	Kenesaw	Adams	Second Thursday	Doyle H. Larmore	Edward E. Guilkey
115 Bancroft	145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and fourth Mondays	Forrest W. Greenfield	Lawrence H. Preston
Jachin	146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Morris A. Lindstrom	Elmer G. Brunzell
Siloam	147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or before O	Wilbur L. Moon	Harry L. Cowles
Emmet Crawford	148	Broken Bow	Custer	Third Wednesday	Jacob L. Bendowsky	Henry J. Dean
Jewel	149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William L. Graves	John L. Pfingston
120 Cambridge	150	Cambridge	Furnas	First and third Tuesdays	John W. McLane	Harley I. Simon
Square	151	Valparaiso	Saunders	Second and fourth Tuesdays	LeRoy A. Ang	Herman J. Schmidt
Evergreen	153	Pierce	Pierce	Second Tuesday	Homer F. Birch	William B. Chilvers
Lily	154	Davenport	Thayer	Third Thursday	Gerald W. Voigt	Vivian H. Virchow
Hartington	155	Hartington	Cedar	First Thursday	Robert E. Weir	Rudolph H. Jenny
125 Pythagoras	156	Page	Holt	First Friday	Harold C. Freemyer	Harold L. Banta
Valley	157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Second Tuesday	Merlin L. Wilmot	Lewis L. Skiles
Samaritan	158	Chadron	Dawes	First Thursday	John A. Moeller	George A. Stevens
Ogalalla	159	Ogallala	Keith	First Tuesday	Rex L. Peterson	William D. Craig
Zeredatha	160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Lloyd E. Welsh	Joseph T. Thaller
130 Mount Zion	161	Shelby	Polk	Second and fourth Mondays	Arthur L. Buckholz	Ernest E. Lees
Trestle Board	162	Brock	Nemaha	First Tuesday	Lee Roy Casey	Floyd Christy
Unity	163	Greenwood	Cass	First and third Tuesdays	Robert E. Leesley	Wayne E. Landon
Atkinson	164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesdays	George L. Enbody	Robert D. Martens
Barneston	165	Barneston	Gage	First Tuesday	Fred M. Gleeten	E. Howard Goin
135 Mystic Tie	166	Tilden	Madison	Third Thursday	Whitney J. Osborn	Elton M. Jess
Elwood	167	Elwood	Gosper	Second Monday	Winford Bossung	Aubrey O. Mitchem
Curtis	168	Curtis	Frontier	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Blaine A. Farrar	Klyte D. Burt
Amity	169	Rushville	Sheridan	First and third Tuesdays	Paul B. Smith	Stuart A. Johnson
Mason City	170	Mason City	Custer	Second Tuesday	Clarence A. Lamb	Henry O. Knudson
140 Merna	171	Merna	Custer	First Thursday	George Sells	Samuel W. Lyons

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Robert Burns	173	Stratton	Hitchcock	Second and fourth Mondays.	Frank E. Whipps	Clyde H. Jones
Culbertson	174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays.	George F. Piper	Arvenc C. Eisenhart
Temple	175	Fillet	Gage	Third Tuesday	Marcus N. Andersen	Roy M. McFarren
Gladstone	176	Ansley	Custer	Third Thursday	Harry Hallman	Curtis S. McCallister
145 Hay Springs	177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays.	Donald R. Armstrong	Roy T. Stiehl
Prudence	179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	First Tuesday	Frank G. Hansen	Grant E. Hansen
Justice	180	Benkelman	Dundy	Second and fourth Mondays.	Glenn Kuhns	Warren B. Jackson
Faith	181	Crawford	Dawes	Second and fourth Thursdays	William P. Friel	Ward L. Mosher
Alliance	183	Alliance	Box Butte	Second Thursday	Clyde A. Stratton	William E. Edwards
150 Bee Hive	184	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	William E. Miller	Louis J. Bishop*
Boaz	185	Danbury	Red Willow	First Wednesday	Alan H. Redfern	Clyde E. Weyenneth xx
Meridian	188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	Paul K. Thompson	J. Harlen Peden
Granite	189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	O. Darrel Smallcombe	Calvin A. Gordon
Amethyst	190	Stapleton	Logan	First and third Wednesdays	Richard H. Wells	Virgil K. Magnuson
155 Crystal	191	Scotia	Greely	Second Thursday	Roy S. Cox	Edgar E. Stillman
Minnekadusa	192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Eugene W. Babcock	Arthur P. Starkjohann
Signet	193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before ○	William H. Clem	F. Otto Nelson
Highland	194	Cortland	Gage	Second Tuesday	Henry M. Duenk	J. Loren Balderson
Arcana	195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Raleigh L. Swick	Martin B. Johnson
160 Morning Star	197	Gresham	York	First Friday	Craven M. Stream	Earl K. Husbands
Purity	198	Imperial	Chase	First Friday	Elwood E. Yaw	Siegfried L. Jacks
Gavel	199	Carleton	Thayer	First Tuesday	Gordie Beavers, Jr.	Herbert B. Wittenberg
Blazing Star	200	Burwell	Garfield	Second Thursday	John A. Beynon	Charles A. Green
Scotts Bluff	201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	Second & fourth Wednesdays	John H. Reed	Maurice Scriven
165 Golden Sheaf	202	Randolph	Cedar	Second Monday	Gordon Dennis	Anton B. Helms
Roman Eagle	203	Pender	Thurston	First and Third Tuesdays	Kenneth C. Johnson	Stanford D. Diehl
Plainview	204	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	Elmer C. Pond	James T. Scott
Golden Fleece	205	Chappell	Deuel	First Thursday	Lloyd A. Criswell	Alfred G. Taylor
Naphthali	206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Thursdays	James L. Hays	Robert L. Upson
170 Parian	207	Callaway	Custer	First Thursday	Robert G. Cook	Allston S. Asmus
Gauge	208	Arcadia	Valley	First and third Tuesdays	Paul H. Dean	Arnold F. Tuning
Canopy	209	Elmwood	Cass	Second Saturday	Clifford G. Anderson	Bergil E. Sumner
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Loren J. Stromer	Charles F. Eberline ^o
Cement	211	Wood River	Hall	Third Thursday	Clyde F. Batie	John J. Carter
175 Compass & Square	212	Sumner	Dawson	Second Monday	John D. Shadley	Lee E. Quall
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Plumblin	214	Adams	Gage	Second Monday	Aaron S. Crisler	Clarence D. Gottula
Occidental	215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	First Tuesday	Raymond J. Pecena	August Wiegand
Palisade	216	Palisade	Hitchcock	First Tuesday	Elmer L. Horn	LeRoy W. Hood
Wauneta	217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Chester A. Graves	C. Robert Carlson
180 Bloomfield	218	Bloomfield	Knox	First Tuesday	Lawrence C. Donat	John R. Clements
Relief	219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Thursday	Ralph H. Kunze	Laverne B. Yost
Magnolia	220	Emerson	Dixon	Third Tuesday	Earl W. Carper	Arthur V. Bonderson
Wood Lake	221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Tuesday	Alvie N. Thayer	Harry H. Kirkman
Landmark	222	Herman	Washington	Third Tuesday	George M. Fitch	Wayne W. Loftis
185 Eminence	223	Giltner	Hamilton	Fourth Monday	Oscar W. Torgerson	James C. Bierbower
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	John B. Cassel	Harold E. Hooker
Cable	225	Arnold	Custer	First Tuesday	John I. Halstead	L. Paul Hartman
North Star	227	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Leland B. Merrill	Roy W. Deal ^{OO}
Bartley	228	Bartley	Red Willow	Second Wednesday	Lester F. Webb	August W. Teter
190 Comet	229	Ceresco	Saunders	First Thursday	Carl J. Johnson	Otis Beaman
Delta	230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Roy L. Smith	Kenneth R. Weed
Mt. Hermon	231	Cook	Johnson	Second Tuesday	Leslie R. Reasoner	LeRoy W. Schacht
John S. Bowen	232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	Fred Gregerson	Fred Gregerson
Gilead	233	Butte	Boyd	Second, 4th and 5th Mondays	Walter G. Sire	William P. Willis
195 Zion	234	Hyannis	Grant	Second Wednesday	Adolph E. Evans	Merlyn D. Shepherd
Fraternity	235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Thursday	Donald G. Davis	Irving F. Gaebler
Golden Rule	236	Allen	Dixon	First and third Tuesdays	Eldred C. Smith	Marvin R. Burgess
Cubit	237	Douglas	Otoe	First Thursday	Waldo J. McPherson	Marcus A. Roberts
Friendship	239	Chapman	Merrick	Second Friday	Elmo K. Carnes	Andrew B. Knight
200 Pilot	240	Lyons	Burt	Third Thursday	Walter Sorensen	Edwin A. Loppnow
George Armstrong	241	Craig	Burt	First Tuesday	Robert E. Wolfe	Frank F. McMullin
Tyrian	243	Oak	Nuckolls	First Monday	David D. Ferguson	Bruce A. Scroggin
Hampton	245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Denzil C. Jensen	Fred W. Christiansen
Nehawka	246	Nehawka	Cass	Second Wednesday	Lewis W. Rogers	George H. Rieke
205 Corner-Stone	247	Osmond	Pierce	Second Friday	Robert V. Craft	Clifford J. Dennis
Laurel	248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Thursdays	Howard R. Pehrson	Morton T. Fredrickson
Gothenburg	249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Farrell Thelin	Ernest O. Van Wey
George Washington	250	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Jerome E. Lyon	Otis W. Cave, Sr.*
Wausa	251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	Keith Tadlock	Melvin E. Rosen
210 Beemer	253	Beemer	Cuming	First Tuesday	Howard Drake	Vernon J. Cohee

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Bassett	254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Edmund D. Shaw	Earl L. Anderson
Hickman	256	Hickman	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Arthur W. Hornung	Marvin G. Walvoord
Holbrook	257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second Monday	Lloyd E. Barnhart	Ray L. Wilmot
Anselmo	258	Anselmo	Custer	Second Tuesday	Ray W. Spencer	Miles M. Kepler
215 Ornan	261	Spencer	Boyd	First and Third Mondays	Elmer L. Foster	R. Blair Drickey
Endeavor	262	Indianola	Red Willow	Third Thursday	Warren W. Wilson	B. Adrian Quigley
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Joe N. Lovelace	Martin E. Turpen
Franklin	264	Franklin	Franklin	Second Monday	Clarence A. Paulson	Earl Tuers, Sr.
Robert W. Furnas	265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	First and third Mondays	William I. Troyer	Bernard B. Harris
220 Silver	266	Silver Creek	Merrick	Second Thursday	C. Ragner Carlson	Merle L. Peterson
James A. Tulleys	267	Overton	Dawson	Second Monday	Kenneth E. Woodward	Russell M. Warren
George W. Lininger	268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	William C. Spire	John S. Hedelund
Oasis	271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Second Thursday	Bruce C. Kaman	Carl Thomas
Lee P. Gillette	272	Dunbar	Otoe	Second Monday	Leonard O. Ganzel	Harry H. Moller
225 Crofton	273	Crofton	Knox	First Tuesday	James R. Cayler	Ellis Q. McShannon
Olive Branch	274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Lewis H. Dunn	George H. Gregory
Ramah	275	Ravstrand	Phelps	First Thursday	Charles W. Clayton	Donald G. Mintun
Antelope	276	Elgin	Antelope	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Howard F. Nutting	Donald S. Hinman
Sioux	277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Rex Osborn	John A. Davis
230 Litchfield	278	Litchfield	Sherman	Second Thursday	Laurence J. Aspen	Harve I. Lang
Wallace	279	Wallace	Lincoln	First Tuesday	Donald C. Short	Marvin E. Jameson
Swastika	280	Sargent	Custer	First Wednesday	L. Minor Cole	Gerald E. Coslor
Florence	281	Omaha †	Douglas	First Monday	Sebert A. Stover	Elmer E. Shively**
Mullen	282	Mullen	Hooker	Second Tuesday	Robert J. Blakely	Neal J. Dutton
235 Seneca	284	Seneca	Thomas	Second Wednesday	Louis J. Merz	George W. Merz
Camp Clarke	285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	H. Dwain Riddle	Edward W. Milmine
Oshkosh	286	Oshkosh	Garden	First Monday	Francis W. Bell	John T. Sager
Union	287	Palmyra	Otoe	First Friday	Ross D. McCormick	Arthur J. Lamborn
Omaha	288	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	McKee S. Anderson	George E. Johnson*
240 Lotus	289	Ravenna	Buffalo	Second Tuesday	William C. Kempter	Archie A. Meek
John J. Mercer	290	Omaha †	Douglas	First Tuesday	Vernon H. Wood	George J. Storms†
Diamond	291	Orchard	Antelope	Second Thursday	Walter K. Gray	Howard E. Bradstreet
Wolbach	292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	Ted Sronce	Edwin L. Johnson
Monument	293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Calvin H. Haw	Miles E. Lewis
245 Kimball	294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	Thomas H. Lutey	Charles M. Fisher
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Minatare	295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second Friday	Herbert R. Hanich	Fred F. Hanich
Cotner	297	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Monday	Ralph S. Culver	Harry B. Hall xxx
Chester	298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	J. Ray Peake	James E. Woodward
Sutherland	299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	Charles C. White	John F. Fleak
250 Liberty	300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Willard E. Jones	John S. Burley #
Bayard	301	Bayard	Morrill	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	Maurice E. Anderson	Charles H. Ninegar
Mizpah	302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	James M. Paxson	Elmo R. Clayton*
Right Angle	303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	George J. Hittle	Orion A. Kennedy*
Ruskin	304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Thursdays	Christian I. Hansen	Erik H. Torring
255 Newman Grove	305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second Monday	John L. Neely	Lloyd L. Welburn
Golden Rod	306	Lodgepole	Chayenne	Second Tuesday	George T. Hillman	Ralph R. Carleton
William E. Hill	307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Ralph Brandt	Clifford H. Goeden
Perkins	308	Grant	Perkins	First Monday	John C. Bounds	Otto E. Gauger
Winnebago	309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	William Matthews	Floyd A. Taylor
260 Victory	310	Valley	Douglas	Second Thursday	Jack W. Flood	Virland D. Hollins
Polk	311	Polk	Polk	Second Monday	Floyd K. Miller	Merle L. Stromberg
Oak Leaf	312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Tuesday	Donald A. Darnell	Wallace E. Moffett
Potter	313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	William G. Smith	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Thurman N. Anstine	Curry D. Bryson x
265 Alpha	316	South Sioux City	Dakota	Second Thursday	Charles L. Scribner	Clarence A. Stewart
Mid-West	317	Hastings	Adams	First Wednesday	John F. Vorpahl	Homer C. Davey
Grand Island	318	Grand Island	Hall	First Tuesday	Floyd W. Nicholas	Albert B. Osborn
Bladen	319	Bladen	Webster	Second Tuesday	Wallace E. Koch	Howard R. James
College View	320	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Dale L. Dunkle	Silas R. Davenport +
270 Harmony	321	Dalton	Cheyenne	Second Wednesday	Robert B. Ankeny	Clifton J. Berry
Pioneer	322	Lyman	Scotts Bluff	Second Tuesday	Carl E. Stratton	Joseph H. Lawson
Lebanon	323	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Arol C. Sipes	Carl H. Hoge
Cairo	324	Cairo	Hall	Second Monday	Alfred L. Veeder	L. Owen Rolofson
Bellevue	325	Bellevue	Sarpy	First Wednesday	Victor P. Clarence	Robert A. Chandler
275 Centennial	326	Omaha**	Douglas	First Tuesday	Alfred F. Walter	Earl E. Erwin ^{ooo}

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	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	Baneroft " 145	Baneroft.....	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
	No. 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	January 24, 89...	June 20, 89
	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	February 4, 89...	June 20, 89
	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	February 18, 89...	June 20, 89
	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	August 5, 89...	June 20, 90
155	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	August 7, 89...	June 20, 90
	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	August 15, 89...	June 20, 90
	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	September 3, 89...	June 20, 90
	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	September 21, 89...	June 20, 90
	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	October 17, 89...	June 20, 90
160	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	December 16, 89...	June 20, 90
	" 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	December 24, 89...	June 20, 90
	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	July 20, 89...	June 18, 91
	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	August 5, 90...	June 18, 91
	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	August 8, 90...	June 18, 91
165	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	August 29, 90...	June 18, 91
	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	August 30, 90...	June 18, 91
	" 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	September 1, 90...	June 18, 91
	" 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	September 2, 90...	June 18, 91
	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	December 31, 90...	June 18, 91
170	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	January 31, 91...	June 18, 91
	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	August 24, 91...	June 16, 92
	" 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	September 4, 91...	June 16, 92
	" 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	November 5, 91...	June 16, 92
	" 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	November 27, 91...	June 16, 92
175	" 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	December 12, 91...	June 16, 92
	" 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	November 17, 91...	June 15, 93
	" 215	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders.....	July 16, 92...	June 15, 93
	" 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock.....	July 18, 92...	June 15, 93
	" 217	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	December 7, 92...	June 15, 93
180	" 218	Bloomfield.....	Knox.....	January 18, 93...	June 15, 93

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
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
Landmark	222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1, 93...	June 21, 94
185 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
North Star	227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28, 94...	June 13, 95
Bartley	228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23, 94...	June 13, 95
190 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
John S. Bowen	232	Kennard.....	Washington.....	February 6, 95...	June 13, 95
Gilead	233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	November 22, 94...	June 10, 96
195 Zion	234	Hvannis.....	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
Cubit	237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	August 9, 95...	June 10, 96
Friendship	239	Chapman.....	Merriek.....	October 7, 95...	June 10, 96
200 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
Hampton	245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
Nehawka	246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	January 2, 00...	June 7, 00
205 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
George Washington	250	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
Wausa	251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	November 18, 00...	June 6, 01
210 Beemer	253	Beemer.....	Cuming.....	January 1, 02...	June 5, 02

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Bassett No. 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	October 8, 02...	June 4, 03
	Hickman " 256	Hickman.....	Lancaster.....	December 7, 03...	June 9, 04
	Holbrook " 257	Holbrook.....	Furnas.....	January 11, 04...	June 9, 04
	Anselmo " 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	December 10, 04...	June 7, 05
215	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
	Franklin " 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
	Robert W. Furnas " 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
220	Silver " 266	Silver Creek.....	Merrick.....	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
	Oasis " 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
	Lee P. Gillette " 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
225	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
	Antelope " 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	January 12, 10...	June 8, 10
	Sioux " 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	June 10, 10...	June 6, 11
230	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
	Florence " 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17, 13...	June 4, 13
	Mullen " 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	July 22, 13...	June 9, 14
235	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
	Union " 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15, 13...	June 8, 15
	Omaha " 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24, 14...	June 8, 15
340	Lotus " 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	June 11, 14...	June 8, 15

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS, DATES CREATED AND CHARTERED.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED	
	John J. Mercer	No. 290	Omaha	Douglas	November 21, 14	June 8, 15
	Diamond	" 291	Orchard	Antelope	November 23, 14	June 8, 15
	Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach	Greeley	December 18, 14	June 8, 15
	Monument	" 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	December 18, 14	June 8, 15
245	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
	Chester	" 298	Chester	Thayer	June 27, 17	June 5, 18
	Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	June 23, 17	June 5, 18
250	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
	Right Angle	" 303	Omaha	Douglas	September 24, 19	June 9, 20
	Ruskin	" 304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	January 5, 20	June 9, 20
255	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
	Perkins	" 308	Grant	Perkins	December 1, 20	June 8, 21
	Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago	Thurston	December 6, 20	June 8, 21
260	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
	Potter	" 313	Potter	Cheyenne	September 10, 21	June 7, 22
	Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	March 22, 22	June 5, 23
265	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
	Bladen	" 319	Bladen	Webster	January 11, 26	June 9, 26
	College View	" 320	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 1, 27	June 6, 28
270	Harminy	" 320	Dalton	Cheyenne	February 21, 28	June 5, 29

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Pioneer	No. 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 28, 28...	June 5, 29
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28...	June 5, 29
Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36...	June 8, 37
Bellevue	" 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	March 5, 55...	June 8, 55
275 Centennial	" 326	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 26, 55...	June 6, 56

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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	
Nebraska.....	1	25	3	25	3	0	14	1287	33	1	1	12	0	1334	6	46	0	0	0	52	1282	1
Western Star....	2	10	4	13	7	0	4	253	11	3	0	11	0	278	2	3	0	0	0	5	273	2
Capitol.....	3	20	11	18	1	4	15	945	19	2	0	4	0	970	6	15	4	0	0	25	945	3
Nemaha Valley..	4	0	0	0	0	2	3	52	0	1	0	3	0	56	0	1	5	0	0	6	50	4
Omadi.....	5	1	4	1	2	2	4	117	1	0	0	2	0	120	1	3	2	0	0	6	114	5
Plattsmouth....	6	7	5	7	3	3	3	308	8	4	0	4	0	324	1	3	3	0	0	7	317	6
Falls City.....	9	4	7	2	1	0	0	288	5	0	0	0	0	293	3	9	0	0	0	12	281	9
Solomon.....	10	4	1	4	2	0	1	91	2	1	0	0	0	94	0	1	0	0	0	1	93	10
Covert.....	11	42	11	40	10	5	12	1620	39	3	0	2	0	1664	10	29	5	0	0	44	1620	11
Orient.....	13	3	2	1	1	4	4	52	3	0	0	0	0	55	0	4	0	0	0	4	51	13
Peru.....	14	2	4	1	0	5	6	104	1	0	0	2	0	107	0	2	5	0	0	7	100	14
Fremont.....	15	23	6	23	2	6	8	630	23	12	0	6	0	671	4	16	6	1	0	27	644	15
Tecumseh.....	17	3	2	4	1	2	4	193	5	0	0	1	0	199	2	4	2	0	0	8	191	17
Lincoln.....	19	23	10	25	5	6	12	1001	25	8	0	8	0	1042	5	28	6	0	0	39	1003	19
Washington.....	21	4	3	4	0	4	6	161	4	1	0	0	0	166	2	7	4	0	0	13	153	21
Pawnee.....	23	0	1	1	1	2	5	116	0	0	0	2	0	118	1	4	2	0	0	7	111	23
Saint John.....	25	25	6	29	3	2	9	1007	27	5	0	4	0	1043	5	21	2	0	0	28	1015	25
Beatrice.....	26	12	9	13	3	0	2	369	11	4	0	2	0	386	2	9	0	1	0	12	374	26
Jordan.....	27	0	1	1	0	0	0	81	1	1	0	0	0	83	0	4	0	0	0	4	79	27
Hope.....	29	1	0	0	0	1	1	46	1	0	0	0	0	47	1	1	1	0	0	3	44	29
Blue River.....	30	4	0	4	0	1	1	104	4	1	0	0	0	109	2	1	1	0	0	4	105	30
Tekamah.....	31	7	1	9	4	0	1	148	9	0	0	0	0	157	0	1	0	0	0	1	156	31
Platte Valley...	32	18	17	34	7	0	1	527	33	5	0	2	0	567	3	8	0	0	0	11	556	32
Ashlar.....	33	23	8	29	3	3	10	617	29	4	0	2	0	652	3	6	3	0	0	12	640	33
Acacia.....	34	10	5	6	3	0	3	180	5	0	0	0	0	185	0	1	0	0	0	1	184	34
Fairbury.....	35	3	3	6	3	5	10	254	3	1	0	0	0	258	0	6	5	1	0	12	246	35
Lone Tree.....	36	4	1	4	4	1	2	216	3	1	0	2	0	222	4	3	1	0	0	8	214	36
Crete.....	37	1	8	2	0	18	19	203	2	1	0	7	0	213	1	1	18	0	0	20	193	37
Oliver.....	38	2	1	5	0	3	8	189	6	2	0	4	0	201	0	7	3	0	0	10	191	38
Papillion.....	39	12	2	2	4	1	1	159	10	0	0	0	0	169	0	1	1	0	0	2	167	39
Humboldt.....	40	3	3	3	2	0	0	128	2	0	0	3	0	133	1	4	0	0	0	5	128	40
Northern Light..	41	0	3	0	1	4	4	96	0	1	0	0	0	97	1	1	4	0	0	6	91	41
Hebron.....	43	5	3	6	2	1	1	143	5	3	0	1	0	152	2	3	1	0	0	6	146	43
Harvard.....	44	1	1	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	1	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	1	77	44
Rob Morris.....	46	10	11	9	4	6	14	347	6	2	0	1	0	356	3	4	6	0	0	13	343	46
Fairmont.....	48	1	2	0	0	1	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	100	1	0	1	0	0	5	95	48
Evening Star....	49	2	0	2	0	0	1	97	2	0	0	0	0	99	2	6	0	0	0	8	91	49
Hastings.....	50	14	11	18	4	6	18	522	18	3	0	7	0	550	8	13	6	0	0	27	523	50
Fidelity.....	51	5	5	3	3	2	3	153	1	1	0	4	0	159	0	5	2	0	0	7	152	51

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls December 31, 1956	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls December 31, 1956	No. on Rolls December 31, 1955	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem' ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Los		
																					No. on Rolls December 31, 1956	
Hiram	52	1	2	2	0	0	0	94	5	0	0	0	99	0	1	0	0	0	1	98	52	
Charity	53	2	9	2	1	3	7	162	2	0	1	0	165	0	2	4	0	0	6	159	53	
Lancaster	54	36	8	34	5	1	17	912	32	3	0	6	953	7	20	1	1	0	29	924	54	
Mosaic	55	12	12	8	3	8	23	391	8	2	0	4	405	1	7	8	0	0	16	389	55	
York	56	5	7	2	3	1	3	270	1	1	0	0	272	0	2	1	0	0	3	269	56	
Mt. Moriah	57	1	1	1	1	0	1	70	0	1	0	2	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	57	
Wahoo	59	10	2	10	4	0	5	276	10	0	0	0	286	4	3	0	0	0	7	279	59	
Melrose	60	2	3	2	0	0	0	71	2	0	0	1	74	1	1	0	0	0	2	72	60	
Thistle	61	8	3	7	4	4	7	225	5	1	0	2	233	2	3	4	0	0	9	224	61	
Keystone	62	3	0	3	1	1	3	46	2	0	0	0	48	0	1	1	0	0	2	46	62	
Blue Valley	64	6	8	4	2	0	0	81	2	1	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	64	
Osceola	65	1	1	1	0	0	0	92	1	0	0	0	93	0	2	0	0	0	2	91	65	
Edgar	67	2	1	1	0	0	0	96	2	4	0	0	102	0	1	0	0	0	1	101	67	
Aurora	68	2	2	1	2	1	2	165	2	0	1	1	169	0	4	1	0	0	5	164	68	
Sterling	70	0	0	0	0	0	1	53	0	1	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	70	
Trowel	71	6	2	5	1	1	2	89	7	3	0	0	99	3	1	1	0	0	5	94	71	
Hooper	72	3	1	2	1	0	0	101	1	0	0	0	102	0	1	0	0	0	1	101	72	
Friend	73	0	2	0	0	0	0	66	2	0	0	0	68	0	3	0	0	0	3	65	73	
Alexandria	74	2	2	0	0	1	1	38	0	0	0	1	39	0	1	1	0	0	2	37	74	
Frank Welch	75	11	5	14	2	4	8	302	15	4	1	2	324	1	7	4	0	0	12	312	75	
Nelson	77	4	0	5	1	1	1	84	7	2	0	2	95	0	1	1	0	0	2	93	77	
Albion	78	7	7	9	5	0	2	116	6	1	0	3	126	0	5	0	0	0	5	121	78	
Geneva	79	4	2	4	0	0	1	143	0	0	0	0	143	1	1	0	0	0	2	141	79	
Composite	81	1	0	1	0	0	0	57	1	0	0	0	58	2	0	0	0	0	2	56	81	
St. Paul	82	5	5	8	1	2	3	212	8	0	0	0	220	2	4	2	0	0	8	212	82	
Corinthian	83	2	3	3	0	0	1	77	3	0	0	0	80	1	1	0	0	0	2	78	83	
Fairfield	84	2	0	2	1	0	1	59	1	0	0	0	60	1	1	0	0	0	2	58	84	
Doniphan	86	0	1	2	2	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	1	45	86	
Ionic	87	1	1	4	3	0	1	117	7	0	0	0	124	0	2	1	0	0	3	121	87	
Star	88	2	3	6	0	1	5	117	6	0	0	0	123	0	1	1	0	0	2	121	88	
Cedar River	89	2	4	1	0	2	4	95	1	1	0	3	100	2	3	2	0	0	7	93	89	
Oakland	91	2	1	3	3	2	2	148	0	0	0	0	148	0	2	2	0	0	4	144	91	
Beaver City	93	4	2	4	3	0	1	74	1	1	0	1	77	1	0	0	0	0	1	76	93	
Bennett	94	4	2	3	1	0	0	59	2	0	0	0	61	0	5	0	0	0	5	56	94	
Garfield	95	2	1	6	0	0	0	93	7	1	0	0	101	1	4	0	0	0	5	96	95	
Utica	96	2	1	2	1	0	0	88	1	0	0	0	89	0	3	0	0	0	3	86	96	
Euclid	97	3	3	3	1	1	1	108	3	3	0	1	115	2	2	1	0	0	5	110	97	
Republican	98	1	2	1	2	1	2	56	1	0	0	0	57	0	1	1	0	0	2	55	98	
Shelton	99	2	0	2	1	0	0	79	1	0	0	1	86	1	3	0	0	0	4	82	99	

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Creighton.....	100	6	6	3	0	0	1	112	3	1	0	0	0	116	1	1	0	0	0	2	114	100
Ponca.....	101	2	0	2	1	1	5	92	3	1	0	0	0	96	0	0	1	0	0	1	95	101
Waterloo.....	102	0	2	5	0	7	8	167	6	0	0	0	0	173	0	7	7	0	0	14	159	102
Ord.....	103	6	1	7	1	4	4	154	7	1	0	0	0	162	2	2	4	0	0	8	154	103
Wymore.....	104	6	3	5	0	0	1	228	5	4	0	2	0	239	1	2	0	1	0	4	235	104
Stella.....	105	1	1	0	0	0	1	59	0	0	0	1	0	60	1	1	0	0	0	2	58	105
Porter.....	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	2	0	0	0	0	63	2	0	0	0	0	2	61	106
Table Rock.....	108	3	0	3	0	0	2	55	3	0	0	0	0	58	0	2	0	0	0	2	56	108
Pomegranate.....	110	6	5	4	1	1	3	231	5	1	0	0	0	237	2	6	1	0	0	9	228	110
DeWitt.....	111	3	2	3	0	0	4	51	3	0	0	3	0	57	0	2	0	0	0	2	55	111
Springfield.....	112	3	3	0	0	2	3	120	3	0	0	2	0	125	0	2	2	0	0	4	121	112
Globe.....	113	3	2	1	2	0	1	83	0	1	0	0	0	84	1	1	0	0	0	2	82	113
Wisner.....	114	4	4	6	1	3	3	109	5	1	0	1	0	116	0	1	3	0	0	4	112	114
Harlan.....	116	1	2	1	1	7	7	98	0	3	0	0	0	101	0	1	7	0	0	8	93	116
Hardy.....	117	3	2	4	2	0	0	51	4	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	117
North Bend.....	119	3	3	1	0	0	0	116	1	0	0	0	0	117	2	3	0	0	0	5	112	119
Wayne.....	120	5	5	3	1	0	4	202	3	1	0	0	0	206	2	0	0	0	0	2	204	120
Superior.....	121	5	2	6	1	1	1	198	5	0	0	1	0	204	0	3	1	0	2	6	198	121
Auburn.....	124	0	3	1	0	5	5	178	1	0	0	1	0	180	2	5	5	0	0	12	168	124
Mt. Nebo.....	125	1	4	0	1	2	5	107	1	0	0	3	0	111	1	2	2	0	0	5	106	125
Stromsburg.....	126	1	0	1	1	0	1	77	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	3	0	0	0	3	74	126
Minden.....	127	6	0	6	1	0	1	88	8	3	0	3	0	102	0	2	0	0	0	2	100	127
Guide Rock.....	128	1	2	6	0	1	1	64	6	0	0	0	0	70	0	0	1	0	0	1	69	128
Blue Hill.....	129	1	2	0	0	3	5	54	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	3	0	0	3	51	129
Tuscan.....	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	1	37	130
Scribner.....	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	1	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	132
Elm Creek.....	133	0	1	0	1	5	7	63	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	5	0	0	5	58	133
Solar.....	134	0	2	1	1	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	80	3	3	0	0	0	6	74	134
McCook.....	135	6	10	5	1	6	8	392	6	2	0	3	0	403	3	6	6	0	0	15	388	135
Long Pine.....	136	2	2	0	0	0	1	70	0	1	0	1	0	72	1	1	0	0	0	2	70	136
Upright.....	137	5	2	3	2	0	1	84	1	0	0	0	0	85	1	1	0	0	0	2	83	137
Rawl.....	138	0	1	0	0	1	5	72	0	1	0	7	0	80	0	2	1	0	0	3	77	138
Clay Centre.....	139	0	3	0	0	1	3	71	0	1	0	0	0	72	0	3	1	0	0	4	68	139
Western.....	140	2	1	2	0	0	0	33	3	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	140
Crescent.....	143	0	0	0	0	1	1	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	1	1	1	0	0	3	54	143
Kenesaw.....	144	1	1	1	0	0	0	76	1	1	0	1	0	79	0	1	0	0	0	1	78	144
Bancroft.....	145	3	2	4	0	1	1	64	6	0	0	0	0	70	1	1	1	0	0	3	67	145
Jachin.....	146	13	9	9	2	0	2	185	7	3	0	1	0	196	0	4	0	0	0	4	192	146
Siloam.....	147	1	1	0	0	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	147
Emmet Crawford	148	10	5	9	4	2	6	205	10	1	1	1	0	228	3	2	2	0	0	7	221	148

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem' ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission		By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss		
		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956														
Jewel	149	3	3	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	73	2	2	0	0	0	4	69	149
Cambridge	150	2	1	2	0	3	5	123	3	0	0	1	0	127	4	3	3	0	0	10	117	150
Square	151	1	0	1	0	2	1	67	3	0	0	2	0	72	0	0	2	0	1	3	69	151
Evergreen	153	4	2	2	1	1	3	65	1	0	0	0	0	66	0	3	1	0	0	4	62	153
Lily	154	2	1	2	0	0	0	70	2	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	154
Hartington	155	3	2	1	0	1	2	79	1	0	0	0	0	80	1	2	1	0	0	4	76	155
Pythagoras	156	1	0	1	1	0	0	39	1	1	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	156
Valley	157	3	2	4	5	0	2	53	1	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	157
Samaritan	158	3	3	2	0	4	6	302	2	1	0	3	0	308	5	4	4	0	0	13	295	158
Ogalalla	159	4	2	6	3	2	3	178	6	1	0	2	0	187	3	4	2	0	0	9	178	159
Zeredatha	160	5	3	2	1	0	0	36	2	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	160
Mount Zion	161	1	0	1	0	4	5	59	1	0	0	3	0	63	0	0	4	0	0	4	59	161
Trestle Board	162	2	0	2	0	3	5	87	3	0	0	2	0	92	1	1	3	0	0	5	87	162
Unity	163	5	3	6	0	1	1	73	7	0	0	0	0	80	0	3	1	0	0	4	76	163
Atkinson	164	0	2	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	1	1	0	0	0	2	57	164
Barneston	165	2	0	2	2	1	1	67	1	0	0	1	0	69	0	2	1	0	0	3	66	165
Mystic Tie	166	3	1	2	0	0	1	53	2	1	0	0	0	56	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	166
Elwood	167	3	2	1	0	0	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	2	53	167
Curtis	168	2	0	2	1	0	1	95	4	0	0	0	0	99	1	2	0	0	0	3	96	168
Amity	169	1	1	1	1	2	3	109	1	1	0	0	0	111	3	1	2	0	0	6	105	169
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	0	3	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	170
Merna	171	0	0	0	0	1	2	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	1	0	1	0	0	2	55	171
Robert Burns	173	0	1	0	0	0	0	101	0	1	0	0	0	102	1	2	0	0	0	3	99	173
Culbertson	174	4	2	2	0	2	2	65	2	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	2	0	0	3	64	174
Temple	175	2	1	4	0	0	0	38	4	0	0	1	0	43	0	1	0	0	0	1	42	175
Gladstone	176	3	3	3	2	2	7	89	4	2	0	1	0	96	0	2	2	0	0	4	92	176
Hay Springs	177	6	1	7	1	0	0	113	6	2	0	0	0	121	0	3	0	0	0	3	118	177
Prudence	179	2	3	0	0	1	2	54	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	2	1	0	0	3	51	179
Justice	180	4	2	6	0	2	8	131	6	0	0	5	0	142	1	2	2	0	0	5	137	180
Faith	181	0	0	0	0	3	9	137	0	0	0	1	0	138	2	0	3	0	0	5	133	181
Alliance	183	7	8	8	1	6	8	330	10	1	0	2	0	343	7	6	6	0	0	19	324	183
Bee Hive	184	32	5	31	4	26	43	992	31	3	0	15	0	1041	15	13	26	0	0	54	987	184
Boaz	185	0	0	1	0	1	1	79	1	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	1	0	0	1	79	185
Israel	187	0	1	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	1	0	0	0	1	25	187
Meridian	188	6	1	9	4	5	7	144	6	0	0	1	2	153	3	3	5	0	0	11	142	188
Granite	189	4	0	4	1	3	5	74	3	1	0	3	0	81	0	1	3	0	0	4	77	189
Amethyst	190	0	1	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	190
Crystal	191	0	0	0	0	0	1	90	4	0	0	0	0	94	1	2	0	0	0	3	91	191

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss			
Minnekadusa	192	2	6	2	2	2	4	163	2	1	0	1	0	167	1	0	2	0	0	3	164	192	
Signet	193	1	5	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	69	2	1	0	0	0	3	66	193	
Highland	194	0	2	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	194	
Arcana	195	5	3	5	3	0	4	147	7	0	0	0	0	154	3	2	0	0	0	5	149	195	
Morning Star	197	0	0	0	0	1	3	66	0	0	0	3	0	69	0	0	1	0	0	1	68	197	
Purity	198	3	1	4	1	1	4	144	5	1	0	1	0	151	3	1	1	0	0	5	146	198	
Gavel	199	3	2	1	0	0	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	55	2	0	0	0	0	2	53	199	
Blazing Star	200	4	6	4	0	1	2	98	4	0	0	1	0	103	2	4	1	0	0	7	96	200	
Scotts Bluff	201	6	4	6	2	6	14	185	6	0	0	7	0	198	2	5	6	0	0	13	185	201	
Golden Sheaf	202	1	1	1	3	0	1	88	1	0	0	0	0	89	2	0	0	0	0	2	87	202	
Roman Eagle	203	2	5	0	4	2	7	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	1	1	2	0	0	4	61	203	
Plainview	204	2	3	1	1	1	1	118	1	0	0	0	0	119	1	1	1	0	1	4	115	204	
Golden Fleece	205	1	2	3	0	6	6	203	5	0	0	0	0	208	1	2	6	0	0	9	199	205	
Napthali	206	2	2	4	1	1	2	58	4	0	0	3	0	65	0	1	1	0	0	2	63	206	
Parian	207	4	2	4	1	1	2	64	3	0	0	2	0	69	0	1	1	0	0	2	67	207	
Gauge	208	1	0	2	0	0	0	43	3	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	208	
Canopy	209	5	4	7	0	0	3	132	7	1	0	0	0	140	2	4	0	0	0	6	134	209	
East Lincoln	210	54	24	48	5	11	36	1170	45	5	0	9	0	1229	5	14	11	0	0	30	1199	210	
Cement	211	3	4	1	2	0	1	91	0	0	0	0	0	91	1	2	0	0	0	3	88	211	
Compass & Square	212	3	3	2	1	0	1	63	1	0	0	0	0	64	1	2	0	0	0	3	61	212	
Plumbline	214	1	0	1	0	0	2	44	1	0	0	2	0	47	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	214	
Occidental	215	2	1	1	0	2	2	74	1	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	2	1	0	3	72	215	
Palisade	216	4	1	4	1	1	1	101	4	1	0	2	0	108	0	2	1	0	0	3	105	216	
Wauneta	217	1	2	2	3	3	3	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	1	1	3	0	0	5	57	217	
Bloomfield	218	1	3	2	0	0	0	76	3	0	0	0	0	79	1	1	0	0	0	2	77	218	
Relief	219	1	1	5	0	0	0	54	5	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	219	
Magnolia	220	2	2	2	0	0	3	72	3	1	0	0	0	76	0	1	0	0	1	2	74	220	
Wood Lake	221	1	0	1	0	0	0	76	2	0	0	0	0	78	0	5	0	0	0	5	73	221	
Landmark	222	1	3	0	0	0	0	113	1	0	0	0	0	114	0	3	0	0	0	3	111	222	
Eminence	223	0	2	0	3	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	2	0	0	0	2	56	223	
Silver Cord	224	2	0	4	2	7	10	153	6	1	0	5	0	165	1	2	7	0	0	10	155	224	
Cable	225	2	2	1	1	7	9	98	2	1	0	1	0	102	0	5	7	0	0	12	90	225	
Grace	226	0	0	0	0	0	3	77	1	1	0	1	0	80	6	3	0	0	1	10	70	226	
North Star	227	20	10	22	4	1	6	486	22	3	1	3	0	515	4	12	1	0	0	17	498	227	
Bartley	228	0	0	0	0	1	3	64	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	2	1	0	0	3	61	228	
Comet	229	0	0	1	1	1	3	87	0	0	0	2	0	89	0	0	1	0	0	1	88	229	
Delta	230	0	2	0	0	0	1	41	1	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	1	41	230	
Mt. Hermon	231	0	1	0	1	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	43	231	
John S. Bowen	232	3	2	2	0	1	2	70	2	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	1	0	0	1	71	232	
Gilead	233	0	1	0	0	0	0	69	1	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	0	0	0	1	69	233	

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	By Death												
Zion	234	5	3	2	0	2	2	96	3	0	0	0	0	99	0	1	2	0	0	3	96	234	
Fraternity	235	1	3	1	0	1	2	63	1	0	0	1	0	65	0	1	1	0	0	2	63	235	
Golden Rule	236	3	2	1	0	0	0	63	1	0	0	0	0	64	1	2	0	0	0	3	61	236	
Cubit	237	1	1	0	0	1	2	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	1	0	0	1	57	237	
Friendship	239	3	3	2	0	6	9	100	2	0	0	4	0	106	0	5	6	0	0	11	95	239	
Pilot	240	6	2	4	1	0	1	122	3	1	0	0	0	126	0	2	0	0	0	2	124	240	
George Armstrong	241	4	5	2	0	0	0	88	2	0	0	0	0	90	0	2	0	0	0	2	88	241	
Tyrian	243	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	0	0	0	1	30	243	
Hampton	245	1	4	1	0	0	2	65	1	0	0	1	0	67	0	3	0	0	0	3	64	245	
Nehawka	246	2	1	1	0	0	1	111	1	0	0	2	0	114	0	1	0	0	0	1	113	246	
Corner Stone	247	0	1	0	1	1	1	33	0	0	0	0	0	33	1	0	1	0	0	2	31	247	
Laurel	248	5	4	2	1	2	6	106	3	0	0	0	0	109	2	3	2	0	1	8	101	248	
Gothenburg	249	7	6	5	2	0	0	158	7	2	0	1	0	168	1	4	0	0	0	5	163	249	
Geo. Washington	250	11	8	15	3	0	6	343	13	0	0	2	0	358	5	4	0	0	0	9	349	250	
Wausa	251	0	0	0	0	3	5	61	0	1	0	0	0	62	0	1	3	0	0	4	58	251	
Beemer	253	0	0	1	0	0	0	52	2	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	253	
Bassett	254	2	1	1	0	7	8	99	1	0	0	0	1	101	1	4	7	0	0	12	89	254	
Hickman	256	2	1	1	0	1	1	67	1	1	0	1	0	70	1	0	1	0	0	2	68	256	
Holbrook	257	0	2	0	1	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	0	0	0	1	29	257	
Anselmo	258	6	2	5	0	0	1	104	5	0	0	0	0	109	0	3	0	0	0	3	106	258	
Ornan	261	2	2	1	1	1	5	79	1	0	0	3	0	83	0	0	1	0	0	1	82	261	
Endeavor	262	1	1	0	0	0	2	107	0	0	0	0	0	107	2	0	0	0	0	2	105	262	
Mitchell	263	3	2	2	0	4	6	158	4	0	0	4	0	166	3	2	4	0	0	9	157	263	
Franklin	264	1	4	0	0	0	1	111	0	1	0	1	0	113	2	0	0	0	0	2	111	264	
Robert W. Furnas	265	12	8	14	2	5	8	438	14	4	1	0	0	457	2	6	5	0	0	13	444	265	
Silver	266	0	0	1	1	0	1	64	2	0	0	1	0	67	0	2	0	0	0	2	65	266	
James A. Tulleys	267	3	3	1	0	0	0	58	3	0	0	0	0	61	0	1	0	0	0	1	60	267	
Geo. W. Lininger	268	7	0	6	2	0	1	254	4	2	0	1	0	261	0	7	0	0	0	7	254	268	
Oasis	271	1	0	1	0	0	0	142	1	2	0	1	0	146	2	1	0	0	1	4	142	271	
Lee P. Gillette	272	0	1	0	0	2	3	71	0	0	0	1	0	72	0	0	2	0	0	2	70	272	
Crofton	273	0	2	0	0	3	3	62	0	0	0	3	0	65	0	2	3	0	0	5	60	273	
Olive Branch	274	0	1	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	62	1	3	0	0	0	4	58	274	
Ramah	275	1	1	1	0	0	2	70	3	0	0	1	0	74	1	1	0	0	0	2	72	275	
Antelope	276	1	2	0	0	0	2	69	1	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	0	0	0	1	69	276	
Sioux	277	1	1	1	0	0	1	54	1	0	0	0	0	55	1	1	0	0	0	2	53	277	
Litchfield	278	1	1	1	0	0	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	1	36	278	
Wallace	279	2	2	4	2	0	0	41	2	0	0	0	0	43	0	2	0	0	0	2	41	279	
Swastika	280	4	0	6	3	0	0	78	7	0	0	1	0	86	0	1	0	0	0	1	85	280	
Florence	281	35	8	35	6	11	18	895	34	8	0	3	0	940	8	6	11	1	0	26	914	281	
Mullen	282	5	0	5	1	0	1	79	4	0	0	1	0	84	0	1	0	0	0	1	83	282	

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Seneca.....	284	1	0	1	0	3	4	81	1	0	0	1	0	83	1	5	3	0	0	9	74	284	
Camp Clarke.....	285	6	5	4	1	1	5	189	4	1	0	0	0	194	0	4	1	0	0	5	189	285	
Oshkosh.....	286	4	7	0	0	2	4	122	0	0	0	0	0	122	1	4	2	0	0	7	115	286	
Union.....	287	2	3	1	0	1	2	59	1	0	0	0	0	60	0	3	1	0	0	4	56	287	
Omaha.....	288	20	6	18	1	3	16	568	18	1	0	14	0	601	5	10	3	0	0	18	583	288	
Lotus.....	289	6	3	7	1	1	1	175	6	1	0	1	0	183	1	4	1	0	0	6	177	289	
John J. Mercer.....	290	73	18	72	8	8	14	1380	66	9	0	1	0	1456	14	11	8	0	0	33	1423	290	
Diamond.....	291	0	1	1	0	1	3	76	2	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	1	0	0	2	76	291	
Wolbach.....	292	3	2	3	2	0	0	43	2	1	0	0	0	46	0	2	0	0	0	2	44	292	
Monument.....	293	1	4	0	1	1	1	70	0	1	0	0	0	71	0	1	1	0	0	2	69	293	
Kimball.....	294	4	9	3	0	0	1	152	3	2	0	0	0	157	0	2	0	0	0	2	155	294	
Minatare.....	295	8	6	3	2	2	5	89	2	2	0	8	0	101	0	3	2	0	0	5	96	295	
Cotner.....	297	19	5	19	1	10	14	234	19	2	0	5	0	260	1	2	10	0	0	13	247	297	
Chester.....	298	0	0	0	1	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	2	1	0	0	0	3	41	298	
Sutherland.....	299	0	1	1	1	2	3	98	1	0	0	1	0	100	0	1	2	0	0	3	97	299	
Liberty.....	300	18	8	19	3	8	13	465	20	0	0	5	0	490	1	8	8	0	0	17	473	300	
Bayard.....	301	3	4	3	0	0	2	105	3	0	0	2	0	110	2	2	0	0	0	4	106	301	
Mizpah.....	302	45	20	43	13	20	41	1249	38	2	1	3	0	1293	14	19	20	0	0	53	1240	302	
Right Angle.....	303	15	2	15	1	6	13	645	15	0	0	1	0	661	7	9	6	0	0	22	639	303	
Ruskin.....	304	2	0	2	0	0	0	35	2	0	0	0	2	39	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	304	
Newman Grove.....	305	3	3	1	0	1	1	61	0	1	0	0	0	62	0	0	1	0	0	1	61	305	
Golden Rod.....	306	1	2	1	0	1	1	86	1	0	0	0	0	87	0	0	1	0	0	1	86	306	
William E. Hill.....	307	0	1	0	2	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	307	
Perkins.....	308	2	2	2	4	6	8	107	3	0	0	1	0	111	2	4	6	0	0	12	99	308	
Winnebago.....	309	4	3	6	1	0	2	59	5	0	0	0	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	309	
Victory.....	310	13	3	12	0	1	4	208	12	0	0	1	0	221	0	2	1	0	0	3	218	310	
Polk.....	311	5	0	6	0	1	2	59	6	1	0	0	0	66	2	1	1	0	0	4	62	311	
Oak Leaf.....	312	1	3	2	0	1	2	51	2	0	0	1	0	54	0	2	1	0	0	3	51	312	
Potter.....	313	1	2	0	0	1	6	92	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	2	1	0	0	3	89	313	
Craftsmen.....	314	19	10	11	1	4	18	577	12	4	0	3	0	596	5	10	4	0	0	19	577	314	
Alpha.....	316	5	7	8	1	0	9	184	10	5	0	2	0	201	3	2	0	0	0	5	196	316	
Mid-West.....	317	7	15	12	4	4	10	456	15	7	0	1	0	479	7	6	4	0	0	17	462	317	
Grand Island.....	318	17	13	12	0	4	8	305	13	5	0	0	0	323	4	4	4	0	0	12	311	318	
Bladen.....	319	1	1	0	0	2	2	46	0	1	0	0	0	47	0	4	2	0	0	6	41	319	
College View.....	320	8	10	5	1	12	19	171	6	0	0	0	0	177	3	2	12	0	0	17	160	320	
Harmony.....	321	2	4	1	1	2	4	79	1	0	0	1	0	81	1	1	2	0	0	4	77	321	
Pioneer.....	322	0	1	1	0	0	1	81	1	1	0	0	0	83	0	1	0	0	0	1	82	322	

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E.A.A.		F.A.C.		SUSP.		GAIN		LOSS		No. on Rolls December 31, 1956	No. of Lodge										
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956	No. on Rolls December 31, 1955	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship			Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	
Lebanon	323	12	8	10	1	3	5	185	10	2	0	2	0	199	1	2	3	0	0	0	6	193	323
Caro.	324	2	2	1	0	1	1	65	2	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	63	324
Bellevue . . .	325	26	5	27	6	0	0	101	24	5	0	0	0	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	325
Centennial	326	15	3	12	2	0	0	0	10	50	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	326
Totals		1386	835	1360	323	486	1038	45737	1361	288	7	343	5	47741	351	825	486	7	8	1677	4606+		

MASTER MASONS

FRATERNAL REVIEW

By M. W. William B. Wanner

Brethren: First of all I want to thank our Most Worshipful Brother Merle M. Hale for the great privilege of preparing this review. It is a great pleasure to bring to you in brief form as much as possible of the happenings of the past year since we last met. We commend the Grand Master on his many visitations, among which, one was no doubt the "thrill of a lifetime," when in Iowa's Newton Lodge No. 59, he was present on February 1, 1957 at the raising of his son Robert H. Hale. Our Grand Master occupied the East in the first section.

It is believed and sometimes stated that the preparation of this review is a tedious job. Some might even shy away from the reading of some 30,000 pages of fairly fine print that is necessary. But to me it is fascinating as well as rewarding in the amount of knowledge gained.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

This year I have read 71 volumes of proceedings plus other books from near and far. In 28 of them I have found Nebraska represented and in 25, not. Sometimes it is impossible to determine whether or not from the manner in which they are presented. A slowed down general gain continues, although losses were observed in seven states this year. The amazing thing to me is that two of these were in Canada: New Brunswick and Saskatchewan. The largest gains were in California of 4,851 (56) and Texas, 4,803 (56). The smallest gain in Iowa of 10 (56). For the third year in a row the District of Columbia shows a loss, each year a little larger. They really have a problem that is hard to solve. The decline in candidates seeking admission continues and in some instances is causing considerable concern. However a brief study that I made this year in regard to the percentage of Masons to the total population was very encouraging. Taking the population in 1930 and in 1950 (white males over 21), there was only a small fraction of one percent decrease in relation to the number of Masons in the 20 year period. Nebraska has actually increased the ratio.

Another matter causing concern is the lack of accommodation in Masonic Temples owing to overcrowding by appendant bodies. The situation has arisen where new charters could not be granted because they had no place to meet. The progress of the craft is thus impeded by bodies owing no allegiance to the Grand Lodge, yet occupying space urgently needed to house new lodges. There is no room in the Inn.

In Illinois, where a loss was again incurred, the Committee on Lodges had this to say: "Our startling reduction in membership comes almost entirely from the two causes mentioned above: fewer candidates and more suspensions. When suspensions are numerous and petitions scarce during economic prosperity such as we enjoy at present, the explanation must come, at least to a considerable extent, from inattention of the Craftsmen to the needs of the Fraternity. The figures speak for them-

selves. We wish to advise you however that the average lodge in Illinois spent this past year, for each member on the books, 95¢ more than they took in. It should be apparent to you that this kind of a budget will very shortly make damaging inroads upon the assets of any lodge. We would like to mention—that one lodge in fifteen is spending \$1,000 or more in excess of total income.”

Some blame the increasing death rate in practically all Grand Lodges on the great number of petitions in the 20s, the lack in the 30s and that conditions will level off as time goes on. We hope this will prove to be the case.

Commenting on the small increase in Iowa, Grand Master Douglass has this to say. “The recapitulation of Returns from the lodges for the past several years reveals there is too much spread between the number initiated and the number raised each year. Checking the degrees conferred the last five years, we, find each year there are over one hundred more First Degrees than Third Degrees conferred. Or to say it another way, there were over a hundred initiated each year that did not become Master Masons—or even receive the Second Degree. This raises the question of why each year there were one hundred men interested enough in Masonry to petition for membership and then did not complete the work. Had they been solicited? Where were they first prepared, in their heart, before they appeared for initiation? Did they have some misconception of the nature of the Institution which should have been corrected before they petitioned? Was the First Degree so poorly presented that interest was lost? Was there something incongruous to them when they were informed that they must become proficient in the lecture of the degree when it was obvious that the lodge officers themselves were not proficient in the work? Perhaps no interest in their progress was shown by the members of the lodge. A Mason who has enough regard for a friend to recommend him for membership should by all means show enough personal interest in that candidate to encourage him and help him gain a better understanding of Masonry.”

In this connection in several volumes is found a warning regarding the E. A. degree. We repeat a warning and emphasize what we said in pervious reports: “A beginner should never be permitted to confer the E. A. degree. Select the best man in your lodge for so important an occasion, for so much depends upon the impression made upon the candidate at that time. ‘Learn the E. A. degree and we will let you confer it.’ These are words that should never be spoken. This degree, the original degree, has all of Masonry embodied in its lessons and the conferring should only be entrusted to the most competent, the most impressive man you have.”

California seems to be almost the only state that seems to have the courage and the determination to stop many of the abuses that have grown up during the past decade or more. For several years they have been in the process of cleaning up the so-called Masonic Press, that exists mostly for the profit to the publisher, through the high pressure sale of

advertising of little value. Their efforts along this line have been most successful. They are now starting on other activities of similar nature. These abuses exist, they are bad for our institution and we congratulate California. Many Grand Masters have deplored these things, but few have taken more than token action.

Past Grand Master Strickland of Kansas, has some good down-to-earth suggestions concerning poor lodge attendance. "In our own state, we have reached the point where every one who has a committee assignment, holds a fifty-year button, a certificate of proficiency or what have you, is dragged up to the East, introduced—or the effect of the speech (main) is spoiled, while all of those introduced are called upon to speak and tell how glad they are they came. When the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges learn to control their meetings, open them on time, confine the speaking to the Grand Master or other invited speaker and then close at a reasonable hour, we will have attendance." Otherwise many go away disgusted with the feeling they never want to come back. He also points out one of my own pet peeves, but blames it on the printer. Who cares what the Grand Master ate or how good it was in paragraph after paragraph? I do not believe the printer would put all of the junk in unless someone wrote it first. Am I talking too loud?

Some Grand Lodges are considering Board of General Purposes or something similar to cut down the load on the shoulders of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries.

Reviewer Cook of the District of Columbia says this: "The greatest danger now threatening us is the child labor law. It prevents labor and affords leisure for indulgence in mischief. The greater number of murders, hold-ups, robberies and burglaries recorded in the papers during the past five years were by boys less than 20 years of age. Any biographical dictionary or the biographical pages of the Congressional Record will show that the greatest men this Republic has produced have been poor boys who labored when children. God save us from the 'up-lifter'. Our DeMolay is a refuge. We can at least give them a helping hand. Idleness is the fountain of crime." More states are permitting and sponsoring DeMolay Chapters. There, the great need is for dedicated leadership. Some deplore such help as solicitation; maybe, but it is in a good cause.

Masonic Homes are wonderful institutions. They are also getting to be very expensive to operate, and with the extended life span, the end is not yet. Generally speaking, the conduct of a Home costs more than all the other activities of a Grand Lodge, including the operation of the Grand Lodge itself. Many Grand Lodges are feeling a financial pinch, some of the better managed are looking to the future now.

Public School Weeks continue to expand. Millions of the public have to some extent at least, been exposed to our school needs and warned of their outside dangers. The only dissenting voice I have noticed is that of Grand Master Reid of Virginia. He says: "These seem to me to be dangerous. I should like to see every Mason interested in education. It is

part of his duty as a citizen. We all respect our Constitution, but reserve the right to disagree as to its interpretation. These differences, in regard to school administration, constitute politics and for Freemasonry to entangle itself in politics would be a tragedy. The safer course is to avoid taking any position as Freemasons in any field that remotely resembles politics but to encourage them as citizens to participate and feel free to differ as citizens."

In Argentina, another church-controlled country, there is found this word of wisdom. Candidates must wait a year between degrees and have attendance at his lodge of at least 80% of its meetings. "We consider it logical that this should be so if we are to have in our ranks Brethren who fully understand the ideologies of Masonry and the deep significance of our symbolism. Our ceremonies do not have supernatural powers to convert an individual into a polished ashlar, only constant work can convert the rough ashlar into a smooth ashlar."

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

The Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, is now practically complete. All the floors in the tower have been taken and the last one, the General Grand Council Room is expected to be finished by August of this year. The Commandery Room was supposed to be dedicated on the 20th of April. The second mural painting in the Great Hall was hung and displayed this year. This completes the Memorial Hall, with the exception of the bronze doors on the two elevators, the second still being under construction. Much time and money was spent to make these two great paintings absolutely correct, both Masonically and historically. Part of this second picture, which depicts the St. John's Day Church Attendance of Washington in Christ Church, Philadelphia on December 28th, 1778, was repainted by artist Brother Cox, because of certain archeological discoveries in the old building. These paintings are the gift of California. The Royal Arch Room was dedicated in February. Of course a great deal of money will still be required for endowment purposes for with the completion of the construction, the public will come in greater numbers and expenses will rise accordingly. The Grand Master's March again produced about \$130,000 as usual.

BUILDING PROBLEMS DOWNUNDER

Many of us are acquainted with parking problems and other lodge problems. In our large cities where many lodge buildings are located downtown, this parking problem has in some cases almost strangled some lodges. The Grand Master of New York stated, "Due to unpredictable population shifts, many of our lodges in areas adjacent to large cities are increasing numerically at a rate so rapid as to cause apprehension. On the other hand, many lodges in metropolitan areas either are about holding their own or actually decreasing in membership. On the one hand, in certain suburban areas close to New York City, trestle boards are so

large that an applicant may have to wait two or three years in order to receive his degrees—while a few miles away, in the City of New York, trestle boards in some lodges are small and even the matter of attendance is a problem. Furthermore, lodges with static or decreasing membership are encountering increasing financial difficulties. This situation is likely to get worse before it gets better." In Australia, particularly Queensland, a unique plan has been put into operation. Brisbane is shortly expected to become a city of two million people. The older lodge halls, due to shifts in population, no longer were able to serve as well as before. A Metropolitan Building Fund has been set up with a capital of 100,000 pounds, and the sum is to be raised and augmented by an assessment of one pound a year on the members. The Grand Lodge Committee then selects and buys building sites and erects buildings in those suburbs of greatest expansion and where probable future expansion will take place. Sites are being picked up to obtain space. Ample parking facilities are a feature of these properties, so a brother can park before lodge is over. All the buildings will be a credit to the craft, they are designed for modern ventilation, comfortable seating and good lighting. The title to the property will remain with Grand Lodge and the lodges using the building pay the cost of the maintenance. Management will be by one member of the Board of General Purposes and one member from each lodge using the Temple. The first building was erected at Kedron with negotiations proceeding in ten other communities. This was all adopted not without argument, since there is no end to the assessment, but it was adopted and will be watched with interest by all Australian Grand Lodges. Queensland has had a fund on a revolving basis for many years that is used by lodges in the country districts to erect lodge halls and it seems to be very successful and is widely used. In this state they are also building an addition to their Home hospital. Apparently without solicitation they received a grant from Melbourne from the Department of Social Services, a grant of nearly 24 thousand pounds under the Aged Persons Homes Act to assist in the work. The Grand Master was thrilled that the Government had set the seal of approval on their work. In Victoria, another district of Australia, it was voted to erect a central Metropolitan Temple in Melbourne as an act of loyalty and loving affection to Queen Elizabeth and is expected to be erected by the time of her first visit to the Commonwealth. It is to be financed by assessments running for ten years on each member.

CENTENNIAL YEAR

This centennial year brings home the fact that Masonry along with all of us is definitely getting older. We have been operating for nearly 250 years under the Grand Lodge System. Kansas had their Celebration last year. New York last year celebrated their 175th Anniversary as a Grand Lodge. Among other things was a special two-day postoffice selling three special covers at \$1 each and well patronized. Proceeds to the Brotherhood Fund. Among other accomplishments of this, the largest Grand Lodge, is the building at Utica, New York, for the study of

Gerontology, that is the diseases and ills associated with those in the declining years of life. It will be under the direction of Dr. John Murray Steele, an expert of great distinction. They will work with state institutions along similar lines.

In North Carolina, there is an account of the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Charter Granting to St. John's Lodge No. One by the Grand Lodge of England. It was a fine occasion. In Ohio, the 150th Anniversaries of Amity Lodge No. Five and Scioto Lodge No. Six is beautifully done by Dr. James Tyler, Grand Historian, replete with illustrations of much value.

In Saskatchewan, although they are only fifty years old, a fine celebration was held. An interesting statement was made by Brother Garnet E. Coombs, who is presently living in California. Two years ago he came to attend the 75th Anniversary of his lodge and to receive his Fifty Year Pin. He told of the formation of this Grand Lodge in May, 1906, while he was secretary of Kinistino Lodge No. 16. There were 24 lodges in the province at that time owing allegiance to Manitoba. About forty members attended that meeting and now he is the only man alive who was present at the birth of this Grand Lodge. Also in Alberta, they are fifty years old this year, the same age as the Province itself. Two of the best speeches made at their various affairs, were made by the Premier and the Lt. Governor, both non-Masons. Wonder why? They gave good Masonic speeches. Several other states are looking forward to fitting preparations for celebrations.

TRUE MASONRY

In Rhode Island, the Grand Master was visiting out in the state and accidentally stopped in a diner for lunch, where he was recognized by a member of the fraternity. He introduced the Grand Master to another brother from Venezuela, who carried a letter of introduction from the Grand Secretary of New York. To make a long story as short as possible, the Venezuelan brother was a manufacturer of jewelry in the Dutch West Indies making gold chains by hand. He had come to this country to try and purchase machines and know-how to make these items more efficiently. It seems that this type of production is a very closely guarded secret among jewelry manufacturers in this country. But through the efforts of another brother, it was possible for this Venezuelan to go through a plant and obtain the information he was looking for. The Grand Master complimented the introducer, who he stated was ever exemplifying a Masonic way of life.

Forty Grand Lodges throughout the United States contributed \$18,024.42 for the relief of our brethren in Tamaulipas, Mexico, from hurricane damage through the Masonic Service Association. Every cent contributed went for relief.

While the Grand Lodge of Montana was in session, a brother from New York traveling through the state had an auto wreck. His mother

was injured and a request was made for type O blood for transfusion. FIVE brethren hastened out of the hall.

In South Carolina, the following resolution was adopted. "Resolved that this Grand Lodge in an effort to prepare all Masons for a possible emergency in the future, has determined to properly record the Blood Types of every South Carolina Mason. Therefore, be it Resolved, That all Masons in South Carolina shall within a reasonable time have their own Blood Types determined and this information recorded with his Lodge Secretary and displayed upon the Brother's current Masonic Dues Card. Be it Further Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be authorized, and he is so directed to have all new Dues Cards, when printed, display prominently a place for the card holders Blood Type, including the RH factor." It might save many a brother's life and is worthy of consideration by others.

CHILDREN'S HOMES AND ACTIVITIES

Children's Homes, Masonic that is, are definitely on the decline in the United States. There are hardly enough youngsters remaining in them to justify the cost of their operation in many places. The problem has become so serious that several states, Mississippi, Louisiana and Pennsylvania among them, have authorized the admission of children not connected in any way with the fraternity, with a few restrictions of a local nature. This of course will involve a lot of problems, but as a matter of public relations has been agreed to. Also along this line of relations. Arkansas gave \$7,403 for the purchase of 61 hospital cribs and beds at the new State Children's Hospital.

Pennsylvania started a great forward movement in 1955 for the benefit of children everywhere. An announcement was sent to Juvenile Court Judges over the United States of the formation of a Pennsylvania Mason Juvenile Court Institute, which would benefit emotionally disturbed and troubled children, regardless of race, creed or color, thereby strengthening democracy at its roots and insuring the future of our Country. The study revealed that more than a million children each year come in contact with the Juvenile Courts. The need for the Institute developed from the fact that although the responsibility of the Judge is tremendous, nowhere, in law school, private practice or elsewhere is experience with children developed. Each child is an individual and must be treated as such, so procedures must be personalized. From the over 100 replies indicating a desire to attend, twenty from 14 states were selected to comprise the first session. They were composed of Catholics, Jews and Protestants. Pennsylvania paid transportation costs, housing for a week and all local expenses. These Judges lived together for a week, consulted with each other and listened to outstanding leaders along these lines.

Four of these sessions have now been held, the 2nd with another 20; the 3rd with 24 and 28 at the 4th. 92 Judges from 40 states have become Fellows of this Institute. Their findings are sent out monthly to over 3,000 Juvenile Court Judges in the U. S. It is interesting to note that

so many Grand Masters are Judges of such courts, for instance Ohio, Virginia, Indiana, Wisconsin and Colorado. The expense has all been carried by Pennsylvania but donations have been received from some of the Catholic and Jewish brothers present. Judge Reid of Virginia, Past Grand Master, had this to say: "This may be more than just an Institute you have started. It may be getting back toward the ideals of its founding fathers." The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John O'Grady stated: "I am enclosing a copy of my evaluation of your Institute. I do not have any improvements to suggest. All in all it was a brilliant performance. I intend to publish this evaluation in the Catholic Charities Review." The President of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges said in part: "It marks a milestone in the march of a movement—dedicated to the purpose of bringing hope and humane treatment to the tragic little army of children, who by abuse or neglect or vicious and depraved influence and example come in contact with the law of the land and are labeled delinquent or dependent and neglected children." Altogether the work of the Children's Service Committee and of Bill Yeager, its Chairman, is a success and a great public relations forward movement along the best possible lines.

MASONIC EDUCATION

In recent years, much has been said by Grand Masters, Committees and others concerning Masonic education and much has been accomplished, but still much is to be desired. Practically every state has some such committee functioning, with varied success. Masons are interested in Masonry, but however many shy away from what they consider to be formal education.

Grand Master Stewart of California recommended and carried out something new and different along this line, that perhaps will induce more Masons to participate along educational lines. He caused to be appointed in each lodge a Committee on Research. These committees with the assistance and guidance of the members of the two regular research lodges in northern and southern parts of the state and who are now five years old, have produced results that are called phenomenal. They have been the way where every brother can find out more about the history, philosophy and symbolism of our institution. At their Annual Communication, one night was set aside for classes or Seminars, as they were called, on ten subjects, ranging from the Saints John to Parliamentary Law. One hour was devoted to each subject, but some were repeated, so any brother could take in practically all the agenda. That is classes in six subjects started at seven p.m.; six at eight p.m.; and six more at nine o'clock. The faculty were members of the Lodges of Research. No dues or expense was asked.

This appears to this committee as being a great forward step. Few men will take the trouble to educate themselves, they will not even read what is given to them, but many will become better Masons and will absorb much information through listening to addresses or papers, which might perhaps stir a spark of interest that would lead to self-help.

The Midwest Conference for Masonic Education met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on November 9-10, 1956. Fourteen states were represented, including Nebraska's Howard J. Hunter. Not only the mid-west but states as far east as Pennsylvania, Ohio and Arkansas were there. It meets again in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in November, 1957.

From the proceedings of Iowa, where perhaps the greatest and best collection of Masonic books is located we find this: The report of the librarian states that only 1400 requests for book loans had been received during the year. This means that from more than 95,000 members, requests for a book came from less than one out of every hundred, a very discouraging fact. It means that out of this group (Grand Lodge) only four or five borrowed books. Other jurisdictions report similar conditions.

GLEANINGS

In California, an analysis of petitions showed the greatest percentage, 28%, came from skilled craftsmen. In age, 15% were from ages 21 to 29; 37% were from the age group of 30 to 39. That is the young men are coming in, in that state, which is a very good sign.

In Minnesota and Wisconsin, provision was made to set up "Lodges of Sorrow" in each lodge to be open continuously from the start of the lodge year until its end. Before installation of new officers the lodge is closed. At that time a written report is to be sent to the Grand Secretary's office, which is to include the name of the deceased brother the time, place, and date of funeral, attendance of officers and brethren, together with a brief biography of the brother involved. I cannot understand the purpose of this or see where any time could be saved, but it is of interest.

Someone has said that history is where you find it. The Grand Historian of New Jersey in compiling the history of some of their Centennial Lodges found this interesting item. It seems that in 1855, Brother Daniel Babbitt was elected Grand Master. He had never held any previous office in Grand Lodge, nor was he present for installation, nor had he authorized any brother to accept for him. The Deputy appointed all the other officers and committees. Later the Grand Master was installed and although stating that he was too old and unacquainted with Grand Lodge work to be of much service, did later call a session to deal with "lack of uniformity in the Work". From that session came the ritual of which New Jersey is now very proud. You cannot always tell what will happen.

Most of you have at least heard of William Morgan, whose mysterious disappearance almost caused the total eclipse of Masonry in the early 1800s. A fascinating sidelight is the story of Morgan's wife as related by Past Grand Master Gollmar of Wisconsin. She was a Virginia girl, daughter of a Methodist minister. She eloped with Morgan against her parents' wishes. It was while living in Batavia, New York that the "Morgan Incident" occurred. She apparently concluded Morgan was dead, for she again married a William Harris. They moved to Terre Haute, Ind.,

where the family became converts to the Mormon Church. They took part in the travel to Independence, Mo., later removing to Nauvoo, Illinois, after the trouble in Missouri. When the call came to go to Salt Lake City, she refused, divorced Harris and returned to Indiana. Here she raised the son and daughter and later became Matron of a Home in Memphis, Tenn., where she died in 1867.

I have commented before on the support of the Grand Lodge of Montana of the Chair of Religion in the Rocky Mountain College at Billings. This year the President of the College in his address made in part this enlightening statement: "It's interesting to see the change that has gone on in regard to the independent colleges through the past 15 years. Fifteen years ago, there were a certain number of Protestant rated colleges in our country, there are eight less today than there were then and during that same time there are 37 more Roman Catholic Church supported colleges. So you see the trend, and the trend is interesting because these people in the organized church have seen the handwriting on the wall, the demand for Christian education in college and they are rising to the occasion, and they have started 37 new colleges, where we have lost eight. Now, the interesting thing about leadership in college education, is that most of our high school and grade teachers come from these small church rated colleges. That's a very interesting thing, because you see here the young people have a sense of leadership and admission, and that is why our schools are furnishing the teachers for our high schools, for the young people of tomorrow." It is later than you think.

The Master of Louisiana's Relief Lodge No. One quoted the following remarks of Past Grand Master Harry A. Speich of Wisconsin in his report that are well worth thinking about. "We all agree, I am sure, that one of the principle 'tenets' of Masonry is 'Relief' or in the vernacular of our day—charity. Relief or charity has many facets of expression and contrary to popular conception, it consists of more than the mere giving of an insignificant portion of our goods without real sacrifice. All too often, we imagine that we can discharge 'Relief' or charity through the contribution of the dollar that we do not miss, yet the point of the Biblical story of the widow giving the two mites was that she gave in 'her want'. As I see it, 'Relief' or charity not only involves the sacrificial giving of our goods, but also the sacrificial giving of our time, our talents, and our prayers as well wherever they are needed. 'Relief' or charity then, pursued properly and objectively to its ultimate, should create in us a love for all men because they too are the sons of God—the Grand Architect of the Universe. How else could we reach and subscribe to that great ideal of 'Brotherhood of Man Under the Fatherhood of God?'"

Two happenings in Cornerstone Layings in South Carolina are significant. At Johnson, the principal officers were presented with boxes containing sheet and pillowcase ensembles; dacron cloth enough for a suit of clothes, and some feminine apparel, all made in that town. The South is becoming industrial indeed. In Callison, attention was called to the fact

that the lodge and the church (for which the corner-stone was laid) had existed together in mutual harmony and support for more than a century of close co-operation.

Maryland seems to have a peculiar law which as far as I know is unique. According to the way I read the law, their Grand Lodge dues are not equal upon all members. The law reads as follows: "Sec. 4—for semi-annual dues, Seventy-five cents for each member of a lodge outside the city of Baltimore and \$1.10 for each member of a lodge in said city." Of course there are 31 lodges in Baltimore City, more than half their membership, but this seems strange. In nearby Delaware, in Wilmington the seven lodges there have wide differences in dues and fees, a fact that makes for dispute. The Grand Master recommended concurrent jurisdiction for the whole state, which was laid over.

From the proceedings of Utah, we take these two apt quotations from the Report of the Library Committee. "The World of Books is the most remarkable creation of Man; nothing else that he builds ever lasts. Monuments fall; nations perish; civilizations grow old and die out. After an era of darkness new races build others; but in the world of books are volumes that live on; still as young and fresh as the day they were written; still telling men's hearts of the hearts of men centuries dead." "In 1577 an Italian physicist, Guido Ubaldus, wrote in the Introduction to a book dealing with engineering history and theory the following timely and Masonic expression: 'There are two virtues, Gracious Lord, which we usually value most highly. These are usefulness and noble tradition. It seems to me that the science of Mechanics is adorned by a combination of the two, making her more desirable than any other art. If we judge the tradition of nobility, as many do, by its history, we find geometry on one side of its ancestral tree and physics on the other. From a union of the two springs the most respected of all arts, that of Mechanics. But if we consider the importance of arts and sciences by their degree of influence on practical life and the convincing nature of their theories (this is what Aristotle contended), then we are undoubtedly dealing with the most important art of all.'"

In the District of Columbia we find the Grand Master setting aside his Sundays for the purpose of calling upon the sick and afflicted of each lodge in turn. The Master or other officer accompanied him. His thoughtfulness is expressed in many letters of appreciation and pride. This gentle custom has been indulged in by the Grand Secretary of Nova Scotia, M. W. Brother Reginald V. Harris for many years. What could be more Masonic, possible of course in limited jurisdictions, but applicable to us all no matter where you live.

The Grand Masters of both South Carolina and Pennsylvania exercised their Constitutional Authority to make Masons at Sight this past year. South Carolina's candidate was Major General Jacob Edwart Smart, Vice-Chief of the Air Force. Pennsylvania chose George Michael Leader, Governor of the State, for the honor. Both were appreciative.

In Oklahoma, for the first time a Certificate is given each E. A. Mason, showing that he has made a contribution of \$15.00 to the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Charity Foundation. Similar contributions, in varying amounts, are required in many states. Even Pennsylvania, the richest of all the Grand Lodges, felt the pinch of increased expenses at their Home and the following was adopted. If a brother was initiated before 1917, when no Masonic Home Petition Fee was charged, he now has to pay \$60.00 for the purpose. If initiated between 1917 and 1923 and has paid \$20.00, he is now required to pay \$40.00 additional. If he was initiated between 1924 and 1955 and has paid \$40.00, he is now required to pay another \$20.00. New initiates or affiliates must pay a Homes Fee of \$60.00. I would hate to have to collect all that back stuff, but the Grand Master of this state is all-powerful and I expect the job will be done or else.

All of us are familiar with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, of course. It is used in practically every jurisdiction, but in Rhode Island they use a "Masonic Creed" as follows, that I like very much. "I as a Master Mason, believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. I will do unto others as I would have them do unto me. I pledge my loyalty to the Government of the United States of America and will not countenance disloyalty on the part of others. Freemasonry is founded upon these principles and I will use my utmost effort to preserve them for posterity. So mote it be."

Grand Master Krauthoefer of Wisconsin on assuming office, said that "a good Grand Master should have the curiosity of a cat; the tenacity of a bulldog; the determination of a taxicab driver; the diplomacy of a wayward husband; the patience of a self-sacrificing wife; the enthusiasm of a co-ed; the friendliness of a child; the good humor of an idiot; the simplicity of a jackass; the assurance of a college boy and the tireless energy of a bill collector. Now I don't know how many of those I possess and how many should be discarded but it will give you some idea of what you can expect from me, I'll do the best I can."

What constitutes physical qualifications for the degrees of Masonry is defined in so many ways by different states that it bewilders this poor reviewer. For instance in Nova Scotia, the Grand Master issued a dispensation to practically make a Mason at sight to a blind man. This candidate was an almost nationally known figure in the field of education of the blind; a man of great intellect, honored by medals and degrees from institutions in Canada. He proved to be a worthy candidate by his spiritual insight into all that pertains to Masonry. Before the dispensation was issued, correspondence was carried on with Jurisdictions in the British Isles, other Canadian Provinces, Australia and several American States. I quote from the Grand Lodge of England on this subject. "But the Board are of opinion that, when the defect does not render a candidate incapable of learning our art, there is no reason why he should not be initiated, provided he is able to understand our secrets and mysteries and to explain or exemplify them properly when called upon." The cere-

monies of all three degrees were profoundly moving and impressive. Before being obligated in the third degree, the brother himself read by the Braille method, the passage from Ecclesiastes XII, "Remember now thy Creator—".

In this connection in Pennsylvania, the Grand Master issued dispensation to initiate applicants under 21, to bury an unaffiliated brother with Masonic ceremonies and to do the same with an E. A. brother. In some states, an unaffiliated brother can receive Masonic burial by two-thirds vote of the lodge.

In Alabama 21½ pages of fine print are devoted to the listings of defunct lodges dating from 1824 to 1948. A very expensive luxury and to what purpose? This must be something of the nature that Brother Strickland refers to as mentioned previously.

Virginia, who recently added an Old Peoples Home to their facilities with some financial troubles, has shown a wonderful comeback in money matters in the past few years. Their Endowment Fund for the Homes now amounts to a million, fifty thousand dollars, with known donors through wills of several hundred thousands more in prospect. In this state, lodges can pay life insurance premiums on members for the benefit of their Endowment Fund. Their General Funds also show improvement.

Universality note: In Alberta, the Grand Lodge purchased a copy of the Koran to be available to lodges who might require its use. In the District Grand Lodges in India and Pakistan under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, there are appointed four Bearers of the V.S.L. First a Grand Bible Bearer; second a Grand Zend-Avesta Bearer; third a Grand Koran Bearer, and last but not least, a Grand Gita Bearer. This no doubt assures the candidate he will be obligated on what he considers to be the right Book of the Law.

Vermont has a problem. They possess a portrait of their first Grand Master (1794) Noah Smith, painted in 1798 by R. Earl, an English artist. In 1913 the portrait was given to the Grand Lodge by the descendants of Brother Smith under certain conditions. As sometimes happens it now develops that this painting may be worth \$10,000.00. After discussion, it was voted that if the picture should be sold, the proceeds should be placed in their Charity Fund as the Noah Smith Memorial Fund, the interest only being used for charitable purposes.

Georgia voted down a resolution prohibiting members from endorsing petitions for membership when they do not belong to the lodge in which the candidate is trying to join. Many times the endorser had never attended even the lodge to which the petition is addressed. This action, by the Brethren of Georgia, I cannot understand. It seems quite illogical to us. Also a resolution was adopted that must lay over a year to establish a Board of Control to take some of the pressure from the elected officers. Also adopted was a law permitting lodges meeting in the forenoon; located in cities having at least three other lodges, to have concurrent jurisdiction not only in their own city, but with all lodges located within 15 miles of

the city limits, including lodges located in other towns in that area. The exception being that such lodge or lodges shall entertain petitions from candidates in such additional territory, whose regular employment requires them to work at night.

In Tennessee, several unusual items were noted. First the recognition of a Past Master who has not missed a regular, special or practice meeting of his lodge in 22 years. A wonderful record! Second, in Brazelton Lodge No. 190, three blood brothers are serving as Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of the Lodge. Third, a brother was awarded a special 75-year button. He is the oldest Mason in the state. This is the third such button they have awarded. In this connection a Mason in Massachusetts was given a 75-year bar and California designed a 75-year button with diamond, but I could not see that it had been awarded as yet.

In Virginia an obituary tribute was paid to R. W. Brother William James, who was Grand Marshal of Virginia for thirty-three years since 1922, although for most of that period (since the early 20s) he had lived in West Virginia. He had a certain quiet dignity that inspired all and attended to his duties with all the pomp necessary, but with personal humility that endeared him to his brethren.

The Grand Master of California recommended that any new proposition concerning legislation must be introduced and filed at least ninety days before the Annual Communication. It could then be sent to the lodges sixty days before and they and the applicable committees involved would have adequate time to study and evaluate their contents. This would avoid the rush and pressure on committees, lessen confusion and avoid hasty action. This is the procedure already in force in quite a few states, sometimes honored in the breach in many cases, but still the law. In California, it was adopted, with the provision that it could be overruled by adequate majority, should an emergency arise. This legislation is good and could be adopted by Nebraska with profit. Many times committees never get to attend a single session of Grand Lodge.

I have printed items concerning the John H. Cowles Benevolent Fund in Kentucky before. With his death, a final report shows a total of \$84,455 previously given and the executor now reports a sum of approximately \$26,000 more which will soon be added. This will make a total of more than \$100,000 received from the former Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.

Norway, whose membership dwindled to less than 3,000 at the close of World War II, now reports a total of 12,353 at the end of 1955. A wonderful recovery for this land, hard pressed and ravished by the devastation of war. Most of the free European countries are doing well.

Brother E. Dubinsky, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel, sends a letter of congratulation and best wishes to practically every Grand Lodge in the world at the time of their Annual Communication. He never misses and it is a fine gesture of fraternalism.

In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine appears a reproduction of their new Simon Greenleaf Medal for Meritorious Service to Masonry, the accompanying certificate and a brief history of Most Worshipful Brother Greenleaf, whose name it bears. He was Grand Master of Maine in 1822, was one of the leading persons who organized the Grand Lodge and a lawyer. In trying to encourage the establishment of scholarships for sons of deceased Masons he said: "A single individual, thus saved from neglect and perhaps even from ruin, separated as a rough stone, from the mass of ignorance, and fitted to support and adorn the fabric of social life, would reflect more true glory on our institution than monuments of brass or marble." Two brethren have received the medal to date, they must never have held Grand Lodge office.

In "Old Adlenhamian" Lodge No. 4884, which meets in London, England, is a 16th Century carved box on the Master's pedestal. It contains the Bible, Square and Compasses and the Warrant (Charter). These are the treasures of the lodge and the key to it hangs on the Treasurer's collar. When the lodge is opened, he goes to the box, opens it and the Great Lights are placed in position and the Warrant displayed. When the lodge is closed, the reverse is done and the box locked up. Thus the Treasurer is more than the keeper of the accounts and the symbolism of the treasurer's key is actually performed.

In the Philippines, our Brethren are under constant attack from the Roman Church. A Master-elect of one of their lodges died. His family, although Catholic, desired a Masonic burial service. This was denied by the Church, who permitted burial, due to the piety of the family, in the sacred cemetery, but without any ritual. To overcome this denial, the remains of his daughter and father were removed from the Catholic cemetery to the Public cemetery, overnight, and the brother was interred with Masonic honors. The family were highly indignant at the intolerant attitude of the church.

A bill to make obligatory the reading of two books, written by Jose Rizal, a great National Hero of the Republic and a Mason, in all public and private colleges, has been bitterly attacked by the Roman hierarchy. They have used every effort to kill the legislation. The books expose the evils of the Church and set forth in detail the injustices under which his people were suffering. The fate of the bill is not known. In the Islands, religious instruction in the public schools has been so far successfully resisted through the efforts of our Brethren.

Universality is desirable and perhaps will some day come to pass but at the present time there is nothing as varied as the ways in which Grand Lodges accomplish their various doings.

Grand Lodges meet every month in the year except in July. Massachusetts and Pennsylvania meet five times a year. The District of Columbia meets three times; Maryland, New Hampshire and Rhode Island meet twice and the balance annually. Grand Masters serve usually for one year only, while in ten states, a second term is usually given. In Massachusetts, he is usually elected and installed each time for three

years. In Iowa and Massachusetts there is no 'line'. The title of a Grand Master also varies. In Pennsylvania, both sitting and Past Grand Masters are styled Right Worshipful. In Texas, he is called Most Worshipful while in office, but when he becomes a past, he becomes Right Worshipful. In three Grand Lodges, the Grand Master appoints his Deputy: Massachusetts, Iowa and Mississippi. The powers of a Grand Master are much greater in some jurisdictions than in others. In some states he can do almost anything and in others, he is restrained in his actions by Grand Lodge restrictions. Fees and dues vary enormously, as does the time limit between degrees. The question of jurisdiction is also troublesome. Three Grand Lodges, Nebraska is one, claim perpetual control. Others do not care after he leaves the state, or else hold for from months to five years. Several states will do no courtesy work. Most are agreeable, some allow charges, identification required is also different. Dual and plural membership is also confusing; some do not allow, some have both in and out of the state, others only within the state, etc., etc.

The wonderful "Masonic World" of Past Grand Master Ray V. Denslow of Missouri for 1956 contains, along with its other jewels, an absorbing article on the "Three Lesser Lights" that is most instructive. These luminaries are placed in many different positions; about, around, in the north and even about the room, in the various states and countries. The practice of their placing may even vary in the same state, strange to us indeed. This item is just another example of the multitudinous way we Masons have of accomplishing the same thing in many different ways.

Last year I reported that Iowa had accepted a considerable legacy and was preparing to engage in operating a Home. It now appears that this home is to be different from most Masonic Homes, since it appears to be more of a self-supporting institution. Charges are to be made of sufficient size from those residing therein to pay for the maintenance, along with the income from the estate received. They plan to erect a modern building that will be a home for twenty Masons at the present time. This program will be expanded it is hoped by gifts and bequests received in the future. They have reason to believe it will grow and expand as the years go by. Iowa maintains a Hospital for aged persons and has for years.

There is a great need for such a type of home in perhaps every state, including our own. Many brethren, who are willing and able to pay for their care, do not care to enter the regular type of institutional care.

Michigan has set up an Objective Planning Commission and a report was made by Past Grand Master Bonistal. Among other things he said were: "We are a blue lodge body; yet too many use it to climb up another branch or branches. They have no particular interest in the blue lodge itself. We are constantly diluting the effect of the blue lodge by adding more affiliations—usually for worthy ideals, but all of which can be obtained in existing social agencies or organizations like the church. All of this is not meant in a critical sense, rather to point out the need for a courageous appraisal of ourselves and our program and where we are

heading." Among these courageous appraisals were: a shortening of the Grand Lodge line; a definitely hostile look at the various 'lectures' of the degrees; suggested new lectures on the freedom of the individual; promotion of membership; pay your way Home, etc. As he states, much of this is controversial, but what is wanted and needed is the courage and daring to tackle the problems. We must not plan for a few years but for a quarter of a century ahead.

In the review of Past Grand Master Harold Cady of New Hampshire, I find an opinion expressed with which I am in hearty accord. It is as follows and I quote: "It is with alarm that we notice a few Grand Lodges endeavoring to go beyond the fundamental belief in a Supreme Being as a requirement either for the reception of candidates or for the recognition of other Grand Lodges. Quoting from Mackey's Landmarks we find in No. 21 a reference to the Books of the Law used by Christians, Jews and Mohammedans: 'Masonry does not attempt to interfere with the peculiar religious faith of its disciples, except so far as it relates to the belief in the existence of God, and what necessarily results from that belief. The 'Book of the Law' is to the speculative Mason his spiritual trestle-board; without this he cannot labor; whatever he believes to be the revealed will of the Grand Architect constitutes for him his spiritual trestle-board.'"

In a speech delivered by Brother G. Kloss, Grand Master in one of the German Grand Lodges, in Frankfort, O. M., on December 6, 1837, at a celebration commemorating one hundred years of Freemasonry, he said: "It is a remarkable attribute of Freemasonry, that she does not inquire after the religious beliefs of her disciples, but leaves this question entirely to the conscience of each individual.

"Any man who applies for membership should do so with a receptive mind, and in his progress through the degrees of Masonry he will find some spiritual interpretation of the lessons which are taught by allegories and symbols. Freemasonry is not a religion, but its philosophy is in harmony with the church, and brings to Masons a full comprehension of the Brotherhood of all men under the Fatherhood of one ever-living God."

As an example of the difficulties under which a lodge works, while under the domination of certain church groups, the following is lifted from the proceedings of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. "As soon as any of us receive information that a Brother has gone on to that Grand Lodge above, please, some brother get there fast, make every possible effort to obtain his Masonic papers, books and such things which have or may have a value to our Grand Lodge."

A Grand Lecturer was asked: "What is necessary that a candidate possess before advancement?" His reply was that there was no uniformity as to the requirements, but much or little, it is mostly words, words, words. "Question! What has he learned? Has he been taught or told anything that would help him in becoming a Mason in fact, instead of just another dues paying member, whom we see only on special occasions? Of what use is it for the average member to memorize the 18,798

words of our ritual? Would it not be better to tell him something of the History, its philosophy, its symbolism, interpret the meaning of the circumambulation; the hoodwink, the obstructions; the cabletow and the climax of the Master Mason Degree?"

In Tasmania, suspensions for periods up to a year are given brethren convicted of drunk driving. Here also is a disturbing note, a threat that unless a brother protects himself and family through so-called health insurance, that they will be refused admission to their Masonic hospital. Not a settled policy as yet, but being considered by the Board of Benevolence.

From many of our Masonic addresses, the underlying thought seems to be that Masonry is becoming more and more concerned with the spiritual and moral ideals of the institution than ever before. Such a thought is expressed by the Grand Master of New Zealand on his installation. "I need not speak of our belief in the Almighty Architect, who controls and guides our destinies. That is basic. Nor need I speak of our beautiful and moving ritual, our traditions, our symbolism, our brotherly love and friendship. Another answer must be—maybe to me it is the kernel of my reasons—that our Craft teaches a simple code of conduct which any decent man can adopt—if, indeed, he does not already practice it—and conform to, without being a martyr or an enthusiast, without being a saint or a monk, without unnecessary sacrifice upon himself or his family—a code which aims, not at unattainable ideals, but positive things reasonably practicable of accomplishment in our everyday lives and conduct with one another."

And from Tennessee. "Not only was it my desire and ambition to draw our members closer to their Grand Lodge, but also to draw them closer to their Divine Maker and to their respective Churches, that through Masonry we might all have a more definite and active part in the promotion of God's Kingdom here on earth. Some of the most gratifying results of this effort were numerous communications from all over the State expressing to me assurance that they had caught a new vision in that respect and had, since hearing my message at the District Meetings, gone back to their respective Churches and publicly re-dedicated themselves and their lives to its program."

Many states are waking up to the fact that perhaps the most important committee in the local lodge is the Investigation Committee. Too often such committees sign their names without any investigation whatever and as a result, many errors and irregularities occur and later on even a Masonic trial, which nobody wants. New Mexico and Connecticut both print excellent suggestions and guides for the use of these committees in their proceedings this year. If carried out, much trouble for all from the Grand Master down would be avoided. In Alberta the Reviewer has this to say on this subject: "One cannot read the address of a Grand Master, Orator or a prominent brother speaking at a banquet without being warned about the danger of making too many members.

While we are all glad to see our Order growing everywhere, there is always a great danger that we are too intent on increasing our membership, but not the quality of it. For this reason it is stressed over and over again that investigation committees should be much more careful in their duties. As one speaker said, it is not enough to think that because two brothers have signed a petition, therefore a man must be all right as a candidate. The committee should satisfy themselves from his social, business and family background that a man is a fit and proper person to be made a Mason. In some places the three members of the committee are not known to each other and each has to make a separate report. This system has its merits. Any idea that will tend to screen more thoroughly all prospective material will be all to the good."

In Louisiana the report of the Masonic Educational Foundation, had among many worthwhile accomplishments, this to say. "All will agree, that never since the days of the American Revolution, has our country needed courageous, intelligent, clear-thinking and honest citizens as at the present time. Creeping Socialism is but a step to Communism. For three or four generations the basic principles of American freedom have been under attack. The individual is being submerged into the community. The right to think, the right to work, the right to act as an independent individual, is being limited, curtailed and deadened by modern socialistic philosophy. Forgotten is the Constitutional provision that 'All powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.'" (10th Amendment)—Within the last thirty years the insidious poison of communistic philosophy has been injected into the clean atmosphere of American life. We appear to be living in an intellectual 'smog' of doubt, uncertainty and confusion. Our Courts are basing their decisions not on legal, but on psychological and philosophical grounds. By sugar-coated offers of aid to health, to social welfare, to road construction, to school construction, to hospitals and by other devices, the power and the will of the American people to do these things for themselves has been weakened and undermined until we find ourselves stumbling into a surrender of all our fundamental rights and privileges, and stretching out the hand of the beggar for every form of largess. We stumble over each other in the rush to vote for the demagogue who promises the most in free hand-outs, forgetting the fact that a government agency or bureau can give nothing that it has not first taken away in the form of taxes.

"All this is by way of saying that to combat the evils of false communistic philosophy, we must promote education, free education, education not directed and dominated by bureaucrats or eggheads or theorists at some far-off seat of government and moulded to a set pattern. In a small way, our Masonic Educational Foundation is lending its aid to students who have an earnest desire for light and knowledge, to students whose mental capacity and moral and intellectual qualifications will enable them to exercise useful citizenship in the communities in which they may reside."

We close this review with a quotation from a speech by James Madison in the Virginia Convention in 1788, as applicable or more so **NOW** than at that time. "I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

ELECTIVE OFFICERS, GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, 1857-1957

Year	Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Grand Senior Warden	Grand Junior Warden	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1857	Robert Carrel Jordan	Leavitt L. Bowen	David Lindley	Lathrop B. Kinney**	William Anderson	George Armstrong
1858	Robert Carrel Jordan	Leavitt L. Bowen	David Lindley	Mahlon G. Wilkinson	John H. Maxon	Robert W. Furnas
1859	Robert Carrel Jordan	Henry Brown	Lathrop B. Kinney*	Sylvester Redfield	John H. Maxon	Robert W. Furnas
1860	George Armstrong	Lathrop B. Kinney**	Sylvester Redfield	Daniel H. Wheeler	John H. Maxon	Robert W. Furnas
1861	George Armstrong	Lathrop B. Kinney**	Daniel H. Wheeler	Harvey C. Blackman	Samuel H. Jones	Robert W. Furnas
1862	George Armstrong	Lee P. Gillette	Henry Brown	George W. Wilkinson	John W. Marshall	Robert C. Jordan
1863	Daniel H. Wheeler	Orsamus H. Irish	George B. Graff	Charles W. Hamilton	Silas E. Smith	Stephen D. Bangs
1864	Daniel H. Wheeler	Robert W. Furnas	George B. Graff	John A. Goodlett	William E. Harvey	Stephen D. Bangs
1865	Robert W. Furnas	George B. Graff	John A. Goodlett	George W. Bratton	William E. Harvey	J. Newton Wise
1866	Robert W. Furnas	George B. Graff	William E. Hill	Frank Welch	Theodore W. Bedford	J. Newton Wise
1867	Orsamus H. Irish	Elias H. Clark	William E. Hill	Frank Welch	Theodore W. Bedford	J. Newton Wise
1868	Orsamus H. Irish	Harry P. Deuel	William Adair	Henry O. Hanna	George B. Graff	J. Newton Wise
1869	Harry P. Deuel	William E. Hill	Anthony P. Cogswell	Henry O. Hanna	George B. Graff	Robert W. Furnas
1870	Harry P. Deuel	William E. Hill	Anthony P. Cogswell	Henry O. Hanna	George B. Graff	Robert W. Furnas
1871	William E. Hill	Martin Dunham	Samuel W. Hayes	Alfred G. Hastings	George B. Graff	Robert W. Furnas
1872	William E. Hill	Martin Dunham	Frank Welch	Alfred G. Hastings	George B. Graff	William R. Bowen
1873	Martin Dunham	Frank Welch	Alfred G. Hastings	James W. Chaddock	James W. Moore	William R. Bowen
1874	Frank Welch	Alfred G. Hastings	James W. Chaddock	George H. Thummel	James W. Moore	William R. Bowen
1875	Alfred G. Hastings	George H. Thummel	Hiram C. Rider	Charles F. Goodman	James W. Moore	William R. Bowen
1876	George H. Thummel	Hiram C. Rider	Charles F. Goodman	Edward K. Valentine	James W. Moore	William R. Bowen
1877	George W. Liningor	Rolland H. Oakley	Edward K. Valentine	James A. Tulleys	James W. Moore	William R. Bowen
1878	Edward K. Valentine	James A. Tulleys	James R. Cain Sr.	Edwin F. Warren	Eben K. Long	William R. Bowen
1879	Rolland H. Oakley	James A. Tulleys	James R. Cain Sr.	Edwin F. Warren	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1880	James A. Tulleys	James R. Cain Sr.	Edwin F. Warren	Samuel W. Hayes	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1881	James R. Cain, Sr.	Edwin F. Warren	Samuel W. Hayes	John J. Wemple	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1882	Edwin F. Warren	Samuel W. Hayes	John J. Wemple	Eben K. Long	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1883	Samuel W. Hayes	John J. Wemple	Manoah B. Reese	Charles K. Coutant	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1884	John J. Wemple	Manoah B. Reese	Charles K. Coutant	Milton J. Hull	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1885	Manoah B. Reese	Charles K. Coutant	Milton J. Hull	George B. France	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1886	Charles K. Coutant	Milton J. Hull	George B. France	John J. Mercer	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1887	Milton J. Hull	George B. France	John J. Mercer	Robert E. French	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1888	George B. France	John J. Mercer	Robert E. French	Bradner D. Slaughter	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1889	John J. Mercer	Robert E. French	Bradner D. Slaughter	Samuel P. Davidson	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1890	Robert E. French	Bradner D. Slaughter	Samuel P. Davidson	Lewis A. Kent	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1891	Bradner D. Slaughter	Samuel P. Davidson	Lewis A. Kent	James P. A. Black	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1892	Samuel P. Davidson	James P. A. Black	John A. Ehrhardt	Henry H. Wilson	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1893	James P. A. Black	John A. Ehrhardt	Henry H. Wilson	Charles J. Phelps	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1894	John A. Ehrhardt	Henry H. Wilson	Charles J. Phelps	John B. Dinsmore	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1895	Henry H. Wilson	Charles J. Phelps	John B. Dinsmore	Frank H. Young	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1896	Charles J. Phelps	John B. Dinsmore	Frank H. Young	Henry K. Kerman	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1897	John B. Dinsmore	Frank H. Young	William W. Keyser	Albert W. Crites	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen
1898	Frank H. Young	William W. Keyser	Albert W. Crites	Francis E. White	Christian Hartman	William R. Bowen*
1899	William W. Keyser	Albert W. Crites	Robert E. Evans	Nathaniel M. Ayers	Christian Hartman	Francis E. White
1900	Albert W. Crites	Robert E. Evans	Nathaniel M. Ayers	Frank E. Bullard	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White
1901	Robert E. Evans	Nathaniel M. Ayers	Frank E. Bullard	James Dinsmore	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White
1902	Nathaniel M. Ayers	Frank E. Bullard	James Dinsmore	C. Edwin Burnham	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White
1903	Frank E. Bullard	Charles E. Burnham	Melville R. Hopewell	Zuingle M. Baird	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White
1904	Charles E. Burnham	Melville R. Hopewell	Zuingle M. Baird	Ornan J. King	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White
1905	Melville R. Hopewell	Zuingle M. Baird	Ornan J. King	William A. DeBord	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White
1906	Zuingle M. Baird	Ornan J. King	William A. DeBord	Michael Dowling	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White
1907	Ornan J. King	William A. DeBord	Michael Dowling	Harry A. Cheney	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White
1908	William A. DeBord	Michael Dowling	Harry A. Cheney	Henry Gibbons	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White
1909	Michael Dowling	Harry A. Cheney	Henry Gibbons	James R. Cain, Jr.	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White
1910	Harry A. Cheney	Henry Gibbons	James R. Cain, Jr.	Alpha Morgan	John B. Dinsmore	Francis E. White

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JUNE, 1957

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

Year	Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Grand Senior Warden	Grand Junior Warden	Grand Treasurer†	Grand Secretary
1911	Henry Gibbons	James R. Cain, Jr.	Alpha Morgan	Thomas M. Davis	Charles E. Burnham	Francis E. White
1912	James R. Cain, Jr.	Alpha Morgan	Thomas M. Davis	Samuel S. Whiting		Francis E. White
1913	Alpha Morgan	Thomas M. Davis	Samuel S. Whiting	Andrew H. Viele		Francis E. White
1914	Thomas M. Davis	Samuel S. Whiting	Andrew H. Viele	Frederic L. Temple		Francis E. White
1915	Samuel S. Whiting	Andrew H. Viele	Frederic L. Temple	Ambrose C. Epperson		Francis E. White
1916	Andrew H. Viele	Frederic L. Temple	Ambrose C. Epperson	John J. Tooley		Francis E. White
1917	Frederic L. Temple	Ambrose C. Epperson	John J. Tooley	Joseph B. Fradenburg		Francis E. White
1918	Ambrose C. Epperson	John J. Tooley	Joseph B. Fradenburg	Lewis E. Smith		Francis E. White
1919	John J. Tooley	Joseph B. Fradenburg	Lewis E. Smith	Edward M. Wellman		Francis E. White
1920	Joseph B. Fradenburg	Lewis E. Smith	Edward M. Wellman	Charles A. Chappell		Francis E. White
1921	Lewis E. Smith	Edward M. Wellman	Charles A. Chappell	Robert R. Dickson		Francis E. White
1922	Edward M. Wellman*	Charles A. Chappell	Robert R. Dickson	John Wright		Francis E. White
1923	Charles A. Chappell	Robert R. Dickson	John Wright	Edwin D. Crites		Francis E. White†
1924	Robert R. Dickson	John Wright	Edwin D. Crites	Albert R. Davis		Francis E. White†
1925	John Wright	Edwin D. Crites	Albert R. Davis	Frank H. Woodland		Lewis E. Smith
1926	Edwin D. Crites	Albert R. Davis	Frank H. Woodland	Ira C. Freet		Lewis E. Smith
1927	Albert R. Davis	Frank H. Woodland	Ira C. Freet	Orville A. Andrews		Lewis E. Smith
1928	Frank H. Woodland	Ira C. Freet	Orville A. Andrews	John R. Tapster		Lewis E. Smith
1929	Ira C. Freet	Orville A. Andrews	John R. Tapster	J. Dean Ringer		Lewis E. Smith
1930	Orville A. Andrews	John R. Tapster	J. Dean Ringer	Edwin R. Johnston		Lewis E. Smith
1931	John R. Tapster	J. Dean Ringer*	Edwin B. Johnston	Ralph O. Canaday		Lewis E. Smith
1932	Edwin B. Johnston*	Ralph O. Canaday	Archie M. Smith	Virgil R. Johnson		Lewis E. Smith
1933	Ralph O. Canaday	Archie M. Smith	William C. Ramsey	Chancellor A. Phillips		Lewis E. Smith
1934	Archie M. Smith	Virgil R. Johnson	Chancellor A. Phillips	Chancellor A. Robertson		Lewis E. Smith
1935	Virgil R. Johnson	William C. Ramsey	Chancellor A. Phillips	Walter R. Raecke		Lewis E. Smith
1936	William C. Ramsey	Chancellor A. Phillips	William A. Robertson	William J. Breckenridge		Lewis E. Smith
1937	Chancellor A. Phillips	William A. Robertson	Walter R. Raecke	William J. Breckenridge		Lewis E. Smith
1938	William A. Robertson	Walter R. Raecke	William J. Breckenridge	Earl J. Lee		Lewis E. Smith
1939	Walter R. Raecke	William J. Breckenridge	Earl J. Lee	Edward F. Carter		Lewis E. Smith
1940	William J. Breckenridge	Earl J. Lee	Edward F. Carter	George A. Kurk		Lewis E. Smith
1941	Earl J. Lee	Edward F. Carter	George A. Kurk	William B. Wanner		Lewis E. Smith
1942	Edward F. Carter	George A. Kurk	William B. Wanner	William C. Schaper		Lewis E. Smith
1943	George A. Kurk	William B. Wanner	William C. Schaper	Benjamin F. Eyre		Lewis E. Smith
1944	William B. Wanner	William C. Schaper	Benjamin F. Eyre	Edward Huwaldt		Lewis E. Smith
1945	William C. Schaper	Benjamin F. Eyre	Edward Huwaldt	Carl R. Greisen		Lewis E. Smith
1946	William C. Schaper	Benjamin F. Eyre	Edward Huwaldt	Carl R. Greisen		Lewis E. Smith††
1947	Benjamin F. Eyre	Edward Huwaldt	Elmer E. Magee	Ernest S. Schiefelbein		Carl R. Greisen
1948	Edward Huwaldt	Elmer E. Magee	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	John S. Hedelund		Carl R. Greisen
1949	Elmer E. Magee	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	John S. Hedelund	Thomas J. Aron		Carl R. Greisen
1950	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	John S. Hedelund	Thomas J. Aron	Edward M. Knight		Carl R. Greisen
1951	John S. Hedelund	Thomas J. Aron	Edward M. Knight	Fay Smith		Carl R. Greisen
1952	Thomas J. Aron	Edward M. Knight	Fay Smith	Charles F. Adams		Carl R. Greisen
1953	Edward M. Knight	Fay Smith	Charles F. Adams	Herbert T. White		Carl R. Greisen
1954	Thomas J. Aron	Edward M. Knight	Fay Smith	Herbert T. White		Carl R. Greisen
1955	Edward M. Knight	Fay Smith	Charles F. Adams	Herbert T. White		Carl R. Greisen
1956	Thomas J. Aron	Edward M. Knight	Fay Smith	Charles F. Adams		Carl R. Greisen
1957	Edward M. Knight	Fay Smith	Charles F. Adams	Herbert T. White		Carl R. Greisen

*Expelled.

*Died in office.

†Lewis E. Smith, Deputy Grand Secretary, 1923 and 1924.

††Carl R. Greisen, Assistant Grand Secretary, 1945.

†Office of Grand Treasurer discontinued—1912.

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Year	Grand Chaplain	Grand Orator	Grand Lecturer oo	Grand Senior Deacon	Grand Junior Deacon	Grand Tiler††	Grand Marshal
1857	John M. Chivington	Albert G. Clarke	George Armstrong	Charles W. Hamilton	John A. Nye	Joseph P. Manning	Horatio N. Cornell
1858	John M. Chivington	William D. McCord	George Armstrong	William N. Byers	Christian D. Keller	Edward Henry	Horatio N. Cornell
1859	John M. Chivington	John F. Kinney	Lee P. Gillette	Alfred Sayre	Daniel H. Wheeler	Rufus T. Rainey	William H. Cook
1860	Henry W. Kuhns	John F. Kinney	Lee P. Gillette	George W. Bratton	George W. Wilkenson	Rufus T. Rainey	Horatio N. Cornell
1861	Henry Brown	George B. Graff	Elias C. Adams	George W. Wilkenson	Stephen D. Bangs	Aaron Cahn	George B. Graff
1862	Henry T. Davis	Alfred H. Jackson	Henry Brown	Stephen D. Bangs	Elias C. Adams	Aaron Cahn	Alfred H. Jackson
1863	Henry T. Davis	Orasamus H. Irish	William E. Hill	Frank Welch	John A. Goodlett	Charles H. Wolcott	Cyrus W. Wheeler
1864	Alvin G. White	Orasamus C. Dake	George Armstrong	Theodore W. Bedford	Lorin Miller	George W. Bratton	Edwin R. Nash
1865	George C. Betts	John Q. Goss	William E. Hill	Henry O. Hanna	William Cheney	Granville H. Hail	Frank Welch
1866	Alvin G. White	Gaylord J. Clark	George Armstrong	George D. Foglesong	Elias H. Clark	James S. Taylor	William E. Harvey
1867	George R. Davis	Obadiah B. Hewitt	J. Byron Reed	William Adair	George W. Bratton	George A. Oliver	George D. Foglesong
1868	George C. Betts	Jonathan F. Gardner	Charles F. Whitmore	John Q. Goss	Martin Dunham	Peter Y. Morse	James W. Chaddock
1869	Henry T. Davis	John Q. Goss	Charles F. Whitmore	William Adair	Martin Dunham	William D. Gage	Daniel C. Cole
1870	Robert C. Barrow	Nathaniel K. Griggs	George H. Thummel	Jacob Valley	Sidney L. F. Ward**	Horace Newman	Nehemiah S. Harding
1871	Thomas B. Lemon	Luther W. Osborne	William E. Hill	Michael B. Murphy	Luther W. Osborn	N. Rogers xo	William Adair
1872	Thomas B. Lemon	George S. Smith	William E. Hill	Frederick P. Seclor	Richard Burge	John McClelland	George B. France
1873	Caleb A. Miller	George S. Smith	William E. Hill	Nathan K. Griggs	Joseph L. Edwards	John McClelland	Obadiah B. Hewitt
1874	Andrew J. Swarts	James Laird	William E. Hill	Francis E. White	Jesse T. Davis	John McClelland	William T. Rogers
1875	Richard Burge	Mark W. Wilcox	William E. Hill	Newton R. Persinger	James A. Tulleys	John McClelland	Velosco V. Leonard
1876	Richard Burge	Leonard W. Colby	Hiram C. Rider	James A. Tulleys	William H. Morris	Jacob King	Sidney L. F. Ward*
1877	Frank E. Bullard	George B. France	Hiram C. Rider	James R. Cain, Sr.	Enoch B. Carter	Jacob King	Henry E. Palmer
1878	Frank E. Bullard	Henry S. Kaley	Hiram C. Rider	Henry E. Palmer	Barnabas E. Swift, Jr.	John McClelland	William Adair
1879	Frank E. Bullard	Samuel P. Davidson	Hiram C. Rider	Henry E. Palmer	Barnabas E. Swift, Jr.	William J. Mount	Gustavus Stevenson
1880	George Scott	James S. Gilham	Lee P. Gillette	Francis E. White	John J. Wemple	John McClelland	Charles H. Willard
1881	George Scott	Manoah B. Reese	Benjamin F. Rawalt	Francis E. White	Frank E. Bullard	John McClelland	Alfred L. Palmer
1882	George Scott	Benjamin S. Baker	Benjamin F. Rawalt	Frank E. Bullard	Calvin P. Webber	Joseph P. Manning	Joseph E. Cobbey
1883	Jacob A. Hood	William Leese	Benjamin F. Rawalt	Milton J. Hull	Asberry Townsend	Ernest Hunger	John Hamman
1884	Jacob A. Hood	Charles J. Phelps	Benjamin F. Rawalt	James F. Burns	Lewis H. Kent	William J. Mount	Asberry Townsend
1885	Charles W. Savidge	William H. Munger	Benjamin F. Rawalt	John J. Mercer	Elias C. Wilcox	William J. Mount	Francis E. White
1886	Heman B. Burgess	John A. Ehrhardt	Benjamin F. Rawalt	Earl A. Cooley	John A. Randall	William J. Mount	Robert E. French
1887	Jacob A. Hood	Henry H. Wilson	Lee P. Gillette	Samuel P. Davidson	George E. Whitman	Jacob King	Bradner D. Slaughter
1888	Jacob A. Hood	James P. A. Black	Lee P. Gillette	Lewis A. Kent	Edward C. Jackson	Jacob King	Samuel P. Davidson
1889	Jacob A. Hood	Andrew R. Graham	Lee P. Gillette	Francis E. White	Andres R. Graham	Jacob King	Lewis A. Kent
1890	Jacob A. Hood	Albert W. Crites	Lee P. Gillette	Henry H. Wilson	George E. Hawkins	Jacob King	Francis E. White
1891	George W. Martin	James J. McIntosh	Lee P. Gillette	Charles J. Phelps	John A. Ehrhardt	Jacob King	David M. McElhinney
1892	George W. Martin	George W. Meiklejohn	Lee P. Gillette	Monroe C. Steele	John B. Dinsmore	Jacob King	Charles J. Phelps
1893	George W. Martin	Benjamin F. Thomas	James A. Tulleys	Nathaniel M. Ayers	Ernest H. Tracy	Jacob King	Monroe C. Steele
1894	Harry C. Harman	Frank G. Simmons	James A. Tulleys	Charles E. Burnham	Henry K. Kerman	Jacob King	Frank H. Young
1895	Harry C. Harman	Samuel R. Smith	James A. Tulleys	Henry K. Kerman	Albert W. Crites	Jacob King	William W. Keyser
1896	Harry C. Harman	Charles H. Sloan	James A. Tulleys	Albert W. Crites	Francis E. White	Jacob King	William W. Keyser
1897	Harry C. Harman	Williamson S. Summers	James A. Tulleys	Nathaniel M. Ayers	Frank E. Bullard	Jacob King	Francis E. White
1898	Charles H. Gilmore	Walter W. Wells	James A. Tulleys	Henry E. Bullard	David M. McElhinney	Jacob King	Nathaniel M. Ayres
1899	John F. Poucher	Charles S. Lobingier	James A. Tulleys	David M. McElhinney	James Dinsmore	Jacob King	Frank E. Bullard
1900	Allen R. Julian	Ashton C. Shallenberger	Robert E. French	James Dinsmore	Melville R. Hopewell	Jacob King	David M. McElhinney
1901	Luther M. Kuhns	Roscoe Pound	Robert E. French	Charles E. Burnham	Elias W. Beghtol	Jacob King	Melville R. Hopewell
1902	George A. Beecher	Luther M. Kuhns	Robert E. French	Neal A. Pettygrove	Zuingle M. Baird	Jacob King	Elias W. Beghtol
1903	George A. Beecher	Lewis H. Blackledge	Robert E. French	Michael Dowling	William A. DeBord	Jacob King	Ornan J. King
1904	George A. Beecher	Roderick D. Sutherland	Robert E. French	William A. DeBord	Harry A. Cheney	Jacob King	Michael Dowling
1905	George A. Beecher	Robert L. Wheeler	Robert E. French	Harry A. Cheney	Henry Gibbons	Jacob King	Michael Dowling
1906	Frank M. Drulinger	Roscoe Pound	Robert E. French	Henry Gibbons	James R. Cain, Jr.	Jacob King	Harry A. Cheney
1907	George A. Beecher	Alfred W. Jefferies	Robert E. French	James R. Cain, Jr.	Alpha Morgan	Jacob King	Henry Gibbons
1908	Samuel D. Dutcher	Ambrose C. Epperson	Robert E. French	Alpha Morgan	Thomas M. Davis	Jacob King	James R. Cain, Jr.
1909	George A. Beecher	Elmer W. Brown	Robert E. French	Thomas M. Davis	Samuel S. Whiting	Jacob King	Alpha Morgan
1910	George A. Beecher		Robert E. French	Samuel S. Whiting	Andrew H. Viele	Reuben Forbes	Thomas M. Davis

xoNo record in Grand Secretary's office.
**Expelled.

ooTitle changed to Grand Custodian—1882.
††Changed spelling to Grand Tyler in 1899.

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Year	Grand Chaplain	Grand Orator	Grand Custodian	Grand Senior Deacon	Grand Junior Deacon	Grand Tyler	Grand Marshal
1911	George A. Beecher	John F. Poucher	Robert E. French	Andrew H. Viele	Frederic L. Temple	Reuben Forbes	Samuel S. Whiting
1912	George A. Beecher	Harvey H. Harmon	Robert E. French	Frederic L. Temple	Ambrose C. Epperson	Reuben Forbes	Andrew H. Viele
1913	George A. Beecher	Charles M. Shepherd	Robert E. French	Ambrose C. Epperson	John J. Tooley	Reuben Forbes	Frederic L. Temple
1914	Charles C. Wilson	Arthur A. Brooks	Robert E. French	John J. Tooley	Joseph B. Fradenburg	Alexander E. Porter	Ambrose C. Epperson
1915	Charles M. Shepherd	Charles L. Richards	Robert E. French	Joseph B. Fradenburg	Lewis E. Smith	Alexander E. Porter	John J. Tooley
1916	Charles M. Shepherd	William E. Andrew	Robert E. French	Lewis E. Smith	Edward M. Wellman	Alexander E. Porter	Joseph B. Fradenburg
1917	George G. Ware	John R. Webster	Robert E. French	Edward M. Wellman	Charles A. Chappell	Alexander E. Porter	Lewis E. Smith
1918	Albert A. Randall	J. Dean Ringer	Robert E. French	Charles A. Chappell	Robert R. Dickson	Alexander E. Porter	Edward M. Wellman
1919	Charles M. Shepherd	James R. Dean	Robert E. French	Robert R. Dickson	John Wright	Alexander E. Porter	Charles A. Chappell
1920	Charles M. Shepherd	Frank G. Smith	Robert E. French	John Wright	Edwin D. Crites	Alexander E. Porter	Robert R. Dickson
1921	Charles M. Shepherd	George A. Beecher	Robert E. French	Edwin D. Crites	Albert R. Davis	Alexander E. Porter	John Wright
1922	Charles M. Shepherd	Titus Lowe	Robert E. French	Robert R. Davis	Frank H. Woodland	Alexander E. Porter	Edwin D. Crites
1923	Charles M. Shepherd	Merrill B. Carman	Robert E. French	Frank H. Woodland	Ira C. Freet	Alexander E. Porter	Albert R. Davis
1924	Charles M. Shepherd	Matthew A. Hall	Robert E. French	Ira C. Freet	Orville A. Andrews	Alexander E. Porter	Frank H. Woodland
1925	Charles M. Shepherd	C. Frank Reavis	Robert E. French	Orville A. Andrews	John R. Tapster	Alexander E. Porter	Ira C. Freet
1926	Charles M. Shepherd	C. Petrus Peterson	Robert E. French	John R. Tapster	J. Dean Ringer	John W. Disbrow	Orville A. Andrews
1927	Charles M. Shepherd	William D. Redmond	Lute M. Savage	J. Dean Ringer	Edwin B. Johnston	John W. Disbrow	John R. Tapster
1928	George A. Beecher	Norris Brown	Lute M. Savage	Edwin B. Johnston	Ralph O. Canaday	John W. Disbrow	J. Dean Ringer
1929	George A. Beecher	Paul Turner	Lute M. Savage	Ralph O. Canaday	Archie M. Smith	John W. Disbrow	Edwin B. Johnston
1930	George A. Beecher	Paul C. Johnston	Lute M. Savage	Archie M. Smith	Virgil R. Johnson	John W. Disbrow	Ralph O. Canaday
1931	George A. Beecher	C. Ray Gates	Lute M. Savage	Virgil R. Johnson	William C. Ramsey	John W. Disbrow	Archie M. Smith
1932	George A. Beecher	C. Ray Gates	Lute M. Savage	Chancellor A. Phillips	William A. Robertson	John W. Disbrow	William C. Ramsey
1933	George A. Beecher	Glen L. Rice	Lute M. Savage	Walter R. Raecke	William J. Breckenridge	John W. Disbrow	William A. Robertson
1934	George A. Beecher	Frank F. Travis	Lute M. Savage	William J. Breckenridge	Earl J. Lee	John W. Disbrow	Walter R. Raecke
1935	George A. Beecher	Charles Durden	Lute M. Savage	Earl J. Lee	Edward F. Carter	John W. Disbrow	William J. Breckenridge
1936	George A. Beecher	Ernest B. Perry	Lute M. Savage	Edward F. Carter	George A. Kurk	John W. Disbrow	Earl J. Lee
1937	George A. Beecher	Robert F. Patterson	Lute M. Savage	George A. Kurk	William B. Wanner	Henry W. Carson	Edward F. Carter
1938	George A. Beecher	Cloyde B. Ellis	Lute M. Savage	William B. Wanner	William C. Schaper	Henry W. Carson	George A. Kurk
1939	George A. Beecher	Alfred V. Hunter	Lute M. Savage	William C. Schaper	Benjamin F. Eyre	Henry W. Carson	William B. Wanner
1940	George A. Beecher	Robert G. Simmons	Lute M. Savage	Benjamin F. Eyre	Edward Huwaldt	Henry W. Carson	William C. Schaper
1941	George A. Beecher	Raymond G. Young	Lute M. Savage	Benjamin F. Eyre	Edward Huwaldt	Henry W. Carson	Virgil R. Johnson
1942	George A. Beecher	George W. Rosenolf	Lute M. Savage	Edward Huwaldt	Carl R. Greisen	Henry W. Carson	Virgil R. Johnson
1943	George A. Beecher	Francis L. Bouquet	Lute M. Savage	Carl R. Greisen	Elmer E. Magee	Henry W. Carson	Virgil R. Johnson
1944	George A. Beecher	Hobart N. Corning	Lute M. Savage	Elmer E. Magee	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	Henry W. Carson	William B. Wanner
1945	George A. Beecher	Hobart N. Corning	Lute M. Savage	Elmer E. Magee	Ernest S. Schiefelbein	Henry W. Carson	William B. Wanner
1946	George A. Beecher	Elwood A. Rowsey	Lute M. Savage	John S. Hedelund	Thomas J. Aron	Raymond C. Pollard	John R. Hughes
1947	Glen L. Rice	Mainard E. Crosby	Lute M. Savage	Thomas J. Aron	Edward M. Knight	Raymond C. Pollard	Charles F. Adams
1948	Thomas A. Barton	John E. Curtiss	Lute M. Savage	Edward M. Knight	Fay Smith	Raymond C. Pollard	Charles F. Adams
1949	Laurence R. Davis	Russell A. Robinson	Raymond C. Cook	Fay Smith	Charles F. Adams	Raymond C. Pollard	Morace F. Smith
1950	Thomas A. Barton	Clarence T. Spier	Raymond C. Cook	Charles F. Adams	Herbert T. White	James H. Bryant	Morace F. Smith
1951	Thomas A. Barton	Thomas R. Niven	Raymond C. Cook	Herbert T. White	Merle M. Hale	James H. Bryant	Ernest O. Van Wey
1952	Thomas A. Barton	John A. Magyar	Raymond C. Cook	Merle M. Hale	Roy I. Babbitt	James H. Bryant	Ernest O. Van Wey
1953	Thomas A. Barton	Herbert A. Ronin	Raymond C. Cook	Roy I. Babbitt	John E. Beaver	James H. Bryant	Ralph R. Carleton
1954	Thomas A. Barton	Joe R. Kennedy	Raymond C. Cook	John E. Beaver	Joseph C. Tye	James H. Bryant	Herbert A. Ronin
1955	Mark D. McCallum	Bayard H. Paine, Jr.	Raymond C. Cook	Joseph C. Tye	John F. Futcher	Charles H. Ninegar	Herbert A. Ronin
1956	Mark D. McCallum	C. Vin White	Raymond C. Cook	John F. Futcher	Herbert A. Ronin	Charles H. Ninegar	Ralph M. Carhart
1957	William P. Reid	Ellsworth F. Du Teau	Raymond C. Cook	Herbert A. Ronin	Ernest O. Van Wey	Charles H. Ninegar	Ralph M. Carhart

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES

Year	Grand Steward	Grand Sword Bearer	Grand Pursuivant	Grand Pursuivant	Grand Standard Bearer	*Grand Historian
1858	George W. Bratton	Daniel H. Wheeler	Edmund A. Doneelan			
1859	George W. Wilkenson	Christian D. Keller	Horatio D. Cornell	Stephen D. Bangs		
1860	John W. Marshall	Samuel H. Jones	Alonzo D. Luce	Horace G. Spencer		
1861						
1862						
1863						
1864						
1865						
1866	William H. Mann	Charles B. Stillman	John Reed	Aaron Cahn	John W. Marshall	
	Aaron Conner					
1867	Samuel W. Hayes	William R. Cain	Charles T. Whitmore	Thomas C. Crenshaw	William H. Mann	Harold H. Thom ^o
	James S. Gibson					Harold H. Thom
1868	Daniel C. Cole	Joel V. Hollebaugh	John M. Burks	John A. McMurphy		Harold H. Thom
	Elam Clark	W. Scott Byron				Harold H. Thom
1869	Max Rich	William R. Cain	John M. Burks	John W. Shannon	Samuel W. Hayes	Harold H. Thom
	Nathaniel Carter					Harold H. Thom
1870	Jesse T. Davis	Charles W. Seymour	John Cameron	William D. Gage	John D. Tutt	Harold H. Thom
	Frederick P. Seclor ^{††}					Harold H. Thom

1871 These offices discontinued

^oOffice created in 1951.^{††}Deputy Steward.

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