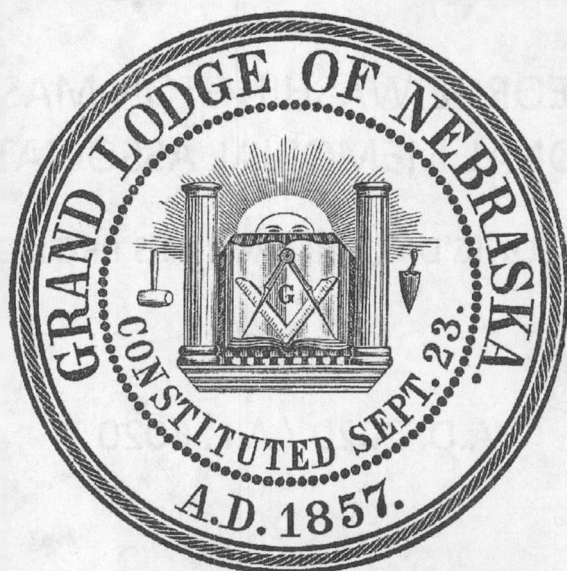


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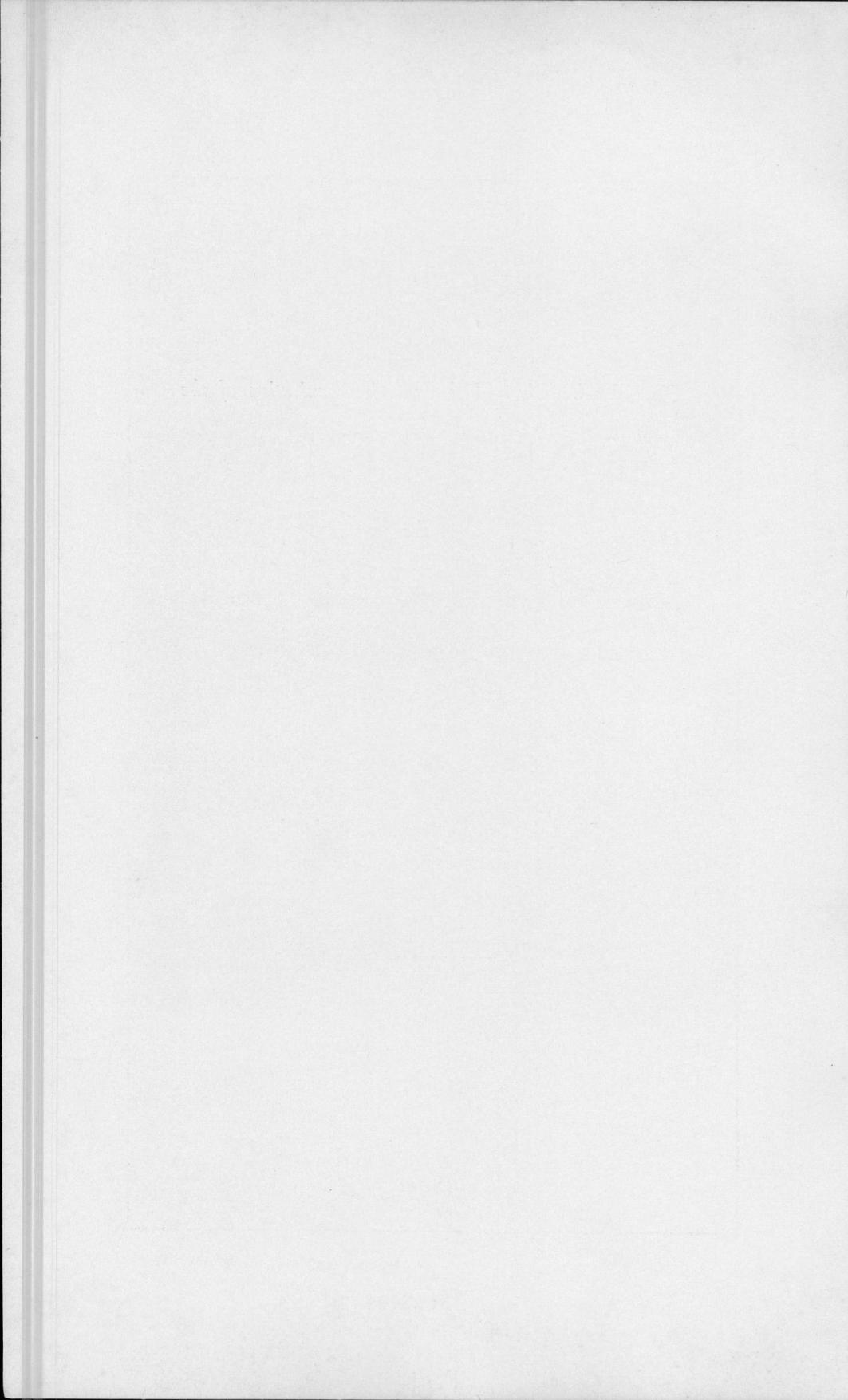
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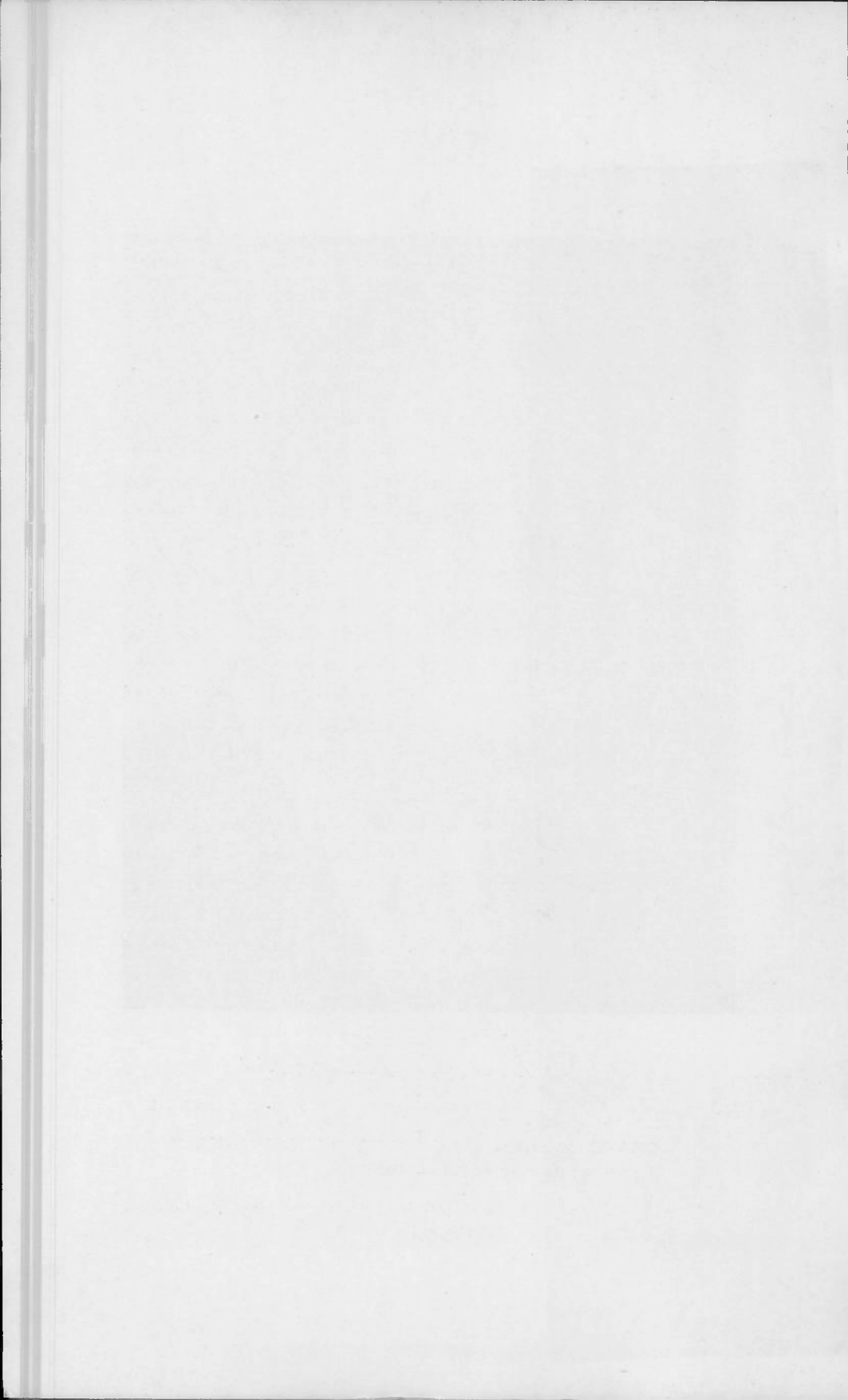
1959





John E. Beaver

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1958 — 1959



Biographical

John E. Beaver

John E. Beaver, 93rd Grand Master, was born August 27, 1896, at Scribner, Nebraska, the son of James M. and Cora Putnam Beaver. John attended school at Scribner. On October 10, 1922 he and Adele H. Hargens were married. M. W. Brother John is a member of the Methodist church at Beemer and served on the Board of Trustees for fifteen years. He operated food stores in Beemer and Scribner, from which he retired several years ago. He was a successful candidate to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature where he served for eight years, during which time he was Chairman of the Legislative Council in 1955 and 1956, and he was elected Speaker of the Legislature in the 1957 session, following which he retired to devote all his time to the Office of Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska.

In 1957 M. W. Brother Beaver was presented the Distinguished Service Award from the American Legion for American Citizenship. He was appointed by the Governor of Nebraska to the President's Committee on Education Above the High School and served on the Council of State Governments Committee on Care of the Mentally Ill.

MASONIC RECORD

Lodge: Initiated December 23, 1918, passed April 14, 1919 and raised May 26, 1919 in Scribner Lodge No. 132, Scribner, affiliating with Beemer Lodge No. 253 on December 6, 1938, Beemer. He served both lodges as Master and Secretary.

Chapter: Received the degrees on March 3 and 17, 1958 in Damascus Chapter No. 25, Norfolk.

Commandery: Received the Orders on April 11 and 18, 1958, in Damascus Commandery No. 20, Norfolk.

Council: Received the degrees on March 31, 1958 in Triangle Council No. 19, Norfolk.

Grand Lodge: Appointed June 10, 1953, by M.·W.·Fay Smith. Elected and installed Grand Master June 5, 1958. Grand Representative of Quebec since December 30, 1953, when he was appointed by M.·W.·Fay Smith.

OTHER MASONIC BODIES

Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association.

The Nebraska Masonic Home — Member of Board of Trustees since 1951, presently serving as Second Vice President.

Scottish Rite, Valley of Sioux City, Iowa. Transferred to Valley of Omaha.

Shrine, Orient of Sioux City, Iowa. Transferred to Sesostris Temple, Lincoln.

Eastern Star, Mystic Circle No. 132, Scribner. Transferred to Beemer Chapter No. 276.

Honorary Membership, Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

As our distinguished Brother approached the summit of the Grand Lodge ladder, the activities of the Fraternity increased greatly in Area Meetings, Dedications, and Corner-Stone Layings, as well as in special lodge visitations. In all of these, whether as Master of Ceremonies, as one of the Grand Lodge officers, or equally as the Most Worshipful Grand Master, he presented to the brethren throughout the State an outstanding picture of a humble, efficient workman called by merit to high responsibility which he was faithfully and honestly discharging to the best of his ability. The many ceremonies, visitations, etcetera, brought him into actual contact with more individual Masons than it is the privilege of most Grand

Masters to see. There may have been those who disagreed with his political philosophy — there was none to question his forthright honesty and high-mindedness. Though the influence of political scrimmage may have come out in occasional conversation, he could never be thought tainted with the muck and mire of venality. For him the question was never “What is expedient?” — it was always “What is RIGHT?” It was of men like M. W. Brother John that Holland prayed for when he wrote: “. . . . men whom the lust of office cannot kill — men whom the spoils of office cannot buy!”

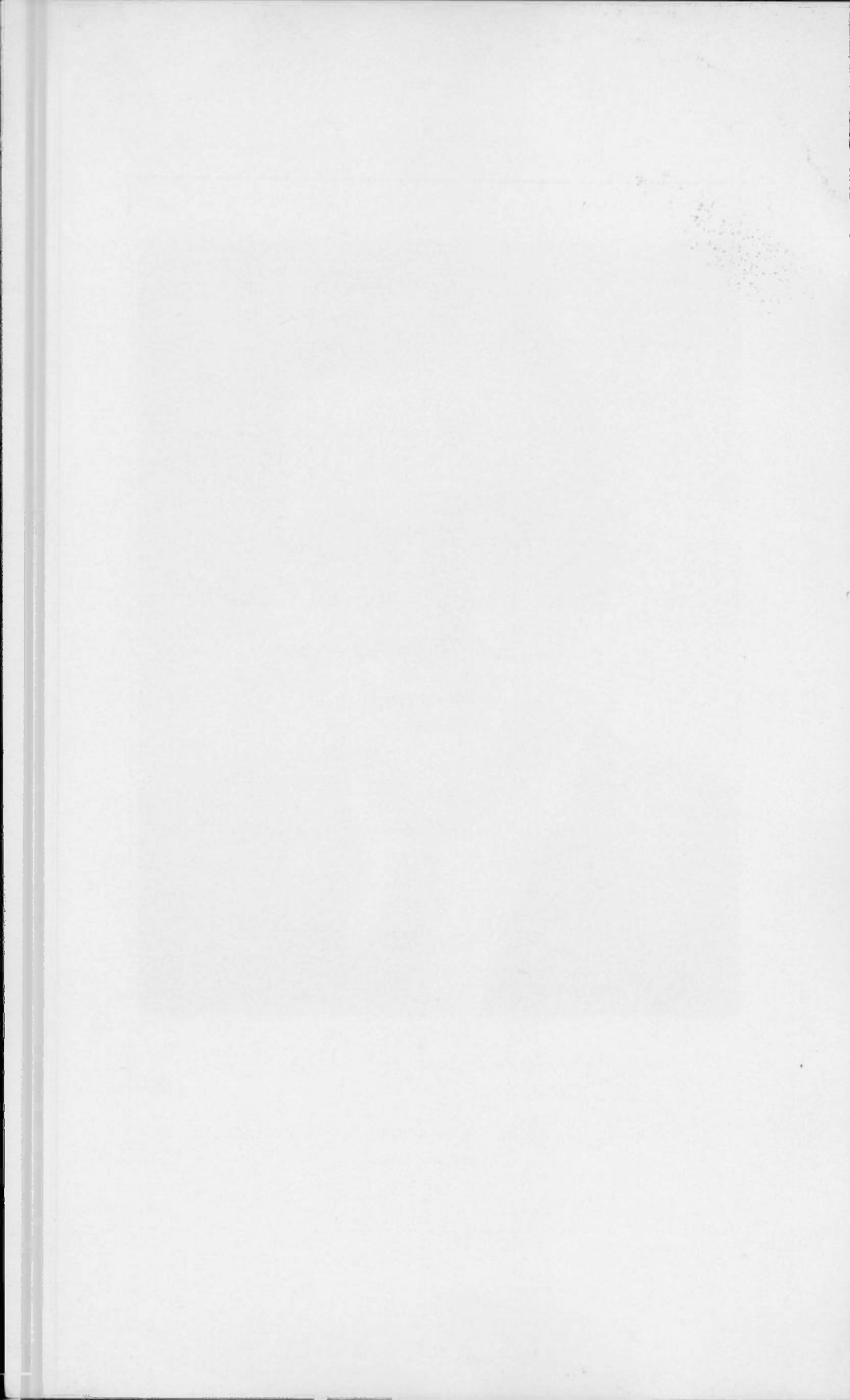
Nebraska has had a great Grand Master this past year. He has honored the office by occupying it.





Joseph C. Iyer

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1959 — 1960



PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

ONE HUNDRED SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 9 and 10, 1959



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 9, 1959

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, 19th and Douglas Streets, Omaha, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, June 9, A.D. 1959, A. L. 5959.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. John E. Beaver, 253.....	Grand Master
R. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. John F. Fitcher, 302.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. William P. Reid, 281.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Elsworth F. DuTeau, 19.....	Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1.....	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. Norris W. Lallman, 72.....	Grand Marshal
W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	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. Joseph C. Tye, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. W. William P. Reid, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Fay Smith, 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 102nd 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. William P. Reid, to the altar for the purpose of Prayer. Following prayer a short devotional service was presented.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS

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

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority:

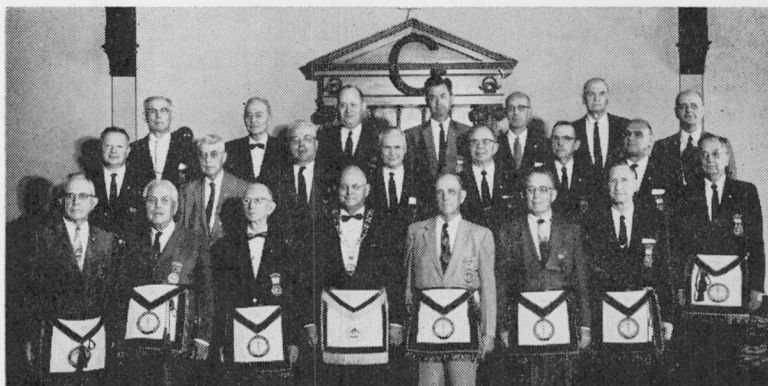
Lewis E. Smith.....	(56th)	1921
Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th)	1923
Ralph O. Canaday.....	(68th)	1933
Chancellor A. Phillips.....	(72nd)	1936
Walter R. Raecke.....	(74th)	1938
Earl J. Lee.....	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter.....	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk.....	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner.....	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper.....	(80th)	1944-1945
Benjamin F. Eyre.....	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt.....	(82nd)	1947
Elmer E. Magee.....	(83rd)	1948

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
Merle M. Hale.....	(91st)	1956
Roy I. Babbitt.....	(92nd)	1957

The Past Grand Masters were given a most cordial welcome, conducted to the East and given the grand honors.

M. W. Fay Smith gave the Response.

PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NEBRASKA



Front row, Left to Right: Benjamin F. Eyre, Chancellor A. Phillips, Lewis E. Smith, John E. Beaver, Charles A. Chappell, Ralph O. Canaday, Walter R. Raecke.

Second Row, Left to Right: Fay Smith, John S. Hedelund, Edward F. Carter, Elmer E. Magee, Edward Huwaldt, William C. Schaper, Merle M. Hale, Roy I. Babbitt.

Top Row, Left to Right: George A. Kurk, Earl J. Lee, Thomas J. Aron, Edward M. Knight, Charles F. Adams, William B. Wanner, Herbert T. White.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: M. W. Orestes Mitchell, Jr., Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Robert L. Aronson, Grand Master, Missouri; W. LaVerne J. Smith, Grand Representative and Personal Representative of M. W. Gilbert J. Schwartz, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Wisconsin; R. W. Leslie C. Eddy, Senior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M. W. C. Dale Cox, Grand Master, Iowa;

R. W. Edward L. Gruber, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Clyde E. Hegman, Grand Master, Minnesota; M. W. Addison C. Irby, Grand Master, Kansas; M. W. Charles S. McGinness, Grand Secretary, Kansas; R. W. Ray W. Kinzie, Deputy Grand Master, Kansas; M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master of Nebraska and Grand Representative and Personal Representative of M. W. Ernest L. Johnson, Grand Master, South Dakota.

M. E. Ehm J. Sorensen, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; M. E. Robert E. Lund, General Grand Master, Third Veil, General Grand Chapter; M. I. Charles F. Adams, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; R. E. Edward F. Wehrbein, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska; Brother Clyde R. Worrall, Worthy Grand Patron, O. E. S. of Nebraska; Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska and Grand Standard Bearer, Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

Ill. Clayton Andrews, Deputy Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Brother William F. Patterson, President; W. William F. Evers, Superintendent; Brother Raymond F. Evers, Assistant Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; Brother Guy A. Olmsted, President; Brother Hugh W. Hansen, Superintendent, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Speaking for and on behalf of the Distinguished Guests, M. W. Orestes Mitchell, Jr., Past Grand Master of Missouri, responded to the cordial welcome of M. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Master.

Brother Clyde R. Worrall, Worthy Grand Patron, presented a beautiful basket of flowers for and on behalf of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Nebraska, and with their good wishes for a profitable communication.

GREETINGS AND FELICITATIONS

Greetings and felicitations were received from the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Wisconsin and South Dakota, whose Annual Communications are on the same dates as the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

BROTHER ARTHUR L. PALMER, 112

The following letter was read from Brother Arthur L. Palmer, 112, now a resident of California, and who was recently the recipient of the Fifty-year button at a ceremony attended by Grand Officers from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and Grand Lodge of California.

CALIFORNIA HOTEL
324 East Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach 2, California
May 30, 1959

Annual Communication, June 1959
GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska

BRETHREN:

A GRATEFUL TESTIMONIAL

May white-haired Old Art Palmer, with your indulgence, bring you Pacific coast fraternal greetings, and his own testimonial of gratitude for fifty years blessings as a Nebraska Mason.

This is Memorial Day, sacred to us of the armed services in wartime, The Palmer Boys in the Army and Navy. Counting our blessings, memory recalls our family 100 years in Nebraska, and our more than half century in Masonry.

Down at our old town of Louisville, my late brother, Harry O. Palmer, on his 21st birthday, June 10, 1907, before breakfast signed his application to be made a Mason in Springfield Lodge 112, duly effected October 12 that year.

Following in his footsteps, Old Art, on his 21st birthday, January 1, 1909, did exactly the same, effected May 8.

Since then, our duties have dispersed us around The Globe, as well as throughout our own country and state. How proudly we have signed ourselves in other lodges, lands and climes, as Nebraska Masons!

These blessings of Masonry made us happy, and humble. We have prayed to be worthy. Now, riding down the sunset trail, sole survivor of my tribe, will you forgive my taking this moment to tell you how much Masonry has meant to us, and to thank you of the Grand Lodge for this fine fraternal fellowship these past fifty years.

My brother's untimely death, on September 27, 1951, was the culmination of a war-connected heart condition, his Masonic 50 years not quite fulfilled, his Army career as Lt. Colonel cut short in WW2 by his wounds of WW1.

Somehow, for some reason, my all but fatal bad fortunes in the Navy failed to finish me then, or since.

The recent California-Nebraska summit conference to assist the 17 lodges of Long Beach in a joint meeting to confer the 50-Year-Pin, was a grand climax in generosity, the Nebraska high command capturing the hearts of this whole community in three memorable days by and on the blue Pacific.

Gratefully and Fraternally,
Arthur L. Palmer

INTRODUCTION OF GRAND CUSTODIAN AND ASSISTANTS

M. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Master, introduced the Grand Custodian, his Assistants and Assistant Custodians Emeriti.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. John E. Beaver, 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. All Grand Lodges that are in fraternal relation with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska were represented except Alberta, Arizona, Bahia, Ceara, Rio Grande do Sul, China, Egypt, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Indiana, Israel, Maine, Manitoba, Missouri, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Carolina, North Dakota, Norway, Nova Scotia, Nuevo Leon, Philippines, South Carolina, Sweden, Switzerland, Tamaulipas, Tasmania, Texas, Victoria.

W. Clifford D. Webster, 321, Grand Representative of Colombia gave the response.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

W. Gail E. Burbridge, Master, Covert Lodge No. 11, gave the Address of Welcome and W. Russell S. Keep, Master, Platte Valley No. 32, gave the Response.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

The following Committees, having been appointed by M. W. John E. Beaver, entered upon the discharge of their duties:

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

Appropriations: W. Fred D. Moshier, 281 (1962) Chairman; Ernest E. James, 1 (1961); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1960); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1959); Walter Truex, 55 (1963).

Charters and Dispensations: W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54, Chairman; Edward F. Bartle, 82; Elton F. Moomey, 56.

Codification of the Law: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; J. Lyle Brown, 224; Larry T. McMaster, 114.

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; Clyde H. Jones, 173; Alfred B. Saum, 46; Leonard B. Wood, 103; Elmo R. Clayton, 302.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Roscoe N. Johnson, 60; Val Duane Zink, 70.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: M. W. Fay Smith, 198, Chairman; Elmer E. Magee, 227; Merle M. Hale, 54; Herbert T. White, 11.

Finance: W. John A. Bottorf, 49 (1962) Chairman; Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1961); Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1960); Robert E. Lund, 323 (1959); Welcome W. Naylor, 158 (1963).

Fraternal Dead: W. Harry A. Spencer, 227, Chairman; Frederick C. Buhk, 253; Asa K. Lane, 132.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Sydney G. Spurling, 132.

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

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

Grand Lodge Office: M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183, Chairman; Walter R. Raecke, 136; George A. Kurk, 54.

Grand Trustees: W. Leslie E. Martin, 281 (1960), Chairman; Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1959); M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318 (1961); W. William E. Moor, 102 (1962); M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1963).

Grievances: W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; Clay W. Kennedy, 4; Richard J. Haggart, 82.

Jurisprudence: M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, 195, Chairman, and all Past Grand Masters present.

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

Masonic Education: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1960), Chairman; Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1959); Alfred B. Gorman, 54 (1959); M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268 (1960); W. Phillip A. Robinson, 155 (1961); Silas A. Wilson, 46 (1961).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201 (1961), Chairman; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1960); Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1959).

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1962), Chairman; W. Arthur A. Gregory, 265 (1959); Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1960); Joseph W. Troxel, 184 (1961); Alvin H. Miller, 19 (1963).

Returns: W. W. Henry Foster, 79, Chairman; Archie L. Wert, 120; Brother Martin B. Johnson, 195.

Temple Building Advisory: W. Otto Nelsen, 300 (1961); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1960); A. Victor Bryan, 263 (1959).

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

On behalf of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska I greet each of you and wish to express our appreciation for your attendance at this 102nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

To our Distinguished Guests we extend a most hearty welcome. We are happy to have you with us and we hope you enjoy your stay in our State.

Please feel free to ask your host or any of the Grand Lodge members for anything pertaining to your comfort, or for any information or assistance.

You Brethren who are the Officers of the Subordinate Lodges or their proxies, together with the Past Grand Masters of our Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Officers, will receive, discuss and vote on the reports and the questions which will be submitted to this Grand Lodge. I hope you realize the privileges and responsibilities that are yours during this Annual Communication.

I am about to complete the most pleasant year of my life. Through the grace of God I have been able to meet with many of the brethren in the state. This has been a most pleasant and profitable experience, and I have met some of the nicest people in the world.

During this year as Grand Master, I have had a great deal of help. I have asked and received much help from Almighty God. The Past Grand Masters have all been most considerate and helpful. I have been fortunate in having a very helpful and understanding group of Grand Lodge Officers. They have been most co-operative and have traveled many miles to help make our meetings successful. Most of all I am indebted to the Officers and Brethren of the Lodges over the state. You are the ones who make it possible for a Grand Master to carry out any type of program.

I have received many honors and much hospitality at your hands, and I find it hard to express the feelings that are in my heart. I want now to sincerely and humbly say "Thank you". Because of your many kindnesses and the fellowship I have had with you my life has been richer and fuller. I hope I have contributed as much to Masonry as Masonry, through you, has given to me.

There are many things that probably should be said, many thanks to be given, but it is hard to know where to start and when once started it would be very difficult to know where to stop. I have thought much about how to repay those who have been so kind to me during this year and I believe the best way to pay my respects to those to whom I am indebted is to say to my Lord "Thank God for my Masonic Brethren."

NECROLOGY

That last great step which we must all take has been taken by 869 of our Brethren. Because of the teachings of our Fraternity we are certain that our Brethren shall live again.

During the Masonic year we have lost one of our very influential and beloved Past Grand Masters, M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein of Wahoo, who passed to that Great Beyond on April 20, 1959. Brother Schiefelbein was the 84th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska. Masonic services were conducted at the grave of our esteemed Past Grand Master in Wahoo on Thursday, April 23rd; M. W. John S. Hedelund, close associate of "Brother Schief" delivered the funeral oration. The esteem in which our departed Brother was held was shown by the presence of ten Past Grand Masters and a number of Grand Lodge Officers besides a large group of brethren and friends.

Masonry has lost an outstanding worker, one whose courage and fidelity will be remembered for many years.

I have recently learned of the death of my good friend and brother Peter L. Bauer. "Pete" lived up to the teachings of Masonry at all times, he not only told about the philosophies of Masonry but he practiced them in his every day life. He was very active in his church as well as in the Masonic fraternity. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home for many years, having served as President of the Board up until the time he suffered a stroke in 1951. Those of us who knew "Pete" well will miss him; he was a fine friend and Brother. Because of the things he believed in and worked for Nebraska will be a better place in which to live.

JORDAN MEDALS AND FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

Brother Edward Cronau of Lotus No. 289, who resides at The Nebraska Masonic Home, continues to be the holder of our Gold Jordan Medal. It is a pleasure to report that his health is still reasonably good and all of us wish for him many more years of Masonic communication.

The Grand Secretary's report includes the presentations of the Bronze Jordan Medals made during the year.

It was my pleasure to present several Fifty-year buttons during the year. The Fraternity of Fifty-year Brethren is increasing. The Grand Secretary's report will give the total number.

On May 14, 1959, our Grand Secretary and I were invited to present a fifty-year button to one of our distinguished members who lives in Long Beach, California. We were officially received by the Grand Master of California in Long Beach Lodge No. 327 F. & A. M. I was privileged to present the button denoting 50 years of Masonic service to Brother Arthur L. Palmer, a member of Springfield Lodge No. 112. Brother Palmer has been one of the very fine Brethren who has done so much for Masonry in all parts of the world and has been especially generous in his gifts to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

Brother Palmer has maintained his membership in Springfield Lodge for fifty consecutive years. This visitation to Long Beach Lodge was made without any expense to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The Grand Secretary and I were most happy to show the appreciation of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to such a distinguished Mason.

Not only did we of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska pay honor to Brother Palmer, but also the Grand Lodge of California with the presence of M. W. Phil Meyers, Grand Master, many Grand Lodge Officers, four District Inspectors, the President and Secretary of the Long Beach Masonic Relief Association together with 200 or more brethren of the seventeen Long Beach Lodges. All were most anxious to pay honor to our Brother Arthur L. Palmer.

CORNER-STONES

On May 21, 1959, I laid the corner-stone for the new Masonic Temple at Cozad.

The following Grand Officers were present and assisted in the ceremony: Joseph C. Tye, Deputy Grand Master; Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; Norris W. Lallman, Grand Marshal; Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Senior Deacon, Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Junior Deacon; M. W. Brothers Charles A. Chappell and Chancellor A. Phillips.

The Grand Officers were received by Meridian Lodge No. 188 and an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska was opened in ample form.

Preliminary as well as final arrangements for the ceremony were made by our Grand Marshal, W. Norris W. Lallman. I express to him my appreciation and that of the Grand Lodge for his excellent work on behalf of the Grand Lodge. I want to congratulate Meridian Lodge No. 188 on their fine achievement.

The Grand Lodge is always happy to accept invitations to lay corner-stones of buildings erected for the worship of God, for the administration of government or for educational or charitable purposes. Because of the preparation required, such invitation should be extended several weeks before the date of the ceremony.

DEDICATIONS

On December 15, 1958, we dedicated the new Masonic Temple of Plainview Lodge No. 204, Plainview. Before the dedication ceremonies I was officially received and the Grand Lodge Officers were presented. A number of Grand Lodge Officers were present and assisted in the ceremony. We congratulate Plainview Lodge No. 204 on this fine new temple.

On the evening of May 22nd, 1959, we dedicated the new Masonic Temple of Justice Lodge No. 180, Benkelman. Before the dedication ceremonies I was officially received and the Grand Lodge Officers were

presented. The following Grand Lodge Officers were present and assisted in the ceremony: Joseph C. Tye, Deputy Grand Master; Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; Norris W. Lallman, Grand Marshal; Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Senior Deacon; Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Junior Deacon; M. W. Brothers Charles A. Chappell, Chancellor A. Phillips and Fay Smith, Past Grand Masters.

Prior to the ceremony we were guests of the Lodge at a dedication dinner. We congratulate Justice No. 180 on this fine new temple.

CHARTER RELOCATIONS

On October 24, 1958 I authorized Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 of Walthill, to move their Charter, records and furniture to their new Lodge Hall.

On November 10, 1958 I authorized Plainview Lodge No. 204 of Plainview, to move their Charter, records and furniture to their new Lodge Hall.

On January 31, 1959 I authorized Justice Lodge No. 180 of Benkelman, to move their Charter and records to their new Lodge Hall.

On March 15, I authorized Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Grand Island Lodge No. 318 of Grand Island to move their Charters to the new Masonic Temple.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

I granted seventeen special dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time. These were granted because the applicants were either in or about to enter our armed forces.

As a part of each special dispensation I pointed out that the suspension of the proficiency requirement was temporary, that the brother was to comply as soon as possible, and not later than ninety days after his return to civilian life, with our Masonic Law pertaining to his proficiency.

I granted the request from fourteen lodges to examine 14 brothers who had allowed more than the specific time to elapse.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL

During the year I granted the following dispensations:

January 2, 1959—to Union No. 287 to elect a Senior Warden. The regularly elected Senior Warden found it would be impossible to serve during that year.

January 21—to Bayard No. 301 to install a Junior Deacon. The regularly appointed Junior Deacon was called out of town on business on the night set for installation.

January 21—Crofton No. 273 to elect and install W. Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. This election was advised because the Worshipful

Master died just a few days after being installed. It seemed wise to permit another election rather than have the Senior Warden serve a year as Acting Master.

January 21—Bartley No. 228, to install the Junior Deacon. The Brother was unable to be present at the regular installation because of illness.

January 29—Melrose No. 60, to elect and install. This was brought about because their regular meeting night fell on December 24 (Christmas Eve).

BY - LAWS APPROVED

During the past Masonic year, I approved amendments to fifteen existing By-Laws. These amendments were for the purpose of increasing the annual dues. I also approved one complete set of By-laws, and an amendment to the By-laws of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

During the year sixty-one Applications for Reinstatement were referred to me by the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement. I approved the findings of the Committee on fifty-seven applications and disapproved four.

TEMPLE FINANCING AND BUILDING

The Temple Building Advisory Committee has given much of their time and efforts to help Lodges which are planning to build new buildings or to remodel their present Temples. This Committee has been most helpful in their advice and counsel given to the Brethren. I wish to thank Chairman Otto Nelsen and his committee for their fine work. During the past Masonic year they have recommended four financing plans, all of which I approved.

HOLBROOK LODGE NO. 257

On February 1st, 1959, I received word from Holbrook No. 257 that they were hard pressed to keep their Lodge in operation. I requested our Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen and our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, to go to Holbrook and advise with the brethren. These two Grand Lodge Officers met with a group of members of the lodge and after a thorough discussion the Brethren of Holbrook Lodge No. 257 requested they be advised how to surrender their Charter. This information was given to them.

After proper notice to all members had been given they met on April 13th, and discussed their problem. There are twelve resident members in Holbrook, eleven of them were present. They felt it was impossible to gain new members and doubtful if they could hold their present number. Under these circumstances they decided it was better to surrender their Charter and affiliate with the neighboring lodges. The

proposition was put before the lodge and they voted unanimously to surrender their Charter.

On April 17th, I authorized our Grand Secretary R. W. Carl R. Greisen to go to Holbrook, pick up the Charter and close the affairs of the lodge.

I want to commend the Brethren of Holbrook Lodge No. 257 for their efforts and their interest in Masonry as individuals.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

The following were recommended to the M. W. Grand Masters of the various jurisdiction to be the Grand Representatives near Nebraska: W. Henry Becker, 114, Germany; M. W. Herbert T. White, 11, California; W. Brothers Norris W. Lallman, 72, Indiana; Robert B. Conrad, 125, South Carolina, and Brother Warren W. Kelley, 290, Illinois.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

The following on recommendation of the M. W. Grand Masters were commissioned Grand Representatives of Nebraska near the various jurisdictions: Maurice Coffey, Germany; Cyril W. C. Peaks, South Australia, and Chester R. Martin, Prince Edward Island.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

As with all Grand Masters one of the unpleasant duties he is called upon to perform is the appointment of Trial Commissions. It became necessary for me to appoint eleven such Commissions; five on account of engaging in the sale of intoxicating liquor and six for offenses involving moral turpitude. The results were seven expulsions, two indefinite suspensions, one definite suspension and one dismissal.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

I am sure we are all becoming familiar with the excellent work being done at our Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. I want to commend the President of the Board of Trustees, Brother William F. Patterson, and all members of the Board for their untiring efforts in behalf of our Home. They devote much of their time and energy in formulating the policy for this fine Masonic venture.

Credit for making it "tick" must go to our beloved Superintendent W. William F. Evers and his fine son Raymond who is Assistant Superintendent.

Brother Bill has requested that he be retired on July 1st next. The Board is sorry that it is necessary to grant this request because Bill Evers has in a large measure been responsible for the success of The Nebraska Masonic Home. We all hope to see Brother Bill around the Home from time to time and we realize that his patience, his friendly smile and his general understanding have been of immeasurable value

to the Masonic fraternity. We wish him and his good wife many more years of joyous living. He has made life so very pleasant for so many people. His position will be filled by his very competent son whom he has been teaching the ways of the Home for many years.

The true Masonic spirit was again exemplified by the Masonic bodies of Grand Island and their neighboring lodges. I was glad to give approval to the Grand Island Brethren to solicit the Masonic lodges within a radius of one hundred miles for contributions to the Annual Thanksgiving Food Truck to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. All the Brethren associated with this venture are to be commended for this generous and charitable project.

While approval was not asked, I believe mention should be made of the Food Car sent to The Nebraska Masonic Home by the Builders Club of Western Nebraska. This, too, is a generous and worthy project, and this group is also entitled to our hearty "Thanks".

Permission was again given to the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha to solicit funds from the subordinate lodges in order to continue their practice of supplying Christmas gifts for the residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. These brethren and their wives do a very commendable job and bring much joy and happiness to the hearts of many people.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

I was not able to attend as many meetings of the Board of Trustees as I wanted; however I found from the meetings that I did attend a group of sincere and hard-working Masons and Eastern Stars. They are interested in the Home and dedicated to their work.

The President of the Board, Brother Guy Olmsted, together with Brother Hugh Hanson, the Superintendent, and the members of the Board put in many hours of work and some of them travel many miles in order to add comfort and happiness to the hearts of those children.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

It has been a pleasure to be present at the meetings of this group of ardent Masons. Chairman Howard J. Hunter and his Committee are doing a fine job in assembling interesting and factual matter to put before the brethren.

I was able to attend five out of the six area meetings held this year. I missed the meeting in Lincoln because of the March blizzard.

I believe a great deal of attention should be paid to the work of this Committee because of the importance of their work to the Craft. I hope that some day their duties can be expanded.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF NORTH AMERICA AND
GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

As has been customary for many years I, as Grand Master, was privileged to represent Nebraska at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. This meeting was held in Washington, D. C. on February 23 to 25. Nebraska was one of the states selected to have its Grand Master give a paper on the subject of "Should Grand Lodges respect the laws of other Grand Jurisdictions concerning candidates". I felt proud to represent Nebraska on the program. Another honor was bestowed on Nebraska at the meeting of George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22, F. A. A. M. in Washington, D. C. Your Grand Master was invited to respond to the welcome for the Distinguished Guests attending the meeting of one of the older lodges in the District of Columbia.

Many interesting and informative questions were discussed at this Conference, and while no decisions affecting Grand Lodge are made, topics of mutual concern are brought up and discussed.

Other Nebraskans attending this year were: M. W. Charles F. Adams, R. W. John F. Futeher, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, M. E. Robert E. Lund and M. E. Louis V. Sylvester.

M. W. Charles F. Adams is a member of the Committee on Information and Recognition which meets and discusses problems pertaining to the doings of other Grand Jurisdictions. Being a member of this committee brings honor to M. W. Brother Adams and to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Brother Adams is also a member of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Nebraska is proud to have one of our Past Grand Masters receive these honors and to bring distinction to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

At the Grand Masters Banquet we were honored in having as our guests members of Congress who are Masons. These guests were Senator and Mrs. Roman Hruska, Senator and Mrs. Carl T. Curtis, Congressman and Mrs. Phil Weaver and Congressman and Mrs. Lawrence Brock. Brother The Honorable Robert B. Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury, was the banquet speaker.

On Monday, February 23rd, we attended the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in Alexandria, Virginia. It is always an inspiration to attend this meeting and enjoy the beauty and grandeur of this Memorial Building. The placing of a wreath at the tomb of our most distinguished Mason, George Washington, at Mt. Vernon is a fitting climax to this eventful day.

Other meetings at which we received much good information as well as fine fellowship during the week were the Frank Land Breakfast, the Wisconsin Breakfast and the Grand Secretaries' Banquet.

VISITATIONS TO SUBORDINATE LODGES

For the Year 1958

June 13	Omadi No. 5	Dakota City
June 25	Covert No. 11	Omaha
June 26	Bee Hive No. 184	Omaha
June 27	Wayne No. 120	Wayne
August 10	Niobrara No. 87	Niobrara
September 2	Mosaic No. 55	Norfolk
September 3	Columbus No. 323	Columbus
September 8	Robert Burns No. 173	Stratton
September 11	East Lincoln No. 210	Lincoln
September 16	Hooper No. 72	Hooper
September 23	Acacia No. 34	Schuyler
October 13	Centennial No. 326	Omaha
October 15	George Washington No. 250	Lincoln
October 15	Plattsmouth No. 6	Plattsmouth
October 16	Wayne No. 120	Wayne
October 20	Golden Sheaf No. 202	Randolph
October 21	Victory No. 310	Valley
October 22	Beemer No. 253	Beemer
October 23	Alpha No. 316	South Sioux City
October 24	Scribner No. 132	Scribner
October 27	Cedar River No. 89	Fullerton
October 28	St. Paul No. 82	St. Paul
October 29	Solar No. 134	Clarks
October 31	Lancaster No. 54	Lincoln
November 3, 4	Mullen No. 282	Mullen
November 5	Samaritan No. 158	Chadron
November 6, 7	Amity No. 169	Rushville
November 8	Alliance No. 183	Alliance
November 10	Pomegranate No. 110	Ashland
November 17	Square No. 151	Valparaiso
November 25	Lincoln No. 19	Lincoln
November 26	Springfield No. 112	Springfield
November 28	Mizpah No. 302	Omaha
December 5	Utica No. 96	Utica
December 8	Camp Clarke No. 285	Bridgeport
December 9	Robert W. Furnas No. 265	Scottsbluff
December 10	Oasis No. 271	Morrill
December 11	Faith No. 181	Crawford
December 13	Hay Springs No. 177	Hay Springs
December 18	Silver Cord No. 224	Ainsworth
December 19	Bassett No. 254	Bassett

For the Year 1959

January 6	Fremont No. 15	Fremont
January 7	Beemer No. 253	Beemer
January 10	John J. Mercer No. 290	Omaha
January 12	Landmark No. 222	Herman
January 13	Mount Nebo No. 125	Genoa
January 14	Geneva No. 79	Geneva
January 15, 16	Gothenburg No. 249	Gothenburg
January 23	Winnebago No. 309	Winnebago
January 26	Boaz No. 185	Danbury
January 27	Ramah No. 275	Bertrand
January 27	Beaver City No. 93	Beaver City
January 28	Guide Rock No. 128	Guide Rock
January 29	Hastings No. 50 and Mid-West No. 317	Hastings
February 2	Oshkosh No. 286	Oshkosh
February 3	Golden Rod No. 306	Lodgepole
February 3	Ogallala No. 159	Ogallala
February 4	Frank Welch No. 75	Sidney
February 4	Potter No. 313	Potter
February 5	Rawalt No. 138	Oxford
February 10	Wisner No. 114	Wisner
March 2	Upright No. 137	Burchard
March 3	Hope No. 29	Nemaha
March 4	Orient No. 13	Rulo
March 6	Table Rock No. 108	Table Rock
March 7	Sterling No. 70	Sterling
March 21	Area Meeting	York
March 24	Platte Valley No. 32	North Platte
March 28	Area Meeting	Omaha
April 3	Antelope No. 276	Elgin
April 8	Nemaha Valley No. 4	Brownville
April 9	Humboldt No. 40	Humboldt
April 10	Area Meeting	Auburn
April 23	Wahoo No. 59, Funeral of M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein	Wahoo
April 27	De Witt No. 111	De Witt
April 28	Lincoln No. 19, State House Night	Lincoln
May 21	Meridian No. 188, Corner-stone	Cozad
May 27	Justice No. 180, Dedication	Benkelman
May 27	Covert No. 11	Omaha
June 2	Beemer No. 253	Beemer
June 3	Oakland No. 91, Past Masters Night	Oakland

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Mrs. Beaver and I were privileged to visit seven Grand Jurisdictions outside of Nebraska.

June 10-11, 1958—Grand Lodge of South Dakota at Aberdeen.

August 24-26—Grand Lodge of Wyoming at Cody.

September 18-20—Grand Lodge of Iowa at Davenport.

October 10-11—Grand Lodge of Illinois at Chicago.

March 10-12, 1959—Grand Lodge of Kansas at Wichita.

March 17-19—Grand Lodge of Minnesota at St. Paul.

In all these visitations we were well received and I hope I have helped to further the fellowship of Masonry with the Brethren in other states.

I was pleased to appoint R. W. Joseph C. Tye, our Deputy Grand Master, as my personal representative to the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Colorado. I express my appreciation and thanks to Brother Joe for giving of his time to represent me at these two Grand Jurisdictions.

GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA

We were honored by being invited to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of California held in San Francisco, September 29 to October 3, 1958.

During this Communication the Grand Master and his Officers dedicated their beautiful new California Masonic Memorial Temple. This Temple is considered the most beautiful Masonic structure in the world. In addition to its beauty it is arranged so as to be most efficient and practical. It is located atop Nob Hill, the highest point of the city and certainly establishes the Light of Masonry where all can see.

This meeting came as near being an international Masonic Communication as has been held anywhere. Foreign countries represented by their Grand Masters and other Grand Officers were England, Scotland, France, El Salvador, the Philippines, Denmark, Queensland, four provinces of Canada. Besides these distinguished Masons from other countries the Grand Masters of twenty-three states of our country were present and many other prominent and dedicated Masonic Brethren from all parts of the world. It was a wonderful experience to be associated with and to have Masonic Communication with so many truly fine Masons.

VISITS TO AFFILIATED BODIES

I was privileged to attend some of the meetings of our affiliated bodies during my year as Grand Master.

Whenever time permitted I accepted invitations to attend and represent the Grand Lodge at meetings of the York and Scottish Rite Bodies, the Shrine, Eastern Star and Masonic Service Clubs. I was always received with the honor and courtesy which is due the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska. I want to express my appreciation to the

various Masonic Bodies for their fine co-operation with the Grand Lodge. I feel we are all working together for the best interests of Masonry.

DECISIONS

It seems that I have been fortunate in being asked to render decisions in only a few instances. Whether it is because of the Craft knowing of my lack of legal ability or because things are running smoothly in our Jurisdiction, I am not certain.

1. A Lodge inquired as to the eligibility of a petitioner who was employed in a brewery. His work was to stack the cases of beer and at times to fill the bottles. I ruled that under our law the man is not eligible to petition for the degrees of Masonry.

2. A Lodge inquired as to the status of a Fellow Craft brother who had taken employment with a wholesale liquor distributor. I ruled that he not only was ineligible to receive the degree of a Master Mason but Masonic law clearly stated their duty in disposing of this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that the Grand Lodge Committee on Nebraska Work review our Masonic Monitor and Ceremonies for the purpose of reporting to the Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication what changes should be made so that when reprint is needed of this book no time will be lost in the preparation. Our monitor has not been revised for many years and some of the items are out-dated. This is especially true of our Funeral Service. I realize a different service than the one printed in our monitor has been approved, but not all the Lodges have a copy of this service, and the Masonic Funeral Service is one of the displays of Masonry that should be well prepared.

2. I recommend that the incoming Grand Master have a series of meetings with the Committee on Masonic Education and other interested parties for the express purpose of discussing ways and means of putting before the Brethren additional interesting and factual information. There is much in the way of history, charity, tradition, research and good moral teachings in Masonry. My thought is for this group to plan ways of presenting this information to the Brethren of the Craft in printed form not by the Committee on Education alone, for they have done a fine job, but so that the Brethren themselves may have an opportunity to present some of these subjects before their own Lodges. All this should be under the direction of the Committee on Masonic Education.

The Masonic Service Association regularly furnishes pamphlets, short talks and much other valuable and current information to its members. I further recommend that the group making this study consider the advisability of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska affiliating with this association. A report on this matter should be made at the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

This Recommendation is made with the thought in mind of creating enough interest among the Brethren so that they will want to attend their Lodge meetings in order to receive more of this valuable information. Masonry has many interesting phases and I believe we should do all we can to ignite the spark that will cause our brethren to seek to improve themselves in Masonic teachings.

3. A great deal of interest has developed throughout the nation in the field of housing for senior citizens. Financing of such housing is now being made available wherein such projects are sponsored by non-profit organizations such as churches, lodges, professional organizations, labor organizations etc.

The present F.H.A. law makes it easier to get financing on a long term basis at a low rate of interest with very little equity money requirements. The sponsoring organization is required to guarantee the payment of any mortgage payments. The sponsoring organization may or may not, as it sees fit, put up initial equity money or promotional costs. This money may be raised from the senior citizens through a founder's fee, or payment for an option for lifetime lease.

When the question as to whether or not the Masons of Nebraska should help sponsor a housing project for senior citizens was submitted to the brethren by means of a questionnaire in The Nebraska Masonic Home News, over 550 inquiries were received from Masons, or widows of Masons. Because of the interest in this matter I recommend that this 102nd annual communication of the Grand Lodge discuss and vote on the advisability of sponsoring a home for senior citizens. W. Earl H. Furman will give a report on housing for Senior Citizens this afternoon.

4. The 33rd Biennial meeting of Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada will meet in Louisville, Kentucky, September 27 through 30, 1959.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has been a member of this Association for more than a half century. Our Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, was President of this Association in 1934 and 1935 and has been its Treasurer for many years. Our Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, will be elected First Vice President at the Louisville meeting and normally will be elected President in 1961. I feel that it would be an honor for our Grand Lodge to invite the Association to hold its 34th Biennial meeting in Omaha in 1961.

I recommend that R. W. Brother Greisen be given authority to invite the Association to meet in Omaha in the fall of 1961 and that a suitable sum be appropriated for the expense of this meeting. This sum to be available following Grand Lodge in 1961.

APPRECIATION

I cannot complete my report without expressing the appreciation of Mrs. Beaver and myself to the members of the Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters that have done so much for us. On October 22,

1958 the Brothers and Sisters of Beemer Lodge No. 253 and Beemer Chapter No. 276 had a reception for us that exceeded anything we had ever dreamed of. It was a great day for us. Present were ten Grand Lodge Officers, seven Past Grand Masters and many of our Masonic and Eastern Star friends from the neighboring communities. As if this were not enough, we were presented with a set of matched luggage by the Brethren of Beemer Lodge No. 253.

W. Brother Harry, your Officers and Brethren of your Lodge, the Officers and Members of the Beemer Eastern Star Chapter, you have through your thoughtful consideration strengthened and made more valuable our bonds of Fellowship and Brotherly Love.

On October 24th, the Brothers and Sisters of Scribner Lodge No. 132 and Mystic Circle Chapter No. 126 held a reception for us that added much to our feeling of Love and Fraternal Spirit. It was so nice to be received into the lodge in which I was made a Mason and in which Adele and I were received into the Eastern Star and then to be entertained so well at a banquet attended by many of our Sisters and Brothers, Grand Lodge Officers and friends of some years ago.

Worshipful Brother Syd, your Officers and Brethren of Scribner Lodge No. 132, officers and members of Mystic Circle Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, you have brought much happiness and created many fond memories for Adele and me which we shall treasure always.

You have paid honor and tribute to us far above what we feel we deserve. Thank you for two wonderful evenings. We shall be forever grateful to all of you.

Also I want to express my appreciation to the Brethren who have served on the various Committees. You have done a great deal to further the work of Masonry.

I want at this time to pay tribute to our Grand Secretary R. W. Carl R. Greisen. I would not be fulfilling my duty if I did not thank him for the good counsel and assistance he and the members of his staff gave me during this past year. The suggestions offered and the advice given have been a great help and have lightened the burdens of the office of the Grand Master.

I have enjoyed working with him and his staff. This association with him has been pleasant and fruitful. I highly recommend to the incoming Grand Master a close association with our Grand Secretary.

Again I want to pay tribute to a co-worker, a fine man and a fine Mason, our Grand Custodian W. Raymond C. Cook. It has been a pleasure working with him and his fine group of assistants. It has been my good fortune to attend some of the Schools of Instruction and let me assure you it is a wonderful experience to see the brethren drink in the Masonic teachings as explained by our Grand Custodian and the good men who are working with him as his Assistants. I want to say something about these Assistants. They have done an excellent job in arranging meetings for

me and they are certainly loved and respected by the brethren of their Lodges. They are working hard and long and the results are so noticeable. Brother Ray and his men are doing a fine job. They are making much progress in the quality of the work throughout the entire state. Not only are they getting the lodges to improve their work, but the influence of these men is becoming a big help to many members of our Fraternity over the state.

Brother Ray, because of you and your Assistants this past year has been more pleasant for me.

I want to say just a few things about one who has been a great help to me during the year, my good wife Adele. While she has been a great helper to me for many years, it seems that she has extended that aid during this year in quantities that have eased my duties so very much. If it were possible for her to accompany me on my trips, she was a delightful companion; when she could not go with me, everything I needed was in order and neatly packed. If I started early in the morning or returned late at night her smile and her devotion were the same, and always she cautioned me to drive carefully and rest well. Adele is a good wife and a wonderful helpmate.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

I believe that Masonry in Nebraska is generally in a healthy condition. We show a net loss of 69 members this year.

I have hopes that next year will show a gain in numbers and while we all agree, I am sure, that numbers are not the most important feature of Masonry, an increase in numbers is good for our Fraternity. In my travels about the State I find that the Brethren have come to realize more than ever that as a Mason they have certain responsibilities as well as privileges. I think the Brethren have a better understanding of the workings of our Grand Lodge, they are becoming more familiar with the part they have to play in our Grand Lodge. This type of change is good.

I believe, too, that the system of carrying on the business of the Grand Lodge which was established two years ago is finding its proper level. I am certain that as the details of the system are understood by all and some adjustments made we will have a system of handling our investments, our receipts and disbursements together with matters pertaining to the several departments all taken care of in a very efficient and business-like manner.

I find that most of the property of the Lodges is in good order, the work is the best in our history. Several Lodges are considering the buying or building of new Temples. All this indicates a healthy condition.

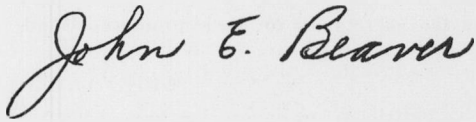
CONCLUSION

Our Grand Lodge is about to begin another milestone. The gavel will soon be taken up by the hand of another Grand Master and he will have plans for the advancement of our beloved Fraternity. I urge you to give him all the assistance you can to carry out his program.

Thank you, Brethren, for your loyalty, for the honors you have paid me and for your fine Masonic fellowship.

May the Grace of God be with you always.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Beaver". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

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:

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

GRAND LODGE RECORDS

We continue to micro-film the card files and returns as time permits.

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from the 276 Lodges, all dues and fees for the year 1958 have been paid in full. Our sincere thanks to the Secretaries for their promptness and co-operation.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from three applicants. These have been referred to the Committee on Grievances for consideration and report at this Annual Communication.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Tyrian Lodge No. 243 Oak, has been cited to appear and show cause why their charter should not be forfeited in accordance with action taken by the Grand Lodge at its 101st Annual Communication.

On Monday, April 13, 1959, after due and proper notices to all of its twenty-nine members Holbrook Lodge No. 257, Holbrook, voted unanimously to surrender its charter. Saturday, April 18th, I visited with the Secretary, picked up the books, records and charter and brought them to the office. These will be available for the Committee.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

The records show that 135 Fifty-year buttons were presented during the year. We now have 743 brethren in this distinguished group as compared with 685 a year ago.

JORDAN MEDAL

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

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D. U.

To W. Ralph S. Tully, the Officers and Brethren of Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U. D. U., 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.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1959

Debit

Received from 46,213 members @ \$3.00	\$138,639.00
Received from 1,278 initiations @ \$10.00.....	12,780.00
Received from 5 affiliations @ \$10.00	50.00
Received from Surety bond premiums	642.90
Received from Supplies	3,273.93
Received from Liability Insurance	4,159.17
Received from 1,128 brethren for George Washington Masonic National Memorial @ \$1.00	1,128.00
Received from interest on Securities	877.22
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Total	\$161,550.22

Credit

Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 92,426.00
Transferred to the Relief Fund	9,242.60
Transferred to Orphans Educational Endowment Fund	54,836.79
Transferred to Supply Account	3,916.83
Transferred to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	1,128.00
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Total	\$161,550.22

GENERAL FUND

May 10, 1959

Debit

Cash in United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1958 ..	\$57,413.54
Received from Orphans Educational Endowment Fund	40,000.00
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Total	\$97,413.54

Credits

Disbursements	\$91,315.28
Cash in United States National Bank of Omaha May 10, 1959 ..	6,098.26
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Total	\$97,413.54

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1959

Debit

Cash in United States National Bank of Omaha May 10, 1958 ..	\$ 7,528.31
Sale of supplies	3,279.57
Bond premium	642.90
Sale of Grand Lodge By-law	4.00
Total	\$11,454.78

Credits

Bond premium	\$ 575.73
Supplies	4,754.96
Postage	600.00
Cash in United States National Bank of Omaha May 10, 1959 ..	5,524.09
Total	\$11,454.78

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1959

Debit

Cash in Stock Yards National Bank May 10, 1958	\$12,185.48
From Special Account	9,242.60
Total	\$21,428.08

Credits

Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	\$ 9,500.00
Cash in Stock Yards National Bank May 10, 1959	11,928.08
Total	\$21,428.08

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND

May 10, 1959

Debit

Cash in United States National Bank of Omaha May 10, 1958	\$8,871.93
Miscellaneous receipts	23.00
Total	\$8,894.93

Credits

Cash in United States National Bank of Omaha May 10, 1959	\$8,894.93
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THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

May 10, 1959

HOME	Amount of Appropriation	Expenditures 7-1-58 to 5-10-59	Unexpended Balance
Salaries	\$ 23,450.00	\$ 17,479.56	\$ 5,970.44
Nursing	21,805.00	18,249.26	3,555.74
Labor	40,960.00	32,866.53	8,093.47
Maintenance	9,210.00	8,148.60	1,061.40
Food	18,000.00	16,014.43	1,985.57
Medical	7,500.00	7,381.61	118.39
Fuel	4,500.00	3,867.10	632.90
Light & Power	2,500.00	2,310.27	189.73
Water	750.00	666.35	83.65
Funerals	3,000.00	1,589.00	1,411.00
Sub-total	<u>\$131,675.00</u>	<u>\$108,572.71</u>	<u>\$23,102.29</u>

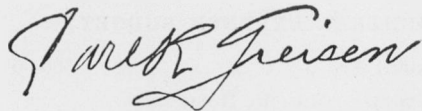
GENERAL EXPENSE BUDGET

Audit Fee	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$
Nebraska Masonic Home			
News	3,700.00	3,700.00	.....
Office Expense	1,000.00	731.71	268.29
Attorney Fees	600.00	306.87	293.53
Bond and Insurance			
Premiums	5,700.00	4,655.31	1,044.69
Printing	450.00	309.00	141.00
Expense acquired on			
properties from residents	1,300.00	1,287.36	12.64
City Assessments	170.00	949.42	(779.42)
Sub-total	<u>\$ 13,420.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,439.27</u>	<u>\$ 980.73</u>
Total	<u>\$145,095.00</u>	<u>\$121,011.98</u>	<u>\$24,083.02</u>

RETURNS

Number of Chartered lodges last year.....		276
Less extinction or consolidation.....		0
Number of Lodges.....		276
Number initiated.....	1,278	
Number passed.....	1,177	
Number raised.....	1,128	
Number affiliated.....	202	
Number dual members.....	15	
Number reinstated.....	284	
Number gained by other causes.....	2	
Total gross increase.....		1,631
Number demitted.....	271	
Number deceased.....	869	
Number suspended.....	552	
Number expelled.....	9	
Number lost by other causes.....	2	
Total loss.....		1,703
Net loss for year ending December 31, 1958.....		72
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1957.....		46,213
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1958.....		46,141

Fraternally submitted.



Grand Secretary

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS													No. on Rolls December 31, 1958	No. of Lodge							
	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.			F. C. C.			SUSP.			GAIN					LOSS						
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes			Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Nebraska.....	1	18	6	17	2	3	7	1271	17	2	0	1	0	1291	7	24	3	0	0	34	1257	1
Western Star....	2	15	11	11	4	11	13	283	14	0	1	1	0	299	1	4	11	0	0	16	283	2
Capitol.....	3	16	6	19	3	5	18	939	20	0	0	1	0	960	1	17	5	0	0	23	937	3
Nemaha Valley..	4	1	0	1	0	1	2	51	2	0	0	2	0	55	1	1	1	0	0	3	52	4
Omadi.....	5	2	2	1	0	4	5	116	2	0	0	0	0	118	1	2	4	0	0	7	111	5
Plattsmouth....	6	18	8	13	3	1	4	316	13	3	0	1	0	333	0	6	1	0	0	7	326	6
Falls City.....	9	7	6	7	0	1	4	278	9	2	0	0	0	289	3	6	1	0	0	10	279	9
Solomon.....	10	7	5	3	2	0	0	94	5	0	0	1	0	100	0	1	0	0	0	1	99	10
Covert.....	11	52	9	54	7	3	12	1629	51	2	0	4	0	1686	7	36	3	0	0	46	1640	11
Orient.....	13	0	0	0	0	3	4	55	0	1	0	1	0	57	0	1	3	0	0	4	53	13
Peru.....	14	1	3	1	2	5	7	93	1	0	0	13	0	107	1	1	5	0	0	7	100	14
Fremont.....	15	16	1	17	4	17	26	653	14	3	0	3	0	673	10	15	17	0	0	42	631	15
Tecumseh.....	17	2	2	1	0	2	5	187	2	3	0	1	0	193	2	6	2	0	0	10	183	17
Lincoln.....	19	24	12	20	4	5	13	1006	17	8	0	3	0	1034	7	25	5	0	0	37	997	19
Washington.....	21	2	4	1	1	5	9	158	0	1	0	1	0	160	2	4	5	0	0	11	149	21
Pawnee.....	23	2	1	1	1	2	8	110	1	0	0	0	0	111	1	3	2	0	0	6	105	23
Saint John.....	25	26	7	22	3	5	9	1017	22	2	0	1	0	1042	3	24	5	1	0	33	1009	25
Beatrice.....	26	4	8	6	3	8	13	363	5	3	0	13	0	384	3	3	8	0	0	14	370	26
Jordan.....	27	1	1	1	0	0	0	77	1	1	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	27
Hope.....	29	0	0	0	0	1	1	45	0	0	0	1	0	46	0	0	1	0	0	1	45	29
Blue River.....	30	2	0	3	0	0	3	102	3	0	0	1	0	106	4	1	0	0	0	5	101	30
Tekamah.....	31	5	5	4	0	1	2	161	4	0	0	0	0	165	0	1	1	0	0	2	163	31
Platte Valley...	32	16	12	16	7	3	6	553	17	4	0	3	0	577	2	8	3	0	0	13	564	32
Ashlar.....	33	18	5	20	2	5	10	645	22	2	0	2	0	671	4	7	5	1	0	17	654	33
Acacia.....	34	6	0	7	0	2	2	185	6	0	0	3	0	194	2	2	2	0	0	6	188	34
Fairbury.....	35	7	8	4	2	1	9	246	4	1	0	2	0	253	1	6	1	0	0	8	245	35
Lone Tree.....	36	7	4	5	4	7	9	209	3	0	0	2	0	214	2	4	7	0	0	13	201	36
Crete.....	37	7	11	4	1	9	13	189	3	0	0	14	0	206	2	5	9	0	0	16	190	37
Oliver.....	38	1	1	2	2	2	10	190	0	2	0	3	0	195	1	3	2	0	0	6	189	38
Papillion.....	39	19	11	13	8	1	1	173	9	1	0	0	0	183	2	2	1	0	0	5	178	39
Humboldt.....	40	3	4	3	3	4	5	128	1	0	0	0	0	129	1	5	4	0	0	10	119	40
Northern Light	41	4	5	1	1	2	2	93	1	0	0	1	0	95	2	2	2	0	0	6	89	41
Hebron.....	43	1	1	0	0	0	0	146	0	0	0	0	0	146	0	4	0	0	0	4	142	43
Harvard.....	44	4	0	4	4	0	0	80	4	0	0	1	0	85	2	4	0	0	0	6	79	44
Rob Morris.....	46	11	7	11	3	10	17	344	14	9	0	1	0	368	1	5	10	0	0	16	352	46
Fairmont.....	48	0	1	1	1	0	1	94	2	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	48
Evening Star...	49	1	1	1	0	1	1	91	1	0	1	0	0	93	0	1	1	0	0	2	91	49
Hastings.....	50	12	18	24	9	12	37	522	19	5	0	2	0	548	3	16	12	0	0	31	517	50
Fidelity.....	51	3	5	0	1	1	2	153	1	3	0	1	0	158	0	1	1	0	0	2	156	51

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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			
Hiram	52	2	2	2	0	0	0	94	2	0	0	1	0	97	0	3	0	0	0	3	94	52	
Charity	53	3	2	2	1	1	1	161	2	1	0	0	0	164	2	5	1	0	0	8	156	53	
Lancaster	54	19	6	19	4	7	9	912	17	4	1	2	0	936	4	20	7	1	0	32	904	54	
Mosaic	55	4	4	6	1	5	10	395	8	4	0	3	0	410	3	11	5	0	0	19	391	55	
York	56	5	3	8	3	1	5	271	9	6	1	0	0	287	2	7	1	0	0	10	277	56	
Mt. Moriah	57	2	2	2	0	1	2	74	2	0	0	0	0	76	2	1	1	0	0	4	72	57	
Wahoo	59	2	2	2	1	3	12	279	3	4	0	1	0	287	0	5	3	1	0	9	278	59	
Melrose	60	7	1	8	0	0	0	73	6	1	0	1	0	81	0	2	0	0	0	2	79	60	
Thistle	61	2	4	2	0	0	1	226	3	1	0	0	0	230	2	4	0	1	0	7	223	61	
Keystone	62	4	4	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	2	48	62	
Blue Valley	64	2	4	5	3	0	1	89	4	1	0	1	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	64	
Osceola	65	2	1	1	0	0	0	92	1	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	0	0	0	3	90	65	
Edgar	67	1	2	0	0	0	0	102	0	0	0	0	0	102	2	1	0	0	0	3	99	67	
Aurora	68	2	3	3	0	0	0	167	3	0	0	0	0	170	2	2	0	0	0	4	166	68	
Sterling	70	0	0	0	0	1	2	52	0	1	0	2	0	55	0	1	1	0	0	2	53	70	
Trowel	71	3	0	4	0	0	0	97	4	2	0	1	0	104	0	2	0	0	0	2	102	71	
Hooper	72	4	3	3	0	1	2	100	3	0	0	0	0	103	0	1	1	0	0	2	101	72	
Friend	73	3	2	3	0	0	0	63	3	0	0	0	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	1	65	73	
Alexandria	74	0	2	0	0	0	1	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	74	
Frank Welch	75	8	6	6	0	8	15	300	8	1	0	1	0	310	1	4	8	0	0	13	297	75	
Nelson	77	1	2	1	4	0	0	94	2	0	0	3	0	99	0	3	0	0	0	3	96	77	
Albion	78	2	5	2	2	4	4	132	2	1	0	0	0	135	0	2	4	0	0	6	129	78	
Geneva	79	4	4	3	2	4	4	139	1	0	0	3	0	143	1	4	4	0	0	9	134	79	
Composite	81	3	1	2	0	1	1	56	2	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	1	0	0	1	57	81	
St. Paul	82	8	10	2	1	1	4	206	1	0	0	0	0	207	0	3	1	0	0	4	203	82	
Corinthian	83	2	5	1	0	0	1	76	1	0	0	1	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	83	
Fairfield	84	0	0	1	1	1	1	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	1	1	0	0	2	54	84	
Doniphan	86	0	0	0	2	0	1	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	2	0	0	0	2	40	86	
Ionic	87	4	3	6	1	0	1	119	4	0	0	0	0	123	0	2	0	0	0	2	121	87	
Star	88	3	2	1	0	3	9	115	1	0	0	2	0	118	0	1	3	0	0	4	114	88	
Cedar River	89	4	2	4	0	3	6	95	4	1	0	0	0	100	0	2	3	0	0	5	95	89	
Oakland	91	6	6	1	1	0	3	145	0	2	0	0	0	147	0	1	0	0	0	1	146	91	
Beaver City	93	0	3	0	0	0	1	78	0	1	0	0	0	79	1	1	0	0	0	2	77	93	
Bennett	94	1	0	1	0	0	1	59	1	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	94	
Garfield	95	1	1	1	1	0	2	97	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	3	0	1	0	4	93	95	
Utica	96	0	1	1	0	0	0	84	3	0	0	0	0	87	3	0	0	0	0	3	84	96	
Euclid	97	4	1	4	2	0	1	108	4	0	0	3	0	115	1	1	0	0	0	2	113	97	
Republican	98	0	2	1	2	1	3	56	1	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	1	0	0	1	56	98	
Shelton	99	2	0	2	3	0	1	79	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	3	0	0	0	3	76	99	

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			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957	By Raising		By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship		Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss					
																		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958
Creighton	100	2	3	2	1	2	2	115	2	0	0	3	0	120	2	5	2	0	0	9	111	100
Ponca	101	2	1	1	0	4	96	2	0	0	0	0	0	98	4	1	0	0	0	5	93	101
Waterloo	102	6	2	8	0	2	9	163	8	0	1	1	0	173	0	3	2	0	0	5	168	102
Ord	103	1	0	2	0	4	155	2	1	0	0	0	0	158	1	4	0	0	0	5	153	103
Wymore	104	9	8	5	2	0	1	236	6	0	0	1	0	243	2	11	0	0	0	13	230	104
Stella	105	3	1	3	1	2	2	56	2	0	0	0	0	58	0	1	2	0	0	3	55	105
Porter	106	0	0	0	0	0	2	57	0	2	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	106
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	0	3	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	3	0	0	0	3	47	108
Pomegranate	110	10	9	7	4	1	3	234	6	0	0	0	0	240	0	4	1	0	0	5	235	110
DeWitt	111	0	1	0	0	1	4	54	1	1	0	0	0	56	0	1	1	0	0	2	54	111
Springfield	112	2	3	3	0	3	5	120	3	0	0	2	1	126	1	3	3	0	0	7	119	112
Globe	113	5	3	2	2	0	0	81	2	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	113
Wisner	114	4	4	3	2	1	2	114	3	0	0	3	0	120	2	2	1	0	0	5	115	114
Harlan	116	1	1	0	0	0	6	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	2	0	0	0	2	92	116
Hardy	117	0	2	1	2	0	1	53	1	0	0	0	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	1	53	117
North Bend	119	1	1	1	1	2	2	115	0	0	0	0	0	115	1	3	2	0	0	6	109	119
Wayne	120	5	4	5	2	4	5	209	4	1	0	0	0	214	2	8	4	0	0	14	200	120
Superior	121	4	2	5	0	2	3	199	6	0	0	0	0	205	4	2	2	0	0	8	197	121
Auburn	124	3	3	4	0	5	10	161	4	0	0	0	0	165	1	6	5	0	0	12	153	124
Mt. Nebo	125	1	5	1	0	1	3	109	1	0	0	0	0	110	3	1	1	0	0	5	105	125
Stromsburg	126	2	0	3	1	0	0	76	2	0	0	0	0	78	0	4	0	0	0	4	74	126
Minden	127	1	0	1	2	3	3	109	2	0	0	1	0	112	0	4	3	0	0	7	105	127
Guide Rock	128	2	1	1	1	0	1	71	1	0	0	0	0	72	1	2	0	0	0	3	69	128
Blue Hill	129	1	2	0	0	0	4	55	0	1	0	1	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	129
Tuscan	130	1	1	0	0	0	0	38	0	2	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	130
Scribner	132	1	0	1	0	1	1	55	1	0	0	0	0	56	1	2	1	0	0	4	52	132
Elm Creek	133	3	2	2	1	1	7	57	3	0	0	1	0	61	0	0	1	0	0	1	60	133
Solar	134	5	4	3	1	0	0	70	3	0	0	0	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	1	72	134
McCook	135	7	3	9	7	3	9	376	4	3	0	4	0	387	2	11	3	0	0	16	371	135
Long Pine	136	2	2	1	0	1	5	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	0	4	1	0	1	6	59	136
Upright	137	1	2	0	0	4	4	85	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	1	4	0	0	5	80	137
Rawalt	138	1	1	3	0	0	1	87	4	0	0	0	0	91	0	4	0	0	0	4	87	138
Clay Centre	139	2	4	2	0	1	4	67	2	0	0	0	0	69	1	5	1	0	0	7	62	139
Western	140	2	1	2	0	2	2	35	2	1	0	0	0	38	0	2	2	0	0	4	34	140
Crescent	143	0	0	1	0	1	2	52	1	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	1	0	0	2	51	143
Kenesaw	144	0	1	1	0	2	3	72	1	0	0	1	0	74	0	2	2	0	0	4	70	144
Bancroft	145	0	1	0	1	0	1	64	0	0	0	0	0	64	3	1	0	0	0	4	60	145
Jachin	146	6	10	4	1	0	0	199	3	3	0	1	0	206	1	4	0	0	0	5	201	146
Siloam	147	0	2	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	147
Emmet Crawford	148	3	2	1	2	3	7	219	2	0	0	4	0	225	0	6	3	0	0	9	216	148

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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
Jewel	149	0	0	0	1	0	0	69	1	0	0	0	0	70	1	1	0	0	0	2	68	149
Cambridge	150	0	0	0	0	2	3	112	0	0	0	2	0	114	1	1	2	0	0	4	110	150
Square	151	0	1	0	0	2	3	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	2	0	0	3	64	151
Evergreen	153	1	0	1	0	0	0	70	1	0	0	1	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	1	71	153
Lily	154	5	2	3	0	0	0	71	6	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	154
Hartington	155	0	4	2	0	5	6	74	2	1	0	1	0	78	0	3	5	0	0	8	70	155
Pythagoras	156	1	1	0	1	1	4	38	0	0	0	2	0	40	1	1	1	0	0	3	37	156
Valley	157	0	1	0	1	0	0	57	1	0	1	0	2	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	157
Samaritan	158	9	3	7	0	1	5	298	7	2	0	0	0	307	5	7	1	0	0	13	294	158
Ogalalla	159	6	6	4	4	4	9	178	2	0	0	1	0	181	0	6	4	0	0	10	171	159
Zeredatha	160	0	1	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	1	38	160
Mount Zion	161	0	0	0	0	0	9	53	0	0	0	4	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	161
Trestle Board	162	1	0	1	0	1	4	90	1	1	0	2	0	94	2	2	1	0	0	5	89	162
Unity	163	1	2	1	0	0	1	78	2	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	163
Atkinson	164	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	1	0	0	0	0	56	2	1	0	0	0	3	53	164
Barneston	165	1	1	0	1	3	4	67	0	0	1	0	0	68	0	1	3	0	0	4	64	165
Mystic Tie	166	1	2	0	1	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	166
Elwood	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	1	1	0	0	0	2	50	167
Curtis	168	2	2	2	2	0	2	92	4	0	0	0	0	96	1	2	0	0	0	3	93	168
Amity	169	0	0	0	0	1	1	103	0	1	0	0	0	104	0	3	1	0	0	4	100	169
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	170
Merna	171	1	2	3	2	1	2	57	1	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	1	0	0	1	57	171
Robert Burns	173	1	1	1	0	2	2	99	1	1	0	0	0	101	1	4	2	0	0	7	94	173
Culbertson	174	1	2	0	0	1	2	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	2	1	0	0	3	63	174
Temple	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	1	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	43	175
Gladstone	176	0	1	1	3	1	1	94	1	0	1	0	0	96	0	0	1	0	0	1	95	176
Hay Springs	177	2	1	5	0	1	2	119	5	0	0	0	0	124	2	5	1	0	0	8	116	177
Prudence	179	2	0	2	0	1	2	55	2	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	1	0	0	2	55	179
Justice	180	11	8	8	2	4	8	130	6	1	0	4	0	141	0	2	4	0	0	6	135	180
Faith	181	1	1	1	0	1	4	128	1	0	0	2	0	131	0	3	1	0	0	4	127	181
Alliance	183	9	11	7	2	3	5	328	7	1	0	0	0	336	1	6	3	0	0	10	326	183
Bee Hive	184	33	9	32	6	19	26	991	28	2	0	14	0	1035	9	7	19	0	0	35	1000	184
Boaz	185	0	0	0	0	2	3	76	0	0	0	0	0	76	1	1	2	0	0	4	72	185
Meridian	188	1	2	1	1	1	7	142	2	0	0	0	0	144	2	3	1	0	0	6	138	188
Granite	189	0	0	1	0	4	4	73	1	0	0	6	0	80	1	3	4	0	0	8	72	189
Amethyst	190	2	0	2	1	0	0	57	1	0	0	0	0	58	0	2	0	0	0	2	56	190
Crystal	191	0	0	0	0	4	4	89	0	0	0	0	0	89	1	0	4	0	0	5	84	191

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion		Other Causes		
Minnekadusa	192	1	3	2	1	3	7	166	2	0	0	0	0	168	1	8	3	0	0	12	156	192
Signet	193	3	6	5	1	0	0	65	4	0	0	0	0	69	0	1	0	0	0	1	68	193
Highland	194	4	6	0	0	0	1	41	0	1	1	0	0	43	1	1	0	0	0	2	41	194
Arcana	195	2	2	2	2	1	4	148	2	0	0	1	0	151	0	0	1	0	0	1	150	195
Morning Star	197	2	0	2	0	1	3	66	2	0	0	1	0	69	0	2	1	0	0	3	66	197
Purity	198	2	0	2	1	4	12	140	5	1	0	0	0	146	0	2	4	0	0	6	140	198
Gavel	199	0	1	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	1	53	199
Blazing Star	200	3	1	2	1	1	1	94	1	0	0	1	0	96	1	0	1	0	0	2	94	200
Scotts Bluff	201	6	3	6	1	0	2	188	5	3	0	6	0	202	1	3	0	0	0	4	198	201
Golden Sheaf	202	3	5	1	0	1	1	97	1	1	0	0	0	99	1	1	1	0	0	3	96	202
Roman Eagle	203	2	5	4	4	0	7	62	4	1	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	1	0	2	65	203
Plainview	204	2	4	0	0	0	1	115	0	0	0	1	0	116	1	3	0	0	0	4	112	204
Golden Fleece	205	3	3	3	2	2	8	192	3	0	0	0	0	195	2	2	2	0	0	6	189	205
Napthali	206	0	0	0	0	1	2	64	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	2	1	0	0	3	61	206
Parian	207	0	0	0	0	1	2	67	0	1	0	0	0	68	1	2	1	0	0	4	64	207
Gauge	208	2	1	1	1	0	0	46	1	0	0	0	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	1	46	208
Canopy	209	4	3	3	0	0	3	129	3	0	0	0	0	132	2	2	0	0	0	4	128	209
East Lincoln	210	42	18	40	10	11	51	1216	37	5	1	3	0	1262	7	19	11	0	0	37	1225	210
Cement	211	1	2	2	1	2	3	85	4	0	0	0	0	89	0	3	2	0	0	5	84	211
Compass & Square	212	0	2	0	0	3	7	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	3	3	0	0	6	53	212
Plumblin	214	3	0	1	0	2	2	51	1	0	0	1	0	53	1	0	2	0	0	3	50	214
Occidental	215	1	0	1	0	1	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	74	0	4	0	0	0	4	70	215
Palisade	216	1	1	2	0	1	2	105	4	0	0	0	0	109	0	4	1	0	0	5	104	216
Wauwata	217	1	2	2	4	0	0	59	1	0	0	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	2	58	217
Bloomfield	218	3	3	2	0	0	0	74	2	0	0	0	0	76	1	2	0	0	0	3	73	218
Relief	219	1	0	1	1	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	2	59	219
Magnolia	220	0	0	0	0	1	1	75	0	1	0	0	0	76	2	2	1	0	0	5	71	220
Wood Lake	221	2	1	1	0	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	1	0	0	1	71	221
Landmark	222	0	4	1	2	0	0	112	0	0	0	1	0	113	0	3	0	0	0	3	110	222
Eminence	223	5	1	5	2	1	1	58	4	0	0	1	0	63	0	0	1	0	0	1	62	223
Silver Cord	224	2	2	2	0	12	13	163	3	0	0	1	0	167	2	2	12	0	0	16	151	224
Cable	225	3	6	1	6	7	98	1	0	0	3	0	0	102	0	2	6	0	0	8	94	225
Grace	226	1	1	5	1	4	4	60	4	0	0	1	0	65	1	1	4	0	0	6	59	226
North Star	227	17	7	11	3	6	11	516	11	1	0	2	0	530	3	12	6	0	0	21	509	227
Bartley	228	1	0	2	1	0	0	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	228
Comet	229	8	4	5	3	1	2	86	1	1	0	2	0	90	0	1	1	0	0	2	88	229
Delta	230	0	3	0	0	0	0	40	1	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	40	230
Mt. Hermon	231	4	2	2	2	2	3	42	1	0	0	2	0	45	1	1	2	0	0	4	41	231
John S. Bowen	232	3	5	1	1	2	2	74	1	0	0	0	0	75	1	1	2	0	0	4	71	232
Gilead	233	0	1	1	0	0	0	67	1	0	0	1	0	69	1	1	0	0	0	2	67	233

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			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958		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, 1957
Zion	234	4	2	3	1	2	2	100	2	0	0	0	0	102	0	2	2	0	0	4	98	234	
Fraternity	235	3	5	2	0	1	1	61	2	0	0	2	0	65	0	1	1	0	0	2	63	235	
Golden Rule	236	5	2	7	3	0	0	62	4	1	0	0	0	67	1	0	0	0	0	1	66	236	
Cubit	237	0	1	0	0	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	56	0	3	0	0	0	3	53	237	
Friendship	239	2	3	1	0	6	12	94	1	0	0	4	0	99	0	3	6	0	0	9	90	239	
Pilot	240	4	5	3	0	1	5	121	3	0	0	0	0	124	0	3	1	0	0	4	120	240	
George Armstrong	241	4	5	2	2	0	0	87	1	0	0	0	0	88	0	3	0	0	0	3	85	241	
Tyrian	243	0	0	3	0	1	1	30	3	0	0	0	0	33	0	2	1	0	0	3	30	243	
Hampton	245	1	5	0	0	0	3	62	0	0	0	1	0	63	0	3	0	0	0	3	60	245	
Nehawka	246	3	1	4	1	0	1	115	4	0	0	0	0	119	0	2	0	0	0	2	117	246	
Corner Stone	247	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	247	
Laurel	248	3	2	5	3	0	1	104	2	1	0	0	0	107	0	1	0	0	0	1	106	248	
Gothenburg	249	1	2	0	1	1	2	168	0	1	0	0	0	169	2	3	1	0	0	6	163	249	
Geo. Washington	250	13	10	10	2	1	5	349	8	4	0	1	0	362	2	7	1	0	0	10	352	250	
Wausa	251	1	0	0	0	0	0	58	2	0	0	2	0	62	2	0	0	0	0	2	60	251	
Beemer	253	4	2	2	1	0	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	54	0	3	0	0	0	3	51	253	
Bassett	254	2	3	4	1	2	5	86	3	0	0	4	0	93	2	0	2	0	0	4	89	254	
Hickman	256	1	3	0	0	1	2	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	2	1	0	0	3	65	256	
Holbrook	257	0	2	0	1	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	2	0	0	0	2	29	257	
Anselmo	258	4	4	2	0	1	2	104	2	1	0	1	0	108	3	0	1	0	0	4	104	258	
Ornan	261	3	4	1	1	2	2	82	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	2	0	0	3	79	261	
Endeavor	262	2	1	2	1	1	4	101	1	0	0	1	0	103	1	0	1	0	0	2	101	262	
Mitchell	263	1	1	2	0	4	10	150	2	3	0	4	0	159	1	2	4	0	0	7	152	263	
Franklin	264	1	5	0	0	1	1	108	1	1	0	3	0	113	1	7	1	0	0	9	104	264	
Robert W. Furnas	265	15	10	16	3	6	13	448	15	4	1	0	0	468	4	8	6	0	0	18	450	265	
Silver	266	0	0	0	1	0	0	66	3	1	0	0	0	70	0	2	0	0	0	2	68	266	
James A. Tulleys	267	2	1	3	4	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	4	0	0	0	4	56	267	
Geo. W. Lininger	268	11	6	6	0	0	5	249	10	1	0	0	0	260	0	3	0	0	0	3	257	268	
Oasis	271	4	0	4	1	3	4	144	3	0	0	0	0	147	2	5	3	0	0	10	137	271	
Lee P. Gillette	272	0	1	0	0	2	2	73	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	2	0	0	4	69	272	
Crofton	273	4	1	5	0	0	3	58	7	0	0	0	0	65	0	2	0	0	0	2	63	273	
Olive Branch	274	3	4	2	2	0	0	58	2	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	274	
Ramah	275	1	0	2	0	0	1	71	2	0	0	1	0	74	0	3	0	0	0	3	71	275	
Antelope	276	2	1	2	0	0	1	71	2	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	276	
Sioux	277	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	2	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	277	
Litchfield	278	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	0	0	0	1	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	1	37	278	
Wallace	279	0	3	0	2	0	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	279	
Swastika	280	2	1	1	5	0	0	86	1	0	0	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	280	
Florence	281	31	10	32	5	7	28	923	34	3	0	4	0	964	2	13	7	0	0	22	942	281	
Mullen	282	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	1	0	0	0	84	0	1	0	1	2	2	82	282	

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Seneca	284	5	0	5	3	4	7	73	2	0	0	0	0	75	0	3	4	0	0	7	68	284	
Camp Clarke	285	1	6	4	1	0	2	188	5	1	0	0	0	194	1	4	0	0	0	5	189	285	
Oshkosh	286	2	7	1	0	3	4	118	1	0	0	2	0	121	0	1	3	0	0	4	117	286	
Union	287	7	3	7	1	0	2	56	6	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	287	
Omaha	288	17	4	16	2	11	13	575	14	4	0	5	0	598	1	15	11	0	0	27	571	288	
Lotus	289	4	0	2	0	0	0	178	2	0	0	1	0	181	1	4	0	0	0	5	176	289	
John J. Mercer	290	60	18	60	10	17	29	1442	55	4	0	0	0	1501	6	14	17	0	0	37	1464	290	
Diamond	291	0	0	0	0	1	1	78	0	0	0	0	0	78	1	1	1	0	0	3	75	291	
Wolbach	292	1	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44	292	
Monument	293	2	6	1	2	0	2	69	1	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	0	0	0	1	69	293	
Kimball	294	15	18	14	1	0	5	162	13	1	0	0	1	177	1	4	0	0	0	5	172	294	
Minatare	295	3	2	5	1	7	7	101	5	0	0	2	0	108	0	4	7	0	0	11	97	295	
Cotner	297	20	11	17	1	11	21	249	17	1	0	2	0	269	2	3	11	0	0	16	253	297	
Chester	298	5	2	5	3	0	0	43	2	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	298	
Sutherland	299	3	3	2	0	3	4	96	3	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	3	0	0	3	96	299	
Liberty	300	11	9	11	4	10	13	486	14	0	1	4	0	505	1	3	10	0	0	14	491	300	
Bayard	301	1	5	2	1	1	3	106	2	0	0	1	0	109	1	3	1	0	0	5	104	301	
Mizpah	302	24	16	27	6	17	51	1252	27	3	0	10	0	1292	3	15	17	0	0	35	1257	302	
Right Angle	303	16	4	13	1	12	33	628	16	0	0	5	0	649	3	14	12	1	0	30	619	303	
Ruskin	304	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	1	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	304	
Newman Grove	305	4	4	2	1	1	1	61	2	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	1	0	0	1	61	305	
Golden Rod	306	2	2	2	0	1	2	84	2	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	1	0	0	1	85	306	
William E. Hill	307	2	0	2	0	0	0	33	2	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	1	34	307	
Perkins	308	3	2	2	4	7	12	106	2	0	1	1	0	110	2	1	7	0	0	10	100	308	
Winnebago	309	1	2	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	1	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	309	
Victory	310	5	3	3	0	7	10	225	3	0	0	4	0	232	0	3	7	0	0	10	222	310	
Polk	311	0	4	2	0	0	1	65	2	0	1	0	0	68	0	3	0	0	0	3	65	311	
Oak Leaf	312	3	2	2	1	1	3	48	1	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	1	0	0	1	48	312	
Potter	313	1	1	1	1	0	2	88	0	0	0	1	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	313	
Craftsmen	314	19	11	18	2	5	11	590	16	5	0	3	0	614	10	9	5	0	0	24	590	314	
Alpha	316	5	4	5	1	2	9	198	5	0	0	0	0	203	1	3	2	0	0	6	197	316	
Mid-West	317	13	12	11	5	3	10	475	10	3	0	2	0	490	3	8	3	0	0	14	476	317	
Grand Island	318	14	9	15	2	5	7	316	13	1	0	3	0	333	0	2	5	0	0	7	326	318	
Bladen	319	1	0	1	0	0	0	41	1	0	0	1	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	319	
College View	320	5	4	6	1	0	10	166	6	0	0	2	0	174	0	1	0	0	0	1	173	320	
Harmony	321	3	2	3	4	3	3	82	0	0	0	1	0	83	0	2	3	0	0	5	78	321	
Pioneer	322	2	1	1	0	0	2	83	1	0	0	0	0	84	1	3	0	0	0	4	80	322	

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Labanon..	323	9	8	6	4	8	188	5	3	0	2	198	2	3	4	0	0	0	9	189	323
Calro....	324	3	4	0	1	4	65	0	0	0	1	65	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	62	324
Bellevue..	325	32	6	34	0	0	160	35	7	0	0	202	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	201	325
Centennial	326	27	11	20	0	0	87	19	14	0	0	120	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	119	326
Totals..	1278	869	1177	342	552	1219	46213	1128	202	15	284	2	47844	27	869	552	9	2	1703	46141	

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

George R. Porter.....	Covert No. 11.....	41 years
Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	40 years
Archie A. Meek.....	Lotus No. 289.....	39 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	38 years
Rudolph H. Jenny.....	Hartington No. 155.....	37 years
Siegfried L. Jacks.....	Purity No. 198.....	32 years
James A. Rose.....	Fairmont No. 48.....	32 years
Eldon B. Johnson.....	Fidelity No. 51.....	31 years
Earl K. Husbands.....	Morning Star No. 197.....	29 years
Paul I. Eaton.....	Pomegranate No. 110.....	29 years
Fredolph C. Chalquist.....	Composite No. 81.....	29 years
Carl H. Hoge.....	Lebanon No. 323.....	29 years
C. Robert Carlson.....	Wauneta No. 217.....	28 years
Leon J. Cherny.....	North Bend No. 119.....	28 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 Annual Report of the Grand Custodian is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

Apparently God has again looked with favor upon the work of our Department of the Grand Lodge because for the eleventh consecutive year, our work has shown an increase in every phase of our program.

Unlike last year, the unpredictable Nebraska weather played no more than a normal part in our activities. Fortunately for us, also, was the fact that the "Asian flu" was not a factor.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

There were fifteen Central Schools assigned this year. All were held.

While the average attendance at the Central Schools was down slightly from the normal attendance, the loss was not as great as that reported from the meetings of subordinate lodges. The greater percentage of participation of the lodges invited to the respective Central Schools was most encouraging. In fact, interest and participation in Central Schools, taken as a whole, is at its highest point. Eight of the fifteen Central Schools had 100% participation by the lodges invited to attend.

There were two departures from ordinary procedure. The results of both were very satisfactory and may well merit serious consideration in other localities.

At the Hastings Central School, there were three evenings of instruction during three consecutive weeks instead of the usual two days with three sessions each day. The attendance almost doubled over the last Central School held in that city.

The Brethren at Lincoln planned a Central School of four evenings, dividing the Master Degree into two sessions. This permitted a greater coverage of items—such as the reception of the Grand Master into a lodge; a display of the ceremony of balloting; a round table discussion of the problems of degree work, etc. This additional fourth evening, also, avoids the overlong session when the Master Mason degree must be covered in both sections in one evening.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

There were 134 individual schools held. While two lodges asked to be excused from having the assigned individual school of instruction, nineteen requested schools when none were assigned. As is the policy of our Department, all requests were granted. There were more than a few occasions when Assistant Custodians gave help and instruction, unofficially, and without remuneration. There were a few instances where assigned schools were not held because of our failure. It is not always

possible for the busy and active men who are our Assistant Custodians to sacrifice all of their own time and interests to our work.

LODGE CERTIFICATION

Ten years ago your Grand Custodian, on the occasion of his first Grand Lodge installation said, "If, in the dim future, there ever comes a day when half of our Nebraska Lodges are certified, that is the day I can die happy." This goal of 50% certification did seem, at that time, an impossible dream. Yet each year, passing swiftly, has brought us closer and closer to the objective. This year we have it made! The impossible dream has become a reality. There are 138 lodges now certified.

I do not, at this time, feel that this number is the high water mark of lodge certification. I believe that it will be possible to add another fifty lodges to this total number eventually. Any Nebraska Lodge with enough man power to function as a lodge can become certified if they have the will to do so.

The following Lodges were certified for the first time in their history: Fairbury No. 35, and Ramah No. 275. Peru No. 14 and Merna No. 171 were each certified for the first time in twenty-five years, while Evening Star No. 49, is back on the certified list after an absence of twenty years.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

Let me reiterate in this annual report what is always said in previous reports: The individually certified men are the key which unlocks the door to the promulgation of the work in our Nebraska system. There is no other way to transmit properly and accurately our Nebraska work. It is elemental and obvious that it is just as easy to learn it right as to learn it wrong. The whole purpose of our adopted work and ceremonies is that our several degrees may be conferred in such a manner that the beautiful, perfect and complete teachings of Masonry will always build morality, goodness and reverence for God in the men who receive them.

Since the Certified men, therefore, are the best medium of transmitting our work, it is also obvious that the greater their number, the better our work becomes. Your Grand Custodian had cherished the hope that there would be a total of 700 Certified Brethren at the close of this Masonic year. We came close, but we didn't quite make it. There are 698 Masonic Brethren presently certified. This is also an all-time high in this phase of our work. Fifty-seven Nebraska Masons were certified for the first time and were given original and initial Certificates of Proficiency.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Any Masonic Brother who has had the love of Masonic ritual and ceremony, and the dedicated zeal to have earned a Grand Lodge Certificate of Proficiency and to have continuously renewed it for twenty years is

entitled to the greatest credit and appreciation that can come to him from his Brethren. A Nebraska Mason who has achieved this distinction really belongs to the most unique and exclusive Masonic group anywhere.

The following Brethren have become eligible to receive the distinction and honor of the Twenty-year Certificate of Merit in this Masonic year: Charles L. Kast, 184; Claude H. Mann, 210; Lewis R. Ricketts, 19; A. Dale Moomey, 50; Harlan A. Bottum, 56; Graham A. Barringer, 227; Edward C. Yates, 124; Alfred A. Barnes, 55; Charles L. Peckham, 290; Oscar T. Olson, 5; David C. Ells, 75. All Certificates have been presented.

MIDDLE CHAMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

To continue for a second year the emphasis placed on the Middle Chamber ceremony which was begun last year a series of three district meetings were held at Fremont, Grand Island and Davenport. All brethren who ever gave, are now giving or intend to give the Middle Chamber work were particularly urged to attend if they were within reasonable driving distance of the meeting. All interested brethren were cordially invited and welcomed. There were 302 in attendance at the three meetings. This fine attendance certainly indicates the much-desired increasing interest in this, the most profound, the most illuminating of all Masonic ceremonies.

W. David Menagh, 303, who has been tireless in his interest and indefatigable in his research of this particular work, gave an explanation of the symbolism and meaning of the ceremony and an analysis of the lecture which accompanies it. Following this, a question and answer period concluded each meeting.

These three meetings exceeded our expectations in every way. It is hoped that similar meetings can be arranged in other parts of our jurisdiction in the coming year.

STATISTICS

It has been interesting to watch the exciting races which occur each year between those lodges with the greatest number of certified men and the lodges that contend for the highest percentage of certificate men in proportion to membership. This year it was a horse race again in a see-saw battle right down to a photo finish in the greatest number class. Here are the final standings after a slap-bang breathtaking finish: Bee Hive No. 184, 32; Lancaster No. 54, 31; East Lincoln No. 210, 31; Robert W. Furnas No. 265, 23; Lincoln No. 19, 21; Craftsmen No. 314, 20; Covert No. 11, 19; Ashlar No. 33, 19; Victory No. 310, 17; Liberty No. 300, 14; Alliance No. 183, 14; Nebraska No. 1, 14.

The second race, the highest percentage of certification in proportion to membership, had a closer grouping of the entries than usual. Here, too, it was a photo finish. An entirely new entry, one which had never been in this race before, won by a nose over two closely pressing contenders in a neck and neck finish. Some of the perennial contenders

in this race slipped rather badly this year. It is to be hoped that they will give a better account of themselves next year. As always, the field will be wide open. Here are the results: Golden Rod No. 306, 8.35%; Sioux No. 277, 8.33%; Victory No. 310, 7.55%; Cable No. 225, 7.14%; Comet No. 229, 6.97%; Square No. 151, 5.97%; Papillion No. 39, 5.78%; Atkinson, No. 164, 5.26%; Hay Springs No. 177, 5.08%; George Armstrong No. 241, 4.59%.

We welcome the two newcomers to this list. It will be well to keep an eye on both Golden Rod No. 306 and Atkinson No. 164.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

There are no adjectives or superlative terms which can adequately describe the type of men who are the Assistant Custodians. Their devotion to duty and their complete dedication to their Masonic tasks can not be equalled or even matched. These Custodians are a composite of the stage coach driver of the old west, the circuit rider of the pioneers and the family doctor of treasured memory. The difficulties and dangers connected with their work are taken without complaint. There is no road too long or too rough; there is no night too black; no storm too wild; no pain, no illness too severe; no sacrifice too great. There are no worldly honors, no glamour, no acclaim. There are frequent absences from family and home; there is but little social life; there is no time for hobbies. There is, however, the reward of satisfaction of a job well done and the knowledge of the deep and abiding affection and esteem which come from the brethren whom they serve.

There have been rather serious illnesses and some difficult adjustments among our group of Assistant Custodians. There is nothing, however, that will not yield to the healing hand of time and the love of an understanding God.

We are most grateful that Divine Providence has spared the lives of our Custodians in the past Masonic Year.

IN MEMORIAM

Last year's annual report of the Grand Custodian contained a paragraph on the retirement of Assistant Custodian W. Buren P. Wells because of persistent ill health. At that time he was designated an Assistant Custodian Emeritus. He had little time to enjoy his retirement for on September 16, 1958, he passed from the labors of his earthly lodge to that Celestial Lodge above.

We miss his fellowship, his industry, his enthusiasm for the great outdoors, his appreciation of the beauties of nature, his deep love and genuine pleasure for and in all things Masonic. We are grateful that we were permitted to serve with him and to know him.

CONDITION OF THE WORK

I remember a line in an old popular song of yesteryear. It said, "The rich get richer and the poor get poorer." This might aptly describe the condition of our work in Nebraska Lodges. The good ones get better and the poor ones get terrible. It is all a matter of manpower, pride, tradition, leadership and most of all, desire. There are no more than a small handful of lodges that have so little manpower that they cannot raise themselves out of the "terrible" class. The balance of the Lodges which do "poor to terrible" work have been that way for a long time. There is no desire to change for the better. It makes little difference if the work is scarcely recognizable as Masonic work. Someone is sure to say, "We've had it that way for forty years—when did they change that?"

There is no tradition of excellence in work and ceremony. For years anything has gone and it's still good enough for the bored men who are having a free ride through the Lodge line of offices. There are actually a couple of places where even the officers would be willing to close up the Lodge if it depended on their learning the degree work and seeing that all lectures were given within the lodge.

As bad as conditions are in this very small minority of our Lodges, there is none that is hopeless except those which will eventually find it impossible to make a quorum for meetings. All that is necessary is the desire on the part of even one man to see to it that the Masonic lodge of his community is doing the normal work required of a Lodge to receive its charter and that the officers will give Masonry a place in their lives commensurate with its importance in the world.

In the second chorus of the old popular song before referred to, the phrase already quoted has a slight change which makes it a flippant, raucous and impudent observation, "the rich get richer and the poor have children". And that line aptly applies to our situation. What most of our so called "poor" Lodges need is to "have children". Most of these Lodges haven't had any candidate material in three, four or five years. It is equally true that they are in such condition that they wouldn't know what to do with a candidate if they suddenly had one. The nature of Nebraska's shifting itinerant and transient population in the smaller urban areas offers little hope of an increase in the candidate material of these virtually dormant Lodges.

APPRECIATION

Soon after his election and installation to the office of Grand Master, M. W. John E. Beaver, requested the Assistant Custodians to arrange for his visits in the lodges within the respective districts of each, where such visits would be most beneficial. The Custodians responded with an avalanche of meeting arrangements and as a result, seldom has a Grand Master spent his year so close to the grassroots of Nebraska Masonry. We are most grateful to him for permitting us to serve him personally, but most of all, we are grateful to him for the

very real blessing his presence, and the presence of Mrs. Beaver also, has been to our Nebraska lodges. These visits stimulated, encouraged, enlightened and informed. The results will be far-reaching and long-lasting. I express for all in our Department, the deepest appreciation for his willingness to give the major portion of his time and talents as Grand Master to Nebraska Masons.

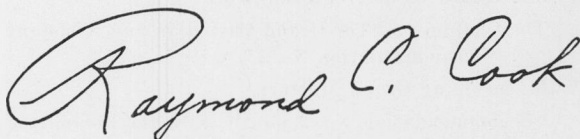
To the Grand Secretary and his office staff, as usual, goes the thanks and appreciation from our entire Department for courtesies and cooperation extended.

To Chairman W. Brother Howard J. Hunter and the Committee on Masonic Education, we want to say that it has again been a privilege and a pleasure to work in cooperation in the service of the Craft.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Nebraska Work has, as always, been the "rod and staff" of the Grand Custodian. To this Committee goes my grateful thanks.

And finally, to all my Masonic brethren who have in any way contributed to the success of our work, may I say "thank you", sincerely.

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 of the Grand Custodian.

Grand Custodian

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

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

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the Address of M. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Master, under its designated headings, be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter on "Necrology".

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Chapters on "By-laws Approved", "Trial Commissions", "Special Dispensations", "Dispensations to Elect and Install", "Decisions" and "Recommendations Nos. 3 and 4".

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapters on "Charter Relocations, Holbrook Lodge No. 257".

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

The Chapter on "Committee on Masonic Education".

To the Committee on Nebraska Work:

The Chapter on "The Grand Custodian and Assistant Custodians", and "Recommendation No. 1".

To the Incoming Grand Master:

"Recommendation No. 2 jointly with the Committee on Masonic Education".

It is given to few Grand Masters to establish themselves in the hearts of their Brethren as has John E. Beaver. This report of his extensive and extended efforts stands as a tribute to his love of the Fraternity.

● REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend that the designated sections of this report of the Grand Secretary be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Grand Lodge Office:

The Chapter on "Grand Lodge Records".

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".

To the Committee on Finance:

The Chapter on Financial Report, also all schedules relating to funds and any statistical table relating to membership. Nebraska has been favored for many years with Grand Secretaries who know their duty to the Craft is to keep fine and adequate records. This year's report should give a warm glow to the untiring efforts of our beloved Carl R. Greisen.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. The work of this group reflects great credit not only on the members of it but also on the manner in which the Brethren throughout the state enjoy the visits of these fine and proficient workmen.

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

Fraternally submitted,

La Verne J. Smith, 288 Chairman

Roscoe N. Johnson, 60

Val Duane Zink, 70

RETIREMENT OF W. WILLIAM F. EVERS
Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home

M. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Master:

As all of you know, there are those Masons who do many things for the love of their fellowman. We, today, wish to honor, we wish to pay tribute to just such a man. A man who has given many years, who has given most of his active life, I perhaps should say to making other people happy; making other people more comfortable. In order to pay the proper tribute, the proper honor and to give as a presentation some little token of our love and of our admiration, I would like to have our Grand Senior Deacon conduct W. William F. Evers and Brother William F. Patterson to the East.

It is my privilege and honor to present to you Brother William F. Patterson who is President of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Brother William F. Patterson:

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren, and that includes you, W. Brother Bill. I can't call him Brother Evers in spite of everything. I perhaps should for dignity's sake; and I have no prepared words to speak to him, they would be futile and they perish, but the imperishables are the love and affection that you heard expressed by our M. W. Grand Master for this grand person that we are trying in our way, in some fashion, to honor. Some great man said that our life is God's gift to us; what we do with it is our gift to Him. I think our Brother Evers has better expressed the second half of that gift than any man that I know today, who walks around this earth. Long before a \$5 best-seller, talking about tender loving care, hit the market, this man had been teaching Trustees just exactly what it meant in a practical sense, but Brother Bill knows how to live it, and he lives it out of heart that is bigger than his own body. The first day I became a Trustee of the Home, I went down there and I was not dry behind the ears and that big old smile that he always wears was there. He took me around and he taught me a lot of things.

Brethren, in my humble way I should like to pay tribute to him, I can't. It has been said this morning. We have here a little token of appreciation to give him which I hope will not perish quite as quickly as these words that I am speaking, which will express to him the deep love that beats in the hearts of every Mason in this state because every one of us know him; and we are not going to lose him, he is just across the street. Our Board is going to continue to carry him as Superintendent Emeritus. We have already voted that as a matter of record.

So, Brother Bill, to you, may I present this Book of Remembrance which includes letters from many brethren throughout the state and nation. Brother Bill, we are not forgetting that back of every good man is a good woman. Mrs. Evers is not privileged to be in this meeting, but

I hope that you will carry back to her the same love and affection that we are trying to express to you. May the Good Lord bless and guide and keep you both, now and forevermore.

W. William F. Evers:

Brother Patterson, Brethren, I thought perhaps I might be called upon but I didn't expect to grope for words. Yes, The Nebraska Masonic Home has for many years been the apple of my eye. I am glad that I have had the privilege of guiding through the years its destiny, to some extent at least, because the Board of Trustees are the ones who make the policy. I am not leaving the Home with regrets; neither is Mrs. Evers because she has been there just as long or a little longer than I have. We are at home. We happen to have the privilege of a cottage immediately south of The Nebraska Masonic Home. So it is home to us, it is home to the folks who reside in The Nebraska Masonic Home. I thank you and I will cherish, as will Mrs. Evers, this beautiful Book of Remembrance and if I can be of any service to the Grand Lodge or The Nebraska Masonic Home you need but command me.

M. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Master:

Brother Bill, many of us have in our hearts many more things that we would like to say to you but rest assured that nothing but good will be said about you and Mrs. Evers.

At 12:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

PRESENTATION OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

By Brother Harry R. Follmer, 77

PRESENTATION

TO THE

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 "Champion of LibertyThe Heritage of Freedom"

By

Harry R. Follmer, a member of Nelson Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.
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For the Library of

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February 22, 1960

Memoirs

General John J. Pershing Monument Movement

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 Brother Jack Wright, 11, soloist, and W. Hal J. Samuel, 25, accompanist.

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

To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die — To honor those who have left us is a part of the greatness of living.

"They have not gone from us. O no. They are
 The inmost essence of each thing that is
 Perfect for us; they flame in every star;
 The trees are emerald with their presence.
 They are not gone from us; they do not roam
 The flaw and turmoil of the lower deep;
 But have now made the whole wide world their home,
 And in its loveliness themselves they steep."

Once again we pause in our proceedings to remember God, to pay tribute and to honor those of our brethren who have passed across the void bridged by God's loving hands. They have no need for anything we might do for they have gone on to avail themselves of the treasures they have laid up in Heaven. We have need, however, to bring to our remembrance their contributions and the part they took in perpetuating the spiritual beliefs and high principles for which our fraternity stands. We need to be reminded that their contributions can help us to fit ourselves as living stones for that House not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

Since last we met, our Grand Secretary has received memorial cards from thirty Grand Lodges in sister jurisdictions recording the death of Grand Lodge officers. These have been carefully preserved and passed on to your Committee to be noted on this occasion. One Grand Master, one Deputy Grand Master, 39 Past Grand Masters, one Grand Treasurer, 3 Grand Secretaries, 2 Past Grand Secretaries, one Assistant Grand Secretary, one Grand Lecturer Emeritus, one Worshipful Grand Pursuivant, 2 Senior Grand Wardens, two Junior Grand Wardens and one Senior Grand Deacon have passed beyond the vale into the Promised Land. We know that all of these brethren were loved and respected by those they leave behind and we are certain that their influence will live on to further the work in their respective jurisdictions. We sincerely sympathize with our sister jurisdictions in the great loss they have sustained.

Our own Grand Lodge has not been spared. After a long and valiant fight Past Grand Master Ernest Simon Schiefelbein passed through the sable curtains of the tomb on April 20, 1959.

"To him Death came, no conqueror, in the end
He merely smiled to greet another friend."

M. W. Brother Ernest, or "Schief" as he was known to all of us, was born south of Ithaca, Nebraska, July 12, 1883. His Masonic degrees were received in Wahoo Lodge No. 59 in 1916. He served that Lodge as Master in 1921 and '22, and later as Secretary for six years. He served this jurisdiction as Grand Master from June 8, 1949 to June 7, 1950. M. W. Brother Schiefelbein was a member of Wahoo Chapter No. 43, which he served as High Priest, Hiram Council No. 7, and Stella Chapter No. 57, O. E. S., which he served as Worthy Patron. He was a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association, a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees, and a member of Sesostris Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. M. W. Brother "Schief" was also an active member of the Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Lincoln and was a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. At the time of his death he was serving as a Trustee of The Nebraska Masonic Home, having been elected to that position in 1947. He was also serving as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Few men have possessed the courage and the will to carry on for the Masonic fraternity as our beloved Brother "Schief". Overcoming the handicaps of a precarious condition of health, including a stroke while he was advancing through the Grand Lodge line, he has left a record of vigorous and tireless activity that has seldom been equalled. His brethren have a deep and abiding conviction that such devotion to duty can come only from a man who walks with God.

"He is not dead, he has merely gone
To meet the day with its rosy dawn
And in a land that is wondrous fair
Restored, renewed, he awaits us there.
Full well we know that he is not dead;
The one we love has gone on ahead.

"He is not dead, for we still can hear
 His kindly voice with its message clear.
 He is not dead while we still can trace
 His form, each line of his well loved face,
 While we feel the clasp of his gentle hand —
 Not dead, but gone to a fairer land."

W. Buren P. Wells, Assistant Custodian Emeritus, passed to his eternal reward on September 16, 1958, at Archer, Nebraska. Worshipful Brother Buren was born at Palmer, Nebraska November 11, 1896, and received his Masonic degrees in Palmer Lodge Number 312 in 1928, and served that Lodge as Master in 1938. He affiliated with Lone Tree Lodge Number 36 at Central City in 1943. Worshipful Brother Buren was appointed Assistant Custodian in 1940 and became an Assistant Custodian Emeritus in 1956. He was also active in the York Rite bodies at Central City, being a member of Merrick Chapter Number 26 and Lebanon Council Number 24.

"Beautiful life is that whose span
 Is spent in duty to God and Man.
 Beautiful calm when the course is run,
 Beautiful twilight at the set of the sun.

"And somewhere back of that sunset
 Beyond the radiant skies,
 He lives in the land of glory
 Where happiness never dies."

Just this past week W. Peter L. Bauer, a Past Master of Scribner Lodge No. 132 completed his earthly temple and has now received the wages of a well-spent life. W. Brother "Pete" who was born at Sutton, Nebraska, February 27, 1892, and died in Lincoln, June 5, 1959, should be long remembered by Nebraska Masons for his valuable contributions to our Masonic Home. He served as chairman of the fund-raising committee when our new building was erected and later served as President of the Board until illness forced his retirement.

"It is hard to tell of the death of a friend
 Or portray the light of his smile;
 But with all it implies, we can lovingly tell
 He was a man, a brother, and a friend worthwhile."

The subordinate lodges of this Grand jurisdiction report that 869 of our brethren have dropped the working tools from their nerveless hands and have completed their earthly temples.

"They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
 Through the shadows of death, to the sunlight above;
 A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
 To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

Long ago men were admonished not to lay up for themselves treasures on earth where moths corrupt and thieves break through to steal, but were told they should lay up for themselves treasures in Heaven. God expects us to put character above circumstances. We are infinitely more important than what happens to us. We realize there are no anonymous deeds, no casual processes. Living is shared with others. Each of those who has gone before has planted in the lives of those who remain thoughts, words or deeds which will ripen as time unfolds, reminding them that inasmuch as none of us lives or dies unto ourselves it is the essence of wisdom for us conscientiously to live and die in the profound awareness of other people.

May we remember those brethren whose lives we share and who walk with us no longer. May we with grateful and loving remembrance each in his own heart resolve that the influence and effect of their lives and labors shall never cease or fade from our memory, but will always widen and deepen until our own temple is complete and we too shall enter that blessed state of eternal peace.

"There are voices of the past
Links of a broken chain,
Things that bear us back to times
Which cannot come again;
Yet God forbid that we should lose
The echoes that remain."

Most Worshipful 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 Brother Jack Wright, accompanied by W. Hal J. Samuel, pay our last respects to them.

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 Jurisdictions with which we are now exchanging Representatives, during the past Masonic year.

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

Gran Logia Del Pacifico, Sinaloa, Mexico.

Gran Logia Cuscatlan, Republic San Salvador.

Gran Logia Nazionale Italiana, Naples, Italy.

We have had several letters from applicants of previous years, asking action on their requests at this Communication.

I would like to call attention to and quote a small portion of an address by a Methodist Bishop before the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a year ago as follows: "Since 1937 I have been in the Orient four times and in Europe seven times. Since that period we have had a World War to insure freedom—the "four freedoms" that we have talked so much about, on which all our other freedoms of life are based. And paradoxical as it may seem, having won that war, today there are at least twenty nations which, when the war began, were operating under constitutional government, now being ruled by the tyrannical hand of fascism and communism. We thought we were liberating the world in that war, and yet today nearly half the people of the world are living under some form of dictatorship. Today in not nearly so many places as in 1937 can Masonry be practiced. The Masonic fraternity is a banned organization and, if it exists at all, it exists underground because legally it cannot exist in those countries.

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"I do want, in a very few moments, to call to your attention four or five of the reasons why tyranny fears Masonry. Tyranny in the world today, communism, dictatorship, and fascism, ecclesiastically largely still in Italy, and political in many other countries of the world is against freedom and what it stands for. Let us never make the mistake of assuming that tyranny in any form will tolerate Masonry in any form. Tyranny hates and fears Masonry, and it hates and fears Masonry whether it be ecclesiastical tyranny or whether it be a political one, for fundamentally Masonry stands for the development of character. We do not realize in this part of the world, what it means to a people of culture, education and imagination to have nothing whatever to say about fundamental tenets of what we know as character. Where this matter of trust, this matter of honesty, this matter of exalting one's word so that it becomes his bond, this matter of dealing forthrightly on a common basis of law and morality, where all of that is no longer permitted as a part of the cultural or imaginative or the educational life of the people, is one of the most disturbing and frustrating factors that we deal with in this matter of international relations today."

Now I quote from the foreword of M. W. Ralph J. Pollard of Maine: "Since the close of World War II, many areas of the world which were formerly under the administration and control of great colonial powers have achieved their independence and have set up housekeeping for themselves as independent and sovereign states. ***The peoples of these new nations are abnormally sensitive where their new-found independence is concerned, are intensely nationalistic in sentiment, are all too-often forgetful of the benefits which they received at the hands of their former

rulers, and are inclined to resent anything associated with western culture or which might remind them of their former colonial status. ***As Masons, we are principally interested in the effect which these changes may have upon Freemasonry in the countries concerned. As is well known, Freemasonry was introduced into many of these areas during the colonial period. While many outstanding natives were admitted into the lodges, the fact remains that many of the Masonic leaders were men connected with the colonial administration, such as governors, judges, civil officials and military commanders. With these leaders now gone, what will the future of freemasonry be? ***The outstanding success of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines has encouraged us to hope that similar Grand Lodges might successfully be established in other newly independent countries. Recent developments, however, have caused us to wonder how well-founded such a hope may be. Frankly the present outlook is not encouraging. What hope for normal growth and development can the young Grand Lodge of China have in its present cramped and restricted sphere of operations on the Island of Formosa? With all Dutch nationals forcibly expelled from Indonesia, and with that unhappy country torn by civil war, how can the infant Grand Lodge of Indonesia hope to survive? When the armed forces of the United States are withdrawn from Japan, what will happen to Freemasonry in that country? With the Near East in turmoil and seething with hatred for the West, what will be the fate of the regular lodges in that part of the world? Most important of all, what does the future hold for Freemasonry on the great sub-continent of India, where the Craft has had such a long and distinguished history under the sponsorship of the British Grand Lodges?"

Another disturbing factor is the sad fact that in so many of these Grand Lodges in foreign lands where dissent occurs from any cause, there is a tendency to set up a rival Grand Lodge. Such a case exists today in the National Grand Lodge of France, which is recognized by every American Grand Lodge and most others. A few brethren, expelled from the true Grand Lodge, after failing through Civil Court action to have an Administrator appointed, formed a new Grand Lodge with the exact name of the genuine Grand Lodge. They also, through false information, began to create Lodges with the same names as those who are a part of the genuine Grand Lodge. It is hoped that the courts of France will soon put an end to their activities, but the turmoil will linger for a long time. But the whole world over, in South and Central America particularly, when one of these irregular groups go out of existence another springs up to take its place.

Another factor that cannot be overlooked is the serious position that the Communist Influence has in so many of our Southern neighbors. In Mexico recently, huge riots have occurred, undoubtedly communistically inspired. In Venezuela, Cuba, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile and the Argentine, we find this poison spreading. This influence will possibly become stronger in the days to come and will threaten Freedom of thought and action in many ways. We can only hope.

In Germany, that Grand Old Man, Dr. Theodore Vogel, has again performed another miracle. A union has been formed between the United Grand Lodge of Germany and the Grosse Landesloge of Berlin, which works in the Scandinavian Rite and dates back originally to 1733. They have 82 lodges, the German Grand Lodge has 264 lodges, with a combined total of approximately 17,000 members, the largest group in Continental Europe. Each of these uniting Grand Lodges will have a Land Grand Master at their head and retain their own rituals. This office is similar to the Provincial Grand Master in the English System. Dr. Theodore Vogel is retained as the Grand Master over all. They have also absorbed into their ranks the 28 lodges with 2000 members composed of American service men and/or government employes. I move that our recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Germany be withdrawn and substitute therefor recognition of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, since this technically is a new Grand Lodge.

Ever since I have been engaged in the work of this committee, I have been uneasy about our recognition of Egypt. We have heard nothing from this group for many, many years. Many disturbing reports have been received over the years as to their conduct or regularity. For years, the fact that they sponsored the Grand Lodge of Israel delayed recognition from being extended to that Grand Lodge and were it not that the matter was solved by the formation of a Scottish Grand Lodge and the amalgamation of the then existing Jewish Lodges into that group, recognition would possibly still be in question. There are at least two competing Grand Lodges in Egypt at the present time, each of which having some irregularity that cannot be reconciled with our standards, and conditions are certainly confusing to say the least. The British group, who are in the best position to know the situation, have not extended recognition. I, therefore, move that the recognition heretofore extended to the Grand Lodge of Egypt be withdrawn as of this date.

Recent communications from the Grand Orient of Italy call attention to the increasing hardships of Italian Masonry. During the Fascist era of Mussolini their Temple, the Palazzo Giustiniani, one of the best buildings in Rome with 420 rooms was taken over. In 1944, they sought to regain control, while still occupying a small part of the building. The Courts have now denied their appeal, with an additional demand for rent over the years and they will be forced to vacate the premises. They are now appealing to the Grand Lodges of the World for funds to build in Rome an International Temple of Freemasonry. These brethren in Italy have our sincere sympathy. However, the fact remains that all Italian Masonry, of whatever group or faction, has no real foundation upon which to build. They exist only at the will and pleasure of the ecclesiastical tyranny which controls the country, only so long as they do not become a thorn in the side of the Church. As I quoted in the early part of this report, "The Church" hates and fears our organization. Also our British friends, Scotland, Ireland and England have never extended recognition

to any Italian group. They seldom make a mistake and are in the best position to know the truth.

Your Committee now recommends that all 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 and that the motions contained therein be adopted.

ORATION

W. .Elsworth F. Du Teau, 19, Grand Orator, presented the Oration entitled:

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE

Not too long ago we all heard a song the title of which was "The Best Things in Life Are Free". It was popular because the music and lyrics caught the fancy of the American public. How much people pondered upon the philosophy expressed in the title and the words of the song one can only guess. But, even a brief reflection on the meaning of the title brings to one a rather wholesome philosophy and perhaps the conviction that the best things in life are free.

All the priceless things we possess have come to us free—our life and mind, our dreams and hopes and ambitions—our love of family and friends and country—our appreciation of beauty and brotherhood, our joy of accomplishment! Yes, these were given us free to develop to the best of our ability depending upon our determination and our firmness of purpose and direction. The things we pay for can be replaced, if we are given the time and opportunity, **but we cannot replace life nor can we buy the things we are given free.**

Yet, strangely enough, it is these things we take so much for granted until we lose them in part or in whole — health, sight, hearing, mind, heart, love — the ability to chart our own lives; the attitude of giving the best of ourselves and finding the best in others — the freedom of soul and body.

Life is not simple. It is often complex and confusing, but there are age-old guides which no one of good heart and spirit and mind will deny. We know that unless we give kindness and enthusiasm to others, we cannot expect kindness and enthusiasm in return. We know that unless we help to make others happy, we cannot expect them to help make us happy. In our own sphere of fraternity we know that we must be a brother to others if we expect them to be brothers to us. In that sense, the pattern of life is as simple as the cycle of day following night, season following season, and generation following generation.

In learning to get the best out of life we find that the greatest treasures are those which when shared, multiply; the least are those which when held, diminish. The richest thing of ourselves we can share with our loved ones and all those with whom we associate is the best

of ourselves — and it should be given freely and wholeheartedly. By such sharing and giving, we invite, in return, the best of others. We will not always get from those who have never learned to give the best of themselves but that is no cause for disillusionment, for as the years add up we find that we attract more and more of those persons who want to give their best in return.

It is through such giving and living that we find a man is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has; that it is the heart of a man that makes him rich, not his bankbook or his ledger. In the course of life we find that although the physical substance of men is ultimately interred in the bosom of the earth, that for which they stand—their thoughts, their ideas, and their ideals live on. Great personalities, and small personalities or those who have not been widely known or acclaimed, have come and gone as men in multitudes have moved along the way. Each who has given of his best, whether in small or large circles of influence, has left the memory of what he stood for, what he believed in, what he was. Those things do not die. They live on with the stamp and picture of his personality. The words and ideas, the contributions to posterity, of the Nathan Hales, the Washingtons, the Jeffersons and Franklins, Abraham Lincoln and the Florence Nightingales, their utterances, live on because they lived to help make the world better for those who followed. So live the remembered utterances of a beloved father and mother, the deeds of a kindly soul, because they were living and building for the better tomorrows for those who were to follow them in building better tomorrows. Somehow that seems to breathe and speak of the soul and spirit of America. And these things they gave free to us and to our children.

We, as Masons, know that the measure of a man lies within him, not in the riches he possesses around him. It is not the number of beautiful things he possesses that makes him happy but the degree in which he is open to beauty and the happiness he can communicate to others. The size of a man's library is no index to the measure of his learning, but **what** he understands of what is in his books and the good use he makes of that learning.

Our brotherhood offers a great fountain of personal satisfaction and development but not if we simply give lip-service to it. We must be brothers. We must be willing to **give** as much as we **take** from him we call brother. We cannot wear the symbol of our brotherhood with pride if we are not concerned about how worthy we are of it, or whether or not we live by it. In most cases, it is so much easier to subscribe to concepts and principles than it is to live by them and live up to them.

Belief in brotherhood is good, but it is not sufficient of itself for us to derive the real satisfaction and inspiration that comes from active participation in brotherhood. Belief in Deity is good, but the fact of belief alone is not sufficient to give us the rich, personal experience of communion with God through active worship of Him. The church is

the symbol of God on earth. Merely belonging to it simply associates us with the symbol. It is the worship of God within the edifice and sanctuary of the church that gives us spiritual refreshment and strength.

Brotherhood is both an ennobling and civilizing influence and force if we live it. Then, as we enter the portals of our temples, or the many doors of our fellowship, we leave the worst of us outside and bring only the best of us inside. In the temples and halls of our brotherhood we can then find refueling stations of our fellowship and philosophy. Therein, we can find rededication and refreshment. But that can happen only if our spirit and our heart are in our brotherhood.

If, within our comparatively small worlds of influence and living, we sometimes wonder about how significant brotherhood is, after all, we should take a good look at it from a universal point of view. It is the spirit of brotherhood that taught man the meaning of humanity and charity and love and goodness; of mercy and truth and justice. It taught man, under the fatherhood of God, the process of arriving at what is **Right** — the process that teaches us that through **love** we learn what is **good**, and through good we learn what is **right**. It taught man the importance of life and freedom. Man has learned that wherever liberty exists, "Freedom" is not a political or economic word. It is a "spiritual" word.

The desire for it, the love of it, are inherent in the spirit of man. It lives in the Magna Charta, the Bill of Rights, the constitutional halls of liberty, the legacy of the martyrs, the temples of Masonry, and in the most remote corners of the earth. It sailed on the Mayflower, fired the first shot at Bunker Hill, spoke in the voice of Patrick Henry, shone from the eyes and heart and spoke on the lips of Abraham Lincoln, and gave the world light during the darkest period of dictatorships in the history of the world.

Masonry is dedicated to Deity, to brotherhood, and to freedom because these, in all their meaning and force, constitute man's highest civilization and have shown him the way to Truth and Eternity.

A few months ago, an issue of the "New Age" carried a short article entitled "Men and History". It stated, "If we can be sure of anything in this world of transience and confusion it is this: the names of those that will shine forth in splendor from the pages of the past are those enlightened ones who have fought for this right of self-expression, for the right to stand erect and turn their faces toward the light in the eternal search for freedom, the other name of which is Truth. There never has been a fight more worth waging than the struggle for freedom. No name is more honored among men or finds a surer place in the annals of human progress than that of him who has fought freedom's fight, who has tried to widen the horizons for himself, his contemporaries, and those yet unborn. And none has been so reviled and remembered with curses as he who has linked his name in infamy with the denial, betrayal, and persecution of human liberty."

Masonry stands for freedom but at the same time demands thoughtful obedience to its own laws and to those of God and country. Masonry enforces obedience on free men, men of free conscience, because Masonry stands for free conscience, for law and order, and above all for universal tolerance and universal charity.

True freedom is derived from, and maintained by, obedience to law and order. It is predicated upon our respect for the rights and lives of others, upon tolerance and charity and humanity. No nation is free unless its citizens are free. Freedom can be guaranteed only with certain restraints and disciplines which decree and enforce the rule that one's liberties end where somebody else's rights begin. We can only be free as long as we respect the freedom of others, as long as we recognize and will abide by the rules and disciplines which must be imposed on everyone to guarantee freedom for everybody.

For example, in our way of playing the game, a football team is entitled to make all the touchdowns it can, according to its strength, agility and teamwork, provided it plays within the rules and regulations of the game. If it violates the rules, it must be penalized. A citizen can score his highest accomplishments and achieve his fondest dreams, according to his capacities and abilities, as long as he doesn't violate the rules of good citizenship. If he violates these rules he must and should be penalized.

Freedom is really a way of life, a game of personal, free enterprise that must be played under a set of regulations for everybody, to guarantee fair play for everyone. It must be played with the same set of rules applying to every citizen so that the right and equities and freedom of every citizen are fully guaranteed. That is what has become known as the "American Way of Life".

And that is why in America we have the sharpest contrast between what we define as **good citizenship** and **bad citizenship**. There are those who measure up to the freedom and opportunities of this country; there are those who violate and forfeit their rights because they won't play the game according to the rules. That is why we have referees and umpires, judges and juries, to insure fair play and to penalize those who won't play the game within the rules or who would deprive us of our rights. These people are institutions, not **just personalities**, who help to insure our free way of life. We know that. We can yell at the referee, "bawl out" the umpire, but we respect their right to do their job in carrying out the rules of the game. We sometimes disagree with the judge in his interpretation of the law but we respect his authority to interpret and uphold the law which protects the rights of every citizen. We sometimes disagree with juries on decisions they arrive at but we know that if we couldn't be judged by free people in a free society, our democratic and free way of life would be gone—engulfed in dictation and regimentation.

Yet, is it not odd that we take so much for granted the freedom which enables us to "bawl out" the umpire, or criticize our government,

or call men in high office to accounting for what are alleged misdemeanors or worse? Do we really appreciate the significance of such a freedom or are we so used to it we assume it is irrevocably and indestructibly ours forever and ever? In 1909 Admiral Perry discovered and explored the North Pole and only a few years ago we were exploring the South Pole. Today, we are exploring the outer spaces of the universe just 50 years after the North Pole was discovered. This wouldn't be cause for reflection if all men on this terrestrial globe were men of good will and peace, if freedom were something we could take for granted like the rising and setting of the sun. But we are now only one small part of the world community. There are those who don't think the best things in life are free. That is good reason for us to appraise how much we should appreciate our way of life—our freedom.

Do we express our appreciation to God, to country, and to friends and brothers who fill our days and our world with gladness and wholesomeness? If we don't, we should. We can all get better acquainted with the words "Thank you". We can stop condemning others for faults we forgive in ourselves. We can pray to God that someday all men on the face of the earth will be dedicated to peace and good will. When our own strength and resources are not sufficient to cope with the situation, we can turn to a higher source of strength—the Architect of this universe.

All these things we believe in, as Masons, but we know that no symbol of a way of life gives us a passport or a green light to the secret of life, to prestige, security, and public acceptance, unless we earn it through our own character and living. The symbol on our lapels means nothing unless we are the character and personality of the symbol. Others outside the brotherhood do not know the secrets of the symbol but they judge it by the actions and attitudes we project. **No symbol is powerful enough to transform our lives if we are not strong enough in character and performance to give stature to the symbol.**

The symbol is important, but it was not meant to make us important except as we make it the symbol of ourselves. As we add to its significance and its stature as an emblem, we increase in our own stature. We wear it not for hope of gain or pride of knowledge but as a symbol of what we are as a brother and as a citizen.

Someone once wrote that, "All Masons are not members of a lodge, nor are all lodge members real Masons." The implications are clear but one thing is more important than all the others. Subscribing to the laws and philosophy of Masonry is not enough—we must make them a part of our everyday living. Dedication to moral principles, to the spirit of brotherhood, to belief in the worship of Deity, to charity, to the right to play the game of life as a man; to treat our fellowmen as we would have them treat us; to qualify for the respect of our loved ones and friends and brothers—these are all the distinctive marks of a true Mason.

And, the important thing about it all is that we are free to do all these things — free to measure up to them. What would happen to us—

our minds, hearts, personalities, our whole beings, if we were not free **to be, to do and to live these things?** What would happen to us if we were not free to give the best of ourselves to others and realize the reward of deep satisfaction in return? Just what would happen? In all sincerity I want to say that as I wrote these lines, I really began to understand for the first time how the world would look to me if I were not able to give of the best things in life which have come to me free from God and Country and the freest people on the face of the earth. There was a long pause in my writing—a long pause of reflection. Then, something of the intrinsic and basic meaning of freedom of living, of expression, and of opportunity, became brightly illumined on the picture of the world in which it is my blessed fortune to live — the world of my forefathers, and the world of my children. I sensed deeply and humbly that **there is no substitute for freedom, there is no substitute for the right to be the architects of our own future!** There is no substitute for gratitude.

We do not have to be educated in a classroom to acquire the sense of appreciation. We do not have to be possessed of a college degree to know what is right and wrong, or have a philosophy of a way of life. These are attitudes and attributes which one can construct for himself out of the fiber and fabric of his own mind and the deep-down constitution of his own person—out of his relationship with those who stand for Truth and Goodness. For the Mason there is no excuse because he is given the teaching, the way of life, and the objectives which can make others say of him, "There goes a man!"

Yes, in our way of life in this part of the universe where we live, the best things in life are free.

"Is it so small a thing
To have enjoyed the sun,
To have loved light in the Spring,
To have loved, to have thought, to have done;
To have advanced true friends and beat down baffling foes.

"Learn to love the morn
Love the lovely working light,
Love the miracle of sight,
Love the thousand things to do."

If you think these things are small things—if you have taken them for granted, let the philosopher of freedom speak to you: Go without your real friends for a while and then find out how **rich** you are. Close your eyes to a sunrise, to sunshine, to a moonlit cloud-strewn sky, to the beauty of flowers and green landscapes, and the distances of beckoning horizons. **Then open your eyes wide** and find out how **rich** you are. Become mute for a day, as though without the ability to express yourself orally or communicate your thoughts to others. **Then talk**, and discover the magic of voice as you mingle with others in the search for happiness and friendship and companionship. Clog your ears so that you cannot hear the

sounds of the world around you—so that you cannot hear the speech and laughter, the music and songs, the traffic and progress of life articulated around you—and **discover** the wealth you possess.

Think of this land of ours over which you can pass from state to state, from boundary to boundary, without a passport. Think of the American Halls of Justice in which all men are equal in the sight of God and before the law. Think of the Halls of Masonry where all men stand equal under the fatherhood of God and within the brotherhood of man. Think of our nation where the labor and love, music and songs of men and women, and the laughter of children, bespeak the voice and personality of a free people. Think of the history of the United States. Then you will come to the **realization that while the best things in life are free — men have fought and died to keep them free!** That is how precious are the lives and dreams and hopes of a free people—of family and free enterprise and free tomorrows.

Is it any wonder that Masonry is so dedicated, so unswervingly devoted to freedom? Is it any wonder that the very heart of Masonic philosophy emphasizes all these qualities that make life abundant and good and free? We cannot pay for these things in dollars and cents. We pay for them in self-respect, discipline, devotion to the best in life, and appreciation for it. The best things in life are free, but in a moral, spiritual sense the price for these things is eternal vigilance against the forces of evil and of self-deterioration. It is the price of a constant fight against the enemies of Truth and Liberty. The price has sometimes been martyrdom itself.

An article in the February issue of the "New Age" closed as follows:

Freemasonry rightly takes its stand alongside all organizations and institutions dedicated to the proposition of free men in a free society. This deeply-rooted, age-old, never-ending struggle of man to achieve and maintain freedom, to use institutions as a means instead of permitting them to become ends, has towered up in the ritual like a great cathedral thrusting its lofty spires into the heights, symbolic of man's eternal upreach towards goodness and God. We swear unceasing hostility to all forces, secular or otherwise, which seek to chain the mind of man. We aim at nothing less than the untrammelled human spirit. We stand as guardians of the flame of freedom everywhere, all over the world. We work with men everywhere who believe and demonstrate the solid fact of brotherhood. This, we believe, is the only lasting charter for the human race. These are the things which make men into Masons. This is what we mean when we say, "I am a Mason!"

That epitomizes to the best of my knowledge the role and character of a Mason. It defines his status as a man, as a citizen, and as a member

of the brotherhood. Perhaps I should have ended with this quotation but there is one thing more I have to say, for all of us are searching for the inspiration which helps us to achieve personally the kind of success and satisfaction that will endure through the tomorrows. What I submit to you in conclusion comes to us from a man who left the heritage of his mind and heart to all of us and to our children. His name was Ralph Waldo Emerson. He was answering the question, "Can every man live successfully?" I think he gave a very good answer, the best I have found. He said, in effect, that every man can, and this is how he answered the question:

"If you can laugh often and love much. If you can win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of little children. If you can earn the approbation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; if you can give of your best and find the best in others; if you can leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, a cheery letter, or a reformed social condition; if you can laugh and play with enthusiasm, and sing with exultation; if you know that one life has breathed easier because you have lived — then you have succeeded."

"Look well to this day, therefore, for it and it alone is life. In the brief course of this day lie all the varieties and realities of your existence—the joy of growth, the splendor of beauty and the glory of action. Yesterday is but a memory and Tomorrow is but a dream. But, each Today, well-lived, makes each yesterday a memorial of happiness and each tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well to this day, therefore, for it and it alone is life. Such is the salutation of the dawn."

W. Earl H. Furman, 290:

I have been asked to say a few words concerning the Grand Master's proposal that the Masons of Nebraska sponsor a co-operative housing apartment for our Senior Citizens. At the very outset let me assure you I am not an authority on this subject. I am extremely sorry that Mr. Frank Heinisch, who is probably one of the best authorities in America on this subject, could not be here this afternoon to address you. However, since I have lived in a co-operative apartment for the past seven years, not exactly like the one we propose for the Masons of Nebraska, but somewhat similar. Mr. Heinisch has asked me to bring you a few of his thoughts.

I was privileged to serve on the Board of Directors of our apartment for three years, and one year I served as its President, so co-operative housing is not entirely foreign to me. It is our hope that the Grand Lodge will see fit to sponsor such a home for our elderly Brothers and Sisters, and I might say in sponsoring it, the Grand Lodge will not incur any financial responsibility whatsoever.

This general type of co-operative housing is being sponsored by Church and Religious groups, both Protestant and Catholic, Lodges and Fraternal Organizations all over America today. In fact, one Religious group has already started such a project in Omaha for its elderly members. This type of housing provides good living quarters at a nominal cost to its elderly members, where they can be associated with people of like beliefs and comparative ages, where they can truly enjoy living in their twilight years, and pay their proportionate share of the cost of operation as they go along.

As I understand this, the Grand Lodge in sponsoring this project would lend its backing and leadership to the project but would not be required to put up any money for same. A separate and distinct corporation would be formed for the operation and control of this project, with a Board of Trustees consisting of seven Masons, with the presiding Grand Master and Grand Secretary and one or two others from the Grand Lodge as members. This would assure the Grand Lodge a voice in its operation at all times.

We have two downtown locations in mind which will be close to Supermarkets, Hospitals, Shopping Districts, Library, Joslyn Memorial, etc. Planning at this time is very general but it is proposed that we build a fifteen or sixteen story building, with 125 or 135 apartments, with a few efficiency apartments, and a large majority of one bedroom units, all completely air conditioned, with parking facilities for automobiles, etc. It is contemplated the building will have a nice lounge room, dining room, snack bar, beauty parlor, Doctor's office and Registered Nurse.

We hope to be able to sell or rather lease an apartment to a Master Mason and his wife or widow for their lifetime in the amount of \$2,500 or \$3,000 and approximately \$65.00 or \$70.00 a month upkeep. This will be for Master Masons, 60 years or over, with at least 20 years membership in a Nebraska Lodge, and when they pass away, the apartment will revert to the Corporation and will again be resold or leased to another Master Mason and his wife. We have nearly 600 inquiries and requests for such a building and a large majority of them request a one bedroom apartment.

Financing for building this apartment would be provided by each person who wished to occupy one of these units making a down payment on same and then the F.H.A. will loan up to 90% of the money required to erect the building. We have been assured by a very reputable financial concern and a very reliable building contractor that these plans are entirely feasible. Mr. Heinisch whom I mentioned earlier in this talk as the best authority in America on this type housing, is a member of our Fraternity and has assured us he will act as our counselor and adviser in this undertaking, both in setting up the corporation and during the construction of the building.

As a member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, I can tell you we are constantly approached by members of the Fraternity who wish to go to the Home at Plattsmouth and pay their own way. Of course, as you know this is not possible. This has led us to believe a Home of the type here proposed would not only be most desirable but would, of course, be entirely self-supporting. A separate and distinct corporation would be formed for this home so that there would be absolutely no conflict between this proposed Home and the present Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

We feel this a very worthy project, of interest to every Mason in Nebraska. It has been considered and talked about for some time now, and we would like to ask that the members of this Grand Lodge give it some very serious and weighty consideration, and take some definite action for its approval. This would truly be Masonry in action in Nebraska.

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:

Your Committee enlarged its activity during the 1958-59 Masonic year to hold six Area Meetings throughout the state instead of the customary four and believe the extra effort and time was well spent. There seems to be a great need for reaching the subordinate lodges in this manner. Your Committee wishes to thank the host lodges for the fine response and cooperation given us. It is largely due to their planning that these meetings have been so successful.

During the fall an Area Meeting was held at South Sioux City where Harold Thom, our Grand Historian, was the banquet speaker and at Alliance where our Grand Custodian, Raymond C. Cook, was the banquet speaker. These two meetings were very well attended and paved the way for the spring meetings held at York where Howard J. Hunter was substitute speaker; at Omaha where John F. Fitcher, Grand Senior Warden, was banquet speaker; at Auburn where Harold Thom gave a wonderful repeat performance for us and at Lincoln with Judge Harry A. Spencer as the banquet speaker.

Although we had some troubles with blizzard conditions at some meetings, the attendance at all meetings was quite gratifying, particularly the number of wardens and other officers of subordinate lodges. It is for these officers in particular that these Area Meetings are conducted so that they and other members of the Craft may be kept up-to-date on Masonic programs for the benefit of their home lodges and so that they may all become acquainted with the Grand Lodge officers.

The Committee is especially appreciative of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers' loyalty and attendance at these meetings. We have had a very representative attendance of Grand Lodge officers at every Area Meeting. The Grand Master, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master who acts as our toastmaster at the Area Meetings, has been a major attraction and their contributions to the meetings have been very beneficial. The Grand Master has brought to each Area Meeting attended a very worthwhile and inspirational message.

Subjects covered this year included (1) a chart talk entitled "What Can I Do to Make My Lodge a Better Lodge?" The substance of this chart was borrowed from the Kansas Committee on Masonic Education as a worthwhile subject we could well copy. (2) The work of the Masonic Relief Association given by our Grand Secretary, Carl R. Greisen. (3) (a) The use of tape recorder, motion pictures and slide projector in lodge programs (b) Masonic book shelf. (4) Masonic Jurisprudence by A. B. Gorman, Committeeman. (5) Paper on Joseph Warren, patriot-Freemason, prepared by Philip H. Robinson, Committeeman, and given by him and Floyd Wisner, Committeeman, at various meetings. Committeemen Silas A. Wilson and John S. Hedelund, PGM, assisted.

Gratifying interest was shown in the subjects covered and we feel that this type of meeting reaching different portions of the state each year is accomplishing our purpose, along with the fine work of the Grand Custodian and his assistants in ritual and ceremony which they have brought to a high peak in Nebraska.

We believe we can be of more and more service to help the individual lodge make their programs and meetings more interesting and attractive to the Craft and help in the instruction of candidates. We are continuing to furnish the four candidate booklets plus "100 Questions About Freemasonry" to the lodges for their candidates. The need of a handbook for wardens is apparent and is a project we hope to fulfill in the coming year if time and money are available.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE BUSINESS AFFAIRS

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

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

In June 1956, the Grand Lodge authorized the appointment of a special committee to examine into the business affairs of the Grand Lodge and to make recommendations with respect thereto. This committee has become known as the Committee on Business Affairs.

The reason for the creation of this committee in the first instance was that we had a very lax method of appropriating funds of the Grand Lodge and designating the purposes for which they were to be used. Also, we had not required the keeping of accurate records by which the actual purposes could be determined for which appropriated funds had been spent. The committee reported these facts to the Grand Lodge in 1957 and recommended the adoption of a number of changes in the by-laws which would permit the installing of business methods that would eliminate these inadequacies.

The new by-laws provided for a Board of Grand Trustees consisting of five members with staggered terms. They provided that all property, securities and money of the Grand Lodge, including those which had been set aside to support The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, were to be under the exclusive control of the Grand Trustees, to be invested and safely kept by them. The by-laws authorized the Grand Trustees, if they saw fit, to enter into a contract with a financial institution for the safekeeping of our money and securities, and the investing thereof, under such terms and conditions as their judgment dictated. The only expenditures, other than their own cost of operation and the investment of funds, which the Grand Trustees were authorized to make, was to meet the requirements of this Grand Lodge as shown in its appropriations of funds for stated purposes. Consequently, any expenditure in excess of the appropriated amount or for a purpose other than that for which an appropriation is made, is wholly unauthorized. If this is not so, the Grand Lodge has no control over its expenditures and the purposes for which its funds are to be spent. It is not our purpose to discuss the business of the Grand Trustees and their method of operation. We shall leave this for the Grand Trustees to handle in their report.

Since all money and invested funds are under the exclusive control of the Grand Lodge through its Board of Grand Trustees, The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and The Masonic-Eastern-Star Home for Children at Fremont are dependent upon appropriations by this Grand Lodge in order to operate. The Home Board has done an outstanding job in budgeting for its operations and handling its funds in a business-like manner. We say this of the Home Board because of the nature of the business it is required to handle, the uncertainties with which it is confronted, and the painstaking care with which the Home at Plattsmouth is being operated. By referring to the Home at Plattsmouth we do not intend to infer that the Board at the Fremont Home is not being efficiently operated. We are convinced that it is. But due to the divided authority under which the Fremont Home is operated, its procedures are necessarily different. The board members who represent the Grand Lodge on these two home boards are dedicated Masons and we would not be fair to them if we did not commend them on their fine cooperation in bringing about a more efficient handling of their respective functions.

In order that the Grand Lodge might have a better control over its expenses and the purposes for which its funds were used, a new standing committee with staggered terms was created, which is known as the Committee on Appropriations. It is the function of this committee to recommend to the Grand Lodge the amount to be appropriated and the purpose for which such funds shall be used. It is necessary, in order that this committee act intelligently, that budget requests be submitted to it by each spending agency, supported by evidence, oral or written, to justify the expenditure. It is not the purpose of the Committee on Appropriations to reduce budget requests for the sole purpose of reducing expenses, as is sometimes supposed. Its real purpose is to appropriate the amount which can be justified for the purposes requested. No objection can properly be made to the appropriation of adequate funds to carry out the functions of the Grand Lodge; objection can properly be made to requests for funds that are not required, or to be used for some purpose that does not appear justifiable. On these matters the committee exercises its judgment and reports its findings to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge may, of course, raise or lower an appropriation if it deems the best interests of the Grand Lodge require it. The findings of the Committee on Appropriations are not absolute as some seem to think; their recommendations are subject to the desires of the Grand Lodge which has the power to finally decide such matters.

It is necessary, of course, if the Grand Lodge is to be informed as to whether or not appropriated funds are actually spent for proper purposes and within the amounts appropriated, that it check all expenditures. This it does through its Committee on Finance. In order that this can be done, a voucher showing the purpose and amount of the expenditure is required to be filed, signed by the person receiving the money or the person authorized to expend it, and approved by the committee or committee chairman having general charge of the activity. The Finance Committee can check the vouchers as to amount and their regularity. Such committee can then determine the total cost of operation for the year. It will be able to determine the unexpended balance of an appropriation and see that such amount is returned to the general fund of the Grand Lodge. It affords the Finance Committee the opportunity to determine where our costs have increased and where reductions have been brought about. The job of the Finance Committee is a meticulous one which insures a proper use of funds and a comparison of the amounts used with the expenditures of former years. The annual report of this committee should show our cost of operation and point out the amount spent for various Grand Lodge purposes. By this method the Grand Lodge is advised of the condition of its finances as well as where its money goes.

The Grand Lodge Office Committee is charged with the duty of general supervision of the Grand Lodge office. It considers and makes recommendations as to the amount of space required, the rental to be

paid therefor, the supplies and equipment needed, the number of employees and their salaries, and every other matter connected with the operation of the office. Such recommendations are subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, but it is contemplated that such committee will keep itself informed on these matters for the benefit of the Grand Lodge in order that it may act intelligently.

It is by this method of committee responsibility that we hope to provide a method of control over our funds and their expenditure. By such method we hope to bring more facts to the Grand Lodge as to our financial operations and to give that body a more adequate basis for intelligent consideration of the important matters which come before it. We would not be completely honest in this report if we said that there has not been some difficulty in the accomplishment of our purpose. There have been differences of opinion and there have been mistakes made. We believe most of these mistakes have been honest ones. Some of our difficulties have arisen through misunderstandings. Most of them, if not all, have been amicably adjusted by correspondence or by getting the parties together and settling differences through discussion. We do not deem it necessary to discuss any of these problems. They have been worked out in the manner that Masons should work out their mutual problems.

To bring about the procedural changes necessary to the accomplishment of our purposes, we had no hope of getting it done in one year or even two years. It takes time to overcome old procedures and processes. In some instances it is not even desirable to make changes too speedily. We are of the opinion that we have brought about these changes as speedily as was possible. There can be no doubt that some question the wisdom of what we are doing. We are confident, however, when the situation is fully understood and an opportunity afforded for the changes to become operative, its real value will become apparent. We do not claim that the changes we have recommended will be a panacea for every functional difficulty that may come along. Further changes may be needed as new situations arise.

We point out, however, that our committee can only set up a plan of operation which will provide the results we seek. We must remind you that no plan will work without competent personnel to operate it. There is no by-law that will make a competent committeeman out of an indifferent one. Attention to duty on the part of those holding responsible positions in Grand Lodge is essential to the success of any method of operation.

We reiterate again that it is not the function of the Committee on Business Affairs to impose or attempt to impose its views on the various committees. It is our function to see that compliance with our established procedures are adhered to. The functional work of committees is the exclusive work of those committees and not ours. We hope that we have proved the sincerity of our intentions by our actions.

There are a few things which we think could be summarized here

that will be of benefit to all. All funds which are to be spent must be appropriated for a defined purpose by this Grand Lodge. An appropriation is the limit of the amount that may be spent for such purpose. The spending of funds in excess of the amount of the appropriation or for a purpose different than that for which it is made is an unauthorized expenditure. A voucher must be made out and filed in the Grand Secretary's office showing the amount and purpose of the expenditure. The unused portion of an appropriation must be returned to the Grand Lodge or credited on the appropriation for the succeeding year. The unexpended portion of an appropriation may not be held over and used in the following year without Grand Lodge approval, nor may it be used at any time for a purpose not authorized by the Grand Lodge. Records for each year of appropriations and the expenditure thereof are to be maintained in the office of the Grand Secretary until the latter is authorized to destroy them. Such records are subject to inspection by officers, committees, members of the Grand Lodge, or any other person having a legitimate reason for doing so. It is contemplated that the Board of Grand Trustees, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Grand Lodge Office make comprehensive reports on the work of those committees in order that members of the Grand Lodge will have a complete understanding of the manner in which Grand Lodge business is being conducted. If these requirements are substantially met, the control of this Grand Lodge over its own finances can be maintained.

It might be well to here point out that the Grand Lodge is the supreme authority on all financial and policy matters to be followed in this Grand Jurisdiction. I have heard accredited delegates to Grand Lodge say that there is no real reason to attend Grand Lodge, that the business is all handled by a few and there is nothing for delegates to do. I quite agree that those having many years' experience in Grand Lodge are likely to take the lead in discussing matters before the Grand Lodge. The responsibility for action taken, however, is that of the Grand Lodge and no one else. If the members of the Grand Lodge permit a few leaders, even Past Grand Masters, to run the Grand Lodge, it is because you permit them to do it. We are sure that all officers and past officers of the Grand Lodge prefer that delegates take a more active interest in Grand Lodge affairs. But, like other organizations of its kind, Grand Lodge business must be handled through committees and committee reports. Without this aid the membership of the Grand Lodge would have little to guide its action. But it must be remembered, final action rests with the Grand Lodge. It is important that all subordinate lodges participate through its members in Grand Lodge.

One important result of the work of our committee, which we think should be mentioned here, is that Grand Lodge affairs are being discussed and considered to an extent not heretofore attained. Every matter of importance is receiving proper attention. Open discussion of our affairs is highly desirable. We fail to see how anyone can conscientiously object to accurate records of income and expenditures.

If everything is properly handled, inspection of records ought to be welcomed. If there is anything questionable, the Grand Lodge ought to know about it. It is as simple as that.

We have attempted to do our job in a manner consonant with the manner in which one Mason should treat another. We have tried to solve difficulties without ill-feeling toward any one. We have been firm in insisting on compliance with Grand Lodge law and that the will of the Grand Lodge be carried out. It is an area where no other course could logically be followed. But this does not mean that friction or discontent does or should result. It certainly does not so far as we are concerned.

We have come a long way since our Grand Lodge was organized more than 100 years ago. We have huge amounts of assets now as compared with what we had at the beginning. We have lagged in our business methods, largely because we have had a few competent men who assumed the duties that no one else wanted to perform. Our scope of operation has been enlarged and the business of the Grand Lodge has grown with it. But the responsibility is that of all of us, not that of a few, successful as they were. It was because of these factors that changes in operation were long past due. We sincerely trust that the need is recognized and that our actions have been commensurate with such need.

Your Committee has but one recommendation requiring a change in the law. We think that the handling of checks for mileage and per diem could be more expeditiously handled by the Grand Secretary and his office force than by the use of a Committee on Payroll. The Grand Secretary agrees with this view. We recommend therefore that Section 1-301 of the law be amended by striking the word, "Payroll" from the list of regular committees contained therein.

RESOLUTION

By M. W. Edward F. Carter 301, Chairman, Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs, which was adopted.

RESOLUTION

An investigation of the records of the Grand Lodge reveal that we are spending \$1,500 per year for Masonic Education. We are spending \$3,700 per year in informing of the doings and objectives of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. We understand that The Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont is desirous of disseminating information concerning the operations of that Home. It is our belief that the disseminating of all Masonic information, including the history and philosophy of Freemasonry should be handled from a single source. We think this work can be better expedited at much less cost and with better results by integrating this work in the hands of a Committee on Masonic Information.

We move that the Grand Master appoint a special committee of five to investigate and report their findings on this matter at the 1960 Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 301, Chairman presented the report of the Committee on 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 Work was established in 1946 for the primary purpose of preserving our Nebraska work as it existed at that time. We can assure the Grand Lodge the ritualistic work is now being exemplified as it was approved by the Grand Lodge on June 7, 1950.

From time to time the committee is called upon to make decisions regarding the manner of conferring degrees. Such decisions are final unless appealed to the Grand Lodge. Since an appeal has never been taken from a decision of the committee, we assume that they have been accepted as correct. This makes it unnecessary to recite the factual situations upon which decisions have been made.

The committee keeps minutes of its meetings and accurately records therein every decision that it has made. Such minutes can become very valuable as the years go by as a guide to our successors in maintaining uniformity in the exemplification of our ritualistic work.

Your committee, through the assistance of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office and the Committee on Appropriations, has obtained suitable offices for the Grand Custodian. This fulfills a long-existing need.

Your committee has performed every duty imposed upon it during the past year. The duties of the Committee have not been too burdensome, but they have been performed promptly.

We commend the work of the Grand Custodian and his assistants for the fine manner in which the ritualistic work of the subordinate lodges is being performed throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. While perfection in this field can never be attained, we are making steady progress in that direction. The time may come when our progress will level off, but the time will never come when we can safely lower the standards that are now being maintained.

We have maintained and approved the report of the Grand Custodian. It reflects a job well done. It indicates the extent of perfection of the esoteric and monitorial work in our subordinate lodges.

Your committee is of the opinion it would be advantageous that it be authorized in the direction of the Grand Master to increase the number of assistant custodians to 35, as the need may require. This requires the amendment of Sec. 1-202 of the by-laws. This seems advisable in order to reduce traveling expenses of the Assistant Custodians. No additional expense to the Grand Lodge is contemplated. All our assistant custodians have other jobs which occupy their time. By localizing the work of this group by the adding of additional assistants, we can reduce the amount of work and the travel that each will be required to do. It will spread the expense a little thinner but will not increase the aggregate.

Your Committee on Work is of the opinion that recommendation No. 1 be generally approved. We recommend that any questions of re-printing the monitor be delayed until this Grand Lodge approves the final form of the monitorial work.

Your Committee on Work is of the opinion that the Grand Master should be authorized upon the recommendation of the Committee on Work to appoint additional Assistant Custodians as needed but not to exceed 35 in number. It is the thought of your Committee that we can eliminate much long-distance traveling expenses by using more Assistant Custodians in a more localized manner. We are not requesting additional funds for this purpose as we feel that we can keep within the amount of former appropriations by this method of handling.

We, therefore, recommend that the second paragraph of Section 1-202 of the law be amended by striking the number "25" in the first line thereof and inserting the figure "35" in its stead.

We compliment those brethren who have become proficient in the work during the past year and received their certificates for so doing. These brethren assure a proper promulgation of the work in the future.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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:

At the 49th annual meeting of the Memorial, there were representatives from 48 States, the District of Columbia, Canada, China, Israel, France, Germany and Mexico. Most appendant Masonic organizations were represented.

This observance marked the 227th anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

For the Committee this year has been another year of "quiet". We need working tools with which to keep the Craft informed.

There is now a new-colored sound film and new colored slides available. We hope that all of you will make use of them. In making your requests for their use, please let us know well in advance of the date you will want either or both of them. There are many Lodges using them and we surely don't want to disappoint any of you.

We can now proudly tell you that the interior of "Our Memorial" is completed. There yet remains the completion of the upper Terrace wall, light standards in the Portico and north and south entrances. Other items to be completed are minor. Then there is the problem of maintenance and operation, which will require an endowment fund of

at least four million dollars. Plans to accomplish this are now being studied by the Board of Directors.

Among those who came for the 49th annual Convention of the Memorial, was the M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Germany, Brother Theodor Vogel. Addressing the Assembly, he said "The United Grand Lodge of Germany has 28 Lodges with American Rituals, with American Citizens. We have 2,000 members in our Grand Lodge who are Americans". In his friendly and brotherly greeting he presented to the Memorial a medal which commemorated the 150th anniversary of the birth of Johann Caspar Bluntschli, a great man and Mason. Continuing he said: "This silver medal is inscribed, 'dedicated to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial from the United Grand Lodge of Germany, February 1959.' We ask the Association to place this Medal in the Memorial, as a symbol of the contribution of German Masonry of the United Grand Lodges of Germany to this Memorial, and we ask our American brethren to give us a little place for the German Masons in the hearts of the American Brethren".

Between each of those lines, we find the German Mason's hope for universal Brotherly Love. Would not each of you be glad to have been there and given to him your affirmation to warm his heart?

When George Washington became President of the young Republic he had brought into being, he weaved into it the very essence of Masonry, a great and simple principle which our craft had learned and practiced long before the name "United States" had ever been spoken. It is in the spirit of Patriotic Pride, that we "The American Masons" remember and celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. It is a part of the history of our country and the history of our Craft; and it is our belief that a people who forget, or treat lightly, a great past, cannot have a great future. If they are indifferent to, or take as a matter of course, what cost so much in suffering and sacrifice, they are not worthy of the treasure they possess. No story outside of fairyland is more romantic than the history of the growth and development of our Republic. He is a strange man and no patriot at all, who can read the record and not feel his heart beat faster, stirred by a holy memory and an honorable pride.

From thirteen thinly-settled states, united in the struggle for freedom and in loyalty to a newly written Constitution our nation has grown to be one of the greatest, strongest and most far-reaching nations on earth. It is a human marvel and a social wonder. Never has there been such a flowing together of people, such a blending of bloods, as in America. It is a fraternal achievement in which many races and many forces mingle to build a freer and gentler Fatherland of Mankind.

We need to be continually reminded of the heritage which has been handed to us, to be thankful that we are American Masons, possessing numerous rights and privileges. We should daily review the good lessons taught to us in our lodges.

On February 22, 1910, the movement to build our Memorial began. Today, we see the world's most imposing Memorial ever erected by men to the memory of a man. It is now and ever shall be a sublime tribute to George Washington, the Man and Mason, whom Providence commissioned to draw upon the Trestle Board of Time designs guiding future generations of men and nations. This Trestle Board, drawn by the hand of Providence for Washington, recites the eternal principles of Masonry woven into our government by our Masonic Forefathers.

When all good men are Masons, and are skilled in the art of building of brick and stone and blood, and know each other as a Mason should, and each has done some kindly act to soothe another's pain, then, The Fatherhood of God and The Brotherhood of Man will be joined; each brother's hand in God's hand, and, together we will have then builded Masonry's Cathedral of Piety and Prayer; we will then know its wise and kindly philosophy and the strength of its fellowship shall fill us with wonder and joy.

Let this Memorial be the voice of every American Mason, telling the people of all nations that it was wrought out of the "Quarry of Brotherhood" by men of strong desire, to reverence the name of George Washington, who have erected this Temple, enduring as Masonry itself and by its symmetry and beauty, bid men and nations to so fashion themselves, that the will of God is worked out in the life of man.

REPORT OF 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 passed and again your Committee on Relief and care of Orphans is called upon to submit their annual report covering our activities during the interim of time this Grand Lodge has been at recess.

In checking back over the records for the past twenty-five years we could offer you a most interesting picture-study in contrasts providing we took the time and space for the detail of such a study. Suffice to say that during the 30's and early 40's our docket was completely filled with many permanent and continuing cases. Today the picture is completely reversed by reason of the fact that our permanent cases are the lowest in number we have ever had. There are, in our opinion, several factors contributing to this situation.

(1) Old Age Assistance, (2) Social Security, (3) Fringe Benefits, such as retirement benefits and pension plans and (4) the present general economic condition that prevails.

This does not mean, however, that we are not confronted with problems of Relief, because we always have the ever-present emergency situations which take immediate action. These are the cases that cause you to run for the "Aspirin Bottle"; usually of a temporary nature, sometimes developing into a permanent case. It does take "time, patience, and perseverance" to handle them, but through the co-ordinated efforts of all related Masonic groups concerned, we usually arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. We are grateful for that spirit of cooperation manifested by the various related groups. It assists in spreading the cost for the case involved. We can assure you we have not passed by any worthy case, knowingly.

The funds available for the work of this Committee are prescribed by our Law on a per capita basis of 20¢ to be taken from the \$3 your Lodge pays for Grand Lodge dues. We are again pleased to report, as we have for so many years in the past that our disbursements during the year just closed have been well within the funds prescribed for that purpose.

What about the future? That is always an interesting question. It is not our intention to gaze into a crystal ball and attempt to tell you what the future holds for the work of this Committee. It is our judgment based upon our experience tables that we will always have the work of this nature to handle some years more, some years less. But there are trends which have appeared in recent years and which we desire to call to your attention.

We have on our records at the present time several cases that are not charity cases. What we are endeavoring to tell you in plain words is that with all its "big business" of operating our Home at Plattsmouth, our share in the Home at Fremont, and the office of our Grand Secretary in Omaha, with their related payrolls, this Grand Lodge has no plan or proposed plan of retirement for its salaried employees. We are not keeping up with the present trend of business in providing a plan of retirement for our employees to insure their future security, a plan that would permit them to retire with dignity rather than receive a monthly check from our Relief or Charity fund. There are Jurisdictions that provide such a retirement plan or program. We feel that this question is of such importance that careful thought and study of the subject should be given by this Grand Lodge. It is not our intention to recommend any immediate action, but we do hope that the incoming Grand Master and his corps of Officers will give careful consideration and study to the matter in order to set up a proper Committee to investigate and report on the subject at some later Grand Lodge Communication. We want to again emphasize that in our opinion this is a very needy and urgent step for future consideration.

In conclusion we wish to assure you that we will continue with our best efforts to assist in the handling of these cases as they come to our attention. Each case must be handled on an individual basis, and on its individual merit.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Grand Officers are present and all Past Grand Masters present. All lodges are represented except the following: 14, 34, 78, 86, 95, 99, 105, 117, 126, 130, 138, 143, 149, 157, 167, 191, 193, 194, 197, 200, 226, 228, 237, 245, 266, 272, 279, 280, 294, 295, 307, 308, 311, 312, 313, 319, 320. Total number of lodges 276. Number not represented 37. Lodge not represented for the last two annual communications: 193.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska No. 1	Irvin E. Gier	Theodore J. Janing.	*G. Lester Shane
Western Star . . " 2	*Francis W. Cole	William E. Bell	*Henry E. Schemmel . . .
Capitol " 3	Claude D. Black . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Nemaha Valley " 4	*J. Adolph Wensien	*J. Adolph Wensien . . . .	. . . . .
Omadi " 5	*Oscar T. Olson . . . . .	. . . . .	*Charles H. Fueston
Plattsmouth . . " 6	. . . . .	John Janecek	*Edward F. Wehrbein . . .
Falls City " 9	Donald O. Koso . . . . .	. . . . .	Robert W. Rowan
Solomon " 10	Stanley E. Ohrt . . . . .	. . . . .	Allen E. Rasmussen
Covert " 11	Gail E. Burbridge	*William Cosh	R. A. C. Johnson
Orient " 13	C. J. Herschberger . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Peru " 14	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Fremont " 15	*Gerald A. Moller	Duane A. Kaplin	*William Krumel
Tecumseh " 17	*David M. Dunlap . . . .	. . . . .	*David M. Dunlap
Lincoln " 19	Donald O. Bush	*Richard L. Wait	*Alvin H. Miller
Washington . . " 21	*Chris K. Bendorf . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Pawnee " 23	L. R. Bradbury	Lorain Steiner	Glenn L. Deweber
Saint Johns . . " 25	*Alfred E. Geschke	*A. McKie, Jr.	Henry G. Jackson
Beatrice " 26	Robert Williams	*John Mead	*William R. Boyce
Jordan " 27	Wm. H. Hasebrook	Dean W. DeMoude	James Lubker
Hope " 29	Frank Clark . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Blue River . . . " 30	Ardell Minchow	*Ward C. Pyle . . . . .	. . . . .
Tekamah " 31	. . . . .	. . . . .	Gerald Spielman
Platte Valley . . " 32	Russell S. Keep	Ben. M. Johnston	G. N. Simpson
Ashlar " 33	Delbert J. Barbee	Irvin L. Congrove	*Robert W. Boon
Acacia " 34	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Fairbury " 35	Mark T. Malvoz . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Lone Tree " 36	C. Agnar Anderson . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Crete " 37	Lumir C. Havlicek	Glen V. Severin	*Lumir C. Havlicek
Oliver " 38	*W. C. Grots . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Papillion " 39	. . . . .	R. R. Christiansen . . . .	. . . . .
Humboldt " 40	*Richard W. Nims	*Richard W. Nims	*Richard W. Nims
Northern Light " 41	Arthur M. Adams	Delbert L. Davidson . . . .	. . . . .
Hebron " 43	Don Freeman . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Harvard " 44	Clarence T. Voorhees . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Rob Morris . . . " 46	*Silas A. Wilson . . . . .	. . . . .	*Alfred B. Saum
Fairmont " 48	. . . . .	*Curtis S. Reed . . . . .	. . . . .
Evening Star . . " 49	Paul V. Woller	*George Schwab . . . . .	. . . . .
Hastings " 50	Lisle G. Kirk . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Fidelity " 51	Arthur N. Farnham	Norman E. Davis	Frank Straka
Hiram " 52	. . . . .	L. W. Christensen . . . .	. . . . .
Charity " 53	Dale Engstrom	*Dale Engstrom	*Dale Engstrom
Lancaster " 54	Richard W. Gray	Walter H. F. Wilson	Ross Robinson

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
MosaicNo. 55	Sverre C. Strom....	*Delbert Hoover....	*W. K. Whalen.....
York“ 56	Elton F. Moomey...	William Kleinholz..	*W. F. Brannen.....
Mount Moriah “ 57	Marion K. Schroeder	*Marion K. Schroeder	*Marion K. Schroeder
Wahoo“ 59	*Edwin R. Levin....	Harold G. Carlson..	*Howard J. Hunter..
Melrose“ 60	Roscoe W. Johnson..	.....	.....
Thistle“ 61	N. W. Reynolds....	John H. Schere, Jr..	.....
Keystone“ 62	Robert A. Cornelius.	Lloyd W. Eaton....	*Robert A. Cornelius.
Blue Valley“ 64	*Milo S. Stastny....	Milo L. Korinek....	Lyle R. Altman....
Osceola“ 65	.....	Lowell D. Hanson..	.....
Edgar“ 67	Robert E. Swanson..	.....	.....
Aurora“ 68	Orville N. Olson....	*Harold Dieckman..	.....
Sterling“ 70	Val Duane Zink....	Ivan A. Lamb.....	John W. Anderson..
Trowel“ 71	.....	Alfred J. Brodersen	*H. A. Tilton.....
Hooper“ 72	Dale H. Reynolds..	*Elbert E. McCollars.	*Herman H. Lallman
Friend“ 73	Warren Weber.....	.....	.....
Alexandria“ 74	Hugo L. Broeder...	Marvin Kerwood...	*Elmer K. Wolfe....
Frank Welch“ 75	*Earl W. Schultz...	.....	Earl W. Schultz...
Nelson“ 77	*K. L. D. Gardner...	.....	*Eiler H. Svendsen..
Albion“ 78	.....	.....	.....
Geneva“ 79	.....	*W. Henry Foster...	.....
Composite“ 81	*Pearl C. Hillegass..	*Pearl C. Hillegass..	*Pearl C. Hillegass..
Saint Paul“ 82	Edward F. Bartle...	Gordon W. Smith...	.....
Corinthian“ 83	*V. H. R. Hanson....	R. E. Paulson.....	Harold W. Stipp....
Fairfield“ 84	.....	Howard Hansen....	.....
Doniphan“ 86	.....	.....	.....
Ionic“ 87	Vac Randa.....	Paul A. Thierolf...	.....
Star“ 88	Joe P. Neary.....	A. Russell Jensen...	H. Clinton Hughes.
Cedar River“ 89	*Everett Adams....	K. E. Cunningham..	*Earl Veskerna.....
Oakland“ 91	Walter Thompson..	.....	.....
Beaver City.. . . .“ 93	Russell C. Babcock.	.....	.....
Bennett“ 94	Herbert W. Randall	.....	*Arch H. Church....
Garfield“ 95	.....	.....	.....
Utica“ 96	Virgil E. Hyde....	*Clair R. McNeil...	.....
Euclid“ 97	Frederick B. Cherry	.....	Edgar T. Burgen...
Republican“ 98	*Louis L. Kammerer.	.....	.....
Shelton“ 99	.....	.....	.....
Creighton“ 100	Perry W. Adams...	*Perry W. Adams...	*Perry W. Adams...
Ponea“ 101	John B. Peterson...	Arden Nelson.....	.....
Waterloo“ 102	Donald L. Bayly...	James P. Quinn....	*Herbert L. Johnson.
Ord“ 103	Merle R. Van Zandt	.....	.....
Wymore“ 104	Harold A. Pike....	.....	Harry R. Chapman.
Stella“ 105	.....	.....	.....

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Porter .....No. 106	John W. Hawk.....	*A. L. Lorentz.....	*Carl E. Diers.....
Table Rock .. " 108	.....	*Fred Jelinek.....	*Fred Jelinek.....
Pomegranate " 110	.....	.....	R. G. Buckmaster...
De Witt " 111	Perry T. Johns.....	.....	.....
Springfield .. " 112	Herman Schnack...	Wilbur Hubbell....	*Wayne Sheppard...
Globe " 113	Maurice D. Taylor.	.....	.....
Wisner " 114	Larry L. McMaster..	*Judson M. Meier...	.....
Harlan " 116	*Allen W. Parker....	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	.....	.....	.....
North Bend .. " 119	.....	.....	Richard Bloch.....
Wayne " 120	John H. Mohr.....	*Harry F. Stammer..	*Archie L. Wert.....
Superior " 121	C. H. Chambers....	*Doane F. Keichel...	.....
Auburn " 124	*Edward C. Yates...	William R. Den.....	Edward C. Yates...
Mount Nebo .. " 125	Clyde E. Pearson...	.....	*William C. Senften.
Stromsburg .. " 126	.....	.....	.....
Minden " 127	*Charles A. Chappell.	*Charles A. Chappell.	*Charles A. Chappell.
Guide Rock .. " 128	Lewis R. Ohmstede.	Calvin R. Fausch...	.....
Blue Hill " 129	Woodson Bentz.....	.....	.....
Tuscan " 130	.....	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	*Ralph Fuerst.....	*Alfred A. Ristow...	*Ward Maynard.....
Elm Creek ... " 133	Hal C. Saum.....	.....	*Floyd R. Peterson..
Solar " 134	Herbert W. Wurts..	.....	William H. Kuhn...
McCook " 135	W. Upton Dawson...	.....	.....
Long Pine ... " 136	*J. Hall Dillon.....	J. Hall Dillon.....	.....
Upright " 137	*Joe Crosier.....	.....	.....
Rawalt " 138	.....	.....	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	Lester W. Aspegren.	.....	.....
Western " 140	.....	Charles Kermoade..	Cecil Compton.....
Crescent " 143	.....	.....	.....
Kenesaw " 144	M. Craig Weeks....	.....	.....
Bancroft " 145	Arnold L. Samuelson	*Charles Conn.....	.....
Jachin " 146	W. Eugene Exstrom	*Arthur Anderson...	*J. Earl Morris.....
Siloam " 147	Ora. R. Yarges.....	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford" 148	*William C. Schaper.	.....	.....
Jewel " 149	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge ... " 150	*C. A. Phillips.....	*C. A. Phillips.....	*C. A. Phillips.....
Square " 151	Harry F. Porter....	.....	A. Larry Rogers...
Evergreen ... " 153	.....	T. R. McClellan....	.....
Lily " 154	*Melvin Jennings...	.....	.....
Hartington ... " 155	*Ralph E. Clements..	*Philip H. Robinson.
Pythagoras ... " 156	Loyd L. West.....
Valley " 157

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Samaritan .. No. 158	*George A. Stevens..	*Welcome W. Naylor.
Ogalalla " 159	J. Clayton Frandsen	George D. Morrow..	.....
Zeredatha " 160	*Richard Gregory....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	Willis McMeekin...	Don Linton.....	.....
Trestle Board " 162	Floyd F. Kennedy..	.....	.....
Unity " 163	*Elmer Mathis.....	.....	.....
Atkinson " 164	*Robert D. Martens..	.....	.....
Barneston " 165	*Fred M. Gleeten....	.....	.....
Mystic Tie ... " 166	*Howard Blatchford.	.....	.....
Elwood " 167	.....	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	*A. B. Yonkers.....	A. B. Yonkers.....	.....
Amity " 169	Warren W. Sawyer..	*Warren W. Sawyer..	*Warren W. Sawyer.
Mason City .. " 170	Charles A. Nelson..	.....	.....
Merna " 171	*Glenn E. Blakeman.	.....	.....
Robert Burns " 173	E. Morten Grosse...	Eugene E. Jones....	Valgene Foster.....
Culbertson ... " 174	*Melvin S. Hoyt....	Wallace L. Trimpey	Charles Yost.....
Temple " 175	*Henry R. Miller....	.....	.....
Gladstone " 176	*William Hein.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs .. " 177	Leslie T. Chamberlin	*Leslie T. Chamberlin	*Leslie T. Chamberlin
Prudence " 179	Clarence D. Hansen.	Dale Carr.....	*Garth Hannah.....
Justice " 180	.....	Robert W. Hardwick	.....
Faith " 181	*Ward L. Mosher....	*Ward L. Mosher....	*Ward L. Mosher....
Alliance " 183	Douglas A. Thomas.	John E. Fensterer..	*Forest A. Lape....
Bee Hive " 184	Jerome Trunecek...	Kenneth Lott.....	.....
Boaz " 185	Wilson K. Coghill..	*Wilson K. Coghill..	*Wilson K. Coghill..
Meridian " 188	Richard L. Beans...	*Richard L. Beans...	*Richard L. Beans...
Granite " 189	*Calvin A. Gordon..	.....	.....
Amethyst " 190	Alfred Ewoldt....	Russell M. Abrams..	.....
Crystal " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa " 192	Earl W. Ladd.....	.....	.....
Signet " 193	.....	.....	.....
Highland " 194	.....	.....	.....
Arcana " 195	*Martin B. Johnson..	*Martin B. Johnson..	*Martin B. Johnson..
Morning Star. " 197	.....	.....	.....
Purity " 198	Gordon O. Luhrs...	.....	.....
Gavel " 199	*Richard Keil.....	.....	.....
Blazing Star.. " 200	.....	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff.. " 201	Charles W. Yount..	J. Chris Peterson...	*O. Wayne Thompson
Golden Sheaf. " 202	*Osborn H. Scott....	*Osborn H. Scott....	*Osborn H. Scott....
Roman Eagle.. " 203	Loren J. Callahan..	Allen C. Martens...	.....
Plainview " 204	*Clarence Hanscom..	*James Scott.....	.....

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Golden Fleece No. 205	Harland R. Sutton..	*Wm. R. Stegeman..	*Harland R. Sutton..
Napthali " 206	*John D. Steiner....	.....	.....
Parian " 207	*Ralph E. Empfield..	.....	.....
Gauge " 208	C. Allen Bellinger..	.....	.....
Canopy " 209	LaVell K. Swarts..	Wm. S. Hardaway..	.....
East Lincoln " 210	*Given G. Reber.....	*Lyle Van Arsdol....	*Roscoe Elliott.....
Cement " 211	T. E. Jerome Paulk..	.....	.....
Compass and Square " 212	*D. R. Dickerson....	.....	.....
Plumbline " 214	*Clarence D. Gottula.	.....	.....
Occidental " 215	E. Howard Thomsen	.....	.....
Palisade " 216	Richard G. Peterson	.....	Victor J. Potter....
Wauneta " 217	W. F. Bottington...	*Nelson C. Burham..	.....
Bloomfield ... " 218	*John R. Clements..	.....	.....
Relief " 219	*Ralph Kunze.....	*Ralph Kunze.....	*E. H. Collins.....
Magnolia " 220	Francis R. Rohde...	.....	.....
Wood Lake ... " 221	J. M. Drinkwalter..	G. Harley Sullens...	Howard P. Tetherow
Landmark ... " 222	Lloyd E. Menecke...	*Wayne S. Loftis....	.....
Eminence " 223	Elmer Nuss, Jr.....	*James C. Bierbower.	.....
Silver Cord .. " 224	*J. Lyle Brown.....	.....	.....
Cable " 225	Edwin P. Erikson..	.....	.....
Grace " 226	.....	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	H. M. Bowmaster...	Ray A. Walker.....	.....
Bartley " 228	.....	.....	.....
Comet " 229	Keith E. Smith.....	Fred J. Olson.....	*Otis Beaman.....
Delta " 230	Roy L. Smith.....	.....	Earl E. Meredith...
Mount Herman " 231	*Rudolph Biere.....	.....	.....
John S. Bowen " 232	Jack M. Sorensen...	Neils Christensen...	.....
Gilead " 233	Max O. Brown.....	.....	.....
Zion " 234	Floyd F. Edelman...	Steen Castle.....	*Merlyn D. Shepherd
Fraternity ... " 235	James G. Troutman.	.....	.....
Golden Rule... " 236	K. L. Linafelter...	.....	.....
Cubit " 237	.....	.....	.....
Friendship ... " 239	John L. May.....	.....	Gerald M. Gee.....
Pilot " 240	Emmett Robertson..	.....	.....
George Arm- strong " 241	Donald R. Cain.....	Robert P. Loftis....	.....
Tyrian " 243	Vernon L. Corman..	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	.....	.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	Charles E. Morris...	*George C. Sheldon..	*William A. Ost.....
Corner-stone .. " 247	*Vernon A. Craft....	.....	.....
Laurel " 248	Melvin C. Smith....	Francis O. Smith...	.....

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gothenburg No. 249	Ivan Wiggins.....	*Ivan Wiggins.....	*Ivan Wiggins.....
George Wash- ington " 250	Joe Kreiner.....	Eddie N. Duckworth	Newell G. Robinson.
Wausa " 251	*Melvin Rosen.....		*Melvin Rosen.....
Beemer " 253	*Harry Z. Jackson...	*F. Wostoupal, Jr....	Russ Schweers.....
Bassett " 254	Oscar R. Peacock...		Richard L. Mauch..
Hickman " 256	Bryce E. Heckman..		
Holbrook " 257			
Anselmo " 258	Wayne H. Hardy...	*J. C. Kellenbarger..	
Ornan " 261	Russell Angus	John I. Thompson...	
Endeavor " 262	Howard D. Andrews		K. O. Kauffman....
Mitchell " 263	Sidney H. Bliton...	*Sidney H. Bliton...	*Sidney H. Bliton...
Franklin " 264	Francis L. Muckel..		
Robert W. Furnas " 265	J. Everett Denton..		Jerry E. Prokes....
Silver " 266			
James A. Tulleys " 267		*Russell M. Warren..	
George W. Lin- inger " 268	George E. Lemen, Jr.	John C. Barnhart...	Harris L. Carnaby..
Oasis " 271	Alfred K. Marron..		
Lee P. Gillette " 272			
Crofton " 273	C. Lender Eliasson..		
Olive Branch.. " 274	Gene C. Gaddis.....		
Ramah " 275	Robert L. Davis....		
Antelope " 276		*Donald S. Hinman..	*Donald S. Hinman..
Sioux " 277	Clarence H. Dout...		
Litchfield ... " 278	*Harve I. Lang.....		
Wallace " 279			
Swastika " 280			
Florence " 281	*Sebert A. Stover...	Dewey L. Deppe....	*Irving Rockwell....
Mullen " 282	Forrest L. Harding..	*Forrest L. Harding..	*Forrest L. Harding..
Seneca " 284	David A. Miller....		
Camp Clarke.. " 285	Joe J. Paris.....		
Oshkosh " 286	Harry E. Tilgner...		
Union " 287	*Arthur J. Lamborn..	*Arthur J. Lamborn..	*Arthur J. Lamborn..
Omaha " 288	Harold P. Loveless..	*Jake Wine.....	
Lotus " 289	Roy M. Davis.....		
John J. Mercer " 290	*Edward L. Straka..	Richard E. Basel...	*Preston W. Hill....
Diamond " 291	Dale D. Greenamyre		
Wolbach " 292	*Alfred J. Larsen...		
Monument ... " 293	Daniel G. Packer...		

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
KimballNo. 294
Minatare“ 295
Cotner“ 297	Harold L. Sack.....
Chester“ 298	Floyd C. Haifleigh.....	*James E. Woodward.....	.....
Sutherland“ 299	*R. L. Jorgensen.....	*R. L. Jorgensen.....	*R. L. Jorgensen.....
Liberty“ 300	Stanley E. Estes.....	.....	*Donald A. Keys....
Bayard“ 301	Frank E. Townsend.....	*Frank E. Townsend.....	*Frank E. Townsend..
Mizpah“ 302	R. Wayne Wilson.....	John W. Bower.....	.....
Right Angle“ 303	R. U. Ravenscroft..	.....	.....
Ruskin“ 304	.....	*Roy F. Holloway, Jr.	.....
Newman Grove “ 305	H. L. Gerhart, Jr..	.....	.....
Golden Rod“ 306	Donald W. Brown..	*Harold J. Isley.....	*Ralph R. Carleton..
William E. Hill “ 307	.....	.....	.....
Perkins“ 308	.....	.....	.....
Winnebago“ 309	.....	.....	*Carl O. Swanson....
Victory“ 310	*G. W. Stroup.....	Arthur J. Matzen...	.....
Polk“ 311	.....	.....	.....
Oak Leaf“ 312	.....	.....	.....
Potter“ 313	.....	.....	.....
Craftsmen“ 314	F. Floyd Bryan.....	*Curry D. Bryson....	.....
Alpha“ 316	Jack M. Hurlbut...	.....	.....
Mid-West“ 317	Clark Peters.....	Ivan H. Arnst.....	.....
Grand Island.. “ 318	*Albert B. Osborn..	.....	.....
Bladen“ 319	.....	.....	.....
College View.. “ 320	.....	.....	.....
Harmony“ 321	Lawrence H. Miller.	.....	*Lawrence H. Miller.
Pioneer“ 322	*C. M. Anderson.....	*C. M. Anderson.....	*C. M. Anderson.....
Lebanon“ 323	Byron W. Reed.....	*Robert E. Lund.....	P. W. Elliott.....
Cairo“ 324	Robert C. Larson...	Charles F. Widman..	Edward T. Swanson..
Bellevue“ 325	*Robert A. Chandler.	Durward G. DeBuse..	H. Lewis Miller....
Centennial“ 326	Lynn W. Cooman...	Harvey A. Smith...	Elmer E. Smith....

*Proxy.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Reinstatement, which was adopted. To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

The Committee received for consideration sixty-three petitions as compared with eighty-seven handled the preceding year. Two petitions were based on demits issued more than three years ago. As in previous reports the usual reasons for suspensions were financial in thirty-two instances and neglect in twenty-five other cases.

An analysis of the applications by age groups and the actions of the Committee is presented herewith for information:

Number of petitions:

Age Group	Received	Recommended	Rejected	Returned
50 Years or Less	17	16	—	1
51-60 Years	15	14	1	—
61-70 Years	22	20	1	1
71-80 Years	8	4	4	—
81 Years and Over	1	—	1	—
	—	—	—	—
Totals	63	54	7	2

Two petitions were returned to the Lodges for additional information and at the time of this report have not been re-submitted.

The Committee wishes to congratulate the Officers and Lodge investigating committees for doing a very much better job in the past year. Several of this committees members have served for several years on this particular assignment and it is very helpful for us to find in the record that a good investigation of the petitioner has been made locally. This year thirty-four of the petitioners did not live in the state and probably few of the now active members knew them personally. The average petitioner had belonged thirteen years and been suspended fifteen years. We hope that for the good of the Fraternity our investigations will continue to be thorough and fair. We thank all of you for making this year very satisfactory.

REPORT OF 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 submit the following report of our activities for the Grand Lodge year just terminated.

TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM:

On June 23, 1958, our Committee recommended that Bellevue No. 325 be granted permission to construct a 40' by 76' two-story building of concrete block and stone veneer construction. However, when total construction costs were received, the financing program in connection therewith seemed a bit heavy. After a short delay, the plans were reviewed calling for construction of the two-story building in several stages, commencing with a one-story structure for the present. Work to start immediately upon approval of the financing program. Digging will probably start during the current month.

Plainview No. 204: On August 12, this Committee was informed that Plainview Lodge was nearing completion of a new Masonic Lodge building. This building and related financial program were entered into without first complying with the Grand Lodge Law which regulates and governs such matters.

On October 4, we inspected the building, and while we found features that to us seemed undesirable and which could not be readily corrected, we did recommend that the building be accepted as being suitable for Lodge purposes. As a compromise, and since a debt of \$2,200 was incurred, Plainview Lodge agreed to an immediate increase in dues from \$7.50 to \$10.50, the increase to be used exclusively in amortizing the debt. Plainview Lodge (though guilty of ignoring proper procedure) is to be congratulated for promoting Masonry by the construction of a long over-due Lodge building.

On November 23, this Committee recommended that Meridian No. 188, Cozad, be granted permission to proceed with the construction of a new Masonic Temple, and also be granted permission to borrow not to exceed \$10,000 in connection therewith. Preliminary stages of this building program were started in the fall of 1951.

On April 17, 1959, we recommended that Silver Cord No. 224, Ainsworth, be granted permission to move their Lodge building to a new site. The Lodge owns the two-story building, but the lot upon which it was situated was owned by the Church, and the Lodge would therefore have to move to allow for Church expansion. Even though the project was a costly one, no debt was to be incurred.

OTHER TEMPLE ITEMS:

On June 30, 1958, we recommended that Hiram No. 52, Arlington, be granted permission to remodel the business section of their lodge-business building to accommodate a Doctor's clinic. Considerable expenditure or about \$16,000 was involved, but the rental income from the remodeled section was increased from \$70 to \$200 or \$225 per month. Hiram Lodge now has a nice total income approximating \$4200 per year.

Justice No. 180, Benkleman: On April 11, this Committee was contacted relative to a proposed new Masonic Temple. A floor plan sketch was under consideration. After reviewing the plans, this Committee, on April 24, returned them to the Lodge with a number of suggestions, and also asked for further information. The matter of financing had not been discussed. No further word was received, and therefore, on August 26, (four months later) inquiry was made by this Committee as to their intentions, only to be informed that the Lodge had gone ahead on the project, and that construction was well underway. This procedure is, of course, entirely contrary to Grand Lodge Law which regulates and governs such matters. Upon receiving the adopted plans, and a full financial report, our Committee recommended that the program be not disapproved, provided (1) that construction proceed in accordance with plans approved, (2) that the Lodge increase its annual dues to properly finance the program without a deficit in Lodge operations, (3) that cash indebtedness (if any) shall be in the form of loans secured from one or more of its members.

Wallace No. 279: On February 19, 1959, our Committee was informed that the above named Lodge had succeeded in the purchase of the Methodist Church building, on which we reported in our last annual report. Wallace Lodge was about forced to surrender the Lodge charter because they were unable to find suitable quarters, when they were informed the local church building was to be offered at auction. Since establishing a suitable home, Masonry again has been on the up-grade and the Brethren are to be commended for their fine work and continued interest in Masonry in face of heavy odds. No debt was incurred.

On May 28, 1958, this Committee received a request for approval, permitting the New Masonic Temple Association of Lincoln, a corporation, for the borrowing of \$15,000 at 4% to be used for the purpose of removing two dwellings and a concrete block apartment house, each more than forty years old, for the purpose of converting the lots into a non-attended public parking lot. It was proposed to cover with bituminous mat, install automatic coin-operated gates, flood lights, parking stalls and bumper stops. Our Committee recommended approval.

FUTURE CONSTRUCTION:

Annually, in our report to Grand Lodge members, we try to impress upon local lodge officers, the seriousness of maintaining annual dues sufficient to provide setting aside an amount for future building purposes. We have had lodges who failed to heed this warning and have found themselves in a very embarrassing position when the need for repairs or new building needs arose. Several extreme examples could be recited at this time. Lodges who think they are getting by on \$5 or \$6 annual dues are very badly mistaken.

The following lodges have appointed Committees who are working on building plans:

Evening Star No. 49, Sutton
Elwood No. 167, Elwood
Tecumseh No. 17, Tecumseh
Rawalt No. 138, Oxford
Blue Hill No. 129, Blue Hill
Signet No. 193, Leigh

PARLIMENTARIAN

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

According to a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, it is my duty to suggest the name of a brother Master Mason to be a parliamentarian. In accordance with that resolution I now present the name of M. W. Charles F. Adams who has been appointed Parliamentarian for this Annual Communication.

W. Henry E. Schemmel, 2:

Name is Henry E. Schemmel. I have the proxy for the Junior Warden of Western Star Lodge No. 2, the oldest continuous lodge in one city in the state. We have been there over 100 years. All I can say about the report of the Committee, that there has been much wisdom but I am still in the northeast corner. I am somewhat confused because two years ago we attempted to make a remodeling of our Masonic Temple in Nebraska City. We had the misfortune of having a car run through the front of it, our furnace was not in proper condition to properly heat the space, we didn't have proper fire facilities, and we had an opportunity to build a Medical Center that would have given us an income of approximately \$600 a month in rent. We contacted your Grand Lodge Building Committee, presented all the evidence, it was presented by the officers of the lodge, it was approved by the Building Committee and we have the letter from the Grand Master at that time who approved it and said to go ahead and the Architect was instructed to draw the plans according to those approvals, and after he had drawn the plans, your Grand Lodge Trustees wouldn't loan us the money.

Now we are in a precarious position, we patched up the front of the building, we have no money to pay the architect fee which is beyond our control, and I move that the Grand Lodge be responsible for the confusion of the Committees that caused the architect to draw his design and that he should be paid for his work.

W. Otto Nelsen, Chairman, Committee on Temple Building Advisory:

M. W. Grand Master, I had a visit with the Nebraska City boys this forenoon and it was their suggestion and also my suggestion that Chairmen of all the Committees meet with the Grand Lodge and Trustees as soon as possible. I am sure that the matter under controversy can be solved and I am so suggesting.

At 4:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 10, 1959

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Grievances reports on the following petitions for restoration. An investigation was made into the merits of the petitions and a just and impartial consideration was given to the facts and the following report is offered.

1. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

The petition of this former member was made on February 3, 1958. This committee was authorized by the last Grand Lodge Session to continue its investigation and report its recommendation at this time. A thorough investigation was made and it was found that on June 8, 1954, this former member was expelled from membership on the charge of conduct unbecoming a Mason. This committee submits that following the expulsion this former member was under the care of a neurologist and at this time has been completely cured of the illness that afflicted him at the time the charges were filed. This committee has had the reports of Masons who have been in close contact with this former member and they recommend the restoration to membership of this former member. Proper procedure has been taken by the Lodge which resulted in a favorable recommendation for restoration. This committee therefore recommends that the former member under consideration 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 Florence Lodge No. 281, of Omaha, Nebraska, be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

2. A Member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 A. F. & A. M., Grand Island, Nebraska, has petitioned for restoration of membership. The petition was received by the Grand Island Lodge and was favorably

recommended by the committee and received the necessary vote by the Lodge.

Your committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on September 19, 1950; that he had formerly petitioned this Grand Lodge for restoration of membership which was denied at the 98th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. in 1955. Our investigation reveals that this former member has not had a liquor license since 1953, and we recommend that this petition be granted and that the said former member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 be restored to good standing and offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

"Be it Resolved that the petition of a former member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, of Grand Island, Nebraska, be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

3. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it Resolved that the petition of a former member of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

4. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore, Nebraska, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it Resolved that the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104, be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations submits the following report upon various matters referred to it.

1. We approve the Chapter on Charter Relocations as set forth in the Grand Master's Address. Specifically, we approve the following actions of the Grand Master:

(A) Authorizing Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 of Walthill to move their Charter, records and furniture to their new lodge hall.

(B) Authorizing Plainview Lodge No. 204 of Plainview to move their Charter, records and furniture to their new lodge hall.

(C) Authorizing Justice Lodge No. 180 of Benkelman to move their Charter and records to their new lodge hall.

(D) Authorizing Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Grand Island Lodge No. 318 of Grand Island to move their Charters to the new Masonic Temple.

2. Tyrian Lodge No. 243 was cited to appear at the 102nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to show cause why its charter should not be forfeited for failure to be represented at the Grand Lodge for two years.

Your committee met with three representatives of Tyrian Lodge who were the Master and two Past Masters. The failure to be properly represented was satisfactorily explained. The lodge is progressing in Masonic work and has given assurance that they will be represented in future communications. We recommend no forfeiture of the Charter in this so cited lodge.

3. We approve the action of the Grand Master in authorizing the surrender of the Charter of Holbrook Lodge No. 257 of Holbrook.

4. Your Committee has examined the report of the Committee on Credentials and find that the following lodge has not been represented for a period of two years: Signet No. 193.

We therefore recommend that the above named lodge be cited to appear before this Committee at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge to show cause why their charter should not be forfeited.

M. W. Edward F. Carter:

RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to the contents of the report of the Committee on Business Affairs which you approved yesterday, we offer the following motion:

"We move that Section 1-301 of the Law be amended by striking the word "Payroll" from the list of regular committees contained therein and that Section 1-323 be repealed."

M. W. Grand Master, I request unanimous consent to have this voted on at this Communication of the Grand Lodge.

(Unanimous consent was granted and the motion to amend adopted.)

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee on Work which the Grand Lodge approved yesterday, we move that Section 1-202 of the law be amended by striking the number "25" in the first line thereof and inserting the number "35" in its stead. You will remember this is the authorization for the Grand Master to appoint additional Assistant Custodians up to thirty-five without additional expense to the Grand Lodge. M. W. Sir, I ask that unanimous consent be given to have this voted on at this Communication.

(Unanimous consent was granted and the motion to amend adopted.)

RESOLUTIONS

The Grand Secretary presented the following resolutions properly prepared and signed and moved that they be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: that Section 2-801 of the Nebraska Masonic Code, be amended by the insertion of the following paragraph:

PROVIDED FURTHER: That Papillion Lodge No. 39, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Victory Lodge No. 310 and all the Lodges in greater Omaha, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners in Douglas County, who reside within the territory now held by the above-named lodges, and that paragraphs two and three of Section 2-801 shown on page 97, be stricken from the law.

This resolution was presented at a regular meeting of Waterloo Lodge No. 102, on April 17, 1959, laid over for action until their regular meeting of May 5, 1959, at which time it was approved by a unanimous vote of the lodge.

RESOLUTION

Bennett Lodge No. 94 fraternally requests concurrent jurisdiction with the nine Lincoln Lodges.

This resolution was presented at a regular meeting of Bennett No. 94, laid over and approved by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION

Hickman Lodge No. 256 fraternally requests concurrent jurisdiction with the nine Lincoln Lodges.

This resolution was presented at a regular meeting of Hickman Lodge No. 256, laid over and approved by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC - EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, which was adopted.

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

During the past year your Committee has had the supervision of only one college student from our Masonic-Eastern Star Children's Home. Three students were scheduled to be under the supervision of this Committee for this past school year, but the boy who was to come under our supervision was killed in an automobile accident and the girl who had planned to attend Midland College married during the summer.

The young lady who attended Midland College this year, and who was under the supervision of our Committee had a very good record and we can be quite proud of her. She will be going back for her second year.

There are two graduates from high school from the Masonic-Eastern Star Children's Home this year. The boy who is graduating plans to attend Milford Trade School. He is quite mechanically inclined and it is believed that in learning a trade, he will be serving the best interest of his future.

The girl who is graduating plans to attend Midland College and she has been accepted for entrance there. We are sure that she will continue to make the good record that she had in high school during her years in college.

Because of the fact that there was only one student involved this past year, your Committee was able to turn back most of its appropriation the past year. Our request this year has to be increased some for each student because of the general increase in tuition fees and other costs. Also under the rules adopted last year, we have granted these young people \$25 a month spending money in the school year instead of the former amount of \$10 which was established many years ago.

You may rest assured that the Committee will do all in its power to help these young people obtain a suitable education and under proper supervision.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office.

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

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office respectfully submits the following report: Early this year much consideration and effort was directed to the Grand Custodian office question referred to us late last year. The former lounge on the 4th floor was obtained at a rental of \$800 per year and in addition \$1,758 was expended by special appropriation to remodel and furnish the office. It is felt that the present quarters are adequate and convenient to the Grand Secretary and the clerical staff of that office.

At the bidding of the Grand Master, consideration of the salary schedules was undertaken. We have recommended to the Committee on Appropriations a salary of \$7,800 for the Grand Secretary and \$6,300 for the Grand Custodian, representing raises in salaries of \$300 and \$800 respectively. The Committee felt that salary considerations should be on a total basis, giving consideration to the amounts allowed by the

York Rite Bodies. Our recommendations of total salaries for the staff is as follows Viola F. Guess, \$3,600; Thelma L. McNeal, \$3,000; John S. Hedelund, \$2,500 and a new employee, \$2,500. The necessity for the new employee arose from added work occasioned by the moving of much clerical work of The Nebraska Masonic Home to the Grand Secretary's office.

Because of the large turnover in lodge secretaries in the last three years, it is believed advisable to have some secretary meetings at Central Schools. We have recommended that the Grand Secretary's travel expense be raised from \$750 to \$1,000 to cover this additional expense.

Regular expense items have been requested of the Committee on Appropriations, which need not be repeated here. Included are three new items, as follow:

1. A duplicating machine to cost \$640, of which \$400 of the cost would be allotted to the Grand Lodge.
2. Replacement of two worn-out throw rugs in the Grand Secretary's office at a cost of \$25.
3. Uniform frames of the Past Grand Master pictures now in the outer hall, at a cost of \$25.

This committee has continued in the endeavor to hold all Grand Lodge office expenditures as low as consistent with good office management and the will of the Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION

The Committee of Grand Lodge Office and two other brethren propose the two following amendments to the By-laws of the Constitution:

1. Section 1-201.01 Grand Secretary's Salary. "For all services rendered by the Grand Secretary in accordance with his duties listed above he shall receive such salary as set by the Grand Lodge, payable monthly." in place of the same form ending with "Shall receive a salary of \$7,500 per annum, payable monthly."

2. Section 1-202 Grand Custodian. The last sentence of the first paragraph to read as follows:

"He shall make a full detailed report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts and shall receive as compensation for his services such salary as set by the Grand Lodge, payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work."

This changes only that part of the statement now reading "and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$5,500 per year payable monthly, —".

M. W. Sir, we ask that unanimous consent be given to have this voted on at this communication. (Unanimous consent was granted and motion to amend adopted.)

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:

I am happy to report to you that our residents in the Home are continuing to be well cared for, with every consideration possible being given for their happiness and well-being.

Since last Grand Lodge we provided for their needs a "store" staffed by the residents themselves and though a record is made of any item obtained in the store by a resident, there is, of course, no charge for it.

This was an outgrowth of our seeing the need of necessities such as hair pins, tooth paste and other sundry items and all of it has been made possible at no expense to Grand Lodge. It has been a great boost for morale and filled a serious need.

Friends who heard of our "store" have showered us with items such as costume jewelry in large quantities and it has been, as a result, one of the pleasant experiences of the year. Vesta Chapter made it an enterprise as did the Omaha Scottish Rite Women's Club. We are most grateful on behalf of our residents.

A store isn't a store without show cases. Those came, too, from good Masonic friends to whom we are indebted.

The care of the ladies' hair has always been a problem. For the men we've always had a barber come each week but with women outnumbering men about 3 to one, we now are providing care for their hair once a week also, and the result is about what you would expect. This, too, has been provided at no expense to Grand Lodge.

Friends started sending dresses until we opened a room where our residents may go and choose a dress of their own liking.

All told it has been a good year for our residents, as you would have it be.

The balance of my report shall deal with our Property — Finances — and, under Finances, Giving.

As to our property. Last year you authorized the necessary expenditure of money to refurbish the old part of the Home. This has been completed and we'd like to invite you to see it. The entire Home now looks the same, each wing exactly like all the others. It has brightened up the appearance and has cleaned up a situation that needed cleaning up.

This year we are asking you through the appropriations committee for approval to do needed work on the outside of the building, principally pointing up which is very badly needed.

This should come close to getting the major items of maintenance behind us. I must remind you that our home is over 50 years old and

some of the work we have done and have to do should have been done before. I recommend that once we are caught up we keep a small fund for such work each year which will maintain our property in better shape and cost us less money than letting it go too long.

As to Finances, we received in 1959 less money than the year before. Our cost of operating has been rising over the last several years. It's no different than your cost of doing business or cost of living and it's largely that prices are all up and wages are doing everything but going down.

I just want you to know that we are doing all we can in our operation, yet with a need for this coming Grand Lodge year of \$180,000 we must of necessity talk about Finance. The per Capita Tax has never, except perhaps in our early years, carried our operating cost. The 1959 Tax brought us \$92,500, while interest and other sources provided \$57,500. It was short of our budget requirements by nearly \$10,000. The balance had to come from our General Fund.

I'm not recommending increasing our tax but I have a suggestion later in this report that I earnestly hope might prove a popular idea and it could solve most if not all of our problem.

In these sort of times I do not look for our cost of doing business to do other than increase. Your Board of Trustees is aware of it and I assure you we are practicing every economy possible with the care we must provide.

Now, as to Giving. I'm still talking about money but it is necessary sometimes.

Our home is over 50 years old, as you know. I'm rather unhappy that during 50 years, somebody hasn't started a regular organized drive to fully endow the Home that it might stand for generations to come, certain that it can survive and even meet changing conditions.

Certainly we intend that it do all this, but hard times can come and I'd like to see our Home with a sufficient endowment to operate, no matter what the times.

We have a good start. On January 1st, 1959 our Endowment and Bequest Fund stood at \$875,000.00. That is a very good foundation to build on. We need probably five million.

Good friends continue to remember us in their wills and with living gifts, and we are eternally grateful for their thoughtfulness, but actually, we haven't been reminding our brothers in a very active way of this fine way to help others.

Now I would like to suggest that each of you, when you go home, do please remind your lodge that we urge and recommend that in their wills they remember the Home. No matter how small it be, if each of us remain conscious of this we will remember it in our own wills and be conscious of it when we can influence others.

That is a start towards endowment. We must constantly be thinking of it, however, to keep it going. Many of our friends during their lifetimes

have added to this fund. Twice this year we had a substantial sum given us by living donors. One of them is making it an annual matter and may God bless him for his Great heart.

Just keep it in mind Brethren. We will try and remind you as time goes on but if we all want permanent endowment bad enough we'll get it.

Now, to my last suggestion. I said our cost of operating is slowly rising. It is. Help there can be of inestimable value.

Did you ever think what would happen if every Mason in our state when he paid his dues would hand an additional \$2.00 to his secretary and say "Send this to the Home"?

There are about 46,000 of us and an average of \$2.00 would add to our operating fund the sum of \$92,000.00, yet that one small gift from each of us, hardly the cost of one very small steak, would put us in a comfortable operating position. Some of you already do it but would you suggest it when you return home? This next dues-paying time we could rise up like thunder in the sky and put this Home on the map.

I assure you that any surplus we ever have will wind up in our permanent endowment so please think on these two finance matters and may Heaven bless you for the help you always so generously give.

And now, Thanks for so Much to so Many. To the Star Chapters and to the Grand Chapter as well go our thanks for remembering us so freely and thoughtfully.

The food trucks come in for our grateful thanks. They never fail to come. To Masters and Wardens and countless others go our thanks for constantly thinking of us.

To those who remembered us with endowments and bequests, and all others, we say "Thank you."

For support throughout a very busy year we are grateful to our M. W. Grand Master John E. Beaver who is also an officer of our Board of Trustees. Brother John has been as we expected—a strong support and a valuable right arm at all times. Our appreciation is hard to express to our Secretary R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen. His work day has no hours and his help is invaluable. He makes the job seem so easy.

To all the Trustees the usual orchid—well-earned and deserved.

Now at this point I would thank our Superintendent and his able Assistant.

I must announce to you that Brother William F. Evers is retiring as of this Grand Lodge and is being succeeded by his fine son, Raymond F. Evers, who is doing a fine job.

I shall say more about Brother William Evers later, for his last year as Superintendent was outstanding, as ever, and I'm happy to announce his being elevated to Superintendent Emeritus.

To all others too numerous to name here our thanks for inspiration and support this year.

Thank you, my Brethren.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and appointed the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers, W. Paul D. Fleming, 93, Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Joseph C. Tye, 46.....Grand Master
 Brother John F. Futcher, 302.....Deputy Grand Master
 Brother Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....Grand Senior Warden
 Brother Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....Grand Junior Warden
 Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother William P. Reid, 281.....Grand Chaplain
 Brother William A. Brandenburg, 120.....Grand Orator
 Brother Harold H. Thom, 1.....Grand Historian
 Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6.....Grand Custodian
 Brother Alfred B. Saum, 46.....Grand Marshal
 Brother Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....Grand Senior Deacon
 Brother Harry A. Spencer, 227.....Grand Junior Deacon
 Brother Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES 1959-1960

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

Appropriations: W. Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 281 (1962) Chairman; Ernest E. James, 1 (1961); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1960); Walter Truex, 55 (1963); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1964).

Finance: W. Brothers John A. Bottorf, 49 (1962) Chairman; Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1960); Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1961); Welcome W. Naylor, 158 (1963); Robert E. Lund, 323 (1964).

Fraternal Dead: W. Brothers Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314; Lyle L. Soden, 276.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. John G. Lowe III, 46.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial: W. Brothers Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; Elmer P. Baruth, 323; Ralph R. Batie, 46.

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

Grand Lodge Office: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Robert D. McNutt, 19; R. W. John F. Futcher, 302.

Grand Trustees: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1963); W. Leslie E. Martin, 281 (1960); W. William E. Moor, 102 (1962); M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318 (1961); W. Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1964).

Grievances: W. Brothers Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; Kenneth R. Garver, 135; Bernard T. Pipher, 31.

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; (1960); W. Brothers Phillip A. Robinson, 155 (1961); Alfred B. Gorman, 54 (1962); Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1962); M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, (1961).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201, (1961) Chairman; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1960); Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1962).

Public Relations: Brother John S. Savage, 11; W. Brothers Alfred B. Saum, 46; Alfred B. Gorman, 54.

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1962) Chairman; W. Brothers Joseph M. Troxel, 184 (1961); Otto W. Burkhardt, 55, (1960); Alvin H. Miller, 19 (1963); Arthur A. Gregory, 265 (1964).

Temple Building Advisory: W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1961) Chairman; E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1960); A. Victor Bryan, 263 (1962).

Special Committee to Co-ordinate Publications: M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, Chairman; R. W. John F. Futcher, 302, W. Brother Louis V. Sylvester, 281; Brother H. Hassel Taylor, 3; W. Curry D. Bryson, 314.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Brother Guy H. Olmstead, 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:

All of you, I am sure, understand that the Fremont Home for Children is a joint service and responsibility of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. These two Orders own the property and furnish approximately three-fourths of the money required for its operation. The remaining amount comes from parents and guardians, donations from Lodges, Chapters, organizations within these Orders, individuals and interest on invested funds. It has been the policy of your Board of Trustees to credit all money received from bequests to the Endowment Fund, which during the past year has increased over \$20,000 and now totals slightly over \$96,800. With adequate promotion, this fund could be built up to a Million Dollars or more, the earnings from which would go far toward the expense of operating the Home.

The buildings and grounds are in good shape, ordinary wear and obsolescence excepted. All but one of the buildings are from thirty to forty years old and of course need something done to them almost every year. The farm has again operated at a small profit and has furnished the boys and girls the facilities for a very worth-while 4-H program. They did very well this past year. Their share of the profits is invested for them in Savings Bonds for use in their further education. Some of our farmer and rancher friends have donated calves for this program year after year for which I am sure you as well as the Board of Trustees are very grateful.

At last report there were 38 children at the Home. Since that time 6 more have been admitted and 12 will have left by the date of this report — 7 by graduation, 4 returning to their families, and 1 dismissed for incompatibility, leaving a child population of 32. Two of those graduating this spring will go on to college and one probably will enter military service. The health of the children has been generally good and the behavior has been good considering the fact that most of them are from broken homes and have a complex of not being wanted by anyone. This is a terrific handicap for a child to overcome. One boy was a patient at the Psychiatric Unit for a while and three others have been taking treatments on an out-patient basis. While the Masons and Stars are furnishing these children better homes than they have ever had and probably ever will have, there is nothing that we can do to adequately compensate for the love and security felt in the family home, regardless of how humble that home might be. Our housemothers do their very best as substitute mothers and their devotion to their task is a heart-warming exhibition.

Last year the Grand Lodge appropriated \$27,500 toward a budget of \$65,855. We estimate that operational cost for the year ending June 30 will be approximately \$800 under budget allowance and there has been some reserve accumulated from savings from prior years' budgets. Using these savings, the requirements from the Grand Bodies for next year's operation will be somewhat less. We estimate that the cost of actual operation will be only slightly higher than last year, due to necessary small raises in salaries of housemothers and other help, and a little more than usual replacement of planting. However your Board is convinced that the Home should be publicized throughout the state to a much greater extent than it has been. It is one of Nebraska Masonry's major projects and yet we find that there are a great many Masons who know little or nothing about the facilities nor the rules for admission. We can put a modest brochure in the homes of all Masons in Nebraska for approximately 12 cents each showing in pictures and printed copy what we have. This might not only serve to help more children but undoubtedly would remind many Masons that there would be a good place to project some of the fruits of their labor into the lives of future generations. We are accordingly asking the Grand Bodies to approve a budget that will allow us to spend \$5000 for this purpose. The total budget adopted

by the Board of Trustees is \$72,975, which if approved by this Grand Lodge would require an appropriation of \$26,000.

There are two important matters pending.

No. 1. The case involving the drainage ditch which bisects the land is now in the Supreme Court and it is hoped that a definite decision may be had sometime this year. The money to pay our assessment, if we finally are required to pay it, is set up in a special fund for that purpose.

No. 2. Superintendent Hugh W. Hansen has submitted his resignation effective August 1st, 1959. The Board faces the task of replacing him and finding the right man may be rather difficult.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and all others who have contributed their time and valuable advice to the Board.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. W. Henry Foster, 79, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was approved.

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 1958 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 and solicit their greater effort and further care in completing and submitting their annual reports to the Grand Secretary. Errors on this report only tend to burden the work in the Grand Secretary's office.

This Committee wishes to call to the attention of the Secretaries of the subordinate Lodges that the annual returns must have the Seal of the Lodge affixed thereto.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The annual reports to be typewritten, if possible, and handwritten reports to be more legible.

2. To be certain the Seal of the lodge is affixed to the annual report.

3. Secretaries to use one given name in full of members on all reports and correspondence to the Grand Secretary's office.

4. We recommend that the secretaries of the subordinate Lodges be more careful in reporting changes in addresses of their members to the Grand Secretary. This will enable his office to keep the mailing list

for our Home News more accurate. Failure to do this, not only makes extra work and expense but also inconvenience to this office and the postal employees who have been extremely cooperative and helpful to The Nebraska Masonic Home in the distribution of the Home News.

RESOLUTION

M. W. Edward F. Carter:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, in 1957 five members of this Grand Lodge recommended an amendment dealing with the right of members of Omaha Lodges to solicit their lodges in support of The Boys Home here in Omaha. This matter is now pending before the Grand Lodge and is in the hands of the Committee on Jurisprudence. I have been authorized to come before this Grand Lodge and request that we withdraw this proposed amendment from the consideration of the Grand Lodge in order that nothing pertaining to it shall appear upon the records of the Lodge. M. W. Sir, I would like to move that we be permitted to withdraw this amendment. (Motion seconded and carried.)

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

W. Leslie E. Martin, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

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 for efficiently handling its financial and other business transactions. This committee was known as the Special Grand Lodge Committee on Business Affairs.

The report of the Special Grand Lodge Committee on Business Affairs to the Grand Lodge in session in June, 1957, resulted in the appointment of the Grand Trustees and later selected by the Grand Master as follows: Lewis E. Smith, Chairman, Edward Huwaldt, Carl Ganz, W. E. Moor and Leslie E. Martin. From this report to the Grand Lodge we call to your attention the following quotes: "The securities of the Grand Lodge shall be kept in a bank or trust company for handling, accounting and safety purposes under their 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 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”.

Agreeable to those instructions, the Board of Grand Trustees negotiated with the Trust Department of the U. S. National Bank of Omaha to enter into a contract whereby the bank would provide an Investment Advisory Agency Service for the management of the investment accounts of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and The Nebraska Masonic Home. This service contract provided, first, that the bank would have the domicile and physical custody of all securities of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home and attend to all the mechanics of purchase and sale of securities as directed and attend to the collection or disbursement of income and principal, maintain adequate records of all securities and transactions incident thereto and provide the Board with all essential reports in order that we may be fully advised at all times. In addition, the bank proposes to furnish the Board, through the facilities of the Bank of New York, a complete and comprehensive quarter-annual investment review service which will make investment recommendations, describe the securities, give purchase prices and valuations as of the date of the review and also show the total value of each sub-account, including the percentages in various types of investments (common stock, preferred stock, bonds, etc.). The Bank of New York will also give continuous investment advice for the purchase or sale of securities between the times of the quarterly reviews, recommending portfolio changes and investment of cash as seems advisable from time to time. Copies of the quarterly reviews, as well as interim recommendations, will be forwarded by the bank to each Trustee promptly on receipt from the Bank of New York and the U. S. National Bank will subsequently take such action as the Board of Grand Trustees may direct.

For this service, the contract provides the following fee schedule: “The following scale of charges for services contemplated includes the fee of the Bank of New York, which will be the U. S. National Bank obligation. Fees will be paid semi-annually, based on the market value of the securities held on the date of the quarterly review next preceding the fee date. The scale of fee is:

“First	\$ 500,000.00	\$3.00 per thousand
Next	1,000,000.00	2.50 per thousand
Over	1,500,000.00	2.00 per thousand”

The Board of Grand Trustees first met on December 11, 1957, with the Trust Officers of the U. S. National Bank, together with Mr. Earl O. Holmes, Vice President of the Bank of New York, to discuss investment policies and to determine procedures to follow in accomplishing the recommended objectives. As stated by Mr. Holmes, the advice and recommendations made by the Bank of New York relative to general policies will be directed toward conservation of principal and toward obtaining as good a rate as it seems is commensurate with safety. Through the careful selection of common stocks having potentialities of capital appreciation, it shall also hope to obtain some growth in principal value over a period of time. Mr. Holmes further stated that it was his belief that our investment portfolios were somewhat high in preferred stocks and it would be the recommendation of his bank that we should work toward a gradual reduction in preferred holdings while building up the proportion in bonds, as well as an upgrading in the quality of fixed income-bearing securities. Mr. Holmes further stated that in connection with common stocks the Bank of New York shall consider that a maximum of 50% of each fund could be held in commons. This maximum rate, however, will be open to review, for, as he pointed out, should the current recession and the decline in equity prices be extended beyond current thinking, the bank would then consider setting a maximum of 60%, or possibly 75%. Quoting Mr. Holmes further, he recommended the purchase of good quality commons which, in his opinion, possess potentialities for capital appreciation. Such issues will be selected, even though cash dividends may provide comparatively low current yields.

As of November 21, 1957, the Bank of New York provided us with an inventory of all of our securities setting forth their market value and extended annual income. The summary of this inventory, showing the classification of securities and percentage of each class to the total is shown below, plus the summary of inventory made as of April 30, 1959:

SUMMARY OF SECURITIES:

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

Inventory as of November 21, 1957

	Market Value	Percent of Total	Estimated Annual Income
Bonds	\$135,150	29%	\$ 4,866
Preferred Stocks	202,600	44	10,872
Common Stocks	125,470	27	7,061
	\$463,220	100%	\$22,799

Inventory as of April 30, 1959

Bonds	\$147,113	24.2%	\$ 6,067
Preferred Stocks	175,802	29.0	8,623
Common Stocks	284,416	46.8	10,756
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	\$607,333	100.0%	\$25,446

COMPARISON TABLE

Appraisal Value as of November 21, 1957	\$463,220
Appraisal Value (Including Principal Addns) April 30, 1959 .	607,333
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Appreciation	\$144,113

SUMMARY OF SECURITIES:

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Inventory as of November 21, 1957

	Market Value	Percent of Total	Estimated Annual Income
Bonds	\$ 331,416	33%	\$ 9,988
Preferred Stocks	417,938	42	22,683
Common Stocks	253,475	25	14,381
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	\$1,002,829	100%	\$47,052

Inventory as of April 30, 1959

Bonds:			
U. S. Govt.	\$ 252,029	20.2%	\$ 6,605
Other Bonds	179,293	14.4	8,507
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Total Bonds	\$ 431,323	34.6%	\$15,112
Preferred Stocks	255,578	20.5	12,767
Common Stocks	560,043	44.9	20,190
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	\$1,246,946	100.0%	\$48,069

COMPARISON TABLE

Appraisal Value as of November 21, 1957	\$1,002,829
Appraisal Value (Including Principal Addns) April 30, 1959 .	1,246,946
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Appreciation	\$ 244,117

All accounts in banks to which all cash receipts are credited have been turned over to the Trustees.

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

Analysis of Surplus or Fund Balances

May 10, 1958, to May 10, 1959

	Transfers		
	Beginning	from	Additions
	Balance	Other Funds	(Deductions)
	Balance	Balance	Balance
GENERAL FUND:			
Balance — May 10, 1958 .	\$ 50,347.69		
Add:			
Balance from Home			
Maintenance Fund		\$ 7,268.85	
Deduct:			
Excess of Disburse-			
ments from Fund			
over Receipts . . .			(\$51,410.10)
Balance — May 10, 1959 .			\$ 6,206.44
ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND:			
Balance — May 10, 1958 .	280,567.09		
Add balances from:			
Children's Home En-			
dowment Fund	173,235.31		
Permanent Reserve			
Fund	11,890.93		
Building & Improve-			
ment Fund	175,089.62		
Sub-total	360,215.86		
Deduct:			
Excess of Receipts to			
Fund over Disburse-			
ments			36,381.93
Net loss from securi-			
ties sold			(5,699.80)
Balance — May 10, 1959 .			671,465.08

SUPPLY ACCOUNT:

Balance — May 10, 1958	12,065.31		
Deduct:			
Excess of Disbursements from Fund over Receipts		(870.54)	
Balance — May 10, 1959			11,194.77

RELIEF FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1958	12,185.48		
Deduct:			
Excess of Disbursements from Fund over Receipts		(257.40)	
Balance — May 10, 1959			11,928.08

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1958	8,871.93		
Add:			
Sundry Receipts		23.00	
Balance — May 10, 1959			8,894.93

Totals	<u>\$364,037.50</u>	<u>\$367,484.71</u>	<u>(\$21,832.91)</u>	<u>\$709,689.30</u>
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THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Analysis of Net Worth

January 1, 1959, to May 10, 1959

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
GENERAL FUND:				
Capital Stock	\$ 1.00			\$ 1.00
Surplus:				
Balance—January 1, 1959	334,197.24			
Add:				
Net Income		\$36,310.96		
Deduct:				
Cost of new residence for Superintendent			\$25,013.02	
Balance—May 10, 1959				345,495.18
	<u>\$ 334,198.24</u>	<u>\$36,310.96</u>	<u>\$25,013.02</u>	<u>\$ 345,496.18</u>

ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND:

Bequests:

Balance—January 1, 1959	354,235.04		
Additional during year .	45,786.77		
Balance—May 10, 1959 ..			400,021.81
Mortgages previously transferred from			
General Fund	99,950.00		99,950.00
Surplus:			
Balance—January 1, 1959	421,660.47		
Add:			
Income from securities .	12,678.41		
Deduct:			
Net loss from securities sold		906.72	
Balance—May 10, 1959 ..			433,432.16
	<u>\$ 875,845.51</u>	<u>\$58,465.18</u>	<u>\$ 906.72</u> <u>\$ 933,403.97</u>

PERMANENT BUILDING FUND:

Balance—January 1, 1959	264,173.81		
Add:			
Net income	384.00		
Balance—May 10, 1959 ..			264,557.81
	<u>264,173.81</u>	<u>384.00</u>	<u>264,557.81</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,474,217.56</u>	<u>\$95,160.14</u>	<u>\$25,919.74</u> <u>\$1,543,457.96</u>

W. Henry E. Schemmel, 2:

My name is Henry E. Schemmel, I hold the proxy of the Junior Warden of Western Star Lodge No. 2. I move that the Grand Lodge assume the architect's fee of \$1,700 caused by the Trustees Committee overruling the approval of the Building Committee and the Grand Master in granting approval for the Masonic Building in Nebraska City.

(Motion seconded by W. Arthur J. Lamborn, 287.) After discussion by interested brethren, the Grand Master ruled that the motion could not be acted upon by the Grand Lodge until it had been referred to the Committee on Appropriations and therefore ruled that the matter be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered all matters referred to it and submit the following report with its recommendations:

I. Matters pending from the Annual Communication of 1958.

1. Recommendation No. 3 by Grand Master Roy I. Babbitt in 1958 relating to amendment of paragraph ten of Section 2-412 of the law with reference to the issuance of a demit where dual membership is held by a brother.

We recommend that said paragraph of said section be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-412, Paragraph 10.—A member holding a resident or dual membership in a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may apply for and be granted a demit from such lodge or from his parent lodge by presenting to such lodge a petition stating that he desires to demit therefrom for the purpose of terminating his dual membership. Such petition shall be read in open lodge and if the brother is not subject to any of the restrictions named in paragraph one of Section 2-1401 (Demits) the Worshipful Master shall order the demit to be issued and mailed to the lodge in which the brother continues to hold membership.

2. Recommendation Number 4 by Grand Master Merle M. Hale in 1957, relating to lodges being authorized to sponsor DeMolay Chapters. We recommend that this Grand Lodge permit lodges to sponsor DeMolay Chapters—provided that such sponsorship shall not include any financial responsibility.

3. In 1958 there was referred to this committee certain proposed amendments to the law relating to concurrent territorial jurisdiction of lodges and in 1959 certain other proposed amendments have been submitted. All such proposals have been considered together and we recommend that Section 2-801 of the law be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER VIII, TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

Section 2-801—HOW DETERMINED.—A lodge chartered or under dispensation has, for all purposes, exclusive territorial jurisdiction half way in an air line to each surrounding chartered lodge, such distance to be measured from the corporate limits of the cities or towns in which the lodges are located and in case the residence of the petitioner is within a recognized town or village, whose townsite has

been regularly laid out and platted, whether incorporated or not, such petitioner shall be considered as within the jurisdiction of the lodge nearest the limits of such town or village plat. Provided, that in all cities or towns where two or more lodges are located, such lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Provided further, that Ogalalla Lodge No. 159, Ogalalla, 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. Provided further that Papillion Lodge No. 39, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Victory Lodge No. 310 and all the lodges in Omaha shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners in Douglas County who reside within the territory now held by the above named lodges; 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 petitioners residing in Saunders County within the territory now held by the above named lodges;

Provided further, that Bennett Lodge No. 94, Hickman Lodge No. 256, and all the lodges in Lincoln shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners residing within the territory now held by the above named lodges.

4. The written proposal by six members of the Grand Lodge at the 1958 Annual Communication for the amendment of Section 1-502 of the law to require that a proposed amendment be delivered to the Grand Secretary not later than twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the Annual Communication has been considered by your committee, and we recommend that the proposed amendment be disapproved.

II. Matters referred to Committee at 1959 Communication:

1. We recommend that the section of Address of Grand Master John E. Beaver, entitled, "By-laws Approved" be approved.

2. We recommend that the section entitled "Trial Commissions" be approved.

3. We recommend that the section entitled, "Special Dispensations" be approved.

4. We recommend that the section entitled, "Dispensations to Elect and Install" be approved..

5. We recommend that Decision No. 1 relating to eligibility of a petitioner be approved.

6. We recommend that Decision No. 2 relating to status of a Fellow Craft brother be approved.

7. Recommendation No. 3 relates to the question of the advisability of sponsoring a home for Senior Citizens.

Your Committee recommends that it be permitted to hold this for further study until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

8. Recommendation No. 4 is that R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen be given authority to invite the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada to meet in Omaha in the fall of 1961 and that a suitable sum be appropriated for the expense of the meeting, the sum to be available following Grand Lodge in 1961.

Your Committee recommends that the recommendation be approved with the limitation of \$1,500 on the appropriation of Grand Lodge Funds for expense of the meeting.

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

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1959

M. W. Fay Smith:

Brethren, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Miss Delsie Crook, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska.

Miss Crook presented a check in the amount of \$127.00 for The Nebraska Masonic Home.

R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of Mrs. Margaret Zanger, Grand Guardian, International Order of Jobs Daughters of Nebraska, presented a check in the amount of \$164.00 for The Nebraska Masonic Home. This money had been earned by the girls of both organizations.

M. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Master, accepted the checks and expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 9, 1959

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 COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. Fred D. Moshier, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Appropriations, which was adopted.

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

Your Appropriations Committee very respectfully submit the following appropriations for operating the Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge responsibilities for the fiscal year 1959 and 1960. We have very carefully checked each item with each committee or officer that is considered responsible for that particular Grand Lodge function.

a. Expense of Annual Communication	
1. Payroll for 1959 Session	\$ 10,371.90
2. Recording and transcribing proceedings of 1959 session	125.00
3. Grand Tyler	15.00
4. Grand Organist	10.00
5. Grand Master's Dinner for Past Grand Masters and guests	500.00
6. Proceedings of 1959 communication	3,000.00
7. Grand Lodge Dinner for Delegates	750.00
8. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	500.00
9. Printing Fraternal Review, 1959	324.19
b. Expense of Grand Lodge Committees	
1. Masonic Education	1,800.00
2. Unassigned incidental expense under the direction of Grand Master	900.00
3. Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00
4. Trial Commission	100.00
5. Grand Chaplain	100.00
6. Appropriations Committee	75.00
7. Committee on Grand Lodge Office	100.00
8. Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs	100.00
9. Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund ...	1,350.00
10. Finance Committee	75.00
c. Traveling Expense	
1. Grand Master	2,500.00
2. Grand Secretary	1,000.00
3. Grand Custodian	1,400.00
Grand Lodge and Lodge Functions	200.00
4. Assistant Custodians	3,200.00
5. Grand Officers and other Grand Lodge Committees under the direction of Grand Master	600.00
6. Grand Secretary Emeritus, M. W. Lewis E. Smith ..	500.00
d. Salaries	
1. Grand Secretary	7,800.00
2. Grand Custodian	6,300.00
3. Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff	10,650.00

e. Fixed Expenses

1. Rent of Grand Lodge Quarters	3,000.00
2. Audit of Grand Lodge Books and Securities	350.00
3. Grand Secretary's Office Expense	3,425.00
4. Jewel for Retiring Grand Master	154.00
5. Grand Custodian's Office	800.00
6. Duplicating machine for Grand Secretary's Office	300.00
7. Picture frames and throw rugs	50.00

f. Insurance and Assessments

1. Workmans Compensation and Liability Insurance to June, 1960	30.18
2. Dues to Masonic Relief Association of U. S. and Canada, 46,144 members	293.22
3. Social Security Tax	450.00
4. Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees	1,500.00
5. Liability Insurance on Grand Master's car and other members or employees of Grand Lodge (Blanket) .	22.60
6. To cover one year's premium for Comprehensive Liability Insurance on all subordinate Lodges ...	4,153.03

g. Miscellaneous

1. Trustees' Expense	5,000.00
2. Fifty-year buttons	305.00

Total\$ 74,779.12

h. Grand Lodge Responsibilities

1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home (Fremont) To be matched by Grand Chapter, O. E. S. and any surplus to be returned	26,000.00
2. The Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth— As per budget submitted by Trustees of the Home	156,206.00
3. Special appropriation for The Nebraska Masonic Home for Building and Equipment, Maintenance and new equipment	19,238.00

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. John A. Bottorf, 49, 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 Finance Committee this year has attempted to present the over-all picture of income and expenditures of the Grand Lodge. Competent auditors have presented their annual audit of the books and we have not attempted to make any re-audit of the individual parts thereof.

INCOME

The following amounts have been reported as received during the year. Special note must be made that the income reported by The Nebraska Masonic Home is first reported on the calendar year basis and subsequently the four month period from January 1 to May 10, 1959. This is necessary to complete the records resulting from the change of accounting basis now in effect.

Receipts from annual dues	\$138,639.00
Receipts from all investments	75,349.18
Receipts from all other sources	81,095.09
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Initial Total	\$295,083.27
Nebraska Masonic Home Investments — 4 months	4,156.08
Nebraska Masonic Home Receipts other sources for 4 month period	\$ 18,438.89
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TOTAL REPORTED RECEIVED	\$317,678.24

For a comparison of income received in prior years, we have compiled reports of income from audits of prior years:

	1956	1957	1958
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Dues	\$135,885.00	\$137,211.00	\$138,117.00
Investments	67,905.42	55,364.40	78,507.85
Other Sources	96,997.77	61,160.25	78,596.42
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TOTALS	\$300,788.19	\$253,735.65	\$295,221.27

EXPENDITURES

The Grand Lodge has expended during the fiscal year the following sums. In this report we have again separated the annual report of The Nebraska Masonic Home into the initial one year report and added the four month period of expenses in order to change to the current accounting basis:

Nebraska Masonic Home, all expenses	\$149,594.42
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	27,500.00
All Other Grand Lodge Expenses	69,488.16
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Total Expended	\$246,582.58
Added Expenditures Nebraska Masonic Home (4-months) .	78,710.01
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TOTAL REPORTED EXPENDITURES .	\$325,292.59

Here again, we have resorted to the audits of prior years and report the expenses for those years as follows:

	1956	1957	1958
Nebraska Masonic Home ...	\$154,753.62	\$148,969.71	\$140,504.42
Masonic-Eastern Star Home	28,000.00	28,000.00	27,500.00
Other Grand Lodge Expenses	77,575.14	85,835.55	96,448.44
TOTALS	\$260,328.76	\$262,805.26	\$264,452.86

UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

An appropriation for a certain purpose is the limit which any officer or committee of the Grand Lodge can expend during the period for which the appropriation was made.

To this extent, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge provides that the Grand Lodge is an absolute and independent body with supreme legislative authority. Its actions are to be strictly guided by the Landmarks, Constitution and the By-Laws. When we deviate from any of these laws, rules and regulations, we minimize the authority of the Grand Lodge. No one officer of the Grand Lodge — from the Grand Master down to any representative of a subordinate lodge, has the authority to authorize any expenditure for different purposes than those you created by your approval of the annual appropriation as recommended by the Committee.

The object and purpose of such provisions were to render all departments, committees and officers of the Grand Lodge dependent upon the will of the Grand Lodge in its Annual Communication. If the Grand Lodge is to retain its authority, it must demand strict compliance from everyone who has authority to expend funds or incur any liability for the Grand Lodge.

It has also been recognized that emergency situations may arise which the Committee on Appropriations could not have anticipated. Section 1-326 of the By-Laws, approved in 1957, provides: "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."

We have determined that payments in excess of the amount appropriated were made for the following items:

Payroll for the 1958 Communication	\$ 1,002.00
Grand Secretary's Office Expense	2.59
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of U. S. and Canada .	.06 *
Fifty-year Buttons	11.52
Social Security Taxes	57.03
New Office, Grand Custodian	2,091.23
Modernization of Nebraska Masonic Home	1,895.18

Of the above seven excessive expenditures, the emergency provision provided by the By-Laws was followed in the last three items. (* Refers to initial request for appropriation in amount of \$293.56 which was reduced to approved amount of \$293.50).

CHANGES IN AUDIT

We find that the following vouchers were improperly charged, and that the actual purpose for which the expenditure was made should have been charged to another account:

CHECK NUMBER	ITEM	IMPROPERLY CHARGED TO:	SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED TO:
274	Grand Master's Apron	Grand Lodge Office	Unassigned expense under direction GM
229	Demit Cards	Grand Lodge Office	Supply
27	Past Grand Master's Card	Grand Lodge Office	Unassigned expense under direction GM

After corrections above set out, the total expenditure of the Grand Lodge office fund would have been \$3,375.74 and under the amount of appropriation.

VOUCHERS

In the report of this Committee at the 1958 communication, we accepted accounting for certain expenditures, which under a proper application of the regulations relating to the preparation and certification of vouchers, would not have been acceptable as a proper accounting to the Grand Lodge. This was due to the fact that vouchers had not been in use for the entire year. It is only by the proper use of the voucher system that the officer or committee, charged with the payment of claims as appropriated, can insure themselves that the expenditure is made for the purpose for which the fund was appropriated, and that it does not exceed the amount which he, or they, are authorized to spend for the Grand Lodge. Once again we must call attention to the fact that vouchers have been filed, and the claim paid, without the same being signed or approved. We specify the vouchers which are incomplete or improper for the following funds:

Payroll for 1958 Session: #52-56-60-66-67	\$ 1,080.13
Bus Transportation: #68	315.00
Entertainment for distinguished Guests: #1	200.00
Trial Commission: #86	5.01
Grand Officers under direction of Grand Master: #245	31.40
Grand Secretary Emeritus: #95	500.00
Grand Secretary Clerical Staff: #248-249-250-270-271-272	1,092.94

Grand Secretary Office Expense: #127-237-238-239-243-259-260- 261-262-274-275	805.92
Grand Custodian Special Appropriation, Modernization: #196- 197-198-199-240-267	1,757.90
Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children: #69-144-205-276	27,500.00
Total unapproved vouchers	\$ 33,288.30

GENERAL COMMENTS ON VOUCHERS AND UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES.

We have called attention to several improper or incomplete accounts. Criticism should be constructive, and yet, if we are to carry out the duties given this committee, we must criticize such improper expenditures without offering **additional** procedures than those which have heretofore been established for the handling of such funds. As all funds, which have been appropriated and paid, are placed under the approval of specified officers and committees, such persons must accept responsibility to see that their approval is for a proper claim. Next, it is the duty of the person making the payment to verify such voucher before payment is made. There is no excuse for improper or excessive payment by this Grand Lodge.

We believe that the question in all cases should, and must necessarily be, whether there has been omitted that care which men of common prudence take of their own concerns. To require more would be adopting too rigid a rule — while to be satisfied with less would be relaxing too much the obligations which they have assumed when they entered upon their office. They should know of, and give direction to, the general affairs which are placed under their authorization and have a complete knowledge of the specific claims which they have approved. This knowledge should be present **before** action is taken.

It has been considered that the diversified memberships on committees and the various officers who are authorized to approve expenditures, are not all residents in the Omaha area. Also that the approval by such persons or committees may take too long to obtain by ordinary mail service. We cannot accept such as an excuse or reasoning. The type of expenditures which are made for this Grand Lodge may all be anticipated and vouchers prepared in advance of any required payment. We believe that unless this is done we will arrive at a system whereby vouchers are filed and claims paid before approval is obtained and then have the same ratified subsequent thereto. To ratify an expenditure, after the same has been made, might possibly be acceptable for certain expenditures. It sanctions something which has been done by an agent, and expresses consent to an action already done. It does **not** carry out the **full duty** which the committee or officer has taken on himself when he assumed his office.

This committee has no way of determining when a vouchner has been properly approved or when it has been merely ratified. We obtain such vouchers at the end of the fiscal year and if, at that time, they appear in proper order, we can only assume that they have been approved before the expenditure was made. When, however, at the close of the fiscal year, we find as many unsigned vouchers as are set out above, it indicates a disregard of even the requirement to ratify the expenditure to say nothing of the proper approval which should have been acted upon before the expenditure.

This committee, itself, comes in for its share of the blame or criticism in the matter of the accounts and expenditures which we were required to approve. Ten different accounts have been given to this committee for approval. The chairman reports that at no time was any voucher submitted to him for approval of any purchase. It is also submitted that the committee made no request of the Grand Secretary to submit such claims to them, but did as so many other of our committees and officers, passively awaited forwarding of vouchers by the Grand Secretary. This committee has checked such funds and by unanimous agreement have ratified such expenditures, which have not exceeded the appropriation. This was done only as an acknowledgment that the expenditure was for a proper purpose of the Grand Lodge, and not in any way to confirm such continuing practice.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

We have examined the reports of The Nebraska Masonic Home Board, The Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans; The Grand Custodian's Report and the Report of the Committee on Masonic Education and such records were found to be in proper order and balances on hand have been accounted for.

UNEXPENDED BALANCES AND REFUNDS

The following funds are on hand or have been refunded and are available for support of the 1959-1960 appropriations:

GRAND LODGE:

General Fund	On Hand May 10, 1959	\$ 6,098.26
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund	"	68,659.73
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	"	1,521.23
Relief Fund	"	11,928.08

Total cash in bank May 10\$ 88,207.30

REFUNDS TO GRAND LODGE FUNDS:

Committee on Masonic Education	\$ 121.54
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	251.53
Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund	410.39

Total Refunds since May 10, 1959\$ 783.46

Cash on hand and refunded Total\$ 88,990.76

SPECIAL FUNDS:

Supply fund, revolving fund	\$ 8,009.67
Centennial Contingent Fund for printing history	8,894.93

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME:

Balances on Deposit May 10, 1959:

General Fund	\$ 8,810.65
General Investment Fund	109,036.58
Superintendent's Account	14,000.00
Room Furnishings	3,457.52
Principal Cash	3,917.83
Total	\$139,222.58

BUDGET

The budget, as proposed by the Committee on Appropriations, can be supported by use of the cash balances on hand and special appropriations as follows:

First, it will be necessary that the Grand Trustees convert sufficient securities totalling \$65,000.00 and place that amount into the Orphan's Educational Endowment Fund. From this fund the following transfers will be required:

TO THE GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND	\$ 67,900.00
TO THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN	26,000.00
TO THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME GENERAL FUND ..	39,700.00

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We conclude that while there has been shown considerable improvement in the accounting for and expending of the funds of the Grand Lodge, we have not yet attained that standard which each of us would demand in our own business. That this committee should continue careful scrutiny of individual expenditures until all committees and officers have accepted their full responsibility for the details required to effect a proper expenditure.

In order to advance proper compliance we offer the following recommendations:

1. Each committee or officer charged with approval of expenditures which will exceed the appropriation made for such purpose must arrange for its proper presentation for the emergency appropriation as provided by the By-Laws.
2. In order that such approving officer or committee may be fully advised at the time the voucher is to be approved, the same should contain the current status of the account and the unexpended balance under the appropriation.

3. That unless strict compliance with the procedure regarding preparation and approval of vouchers is observed, such expenditures are to be reported to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge with recommendation that the same be disapproved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and recommends as follows:

1. That Section 2-412, Paragraph 10, be amended to read as follows and that said original paragraph 10 of said Section 2-412 be repealed:

"A member holding a resident or dual membership in a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may apply for and be granted a demit from such lodge or from his parent lodge by presenting to such lodge a petition stating that he desires to demit therefrom for the purpose of terminating his dual membership. Such petition shall be read in open lodge and if the brother is not subject to any of the restrictions named in paragraph one of Section 2-1401 (Demits) the Worshipful Master shall order the demit to be issued and mailed to the lodge in which the brother continues to hold membership."

2. That Section 2-801 of Chapter VIII relating to the determination of Territorial Jurisdiction be amended to read as follows and said original section 2-801 be repealed:

"Section 2-801—HOW DETERMINED. A lodge chartered or under dispensation has, for all purposes, exclusive territorial jurisdiction half way in an air line to each surrounding chartered lodge, such distance to be measured from the corporate limits of the cities or towns in which the lodges are located and in case the residence of the petitioner is within a recognized town or village, whose townsite has been regularly laid out and platted, whether incorporated or not, such petitioner shall be considered as within the jurisdiction of the lodge nearest the limits of such town or village plat. Provided, that in all cities or towns where two or more lodges are located, such lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Provided further, that Ogalalla Lodge No. 159, Ogalalla, 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. Provided further that Papillion Lodge No. 39, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Victory Lodge No. 310 and all the lodges in Omaha shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all

petitioners in Douglas County who reside within the territory now held by the above named lodges; 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 petitioners residing in Saunders County within the territory now held by the above named lodges; Provided further, that Bennett Lodge No. 94, Hickman Lodge No. 256, and all the lodges in Lincoln shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners residing within the territory now held by the above named lodges."

3. That Section 1-202, paragraph 2 be amended to read as follows and that said original paragraph 2 of said section 1-202 be repealed:

"The Grand Master may appoint not more than 35 Assistant Custodians to assist the Grand Custodian in supervising the work, lectures, and ritual, and who shall receive the sum of five dollars per day, while conducting Schools of Instruction, and who, when attending Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, all of which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner. Local expense and mileage for Schools of Instruction shall be paid by the Lodge for which the School is held."

4. That Section 1-301, paragraph 3 be amended to read as follows and that said original paragraph 3 of said section 1-301 and section 1-323 be repealed:

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

5. That Section 1-201.01 be amended to read as follows and that said original section 1-201.01 be repealed:

"Section 1-201.01—GRAND SECRETARY'S SALARY. For all services rendered by the Grand Secretary in accordance with his duties listed above he shall receive such salary as set by the Grand Lodge, payable monthly."

6. That Section 1-202 be amended to read as follows and said original section 1-202 be repealed:

"Section 1-202—GRAND CUSTODIAN. The Grand Custodian shall attend all communications of the Grand Lodge, and under the direction and control of the Grand Master, shall have the entire charge and supervision of the work, lectures, and ritual of this jurisdiction, and it is made his duty to enforce the thorough teaching and practice of said work, ritual and lectures, and immediately to report to the Grand Master any violation of this requirement and if it shall come to his knowledge that any lodge within the jurisdiction shall ignore, refuse, or fail to practice, in every respect, such uniform and established work as taught

by him, it shall be his duty to instantly report the same to the Grand Master, who may arrest the charter of said lodge, and shall hold the same until such time as it shall comply with the requirements of the Grand Master aforesaid, or until the next communication of the Grand Lodge. The work of the Grand Custodian in conducting schools of instruction or otherwise shall not be interrupted by calls upon him for Masonic funerals or other meetings or work, except under urgent circumstances which, in the opinion of the Grand Master, shall be sufficient to justify such interruption. He shall make a full and detailed report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts and shall receive as compensation for his services such salary as set by the Grand Lodge, payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work."

MINUTES APPROVED

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

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 3, 4, and 5, 1958, 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 sincere 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. Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Master, was Installing Officer, assisted by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, Installing Marshal.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master:

Brethren: I am very grateful for this opportunity to thank you for the honor conferred upon me in my election and installation as your Grand Master. I assume the duties of this office humbly and shall endeavor to keep in mind throughout the year that I am your servant and that my foremost duty and desire is to benefit the greatest of fraternal organizations.

It is a most difficult task to endeavor to live up to the fine traditions set by the Grand Masters of your Grand Lodge. With the help of our Divine Architect, the Grand Lodge officers, the officers of each subordinate Lodge and particularly the help, suggestions and assistance of each of you brethren, I shall strive to uphold the traditions set for us.

It is my wish to visit as many of the lodges as possible and to suggest and assist with a program concerning the following subjects:

1. Masons at all times recognize and endeavor to discharge their duties and responsibilities to our Creator.
2. We must stress the membership in our lodges and in order to stimulate membership I believe guest nights are excellent media.
3. I believe we should be assisting the youth of our state, both girls and boys. I strongly favor the girls' organizations — Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters — and I am strongly in favor of the Order of DeMolay. I believe we should also assist youth generally and endeavor to give them a proper understanding of our philosophy "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man".
4. I believe we should keep our Masonic charities in mind and support them in every way possible. Masons need not look for other charitable organizations with our very fine Home at Plattsmouth and our Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.
5. It is my hope to bring about a better understanding of the practical operations of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. This is your Grand Lodge and you actually operate it. Take an interest in it and see to it that your Grand Lodge is doing what you want it to do.
6. I hope to stress during the year our duties to ourselves and to our country in our education and understanding of our government and particularly that we discharge our right of franchise and see to it that persons understanding and representing our form of government and our way of life are elected to office. This will result in strong and capable instructors of public education and public schools as well as a complete separation of church and state with public officials who are obligated first to their God and second to their country.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. . W. . Fay Smith, Past Grand Master :

M. . W. . Brother John, In my opinion the most important and far-reaching action which a Grand Master takes during his year is the selection and appointment of his Grand Junior Deacon. I have watched your year as Grand Master with great satisfaction. I hope that M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee is as proud of his appointment as I am of mine. You have been one of our great Grand Masters.

Now it is my honor and privilege to present to you this Past Grand Master's Jewel. It is beautiful and somewhat expensive! However, these are not the most important attributes. More important is the fact that it represents the thanks of this Grand Jurisdiction to you for your efforts.

As the years go by, this Jewel will become more valuable to you. Even the place where you put it away for safekeeping becomes sacred ground. M. W. Brother John, accept this Jewel with our deepest appreciation and respect.

M. W. John E. Beaver, Past Grand Master:

Thanks, Fay, for this very fine Past Grand Master's Jewel. This jewel, too, will serve as a reminder of my very pleasant year in serving this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Master. To all the Brethren, I want to say—Thanks, it has been so nice being associated with you. I want to thank you again, Fay, for the privilege you afforded me in appointing me as your Grand Junior Deacon. You have made it possible for me to enjoy more heart-warming associations with my Masonic Brethren than I ever thought possible. I hope I have not disappointed you.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary:

M. W. Brother John, you have had a fine year and it has been a real pleasure for me to work with you. The Grand Lodge is desirous that you be clothed with the proper emblem of your office and it is my pleasure now to present you with this beautiful Past Grand Master's apron.

M. W. John E. Beaver, Past Grand Master:

Thanks, Carl, to you and to the members of the Grand Lodge for this beautiful Past Grand Master's Apron. It will be a pleasure for me to wear it and I hope I will wear it so as to bring honor to the Fraternity. It has been a pleasure working with you during the past year. I appreciate your counsel and advice. You have helped to make the work of the Grand Master easier and more pleasant. I am sure that when I wear this apron it will remind me of the friends I have made and the fine Fellowship I have had during my year as Grand Master. Thanks to every one of you.

At 2:30 p.m., no further business appearing, after prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Joseph C. Tye

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 Hundred Second 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 9 and 10, 1959, 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, 1959.



Frank Feisen

Grand Secretary

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Lewis E. Smith, 57 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- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59
William Cosh, 52 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- 55-56-57-59-59
Charles A. Chappell, 48 Years	1912-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27- 28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58- 59
Chancellor A. Phillips, 44 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- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-53-56-57-58-59
William F. Evers, 40 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- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59
George A. Stevens, 38 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- 51-54-55-57-58-59
Benjamin F. Eyre, 37 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- 55-56-57-58-59
John S. Hedelund, 37 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- 55-56-57-58-59
Raymond C. Cook, 37 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- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59
Carl R. Greisen, 36 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- 56-57-58-59
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
William B. Wanner, 33 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- 58-59
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
Pearl C. Hillegass, 31 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59

Walter R. Raecke, 30 Years	1924-25-26-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-59
Herbert T. White 29 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59
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
James H. Bryant, 28 Years	1893-94-97-99-1902-04-05-08-17-20-21-27-29-30-34 42-43-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-55-56-57-58

(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
ERNEST S. SCHIEFELBEIN...	April 20th, 1959..	.59.....	(84th)..1949

**PAST GRAND MASTERS
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE**

A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

LEWIS E. SMITH	(56th) ..	1921
721 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
1035 No. H St., 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		
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 St., Lincoln		
ROY I. BABBITT	(92nd) ..	1957
609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff		
JOHN E. BEAVER	(93rd) ..	1958
Beemer		
NATHAN ROSCOE POUND	(Honorary) ..	1949
Harvard Law School, Cambridge 38, 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
 721 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	Omaha	May 4, 1939
F. Whiffield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Robert M. Herre, 224	Omaha	May 20, 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
Frank A. Smith	Little Rock	Jan. 27, 1958	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 Ballalal de Carvalho	Val. do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia, United	Mainard E. Crosby, 32	North Platte	Sept. 19, 1936
Roumond Nonata do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Jose Cesario Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Guilherne 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
Joao Bento	Joao Pessoa	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Lodge of Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
William Fraser	Creston	April 20, 1955	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aran, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Maurice Coffey		Sept. 13, 1959	California	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1958
C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	April 15, 1944	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Rodolfo C. Oliveira	Estada 62, Santiago	Mar. 18, 1930	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Y. C. Sao	Koasung	Sept. 29, 1959	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Omaha	Sept. 29, 1959
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
Fagon Simonton	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Mogens Milertzt		Nov. 19, 1956	Denmark	John S. Hedelund, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
John Linn McGrew	Washington	July 6, 1917	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Fernandos Gayangos Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Ward V. Whitaker, 310	Valley	Feb. 23, 1958
William R. S. Bathurst	Wiltshire	May 18, 1950	England	Fay Smith, 198	Imperial	June 17, 1954
Leon E. Farbes	Jacksonville	April 15, 1944	Florida	Harry Z. Jackson, 253	Beemer	Oct. 1, 1958
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	France	Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
Otis E. Dixon	Macon	Jan. 15, 1957	Georgia	William F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Jan. 23, 1941
Karl Roeder	Frankfurt	Sept. 20, 1955	Germany	Henry Becker, 114	Wisner	July 31, 1959
George Sakellariou	Athens	April 10, 1954	Greece	Steve G. Poulos, 318	Grand Island	Nov. 20, 1953
Bjorne Bjornston	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland	Nels Ostergaard, 32	North Platte	June 26, 1953
Everett W. Rising	Nampa	April 30, 1937	Idaho	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Harry L. Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Illinois	Warren W. Kelly, 290	Omaha	May 13, 1959
John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1949	Indiana	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Hooper	May 21, 1959
John A. Wallace	Dublin	Jan. 7, 1953	Ireland	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1954	Israel, State of	William Gradinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Ronald E. Napier	Tachikawa	July 25, 1958	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
Homar B. Osborn	Wichita	Sept. 28, 1944	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Beattyville	April 20, 1945	Kentucky	Ralph S. Tully, 25	Omaha	Jan. 23, 1958
Charles F. Ratcliffe	Baton Rouge	Sept. 18, 1936	Louisiana	John A. Bottorf, 49	Sutton	Feb. 24, 1958
James A. Sanker	Belfast	Sept. 14, 1948	Maine	Carlos E. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 26, 1950
Nathan Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Manitoba	Ernest C. Purdy, 195	Gordon	June 24, 1943
Ernest L. Payner		Dec. 8, 1953	Maryland	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Roscoe Pound	Cambridge	May 1, 1929	Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Horace Dillon	Torrone, Coah.	Mar. 17, 1944	Mexico	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	April 9, 1934
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Herbert S. Romberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952

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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. Naylor, 158	Chadron	Mar. 4, 1950
W. R. Wansink	Rotterdam	May 10, 1950	Netherlands	Piebe Dykstra, 281	Omaha	May 10, 1955
Harry H. Atkinson	Reno	June 19, 1911	Nevada	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
Kenneth Roberts Nelson	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
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, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
Floyd O. Robinson	New York City	Jan. 12, 1957	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
T. W. Pairman	Mangoweka	Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand	James H. Bryant, 199	Plattsmouth	April 22, 1952
Armon E. Baggett		Oct. 22, 1953	Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Albert H. Hood	Yarmouth	July 1, 1941	North Carolina	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Ole Kristofer Reed	Oslo	Feb. 8, 1956	North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire, 306	Sidney	Dec. 20, 1944
C. Fraser Lorimer	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Norway	Nels Hammar, 56	York	Feb. 21, 1956
Juan L. Aracha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entekin, 295	Gering	July 10, 1941
Robert L. Troescher	Youngstown	April 26, 1952	Nuevo Leon	Morris V. Balcam, 46	Kearney	May 7, 1954
Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941	Ohio	Otto Nelson, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Clarence D. Phillips	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Lodgepole	Feb. 6, 1958
Elias S. Mizrahi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Oregon	Arthur H. Gregory, 265	Scottsbluff	Jan. 20, 1958
Franco A. Zumaeta	Lima	Oct. 23, 1957	Panama	Walter R. Roewe, 36	Central City	April 8, 1935
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Peru	La Verne A. Walker, 55	Norfolk	Feb. 8, 1958
Chester R. Martin	Caledonia	May 1, 1959	Philippines	John C. Green, 280	Sargent	Oct. 17, 1945
G. Diamond		July 13, 1959	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
Alex Nickle	Montreal	Jan. 31, 1934	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1952
Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923	Quebec	John E. Beaver, 253	Beemer	Jan. 8, 1954
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Guy H. Hummel	Nokomis	July 1, 1957	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke	Eilinburgh	Nov. 19, 1940	Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	July 10, 1947
Cyril W. C. Peaks		Sept. 9, 1959	Scotland	William Cosh, 11	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
Horace Greeley Adams	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1942	South Australia	Frank F. McMullin, 241	Craig	Jan. 2, 1957
Robert F. Patterson	Vermillion	Feb. 3, 1955	South Carolina	Robert B. Conrad, 125	Lincoln	Sept. 12, 1958
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
Andre Starvo	Berne	Jan. 14, 1958	Sweden	W. Alex Danielson, 116	Alma	Sept. 10, 1953
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	Switzerland	Paul O. Marti, 32	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1958
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson, 268	Omaha	Aug. 8, 1949
C. Cecil Broadwell	Jackson	Nov. 30, 1956	Tasmania	C. Ray Macy, 26	Beatrice	Apr. 3, 1957
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
George F. Meissner	Ogden	Feb. 3, 1944	Texas	Albert S. Johnston, 19	Lincoln	June 27, 1941
D. Birlleigh Smalley, Jr.	Johnson	Feb. 4, 1943	Utah	Richard L. Wait, 19	Lincoln	Jan. 23, 1958
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Vermont	Cary W. Dresslar, 32	North Platte	Nov. 14, 1956
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Victoria	Charles H. Marley, 1	Omaha	May 4, 1939
Stewart E. Perry	Puyallup	July 18, 1946	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
R. H. G. Clark	Perth	Apr. 22, 1941	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Alliance	June 27, 1941
Harry E. Hoffman	Clarksburg	Feb. 12, 1947	West Australia	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	July 10, 1947
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	West Virginia	Alvin H. Miller, 19	Lincoln	May 4, 1930
			Wisconsin	La Verne J. Smith, 288	Omaha	Jan. 30, 1958

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