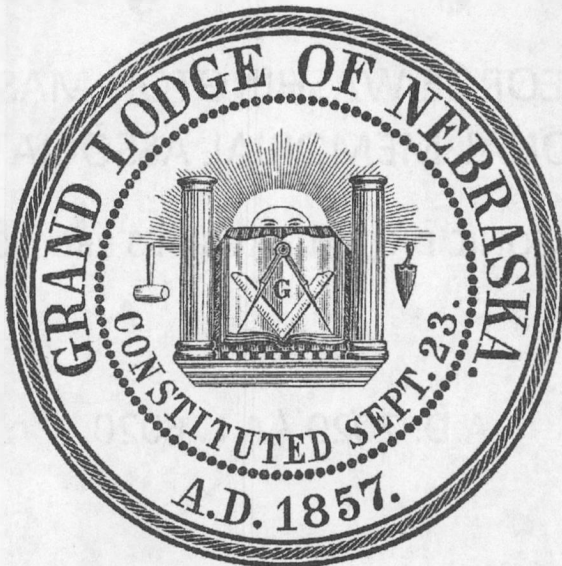


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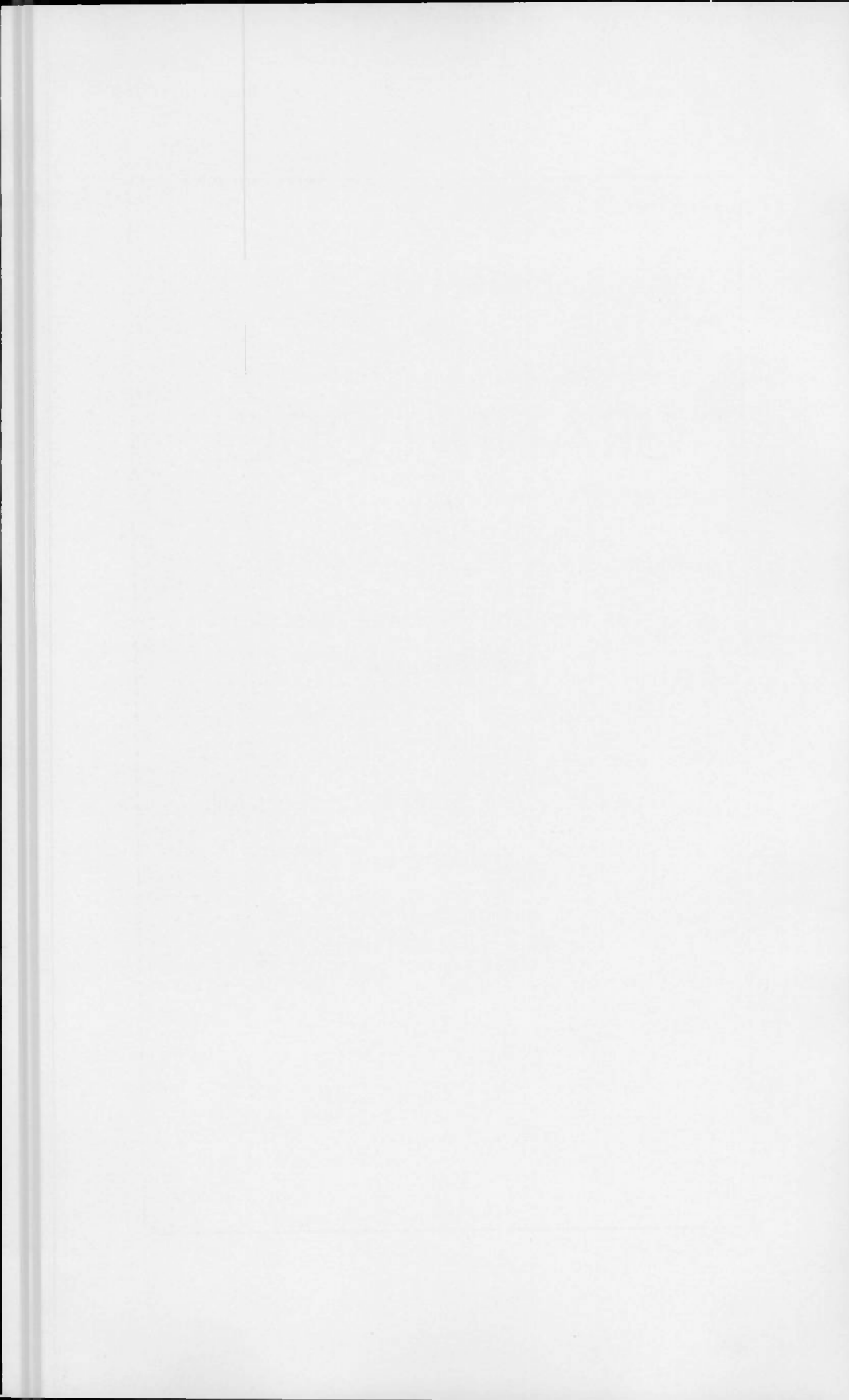
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*John A. Lottorf*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1967 — 1968

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# Biographical



## John A. Bottorf

John A. Bottorf, 102nd Grand Master, was born on April 6, 1913 at Jewell City, Kansas, the son of John W. and Frances L. Bottorf. His early years were spent at Jewell City and in 1926 the family moved to Lincoln where he graduated from Lincoln High School in 1930. He graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law with L.L. B. in 1939 and commenced practice in Lincoln. On December 10, 1939 M.:W.:Brother Bottorf and Miss Beulah M. Green were married. The couple have three sons, John (Pat), Omaha; William R., Lincoln, and Don C. of Sutton. The Bottorfs are members of the Federated Church of Sutton, where M.:W.:Brother John has served as Trustee and Chairman of the Church Board.

He opened a law office at Weeping Water, Nebraska where a year later he was called into active duty with the Second Infantry Division at San Antonio, Texas. He served in the Army until March, 1946, when they moved to Sutton, where he maintains his law office. He is a member of the American Legion at Sutton.

### MASONIC RECORD

LODGE: Initiated April 16, passed July 24, raised August 21, 1947 in Evening Star No. 49, and served as W.:Master in 1952. He was the Secretary for eleven years.

GRAND LODGE: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon in June, 1962 by M.:W.:Ernest O. Van Wey, advancing through the line and was elected and installed M.:W.:Grand Master June 7, 1967. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near Nebraska by M.:W.:Roy I. Babbitt on February 24, 1958.

CHAPTER: Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master October 23, 1962 and Royal Arch Mason October 23, 1962 in Hastings Chapter No. 21.

COUNCIL: Royal and Select Master October 23, 1962 in Hastings Council No. 8.

COMMANDERY: Order of the Red Cross and Malta October 26, 1962 and Order of the Temple October 27, 1962 in Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11.

OTHER MASONIC BODIES: Scottish Rite, Valley of Hastings, April 1949; Tehama Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. May 5, 1949; Sutton Chapter No. 54, O.E.S. June 1, 1965.

Honorary Past Grand Master of South Dakota and Kansas.

Honorary Memberships: Honorary Legion of Honor, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay June 7, 1967.

It seems that each man who serves as Grand Master, in his own particular way, gives to our Grand Lodge and Masonry as a whole, something good and worthwhile.

M. W. John A. Bottorf served as Grand Master with enthusiasm and distinction. He gave of himself, so that Masons in Nebraska and in all the other Jurisdictions he visited, would be inspired to do more for Masonry and be better Masons. The Re-obligation Ceremony that he gave to our Lodges should be a ceremony that will be used for the good of each Lodge and every Mason.

M. W. Bottorf's interest and concern about suspensions for non-payment of dues is another project that will be a great help to Masonry in Nebraska.

Masonry is grateful for men of high morals and deep integrity, and M. W. Brother Bottorf was a Grand Master that put both of these characteristics to full use and practice as he fulfilled the duties and responsibilities of the office of Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska. He definitely wore the Grand Master's apron with pleasure to himself and honor to the Fraternity.

E.O.V.





*Arnie W. Latham*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA  
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# PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

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

## ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

*Held in Hastings, June 4 and 5, 1968*



### FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

*Tuesday, June 4, 1968*

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication at the City Auditorium, Hastings at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, A.D. 1968, A. .L. .5968.

#### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. .W. .John A. Bottorf, 49.....	Grand Master
R. .W. .Norris W. Lallman, 72.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. .W. .Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. .W. .John H. Brown, 1.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. .W. .Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. .W. .Stanley D. Rider, 198.....	Grand Chaplain
W. .Paul R. Pierce, 50.....	Grand Orator
W. .George W. Rosenlof, 314.....	Grand Historian
W. .Robert W. Cook, 33.....	Grand Custodian
W. .T. Leo Stines, 36.....	Grand Marshal
W. .Warren K. Urbom, 314.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. .Russell L. Fickes, 33.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. .Carl H. Nolde, 49.....	Grand Tyler

Promptly at 8:30 a.m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by R. .W. .Norris W. Lallman, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. .W. .Stanley D. Rider, Grand Chaplain.

M. .W. .John A. Bottorf, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. .W. .Ernest O. Van Wey, 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 111th 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 directed the Grand Marshal to escort V. W. Stanley D. Rider to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

### PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

Presentation of the Flag of the United States was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11, K. T. . .

Following the seating of the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, Brother Frank Mills, 37, sang the "Star Spangled Banner", accompanied by W. Edward H. Lockwood, 265.

### RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Warren K. Urbom, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority:

Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th)	1923
Ralph O. Canaday.....	(68th)	1933
Edward F. Carter.....	(77th)	1941
William B. Wanner.....	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper.....	(80th)	1944-1945
Benjamin F. Eyre.....	(81st)	1946
Elmer E. Magee.....	(83rd)	1948
Thomas J. Aron.....	(86th)	1951
Fay Smith.....	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams.....	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White.....	(90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale.....	(91st)	1956
Roy I. Babbitt.....	(92nd)	1957
Joseph C. Tye.....	(94th)	1959
John F. Futcher.....	(95th)	1960
Herbert A. Ronin.....	(96th)	1961
Ernest O. Van Wey.....	(97th)	1962
Harry A. Spencer.....	(99th)	1964
Louis V. Sylvester.....	(100th)	1965
Lewis R. Ricketts.....	(101st)	1966
Carl R. Greisen.....	(Honorary)	1967

The Past Grand Masters were given a most cordial welcome, conducted to the East and given Grand Honors. The following Past Grand Masters were unable to be present because of illness or illness in their families: Chancellor A. Phillips, George A. Kurk, Edward Huwaldt and Edward M. Knight.

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey gave the response.

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

M. W. Grand Master, we have four Past Grand Masters who were not present this morning, M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips who served in 1936, who is confined to his home in Cambridge, because of illness; M. W. George A. Kurk, who served in 1942 now lives in California, and whose daughter is ill; M. W. Edward Huwaldt who served in 1947, Mrs. Huwaldt is ill, and M. W. Edward M. Knight who served in 1952. Mrs. Knight was just released from the hospital and Ed thought he should remain at home. If it pleases the Grand Lodge, I should like to send these Brethren a note and tell them we missed them.

M. W. John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

Will you do that, M. W. Grand Secretary.

### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: M. W. L. Kenneth Miller, Grand Master; R. W. Ralph E. Whipple, Grand Secretary, Iowa; W. Russell E. Torfin, Junior Grand Deacon and Personal Representative of M. W. D. William Tiffany, Grand Master, Minnesota; M. W. Charles A. Howard, Jr., Grand Master; M. W. John S. Rowe, Grand Secretary, South Dakota;

Brother Lloyd Buchfinck, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska; Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest, Inspector General of Nebraska and Grand Almoner, Supreme Council, S. J.; Brother Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; M. E. U. Wesley Fox, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; M. I. Clarence Isaacson, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; Sir Knight Eugene S. Whitney, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska.

### GREETINGS AND MESSAGES

Greetings were received from the Grand Lodges of Maine and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Brother Lloyd Buchfinck, Worthy Grand Patron, presented a beautiful basket of flowers for and on behalf of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. Of Nebraska, with good wishes for a pleasant and profitable communication.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

M. .W. .John A. Bottorf, Grand Master, requested the Grand Custodian, W. .Robert W. Cook, to introduce the Assistant Custodians and Assistant Custodians Emeriti.

#### REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. .W. .John A. Bottorf, 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 relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska were present except: Argentina, Bahia, Ceara, Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina, China, Connecticut, Denmark, France, Germany, Idaho, Illinois, Ireland, Israel, Kentucky, Luxembourg, Maryland, Missouri, New York, New Zealand, North Carolina, Norway, Ohio, Prince Edward Island, Queensland, Rhode Island, Scotland, South Australia, South Carolina, Texas, Victoria, Washington, and Wisconsin.

W. .C. Harold Edwards, 105, Grand Representative of Montana, gave the response.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

Brother Herbert Hodge, 317, Mayor of Hastings, gave the Address of Welcome and W. .William M. Hisey, 210, gave the response.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

**Application for Reinstatement:** W. .Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; Herbert Egerer, 303; Elmer E. Smith, 326.

**Appropriations:** W. .Melvin E. Johnson, 112, (1971), Chairman; Walter Truex, 55 (1968); Donald R. Swanson, 54 (1969); Alfred B. Saum, 46 (1970); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1972).

**Charters and Dispensations:** W. Harry M. Green, 25, Chairman; Kenwood E. Opp, 54; F. Otis Meyer, 327.

**Codification of the Law:** W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; John B. Nicholson, 46; Frank J. Mattoon, 75.

**Credentials:** W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; Glenn F. Sperry, 139; Albert B. Osborn, 318; Clyde H. Jones, 173; Richard W. Bronson, 50; Virgil M. Doudna, 317; Kenneth C. Kling, 314.

**Doings of Grand Officers:** W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325; LaVerne E. Shaw, 67; Lewis A. Baker, 97.

**Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Chairman; Ernest O. Van Wey, 249; Joseph C. Tye, 46.

**Finance:** W. Robert E. Lund, 323, (1969) Chairman; Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1968); Jess W. Wade, 290 (1970); Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1971); LeRoy C. Sutton, 1 (1972).

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Walter O. Samuelson, 326, Chairman; William F. Patterson, 327; Paul M. Erdman, 180.

**Fraternal Relations:** M. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Edward J. Taylor, 150.

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:** W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68; W. Herbert L. Graham, 290.

**Grand Lodge Office:** W. Herman G. Reinholz, 3 (1971), Chairman; Vernon H. Wood, 290 (1968); James M. Paxson, 302 (1969); M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1970); W. Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 (1972).

**Grand Trustees:** M. W. John F. Futcher, 290 (1971), Chairman; W. Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1968); Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1969); Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1970); John M. Douglas, 268 (1972).

**Grievances:** W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Otto Kotouc, 40; Jack M. West, 222.

**Jurisprudence:** M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Chairman and all Past Grand Masters present.

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

**Masonic Education:** W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1969), Chairman; Harry A. Spencer, 227 (1969); Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 (1968); Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1968); Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1970); Edward H. Lockwood, 265 (1970).

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201 (1970), Chairman; Herbert T. White, 11 (1968); Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1969).

**Public Relations:** W. Joe H. Hartley, 54, Chairman; John S. Savage, 11; Al Ray Brown, 50.

**Relief and Care of Orphans:** W. Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1972),

Chairman; John S. Burley, 300 (1968); Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1969); Otto Burkhardt, 55 (1970); James A. Bradley, 1 (1971).

Returns: W. Jerald J. Pomajzl, 37, Chairman; James D. Bishop, 98; Harold F. Zwomecheck, III.

Temple Building Advisory: W. Donald F. Sampson, 36 (1970), Chairman; Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1968); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1969).

Lodge Advisory: M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46 (1970), Chairman; Ernest O. Van Wey, 249 (1968); Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1969).

Arrangements for 111th Annual Communication: M. W. Ralph O. Canaday and W. Marvin M. Fink, Co-Chairmen; Banquet—Alvin Traut; Ticket Sales—Edward H. Lockwood; Lodge Room—Chester Anderson; Committee Rooms—Homer C. Davey; Tiling & Registration—Arthur Dye; Transportation—Worthy Wood.

#### ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND LODGE, ANCIENT,  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA:

One more of your Grand Masters has found that a year only contains twelve very short months. The brevity of time is most apparent when it comes time to review the year and report.

I have attempted, in this short year, to give to this Grand Lodge the same dedication and leadership which it has received from all of its many Past Grand Masters. We commenced two programs, which I believe may improve Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. I believe that these programs will be continued and will benefit our Grand Lodge. So, while I was not able to accomplish all that I wanted, I feel confident that a good start has been made. For myself, and the other Grand Lodge Officers, I express our gratitude for this opportunity to serve you.

To the two lodges of Hastings, the appendant bodies and to the members of the committee on arrangements for this Grand Lodge, my personal thanks. This is the first time that Grand Lodge has ever been held in this City. Your planning and work has made the extraordinary appear as common. To you delegates who have followed my request to appear in your distinctive lodge apron and jewel, let me say that your appearance and dedication are appreciated. In the discussions to be had during this communication, I urge that you actively participate. This is your Grand Lodge and your knowledge and participation are needed.

I wish to express my thanks to the Sir Knights of Mt. Nebo Commandery Number 11 for their assistance in the ceremonies this morning. I extend greetings and my personal thanks to the heads of the various appendant bodies of Nebraska. You have all extended many courtesies to me throughout this year. I have noted the many programs which you are accomplishing for the benefit of Masonry



in Nebraska, as well as for the individual aims of your organization.

To our visiting brothers from other jurisdictions: We are indeed happy that you can be with us at this communication. Nebraska hospitality has been partly explained by Mayor Hodge, but it will be exemplified by every Nebraskan in this room.

#### DISPENSATIONS

Thirteen special dispensations were issued for the conferring of Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees on Entered Apprentice Masons who were on immediate call to military service. In all such cases the fee was waived.

Florence Lodge No. 281 and Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 were authorized a temporary charter move. Florence Lodge was host to an Area Education Committee meeting and Craftsmen Lodge sponsored the cornerstone ceremony of Acacia Fraternity.

Curtis Lodge No. 168 was authorized to move its charter to the American Legion Hall in Curtis, Nebraska, pending replacement of permanent quarters destroyed by a fire in March, 1967.

Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 was also authorized to move its charter to a new and permanent temple which will be dedicated early this summer.

Wisner Lodge No. 114 suffered a loss of their temple by fire. I approved the transfer of their charter temporarily to Beemer Lodge No. 253.

I approved the examination as to proficiency in the Master Mason degree of six brothers who had failed to prove up within the six month period following their raising. I waived the payment of any fee in each case.

Justice Lodge No. 180 was authorized to elect a secretary after its first regular meeting in December, 1967, for the reason that the brother elected as secretary at the first regular meeting in December declined to accept the position. Fee was waived.

Two lodges got carried away with fervor and wanted to install officers at public installations and in connection with related Masonic activities. In each case the programs and public announcements, as well as invitation, were widely distributed before it was discovered that Section 2-313 provided for installations during the month of January. I felt that refusal to allow the two lodges to install, as scheduled and announced, on December 28 and December 30 would do more harm than good. I, therefore, required the payment of the sum of \$10.00 to the Grand Lodge for each dispensation.

#### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Twenty amendments to the By-Laws of subordinate lodges were approved. Twelve of these were to increase dues and fees.

## REINSTATEMENTS

My thanks go to the Committee on Reinstatements for their detailed work on applications. I found their recommendations fully justified in each case and approved their actions.

## TRIAL COMMISSIONS

I appointed three trial commissions. Two were for violation of Section 3-102 (d) (sales of liquor). One resulted in expulsion and the second is still pending. The third complaint involved an alleged violation of Section 3-102 (a) and is also pending.

## CONSOLIDATIONS

I approved consolidation of the following lodges. In each case the proper notices were mailed to members of the consolidating lodges and the accepting lodge. Those affected are:

- Cornerstone Lodge No. 247 into and becomes a part of Plainview Lodge No. 204
- Kearney Lodge No. 144 into and becomes a part of Mid-West Lodge No. 317
- Morning Star Lodge No. 197 into and becomes a part of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126
- Blue Hill Lodge No. 129 into and becomes a part of Mid-West Lodge No. 317

## APPOINTMENTS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

At the request of the Grand Master of each jurisdiction, I appointed the following to be representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge named.

- Jesse A. Jackson, P.G.M. to the Grand Lodge of Washington.
  - Daniel Raymond Morrison to the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.
  - Habib Chehade Jaha to the Grand Lodge of Parana, Brazil.
- I request appointments of the following brothers as representatives of foreign jurisdictions to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
- Russell L. Fickes, Grand Junior Deacon, to the Grand York Rite Lodge of Mexico.
  - Stuart A. Johnson, Assistant Custodian, to the Grand Lodge of Luxembourg.
  - Nelson W. Rittenburg, Assistant Custodian, to the Grand Lodge of Parana, Brazil.
  - Robert W. Boon, Assistant Custodian to the Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

## ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Seven dedicated Master Masons were appointed as Assistant Custodians. Each of these men entered on his new assignment with the enthusiasm that was to be expected. I am just as proud of these fledglings as I am of their elder brothers who have served so long and so well. The newly appointed Assistant Custodians were:

Walter Brown—Nebraska Lodge No. 1  
John C. Nelson—George Washington Lodge No. 250  
Mervin E. Ransom—Osceola Lodge No. 65  
Donald A. Kyckelhahn—East Lincoln Lodge No. 210  
Howard G. Whitmore—Mount Zion Lodge No. 161  
Frank R. Harris—Nelson Lodge No. 77  
Gerald V. Inslee—Samaritan Lodge No. 158

We now have thirty-seven of our authorized strength of forty Assistant Custodians.

Also, during this year I have accepted the resignation of two Assistant Custodians. I immediately appointed them as Assistant Custodians Emeriti. They have been forced to reduce the time that they could give to active assistance. These two brothers retiring to Emeriti status are:

Delbert H. Pinkerton—Craftsman Lodge No. 314  
Erwin J. Imig—Oliver Lodge No. 38

We adopted a policy of issuing a certificate attesting to the appointment as Assistant Custodian Emeriti. These were issued to the retiring assistant custodians and to those brothers who had been so designated in the past. In addition to those previously designated as Emeriti Assistant Custodians I added the following brothers:

Frank M. Johnson—Meridian Lodge No. 188  
Earl Barnette—Jachin Lodge No. 146  
Henning C. Johnson—Merna Lodge No. 171  
Carroll C. Raymer—Atkinson Lodge No. 164  
George S. Schwab—Evening Star Lodge No. 49  
Harold M. Wilkerson—Lancaster Lodge No. 54

## VISITATIONS AND CEREMONIES

Your Grand Lodge participated in three Centennial Celebrations: Orient No. 13 at Rulo; Peru No. 14 at Peru; and Fremont No. 15 at Fremont. We also assisted the Committee on Masonic Education with their area meetings.

Your Grand Lodge formally dedicated Masonic Temples for Evergreen Lodge No. 153 at Pierce and Euclid No. 97 at Weeping Water. The brethren of Wood Lake No. 221 are planning such an event in the very near future.

Cornerstones were laid with Masonic Ceremonies for Acacia Fraternity House in Lincoln, Nebraska with Craftsmen No. 314 host for the ceremonies. Cornerstones were also laid for the Public Schools at Chadron, Bayard and Wood River.

Special recognition must be given to those brothers who so ably prepared for the special events. It is a mark of respect and esteem that the officers of a school district called upon the local lodge to arrange for a cornerstone for their public school. The attendance at these functions showed that the general public is also interested in Masonic activities and our record of support to public education systems in Nebraska.

I normally do not single out any one of the Grand Lodge officers for special recognition. They have all carried out their pledge to me of last June. Our Grand Marshal, T. Leo Stines, so arranged his affairs that he made details seem insignificant. His advance planning and information to the local lodges was so complete that these ceremonies were completed without problems. Our Grand Orator, Paul Pierce, was always ready with the proper address for the event.

I was privileged to be able to present twenty-five 50-year badges and four Bronze Jordan Medals. Of all of our ceremonies, I consider the recognition of such service to be one of our finest. Whenever I departed from one of these meetings, I felt I had received additional proof of the worth and meaning of Masonry.

I visited fifty-one Blue Lodges in this past year and would have liked to have attended several more. The only reason I did not visit more lodges was a conflict of dates.

My special thanks go to the Master and officers of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 for allowing me the privilege of initiating, passing and raising the second of my sons who have petitioned for Masonic degrees. Only a dad who has been through the same situation can really appreciate what it meant to me to be able to do so.

I also attended receptions and meetings of the Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine units, Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, and State Demolay Conclave. We attended Grand Lodge session in South Dakota, Wyoming, Missouri and Kansas, and the Grand Master's Conference in Washington, D.C.

#### CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF NORTH AMERICA

We attended Masonic Week in Washington, D.C. from February 17 to 23. My personal feelings were that the work of the Masonic Service Association was the most interesting and instructive. I believe we should increase our participation in the field work of that organization.

I was not as impressed with the results of the meeting of Grand Masters. Last year I came home with enthusiasm. This year I felt that it was like a multiple degree factory. "Hurry up and get it over so I can go home."

The distinguished brother delivering the main address stated:

"Need we be concerned about our numbers? . . . "When we become overly concerned with temporary periods of diminishing numbers, let us remember the words of Moses in the Torah in Deuteronomy, 7th Chapter, 7th Verse, "The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because you are more in number than any people, for you were the fewest of all people. . . ."

When our Grand Masters arrive at that point where they are willing to acknowledge that Masonry in their states is losing ground . . . When they recognize that this state of affairs is actually happening during THEIR YEAR as Grand Master—That is the time for ACTION and not surrender.

The decrease in membership has been with us in Nebraska for several years. In 1966 we lost 328. In 1967 we lost 600 and in the past year another drop in membership of 536. What can be done?

#### YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

I was privileged to attend several of the youth group meetings and installations. The Acacia Fraternity seems to have received needed assistance and leadership and is on the road to an improved position in College circles. The DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Jobs Daughters also impressed me with the dignity and manner in which they conduct their business.

We have approved financial assistance by our lodges. What we really need is the personal and active assistance as leaders for these groups.

It is forecast that by 1972 over one-half of the population of our Country will be under the age of 26. It is our obligation both as Masons and as Citizens to see that the best guidance possible be given to the largest number of these young adults.

You may "work" in your Blue Lodge and in the Scottish or York Rite, but you are really needed in all of our youth organizations.

#### STATE OF THE CRAFT

Yes, we dropped in numbers again this year. I can't say that I was not concerned, because I really was.

As I met with you at the various meetings over the State, I attempted to bring to you the problems and events of the day. To explain what was happening to Masonry throughout the State. I wanted each of you to share in the job of Grand Master.

The problem is not our ritual. The instruction and proficiency in ritual has increased in perfection over the past three years. If you have not participated in that period of time, you will be surprised how effective it can be.

The problem is not for lack of materials to carry on Masonic instruction. The Education Committee has done an excellent job on this throughout the year.

The problems are three:

1. YOU. We have the tools—the ability and the wages are without limit. Fringe benefits are received by all who really participate.

When you must round the SQUARE to fit into a small period of time which you allot to being a Mason—When the LEVEL needs must bend to meet a special situation you find yourself to be in and When the PLUMB has to be discarded for a semi-upright position. Then you are failing to exemplify what Masonry teaches.

2. LEADERSHIP. We all know what it means. We each know that we have the ability. What we fail to understand is that the real leader has to work harder than any of his assistants.

Show me a lodge which has failed to hold good, instructive communications—which has failed to have any degree work for years and which has consistently dropped in the number of Masons on its Rolls, and it will not be too hard for me to show you a Lodge that has not had effective leadership.

3. COMMUNICATION. This I found to be lacking in too many lodges. Too often we find the lodges shoving all of the details off on to its secretary. The hospital and sick visitations are given to a small committee. Meetings and special events are known to those who attended the last communication when they were announced.

I found one brother who lived in the town where his lodge was located and who did not know the name of either the Master or the Secretary of the lodge. Each lodge has its special problems of communication, but a real leader will find a way.

#### SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

I placed more work on the lodge secretaries and on the Grand Secretary. I asked for the last known address of every Mason who had been suspended in 1965 and 1966 for non-payment of dues. We then mailed letters to 559 of these men.

I did not ask them to reinstate. We wanted to know WHY they had decided to give up the privilege of wearing the square and compass. Each answer received was studied and answered. I have carried the reports of this action to each of the areas in the State. I firmly believe that apathy and lack of communication between the lodge and its members is the cause. Leadership is the answer.

When two lodges of equal membership report: one has suspended thirty—the other has only lost two. The first has no active membership sustaining committee. The Secretary of the second has all the active help he can use. The first considers the problem accomplished when notices have been mailed. The second finds it more profitable to establish personal contact.

I consider the two secretaries of equal ability and devotedness. But the successful one had the advice, support and assistance of the officers and members.

Several lodges report that they haven't enough work to keep the members active or to maintain attendance. These are the same lodges whose officers consistently fail to show up for area education meetings and for central schools of instruction.

When a Master advised me that he was having minimum attendance and participation, I asked "What have YOU done?" If he can come away from an area education meeting without some ideas, he is truly in the wrong station.

When the activities of the lodge fail to create a desire for more knowledge—then attendance fails. When a man belongs to a lodge for several years and does not attend, he loses what interest he once had. When he loses that interest, then Masonry is only an expense to him. We need to bring Masonry back to the individual.

### REOBLIGATION CEREMONY

For several years I had considered the possibility of presenting to the Masons of Nebraska a reobligation ceremony. With the assistance of the Grand Custodian and Assistant Custodian, Curtis J. Griess, we prepared such a ceremony.

Last September, at a meeting of all Assistant Custodians, we exemplified the ceremony. Again, the Grand Orator set the exact theme. I advised the Master of each lodge of the availability of the program and to request assistance from his custodian. Many lodges have responded and have found the lessons to be learned were worth the time and effort.

Rather than detail the procedure in this report, I have included as a part of this communication, an actual participation by every Master Mason here today. The ceremony itself will be deleted from the records of these proceedings. You may decide for yourself whether or not your lodge can benefit from a similar event.

### DECISIONS

Most requests for decisions were for information as to what section of the Code would apply. These were of a routine nature and would not serve as a guide to future problems.

There were, however, some requests which required an interpretation of our law.

1. A question arose between Fairmont Lodge No. 48 and Charity Lodge No. 53. The question involved an interpretation of "Masonic residence" referred to in Section 2-803.

An employee of the State of Nebraska had resided in three locations in the past two years. When he entered upon such employment he gave as his permanent residence the City of Red Cloud where he also retained his church membership and was subject to military draft. The petitioner also was a registered voter in the City of Red Cloud.

The petitioner appeared before me and answered all of my questions relating to his intentions of permanent residence. He also related to me the reasons why he wanted to become a Mason. I do not believe that my heart ruled in this instance, but it could have happened. I only wish that some unknown and unsung Master Masons of our panhandle could have been present at this visit. Their charitable acts to the members of this man's family were truly appreciated. He wanted to belong to an organization where men like that could learn and practice charity.

I ruled that the petitioner had no fixed domicile and had established a Masonic residence in Red Cloud, as well as a legal and voting residence. Let me further say that the Brethren of Fairmont Lodge were happy that this man was to receive the degrees and I understand that several accompanied him to Red Cloud to receive them.

2. From Highland Lodge No. 194 came a request:

"When the Master Mason, longest in good standing as a Master Mason, of a lodge, happens to be a "Dual Member" is he entitled to be presented with, and wear, the Bronze Jordan Medal of the lodge to which he has become a member and while still retaining his membership in his parent lodge?"

I ruled that Section 2-412 as amended in 1966, provides that a Dual Member has all the "rights and privileges therein of other members" and that a Dual Member would be entitled to wear the Bronze Jordan Medal of the resident lodge on the same basis as any other member of that lodge.

3. Kimball Lodge No. 294 requested a ruling on a man who desired to petition their lodge, and stated:

"He is the owner of a steak house, serving liquor by the drink, which is found 'to be incidental to his main business.'"

I ruled that Section 2-904, as amended in 1960, provides that "one who is engaged in the sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage" is not eligible for the degrees of Masonry." The determination that such sale was "incidental" has only reference to section 3-102 and not to a petitioner for the degrees.



4. Kimball Lodge No. 294 also requested a ruling:

A prospective candidate formerly lived in Kimball for six years, moved with his family, to Gering, Nebraska, but maintained a post office box at Kimball during all of the time that he resided in Gering. He has now moved back to Kimball, with his family, and has now resided in Kimball for several months.

I ruled that the residence with his family in Gering voided his former residence in Kimball and that he must reside in Kimball for the full twelve months prior to petitioning the lodge in Kimball.

5. Tyrian Lodge No. 243 reported that the Centennial Committee of Oak, Nebraska desired to have the use of the Masonic Temple for the display of antiques during their celebration. They requested a ruling.

I ruled that if the lodge had approved the use and that if such use would not interfere with any regular or scheduled communication of the lodge then such use would not violate the provisions of Section 2-501.

6. Tecumseh Lodge No. 17 requested ruling on whether or not their lodge could enter a float in the Centennial Parade. If so what emblems or signs would be permitted. I ruled "no" and "None" respectively to these questions.

7. I received a request for permission to form a "Square and Compass Club" at Offutt Air Force Base. I advised the inquiring parties that I would not issue any such charter and would require that charges be preferred against any Mason applying for membership therein (Section 3-102).

8. Beaver City Lodge No. 93 requested determination as to whether their lodge could designate a representative of their lodge to serve on a Beaver City Community Betterment Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. They stated that no expenditure of lodge funds would be involved and that the lodge would not be obligated in any way financially.

I ruled that while members of the lodge could serve on such a committee, they could not do so as "Representatives" of the Lodge.

9. McCook Lodge No. 135 presented the following problem:

"Is a donation from lodge funds permissible as a memorial to a deceased Brother, where the family requests such donations to Church-Hospital-Heart Fund, etc., rather than flowers at the funeral?"

I answered "No" and added the statement that if the lodge desired to memorialize a departed Brother they might send a gift, in his name, to The Nebraska Masonic Home.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

I believe that the Grand Secretary must hold no other job, office or position with any other organization, group, company or corporation which job or position includes administrative duties or involves financial responsibilities of any kind. I further believe that the Grand Lodge office must be used solely for Grand Lodge business:

On December 26, 1967 I was informed of irregularities in the handling of Grand Lodge funds. I investigated. Then on December 29, 1967 I directed the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees to cause an audit to be made. Preliminary audit was made on January 5, 1968. The bank account was closed and the organizations, whose funds were included in this bank account, received all moneys which such audit indicated were due to them. On April 23, 1968, I received the completed audit report. The bank account in question had been used for the deposit of funds belonging to The Nebraska Masonic Home—Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children—Endowment and Bequest Fund—York Rite Bodies—Seal Program funds—and Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association. Prior to December 29, 1967, this account had not been submitted for audit to any such organization.

Any funds belonging to this Grand Lodge, however small, must not be allowed to be mingled with funds belonging to any other organization. All such funds must be subject to regular and complete audit and show the ownership by Grand Lodge. Any payment from Grand Lodge funds must be limited to those expenses properly appropriated by you in annual communication.

## I RECOMMEND:

1. That Section 1-201.01 be amended to prohibit the Grand Secretary from holding any job, office or position with any other organization, group, company or corporation, which job or position involves the handling of any finances belonging to such other organization or which job or position entails any administrative duties of a regular or permanent nature. Such prohibition shall not prohibit the holding of honorary titles or degrees requiring only annual reporting or attendance.
2. That from and after April 1, 1969, the office quarters of the Grand Lodge shall not be used for any purpose not directly connected with Grand Lodge business.

## CONCLUSION

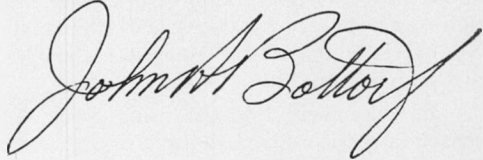
I am advised that at twelve o'clock tonight the telephone will stop ringing and the letters will stop coming.

So went these past twelve short months. What I had planned to accomplish got a start. I pledge to the next and succeeding Grand Masters my fullest cooperation and assistance. This I received from all who went before me.

I can highly recommend all of your Grand Lodge officers and I do freely acknowledge that their individual efforts and abilities made this past year possible. The honors which you have extended to us this past year were greatly appreciated and will be remembered even after the telephone stops ringing.

May we dedicate ourselves to this annual communication so that your participation will insure the best for Masonry in this great State of Nebraska.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John A. Bettey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed title "Grand Master".

Grand Master

### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

Complete returns have been received from 264 Lodges and all dues and fees for the year 1967 have been paid in full.

### CONSOLIDATIONS

August 11, 1967 Cornerstone No. 247, Osmond, voted to consolidate with Plainview No. 204. December 5, 1967, Plainview No. 204 voted to accept Cornerstone No. 247 in consolidation. This consolidation was approved by the Grand Master. The charter of Cornerstone No. 247 is in the office. Other items and records have been delivered to Plainview No. 204.

In December, 1967, Morning Star No. 197, Gresham, voted to consolidate with Stromsburg No. 126. January 9, 1968, Stromsburg No. 126 voted to accept Morning Star No. 197 in consolidation. This consolidation was approved by the Grand Master. The charter of Morning Star No. 197 is in the office. Other items and records have been delivered to Stromsburg No. 126.

On December 14, 1967 Kenesaw No. 144 voted to consolidate with Mid-West No. 317 at Hastings. In January, 1968 Mid-West No. 317 voted to accept Kenesaw No. 144 in consolidation. This consolidation was approved by the Grand Master. The Charter of No. 144 is in the office. Other items and records have been delivered to Mid-West No. 317.

March 19, 1968 Blue Hill No. 129 voted to consolidate with Mid-West No. 317. In April, 1968 Mid-West No. 317 voted to accept Blue Hill No. 129 in consolidation. This consolidation was approved by the Grand Master. The charter of 129 is in the office. Other items and records have been transferred to Mid-West No. 317.

### GRIEVANCES

One petition for restoration has been received and referred to the Committee on Grievances. This for consideration at this Annual Communication.

### FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

There were 401 buttons presented this year. Many special meetings were held for the occasion.

### JORDAN MEDALS

We are happy to report that the lodges are making a special occasion for the presentation of the Bronze Jordan Medal to the senior member of the Lodge residing in Nebraska.

### GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother John D. Sprague is the wearer of the Gold Jordan Medal. It was presented to him September 15, 1966.

### SECRETARIES' MEETINGS

Nine Secretaries' Meetings were held this year in cooperation with the Committee on Masonic Education. They were well attended. Some of our Lodges have difficulty in securing a Secretary. It's not good for the lodge or the Grand Lodge office. We have something new in mind for this coming year.

Again this year we were invited by our Grand Custodian, W. Robert W. Cook, to attend a number of Central Schools of Instruction. Thanks, "Bob," we appreciate the invitations and the fine cooperation.

### LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Again may we express our thanks to the Brethren of the Omaha and Lincoln Relief Associations. They assist out-state lodges, hospital calls, etc., as well as sojourning Masons, their widows and orphans. This year we lost by death the Secretary-Treasurer of the Omaha Relief Association, Brother Jack Moeller. We miss him.

### MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D.

Memorial Lodge of Omaha U. D. is called upon many times during the year to conduct the funeral of a sojourning Brother. Our thanks and appreciation to W. Albin Bergstrom and the Officers and Brethren.

### CHARTERED LODGES

Newman Grove No. 305 has failed to be represented at the last two Annual Communications and has been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

We have had an extremely busy year, anniversaries, dedications, corner-stones, area meetings, etc. We appreciate the fine cooperation and fellowship of the Brethren.

### LIBRARY

We are making real progress with the Library. Thanks to W. Herman G. Reinholz, all of the shelves have been numbered and many of the proceedings and Masonic books have been indexed. We also have a number of items on display. We have many visitors from in and out state. All Brethren are cordially invited to visit the Library.

## FRATERNAL REVIEW

M. W. William B. Wanner has prepared for distribution at this Annual Communication an outstanding Review, one that should be read by every Master Mason in Nebraska. It could be used by the Masters of the Lodges and the Educational Committees for the entire year. We urge you to secure a copy, read and use it.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## General Fund Receipts

Cash U. S. National Bank, May 10, 1967.....	\$ 96,217.46
43,969 members @ 4.00.....	175,876.00
750 Initiations @ 10.00.....	7,500.00
3 Affiliations @ 10.00.....	30.00
Surety Bond Premium.....	742.70
Supplies .....	3,451.40
Liability Insurance .....	3,167.01
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, 683 Master Masons @ 1.00.....	683.00
Interest .....	42,974.38
Refunds from various Committees.....	1,450.57
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$332,092.52</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

George Washington Masonic National Memorial.....	\$ 683.00
Liability Insurance .....	3,167.01
Supply Account .....	4,194.10
Relief Account .....	8,793.80
1967-1968 Budget .....	119,252.35
Securities Purchased .....	14,250.60
Cash U.S. National Bank, May 10, 1968.....	181,751.66
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$332,092.52</b>

## RETIREMENT FUND

## Receipts

Cash U. S. National Bank, May 10, 1967.....	\$ 847.57
From Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	25,576.00
Interest .....	3,669.87
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 30,093.44</b>

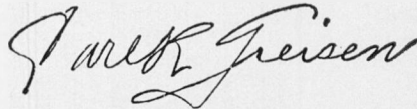
## DISBURSEMENTS

Securities Purchased .....	\$ 26,819.64
Retirement .....	353.61
Cash on hand, May 10, 1968.....	2,920.19
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 30,093.44</b>

RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year.....	268
Charters consolidated .....	4
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Number of Chartered Lodges.....	264
Number initiated .....	750
Number passed .....	656
Number raised .....	683
Number affiliated .....	188
Number dual members .....	36
Number reinstated .....	266
Number gained by other causes.....	38
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Total gross increase.....	1,211
Number demitted .....	263
Number deceased .....	984
Number suspended .....	474
Number expelled .....	2
Number lost by other causes.....	24
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Total.....	1,747
Net loss for year ending December 31, 1967.....	536
Number of Master Masons on Rolls December 31, 1966	43,969
Number of Master Masons on Rolls December 31, 1967	43,433

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. A.		F. A. C.		MASTER MASONS														No. on Rolls December 31, 1967.	No. of Lodge	
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							By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes				
Nebraska.....	1	26	8	20	3	1051	19	4	0	3	0	1077	4	28	8	0	0	0	40	1037	1
Western Star.....	2	6	7	4	2	287	2	2	0	0	0	291	1	6	1	0	1	9	282	2	
Capitol.....	3	9	6	8	3	719	9	0	0	12	0	740	3	23	15	0	7	48	692	3	
Nemaha Valley.....	4	1	3	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	1	41	4	
Omaha.....	5	1	1	1	0	111	2	0	0	1	1	115	2	9	0	0	0	11	104	5	
Plattsmouth.....	6	0	6	7	1	341	6	0	0	0	0	347	2	4	0	0	0	6	341	6	
Falls City.....	9	2	3	2	0	227	2	1	0	0	0	230	0	3	3	0	0	6	224	9	
Solomon.....	10	2	2	2	2	104	1	0	0	0	0	105	0	1	1	0	0	2	103	10	
Covert.....	11	35	13	33	2	1653	35	7	0	0	0	1695	9	52	24	0	0	85	1610	11	
Orient.....	13	0	3	0	0	51	1	0	1	1	0	54	0	2	3	0	0	5	49	13	
Peru.....	14	2	0	2	0	98	1	0	0	0	0	99	1	2	0	0	0	3	96	14	
Fremont.....	15	18	5	15	3	637	15	6	0	10	0	668	2	17	9	0	0	28	640	15	
Tecumseh.....	17	1	5	1	1	153	0	1	0	0	0	154	0	4	0	0	0	4	150	17	
Lincoln.....	19	13	10	11	3	877	8	7	0	0	0	892	3	26	1	0	0	30	862	19	
Washington.....	21	1	3	3	1	148	4	2	0	0	0	154	0	2	3	0	0	5	149	21	
Pawnee.....	23	2	0	5	2	100	4	1	0	0	0	105	1	0	1	0	0	2	103	23	
Saint John.....	25	16	6	16	2	906	16	1	0	2	0	925	4	28	0	0	0	32	893	25	
Beatrice.....	26	2	6	4	3	373	4	2	0	1	0	380	2	8	4	0	0	14	366	26	
Jordan.....	27	1	0	1	0	72	1	0	1	0	0	74	2	1	0	0	0	3	71	27	
Hope.....	29	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	1	0	0	2	33	29	
Blue River.....	30	0	1	1	0	93	1	0	0	0	0	94	1	3	1	0	0	5	89	30	
Tekamah.....	31	9	7	7	1	181	8	1	0	0	0	190	0	3	0	0	0	3	187	31	
Platte Valley.....	32	9	18	8	2	590	12	1	0	1	0	604	1	16	9	0	0	26	578	32	
Ashlar.....	33	13	13	7	3	546	6	0	0	6	0	558	3	17	0	0	0	20	538	33	
Acacia.....	34	4	5	1	0	168	3	1	0	0	0	172	1	4	0	0	0	5	167	34	
Fairbury.....	35	4	3	2	0	218	2	2	0	0	0	222	1	4	0	0	0	5	217	35	
Lone Tree.....	36	2	3	2	1	201	2	1	0	0	0	204	0	1	2	0	0	3	201	36	
Crete.....	37	5	3	4	2	189	3	1	0	10	0	203	0	5	0	0	0	5	198	37	
Oliver.....	38	0	1	0	0	174	0	1	0	0	0	175	2	3	3	0	0	8	167	38	
Papillion.....	39	10	12	11	5	271	8	4	0	0	0	283	1	4	0	0	0	5	278	39	
Humboldt.....	40	1	2	0	1	96	0	0	0	3	0	99	0	2	6	0	1	9	90	40	
Northern Light.....	41	0	0	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	69	1	4	0	0	0	5	64	41	
Hebron.....	43	4	2	3	0	111	3	0	0	2	0	116	0	0	0	0	0	0	116	43	
Harvard.....	44	4	0	4	2	76	3	1	0	0	0	80	0	1	0	0	0	1	79	44	
Rob Morris.....	46	11	9	10	5	355	9	1	1	3	0	369	2	7	0	1	0	10	359	46	
Fairmont.....	48	3	2	1	0	88	1	0	0	0	0	89	0	1	0	0	0	1	88	48	
Evening Star.....	49	1	2	0	0	102	0	1	0	0	0	103	0	2	0	0	0	2	101	49	
Hastings.....	50	7	13	5	1	505	7	3	0	2	0	517	2	10	0	0	0	12	505	50	
Fidelity.....	51	1	2	0	1	141	1	0	0	0	0	142	0	3	2	0	0	5	137	51	



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Hiram	52	4	4	0	1	86	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	6	0	0	0	6	80	52	
Charity	53	2	0	3	0	148	3	0	0	0	0	151	3	1	4	0	1	9	142	53	
Lancaster	54	19	14	18	5	893	15	3	0	5	0	916	4	17	18	0	0	39	877	54	
Mosaic	55	5	9	3	2	314	6	2	0	4	0	326	5	5	4	0	0	14	312	55	
York	56	1	5	1	1	262	0	5	0	3	0	270	5	9	0	0	0	14	256	56	
Mt. Moriah	57	1	4	2	1	93	2	2	0	0	0	97	0	2	0	0	0	2	95	57	
Wahoo	59	2	1	3	1	292	3	2	1	0	0	298	1	10	1	0	0	12	286	59	
Melrose	60	1	0	1	1	74	0	0	0	0	0	74	1	2	0	0	0	3	71	60	
Thistle	61	2	1	2	2	212	3	2	0	1	0	218	0	3	1	0	0	4	214	61	
Keystone	62	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	62	
Blue Valley	64	2	2	2	0	92	2	1	0	1	1	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	64	
Osceola	65	3	2	4	3	88	2	1	0	0	0	91	0	0	1	0	0	1	90	65	
Edgar	67	3	2	1	1	84	0	0	0	0	0	84	1	3	0	0	0	4	80	67	
Aurora	68	3	3	1	1	144	2	5	0	0	0	151	1	2	2	0	0	5	146	68	
Sterling	70	0	0	1	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	40	0	3	0	0	0	3	37	70	
Trowel	71	0	0	1	0	103	1	0	0	0	0	104	0	2	0	0	0	2	102	71	
Hooper	72	1	5	0	0	101	0	0	2	0	0	103	0	3	2	0	0	5	99	72	
Friend	73	0	1	0	1	68	1	1	0	0	0	70	0	2	0	0	0	2	68	73	
Alexandria	74	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	74	
Frank Welch	75	6	1	5	2	261	4	3	0	5	4	277	5	14	4	0	0	23	254	75	
Nelson	77	0	0	0	0	133	2	3	0	1	3	142	2	3	2	0	0	7	135	77	
Albion	78	0	0	0	0	151	0	0	0	0	0	151	0	4	0	0	0	4	147	78	
Geneva	79	2	3	2	1	171	1	2	0	0	0	174	4	5	1	0	2	12	163	79	
Composite	81	5	5	4	1	94	3	1	0	0	0	98	1	3	0	0	0	4	94	81	
St. Paul	82	3	3	3	0	173	3	2	0	2	0	180	2	2	0	0	0	4	176	82	
Corinthian	83	0	1	0	1	72	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	1	2	70	83	
Fairfield	84	2	1	1	1	44	0	2	0	0	0	46	0	3	0	0	0	3	43	84	
Ionic	87	1	4	2	0	97	4	0	0	0	1	102	0	4	3	0	0	7	95	87	
Star	88	1	1	1	0	107	1	1	0	1	0	110	0	3	1	0	0	4	106	88	
Cedar River	89	0	7	1	1	98	0	0	0	0	0	98	0	6	2	0	0	8	90	89	
Oakland	91	6	6	11	1	134	11	0	0	1	0	146	1	3	0	0	0	4	142	91	
Beaver City	93	0	2	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	104	2	1	0	0	0	3	101	93	
Bennett	94	3	4	1	0	59	2	0	0	0	0	61	0	1	1	0	0	2	59	94	
Garfield	95	5	7	3	2	91	4	1	0	0	0	96	1	2	0	0	0	3	93	95	
Utica	96	1	1	1	1	74	1	0	0	0	0	75	0	2	0	0	0	2	73	96	
Euclid	97	1	4	3	0	110	3	1	0	0	0	114	0	2	0	0	0	2	112	97	
Republican	98	0	2	0	3	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	98	
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	74	5	1	0	0	0	6	68	99	

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Creighton	100	1	0	1	1	90	0	0	0	2	0	92	0	2	0	0	0	2	90	100
Ponca	101	2	2	1	3	82	0	0	0	0	1	83	0	0	2	0	0	2	81	101
Waterloo	102	3	0	6	2	157	7	4	0	2	0	170	1	3	0	0	0	4	166	102
Ord	103	3	2	2	2	149	1	1	0	0	0	151	3	2	1	0	0	6	145	103
Wymore	104	0	4	0	0	192	0	0	0	0	0	192	1	9	0	0	0	10	182	104
Stella	105	1	4	0	1	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	3	1	0	0	5	56	105
Porter	106	0	0	0	2	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	3	0	0	0	3	65	106
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	1	34	108
Pomegranate	110	4	3	1	1	211	0	0	0	0	0	211	3	5	3	0	0	11	200	110
DeWitt	111	1	1	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	111
Springfield	112	0	0	0	0	118	0	0	0	0	0	118	2	2	1	0	0	5	113	112
Globe	113	2	1	1	0	84	1	1	0	0	1	87	2	5	1	0	0	8	79	113
Wisner	114	2	2	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	97	1	0	0	0	0	1	96	114
Harlan	116	3	3	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	2	96	1	0	0	0	0	1	95	116
Hardy	117	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	1	47	117
North Bend	119	1	2	2	0	102	2	0	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	119
Wayne	120	0	2	0	3	196	0	0	0	2	0	198	1	3	0	0	0	4	194	120
Superior	121	5	5	5	0	177	5	1	0	1	0	184	0	9	6	0	0	15	169	121
Auburn	124	1	0	1	0	127	1	0	0	1	0	129	0	2	4	0	0	6	123	124
Mt. Nebo	125	0	1	1	0	91	1	0	0	0	0	92	0	2	1	0	0	3	89	125
Stromsburg	126	11	5	6	0	78	8	1	0	0	0	87	0	2	0	0	0	2	85	126
Minden	127	0	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	2	0	93	0	0	1	0	0	1	92	127
Guide Rock	128	1	5	0	1	73	0	0	0	2	0	75	0	0	1	0	0	1	74	128
Blue Hill	129	1	1	0	1	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	129
Scribner	132	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	1	2	2	0	0	5	47	132
Elm Creek	133	1	2	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	3	52	0	1	2	0	0	3	49	133
Solar	134	1	1	1	2	69	0	0	0	0	0	69	1	2	0	0	0	3	66	134
McCook	135	5	6	4	0	330	6	4	1	1	0	342	2	9	0	0	0	11	331	135
Long Pine	136	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	2	1	0	0	3	48	136
Upright	137	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	1	0	1	0	0	2	66	137
Rawalt	138	7	7	7	1	86	6	0	0	1	0	93	0	3	5	0	0	8	85	138
Clay Centre	139	1	6	3	3	62	4	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	139
Western	140	0	2	0	0	35	0	0	0	2	2	39	1	3	0	0	0	4	35	140
Crescent	143	1	1	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	34	2	2	0	0	0	4	30	143
Kenesaw	144	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49	144
Bancroft	145	2	2	2	0	54	2	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	145
Jachin	146	0	1	1	1	190	1	2	0	0	0	193	2	5	6	0	0	13	180	146
Siloam	147	0	1	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	2	0	0	0	2	27	147
Emmet Crawford	148	0	4	1	2	196	1	0	0	1	0	198	2	2	3	0	0	7	191	148

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							By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
Cambridge	150	0	3	0	0	105	0	1	0	0	0	106	0	2	2	0	0	4	102	150
Evergreen	153	2	0	2	0	62	2	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	153
Lily	154	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	62	1	1	0	0	0	2	60	154
Hartington	155	1	3	0	0	59	0	0	0	1	0	60	0	0	2	0	0	2	58	155
Pythagoras	156	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	156
Samaritan	158	1	4	1	0	257	1	0	1	6	0	265	3	8	5	0	0	16	249	158
Ogalalla	159	4	12	1	2	159	1	0	0	0	0	160	0	3	1	0	0	4	156	159
Zeredatha	160	0	2	0	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	1	0	0	1	40	160
Mount Zion	161	0	1	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	1	2	0	0	3	53	161
Trestle Board	162	0	1	0	0	77	0	0	0	4	0	81	0	0	3	0	0	3	78	162
Unity	163	0	7	1	1	81	1	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	2	0	2	5	77	163
Atkinson	164	4	0	4	1	50	3	2	1	1	0	57	0	2	3	0	0	5	62	164
Barneston	165	1	0	1	1	52	2	0	0	0	0	54	1	4	1	0	0	6	48	165
Mystic Tie	166	0	1	1	1	44	1	1	0	0	0	46	0	2	0	0	0	2	44	166
Elwood	167	1	1	0	1	56	1	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	1	56	167
Curtis	168	1	2	0	1	76	0	0	0	2	4	82	0	3	1	0	0	4	78	168
Amity	169	1	2	1	1	101	1	0	0	0	0	102	1	5	1	0	0	7	95	169
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	2	1	0	0	3	26	170
Merna	171	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	171
Robert Burns	173	0	1	0	0	78	0	0	2	0	0	80	0	2	2	0	0	4	76	173
Culbertson	174	3	3	1	2	60	1	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	174
Temple	175	0	1	1	1	38	3	0	2	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	175
Gladstone	176	0	1	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	81	1	2	0	0	0	3	78	176
Hay Springs	177	1	2	1	0	115	1	1	0	1	0	118	1	1	1	0	0	3	115	177
Prudence	179	0	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	2	0	0	0	2	44	179
Justice	180	0	1	1	1	141	1	0	1	0	0	143	1	3	3	0	0	7	136	180
Faith	181	2	2	1	3	107	0	0	0	0	0	107	0	3	0	0	0	3	104	181
Alliance	183	7	6	9	2	368	11	1	0	0	0	380	5	6	5	0	0	16	364	183
Bee Hive	184	24	14	19	4	989	22	8	0	21	0	1040	3	19	27	0	0	49	991	184
Boaz	185	0	1	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	2	59	185
Meridian	188	4	2	3	1	148	3	0	0	0	0	151	0	4	1	0	0	5	146	188
Granite	189	0	1	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	1	2	71	189
Amethyst	190	0	1	0	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	5	0	0	5	43	190
Crystal	191	0	0	1	0	78	1	2	0	0	0	81	0	3	0	0	0	3	78	191

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							By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
																		Total Loss		
Minnekadusa.....	192	4	9	6	3	171	5	1	0	0	0	177	2	4	0	0	0	6	171	192
Signet.....	193	0	1	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	2	58	193
Highland.....	194	2	0	2	0	38	3	0	1	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	194
Arcana.....	195	3	2	4	2	151	2	0	0	0	0	153	0	2	1	0	0	3	150	195
Morning Star.....	197	0	1	1	0	59	1	0	0	0	0	60	1	0	0	0	0	1	59	197
Purity.....	198	2	3	3	3	138	2	1	1	1	0	143	1	3	0	0	0	4	139	198
Gavel.....	199	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	1	0	0	41	0	3	0	0	0	3	38	199
Blazing Star.....	200	0	0	0	0	84	0	2	0	0	0	86	2	2	0	0	0	4	82	200
Scotts Bluff.....	201	1	1	2	0	191	3	1	0	0	0	195	0	5	1	0	0	6	189	201
Golden Sheaf.....	202	0	1	0	1	76	0	0	1	0	0	77	0	5	0	0	0	5	72	202
Roman Eagle.....	203	0	2	1	2	72	1	1	0	0	0	74	0	0	1	0	0	1	73	203
Plainview.....	204	2	4	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	3	0	0	0	3	91	204
Golden Fleece.....	205	4	2	4	1	166	4	0	0	0	1	171	2	1	3	0	0	6	165	205
Napthali.....	206	1	0	1	0	49	1	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49	206
Parian.....	207	0	3	0	0	51	0	0	0	2	0	53	0	1	2	0	0	3	50	207
Canopy.....	209	0	1	0	0	102	0	0	0	2	0	104	0	4	0	0	0	4	100	209
East Lincoln.....	210	10	13	10	3	1232	11	4	0	9	0	1256	12	19	10	0	1	42	1214	210
Cement.....	211	1	1	0	0	79	0	1	0	0	0	80	1	3	0	0	0	4	76	211
Compass & Square	212	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	2	0	0	0	2	38	212
Plumbline.....	214	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	1	0	0	0	1	31	214
Occidental.....	215	1	2	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	215
Palisade.....	216	2	4	3	2	100	2	1	0	0	0	103	1	1	0	0	0	2	101	216
Wauneta.....	217	2	0	2	0	57	2	0	0	0	0	59	0	2	0	0	0	2	57	217
Bloomfield.....	218	0	1	5	4	81	1	0	0	0	0	82	0	3	0	0	0	3	79	218
Relief.....	219	0	2	0	2	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	1	1	0	0	0	2	50	219
Magnolia.....	220	1	5	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	220
Wood Lake.....	221	1	1	1	0	74	1	0	0	2	0	77	0	2	0	0	0	2	75	221
Landmark.....	222	1	0	1	1	97	0	0	0	0	0	97	0	4	0	0	0	4	93	222
Eminence.....	223	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	223
Silver Cord.....	224	2	5	3	2	129	4	2	2	0	2	139	1	4	1	0	0	6	133	224
Cable.....	225	2	2	1	0	82	1	0	0	3	0	86	1	2	0	0	0	3	83	225
Grace.....	226	1	2	1	0	60	1	0	0	0	0	61	2	1	0	0	0	3	58	226
North Star.....	227	6	8	3	1	499	5	1	0	5	0	510	3	5	15	0	0	23	487	227
Bartley.....	228	3	5	2	2	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	0	1	0	0	2	54	228
Comet.....	229	3	5	2	2	120	3	1	0	0	0	124	0	4	0	0	0	4	120	229
Mt. Hermon.....	231	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	2	0	0	0	2	33	231
John S. Bowen.....	232	2	3	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	74	0	1	1	0	0	2	72	232
Gilead.....	233	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	0	0	0	2	47	233

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Zion	234	2	0	2	1	98	5	0	0	0	0	103	0	3	0	0	0	3	100	234	
Fraternity	235	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	1	0	62	0	0	1	0	0	1	61	235	
Golden Rule	236	0	2	0	2	59	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	2	0	0	0	2	57	236	
Cubit	237	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	3	0	1	4	39	237	
Friendship	239	2	3	0	0	65	0	0	0	6	0	71	0	1	8	0	0	9	62	239	
Pilot	240	3	4	1	0	113	1	1	0	0	0	115	0	1	0	0	0	1	114	240	
George Armstrong	241	0	0	0	0	77	2	0	0	0	0	79	0	2	2	0	0	4	75	241	
Tyrian	243	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	1	0	0	0	1	24	243	
Hampton	245	0	1	0	0	44	0	0	0	2	0	46	0	3	0	0	0	3	43	245	
Nehawka	246	2	2	1	1	113	1	0	0	0	0	114	0	1	1	0	0	2	112	246	
Corner-Stone	247	0	0	0	1	21	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	247	
Laurel	248	1	3	1	2	85	0	1	0	2	0	88	1	3	1	0	0	5	83	248	
Gothenburg	249	1	3	1	1	154	2	0	0	0	0	156	2	0	2	0	0	4	152	249	
Geo. Washington	250	3	5	5	1	345	5	1	0	1	0	352	2	4	2	0	0	8	344	250	
Wausa	251	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	2	48	251	
Beemer	253	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	253	
Bassett	254	0	0	0	1	76	0	0	0	1	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	254	
Hickman	256	0	4	0	1	62	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	256	
Anselmo	258	0	2	0	1	87	0	0	0	0	1	88	0	2	0	0	0	2	86	258	
Ornan	261	0	3	0	0	76	0	0	0	0	0	76	4	4	4	0	0	12	64	261	
Endeavor	262	1	1	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	1	1	0	0	2	88	262	
Mitchell	263	4	4	1	3	152	2	0	0	0	0	154	2	5	0	0	0	7	147	263	
Franklin	264	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	0	1	0	100	1	1	0	0	0	2	98	264	
Robert W. Furnas	265	1	5	2	1	434	2	2	1	1	0	440	2	8	5	0	0	15	425	265	
Silver	266	0	0	0	0	64	1	0	0	1	0	66	0	2	2	0	0	4	62	266	
James A. Tulleys	267	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	54	1	1	0	0	0	2	52	267	
Geo. W. Lininger	268	2	0	2	0	259	2	0	0	0	0	261	0	12	4	0	0	16	245	268	
Oasis	271	1	1	0	0	132	1	0	1	1	0	135	0	2	0	0	0	2	133	271	
Lee P. Gillette	272	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	272	
Crofton	273	1	1	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	2	45	0	2	0	0	0	2	43	273	
Olive Branch	274	3	3	1	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	54	0	2	0	0	0	2	52	274	
Ramah	275	0	2	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	1	2	0	0	1	4	51	275	
Antelope	276	0	5	0	0	61	0	1	1	0	0	63	1	2	0	0	0	3	60	276	
Sioux	277	0	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	2	0	0	3	42	277	
Litchfield	278	0	4	0	0	35	1	1	0	0	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	1	36	278	
Wallace	279	0	1	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	2	1	0	0	3	37	279	
Swastika	280	1	1	1	1	81	0	0	0	1	0	82	1	2	0	0	0	3	79	280	
Florence	281	14	5	14	0	922	16	3	0	15	0	956	15	16	23	0	0	54	902	281	
Mullen	282	1	2	1	0	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	0	3	0	0	0	3	62	282	

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Seneca	284	2	1	1	2	70	0	0	0	2	0	72	0	2	2	0	0	4	65	284	
Camp Clarke	285	2	2	0	0	152	4	0	0	1	0	157	3	6	0	0	0	9	148	285	
Oshkosh	286	0	2	0	0	102	1	0	0	0	0	103	1	2	2	0	0	5	98	286	
Union	287	0	0	0	0	59	0	2	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	6	287	287	
Omaha	288	1	2	3	0	517	3	0	0	8	0	528	2	12	0	0	0	14	514	288	
Lotus	289	1	2	2	1	162	4	3	1	0	0	170	1	7	1	0	0	9	167	289	
John J. Mercer	290	38	19	32	11	1562	27	4	0	8	0	1601	9	16	2	0	1	23	1575	290	
Diamond	291	2	4	0	1	69	0	1	0	0	0	70	1	0	0	0	0	1	68	291	
Wolbach	292	0	1	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	3	2	0	0	0	5	38	292	
Monument	293	0	1	0	2	60	1	0	0	1	8	70	0	1	3	0	0	4	66	293	
Kimball	294	7	5	6	3	189	7	0	1	6	0	203	2	5	4	0	2	13	196	294	
Minatare	295	2	3	0	0	82	0	0	0	2	0	84	0	2	4	0	0	6	78	295	
Cotner	297	2	3	4	2	286	4	2	0	1	0	293	2	6	3	0	0	11	282	297	
Chester	298	1	2	1	1	48	1	0	0	0	0	49	0	1	0	0	0	1	48	298	
Sutherland	299	1	1	3	1	84	3	0	0	0	0	87	1	1	0	0	0	2	85	299	
Liberty	300	10	1	12	0	473	12	0	1	4	0	490	4	7	13	0	0	24	466	300	
Bayard	301	2	2	2	0	82	5	0	0	0	0	87	0	3	0	0	0	3	84	301	
Mizpah	302	13	8	11	2	1171	12	1	0	8	0	1192	5	32	30	0	0	67	1125	302	
Right Angle	303	7	3	6	1	557	6	0	0	0	0	563	6	16	6	0	0	28	535	303	
Newman Grove	305	1	3	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	2	3	0	0	0	5	60	305	
Golden Rod	306	1	0	1	0	88	1	0	0	0	0	89	0	1	1	0	0	2	87	306	
Perkins	308	3	2	1	2	96	1	0	1	5	1	104	0	2	8	0	0	10	94	308	
Winnebago	309	1	6	2	1	52	3	0	0	1	0	56	1	2	1	0	0	4	52	309	
Victory	310	6	1	6	3	205	4	0	0	3	0	212	0	3	3	0	0	6	206	310	
Polk	311	1	1	1	0	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	311	
Oak Leaf	312	0	0	0	1	47	0	0	0	3	0	50	2	1	0	0	0	3	47	312	
Potter	313	2	3	2	2	99	1	0	0	0	0	100	0	2	0	0	0	2	98	313	
Craftsmen	314	12	5	9	0	600	11	5	0	0	0	616	4	12	10	0	0	26	590	314	
Alpha	316	2	9	1	2	188	1	3	0	0	0	192	1	4	3	0	1	9	183	316	
Mid-West	317	29	21	22	7	531	21	9	0	3	0	564	3	9	1	0	1	14	550	317	
Grand Island	318	3	6	4	3	340	3	6	0	3	0	352	0	3	1	1	0	5	347	318	
Bladen	319	0	1	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	1	37	319	
College View	321	3	5	4	1	160	3	1	0	2	0	166	0	4	2	0	0	6	160	321	
Harmony	321	0	0	1	0	61	1	0	0	1	0	63	0	0	2	0	0	2	61	321	
Pioneer	322	2	2	2	0	71	4	0	0	1	0	76	0	3	1	0	0	4	72	322	

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS																			
	No. of Lodge	E.A.A.		F.C.C.		No. on Rolls December 31, 1966	GAIN					Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls December 31, 1967	No. of Lodge	
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1967	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1967		By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			Total Loss
Lebanon . . .	323	11	14	8	4	207	14	1	0	7	0	229	0	4	1	0	0	5	224	323
Cairo . . .	324	0	1	0	1	74	0	1	0	0	0	75	0	0	6	0	0	6	69	324
Bellevue . .	325	21	6	22	5	394	22	1	0	4	0	421	2	5	7	0	0	14	407	325
Centennial	326	17	16	12	8	465	13	2	0	0	0	480	0	2	3	0	0	5	475	326
Shloh . . .	327	7	0	7	1	64	9	1	0	0	0	74	2	0	1	0	0	3	71	327
Totals . . .		750	759	656	254	43969	683	188	36	266	38	45180	263	984	474	2	24	1747	43433	

### VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Leon J. Cherny.....	North Bend No. 119.....	37 years
Carl H. Hoge.....	Lebanon No. 323.....	36 years
Roy T. Stiehl.....	Hay Springs No. 177.....	33 years
Fred R. Lamb.....	Papillion No. 39.....	30 years
William E. Edwards.....	Alliance No. 183.....	30 years
Harve I. Lang.....	Litchfield No. 278.....	30 years
Frank F. McMullin.....	George Armstrong No. 241.....	30 years
Charles F. Eberline.....	East Lincoln No. 210.....	29 years
Floyd Christy.....	Trestle Board No. 162.....	28 years
Warren C. Hall.....	Nelson No. 77.....	28 years
John V. Maddox.....	Crystal No. 191.....	27 years
Claude A. Rennau.....	Aurora No. 68.....	26 years
Donald D. Hill, Sr.....	Scribner No. 132.....	26 years
August W. Teter.....	Bartley No. 228.....	26 years
F. Otto Nelson.....	Signet No. 193.....	25 years
Wayne Warden Loftis.....	Landmark No. 222.....	25 years
Bernard Besse Harris.....	Robert W. Furnas No. 265.....	25 years
Donald S. Hinman.....	Antelope No. 276.....	25 years



## REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

Following is the report of your Grand Custodian:

## CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Eighteen Central Schools were held this year. Three more than last year in order that the Standard Floor Plan be carried into as many lodges as possible. A total registration of more than nine thousand.

## EXAMINATION SCHOOLS

This type of school continues to be very popular as it enables the Assistant Custodian to cover the floor work in addition to the esoteric portion of the three degrees. There were 149 of these schools held last year.

## INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

Individual schools are still needed in the non-certified lodge. Seventy-eight schools of this type were held by the Assistant Custodians this year.

## LODGE CERTIFICATION

Once more the lodges of Nebraska continue to Certify more than 50%. Certificates of Proficiency have been issued to 149 lodges. Two new lodges were added to this list this year: Temple 175, Filley, for the first time and Scribner 132 after more than thirty-five years.

## INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

Seven hundred seventy-nine individual certificates of proficiency were issued this year. Of this number, twenty-one were examined for the first time.

## TWENTY YEAR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

This certificate is given in recognition of twenty years of continuous certification. The following Brethren were honored this year: Phillip Schulke, 241, J. Clive Jull, 295, Joe H. Hartley, 54, Vern D. Carey, 54, Ralph E. Applequist, 227, Wayne C. McCoy 17, Eldon R. Trump, 301, Warren E. Lawrence, 265, George Peterson, 322, Edward J. Nagel 265, Melvin C. McGeorge, 284, Fred Linder, 78, Harold C. Kelberg, 184.

## ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks to this staff of dedicated Brethren. Each of them has completed the duties of their office with zeal and enthusiasm. Each is devoted to the Brethren and the

lodges of his district. Masonry is in good hands with these fine men. At the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, the number of Custodians on our staff was raised to forty. Seven new members have been added: Walter Brown, 1, John C. Nelson, 250, Mervin E. Ransom Sr., 65, Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210, Howard G. Whitmore, 161, Frank R. Harris, 77 and Gerald V. Inslee, 158. These Brethren have already proved their worth.

#### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EMERITUS

The distinguished title of Assistant Custodian Emeritus has been conferred on the following: Erwin J. Imig, 38, Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, Harold M. Wilkerson, 54, George S. Schwab, 49, Henning C. Johnson, 171, Earl Barnette, 146 and Frank M. Johnson, 188.

We were saddened on January 24th, 1968 to learn of the death of W. Ernest C. Purdy. Brother Ernest will long be remembered by those who were privileged to benefit from his knowledge.

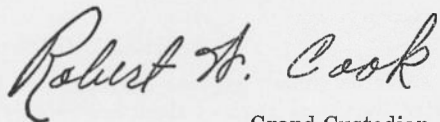
#### RE-OBLIGATION CEREMONY

We were privileged this year, to carry to the lodges, the Re-obligation Ceremony. This ceremony, as most of you know, was composed by our Grand Master, M. W. John A. Bottorf. We were asked to carry this ceremony into every lodge in the state. We have exemplified this ceremony at every Central School, involving two hundred thirty-one lodges. Our Assistant Custodians have as far as possible, carried it to every lodge. We believe this ceremony has had a deep and lasting effect on many of the Brethren who participated. It is our sincere hope that this ceremony will be made an annual affair in our lodges.

#### CONCLUSION

Your Grand Custodian has conducted every session of every Central School this year, has been in attendance at every meeting of the Committee on Masonic Education and at every Grand Lodge function where his services were required and innumerable other Masonic functions throughout the year. We express our deep gratitude to M. W. John A. Bottorf, our Grand Master, to M. W. Carl R. Greisen, our Grand Secretary, to our Committee on Nebraska Work, M. W. Edward F. Carter, M. W. Herbert T. White and M. W. Louis V. Sylvester. Our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful staff of Assistant Custodians and to everyone who extended a helping hand along the way.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Custodian

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Committee respectively submits as its report that the Address of M. W. John A. Bottorf, Grand Master, be referred as follows:

- To the Committee on Jurisprudence:
  - The section on Dispensations.
  - The section on Amendments to By-Laws.
  - The section on Decisions.
  - Recommendations 1 and 2.
- To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:
  - The section on Consolidations.
- To the Committee on Grievances:
  - The section on Trial Commissions.

The capable leadership and devotion of our Grand Master is reflected throughout the report. The Committee recommends that all matters not herein specifically referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

### REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

- To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:
  - The section on Consolidations.
  - The section on Chartered Lodges.
- To the Committee on Grievances:
  - The section on Grievances.
- To the Committee on Returns:
  - The section on Returns.
- To the Committee on Finance:
  - All financial and report schedules relating to funds.

The report of the Grand Secretary indicates a faithful discharge of the duties of his Office. The Committee further recommends that all matters not herein referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

### 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 of Nebraska enjoy the visits of these fine and proficient workmen.

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

Fraternally submitted,  
W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325 Chairman  
W. LaVerne E. Shaw, 67  
W. Lewis A. Baker, 97

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. Jess W. Wade, 290, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance which was adopted.

Your committee on Finance has examined the books and accounts of the Grand Lodge, together with vouchers of the Grand Secretary and all offices and committees to whom appropriations have been made. We also examined claims filed to support vouchers. This has been an arduous task which required many hours of tedious work. In many instances we found claims scantily prepared which made it difficult, and at times impossible, to determine the items covered. We found also where vouchers were issued and approved for payment with no claims attached. Time and space will not justify a complete detailed description of all such cases, however, we will cite a few which will illustrate incomplete and improper claims for which vouchers were approved and paid. One claim was submitted showing an itemized mileage account covering several trips by personal automobile, over a six-month period, which included a sizeable lump sum, not itemized, for meals presumably paid for during the period, which rounded out the amount of the total voucher to an even \$200.00. In one instance an advance was made to a committee and only a portion of it was used. The unexpended balance of the advance has been returned. The voucher covering the initial advance was not signed by the responsible person nor was there any itemized statement or claim to show the purpose for which the expended portion was used.

Another voucher was submitted showing cost of transportation only. It covered two separate trips, each for several days duration, with no itemized claim attached to show cost of subsistence during the trips. However, from the total amount of the voucher it might be assumed that the costs for such were included. A few vouchers have been paid which show no authorized signatures. It can be stated that no budgeted item has been overdrawn when using the totals shown on the vouchers filed. It was noted on one budgeted account where the last voucher issued stated a sum, not itemized, which when added to the others, showed a total equal to the unexpended balance of the budgeted account.

The examples cited point up the immediate need for a positive and diligent administration of the rules and regulations on finance as adopted and approved at the 1958 Communication of this Grand Lodge. Some changes in them should be made to conform to subsequent changes in the constitution and bylaws. At the 1964 Communication of the Grand Lodge Section 1-322 and subsequent amendments were repealed and a complete new section was approved and adopted. Such action created a committee known as the "Committee On Grand Lodge Offices". This committee is charged with authority and given broad powers to prescribe business methods to be followed by the

officers and committees of the Grand Lodge, including the keeping of records, the accounting and reporting of income and expenditures, procedures to be followed by Officers and Committees in the filing and allowance for payment of all claims, not otherwise fixed by the constitution and bylaws or specific action by the Grand Lodge. It shall have general supervision of such offices including the right to approve of the employment of employees, their salaries and working conditions and to have authority over such offices not specifically vested in another committee or officer of the Grand Lodge.

With such authority this committee should be able to take charge of all funds of this Grand Lodge not otherwise vested. All officers and committees whose budgeted funds are under its supervision would submit appropriate claims and approved signed vouchers to the Committee on Grand Lodge Office for payment. This committee would employ competent and efficient personnel qualified to keep accurate and complete records of all receipts and disbursements in the accounts. Such personnel would of necessity serve on a full time basis. This action would set up a centralized control of all funds which would create uniformity and establish responsibility. Further this action would relieve certain officers and committee chairmen of the task of keeping a set of books and records, and would give them more time to perform their respective duties. This committee would establish rules for the preparation and processing of vouchers and furnish appropriate forms to all persons filing claims.

Part (c) of Section 4 of the "Regulations on Grand Lodge Finances" adopted at the 1958 Grand Lodge Communication sets up rules and regulations for the filing of claims for official travel performed. So far as we know there have been no changes made to this section. In our examination of vouchers submitted for reimbursement of travel expenses we have found that present day costs have increased to such an extent, that in most every case the total daily expense exceeds the limits as prescribed by this regulation. These limitations were established ten years ago and it is evident that adjustments should be made.

In compliance with rules established by the special committee on Grand Lodge affairs and adopted at the 1958 Communication concerning funds appropriated to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont, the minutes of the Board meeting of both Homes were reviewed. It was readily apparent that funds expended were fully itemized, documented and approved for payment by the respective Boards at each monthly meeting. Monthly budget reports of both Boards show the amount of the original appropriation, amounts spent to date and the balance of each item in the Budget. Both of these operations should be commended for their excellent record of Budgeted funds.

At the present time the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge runs from May 11th to May 10th of the following year. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge is held on the first Tuesday after the second day of June each year. This is a little over twenty days after the close of the fiscal year. Such an arrangement presents serious problems, in that the auditors are pressed for time to complete and prepare their reports for the opening of Grand Lodge. Some of your committees, particularly the finance committee, cannot complete their reports until they have certain information from the completed audit. This creates a critical situation. These committee reports must also be finished and ready for presentation at the opening of Grand Lodge. Our own accounting department is faced with the problem of making up two separate trial balances and two separate bank statement reconciliations, one for April 30th and one for May 10th. If the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge was changed to April 30th each year an additional ten days would be available for the auditors and committees to complete their reports and a great deal of duplicate effort on the part of our own accounting department would be eliminated.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In order to set up a centralized control to create uniformity and establish responsibility we recommend that all funds, not otherwise vested by constitution, by-laws or specific action of the Grand Lodge, be placed under the control of the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices to be administered in accordance with Section 1-322 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge as amended at the 1964 Communication.
2. That Part (c) of Section 4 of the Regulations on Grand Lodge Finance (Page 543 of the 1958 Grand Lodge Proceedings) be retained but that the maximum limits allowable per day for travel in the state of Nebraska and for travel outside the state of Nebraska as stated therein be increased from \$12.00 and \$18.00 per day to \$15.00 and \$20.00 per day respectively.
3. That the fiscal year of this Grand Lodge be changed from May 11th to May 10th of the year following to May 1st to April 30th of the year following.

#### RECEIPTS

	General Fund	Supply Account	Relief Account	Retirement	Other
Per Capita Dues .....	\$ 79,144.20	.....	\$ 8,793.80	.....	\$87,938.00*
Initiation Fees .....	7,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Affiliations .....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
George Washington Memorial .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	683.00
Liability Insurance .....	3,167.01	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bond Premiums .....	.....	742.70	.....	.....	.....
Sale of Supplies .....	.....	3,451.40	.....	.....	.....
Income from Investments	42,663.25	.....	1,320.00	3,625.10	.....
Refunds from Prior Years	1,454.07	.....	.....	.....	.....

Retirement Account .....				25,576.00	.....
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> .....	<b>\$133,958.53</b>	<b>\$4,194.10</b>	<b>\$10,113.80</b>	<b>\$29,201.10</b>	<b>\$88,621.00</b>
*Nebraska Home					

**EXPENDITURES**

General Disbursements .....	\$121,085.49	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska Masonic Home .....					87,938.00
Supplies .....		4,236.80	.....	.....	.....
Committee on Relief .....			2,000.00	.....	.....
George Washington Memorial .....					683.00
Payment from Retirement Account .....				353.61	.....
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> .....	<b>\$121,085.49</b>	<b>\$4,236.80</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 353.61</b>	<b>\$88,621.00</b>
Excess or Deficit .....	\$ 12,873.04	(42.70)	8,113.80	28,847.49	NONE
Overall Excess .....	\$ 49,791.63				

**UNEXPENDED FUNDS AND REFUNDS**

General Fund, Cash on Hand.....	\$184,856.74
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, Refund.....	24.00
Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, Refund.....	97.00
Committee on Masonic Education.....	122.67
Committee on Work, Ass't Custodian's Travel Expense, Refund.....	.89
Assistant Custodian Travel Expense Collections.....	705.00
Sub-Total .....	\$185,806.30

**ANTICIPATED INCOME**

Per Capita Dues (43,433 members at \$1.80).....	78,179.40
Initiation Fees .....	7,000.00
Investment Income .....	41,000.00
Total Anticipated Income .....	\$126,179.40
Total available for the Budget.....	\$311,985.70
Total request of Appropriations Committee.....	\$125,365.24

The committee wishes to express its appreciation for the co-operation of the Grand Secretary's staff and to W. Herman G. Reinholz, Chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office. We particularly commend the Grand Custodian, W. Robert W. Cook, for his cooperation and for the manner in which his accounts and vouchers were handled. The chairman of the Finance Committee wishes to express his appreciation to W. Brothers Howard L. Patterson and Leroy C. Sutton, members of this committee, who worked diligently in checking records and vouchers and whose council was invaluable in the completion of our job.

The Chairman then asked for unanimous consent to amend section 1-201 as just adopted. Unanimous consent being granted it was moved that the portion of the section which reads as follows:

He shall, on or before the 20th day of March of each year, notify each lodge of any indebtedness due from it to the Grand Lodge, and on the 10th day of May of each year he shall close the account of each subordinate lodge preparatory to the annual Grand Communication.

be amended to read as follows:

He shall, on or before the 20th day of March of each year, notify each lodge of any indebtedness due from it to the Grand Lodge, and on the 30th day of April of each year he shall close the account of each subordinate lodge preparatory to the annual Grand Communication.

The amendment was then adopted by a two-third vote.

#### PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. Brother Donald R. Swanson presented the preliminary report on Appropriations.

M. W. Sir, it is a pleasure to pinch hit for Mel. I have never known him to lose his voice before, but perhaps after you have looked at some of the figures we have in our preliminary report, there might be an explanation. Our preliminary report on Committee on Appropriations shows that for the expenses of the Annual Communication we are appropriating approximately the same amount for this year as for last. For the expenses of the Grand Lodge Committees there is a slight increase because of incurring expense, under the Grand Trustees, of an Audit which has previously been referred to. The traveling expense section is basically the same with some increase for the experience that some of the traveling expense has been larger than previously appropriated. On the second page on Salaries, those figures are the same as for last year's appropriation. For Fixed Expenditures, they are slightly less due to item 8 of that having been a non-recurring expenses. Under section on Insurance, Assessments and Contributions, that is basically the same figure. The total Grand Lodge Office operation, as you can see, is approximately \$1100 more for this year's appropriation than the last. Taking the first item of the Grand Lodge Responsibility, which has been added to the Grand Lodge Operations, this constitutes the amount of money that is to be expended from the General Fund. We find that for the year 1967-1968, we had appropriated \$126,400 for the same figures for this year are \$125,400 or \$1,000.00 less. When you get to the figures for Masonic Home, you will see that they have been increased slightly in most categories. There has been an item 6 and 7 added which we hope are non-recurring figures. Sewer assessment for the sewer which was put in the street in front of the Home was assessed for \$7700, and then there is a proposal to Air-condition the Home for \$252,000, so the Grand total for the coming year of 1968 and 1969 is now shown to be \$733,000 as opposed to a figure of \$454,000 for the previous year.

We might point out to you, that in any other actions that you may take while you are sitting in the Grand Lodge, will have to be added to this budget and we will have a supplementary report to this preliminary report figure, and we will make it just before the Lodge closes.



The committee is meeting on the third floor of the Masonic Temple which is directly across the street. If you have any questions or anything that you would like to ask the committee about any of these figures, we would be most happy to have you, if there is anything you would like to have us explain, we will be glad to do so.

A. EXPENSE OF ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

	1967-68 Appropriation	Unexpended Balance 5/10/68	1968-69 Appropriation Request
1. Payroll 1967 Session.....	\$10,000.00	\$ 1,791.48	\$ 8,000.00
2. Recording & Transcribing 1967 Session .....	150.00	67.73	200.00
3. Grand Tyler .....	25.00	.....	25.00
4. Grand Organist .....	10.00	.....	10.00
5. Printing Proceedings 1967 Communication .....	3,000.00	.....	3,500.00
6. Printing Fraternal Reviews 1967.....	350.00	.....	350.00
7. Printing 1967 Supplement (special)...	(372.08)	.....	400.00
8. Grand Master's Dinner for PGM & Guests 1968 .....	600.00	600.00	600.00
9. Grand Lodge Dinner, 1968 Delegates	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
10. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests 1968 .....	500.00	500.00	500.00
11. Preparing Fraternal Reviews 1968	300.00	.....	300.00
12. Printing Sec'y Desk Book 1968-1969	500.00	500.00	1,050.00
13. Omaha Auditorium Expense 1969 Meeting .....	.....	.....	200.00
	\$16,635.00	\$ 4,659.21	\$16,335.00

B. EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

1. Masonic Education .....	\$ 4,000.00	\$ .....	\$ 4,000.00
2. Relief & Care of Orphans.....	100.00	50.00	100.00
3. Appropriations .....	75.00	75.00	75.00
4. Grand Lodge Office .....	75.00	39.22	75.00
5. Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund	750.00	375.00	1,350.00
6. Finance .....	75.00	57.42	75.00
7. Work .....	75.00	24.37	75.00
8. Grand Trustees .....	2,500.00	319.24	5,229.00
9. Grand Historian .....	350.00	237.91	350.00
10. Printing History of Grand Custodians .....	900.00	162.58	.....
11. Printing History of The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	.....	.....	900.00
	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 1,340.74	\$12,229.00

C. TRAVELING EXPENSE

1. Grand Master .....	\$ 3,000.00	\$ .....	\$ 3,000.00
2. Grand Secretary .....	1,000.00	.....	1,500.00
3. Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions .....	500.00	.....	700.00
4. Grand Custodian Expense.....	7,000.00	.....	7,000.00
5. Grand Lodge Officers & Committees under Direction of Grand Master..	1,500.00	363.32	1,800.00
6. Deputy Grand Master to Grand Masters Conference .....	450.00	.....	450.00
7. Grand Masters Conference and Grand Secretarv's Conference and Miscellaneous expense .....	300.00	.....	500.00
8. Masonic Service Association Training Program .....	350.00	350.00	350.00
	\$14,100.00	\$ 713.32	\$15,300.00

	1967-68 Appropriation	Unexpended Balance 5/10/68	1968-69 Appropriation Request
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D. SALARIES

1. Grand Secretary .....	\$ 9,100.00	\$ .....	\$ 9,100.00
2. Grand Custodian .....	8,000.00	.....	8,000.00
3. Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff...	13,700.00	.....	13,700.00

4. Social Security .....	1,300.00	\$7.48	1,300.00
	\$ 32,100.00	\$ 87.48	\$ 32,100.00
E. FIXED EXPENSES			
1. Rent, Grand Lodge Office.....	\$ 6,350.00	\$.....	\$ 6,350.00
2. Electricity, Grand Lodge Office.....	900.00	98.75	900.00
3. Grand Secretary Office Expense.....	4,250.00	.....	4,300.00
4. Jewel & Apron for Retiring Grand Master .....	232.60	.....	300.00
5. Grand Custodians Office Expense.....	600.00	.....	600.00
6. Retirement Fund, Grand Lodge Employees .....	5,830.00	.....	5,830.00
7. Museum and Library.....	.....	.....	300.00
8. Aprons & Grand Lodge Office Remodeling .....	2,041.34	.....	.....
	\$ 20,203.94	\$ 98.75	\$ 18,580.00
F. INSURANCE ASSESSMENTS $\frac{3}{4}$ CONTRIBUTIONS			
1. Workmens Compensation & Liability Ins. to June 1969.....	\$ 33.20	\$.....	\$ 33.20
2. Dues to Masonic Relief Association on 43,433 Members to 5/31/69.....	285.33	.....	279.67
3. Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers & Employees.....	692.00	173.00	742.70
4. Grand Masters Car Ins. & Employees Car Ins.....	28.00	.....	28.00
5. Masonic Service Association for 43,433 Members .....	1,141.38	.....	1,118.66
6. Comprehensive Liability Ins. on Lodges to 6/69 .....	2,956.00	.....	3,167.01
7. Office Contents .....	55.00	55.00	67.00
8. Nebraska DeMolay Foundation.....	500.00	.....	500.00
	\$ 5,690.91	\$ 228.00	\$ 5,936.24
TOTAL GRAND LODGE OPERATIONS .....	\$ 97,629.85	\$ 7,127.50	\$ 98,730.24
G. GRAND LODGE RESPONSIBILITIES			
1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children .....	\$ 28,750.00	\$.....	\$ 26,635.00
(Grand Lodge Portion $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Total Budget of \$53,270.00).....			
2. The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	278,781.00	33,376.85*	296,800.00
3. The Nebraska Masonic Home Building Maintenance, Repair & Equipment .....	10,600.00	3,801.08*	11,100.00
4. Seal Program .....	18,500.00	1,874.23	20,000.00
5. Home Retirement Program.....	19,746.00	.....	20,000.00
6. Home, Special Sewer Assessment..	.....	.....	7,752.56
7. Home, Ventilating & Air Conditioning .....	.....	.....	252,450.00
Total.....	\$356,377.00	\$ 39,052.16	\$634,737.56
*Amounts under the budget to May 10, 1968			\$733,467.80

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectively reports that there has been no change in our Fraternal Relations with other Jurisdictions with whom 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:

Grande Loja de Pernambuco—Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.

Grand Lodge of Southern Africa—Johannesburg, South Africa.

Grande Loja Do Para—Belem, Para, Brazil.

Last year, in this Fraternal Relations Report, I made a peculiar and rather stupid error in giving the name of the new Grand Master of England. I still cannot understand how this error was committed, since in my regular Review on page 9, paragraph 2, discussing this item, I gave the correct name and facts. Therefore I am indeed sorry that this occurred and do apologize to both the Duke of Kent of England and to Major Ronald Orr Ewing of Scotland and to their respective Grand Lodges. I certainly hope that I shall never do such a thing again.

I was also criticized by England, through their Grand Secretary, Brother Stubbs, for my remarks concerning the Grand Orient of Brazil. He states that in their opinion the Grand Orient was not an irregular organization. That may be, see below, but I call attention to the immemorial right of every Grand Lodge to decide as to which Jurisdiction they will recognize. In support of my remarks, I offer three widely separated reports on this Grand Orient's request for recognition. The first is from Louisiana. "Our investigation of the fourth Grand Lodge listed Viz: Grande Oriente Do Brazil indicates the following, some of their lodges do not require a belief in Diety, some profess atheism and some do not have the Volume of Sacred Law as an essential part of the furniture of the Lodge. We therefore recommend that recognition be withheld from the Grande Oriente Do Brazil." What is regular? The second is from the pen of the late Dr. Young of Kansas, formerly Grand Secretary of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, who should know something concerning this group. "We are of the opinion that if the Grand Orient gives us positive assurance they do not, or will not, claim exclusive jurisdiction in Brazil, such a declaration could have a salutatory effect upon Masonry in Brazil and would influence us to look more favorably upon their petition for recognition. Until that time, your Committee recommends that recognition of the Grand Orient be withheld." The third is from Michigan. "We also have under date of December 1, 1966, a letter requesting recognition from the Grande Oriente Do Brazil, which is well known in Masonic circles and yet during almost 100 years of existence has not yet received the recognition of a single American Grand Lodge. The Grande Oriente we, therefore, continue to place in questionable category."

Last year I reported that the District of Columbia and Louisiana were the only two American Grand Lodges who still recognize the Grand Lodge of France. This year I can report that both of these jurisdictions have withdrawn recognition from this irregular group. In addition to that, not only has the Southern Jurisdiction of our Scottish Rite withdrawn recognition, but also the Supreme Grand

Council of Belgium has severed relations with the Supreme Council of France, which was also closely related to the Grand Lodge. A new Supreme Council is being formed in France and only the candidates from the National Grand Lodge of France are considered eligible. The Grand Lodge of Luxembourg, which we recognized last year, has also withdrawn recognition from the Grand Lodge of France, so they are pretty much alone. Otherwise the National Grand Lodge of France is progressing well, their new Temple in Paris has been completed and dedicated.

Colorado, this past year, broke off relations with what is left of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, which Nebraska did several years ago.

Turkey is still very much involved in a struggle for control with the Supreme Council in that country. We have not heard very much news this past year, but no doubt eventually the regular Grand Lodge will win, but the cost to the institution will be heavy. The Grand Lodge has always made a sincere effort to heal the breach and only time can really tell the outcome. Only about 150 members have left the regular organization so far. We recommend no change in our relations.

Peru, like Turkey, has been disturbed by exactly the same situation in that country, but recent news from there, indicates that there has been a new letter of agreement entered into between these factions. We hope that peace will now prevail, at least for some time.

Cuba continues to be a puzzle. Twelve states have now withdrawn recognition, the latest being Tennessee. We hear that the lodges are still holding their meetings; that new Grand Officers were elected, but as Sao Paulo remarks: "it is not known how it operates or under what conditions." They still claim a nice gain in membership. They also claim to be occupying their same quarters in their Temple, but have lost the rest of the Building to the State.

Greece is in the midst of a large building campaign to replace those quarters destroyed by war and earthquake, mostly the former item, fifty-five of their 60 lodges operating before the War have been reactivated. New lodges are planned. The Brethren in Athens have contributed about \$175,000 toward a new building for the Grand Lodge Temple destroyed about a year and a half ago. They now meet in what was their Masonic Home, which although small, holds twenty lodge meetings a week. Two new lodges were formed, one composed of refugees from Egypt.

New York is worried about their lodge in Syria. The government has issued a decree that all Masonry must consolidate with the Grand Orient of Lebanon, which is not recognized. There are also Scottish lodges in this territory and it is proposed to unite with them to form an independent Grand Lodge Of Lebanon, but it is too early to determine what will happen.

Germany now has some 18,000 members, in 1940, 6,000. But in 1933 they had 70,000. Today more than 60% of their members are under 50, while in 1952, their average was 57 years, so they are improving. Professional men now comprise 17% of their membership and 8% are working men. 29% of their lodge members are Catholics and 65% are Protestants. There are 140 Protestant ministers who are members of lodges. The discussion of politics and religion are also forbidden.

India seems to be verging toward what seems to me to be an autocratic attitude in their communications. The word "must" appears quite frequently in their proceedings for such as clothing, Full Dress or Undress, etc. And the Honors and Jewels allowed are emphasized. Their financial position is sound and satisfactory. The new mutual insurance plan seems to be giving satisfaction to all. Two new lodges were consecrated. Delegates from all four regions were present, at the last communication. Their Grand Master said this, of course, in part: "On behalf of the Craft, whom I have the honor to represent, I shall only say this. We believe in the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man. We do not believe in distinctions of Caste, Colour or Creed. We believe in, and practice to the best of our ability, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Freemasonry teaches us to do our duty to God, our neighbors and ourselves. We have made great progress in this country. We now have a Grand Lodge of our own, sovereign and independent. It was inaugurated in New Delhi on November 24, 1961."

Israel makes slow progress. They now have sixty lodges with about 3,000 members. One new lodge was added. They have a Mutual Insurance Fund financed by dues from lodges. To be qualified for benefits, you must belong to a lodge that pays its dues regularly twice a year. A few over 2,000 are covered. Their financial condition is not too good. The brief war won by Israel has benefited the country, in that it has spurred the resumption in many cases of donations from foreign lands which had rather lost their interest. They do have almost overwhelming problems. They are a good influence in this troubled land as it is one of the finest demonstrations of the Universality of Masonry that I know of. Members from over 40 lands irrespective of race, color or creed, assemble here in peace and good will. Officers of lodges are from all faiths: Jewish, Protestant, Moslem, Druse and Greek Orthodox. No Grand Lodge meets anywhere in the world without greetings from Israel.

Now as to our own country, New Jersey took the fine attitude of seeking out the representatives of Mississippi at the Grand Master's Conference and after talks with them, some difficulty was disposed of and it is hoped that their difficulties will soon end. New Jersey also tried to do the same with Oklahoma, but since the latter was not present at the meeting, it was not successful. Our good friend Pollard of Maine states: "Our Mississippi Brethren may deplore the existence

of Alpha Lodge (New Jersey), but they cannot question its regularity. For the past 40 years, the existence of this lodge has not prevented Mississippi from maintaining fraternal relations with New Jersey, and we do not see that anything has occurred to warrant a change in this policy—We can only deplore Mississippi's action as ill-advised, impulsive and utterly ineffective. We hope that this breach of Masonic harmony will be of short duration." And may we apply the next to the last sentence also to Oklahoma. I am happy to say that the Grand Master of Alabama states that although he is as strong a segregationist as ever, he can see no benefit to Alabama Masonry by severing relations with one Grand Lodge that has a lodge composed wholly of Negroes. How can they hurt any other jurisdiction that they do?

In regard to our requests for recognition, I have been surprised that we had not been asked previous to this to recognize the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa, but their letter states that an oversight had been made in the matter, since they are already several years old. There can be no question of the regularity of this group, since it was formed from the Dutch Lodges already existing there and under the blessing and supervision of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, who were kind enough to recognize Nebraska several years ago. They are in complete accord with the group of English, Irish and Scottish lodges in their country and have asked to be associated with them in their group actions or Concordat as to legislation of various sorts. We, therefore, ask that their request be granted.

In regard to the two applications from Brazil, we can see no good reason that they also should not be recognized at this time. They are already recognized by 31 American jurisdictions, including the District of Columbia, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee and Wisconsin, states who I consider to be careful in their actions. All of the Brazilian Grand Lodges; 11 others in South America; two in Canada, Ontario and Nova Scotia; nine in Central America; 19 in Mexico and 12 in Europe and beyond. We therefore recommend recognition and exchange of Representatives with these three applicants.

Hoping this brief account of some other jurisdictions in the world is of some interest to the Brethren, your Committee now recommends that all past applications for recognition, be continued for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Grand Master, I move that this report be printed and spread in full on the minutes of this Communication and that its recommendations be adopted.

M. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman

M. W. William B. Wanner, 9

W. Edward J. Taylor, 150

At 11:40 The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4  
FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 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 MASONIC  
EDUCATION

W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which was adopted.

This has been a year of continuing and increasing interest and attendance by the Lodge education committees and Lodge officers at our Grand Lodge Area Meetings on Masonic Education.

The mock lodge and panel methods of instruction which promote audience participation were used again this year followed by a critique in separate discussion groups comprised of W. Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Education Committees. We were particularly appreciative of the concern of the attending brethren in arriving ahead of the opening of lodge promptly at 1:00 P.M. for the reception of our Grand Master so the afternoon sessions could close at 5:00 P.M. and all could be present at 6:15 P.M. with our ladies for the dinner and address of the Grand Master. Our top four Grand Lodge line officers, Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian were consistently present and others of the Grand Lodge family attended Area Meetings in their vicinity. This active participation has meant much to the attendants from the local lodges who come to get acquainted with their Grand Lodge officers as well as to participate in the instructional meetings.

Area Meetings were held at McCook, Alliance, Loup City, Atkinson, Hastings and York last fall and early winter and at Norfolk, Lincoln and Omaha this spring. We experimented with both medium-sized and large groups this year and we believe both worked out well in the locations in which they were held.

We heartily compliment the host lodges for their cooperation and planning as all went smoothly and on time. The host lodge in each case provided coffee between the panel and the mock lodge sessions. Their ladies provided a meeting place for the visiting ladies while the Masons were in session which gave them an opportunity to become acquainted and was mutually beneficial. Attendance of the ladies is becoming more and more important as the wives like to accompany their husbands as long as they know there will be other ladies present and that we welcome and are complimented by their attending.

We are actively participating with eleven other Grand Lodge Committees in the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education and contribute as well as receive valuable information, ideas and methods of instruction. This is a valuable association and is recognized as a pioneer leader in its field in the world!

Your Committee is deeply appreciative of the active support and cooperation of our Grand Master John A. Bottorf. His addresses were outstanding. The Grand Custodian and his faithful assistants were always "on the job." The Grand Secretary had large groups of secretaries at each session for their discussion period as well as at the general meeting. With good attendance of Wardens and Masters, Secretaries and Education Committee members we are accomplishing a great deal in getting local lodge officers to lose provincial ideas and get the big picture as well as to be able to "stand off a bit" to better view their own local conditions so they can cooperate in bettering our Masonic status throughout the state. In the long run this must be done on the local level. The Grand Lodge Committee invites more use by the local lodge of its services as a group or individually. We, of course, continue to keep the local committees supplied with the educational materials necessary to do a good job. We hope in the years to come we can extend personal service to individual lodges or small groups of two or three lodges with comparable situations. We will be able to offer helpful aid and suggestions from the knowledge derived from statewide experience and information from the Midwest Conference to strengthen these lodges. This need not be confined to small lodges. Many of our larger lodges have problems also, which are not so readily recognized. In many cases their large size has the disadvantage of a distressing loss of that fellowship which is so much a part of genuine Masonry. It is hoped that some of these lodges will mother, daughter lodges in the rapidly growing suburban areas which need lodges located right in their communities with adequate parking and minimum use of stairs so that young and old families can enjoy their benefits.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund which was adopted.

Your Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee is pleased to make the following report:

The function of our committee is to provide sponsorship and to administer financial assistance provided by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter O.E.S. to young people from the Children's Home in



Fremont who are capable and desirous of higher education after their graduation from high school.

During the 1967-68 school year we continued to sponsor John Walker in his fourth year at Michigan State University. However, at the end of the first term of this school year, he elected to discontinue his schooling and is reported to have married and to have become employed.

This spring there were five boys from the Home who graduated from Fremont High School, three of whom our committee recommends for additional schooling. One will attend Lincoln Barber College, another will enroll at Nebraska Vocational Technical School at Milford, and the third will enroll at Chadron State College.

Your committee estimates the cost of sponsorship of these three youths for the ensuing school year to be \$2,700.00, of which the Grand Chapter O.E.S. and the Grand Lodge are being requested to appropriate one-half each. The Grand Chapter has approved their share and we herewith request the Grand Lodge to appropriate the sum of \$1,350.00 as their half to enable these boys to pursue their further education.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

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

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Rob Morris No. 46 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a member.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on November 14, 1957; that he petitioned for restoration in Rob Morris No. 46 on May 20, 1967; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his Petition was granted and your committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Petition of a former member of Rob Morris No. 46 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Walter O. Samuelson, 326, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted.

Let us enter into a few moments of memory.

“Lord Thou has been our dwelling place in all generations, before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hast formed the Earth

and the World, even from everlasting Thou art God. A thousand years in Thy sight are as but yesterday and a watch in the night . . . we spend our years as a tale that is told and if by reason of strength they be three score years and ten, yet are they filled with sorrow and we fly away. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

When Earth's last picture is painted,  
 And the tubes are twisted and dried,  
 When the oldest colors have faded  
 And the youngest critic has died,  
 We shall rest, and faith we shall need it  
 To lie down for an aeon or two,  
 'Till the Master of all good workmen  
 Shall set us to work anew.  
 And those who are good shall be happy,  
 They shall sit in a golden chair,  
 They shall splash at a ten-league canvas  
 With brushes of comet's hair;  
 They shall find real saints to draw from,  
 Magdalene, Peter and Paul,  
 They shall work for an age at a sitting  
 And never grow weary at all.  
 Only the Master shall praise them  
 And only the Master shall blame,  
 No one shall work for money  
 And no one shall work for fame:  
 But each for the joy of the working  
 Each in his separate star  
 Shall draw the thing as he sees it,  
 For the God of the things as they are.

Rudyard Kipling.

W. Thomas H. Blanchard, No. 21 accompanied by W. Edward H. Lockwood, No. 265 will render a vocal selection entitled "Face to Face."

This is the hour of reflection, a few moments wherein we shall have the honor and the privilege of honoring those who have been called to that higher estate by entering through the gate of death.

Memorial cards have been received from 26 Grand Lodges appraising us that 48 of their number have passed into that land "from whom no traveler returns."

Our Grand Lodge has been spared this year for which we are most thankful. However, 984 of our brethren have left us. Among these was W. Ernest C. Purdy who passed away January 24, 1968, member of Arcana No. 195. He served as Assistant Custodian from May 4th 1942 to June 1965 when he was made custodian emeritus.

Once again we are called upon to reflect on the transitoriness of life. Today we are like the flowers in full bloom, tomorrow the storm strews our shattered petals to decorate mother earth who has ever been kind and ready to enfold us in her bosom.

Yesterday, those whom we revere and honor today, we are busy taking their place in the marts of life.

There are men who carve their names on marble, wood and stone:  
While others inscribe their names upon the walls of home.  
There are names that appear in the world's halls of fame,  
They are the ones who obeyed the rules as they played the game.  
But he who lives the most as he travels toward the end,  
Is the man, who enshrines his name upon the hearts of his family and  
his friends.

W.O.S.

From the north and from the south, from the east and from the west they march in endless procession, whose final goal was that land beyond our earthly view. They represent the small lodges and the large ones, they filled their stations and filled them well. Their voices were heard often as they instilled into the lives of others the tenets of our venerable order. Their advice was timely and good. As we meet today, so they, upon many occasions, gave of their time and talents to give sympathy to the bereaved. They were the ones who laid so securely the foundation stones of our Masonic fraternity. They spread the cement of brotherhood which held the stones of our earthly temples intact through years of adversity and strife. No journey was too long, no night too dark, no storm too severe to deter their footsteps as they went to the length of their cable-tow. Surely they left foot prints on the sands of time for the oncoming generations of Masons to follow.

Guided by that "all seeing eye" they went undaunted to the end of their earthly pilgrimage, tired and weary they rested by the side of the road to hear their Grand Master call them from labor to refreshment saying, "Arise and depart, this is not your rest."

Their work is now complete and have received the Grand Master's approval for a work well done.

While they are at rest, we who are left must still labor on as we traverse the labyrinth of life. Remembering our obligations, and those eternal admonitions which we have received while on bended knee before the altar upon which rests the "great light" in Masonry. With our trust in God, and a prayer in our hearts we too, shall cast our anchor in that port where storms never enter and all is peace and rest.

And now a fond "farewell to you, our departed brothers." May your lives ever remind us that we "must work the works of Him that sent us while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

To the bereaved loved ones, we say a silent prayer, for he who tempers the wind for the shorn lamb will bring to them that "peace which passeth all understanding."

Some day, our "Grand Master" will call us each and everyone when our feeble steps have faltered as the race of life we've run. His all seeing eye will guide us o'er the checkered pavement of time, as we enter that lodge celestial in the haven of rest sublime.

W. Thomas H. Blanchard, No. 21 accompanied by W. Edward H. Lockwood, No. 265, will render a vocal selection entitled "Going Home" after which we shall stand in silent remembrance of those who we have loved and lost awhile.

Prayer:

Almighty and Loving Heavenly Father, we pause in silent reflection, remembering those whom we this day have been privileged to call once more to our attention. We thank you for the privilege of having known them and walked with them down the miles of yester-years. How enriched our lives have been because of our past associations with them. Some we know but slightly while others intimately, but each of these were Thy servants and well known by Thee.

Bring peace and comfort to those from whose family circle these were taken. May Thy Holy Spirit assuage their grief and bind up the broken hearts. May they be reminded that some day, we know not when, that the circle here broken will be united in that land of unending day, where sorrows are never known. Amen.

## 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.

For more than 50 years, distinguished and prominent Masons have assembled to study the work set out upon the Memorial Trestle-board.

At the 58th annual meeting, Nebraska Masons of prominence were our own Grand Master, M. W. John A. Bottorf and M. W. Brother Charles F. Adams, 2nd Vice President and a member of the Executive Committee.

Masonry has, in erecting this beautiful Memorial, and again in its dedication with the presence of so many of the Craft from all parts of the world, demonstrated that its teachings are laden with thoughts and deeds of love and kindness, and to be a Mason one must be willing to aid and succor his fellow man.

HISTORY PAMPHLETS

When you registered each of you were given a History Pamphlet of the Memorial. We ask that you please study it and tell your Lodge about our Memorial.

COLORED FILM

A new color and sound motion picture film will soon be sent to each Grand Lodge. Make your requests for this film to the Grand Secretary's Office. You will like it. It is inspiring.

MUSEUM

There are many interesting features on display in the Washington Museum. The first is the Family Bible belonging to George Washington. The Grand Lodge of Virginia will provide a special exhibit to be opened on Washington's Birthday in 1969. This Temple is full of history and the exhibits featuring Washington and Masonry will particularly attract the interest of Masons.

PROMOTION

There is in the near future, an illustrated booklet, for distribution in the Lodges. This booklet will be in color and we hope it will attract much interest in the Memorial. This committee will be notified when it is ready.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Hopes are still high for a fund of Five Million Dollars to endow the Memorial. At the present time the fund is \$2,614,319.25. This Committee is anxious that our Grand Lodge will give consideration to a plan for supporting this Endowment Fund.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Received February 22nd, 1968 for the

Endowment Fund .....	\$ 58,422.00
Maintenance Fund .....	11,238.00
Undesignated .....	35,420.00
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Total received .....	\$105,080.00

A TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington, the man, the Mason,  
 The founder of our great nation.  
 Destined to show America how to be free,  
 And point the path to liberty.  
 His life, his wisdom, his deeds,  
 All given for human needs.  
 From earthly life God gave him release,  
 In Mother Nature's bosom he rests in peace.  
 To God his spirit returned,  
 His home in Paradise earned.

That the name of George Washington, be always held in reverence, that his name live in the hearts and minds of all American Masons, who love liberty and freedom, who walk uprightly before God and man, a Temple has been erected—

Born in the minds of Masons,  
 With  
 Brotherhood its foundation,  
 Brotherly Love its cornerstone,  
 Its body formed of granite chosen by Masons,  
 Its strength from minds of Masons,  
 Its beauty from visions of Masons.

Now—high above the rise of “Shooters Hill” stands your Temple. A sublime tribute to George Washington. A recognition and a re-affirmation by the American Masons of the fundamental principles of Liberty wrought into the very foundation of our government by our Masonic Forefathers.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

W. . Paul L. Toombs, 290, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans has had a relatively quiet year. We presume that the individual lodges are caring for their relief problem within their own organizations without request to your Grand Lodge Committee. Our expenditures totaled \$2,914.66 this year and on the basis of 43,433 members at the end of December, 1967 this amounts to only \$.067 per member.

#### FINANCIAL RECAPITULATION

Amount in Omaha National Bank 5-1-67.....	\$ 250.24
Amount received from Grand Lodge.....	3,000.00
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Total to be accounted for.....	\$3,250.24
Expenditures May 1, 1967 to May 1, 1968.....	2,914.66
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Balance in Omaha National Bank 5-1-68.....	\$ 335.58

M. . W. . John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

Brethren, I have set apart this time to allow some discussion on the amendment which was laid over at the last Annual Communication regarding the amendment to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. I have allocated around 30 minutes for this discussion, I don't want any one man to try and handle all this himself. I believe that it would be

proper to recognize any delegate who wishes to be heard on the matter, but I do think in the interest of not multiplying the same statement for or against, we will limit the individual delegate to about 3 minutes at the microphone and allow more brethren to speak who want to. At this time I will ask the Grand Secretary to read aloud the By-Laws as it was presented to you last year and held over for action.

#### RESOLUTION:

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

"We the undersigned members of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, do hereby propose and second the following amendment to part 3, chapter 1, Section 3-102 (d) of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, as amended as follows: Section 3-102 enumerated. The following are specifically declared to be Masonic offenses. (D) engaging in the manufacture, bottling, blending, selling, bartering, transporting, delivering, furnishing or possessing any alcoholic liquor for beverage purposes, contrary to or in violation of the laws of the state of Nebraska, Section 3-102 (d) and subsequent amendments thereto are repealed."

M. . W. . John A. Bottorf:

Now, my brethren, the floor is open to you for discussion as delegates before we call this matter up for election. I am assuming that all of you were informed that this By-law was up for ballot at this time, because as I have gone into every area in the state, I have also informed the Masters of your lodge the content of this, and urged that you in your individual lodges, discuss the matter and be prepared at this time to ballot. I don't want to rush anybody into this. If there is no discussion, however, if no brother wishes to speak for or against this by-law, we will save a little bit of time this afternoon. The discussion is closed. Now, brethren, comes time also when we are prepared to ballot on the election of the officers and at the same time on the proposed amendment to the By-laws.

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

Brethren, I don't very often tell stories, but I was thinking early this afternoon of something that I heard in the O'Hara Airport two or three weeks ago. I walked up to the counter of the American Airlines to have my ticket validated, there were four or five people in line and a little old lady ahead of me, when she got to the counter, she said to the clerk, "How long a hang over do I have before my plane leaves?" The clerk waited a second or two, and smiled and said, "Well lady, it depends on how much you had last night."

You know, we have been thinking about retirement for some time and discussed it on different occasions. The Grand Lodge has graciously provided for retirement, it seems to your Grand Secretary

who has served you now for twenty-two years, that perhaps now would be a very good time for him to retire that you may elect someone to assume the responsibility. The pace is rapid and the responsibilities are tremendous and my Cathy has said to me on many occasions, "Why don't you slow down?"

I think perhaps she is correct. Under the circumstances, brethren, I think it would be good for me and the Grand Lodge.

I want to say to all of you that it has been wonderful working with you these past twenty-two years, I have had many honors at your hands, I have enjoyed working with you and I now tell you that I shall not stand for election as your Grand Secretary at this time. You have been wonderful and if you will do me one favor, please do not vote for me because you will only delay the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Thank you so very much and God bless you all. (Standing ovation by the Brethren.)

M. .W. .John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

Thank you, my brethren. Let me say, I see very few men in this room of 50 or below, who could stand the pace that this man has carried on for twenty-two years. To you men who have been Secretaries of subordinate lodges, you know the kind of help Carl has given you. Carl has been recognized for twenty-two years as our Grand Secretary, he has also received public recognition not only in Nebraska but throughout the United States. You have been of distinguished service to your Grand Lodge and you have earned an honorable, a restful and an active retirement. God bless you.

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

I move that M. .W. .Carl R. Greisen be elected Grand Secretary Emeritus and that an appropriate certificate be prepared and presented at a suitable time by the Grand Master.

M. .W. .John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

It has been moved and seconded that the distinctive honor of Grand Secretary Emeritus be awarded to M. .W. .Carl R. Greisen and that an appropriate certificate be prepared and presented to him at a suitable time by the Grand Master. All in favor will signify the same by rising vote. Thank you, my brethren, that also is unanimous.

W. .William E. Thompson, 33:

M. .W. .Grand Master, I am William E. Thompson, Master Ashlar No. 33, Grand Island. May I ask our Grand Custodian W. .Robert W. Cook a question?

M. .W. .John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

Yes, you may.



W. William E. Thompson, 33:

Brethren, W. Robert W. Cook served as W. Master of Ashlar No. 33 and its most efficient Secretary for a number of years, and a few years ago was appointed Grand Custodian of this Grand Lodge and has served with distinction. I would like to ask W. Brother Robert W. Cook if he were elected Grand Secretary, would he accept?

W. Robert W. Cook, Grand Custodian:

Brother Thompson, as long as M. W. Brother Carl has signified his retirement and if it is the wish of the Brethren, yes.

M. W. John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

Brethren, the ballot has been prepared with perforations of four separate ballots and with four extra ballots. Complete your ballot at this time on the election of officers and upon the amendment to the By-laws.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

W. Herman G. Reinholz, 3, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, which was adopted.

We hereby submit the Report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices.

During the year of 1966-1967 there were a large number of problems to be resolved and a number of bits and pieces to be picked up in connection with moving the Grand Lodge office from the fourth floor to the second floor of the Masonic Temple. In 1967-1968 these items have been resolved except that we still have a lot of work to do in the Museum and Library. For the assistance given by the Grand Secretary and his staff, and for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties we wish to extend thanks and commendations.

In connection with the Museum and Library we have started indexing the books and to classify them according to subject matter. Recently we have written to the home Lodge of those Past Grand Masters whose pictures are missing for the purpose of completing our gallery of such pictures. Up-to-date some of the Lodges have replied, but a large number are still missing. We might add that we were short forty-seven pictures.

In accordance with past practices we have submitted a budget to the Committee on Appropriations listing the items coming under the supervision of this Committee. As some of the items deal with expenses connected with next year's Grand Lodge Session, a matter which has received some criticism, we suggest that a means be found to handle them on a current basis and appropriations made accordingly. The Budget submitted to the Committee on Appropriations is similar to that submitted last year with the following exceptions:

Grand Lodge Office Expense has been increased from \$4,250.00 to \$4,300.00.

Printing Secretary's Desk Book has been increased from \$500.00 to \$550.00.

Printing Grand Lodge Proceedings increased from \$3,000.00 to \$3,500.00.

Travel Expense (Grand Secretary) increased from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00.

Auditorium Expense (not included in last year's Budget)—\$200.00.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary Conference, Dues and Miscellaneous Expense increased from \$300.00 to \$400.00.

Jewel, Apron and Card for Retiring Grand Master increased from \$275.00 to \$300.00.

Museum and Library (a new item)—\$300.00 for pictures, picture frames, etc. The first three items reflect the higher costs we have experienced in connection with printed matter.

The increase in Travel Expense is requested because such costs are considerably higher now than they were a few years ago. Our Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian cover approximately 35,000 miles a year, and both have found it necessary to dip into their own funds for approximately \$500.00 to cover their expenses when on the road. Although the Grand Custodian's Travel Expense does not come under the supervision of this Committee, it is our recommendation that the Travel Expense Budget for both of these Brethren be given favorable consideration.

M. W. Grand Master, may I express to you and your officers, and to the Grand Lodge Office staff and the members of my Committee my heartfelt thanks for the assistance and guidance given me during the past year.

(The supplemental report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office was presented, which was also adopted.)

M. W. Grand Master:

Because of the nature of the subject and the fact that it will require a lot of study before we will be ready to submit all of the information connected with it we are submitting this supplemental report for consideration at this time. The subject mainly concerns the book-keeping system used by the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

We have discussed this matter with the chairmen of the Finance Committee and the Appropriation Committee and with other members of the Grand Lodge and we have all agreed that a change must be made. The details of what changes must be made are still open for further discussion and consideration. This will take some time.

One fact which has been recommended by all concerned is that we should have an accountant or bookkeeper on the payroll who will devote his entire working hours to the duties connected with these matters. We are certain that this will correct many problems which have arisen in the past.

Therefore, we are requesting approval at this time to make the study and then, after it has been completed and discussed with the Officers of the Grand Lodge, that appropriate action be taken to make whatever changes are necessary.

### REPORT OF MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Executive Commission, Central States, presented the report of the Masonic Service Association which was adopted.

The Masonic Service Association held its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. at the conclusion of the Grand Masters' Conference in February, 1968. Our Grand Master, M. W. John A. Bottorf, served on the Hospital Visitation Committee which submitted an outstanding report to the Association. Our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother Norris W. Lallman also participated in this committee work. The Vietnam War has enhanced the critical need for the expansion of this program. There are now 85 hospitals where the Masonic Service Field Agent and volunteers are operational. There are now 5,000 volunteers who serve the Hospital Program. Approximately 300 of these are De Molay.

In October, 1967 the Grand Lodge of Ohio voted to participate in the Hospital Visitation Program. A Field Agent from the Masonic Service Association is organizing and directing this new Masonic effort to help, aid and assist our hospitalized veterans. The Veterans Administration continues to place great reliance in the M.S.A. as a source of information and accreditation of Masonic Volunteers. Masonic representatives are stationed in less than half of our V. A. Hospitals however, and we have no official representation in any of the three V. A. Hospitals in Nebraska. Our Grand Lodge has not as yet voted to participate with the excellent service of the Hospital Visitation Program of the M.S.A. Further study is being given to the possibilities of our engaging in this Masonic Service along the lines of the action taken by Ohio Grand Lodge, and to supplement the good work of 35 other Grand Lodges who are presently supporting this program.

The Monthly Short Talk Bulletins were again published and distributed monthly throughout last year. An up-dated survey of the operation, facilities, admission requirements, of Masonic Homes, Hospitals and Charity Funds was issued this year. There were also bulletins and updated reports on Allied Masonic Groups and Rites, and one

entitled "The Truth is Stranger than Fiction" written by Alphonse Cerza of Illinois. The Masonic Service Association personnel once again assisted the Grand Masters' Conference in taking care of many duties and assignments.

The sum of \$350.00 has been appropriated again this year for any expense in further study of the Hospital Visitation programs such as are carried on in our neighboring states of Kansas, Iowa, and South Dakota, said sum to be expended only under the express authority of our Grand Master. Even limited participation should materially aid us in the furtherance of our Masonic Obligation of relief and fraternal love in this important area of Masonic service.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Grand Historian, presented his report which was adopted.

One hundred years ago on June 24, 1868, there occurred the Eleventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska. It was held in Bellevue, with M. W. Grand Master O. H. Irish presiding.

The representatives of fourteen subordinate lodges were present. Columbus Lodge No. 8 was not represented, having surrendered its charter and requesting the issuance of demits to those members eligible. The fourteen lodges were reported to have been flourishing and prosperous. An additional six lodges under dispensation were also designated in the report of the Grand Secretary.

The total number of Master Masons was shown to be 714. The financial affairs were somewhat complicated in that the Grand Treasurer's safe was burglarized and \$702 on hand taken therefrom. He was unable, therefore, to pay the drafts of the Grand Secretary. As of June 23, 1868 there had been no decision as to who would suffer the loss—the Grand Treasurer or the Grand Lodge.

Sixty-five years ago on September 1, 1903 The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth was opened with one resident admitted, the infant daughter of the Matron of the Home, Mrs. Civer, serving from 1903 through 1908.

As early as 1868 Grand Master Robert Carrel Jordan had officially urged upon the Fraternity the need of a home for our indigent and needy brethren, their widows and orphans. The necessity for such a noble project was ever present but, we must remember, it was a pioneering period in our history and as a consequence things moved very slowly.

At the suggestion of our Junior Past Grand Master, Lewis R. Ricketts, your Grand Historian has written an historical narrative of the founding and growth of The Nebraska Masonic Home located at

Plattsmouth. It is indeed a pleasure to present to you the manuscript as prepared and to suggest that appropriate action be taken, subject to the approval of this Grand Lodge and the Board of Trustees of the Home, for its publication. When finally edited the script together with pictures should provide an up to the minute history of the more significant events during these sixty-five years.

The author ardently hopes that it will also serve to stimulate an increasing interest in our Home and a determined effort to properly give it all the support we so earnestly believe it deserves.

It needs no defense from the Grand Historian. The Board of Trustees and the Officers of this Grand Lodge will have opportunity to further acquaint you with the wonderful accomplishments of these past years made possible because of your loyal and devoted gifts of mercy and love for our unfortunate Brethren, their widows and orphans.

This year, two of our subordinate lodges are celebrating their one-hundredth anniversary. Washington Lodge No. 21 at Blair has already sent out customary and very appropriate invitations to the Brethren and an announcement that on June 24, 1968 a pot-luck dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. there will be closed lodge to receive the Grand Master, closed for that purpose, but opened to the ladies and general public immediately thereafter at which time our Past Grand Orator, the Reverend Walter O. Samuelson will give the culminating address.

On the following day, June 25, 1968, Lincoln Lodge No. 19 celebrates its one-hundredth anniversary of its chartering. An all day program has been arranged. Both of these anniversary celebrations promise to be gala affairs.

Your Grand Historian had the privilege of writing the history of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. We certainly would urge everyone of our lodges to prepare such a volume in connection with these anniversaries. In this way you can preserve to posterity much that in years to come will be greatly interesting and informative.

At this moment we are not prepared to announce what the next historical venture will be.

It has been for your Grand Historian an intensely interesting and most provocative experience this past year to have been given the opportunity of delving into the records of past accomplishments of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

M.:W.:Carl R. Greisen, 32, presented the report of the Committee on Reinstatements which was adopted.

The Committee on Reinstatements has been busy indeed this year.

We acted on a total of 45 applications.

We are very grateful for this activity and feel sure the increase was accounted for by the nice letters sent by the Grand Master to suspended brethren.

It is the hope of this Committee that no Brother in the State of Nebraska will remain unnecessarily suspended.

### REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

The year 1967, from an institutional investor's perspective, was a year of unbelievable perplexity. The number of new offerings of bonds reached an historical high, and prices deteriorated badly, causing yields to spiral upwards to levels unheard of in the past 100 years. Affecting the movement of money and capital markets during the year were two opposing governmental monetary policies. Initially, credit was eased to provide for a greater availability of funds, but by the end of the year a movement toward restraint was evidenced.

New corporate securities offered for cash during 1967 reached the fantastic total of about \$21.9 billion—up 40% over the 1966 record of \$15.6 billion. The yields and therefore interest return increased during the year by 109 basis points on corporate bonds over the yield in February, 1967.

Faced with this situation, it was indicated that your Board of Grand Trustees should change its preconceived policy as reported to this Grand Lodge of again entering the stock market with the funds which were acquired in its reported sales during the year 1966. With yields at an all-time high, your Board of Grand Trustees determined that it should take advantage of this earning potential and should invest the funds of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home in corporate bonds; therefore, during the year it purchased from time to time \$578,000 principal amount in corporate bonds, yielding to begin with 6¼%, and by the end of this year 7¼%.

The funds for these investments were derived, as previously reported, from the sale of common stock plus additional income and bequests, which funds had been placed in short-term investments, in themselves yielding approximately 5½%.

If history repeats itself, and the high interest rate moderates, we should experience a substantial profit in the sale of these corporate bonds at some time in the future.

In 1967, in the month of July, when it appeared that the money market had stabilized, the Grand Trustees did purchase a total of 1,300 shares of common stock. This action was a hedging measure which was abandoned when interest returns continued to rise.

A portion of the funds which were invested in bonds were derived from the sale of common stock received through the Currier estate. The estate had a stated value of approximately \$324,000, all of which was placed in the Endowment and Bequest Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home. A number of stocks in the Currier estate were odd lots, and some were of companies which your Grand Trustees determined were less likely to withstand a decline in general market value, therefore we sold 1,561 shares for a total price of \$51,812.50. We still retain in the Endowment and Bequest Fund 3,482 shares of stock received through the Currier estate having a stated value at the time of the bequest of \$204,464.

We have received preliminary figures from our auditors which indicate that the assets of the Grand Lodge as of May 10, 1968, will be \$1,066,698.87, with a net worth of \$1,063,811.25. These figures will show that the assets of The Nebraska Masonic Home will be \$2,727,970.73, with a net worth of \$2,652,893.53. According to the preliminary figures the total net worth of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home investment portfolio will be \$3,716,704.60, which represents an increase of \$228,039.78 over 1967 and \$1,333,427.01 over 1966.

The income to the Grand Lodge including the Retirement Fund will be reported at \$43,983.25 from investments, and for The Nebraska Masonic Home \$124,141.99, to which should be added the net gain from the sale of stock of \$50,622.54 and the receipts from the Seal Fund of \$30,000. The income from investments to The Nebraska Masonic Home should be in the neighborhood of \$191,000.

As an example of the amount of business conducted by the Grand Lodge office and the Grand Trustees, and for that purpose only, I should like to report to the Grand Lodge that the cash flow, which means the total amount of money in and out of the Grand Lodge office in connection with investments, for the year ending May 10, 1968, was \$3,525,420. As you can understand, this should require expert and competent bookkeeping and accounting procedures.

There will be attached to this report the figures taken from the audit showing the assets and liabilities and an analysis of surplus and fund balances reflecting the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. It is requested that the Grand Trustees be authorized to incorporate these figures as a part of the annual proceedings.

At the last Communication the Grand Trustees were designated as the committee to handle the Retirement Fund of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. There are no modifications or requests for changes in the retirement plan to be submitted to this Grand Lodge. We have only one retiree, who during this last fiscal year received \$353.61. The income from the Retirement Fund for this last year was \$3,625.10.

The members of the Board of Grand Trustees and this Grand Lodge suffered an irreparable loss in the passing of W. William E. Moor, who had long been a member of the Grand Trustees. His intelligent advice, untiring efforts and good humor will continue to be missed by those of us who sit in session handling the funds of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

We, as your Board of Grand Trustees, again express our pleasure and satisfaction in the privilege of being able to serve the Grand Lodge in its financial affairs.

**GRAND LODGE A. F. AND A. M. OF NEBRASKA**  
**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**COMPARATIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

May 10, 1968

**ASSETS**

	Total	General Fund	Retirement Fund
Cash on deposit with banks . . . . \$	184,856.74	\$181,936.55	\$ 2,920.19
Bonds and Stocks . . . . .	788,606.09	788,606.09	
	84,564.10		84,564.10
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home—nominal value . . . .	1.00	1.00	
Stock in Masonic-Eastern Star Home—nominal value . . . .	1.00	1.00	
Furniture and fixtures—nominal value . . . . .	1.00	1.00	
Supply inventory . . . . .	8,653.65	8,653.65	
Due from The Nebraska Masonic Home—General Fund . . . .	15.29	15.29	
	\$1,066,698.87	\$979,214.58	\$87,484.29

**LIABILITIES**

Accrued withholding taxes . . . . \$	87.62	\$ 87.62	
Balance of appropriations on 1967-1968 budget . . . . .	2,800.00	2,800.00	
	2,887.62	2,887.62	
<b>Surplus or Fund Balance:</b>			
General Fund . . . . .	894,636.50	894,636.50	
Less unexpended on 1967-1968 budget . . . . .	2,800.00	2,800.00	
	891,836.50	891,836.50	
Supply Account . . . . .	21,933.75	21,933.75	



Relief Account .....	62,556.71	62,556.71	
	<u>976,326.96</u>	<u>976,326.96</u>	
Retirement Fund .....	87,484.29		\$87,484.92
	<u>1,063,811.25</u>	<u>976,326.96</u>	<u>87,484.29</u>
	<u>\$1,066,698.87</u>	<u>\$979,214.58</u>	<u>\$87,484.29</u>

ASSETS

	May 10, 1967	May 10, 1968	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit with banks.\$	97,265.03	\$ 184,856.74	\$ 87,591.71
Bonds and Stocks .....	863,792.43	873,170.19	9,377.76
Corporation notes .....	163,310.65		( 163,310.65)
Stock in The Nebraska			
Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00	
Stock in Masonic-Eastern			
Star Home for Children	1.00	1.00	
Furniture and fixtures....	1.00	1.00	
Supply inventory .....	8,708.30	8,653.65	( 54.65)
Due from The Nebraska			
Masonic Home .....	10,000.00	15.29	( 9,984.71)
	<u>\$1,143,079.41</u>	<u>\$1,066,698.87</u>	<u>(\$ 76,380.54)</u>

LIABILITIES

Due to The Nebraska			
Masonic Home .....	\$ 126,259.79		(\$126,259.79)
Accrued withholding taxes		\$ 87.62	87.62
Balance of appropriations on			
1966-1967, 1967-1968			
budgets .....	2,300.00	2,800.00	500.00
Surplus or Fund Balances.	1,014,519.62	1,063,811.25	49,291.63
	<u>\$1,143,079.41</u>	<u>\$1,066,698.87</u>	<u>(\$ 76,380.54)</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

May 10, 1968

ASSETS

	Totals	General Fund	Endowment & Bequest Fund
Cash on deposit:			
The Omaha National Bank:			
General Account .....	\$ 107,421.99	\$107,421.99	

Endowment and Bequest Fund .....	85,686.31		\$ 85,686.31
Plattsmouth State Bank, Plattsmouth, Nebraska .	7,207.84	7,207.84	
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	200,316.14	114,629.83	85,686.31
Bonds and Stocks .....	2,446,861.79	133,391.63	2,313,470.16
Real estate mortgages .....	40,531.60		40,531.60
Note receivable—			
Masonic Manor .....	40,000.00		40,000.00
Buildings and grounds—			
Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00	
Furnishings—Masonic Home.	1.00	1.00	
Due from General Fund. . . .			147.88
Accrued interest receivable. .	115.56		115.56
Accrued Blue Cross receivable	143.64	143.64	
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	\$2,727,970.73	\$248,167.10	\$2,479,951.51

## LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Balance in Entertainment			
Account .....	\$ 4,261.73	\$ 4,261.73	
Balance in Memory Account. .	27,820.42	27,820.42	
Balance in Thanksgiving			
Account .....	5,637.48	5,637.48	
Balance in Perpetual Room			
Account .....	775.00	775.00	
Balance in Room Furnishings			
Account .....	139.20	139.20	
Balance in Edwards Memorial			
Account .....	284.00	284.00	
Balance in Evers Memorial			
Account .....	320.00	320.00	
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	39,237.83	39,237.83	
Due to Grand Lodge A. F. F. and A. M. F. of Nebraska	15.29	15.29	
Due to Endowment & Bequest Fund .....		147.88	
Balance of appropriations on 1967-1968 budget .....	35,669.52	35,669.52	
Accrued withholding taxes. . .	153.56	153.56	
Net Worth:			
Capital stock .....	1.00	1.00	
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Surplus or Fund Balances. .	2,688,563.05	208,611.54	\$2,479,951.51

Less unexpended on 1967-1968 budget . . . .	35,669.52	35,669.52	
Balance . . . . .	2,652,893.53	172,942.02	2,479,951.51
	<u>\$2,727,970.73</u>	<u>\$248,167.10</u>	<u>\$2,479,951.51</u>

**THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
COMPARATIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**ASSETS**

	May 10, 1967	May 10, 1968	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit:			
The Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska:			
General Account . . . . . \$	1,712.91	\$ 107,421.99	\$105,709.08
Endowment and Bequest Fund . . . . .	1,891.76	85,686.31	83,794.55
Plattsmouth State Bank, Plattsmouth, Nebr. . . .	7,207.84	7,207.84	
	<u>10,812.51</u>	<u>200,316.14</u>	<u>189,503.63</u>
Bonds and Stocks . . . . .	2,326,832.73	2,446,861.79	120,029.06
Real estate mortgages . . . .	32,906.76	40,531.60	7,624.84
Note receivable—			
Masonic Manor . . . . .	40,000.00	40,000.00	
Buildings and grounds—			
Masonic Home . . . . .	1.00	1.00	
Furnishings—			
Masonic Home . . . . .	1.00	1.00	
Due from Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Nebraska . . . . .	126,259.79		( 126,259.79)
Accrued interest receivable		115.56	115.56
Accrued Blue Cross receivable . . . . .		143.64	143.64
	<u>\$2,536,813.79</u>	<u>\$2,727,970.73</u>	<u>\$191,156.94</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH**

Balance in Entertainment Account . . . . . \$	1,311.73	\$ 4,261.73	\$ 2,950.00
Balance in Memory Account	25,234.79	27,820.42	2,585.63

Balance in Thanksgiving			
Account .....	5,637.48	5,637.48	
Balance in Perpetual Room			
Account .....	775.00	775.00	
Balance in Room Furnishings			
Account .....	139.20	139.20	
Balance in Edwards			
Memorial Account ..	284.00	284.00	
Balance in Evers Memorial			
Account .....	599.00	320.00	( 279.00)
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	33,981.20	39,237.83	5,256.63
Due to Grand Lodge			
A. F. and A. M.			
of Nebraska .....	10,000.00	15.29	( 9,984.71)
Balance of appropriations			
on 1966-1967/1967-1968			
budgets .....	18,686.39	35,669.52	16,983.13
Accrued withholding taxes		153.56	153.56
Net Worth:			
Capital stock .....	1.00	1.00	
Surplus or Fund Balances	2,474,145.20	2,652,893.53	178,748.33
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	\$2,536,813.79	\$2,727,970.73	\$191,156.94

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE BUILDING

W. Donald F. Sampson, 39, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Temple Building, which was adopted.

As we understand the duties of this committee, they are basically two-fold: First, to see that any proposed new building, or old building when remodeled, are properly arranged and designed to satisfy all requirements of the ritualistic work, and Second, to see that any proposed purchase and remodeling, or new construction, is adequately financed. The size and strength of our numerous lodges, and the number of bodies using a given building, vary so widely through this state that we feel it is not only impossible, but also impractical, to attempt to pass judgment on the type of construction to be used by any given lodge. Everyone likes to have the nicest possible home, but as we see Masonry its prime objective is not external show but its internal teaching. Some of the most illustrious classrooms in America are in buildings without a classic exterior appearance. Right or wrong, this philosophy has guided all our decisions this past year.

Our work load may not seem very heavy, but our Grand Master's

assurance in naming the chairman of this committee that "there isn't much to it" proves that he has never served on this committee.

Atkinson No. 164 submitted plans in March of this year for a new building. The floor plan was satisfactory but the plans and specifications were not sufficiently completed to enable us to tell just what was actually included in what to this committee seemed like an impossibly low estimate of cost. Approval of this building is being held up until we are furnished evidence that the building is to be completed suitable for occupancy and is adequately financed.

The Masonic Templecraft Association of Chadron submitted plans for a new building estimated to cost \$100,000.00. This association handles the building for the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and Eastern Star. The plans submitted were approved last September on condition that final approval for actual construction would be considered when final financing plans are submitted. They plan to have the entire cost covered by cash and firm pledges, and apparently have not yet reached their goal as no further communication has been received.

Crofton No. 273 asked for approval of plans for remodeling their building and obtaining a loan of \$7,305.00 from the Grand Lodge. A personal inspection revealed a substantial brick building occupied by the Post Office on the first floor bringing in a monthly rental of \$52.50, and adequate lodge facilities on second floor. The planned remodeling, for which they had a firm contract in the amount of \$7,305.00, was to remodel the first floor and retain the Post Office as the tenant at a rental of \$125.00 per month. They agreed to place the rental money in a separate fund or pay it direct to the Grand Lodge with the understanding that taxes and insurance would first be paid and the balance applied to interest and principal. Our committee recommended approval of this loan last July to the Grand Master and he in turn concurred in passing on our recommendation to the Board of Grand Trustees. We have no further information with respect to this matter.

There has been some correspondence with Curtis No. 168 relative to the purchase of a church building or the construction of a new building but no definite plans have been submitted for approval.

An inquiry was received from Granite No. 189 at Gibbon, relative to procedures, which was promptly answered, but there have been no further communications.

Kenesaw No. 144 requested a visitation regarding the remodeling of a former bank building which had been offered to the lodge as a gift. Inspection of the building and plans revealed an excellent building, very satisfactory plans for remodeling, and at a cost of approximately \$3,500.00. However, they subsequently decided to consolidate with Mid-West No. 317.

Golden Sheaf No. 202 at Randolph, requested advice and approval of remodeling of the former Presbyterian Church into a lodge building. Finances were not a problem and they had already purchased the building and all its contents, including all kitchen and dining room tables, chairs, dishes, etc., for about \$1,300.00. This is an older frame building but basically sound, in good repair, and should be good for another fifty years with reasonable maintenance. Fortunately, with only one small addition for a preparation room, and some minor remodeling, this can be an extremely attractive lodge with adequate and well arranged lounge and a spacious dining or social room in the basement with good kitchen facilities and equipment. This solution for badly needed facilities met with our hearty approval and a recent communication says the work is progressing well.

A letter from Waterloo No. 102 has requested information relative to procedures, but there has been no further action.

Building plans for a new temple were received from Wayne No. 120 and were given tentative approval last October. However, no report has been received on arrangements for financing, so presumably no building has been started.

Brother Estes moved from the State last September and we have had only a two-man committee since then. We earnestly recommend that our new Grand Master appoint a committee of three members geographically distributed across the state as well as possible.

#### RESOLUTION

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

M. . W. . Grand Master and Brethren, I have a proposed amendment to read:

We, the undersigned members of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, propose that Article VI of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following: "There shall be no Honorary Officer or Officers of the Grand Lodge." Signed by eighteen members of the Grand Lodge.

M. . W. . John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

Thank you Brother Grand Secretary. This proposed amendment to the Constitution will lay over until the next Annual Communication and as soon as possible, the amendment will be sent to each of the subordinate lodges for their action and reports to the Grand Lodge.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M. . W. . Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Work, which was adopted.

We have examined and approved the report of the Grand Custodian to the Grand Lodge for 1968. The fine manner in which the work has been promulgated during the past year is reflected by this report. We commend the Grand Custodian and his Assistant Custodians on their dedication to Masonic duty and for their accomplishments during the past year.

Your committee has recommended to the Grand Master for appointment as assistant custodians during the past year, the following brethren: Walter Brown, 1, Omaha; John C. Nelson, 250, Lincoln; Mervin E. Ransom, 65, Osceola; Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210, Lincoln; Howard G. Whitmore, 161, Shelby; Gerald V. Inslee, 158, Chadron; and Frank R. Harris, 77, Nelson. These brethren have been commissioned by the Grand Master and they are now carrying out their new assignments.

We have approved a budget in the total amount of \$8,100 for the operation of the office of the Grand Custodian and for the payment of the authorized expenses of the Assistant Custodians. The amount does not include the salary of the Grand Custodian which is fixed by Grand Lodge law.

All expenses of the Grand Custodian and the assistant custodians have been submitted by voucher and approved by the chairman of the Committee on Nebraska Work before being paid. The operations of the office of Grand Custodian have been within the amounts appropriated by the Grand Lodge.

At its meeting on June 5, 1967, your committee authorized a suitable certificate for assistant custodians emeritus. This has been done and such certificates are being issued to those entitled to the same. At the same meeting, your committee authorized a suitable certificate for assistant custodians who have served 25 years or more. This also has been done.

The Grand Custodian requested a clearer definition of the words "suitable proficiency" applicable to one being examined for a certificate of proficiency. It was the ruling of the committee that such an applicant must pass the examination with no more than 15 errors. If the work is correctly given when the examiner asks that it be repeated, no error is to be charged.

It was also requested by the Grand Custodian that the rules governing a lodge proficiency examination, issued by Grand Master Edwin D. Crites on October 20, 1926, be revised. Such rules were amended to read as follows:

"1. All officers must take their respective places and stations for passing examination.

2. No substitute is permitted except in case officer has removed from the jurisdiction, is too ill to participate, is deceased, or has been removed from office.

3. Degrees are conferred from the East as follows: The Junior Warden confers the Entered Apprentice degree, the Senior Warden confers the Fellowcraft degree, and the Worshipful Master confers the Master Mason degree. In addition, the Worshipful Master must be able to open and close, call off and call on.

4. The Senior Deacon takes the part of the first craftsman and the Senior and Junior Stewards take the part of the second and third craftsmen.

5. The esoteric portion of all lectures must be given by some member or members of the lodge.

6. The officers of the lodge must also pass a satisfactory examination on the floor work.

7. A round table examination is not permitted. All examinations must include the floor work. The use of the gavels and rods is considered part of the floor work."

The committee, at the 1967 communication, sought and procured the amendment of section 1-202 By-laws of the Grand Lodge, Cumulative Supplement 1966, changing the maximum number of assistant custodians from 35 to 40.

The perpetuation of the floor work as now being taught was approved by the Grand Lodge as recommended by your committee. Since that time, your committee has caused the report of the committee as approved to be bound in a single volume and placed in the Archives of the Grand Lodge in the custody of the Grand Secretary for safekeeping as directed.

We were advised by the Grand Custodian of a request by many brethren that suitable language be recommended for use in the introduction to the first section of the lecture in all three degrees. We have recommended the following for such use: "My Brother: Please pay close attention to the questions and answers in this section of the lecture as you will be required to commit the answers to memory and pass a satisfactory examination thereon in open lodge **before you can be advanced to the next degree.** (In the Master Mason degree, the following is to be substituted for the underlined portion of the previous statement) before you can receive your diploma." The underlined portion referred to is "before you can be advanced to the next degree." We point out that this recommendation is advisory only and is not a recognized or required portion of the degree work.

The Grand Custodian raised the question as to the position to be taken by the Committee on Work as to written or printed keys found or known to be in the possession of members of the fraternity. The Grand Custodian was directed to collect all such written or printed keys or rituals containing the esoteric work, or any part thereof, of this Grand Jurisdiction and to destroy the same with reasonable dispatch. The Grand Custodian was further directed to call the attention



of the craft to paragraph (m) of section 3-101, By-laws 1957, which provides: "The following are specifically declared to be Masonic offenses: \* \* \* The possession of or use of all keys, ciphers, or printed matter relating to the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry." We point out that the enforcement of this Masonic law is essential to the maintenance of the purity of the esoteric work of this Grand Jurisdiction.

This completes the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work which we submit for your approval.

W. Harold D. Weddel, 61, Assistant Custodian:

M. W. Grand Master, the Tellers are ready to report. M. W. Grand Master, there were 446 ballots cast, 244 for the amendment and 202 against. The tellers found that the amendment failed for the want of a two-thirds vote.

M. W. Grand Master, the following Officers were elected to serve:

- Brother Norris W. Lallman, 72.....M. W. Grand Master
- Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master
- Brother John H. Brown, 1.....R. W. Grand Senior Warden
- Brother Warren K. Urbom, 314.....R. W. Grand Junior Warden
- Brother Robert W. Cook, 33.....R. W. Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of

- Brother Walter O. Samuelson, 326.....V. W. Grand Chaplain
- Brother Frank J. Mattoon, 75.....W. Grand Orator
- Brother George W. Rosenlof, 314.....W. Grand Historian
- Brother Ralph W. Gerry, 281.....W. Grand Custodian
- Brother T. Leo Stines, 36.....W. Grand Marshal
- Brother Russell L. Fickes, 33.....W. Grand Senior Deacon
- Brother Howard J. Hunter, 59.....W. Grand Junior Deacon
- Brother Gerald A. Moller, 15.....W. Grand Tyler

The Grand Master announced that the re-obligation ceremony would be given and urged all of the Brethren to stay and join in this beautiful ceremony. All of the 400 Brethren present remained for the ceremony and expressed their appreciation for having had a part in it.

At 4:40 p.m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

### GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Application for reinstatement: W. Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; Herbert Egerer, 303; Elmer E. Smith, 326.

Appropriations: W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1971) Chairman; Walter Truex, 55 (1973); Donald R. Swanson, 54 (1969); Alfred B. Saum, 46 (1970); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1972).

Finance: W. Jess W. Wade, 290 (1970) Chairman; Robert E. Lund, 323 (1969); Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1971); LeRoy C. Sutton, 1 (1972); Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290 (1973).

Fraternal Dead: W. Gail Burbridge, 11, Chairman; W. Harold V. Reeves, 32; Paul Peterson, 101.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Robert W. Cook, 33, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Edward I. Taylor, 150.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; Irwin Osterloh, 72; Cary W. Dresslar, 32.

Grand Lodge Office: W. Herman G. Reinholz, 3 (1971) Chairman; James M. Paxson, 302 (1969); M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1970); W. Harold C. Wurdeman, 323 (1972); W. William L. Hopson, 327 (1973).

Grand Trustees: M. W. John F. Futcher, 302 (1971); W. Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1973); Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1969); Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1970).

Grievances: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Robert Imig, 38; Gerald A. Langemeyer, 95.

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

Masonic Education: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman (1969); M. W. Harry A. Spencer, 227 (1969); W. Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1970); M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 (1971); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1971); W. Edward H. Lockwood, 265 (1970).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman (1970); M. W. Herbert F. White, 11 (1971); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1969).

Public Relations: W. John S. Savage, 11, Chairman; W. Joe H. Hartley, 54; Al Ray Brown, 50.

Relief and Care of Orphans: W. Paul L. Toombs, 290, Chairman (1972); Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1969); Otto Burkhardt, 55 (1970); James A. Bradley, 1 (1971); John S. Burley, 300 (1973).

Temple Building Advisory: W. Donald F. Sampson, 36 (1970) Chairman; Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1971); Robert E. Wolf, 1 (1969).

Lodge Advisory: M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46 (1970) Chairman; M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249 (1968); M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1969).

## ROBERT W. COOK



R. W. Brother Robert W. Cook was first appointed an Assistant Custodian April 19, 1949. Upon the retirement of W. Raymond C. Cook he was appointed by M. W. Louis V. Sylvester as Grand Custodian on June 9, 1965.

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska was fortunate in being able to obtain so able a Grand Custodian of the Work as Brother Robert W. Cook. Having served as Master and Secretary of Ashlar No. 33 at Grand Island, and as Assistant Custodian his knowledge of Masonry and the Work was our gain. He has carried on with

great efficiency and as he takes over the Office of Grand Secretary we know he will carry on with the same great efficiency.

#### MASONIC RECORD

Ashlar No. 33, raised August 19, 1943, W. Master 1948. Grand Representative of Maine.

#### CHAPTER

Deuel No. 11, June 26, 1945.

#### COUNCIL

Lebanon No. 24, February 17, 1947.

Demitting to Omaha No. 1, 1966.

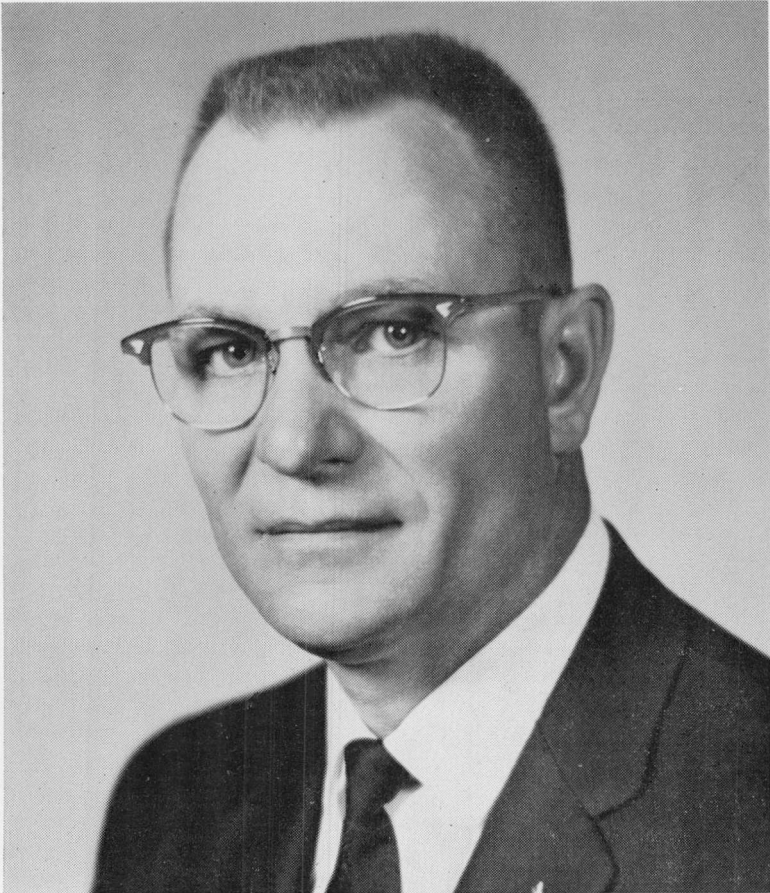
Grand Representative Grand Council California.

#### COMMANDERY

Mt. Lebanon No. 6, October 5, 1945.

Past Patron of Andrews Chapter No. 41, O.E.S.; Officer of the Red Cross of Constantine and is First Vice President of The Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association.

RALPH W. GERRY



Ralph W. Gerry was raised June 27, 1958 in Florence No. 281, Omaha. He served as W. Master in 1965. Grand Representative of Philippines. He was appointed Assistant Custodian in 1965 serving until his appointment June 5, 1968.

W. Brother Gerry is a Past High Priest of Florence Chapter No. 61, Omaha Council No. 1 and Jordan Commandery No. 15.

ORATION

W. Paul R. Pierce, 50, Grand Orator:

In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth, and I am glad—glad it was He and not one of us. Every 24 hours He sends the

world for a spin. In that period of time the sun comes up and its glow warms all life's creatures and plants. At eventide they nod their heads in sleep, knowing full well that on the morrow a new day will dawn and life's processes may begin all over again.

But yet man complains about God's world. Man complains because he can not get done everything he wants to do in 24 hours. He says there simply are not enough hours in the day.

We are taught in Masonry that the 24 inch gauge or ruler is divided into 24 equal parts emblematical of the 24 hours of the day which we are to further divide into three equal parts whereby we find 8 hours for our usual vocations, 8 hours for refreshment and sleep, and 8 hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy Brother. Eight hours for our usual vocation has come to be accepted as a working man's day. Some prefer to work less, many work more. Yesterday's luxuries are considered today's necessities. Many people like to play the game called "Keeping Up With The Joneses," so in order to bring in more income, the 8 hour day is stretched into overtime, or moonlighting on other jobs. The boss often arrives early, leaves late and takes work home with him.

Eight hours are allowed for refreshment and sleep. Some of us like to sleep the whole 8 hours. If we prefer to put our feet under the table instead of drinking instant breakfast at standup bars, if we enjoy the conversation of our family—and sometimes this is the only time the family is together, if we indulge in a late-evening snack or stretch our coffee breaks, then our 8 hours for refreshment and sleep come to be 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 hours long, leaving a scant 4 hours more or less, for the service of God and a distressed worthy Brother.

In this remaining 4 hours, we mow the lawn, attend Rotary, watch our favorite TV program, bowl, golf, go to church, to lodge if there is time, attend committee meetings, solicit on fund drives, until our timing is all mixed up. Twenty-four hours are not enough—we need 27. In our frustration, we take aspirin, stimulating pick-me-ups, tranquilizing let-me-downs, and may even consult the professional services of a psychiatrist. We have so little time for the niceties of life, that when a friend dies, we pick up the phone, dial the florist, instruct him to send a floral piece to the mortuary, have him sign an appropriate sympathy card, hang up the receiver, period.

We live in fast ages. In 1945 a bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and we began the nuclear age. Scarcely a decade had passed until Russia sent up Sputnik, and we entered the space age. All the while, IBM was experimenting with digits, transistors and punch cards, and we entered the computer age. John Smith became number 437-39-2200. People seem to have become unimportant. Yet nuclear fission, space scientists and computers cannot put together a human being.

There is a story of a mother who answered a knock at the door, to find a young man who said that he was a government census taker, and he needed to know how many lived there. When you ask a mother about her family, you may start a lengthy conversation, including the showing of pictures. But this young man just wanted numbers. So the mother started naming members of the family. She said, "There is my husband John and myself." "Yes, that's two," said the census taker. Then the mother continued, "There is little Johnnie, and Sandy, and Kay, and—" At this moment the young man interrupted the mother, saying, "Lady, I'm not interested in names, all I want is numbers." To this the mother replied angrily, "Young man, little Johnnie and Sandy and Kay are not numbers. They are children and my kids."

We have perhaps entered a new, more humanitarian age, but one as yet unnamed. It may have begun when you contributed your dimes to polio which resulted in Salk vaccine. You are continuing your contributions and we may be ready for breakthroughs in cancer and heart diseases. We now have blood banks and eye banks. The more dramatic transplants of hearts, lungs and kidneys foretell of medical accomplishments yet to come. Let's let the doctors and scientists name this age. It has to do with people.

I want to ask you a question. Do you recognize a man as a Mason when you see him? Does he have to be wearing a Shrine pin, or the double eagle of the Scottish Rite, the crown of the York Rite, or the square and compass in order that you may tell he is a Mason? There ought to be something distinctive about him to identify him as a Mason. He has received special instruction as a Mason.

There are three characteristics that a Mason should inculcate. First: Reverence toward God, in never mentioning His name but with that reverential awe of a creature due his Creator. The wisdom books of the Old Testament tells us that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The New Testament implies not fear, but the love of God and His ways, is the beginning of wisdom. The second characteristic of a Mason is his attitude or relationship toward another person, always treating him on the square. There is a rule that may be found in the writings of Confucius, in the Videh of the Indian Brahman, the Koran of the Mohammedan, or in our Holy Bible. We call it the Golden Rule. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. The third characteristic that should identify one as a Mason, is the respect and attitude he has for himself. He should do nothing to himself that will degrade himself as a man or a Mason. When each of us was placed in the northeast corner of the lodge as the youngest Entered Apprentice Mason, the W. Master the same as said to us, "You came into Masonry of your own free will and accord. You are a free man, 21 years old, and I give it you strictly in charge ever to walk and talk and act as such."

How will you be able to present a Masonic Image? Tomorrow morning after you have shaved and had your first cup of coffee, take a look in the mirror. You will see a Mason, a man who by example, can make this world a better place in which to live. It has been said that if a man is standing on solid ground, and stretches forth his hand and touches a battleship floating in the bay, that he can move it with one finger. Such is the power of a single person standing on solid ground.

Here is an example of Masonic Image. This past year our M. W. Grand Master was called upon to make a Jurisdictional decision. A young man whose job required him to move frequently, had petitioned Masonry. The question was if the petitioner qualified, where should he be initiated. In the course of the conversation, the Grand Master asked the young man why he wanted to become a Mason. This was the reason he gave. Some time back, he said, my wife and baby became seriously ill. Their needs were beyond my ability to provide. But a group of Masons saw the need, and helped me bridge the gap. I made up my mind then, that if this was what Masons were like, then I wanted to become a Mason. This young man is now a Brother. He was initiated and passed in one lodge, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in the second lodge as a courtesy to the first. A man who is deserving of the name of a Mason should be identified by the way he walks, the way he talks, and the way he serves God and a distressed worthy Brother.

Someday, down life's way, perhaps 10, 20, or 30 years from now, we are going to meet a little old man. This little old man may have grown old graciously, loving and loved by all who know him. Or he may be a dried up, mean, cantankerous old codger, unloving and unloved. He will be the composite of all we have put into his being, physically, mentally and spiritually. The little old man of course, will be each one of us. What kind of a man will he be? It's up to each one of us, individually.

In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth. There are 24 hours in the day. This is enough if we pick and choose, and put first things first. People are more important than material things. The little Johnnies, Sandys and Kays are somebody's children. The way to do service to God and a distressed worthy Brother may be simply stated, "Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of my Brethren, you have done it unto Me."

My Brother, someone is watching you. That person may be your son or daughter, a grandchild, or the neighbor's boy. He is looking to you because you are a Mason, and as a representative of Masonry you have an image to live up to. Remember that little old man down life's way. He is getting closer and closer, and looking more like you every day. Our path is clear. As our Grand Chaplain has said, "Make a right turn, then go unwaveringly, straight ahead."



Following the Grand Oration, all present joined in singing the Lord's Prayer.

Wednesday, June 5

### SECOND DAY – MORNING SESSION

At 8:30 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. Clyde H. Jones, 173, Chariman, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials which was adopted.

Your Committee on Credentials report that all Lodges are represented except Nos. 14, 17, 27, 52, 83, 91, 100, 108, 124, 140, 156, 161, 164, 165, 176, 185, 190, 191, 193, 194, 202, 203, 204, 206, 214, 220, 221, 228, 234, 235, 241, 248, 253, 254, 256, 262, 268, 274, 279, 299, 310, 322, 320.

Total number of Lodges 264, number not represented 43. Lodges not represented for the last two Annual Communications: Nos. 124, 276 and 312.

All Grand Officers are present and all Past Grand Masters except M. W. Brothers Chancellor A. Phillips, George A. Kurk, Edward M. Knight and Edward Huwaldt.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska . . . .	No. 1	Mannie O. Hansen..	Herbert D. Cornell.	James N. Emery. . . .
Western Star..	" 2	Victor D. Bremer. . .	*Henry E. Schemmel.	*William Brockley . .
Capitol . . . . .	" 3	*Herman G. Reinholz	William Greulach. . .	Paul H. Burreight. . .
Nemaha Valley	" 4	*J. Adolf Wensien. . .	*J. Adolf Wensien. . .	.....
Omadi . . . . .	" 5	Charles L. Beerman	.....	.....
Plattsmouth . .	" 6	Leslie E. Potts. . . .	Fred C. Arnold. . . . .	Roger D. Hild. . . . .
Falls City . . . .	" 9	Rodney F. Knaup. . .	*Robert R. Zoeller. . .	Lloyd F. Bindle. . . .
Solomon . . . . .	" 10	Howard E. Barnes. . .	James E. Stratbucker	Roland W. Husk. . . .
Covert . . . . .	" 11	Gary M. Davis. . . . .	Gary Vicker . . . . .	Melvin M. Kent. . . .
Orient . . . . .	" 13	.....	*Orville H. Zoeller. .	*Willard I. Lewis Jr.
Peru . . . . .	" 14	.....	.....	.....
Fremont . . . . .	" 15	Earl A. Lipp. . . . .	Donald J. Launer. . .	*Gerald A. Moller. . .
Tecumseh . . . .	" 17	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln . . . . .	" 19	Walker W. Gruttis. .	Gordon H. Larson. . .	Gary L. Powell. . . . .
Washington . .	" 21	Thomas H. Blanchard	E. R. Kinnison. . . . .	.....
Pawnee . . . . .	" 23	*Glenn Deweber . . .	*Glenn Deweber . . . .	*Glenn Deweber . . . .
St. Johns . . . .	" 25	Gerald E. Gunn. . . .	Fred L. MacDonald. .	John Vacha . . . . .
Beatrice . . . . .	" 26	Loren D. Pillard. . . .	Rodney L. Marshall. .	*Eugene S. Whitney. .
Jordan . . . . .	" 27	.....	.....	.....
Hope . . . . .	" 29	*Dale Skeen . . . . .	.....	.....
Blue River . . .	" 30	Lyle Mayer . . . . .	Glenn B. Weaver. . . .	.....
Tekamah . . . .	" 31	Donald L. Thomas. . .	Floyd D. Ray. . . . .	Larry S. Jackson. . . .
Platte Valley .	" 32	Leonard V. Pierson. .	Fora O. Thayer. . . .	*Arthur A. Weeks. . . .
Ashlar . . . . .	" 33	William E. Thomp- son . . . . .	*Donald M. Petersen. .	Otto A. Niess. . . . .
Acacia . . . . .	" 34	*Alfred Tichacek . . .	Quentin R. Enochson	Joseph Hoffman . . . .
Fairbury . . . .	" 35	Archie J. McLaurin. .	Russell Miller . . . . .	Roy L. Stiles. . . . .
Lone Tree . . . .	" 36	Marvin G. Kyes. . . .	Arnold L. King. . . . .	Loris L. Neal. . . . .
Crete . . . . .	" 37	Jerry F. Bepalec. . .	Ted Conley . . . . .	Franklin H. Mills. . . .
Oliver . . . . .	" 38	Carroll R. Reinert. .	*Carroll R. Reinert. .	*Carroll R. Reinert. . .
Papillion . . . .	" 39	A. Larry Rogers. . . .	.....	.....
Humboldt . . . .	" 40	*Charles Hilgenfeld. .	.....	Rudolph Mueller . . .
Northern Light	" 41	Walter A. Lamml. . .	.....	.....
Hebron . . . . .	" 43	J. W. Cederholm. . .	.....	.....
Harvard . . . . .	" 44	Donald V. Nelson. . .	Donald L. Stilley. . . .	Donald F. Haseloh. . .
Rob Morris . . .	" 46	John B. Nicholson. . .	Rolland W. Dunn. . . .	Raymond E. Hensley
Fairmont . . . .	" 48	Lloyd Dawson . . . . .	.....	.....
Evening Star .	" 49	Jack J. Arp. . . . .	Gene W. Bauer. . . . .	Ken Barnell . . . . .
Hastings . . . . .	" 50	Kenneth Parsons . . .	Richard D. Bronson. .	*Wayne A. Dillin. . . .
Fidelity . . . . .	" 51	Victor Bohaty . . . . .	*Charles E. Baker. . . .	Wayland D. Den. . . .

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REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Hiram . . . . . " 52	.....	.....	.....
Charity . . . . . " 53	Marlin K. Hoffman.	Harry E. Paden....	*Robert E. Sutter....
Lancaster . . . . . " 54	Kenwood E. Opp...	*Lester Way .....	Lawrence R. Jones..
Mosaic . . . . . " 55	Larry Thomsen ....	*Clarence G. Mc- Namee .....	*Dick L. Newton....
York . . . . . " 56	.....	Hollis B. Miller....	Glen C. Pfenning...
Mt. Moriah . . . . . " 57	*Herbert Pickerill ...	*Willard Stone .....	*Leonard H. Zahn...
Wahoo . . . . . " 59	*James L. Fauver....	*Howard J. Hunter..	Donald H. Rood....
Melrose . . . . . " 60	Elmer J. Bennett...	.....	.....
Thistle . . . . . " 61	Robert E. Hobbs...	William G. Page...	Harold Weddel ....
Keystone . . . . . " 62	Victor D. Hunt.....	*Victor D. Hunt.....	.....
Blue Valley . . . . . " 64	Lloyd Ourecky ....	Lawrence Ourecky ..	.....
Osceola . . . . . " 65	Robert E. Wieseman	Mervin E. Ranson, Jr. ....	.....
Edgar . . . . . " 67	LaVern E. Shaw....	.....	Jared A. Ketner....
Aurora . . . . . " 68	Norman L. Luthy...	Roger L. Anderson..	Harris Ulmer .....
Sterling . . . . . " 70	Landis A. Rulla....	.....	.....
Trowel . . . . . " 71	Charles V. Carhart..	Charles L. Gillespie.	.....
Hooper . . . . . " 72	Donald E. Morrow..	*Herman Lallman ..	*Arthur Swartz .....
Friend . . . . . " 73	Gail Beckstead ....	Charles Cogswell ..	Homer T. Bender..
Alexandria . . . . . " 74	Marvin G. Kerwood..	.....	Hugo Broeder .....
Frank Welch.. " 75	Frank J. Mattoon...	Earl W. Schultz....	Kenneth G. Fleming
Nelson . . . . . " 77	Robert A. Mc- Cutchan .....	Joe G. Ferebee.....	Kenneth B. Hamel..
Albion . . . . . " 78	Merlin L. Weber...	.....	.....
Geneva . . . . . " 79	Joseph D. Adamson.	.....	*Harry Larkins .....
Composite . . . . . " 81	.....	*Leonard Davis .....	H. Keith Crook....
St. Paul . . . . . " 82	Loren P. Dunbar...	H. Howard Lemberg	Joseph Maticka ....
Corinthian . . . . . " 83	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield . . . . . " 84	*Warren Wilson ....	*Warren Wilson ....	James Hegemeyer ..
Ionic . . . . . " 87	Donald L. Jones....	Thomas Colwell ....	.....
Star . . . . . " 88	Frank R. Conklin...	*Owen L. Donohoe..	Robert W. Christian- sen .....
Cedar River . . . . . " 89	*Dana R. Berryman..	.....	Wayne H. Nicholls.
Oakland . . . . . " 91	.....	.....	.....
Beaver City . . . . . " 93	*Ferril Dillin .....	*Ferril Dillin .....	*Ferril Dillin .....
Bennett . . . . . " 94	Albert French .....	*Albert French .....	Donald C. Carter...
Garfield . . . . . " 95	Fred C. Jones.....	.....	Rob R. Prouty.....
Utica . . . . . " 96	Glen L. Eberspacher	Robert O. Rhodes..	.....
Euclid . . . . . " 97	Lewis A. Baker....	Ralph D. Binger....	Charles L. Spohr...
Republican . . . . . " 98	*James D. Bishop...	.....	.....
Shelton . . . . . " 99	*Harold Liggett ....	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Creighton . . . " 100	.....	.....	.....
Ponca . . . . . " 101	Kenneth Conrad . . .	Robert L. Anderson.	Earl Hinds . . . . .
Waterloo . . . . " 102	Denny L. Witt. . . . .	Richard L. Engel. . .	.....
Ord . . . . . " 103	.....	Adolph J. Sevenker.	Charles B. Zangger.
Wymore . . . . . " 104	Darryl D. Baker. . . .	.....	Robert A. Norris. . .
Stella . . . . . " 105	Blaine Stanley . . . . .	Keith Wheeler . . . .	*Clyde T. Argabright
Porter . . . . . " 106	*Carl E. Diers. . . . .	Donald E. Phelps. . . .	.....
Table Rock . . . " 108	.....	.....	.....
Pomegranate. . . " 110	.....	Gary E. DeFoil. . . . .	.....
DeWitt . . . . . " 111	Dewey Geistlinger. . .	*Harold F. Zwone- chek . . . . .	*Carl W. Wilkins. . . .
Springfield . . . " 112	Lonnie L. Blum. . . . .	*Harry N. Ahl. . . . .	Billy J. Rea. . . . .
Globe . . . . . " 113	Vern O. Peterson. . . .	*Dick L. Ray. . . . .	*Walter Purdy . . . . .
Wisner . . . . . " 114	Gerald D. Johnson. . .	Richard R. Alexander	Edmund H. Schlueter . . . . .
Harlan . . . . . " 116	Dean Artz . . . . .	Merrill D. Shoemaker	*Leonard J. Meredith
Hardy . . . . . " 117	George L. Hansen. . .	*Clyde Washington . .	Ezra Olsen . . . . .
North Bend . . . " 119	Earl E. Lantefield. . .	Paul R. Hamilton. . .	Herman C. Barnes. . .
Wayne . . . . . " 120	John Ream, Jr. . . . .	*Gene Fletcher . . . .	LeRoy W. Clark. . . .
Superior . . . . . " 121	Frank C. Swaim. . . . .	.....	Henry S. Barton. . . .
Auburn . . . . . " 124	.....	.....	.....
Mount Nebo . . . " 125	Rolland Clark . . . . .	*Robert Maurer . . . .	.....
Stromsburg . . . " 126	Herbert C. Olson. . . .	*Burdette E. Baker. . .	Ralph C. Bond. . . . .
Minden . . . . . " 127	*Charles A. Chappell. .	.....	*Paul J. Musgrave. . .
Guide Rock . . . " 128	Glen L. Koester. . . . .	Lovel G. Wulf. . . . .	Donald M. Ohmstede
Scribner . . . . . " 132	Richard H. Swanson	Kenley Carson . . . . .	.....
Elm Creek . . . . " 133	Wayne Webb . . . . .	.....	*Milton Webb . . . . .
Solar . . . . . " 134	Neal A. Thomas. . . . .	.....	.....
McCook . . . . . " 135	Henry R. Ruppert. . . .	W. Charles Bush. . . .	John G. Massey. . . . .
Long Pine . . . . " 136	Sidney Snell . . . . .	*Sidney Snell . . . . .	Henry Henning . . . .
Upright . . . . . " 137	Donald H. Van- Winkle . . . . .	*Leonard J. Steiner. . .	.....
Rawalt . . . . . " 138	Philip L. Rhynalds. . .	.....	*Alfred H. Nissen. . . .
Clay Centre . . . " 139	A. Vayle Hayes. . . . .	*Nelson L. Hughes. . .	Victor E. Nowka. . . .
Western . . . . . " 140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent . . . . . " 143	*Waldron G. Heany. . . .	.....	.....
Bancroft . . . . . " 145	*Carl E. Anderson. . . .	*Carl E. Anderson. . . .	*Carl E. Anderson. . . .
Jachin . . . . . " 146	W. Eugene Exstrom	William H. Great- house . . . . .	Melvin W. Johnston.
Siloam . . . . . " 147	*Ora R. Yarges. . . . .	*Ora R. Yarges. . . . .	*Ora R. Yarges. . . . .
Em't Crawford " 148	.....	Harry W. Cosner. . . . .	.....

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Cambridge ... " 150	*Harold E. Day, Jr..	*Edward J. Taylor...	*J. W. Trenchard....
Evergreen ... " 153	William M. Kroupa.	*Henry E. Kumpunt.	.....
Lily ..... " 154	James L. Voigt.....	*Vivian H. Virchow.	.....
Hartington ... " 155	*Ralph E. Clements..	*Ralph E. Clements..	*Ralph E. Clements.
Pythagoras ... " 156	.....	.....	.....
Samaritan ... " 158	Norman K. Eitemiller	*Gerald V. Islee....	*George A. Stevens..
Ogallala ..... " 159	Dale E. Russell....	*Don M. West.....	.....
Zeredatha .... " 160	Truman Garber ...	Floyd McIlnay ....	.....
Mt. Zion ..... " 161	.....	.....	.....
Trestle Board. " 162	James C. Boellstorff	*James C. Boellstorff	*James C. Boellstorff.
Unity ..... " 163	Larry A. Pershing..	Louis Jeffrey .....	*Gail Pollard .....
Atkinson ..... " 164	.....	.....	.....
Barneston .... " 165	.....	.....	.....
Mystic Tie ... " 166	Emmitt House ....	*Roy R. Barkdoll....	.....
Elwood ..... " 167	Max Bartruff.....	Donald W. Ringen- berg .....	Cloid G. Ringenberg
Curtis ..... " 168	*W. L. Green.....	*W. L. Green.....	.....
Amity ..... " 169	Anton J. Krotz.....	*Anton J. Krotz.....	*Anton J. Krotz.....
Mason City .. " 170	*Charley A. Nelson..	R. S. Martin.....	Vern O. Wieland... .....
Merna ..... " 171	Maurice Thompson.	*Elwyn Wood .....	*Floyd Grantzinger..
Robert Burns.. " 173	*Clyde H. Jones....	*Clyde H. Jones....	*Clyde H. Jones....
Culbertson ... " 174	Wendell Wertz ...	Jerry Williams ....	*Robert Ross .....
Temple ..... " 175	*Henry R. Miller....	*Henry R. Miller....	*Henry R. Miller....
Gladstone ... " 176	.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs.. " 177	Maurice Jones .....	H. Dean Clements..	.....
Prudence .... " 179	Dale Carr .....	Robert D. Carr.....	.....
Justice ..... " 180	Alvin Edwards ....	Ray L. Balderson... .....	*Marvin E. Haines... .....
Faith ..... " 181	Frank M. Parish....	*Frank M. Parish....	*Frank M. Parish....
Alliance ..... " 183	Lyle Zimmerman ..	.....	Dean P. Meradith.. .....
Bee Hive .... " 184	Ralph E. Tetrick, Jr.	Merle M. Roth.....	Joseph Rex Grady.. .....
Boaz ..... " 185	.....	.....	.....
Meridian .... " 188	Calvin J. Hockley..	Glenn E. Barta.....	.....
Granite ..... " 189	*Otis Applegate ...	*Robert O. Scott....	.....
Amethyst .... " 190	.....	.....	.....
Crystal ..... " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa . " 192	*U. Wesley Fox.....	.....	.....
Signet ..... " 193	.....	.....	.....
Highland .... " 194	.....	.....	.....
Arcana ..... " 195	Richard D. Roth....	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Purity . . . . . " 198	Ralph Spradlin . . . .	Sterling W. Powell. . . . .	.....
Gavel . . . . . " 199	Donald R. Smith. . . .	*Milford K. Brineger. . . . .	*Donald R. Smith. . . . .
Blazing Star . . " 200	Robert W. Brownell . . . . .	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff . . " 201	Paul J. Wiles. . . . .	Robert L. Entrekin. . . . .	*A. E. Christy. . . . .
Golden Sheaf. . " 202	.....	.....	.....
Roman Eagle. . " 203	.....	.....	.....
Plainview . . . " 204	.....	.....	.....
Golden Fleece. " 205	Earl R. Stalnaker. . . .	Louis W. Vance. . . . .	*Earl R. Stalnaker. . . . .
Napthali . . . . " 206	.....	.....	.....
Parian . . . . . " 207	*Allston Asmus . . . . .	*Allston Asmus . . . . .	*Allston Asmus . . . . .
Canopy . . . . . " 209	*Orest Cook . . . . .	*Sherman Hardaway. . . . .	.....
East Lincoln. . " 210	William M. Hisey. . . .	Robert A. Metcalf. . . . .	*Donald Kyckehahn . . . . .
Cement . . . . . " 211	*T. E. Jerome Paulk. . . . .	Donald L. Hadan. . . . .	.....
Compass and Square . . . . . " 212	*Dan Shadley . . . . .	Maurice Sulsler . . . . .	.....
Plumblin . . . . " 214	.....	.....	.....
Occidental . . . " 215	*August Wiegand . . . .	Robert Wiegand . . . . .	*Herman Wiegand . . . . .
Palisade . . . . " 216	Richard L. Baxter. . . .	.....	.....
Wauneta . . . . " 217	Clyde L. Maris. . . . .	.....	.....
Bloomfield . . . " 218	.....	*Clyde E. Anderson. . . . .	.....
Relief . . . . . " 219	*Chalmer Wilkerson . . . . .	.....	.....
Magnolia . . . . " 220	.....	.....	.....
Wood Lake . . . " 221	.....	.....	.....
Landmark . . . . " 222	*Wayne W. Loftis. . . . .	Joe C. Cameron. . . . .	Howard J. Laughlin. . . . .
Eminence . . . . " 223	Elmer R. Bachman. . . .	Eldon K. Hunnicutt. . . . .	Melvin H. Obermeier . . . . .
Silver Cord . . . " 224	Darrel W. Steele. . . . .	.....	.....
Cable . . . . . " 225	Max C. Smith. . . . .	Robert J. Lucas. . . . .	.....
Grace . . . . . " 226	Roger W. Mowrey. . . . .	.....	.....
North Star . . . " 227	Carroll M. Voyles. . . .	Herbert H. Glancy. . . . .	J. Rex Kirchner. . . . .
Bartley . . . . . " 228	.....	.....	.....
Comet . . . . . " 229	Delbert D. Lowell. . . . .	.....	.....
Mt. Hermon . . . " 231	Floyd A. Dreyer. . . . .	.....	*Douglas D. Brown. . . . .
John S. Brown " 232	Hans Sass . . . . .	*Clarence Paulsen . . . . .	William R. Harper. . . . .
Gilead . . . . . " 233	*Max O. Brown. . . . .	.....	.....
Zion . . . . . " 234	.....	.....	.....
Fraternity . . . . " 235	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rule. . . " 236	Garold M. Jewell. . . . .	Victor A. Carpenter. . . . .	*Eldred C. Smith. . . . .
Cubit . . . . . " 237	Glen W. Brinkman. . . . .	.....	.....
Friendship . . . " 239	Plin L. Robotham. . . . .	.....	Robert E. Comer. . . . .
Pilot . . . . . " 240	*Gordon Chard . . . . .	*Gordon Chard . . . . .	.....

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George			
Armstrong .. " 241	.....	.....	.....
Tyrian ..... " 243	John W. Gorman...	.....	.....
Hampton ..... " 245	.....	Raymond J. Rech..	.....
Nehawka ..... " 246	Marvin N. Attebery.	William J. Bescheinen .....	Frederick S. Lindsey
Laurel ..... " 248	.....	.....	.....
Gothenburg .. " 249	.....	Jim S. Ostergard..	.....
George			
Washington. " 250	Harold H. Weeks...	*John C. Nelson....	.....
Wausa ..... " 251	*Melvin Rosen .....	*Melvin Rosen .....	*Melvin Rosen .....
Beemer ..... " 253	.....	.....	.....
Bassett ..... " 254	.....	.....	.....
Hickman ..... " 256	.....	.....	.....
Anselmo ..... " 258	Leonard H. Sinner..	.....	.....
Orman ..... " 261	*L. J. Hines.....	.....	.....
Endeavor ..... " 262	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell ..... " 263	Ralph D. Hilyard..	.....	.....
Franklin ..... " 264	*Earl R. Tuers.....	William H. Smith..	*Jesse U. Malick....
Robert W.			
Furnas ..... " 265	Milton B. Miller....	*Edward H. Lock- wood .....	.....
Silver ..... " 266	Christian L. Gaedeke	Clinton R. Colby...	Robert L. Tooker... .....
James A.			
Tulleys .... " 267	.....	*Russell M. Warren..	.....
George W.			
Liningger ... " 268	.....	.....	.....
Oasis ..... " 271	Robert D. Morton..	Oak W. Glenn.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Leland E. Everett..	.....	.....
Crofton ..... " 273	Alfred L. Phillips...	*Joseph Buschkamp..	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	.....	.....	.....
Ramah ..... " 275	*Robert L. Davis....	*Robert L. Davis....	*Robert L. Davis....
Antelope ..... " 276	James F. Armstrong.	.....	.....
Sioux ..... " 277	Jess Locker .....	.....	.....
Litchfield ... " 278	LaVern C. Predmore*	*Harve I. Lang.....	Floyd Helm .....
Wallace ..... " 279	.....	.....	.....
Swastika .... " 280	Glenn H. Myers....	*Robert E. Ashley...	.....
Florence ..... " 281	Morton P. Steyer...	Harry A. Tollander.	Doyle E. Berg.....
Mullen ..... " 282	Howard E. Wag- goner .....	.....	.....
Seneca ..... " 284	*Robert A. Morris...	*Robert A. Morris...	Robert A. Morris...
Camp Clarke.. " 285	Donald C. Van- Ostrand .....	.....	.....

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Oshkosh . . . . . " 286	Thomas H. Olson . . . . .	.....	.....
Union . . . . . " 287	Warren A. Lashley . . . . .	.....	.....
Omaha . . . . . " 288	Robert H. Maloney . . . . .	*George E. Johnson . . . . .	Joseph A. Peterson . . . . .
Lotus . . . . . " 289	Sherman W. Stickney . . . . .	*Grant Asher . . . . .	.....
John J. Mercer . . . . . " 290	Paul L. Toombs . . . . .	*Herbert L. Graham . . . . .	D. Thomas Hill . . . . .
Diamond . . . . . " 291	Claude E. Elliott . . . . .	.....	.....
Wolbach . . . . . " 292	W. Frederick Frost . . . . .	.....	.....
Monument . . . . . " 293	Edward E. Schroeder . . . . .	.....	.....
Kimball . . . . . " 294	Eugene Ohlemeiler . . . . .	.....	Patrick A. Dunegan . . . . .
Minatare . . . . . " 295	*Roy I. Babbitt . . . . .	.....	.....
Cotner . . . . . " 297	Robert W. Mahoner . . . . .	.....	Donald E. Watson . . . . .
Chester . . . . . " 298	Harmon D. Gilkeson . . . . .	Elijah F. Mumm . . . . .	.....
Sutherland . . . . . " 299	.....	.....	.....
Liberty . . . . . " 300	John E. Rowe . . . . .	Adam Heckel . . . . .	Joseph P. Damm . . . . .
Bayard . . . . . " 301	Herbert P. Klemke . . . . .	Charles L. Stratton . . . . .	*Frank Smith . . . . .
Mizpah . . . . . " 302	*Dan W. Campbell . . . . .	*John F. Futcher . . . . .	*John F. Futcher . . . . .
Right Angle . . . . . " 303	Albert T. Osborne . . . . .	*Wade E. Sheppard . . . . .	*Howard L. Patterson . . . . .
Newman Grove . . . . . " 305	Kenneth L. Hansen . . . . .	.....	.....
Golden Rod . . . . . " 306	Lawrence E. Morrison . . . . .	*J. E. Larreau . . . . .	Wayne L. Campbell . . . . .
Perkins . . . . . " 308	Andres W. Olson . . . . .	.....	*Keith Olsen . . . . .
Winnebago . . . . . " 309	Donald H. Wilke . . . . .	.....	.....
Victory . . . . . " 310	.....	.....	.....
Polk . . . . . " 311	Harold W. Anderson . . . . .	.....	Noel E. Kealiher . . . . .
Oak Leaf . . . . . " 312	.....	.....	.....
Potter . . . . . " 313	Allan Combs . . . . .	Leslie L. Lipska . . . . .	.....
Craftsman . . . . . " 314	*Delbert H. Pinkerton . . . . .	Robert T. Wheeler . . . . .	*August W. Edling . . . . .
Alpha . . . . . " 316	C. Clark Kleinberg . . . . .	Dwayne S. Fredrickson . . . . .	.....
Mid-West . . . . . " 317	Dale L. Schachtler . . . . .	Virgil M. Doudna . . . . .	James M. Warden . . . . .
Grand Island . . . . . " 318	Robert O. Nielsen . . . . .	*Carl P. Urich . . . . .	Norman E. Clark . . . . .
Bladen . . . . . " 319	Orville L. Nisson . . . . .	.....	Richard Lee James . . . . .
College View . . . . . " 320	.....	.....	.....
Harmony . . . . . " 321	Verner S. Hinman . . . . .	*Verner S. Hinman . . . . .	Kenwood M. Andersen . . . . .
Pioneer . . . . . " 322	Robert D. Hardesty . . . . .	.....	.....
Lebanon . . . . . " 323	Harold C. Wurde- man . . . . .	*Robert E. Lund . . . . .	George K. Burdine . . . . .
Cairo . . . . . " 324	*Lawrence Rolofson . . . . .	Orland F. Quest . . . . .	*Walter H. Kellogg . . . . .
Bellevue . . . . . " 325	David C. Jones . . . . .	Leo M. Smith, Sr. . . . .	*Howard Hunter . . . . .
Centennial . . . . . " 326	John L. Waner . . . . .	Stanley E. Bena . . . . .	*Earl E. Erwin . . . . .
Shiloh . . . . . " 327	F. Otis Meyer . . . . .	*Rollo V. Duel . . . . .	Robert W. Peterson . . . . .

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## REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, First Vice President, presented the report of The Nebraska Masonic Home, which was adopted.

My Brethren:

Again we come to you with a report of the stewardship of your Trustees in operating your Home and news of doings at the Home.

There is always something new. This year in April, a lodge of Master Masons was opened in the Chapel of the Home for the purpose of receiving the Grand Master and then exemplifying the Reobligation Ceremony for all the male guests at the Home.

You may not be aware of it but Home Lodge U. D. is at The Nebraska Masonic Home as it has been for many years. It meets infrequently but all the male residents at the Home are eligible and as on this occasion they attended. Our residents and visitors enjoyed receiving our Grand Master at the beautiful ceremony of Reobligation which many of you have witnessed in your own lodge.

Our population at the Home stays in the 80's about as we reported to you last year. Still, as before, about two-thirds of our residents will never be out of bed again. Advanced age and infirmities all have contributed to this and much care as always is needed. Nursing is our great task for many of our residents have to be spoon fed and patient loving care is very much required and is ever present in our nursing staff.

This year we are placing in our budget a request for funds to air condition the Home. We have had this move under study for a long time and have finally decided we must go ahead with it. Today all modern hospitals and nursing homes have recognized that this is not a luxury but a real necessity. Our residents have always moved during the day to the side of the building that is away from the sun to avoid the heat.

This is not so of the great majority of our residents who are in bed. They cannot move around so they get pretty uncomfortable during the summer months. Also, a good number of our people have respiratory ailments and a controlled humidity is very much indicated. In view of this we hope to have this improvement under way yet this summer.

During the year the new public address system furnished by the Mobil Nobles was installed. This was badly needed as the old system had about breathed its last.

The oil painting "Trek West" size 8½ x 14½ painted by Mrs. Etha Brooks and eight of our residents, under her artistic tutelage, is completed and is a beautiful piece of work. It will be well worth your time to see it.

Also the Home received a tapestry depicting the Last Supper. It was presented by Dr. Charles E. Baker, Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Nebraska, David City. It is beautiful, valuable and will be hung for all to see. Our thanks to Dr. Baker for this unusual gift.

Christmas came to the Home in all its beauty and splendor. The residents look forward to this day with much excitement. It was all there. Gifts were in great abundance for each resident under a huge tree. This year Santa had a helper in the person of Brother Emery L. B. Mead, a resident of the Home. Brother Mead, while dressed as Santa's helper, was in a wheel chair and got as much fun out of the occasion as all the rest.

Our good friend and Brother, Dr. J.F.M. Heumann, who has done so very much for the Home in past years, this fall presented the Home with six new wheel chairs. An item we needed badly. Our thanks to this good friend and Brother for his continued valuable help to the Home.

We are in process of completing our refurbishing program started last year. This is a continuous thing if we are to keep ahead of the wearing out process of all our property and avoid large expense unless continuously kept up to date.

During the year, as usual, the food trucks from Grand Island and Scottsbluff areas came. They never fail us and food useful to our Home came in abundance. This not only provided the Home with excellent food we certainly can use but it always helps with an ever increasing budget. We are grateful to those thoughtful Brethren for their understanding and outstanding help.

This year our budget has risen as it has been doing each year. The cost of every product we use from medicine to food continues to rise in the inflationary spiral our whole country is experiencing.

As before, we operate prudently and carefully yet we must provide for our people and you would not have us do otherwise. Even so, great care by your Trustees is exercised to be certain that every dollar does its part.

I am happy to report to you, as I did last year, that thanks to you, the Seal Program continues to be a very valuable part of our operation. It signifies that you know and appreciate our task and your help in this valuable portion of our activity is appreciated.

We still have the beauty shop, the barber shop, the store and all those things reported to you before for the comfort and necessities of our residents.

You will recall that we have told you that all this is not taken from our budget. It so far has been able to be supported by funds from the Entertainment Fund. This is the fund you and others like you contribute to during the year. It's those extra checks that come

in during the year that keeps the fund up to a point where it can pay for those necessary things that makes life much more worth living for our residents.

## THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article I. We, the undersigned citizens, members of the Masonic Fraternity of Nebraska, hereby associate ourselves as a body politic and corporate, under the laws of the State of Nebraska, for the purposes and under the limitations set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, and we declare our respective names and places of residence to be as follows:

G. W. Lininger, Omaha, Neb.  
C. Hartman, Omaha, Neb.  
Geo. B. France, York, Neb.  
F. E. White, Plattsmouth, Neb.  
Geo. W. Post, York, Neb.  
Chas. K. Coutant, Omaha, Neb.  
John N. Westberg, Omaha, Neb.  
H. P. Devalon, Omaha, Neb.  
Jno. W. Rodefer, Omaha, Neb.  
Gustave Andreen, Omaha, Neb.  
Gustav Anderson, Omaha, Neb.  
Frank H. Young, Custer, Neb.  
Geo. S. Smith, Omaha, Neb.  
Richard Smith, Omaha, Neb.  
Brad. D. Slaughter, Fullerton, Neb.  
Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha, Neb.

Article II. The name of this association shall be "The Nebraska Masonic Home."

Article III. The place where shall be located its office for the transaction of business shall be Omaha, Nebraska.

Article IV. The period for which this association shall be incorporated shall be thirty days from the date of the filing of a copy of these Articles with the County Clerk of Douglas County, Nebraska.

Article V. The object of this association shall be the purchase, or the taking by devise or gift, of lands and other property within the state of Nebraska and elsewhere, and the erection of buildings necessary and suitable for a Masonic Home, and thereby to aid, comfort and educate poor and distressed Freemasons and their families, or their widows and orphans.

Article VI. The affairs of this association shall be under the immediate charge and control of a board of twelve trustees, who shall be elected in the manner and at a time hereafter specified, and who

shall hold office for a period of one year, and until their successors shall be chosen.

The board of trustees shall meet at the office of the association, and shall transact all business under such regulations and at such times as the by-laws of the association may provide.

Article VII. The board of trustees shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the association, and shall hold office for the period of one year, and until their successors shall be elected. None but Master Masons in good standing in their respective lodges shall hold any office in this association.

Provided, That the trustees elected by the incorporators herein named shall hold office until their successors shall be chosen at the first annual meeting of the stockholders.

The board of trustees shall adopt such by-laws for the association as may be necessary for the guidance of its members, and for the dispatch of business, and make rules and regulations for the government of the Home.

Article VIII. The board of trustees shall immediately after their election meet and organize by electing by ballot from their number a president, two vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, and these officers shall also be ex-officio president, vice presidents, secretary and treasurer of the association.

They shall hold their offices for one year or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. The board of trustees shall also appoint such standing committees as the by-laws shall provide for.

The board of trustees shall also have power to employ and pay for such help as may be deemed necessary for the proper and efficient management of the institution.

Article IX. The officers of the board of trustees shall also perform such duties, give such bonds to the association, and submit such reports at the annual meetings of the stockholders as the by-laws of the association shall provide.

Article X. The capital stock of the association shall not exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), to be divided into five thousand (5,000) shares of one hundred dollars (\$100) each. Any stockholder shall be entitled to as many votes at all meetings of the stockholders as the number of shares that he may own.

Article XI. The right to vote at a meeting of the stockholders is hereby declared to be a personal right, which shall not extend beyond the life of the person, or the corporation, exercising such right.

Article XII. The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of trustees and for the transaction of other business of the association shall be held on the anniversary of Saint John the Almoner, January 23d, or the following Monday should that anniversary fall on Sunday.

Article XIII. Special meetings of the stockholders may be held at any time on the call of the president after due notice, and such meetings shall be called on the written request of one-third of the stockholders of the association.

Article XIV. The association shall have power to purchase, or to take by devise or gift, any real estate or other property within the state of Nebraska, or elsewhere, together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging, and to sell and convey the same by deed, subject only to the laws of the state of Nebraska as applied to charitable societies. The title of all property so acquired shall be in "The Nebraska Masonic Home," and the president and board of trustees shall have power, under the direction of said board, to execute deeds of conveyance to said real estate.

Article XV. The property of the association, of whatever kind, or however acquired, shall be applied only to the purposes of the association, and no portion of said property shall be diverted to the use or benefit of any individual by reason of his being a stockholder or an officer in said association.

Article XVI. The association shall have an incorporate seal of such design as may be provided by resolution of the board of trustees, and said seal shall be in the custody of the secretary of the board of trustees.

Article XVII. The property of this corporation shall never be mortgaged or otherwise encumbered, nor shall the board of trustees ever incur any indebtedness, unless the indebtedness so incurred shall have been previously provided for.

Article XVIII. These articles may be amended at any annual meeting of the stockholders of the association, notice in writing of such amendment having been given to the stockholders at least thirty days previous to the meeting at which such amendment shall be considered.

STATE OF NEBRASKA,

ss.

Douglas County,

On this 28th day of May, A.D. 1889, before me, Gustave Anderson, a notary public, in and for said county, personally came the within named G. W. Lininger, C. Hartman, Geo. B. France, F. E. White, Geo. W. Post, Chas K. Coutant, John N. Westberg, H. P. Devalon, Jno. W. Rodefer, Gustav Andreen, Gustave Anderson, Frank H. Young, George S. Smith, Richard Smith, Brad. D. Slaughter, and Wm. R. Bowen, who are personally known to me to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the above articles of incorporation, and they acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed.

(SEAL)

GUSTAVE ANDERSON,  
Notarius Publicus.

## REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. Clyde R. Worrall, 59, President, presented the report of The Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted.

W. Clyde R. Worrall, 59, President, presented the report of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted.

As President of the Board of Trustees, it is a pleasant responsibility for me to report that The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont is fully staffed and functioning daily in behalf of the boys and girls placed in our care. Since your last Grand Lodge Communication, the Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Brother Don Moul as Superintendent. Fortunately the Board was able to employ Brother Fred Mulford, who took over his duties as Superintendent just before Christmas last year. Fred and his wife and children have already become adjusted to the surroundings and are each an integral part of the Home. More and more the Board is beginning to realize that trained leaders are needed in this helping process. Superintendent Mulford came to the Home highly recommended, full of enthusiasm for his new assignment and with a dedication we are sure will prove beneficial to the Home and to the care of the children.

The new Junior Boys Home has been completed. Moving day from the old Home to the new Home was completed May 22nd. The new residence Home is equipped to care for a maximum of 18 boys, together with comfortable accommodations for houseparents. Each room has been furnished with new beds, springs, and other appropriate furniture. The Home is fully carpeted except for the kitchen and basement. An open house will be announced sometime during the midsummer months. Brothers of the Masonic Lodge and Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star are invited, as will be the general public.

As President of the Board, I want to take this means of expressing my sincere thanks for the personal interest taken in the Home by M. W. John A. Bottorf. We were glad to have him visit one of our Board meetings so that he might see and learn first-hand just how the Board functions.

The money needed to purchase the furnishings for the new Junior Boys Home was raised by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Joan Steen, and her corps of officers. It appears now that the funds will be sufficient to meet all of the furnishing needs for the new Home.

There are 35 children living in the residence Homes at this time. All have been in attendance at the Fremont public schools this past year. Five Seniors were graduated and will be leaving the Home this

fall to attend college. The average number of boys and girls at the Home fluctuates from time to time. Applications are received currently by our Admissions Committee. Due consideration is given to each applicant and wherever possible the young boy or girl is admitted to the Home.

You will recall that the Articles of Incorporation of our Home were amended in October, 1966. Article III of the Articles of Incorporation now reads: "The business of this Corporation shall be to aid, care for, maintain and educate children of Freemasons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and when feasible to likewise assist, maintain and educate other dependent children under such conditions as the Board of Trustees may provide." Since the change in our Articles of Incorporation, several unaffiliated boys and girls have been added to the long list of children we have been able to help.

Several years ago a special effort was made to encourage our Brothers and Sisters, wherever possible, to remember our Home when preparing their Last Wills and Testaments. As the years go by, we are gratefully surprised at various times during the year when we are advised that substantial gifts have been given to the Home in the Last Will and Testament of a deceased Brother or Sister. In most instances these funds are added to the Endowment Fund, which is steadily growing and will some day, we hope, help to assure sufficient income to maintain and operate our Home. Several substantial gifts have been received by the Home in the past two years with the request that the funds be used for capital improvements. Some of the funds so received were used in the building of the Junior Boys Home which will exceed \$80,000.00 in the total cost.

My sincere thanks to the employees, members of the Board of Trustees, and committee chairmen for the help they have given me this past year. The patience and kindness extended by our staff of housemothers, cooks, laundry ladies and farm manager to our boys and girls in the Home will never be forgotten. The Board commends Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mulford, our new Superintendent and wife, for their dedicated services.

We extend a sincere invitation to our Masonic Brothers to visit the Home in Fremont at any time. Especially do we invite you to the open house planned for the new Junior Boys Home, the date to be announced later.

We may sometimes become discouraged, but we must continue together in pursuit of our dreams and our ideals. The poet has written:

"I've dreamed many dreams that never came true,  
I've seen them vanish at dawn,  
But I've realized enough of my dreams, thank God,  
To make me want to dream on.  
I've prayed many prayers when no answer came

Though I waited patient and long,  
But answers have come to enough of my prayers  
To make me keep praying on.  
I've trusted many a friend that failed,  
And left me to weep alone,  
But I've found enough of my friends true blue,  
To make me keep trusting on.  
I've sown many seeds that fell by the way  
For the birds to feed upon,  
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hands  
To make me keep sowing on.  
I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain  
And gone many days without song,  
But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life  
To make me want to live on."

Through the darkness, we must have faith—faith in God, faith in our country and faith in ourselves. There will be a sunrise tomorrow.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

W. Joe H. Hartley, 54, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations, which was adopted.

Your Public Relations Committee has been active in preparing and releasing news stories reciting the activities of the Grand Lodge, its officers and committees. These were mailed by a Lincoln letter service to newspapers, radio and television stations in the state and to the wire services.

In this manner stories were distributed concerning last year's Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at Lincoln; the nine Area Meetings held by the Committee on Masonic Education; the cornerstone laying at the Acacia Fraternity at Lincoln; the dedication of new Masonic Temples at Weeping Water and Pierce; and the annual meeting of the York Rite Masons at McCook.

We have noted excellent response by all news media in making use of the material submitted.

The announcement of this Annual Communication was released two weeks ago and the services of the Committee have been offered to the local press and television and radio staff to assist in obtaining story or picture coverage.

The story of the outcome of the election and of the appointments of Grand Lodge officers is being released today. All the state's newspapers will be furnished with pictures of our new Grand Master, while television stations are being provided with portrait photographs for newscast purposes.



In total, the releases listed in this report represent 962 separate mailings from this Committee during the past twelve months.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. James D. Bishop, 98, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Returns wishes to submit the following report:

Your committee has examined the correspondence relative to the returns of the subordinate lodges and the remittance of Grand Lodge dues for the year 1967.

The members of the Committee wish to commend the Secretaries for their diligence in preparing these reports. We found most of the reports satisfactory and well prepared. It is apparent that the returns of each subordinate lodge have been carefully checked and every possible effort made to correct all errors for the annual report.

A great amount of unnecessary correspondence and extra work for both the Grand Lodge and many Secretaries of subordinate lodges was caused by errors in the original returns and misunderstandings relative to the payment of dues. Apparently these errors resulted from failure to study and follow instructions. The following suggestions, if followed by the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges, will aid the Office of the Grand Secretary in keeping the records accurate and up to date.

1. Be prompt in getting your monthly return to the Grand Secretary. These reports are due in the Secretary's office by the 10th of each month. Be sure that it is signed.

2. Be accurate in carrying forward the balance of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Masons from the preceding month.

3. Affix the lodge seal to the Grand Lodge annual return.

4. Make certain Jordan Medal information is in the return.

5. Legibility is a problem with some returns. The Committee strongly recommends that all Secretaries use a typewriter to complete their returns, or print very plainly.

6. The annual returns of the subordinate lodges are due February 10th of each year, and the payment of Grand Lodge dues and fees by April 10th of each year.

The efficiency of the Grand Secretary and his assistants, and their thorough cooperation with subordinate lodges deserves special recognition. Their work has contributed much to the development and maintenance of every Nebraska Lodge. We sincerely thank the Grand Secretary's office for the courtesy and fine cooperation extended to this Committee during our examination of the returns.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. F. Otis Meyer, 327, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

The following named Lodges of their own free will and accord voluntarily voted for consolidation and were accepted as follows.

Corner-stone No. 247, Osmond voted for consolidation and was accepted by Plainview No. 204. Lodge records turned over to Plainview No. 204 and the charter was surrendered and is now in the Grand Secretary's custody.

Morning Star No. 197, Gresham voted for consolidation and was accepted by Stromsburg No. 126. Lodge records were turned over to Stromsburg No. 126 and the charter was surrendered and is now in the custody of the Grand Secretary.

Kenesaw No. 144, Kenesaw voted for consolidation with Midwest No. 317 and was accepted. Lodge records were turned over to Midwest No. 317 and the charter was surrendered to the Grand Secretary's Office.

Blue Hill No. 129, Blue Hill voted for consolidation with Midwest No. 317 and was accepted. Lodge records were turned over to Midwest No. 317 and the charter was surrendered to the Grand Secretary's Office.

We concur in the Grand Master's approval of these consolidations, they being for the good of Masonry.

Newman Grove No. 305, Newman Grove which was cited to appear before our Committee for violation of Sec. 2-514 of the Grand Lodge Law, failed to be represented at two consecutive Annual Grand Lodge Communications, the 109th and 110th. W. Kenneth L. Hansen of Newman Grove No. 305 made his appearance before our Committee and gave a satisfactory explanation. He assured us that Newman Grove Lodge would not repeat this violation in the future. It is our recommendation that no further action be taken against Newman Grove No. 305.

The following named Lodges should be cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations at the 112th Annual Communication to show cause why their charters should not be forfeited for violation of Sec. 2-514 by failing to be represented at two consecutive Annual Communications, the 110th and 111th: Auburn No. 124, Wallace No. 279, Oak Leaf No. 312.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted sections by section then as a whole.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence submits the following report on matters referred to it by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, as follows:

The Address of the Grand Master:

1. We recommend that the paragraph of the Grand Master's Address under the heading of "Dispensations" be approved. (Adopted)

2. We recommend that the paragraph of the Grand Master's Address under the heading of "Amendments to By-Laws" be approved. (Adopted)

3. We recommend that Decision No. 1, relating to the establishment of Masonic residence by petitioners without a fixed domicile, be approved. (Adopted)

4. We recommend that Decision No. 2, relative to the right of a dual member to be presented with the Bronze Jordan Medal in the Lodge where he resides as distinguished from his original Lodge, be approved. (Adopted)

5. We recommend that Decision No. 3, relative to a petitioner who is owner of a steak house which also serves liquor by the drink, be approved. (Adopted)

6. We recommend that Decision No. 4, having to do with the Masonic residence of a petitioner, be approved. (Adopted).

7. We recommend that Decision No. 5, relating to the use of Masonic Temples by non-Masonic organizations, be approved.

(Adopted)

8. We recommend that Decision No. 6, in regard to Masonic floats in parades, be approved. (Adopted)

9. We recommend that Decision No. 7, having to do with a Square and Compass Club at Offutt Air Force Base, be approved. (Adopted)

10. We recommend that Decision No. 8, relating to representation of Lodges on local civic committees be approved. (Adopted)

11. We recommend that Decision No. 9, relating to use of Lodge funds for memorials to deceased members, be approved. (Adopted)

12. We recommend the approval of Recommendation No. 1 except that the section of the Code to be amended should be 1-201 rather than 1-201.01. (Adopted)

13. We recommend the approval of Recommendation No. 2 with the exception that the date stated therein be changed from April 1, 1969 to June 15, 1969. (Adopted)

14. In order to implement Recommendations 1 and 2, we recommend that Section 1-201 of the Code be amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

"During his term of office, the Grand Secretary shall devote his entire time and efforts during regular office hours, and at such other times as his duties may require, to the business, affairs, programs and promotion of Masonry in behalf of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and the subordinate lodges thereof; he shall hold no other job, office or position in any other organization, association, club or corporation, which such job, office or position involves the handling of or responsibility for any finances belonging to such organization, association, club or corporation, or which job, office or position entails any administrative duties of a regular or permanent nature. This shall not restrict the Grand Secretary from membership in, or holding office in an organization which shall only require annual reporting or attendance. From and after June 15, 1969 neither the Grand Secretary nor any full-time employee of the Grand Lodge Office shall use the Grand Lodge office or its facilities and equipment for the use and benefit of any organization, association, club or corporation, except the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and the subordinate lodges thereof."

15. We recommend that Section 3-102 (n) of the Code be amended to read as follows:

"(n) Making applications to, or joining any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, The Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, or to organizations which do not require the taking of any obligation and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony."

The Committee believes that it should not longer constitute a Masonic offense to belong to the White Shrine of Jerusalem, or to any organization which does not require the taking of an obligation and which do not have a secret ritual or ceremony. (Adopted)

M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts then asked for unanimous consent to amend the by-laws as recommended and adopted in the report of the Committee. Unanimous consent being granted M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts moved that Section 1-201 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:

During his term of office, the Grand Secretary shall devote his entire time and efforts during regular office hours, and at such other

times as his duties may require, to the business affairs, programs and promotion of Masonry in behalf of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and the subordinate lodges thereof; he shall hold no other job, office or position with any other organization, association, club or corporation, which such job, office or position involves the handling of or responsibility for any finances belonging to such organization, association or corporation, or which job, office or position entails any administrative duties of a regular or permanent nature. This shall not restrict the Grand Secretary from membership in, or holding office in an organization which shall only require annual reporting or attendance. From and after June 15, 1969, neither the Grand Secretary nor any full-time employee of the Grand Lodge Office shall use the Grand Lodge Office or its facilities and equipment for the use and benefit of any organization, association, club or corporation, except the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and the subordinate lodges thereof.

Motion seconded and carried by two-thirds vote.

M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts moved that Section 3-102 (n) of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:

That Section 3-102 (n) of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows and the original of said Sub-section be repealed:

(n) Making application to, or joining any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, or to organizations which do not require the taking of any obligation and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony.

Seconded and carried by a two-thirds vote.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman, presented the report of Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and recommends amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska as follows:

That Section 1-201, sentence be amended to read as follows and the original of said sentence be repealed:

He shall, on or before the 20th day of March of each year, notify each lodge of any indebtedness due from it to the Grand Lodge, and the first day of May of each year, he shall close the account of each subordinate lodge preparatory to the annual Grand Communication.

That Section 3-102 (n) of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows and the original of said Sub-section be repealed:

(n) Making application to, or joining any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, or to organizations which do not require the taking of any obligation and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony.

That Section 1-201 be amended by the addition of the following paragraph and without change in the existing paragraph of said Section:

During his term of office, the Grand Secretary shall devote his entire time and efforts during regular office hours, and at such other times as his duties may require, to the business, affairs, programs and promotions of Masonry in behalf of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and the subordinate lodges thereof; he shall hold no other job, office or position with any other organization, association, club or corporation, which such job, office or position involves the handling or responsibility for any finances belonging to such organization, association, club or corporation, or which job, office or position entails any administrative duties of a regular or permanent nature. This shall not restrict the Grand Secretary from membership in, or holding office in an organization which shall only require annual reporting or attendance. From and after June 15, 1969, neither the Grand Secretary nor any full-time employee of the Grand Lodge Office shall use the Grand Lodge Office or its facilities and equipment for the use and benefit of any organization, association, club or corporation, except the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and the subordinate lodges thereof.

The decisions of the Grand Master which have been approved by this Grand Lodge should be placed as annotations to the proper sections of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

This report is respectively submitted by your committee on Codification of the Law.

## FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112, Chairman, presented the final report of the Committee on Appropriations, which was adopted.

It has been determined that the audit expense should be included in the budget of the Grand Trustees. Therefore under "b" Item 8 "Grand Trustees" shall be increased by \$1,750 and under "G" "Grand Lodge Responsibility" Item 2 "The Nebraska Masonic Home" budget reduced by \$1,750.00.

We notice in the audit that some funds have been expended without having been appropriated, namely the Supply Account, Relief Account and from the Retirement Fund. Also the George Washington National Association Memorial payment was made without the proper appropriation.

We believe that Section 1-326 sets out explicitly that all expenditures shall be appropriated before being disbursed.

By action of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge Office Committee has been authorized to modify and set up a new Bookkeeping system which will cause additional expense and will be handled by Special Emergency Appropriation at the proper time.

The appropriation for the Retirement fund is an estimation at this time and after actuarial studies may require additional deposit.

The General Fund appropriation as shown on the preliminary report as adjusted is \$127,115.24, this we call to your attention exceeds the projected income as estimated by the Finance Committee by \$935.84. We also note that emergency appropriations during the year will increase this deficit.

We also call to your attention that The Nebraska Masonic Home budget as adjusted to the amount of \$606,352.56 is in excess of anticipated income in the amount of \$380,414.56.

M. W. Grand Master, we, the Appropriation Committee, wish to take this opportunity to thank you and all of your officers and Committees for their cooperation in bringing the Grand Lodge an appropriation report early in the session.

We, the Committee submit this supplemental report to this Grand Lodge for final approval of the report.

### MINUTES APPROVED:

M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the published proceedings of the 110th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska held June 6 and 7, 1967 and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary be ratified and approved. (Seconded and carried.)

## THANKS

M. W. John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

I personally wish to express my sincere thanks, gratitude and appreciation. First of all, to the City officials of Hastings, Commercial Club and Chamber of Commerce. They have assisted by providing assistance in Secretarial work, as you notice when you signed up for your credentials, for their courtesy to you and your ladies throughout the city. Especially do I express my gratitude to Hastings No. 50 and Mid-West No. 317, to the Scottish Rite Bodies, York Rite Bodies and Tehama Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Hastings. They have underwritten the expenses for the holding of this Communication, which is normally and in some small portion, at least, heretofore have been handled by Grand Lodge appropriation. They wanted this Communication in Hastings, and they worked hard. The Chairman of the various Committees on Arrangements appear on the program, but the outstanding work has been done by W. Marvin M. Fink, Edward H. Lockwood, Homer C. Davey, Arthur Dye and many other brethren.

I again wish to take this opportunity to convey the official thanks, gratitude and appreciation of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. to organizations mentioned above and to you individually, who have really worked for Masonry in Nebraska. I thank you, brethren.

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

M. W. Grand Master, I have the following Resolution which has been signed by ten members of the Grand Lodge:

We, the undersigned members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, do hereby propose and second the following amendment to Part III, Chapter I, Sec. 3-102 (d) of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska as amended as follows:

Sec. 3-102 ENUMERATED—the following are specifically declared to be Masonic offenses:

(d) Engaging in the manufacture, bottling, blending, selling, bartering, transporting, delivering, furnishing or possessing any alcoholic liquor for beverage purpose contrary to or in violation of the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Sec. 3-102 (d) and subsequent amendments thereto are repealed.

M. W. John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

Thank you, Brother Grand Secretary, this Resolution will lie over until the next annual communication in June, 1969.

## INVITATION

The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master-elect, Norris W. Lallman, announced that the 112th annual communication would be held in Omaha on June 3, 4, 1969.



At 10:30 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

M.:W.: John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

At this time the Grand Lodge of Nebraska wishes to recognize our youth groups: DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and the Acacia Fraternity. These we have for the past few years been attempting to sponsor.

W.: Warren K. Urbon, 314, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following representatives of Order of Rainbow for Girls, Jill Meader, Grand Worthy Advisor; DeMolay, Brother Walter Miller, Executive Officer in Nebraska; Mrs. Opal Bessey, Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters in Nebraska.

Jill Meader, Grand Worthy Advisor:

M.:W.: Grand Master, on behalf of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska, I am very happy at this time to make a presentation of a check in the amount of \$100 to be used at The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. We hope that this small contribution will help and with it goes our best wishes. Thank you.

M.:W.: John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

Jill, I assure you that we appreciate this check for \$100 which will be presented to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and to The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. May I extend to you and to the Assembly of Rainbow Girls our gratitude and appreciation.

Brother Walter Miller, Executive Officer in Nebraska:

Thank you, M.:W.: Grand Master, for the very kind introduction. On behalf of the Order of DeMolay, I wish to express our appreciation to the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska for its concern and support of the Order of DeMolay. Especially to the 330 Master Masons who are serving on the Advisory Boards of the several chapters. They are giving of themselves so that the young men of DeMolay may have the opportunity to grow to become the man that we may all be proud to greet as brother in our own lodge.

At the present moment there are 23 active chapters of the Order of DeMolay in Nebraska with a membership of 1,983 members. The State stands third in the DeMolay world in attaining the percentage of the initiate goal for 1968. Letters Temporary have been issued for Marvin A. Moats Chapter in Norfolk. This will make 24 chapters on the State rolls.

At the recent session of the Supreme Council, in Washington, D.C., one Nebraskan was honored by the Supreme Council with its selection of R. W. Brother Robert W. Cook to receive the degree of Honorary Legion of Honor of the Order of DeMolay. Brother Cook will receive this honor in Fremont in June.

Mrs. Harold E. Bessey, Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters In Nebraska:

I am just a little bit shaky at talking to our Masons of Nebraska but when I think of the fact that I talk for almost 5,000 Job's Daughters in our state, I feel a little bigger. I have traveled through Nebraska this year and visited our 77 Bethels. If each one of you could travel and work with our marvelous youth of today, I am sure that you would all feel that we do have a hope of tomorrow. These children of today need every bit of guidance and help that we adults can give them. We are trying to do this in our youth organizations and we certainly want to thank our Masons for the marvelous heritage that they have given our girls because no one can be a member of our organization unless they are related to a Master Mason, of this we are proud.

Each Grand Guardian has a money project each year to which all of the Bethels contribute. We this year have made our project The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, and the ESTARL Fund of the Eastern Star. I would like to present you, M. W. Grand Master, a token check from this project money. The rest of our contribution to The Nebraska Masonic Home will be given to Mr. Evers, Superintendent of The Nebraska Masonic Home at the opening session of our Grand Council in Lincoln, so I would like to present this check in the amount of \$50 from our girls. Thank you.

M. W. John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

Mrs. Bessey, I not only take this check and pass it on to The Nebraska Masonic Home but I take what is behind it, the work of yourself and your girls throughout this past year. I will pass this on to the Grand Secretary for forwarding down there. May I say to you one wish for your coming session this June down in Lincoln. Lincoln has Salt Creek, Grand Island I forget the creek that runs through Grand Island, may you have a dry rain in Lincoln for your coming Annual Convention. Thank you a lot, Mrs. Bessey.

#### OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. W. John A. Bottorf, Grand Master:

Brethren and Ladies, we are very happy to welcome you to this Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge for the new year. It is my pleasure to introduce the Installing Officer, M. W. Louis V. Sylvester and Installing Marshal, M. W. Harry A. Spencer; M. W. Carl R. Greisen, Installing Grand Secretary, and W. Edward H. Lockwood, as Installing Organist.

## THE NEW GRAND MASTER

M.·W.·Norris W. Lallman, Grand Master:

To say that I am, and always shall be, greatly indebted to you, my Masonic Brethren, for this incomparable honor which you have bestowed upon me, would be the proverbial masterpiece of understatement. I thank you from my heart, and with deepened humility, promise you that I shall endeavor to serve you to the best of my personal ability. My prayer, at the moment, is that the Grand Architect of the Universe will grant me sufficient ability to enable me to meet the challenge which I know to be ahead of me, in such a manner that, one year from now, you may feel justified in your selection.

For me to say, or even to intimate, that we will soon have any new or immediate program of changes which might accomplish things hitherto unaccomplished would be only the utmost of presumption on my part. Those wonderful Brethren who have served as Grand Masters of the past years have rendered it far beyond the capacity of any of us to render any sweeping change or radical reform whatsoever. Rather, I say to you that I shall endeavor always, as they did, to serve the best interests of our fraternity.

It has always been my thinking that any man, whether or not a Brother Mason, has had a clear pathway charted for him to follow in the principles of the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule. To my mind these constitute the one and only narrow road by which we may find true human happiness. To these tenets then, in the coming year, do I ask that each Brother commit himself. In so doing you cannot help but be a better man and a better Mason.

Again, may I remind you, of the decline in membership, not only in Nebraska but in other Grand Jurisdictions as well. There are some things we can do about this, and I do not mean solicitation for membership. You can, however, through a committee, make a strong effort to keep those in good standing before they are suspended for non-payment of dues. M.·W.·John A. Bottorf last year started a survey on suspended Master Masons and I am appointing him as a committee of one to complete this worthwhile project, during the coming year. M.·W.·Brother John, it has been a privilege to serve as your deputy Grand Master. I am very grateful for your guidance, for your helpfulness, and for your leadership.

I am missing, especially today, the presence of the two Brethren who made it possible for me to reach this position of honor—M.·W.·John E. Beaver who appointed me Grand Marshal, and M.·W.·Ralph M. Carhart who appointed me Grand Junior Deacon. These two Brethren have gone to the Grand Lodge on high, I shall miss their support and advice, but I lean heavily on their past help and the wonderful example they have left us as a heritage.

Thank you, M. W. Brother Lou and M. W. Brother Harry, for installing me as Grand Master. I have served with both of you in the Grand Lodge line and I know I can call on you for advice during the coming year. I should also like to thank W. Edward H. Lockwood for being the installing organist, music adds much to our ceremonies.

V. W. Brother Stan, your prayers will always serve as an inspiration to me.

Thirty-one years ago I became a Master Mason in Hooper Lodge No. 72. At this time I want to pay tribute to the Brethren of my own lodge for the splendid cooperation, the helpfulness and the encouragement that they have manifested throughout the years. I hope I may be worthy of their confidence.

A few years ago I was privileged to serve as an officer in the Eastern Star line. Many of the Past Grands and Grand Chapter officers are here today. I am especially happy to greet Sister Gertrude Marshall who appointed me to the office of Grand Sentinel, Sister Jessie Bergquist who served as Worthy Grand Matron during my year as Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Wilma Harms, Grand Secretary of O.E.S. Sister Wilma served as Grand Warder when I was Grand Sentinel.

I should now like to present the members of my family:

My wife, Alice—I gladly share with you the honors which I have received today. Without your help, it would have never been possible.

I would also like to have you meet my daughter—Alyce Ann and my son Bill and his wife, Jan.

At this time I would like to present a man who has been a Mason for 64 years and has held an individual proficiency certificate for 43 years. He has been my inspiration in Masonry and probably the reason I am a Mason. Ladies and my Brethren—my Dad. Also, I should like to have you meet my Uncle Herman who has been a certified Mason for 43 years.

I am proud of the fine Masons who will serve with me as Grand Lodge officers. With the cooperation of each and every Master Mason we are looking forward to another great year in Nebraska Masonry.

Thank you again, my Brethren for extending to me the privilege of being your Grand Master.

#### PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Past Grand Master:

W. Grand Senior Deacon, please present M. W. John A. Bottorf, Past Grand Master, to the East.

M. W. Brother John, today is not your birthday. How well I remember your birthday about six years ago. It happened to be on John's

birthday that I stopped in Sutton to visit with him about an appointment in the Grand Lodge line. How well I remember when John had been Chairman of the Finance Committee for quite a number of years, and I went in his office and told him I wanted to visit with him a minute. He was very willing to listen. Why I stopped in here, John, is to tell you that you have been Chairman of the Finance Committee for quite a while, but next year I don't want to appoint you as Chairman of the Finance Committee. John didn't bat an eye hardly, he looked at me and with what I knew would be his answer, that this was my privilege to do as I saw fit if I didn't want to appoint him as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

I visited with him briefly and in a moment I said, no I don't want you as Chairman of the Finance Committee, I want to appoint you as Grand Junior Deacon. I don't think his mouth fell too far, but it dropped a bit. I let him think about it for a minute or two, possibly thirty seconds, and he said I really don't need to think too much about it, I am sure that I am most grateful and accept the appointment if it is your desire.

M. .W. .Brother John, yesterday you made a statement to the effect that I might have been sorry that I had appointed you in our Grand Lodge line, and I assure you that the manner in which you have performed through the Grand Lodge Line and as Grand Master this past year I know I did not make a mistake. I am sure every Mason in Nebraska will vouch for that confidence that I had in you when I asked you to be Grand Junior Deacon. As I said, this is not your birthday, but it is my privilege and pleasure to present to you a Past Grand Master's Jewel.

John, may I be the first to congratulate you and welcome you to our group as a Past Grand Master.

M. .W. .John A. Bottorf, Past Grand Master:

Thank you, M. .W. .Brother Ernie, I recall that time six years ago on April 6, I think my mouth dropped a little bit deeper, Ernie. I think also at that time, I requested permission before making a final decision of the same question that in this past year I have been putting to those men who have joined the ranks of Assistant Custodians. I think I said, Brother Ernie, let's go up to the house and see Beulah and if she has no objections, I will be glad to accept. I have had the right help at home and in the Grand Lodge. It couldn't have been any greater than this past year. I have said enough and I thank you, Ernie, for your devotion and service. It has been a wonderful year.

M. W. Ernest O. Vanwey, Past Grand Master:

Don't run away. A Past Grand Master shouldn't be running around in a white paper apron and our Grand Lodge has seen fit to have you presented with a new Past Grand Master's apron.

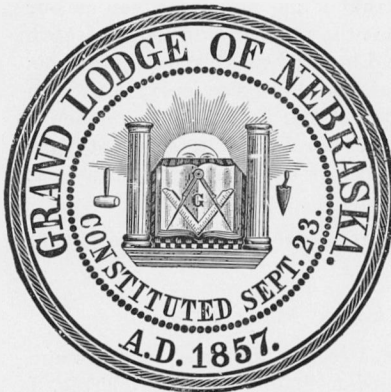
I know you will wear it with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.

At 3:15 p.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

At 3:30 p.m. no further business appearing, after prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

*Ernest O. Vanwey*

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 Eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Hastings, Nebraska, June 4 and 5, 1968, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 28th day of June, 1968.

*Robert A. Cook*

Grand Secretary

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
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

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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
ALPHA 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
LEWIS E. SMITH.....	July 10th, 1965.	136.....	(56th)..1921
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
WALTER R. RAECKE.....	April 9th, 1960.	36.....	(74th)..1938
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE.....	Nov. 16th, 1951.	317.....	(75th)..1939
EARL J. LEE.....	Dec. 15th, 1963.	15.....	(76th)..1940
ROSCOE POUND.....	July 1st, 1964.	54.....	(Honorary)..1949
ERNEST S. SCHIEFELBEIN.....	April 20th, 1959.	59.....	(84th)..1949
JOHN S. HEDELUND.....	Jan. 30th, 1962.	268.	(85th)..1950
JOHN E. BEAVER.....	Sept. 20th, 1965.	153.....	(93rd)..1958
RALPH M. CARHART.....	Nov. 10th, 1965.	120.....	(98th)..1963



PAST GRAND MASTERS  
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE  
 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

- CHARLES A. CHAPPELL, 127.....(58th)..1923  
 Minden 68959
- RALPH O. CANADAY, 50.....(68th)..1933  
 733 North Hastings St., Hastings 68901
- CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS, 150.....(72nd)..1936  
 Cambridge 69022
- EDWARD F. CARTER, 201.....(77th)..1941  
 State House, Lincoln 68509
- GEORGE A. KURK, 54.....(78th)..1942  
 1085 Santa Cruz Ave., Apt. 1, Menlo Park, California 94025
- WILLIAM B. WANNER, 9.....(79th)..1943  
 2017 Stone St., Falls City 68355
- WILLIAM C. SCHAPER, 148.....(80th)..1944-1945  
 345 South 10th Avenue, Broken Bow 68822
- BENJAMIN F. EYRE, 1.....(81st)..1946  
 3644 Grand, Omaha 68111
- EDWARD HUWALDT, 318.....(82nd)..1947  
 1908 West Charles, Grand Island 68801
- ELMER E. MAGEE, 227.....(83rd)..1948  
 1201 O Street, Lincoln 68508
- THOMAS J. ARON, 37.....(86th)..1951  
 Crete State Bank, Crete 68333
- EDWARD M. KNIGHT, 183.....(87th)..1952  
 Alliance National Bank, Alliance 69301
- FAY SMITH, 198.....(88th)..1953  
 801 So. 52nd, #2013, Omaha 68106
- CHARLES F. ADAMS, 68.....(89th)..1954  
 Box 167, Aurora 68818
- HERBERT T. WHITE, 11.....(90th)..1955  
 643 Omaha National Bank Bldg., Omaha 68102
- MERLE M. HALE, 54.....(91st)..1956  
 1915 D, Lincoln 68502
- ROY I. BABBITT, 295.....(92nd)..1957  
 609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff 69361
- JOSEPH C. TYE, 46.....(94th)..1959  
 Box 636, Kearney 68847
- JOHN F. FUTCHER, 302.....(95th)..1960  
 5224 Crown Point, Omaha 68104
- HERBERT A. RONIN, 210.....(96th)..1961  
 Court House, Lincoln 68508
- ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 249.....(97th)..1962  
 802 11th Street, Gothenburg 69138
- HARRY A. SPENCER, 227.....(99th)..1964  
 State Capitol, Lincoln 68509

LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281.....	(100th) ..	1965
801 S. 52nd, #2105, Omaha 68106		
LEWIS R. RICKETTS, 19.....	(101st) ..	1966
600 South 11th, Lincoln 68508		
CARL R. GREISEN, 32.....	(Honorary) ..	1967
401 Masonic Temple, Omaha 68102		
JOHN A. BOTTORF, 49.....	(102nd) ..	1968
Sutton 68979		

## 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 7, 1946, to June 6, 1968
ROBERT W. COOK.....	June 6, 1968
*Deceased	

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES  
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

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Alabama .....	Gordon L. Evatt .....	Box 6195, Montgomery 36106
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Brazil, Grand Lodge of Guanabaro ...	Jose Isaac Kac .....	Box 2215, Rio de Janeiro
Brazil, Santa Catarina ..	J. Luetiaul .....	Caixa Postal 536 Florianopolis Catarina, Brazil
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Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba .....	Napoleon Grispem .....	Box 3, Paraiba
Brazil, Grand Lodge, Parana..	Antonio Andre Jansson....	Caixa Postal 1363, Cuistiba
British Columbia ...	J. H. N. Morgan .....	Freemason's Hall, 692 Seymour St., Vancouver
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Greece .....	Evangelos J. Macrymichalos .....	Tektonikon Idrma, 39 Ypsilantou St. Athens-140
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Michigan .....	Glen L. Alt .....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids 49502
Minnesota .....	Einar W. Johnson .....	Masonic Temple, St. Paul 55102
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Chancellor A. Phillips, 47 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- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-53-56-57-58-59-60-61- 63
Benjamin F. Eyre, 46 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- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68
Carl R. Greisen, 43 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- 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68
George A. Stevens, 44 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- 51-54-55-57-58-59-60-63-65-66-67-68
William B. Wanner, 42 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- 58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68
Ralph O. Canaday, 41 Years	1922-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-51-52-53-54-55-57-58-59- 60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68
Pearl C. Hillegass, 39 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60- 61-62-63-64-65-66-67
Herbert T. White 38 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47- 48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63- 64-65-66-67-68
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
George A. Kurk, 34 Years	1930-32-33-34-35-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63- 65-66
Harold H. Thom, 33 Years	1925-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65- 66-67
Otto Nelsen, 33 Years	1935-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66- 67

<b>Edward F. Carter,</b> 33 Years	1932-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49- 50-51-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-61-62-63-64- 66-67-68
<b>Elmer E. Magee,</b> 33 Years	1927-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-65-66- 67-68
<b>Merle M. Hale,</b> 31 Years	1936-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-65-66- 67-68
<b>William C. Schaper,</b> 30 Years	1929-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-67-68
<b>Robert E. Lund,</b> 30 Years	1937-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67- 68
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Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	February —, 55...	Oct. 3, 55 *1
Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56 *2
Capitol	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57 *3
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	December 15, 57...	June 2, 58
Omadi	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Falls City	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	October 4, 64...	June 23, 65
Solomon	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	August 15, 65...	June 22, 66
Covert	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
Orient	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
Peru	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
Fremont	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
Washington	" 21	Blair	Washington	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
St. Johns	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
Jordan	" 27	West Point	Cuming	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
Hope	" 29	Nemaha	Nemaha	November 8, 69...	June 23, 70
Blue River	" 30	Milford	Seward	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
Acacia	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
Lone Tree	" 36	Central City	Merrick	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
Crete	" 37	Crete	Saline	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
Oliver	" 38	Seward	Seward	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
Papillion	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72...	June 18, 73
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73...	June 18, 73
Hebron	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73...	June 18, 73
Harvard	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73...	June 18, 73
Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73...	June 26, 74
Fairmont	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73...	June 26, 74
Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73...	June 26, 74
Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74...	June 26, 74
Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74...	June 26, 74
Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74...	June 26, 74
Charity	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74...	June 26, 74
Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
York	" 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74...	June 23, 75
Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75...	June 23, 75
Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75...	June 24, 75
Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76...	June 21, 76
Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 76...	June 20, 77
Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76...	June 20, 77
Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77...	June 20, 77
Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76...	June 19, 78
Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	July 16, 77...	June 19, 78
Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 28, 78...	June 19, 78
Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78...	June 25, 79
Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78...	June 25, 79
Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79...	June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
Composite	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	September 3, 80...	June 22, 81
Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
Oakland	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
Bennett	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
Republican	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
Porter	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
Springfield	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	February 16, 82...	June 24, 84

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
North Bend	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
Wayne	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84...	June 24, 84
Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merriek.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	November 14, 84...	June 24, 85
Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
Clay Centre	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	January 24, 85...	June 24, 85
Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	April 30, 85...	June 24, 85
Jaehn	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	August 15, 85...	June 17, 86
Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	August 10, 85...	June 17, 86
Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	March 31, 85...	June 17, 86
Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	November 27, 85...	June 17, 86

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Lily	No. 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85...	June 17, 86
Hartington	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86...	June 17, 86
Pythagoras	" 156	Page.....	Holt.....	October 24, 86...	June 16, 87
Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17, 86...	June 16, 87
Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14, 86...	June 16, 87
Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	August 21, 86...	June 16, 87
Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	August 25, 86...	June 16, 87
Trestle Board	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	October 9, 86...	June 16, 87
Unity	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	December 18, 86...	June 16, 87
Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	August 19, 86...	June 21, 88
Barneston	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	August 20, 86...	June 21, 88
Mystic Tie	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	February 18, 87...	June 21, 88
Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Amity	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88
Mason City	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	August 1, 87...	June 21, 88
Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	August 2, 87...	June 21, 88
Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	November 15, 87...	June 21, 88
Culbertson	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	November 16, 87...	June 21, 88
Temple	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	December 9, 87...	June 21, 88
Gladstone	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	February 18, 88...	June 21, 88
Hay Springs	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	February 20, 88...	June 21, 88
Prudence	" 179	Beaver Crossing.....	Seward.....	August 24, 88...	June 20, 89
Justice	" 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	October 8, 88...	June 20, 89
Faith	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	December 13, 88...	June 20, 89
Alliance	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	January 18, 89...	June 20, 89
Bee Hive	" 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22, 89...	June 20, 89
Boaz	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	January 24, 89...	June 20, 89
Meridian	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	February 4, 89...	June 20, 89

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Granite	No. 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	February 18, 89	June 20, 89
Amethyst	" 190	Stapleton	Logan	August 5, 89	June 20, 90
Crystal	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	August 7, 89	June 20, 90
Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	August 15, 89	June 20, 90
Signet	" 193	Leigh	Colfax	September 3, 89	June 20, 90
Highland	" 194	Cortland	Gage	September 21, 89	June 20, 90
Arcana	" 195	Gordon	Sheridan	October 17, 89	June 20, 90
Purity	" 198	Imperial	Chase	December 24, 89	June 20, 90
Gavel	" 199	Carleton	Thayer	July 20, 89	June 18, 91
Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell	Garfield	August 5, 90	June 18, 91
Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	August 8, 90	June 18, 91
Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph	Cedar	August 29, 90	June 18, 91
Roman Eagle	" 203	Pender	Thurston	August 30, 90	June 18, 91
Plainview	" 204	Plainview	Pierce	September 1, 90	June 18, 91
Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	September 2, 90	June 18, 91
Naphali	" 206	Diller	Jefferson	December 31, 90	June 18, 91
Parian	" 207	Callaway	Custer	January 31, 91	June 18, 91
Canopy	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	September 4, 91	June 16, 92
East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	November 5, 91	June 16, 92
Cement	" 211	Wood River	Hall	November 27, 91	June 16, 92
Compass & Square	" 212	Sumner	Dawson	December 12, 91	June 16, 92
Plumblin	" 214	Adams	Gage	November 17, 91	June 15, 93
Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	July 16, 92	June 15, 93
Palisade	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	July 18, 92	June 15, 93
Wanneta	" 217	Wanneta	Chase	December 7, 92	June 15, 93
Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	January 18, 93	June 15, 93
Relief	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	January 19, 93	June 15, 93
Magnolia	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	January 21, 93	June 15, 93
Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22, 92	June 21, 94

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Landmark	222	Herman	Washington	March 1, 93...	June 21, 94
Eminence	223	Giltner	Hamilton	September 26, 93...	June 21, 94
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	Brown	October 17, 93...	June 21, 94
Cable	225	Arnold	Custer	November 17, 93...	June 21, 94
Grace	226	Wilcox	Kearney	January 20, 93...	June 13, 95
North Star	227	Lincoln	Lancaster	July 28, 94...	June 13, 95
Bartley	228	Bartley	Red Willow	November 23, 94...	June 13, 95
Comet	229	Ceresco	Saunders	December 5, 94...	June 13, 95
Mount Hermon	231	Cook	Johnson	December 19, 94...	June 13, 95
John S. Bowen	232	Kennard	Washington	February 6, 95...	June 13, 95
Gilead	233	Butte	Boyd	November 22, 94...	June 10, 96
Zion	234	Hyannis	Grant	July 19, 95...	June 10, 96
Fraternity	235	Winside	Wayne	August 2, 95...	June 10, 96
Golden Rule	236	Allen	Dixon	August 3, 95...	June 10, 96
Cubit	237	Douglas	Otoe	August 9, 95...	June 10, 96
Friendship	239	Chapman	Merrick	October 7, 95...	June 10, 96
Pilot	240	Lyons	Burt	November 29, 95...	June 10, 96
George Armstrong	241	Craig	Burt	August 1, 95...	June 17, 97
Tyrian	243	Oak	Nuckolls	August 24, 98...	June 8, 99
Hampton	245	Hampton	Hamilton	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
Nehawka	246	Nehawka	Cass	January 2, 00...	June 7, 00
Laurel	248	Laurel	Cedar	February 12, 00...	June 7, 00
Gothenburg	249	Gothenburg	Dawson	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
George Washington	250	Lincoln	Lancaster	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
Wausa	251	Wausa	Knox	November 18, 00...	June 6, 01
Beemer	253	Beemer	Cuming	January 1, 02...	June 5, 02
Bassett	254	Bassett	Rock	October 8, 02...	June 4, 03
Hickman	256	Hickman	Lancaster	December 7, 03...	June 9, 04
Anselmo	258	Anselmo	Custer	December 10, 04...	June 7, 05

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Ornan	No. 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	March 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Endeavor	" 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow.....	June 28, 06...	June 5, 07
Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff.....	July 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Franklin	" 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
Silver	" 266	Silver Creek.....	Merrick.....	June 14, 07...	June 10, 08
James A. Tulleys	" 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	December 26, 07...	June 10, 08
George W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26, 08...	June 10, 08
Oasis	" 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Crofton	" 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	July 10, 09...	June 8, 10
Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20, 09...	June 8, 10
Ramah	" 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	November 8, 09...	June 8, 10
Antelope	" 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	January 12, 10...	June 8, 10
Sioux	" 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	June 10, 10...	June 6, 11
Litchfield	" 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	December 19, 10...	June 6, 11
Wallace	" 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	February 25, 11...	June 4, 12
Swastika	" 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	October 18, 12...	June 4, 13
Florence	" 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17, 13...	June 4, 13
Mullen	" 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	July 22, 13...	June 9, 14
Seneca	" 284	Theford.....	Thomas.....	September 29, 13...	June 9, 14
Camp Clarke	" 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16, 13...	June 9, 14
Oshkosh	" 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25, 13...	June 9, 14
Union	" 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15, 13...	June 8, 15
Omaha	" 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24, 14...	June 8, 15
Lotus	" 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	June 11, 14...	June 8, 15
John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 21, 14...	June 8, 15
Diamond	" 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	November 23, 14...	June 8, 15
Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach.....	Greeley.....	December 18, 14...	June 8, 15
Monument	" 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December 18, 14...	June 8, 15

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Kimball	No. 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 15..	June 7, 16
Minatare	" 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 10, 15..	June 7, 16
Cotner	" 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15, 17..	June 5, 18
Chester	" 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	June 27, 17..	June 5, 18
Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland.....	Lincoln.....	June 23, 17..	June 5, 18
Liberty	" 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January 10, 18..	June 5, 18
Bavard	" 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	January 19, 18..	June 5, 18
Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 12, 18..	June 4, 19
Right Angle	" 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 24, 19..	June 9, 20
Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January 14, 20..	June 9, 20
Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole.....	Cheyenne.....	August 19, 20..	June 8, 21
Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	December 1, 20..	June 8, 21
Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago.....	Thurston.....	December 6, 20..	June 8, 21
Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27, 20..	June 8, 21
Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21..	June 8, 21
Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	June 23, 21..	June 7, 22
Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	September 10, 21..	June 7, 22
Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22, 22..	June 5, 23
Alpha	" 316	South Sioux City.....	Dakota.....	January 27, 25..	June 10, 25
Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 8, 25..	June 10, 25
Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	April 1, 25..	June 9, 26
Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	January 11, 26..	June 9, 26
College View	" 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1, 27..	June 6, 28
Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	February 21, 28..	June 5, 29
Pioneer	" 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 28, 28..	June 5, 29
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28..	June 5, 29
Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36..	June 8, 37
Bellevue	" 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	March 5, 55..	June 8, 55
Centennial	" 326	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 26, 55..	June 6, 56
Shiloh	" 327	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 3, 65..	June 10, 66



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NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION
Summit No. 7 .....	Parkville, Colorado... Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8....	Gold Hill, Colorado.. Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U..D'.....	Central City, Colorado. Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U..D'.....	Bannack City, Idaho.. Instituted April —, 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U..D'....	United States Army.. Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U..D'.....	Nevada City, Idaho.... Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28....	South Pass City, Wyoming.... Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874.

## CONSOLIDATIONS

- Joppa Lodge No. 76 with Franklin No. 264, Oct. 18, 1934.  
 Parallel Lodge No. 152 with Barneston No. 165, Jan. 2, 1940.  
 Tyre Lodge No. 85 with Wymore No. 104, July 7, 1941.  
 Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 with Hampton No. 245, May 21, 1942.  
 Level Lodge No. 196 with Cambridge No. 150, June 4, 1942.  
 Riverside Lodge No. 269 with Cedar River No. 89, June 5, 1942.  
 Juniata Lodge No. 42 with Kenesaw No. 144, July 15, 1942.  
 Palmer Lodge No. 315 with St. Paul No. 82, Oct. 6, 1942.  
 Riverton Lodge No. 63 with Franklin No. 264, May 16, 1945.  
 Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 with Tecumseh No. 17, Nov. 11, 1944.  
 Hildreth Lodge No. 252 with Grace No. 226, Oct. 11, 1945.  
 Hubbell Lodge No. 92 with Hebron No. 43, Feb. 8, 1946.  
 Incense Lodge No. 182 with Jewel No. 149, April 22, 1947.  
 Bee Lodge No. 259 with Oliver No. 38, June 13, 1947.  
 Tuscan Lodge No. 130 with Composite No. 81, Feb. 9, 1963.  
 Delta Lodge No. 230 with Albion No. 78, Jan. 1, 1965.  
 Jewel Lodge No. 149 with Geneva No. 79, Sept. 9, 1966.  
 Valley Lodge No. 157 with Beaver City No. 93, Mar. 8, 1966.  
 Ruskin Lodge No. 304 with Nelson No. 77, Sept. 23, 1966.  
 Morning Star Lodge No. 197 with Stromsburg No. 126, Dec. 9, 1967.  
 Cornerstone Lodge No. 247 with Plainview No. 205, Dec. 12, 1967.  
 Kenesaw Lodge No. 144 with Midwest No. 317, Jan. 13, 1968.  
 Blue Hill Lodge No. 129 with Midwest No. 317, Mar. 19, 1968.

## EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES

NAME	LOCATION	LATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7	Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8	Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12	Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16	Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18	Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20	Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macyo No. 22	Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24	Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45	Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47	Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58	Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66	First	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69	Ulysses	July 14, 1887
Waco No. 80	Waco	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107	Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109	Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115	Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118	Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122	Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123	Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131	Ainsworth	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141	Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142	North Loup	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151	Valparaiso	October 9, 1962
Parallel No. 152	Liberty	January 2, 1940
Grafton No. 172	Grafton	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178	Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 18	Grant	November 15, 1897
Israel No. 187	Ulysses	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208	Arcadia	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213	Miller	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238	Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242	Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244	Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260	Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270	Huntley	June 7, 1939
Holbrook No. 257	Holbrook	June 11, 1959
Exeter No. 283	Exeter	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296	Cowles	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307	Otoe	December 15, 1964
Doniphan No. 86	Doniphan	May 12, 1966

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Hubert P. Key	Birmingham	Feb. 3, 1960	Alabama	Herman G. Reinholz, 3	Omaha	July 7, 1966
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 265	Hastings	Dec. 15, 1959
Jose Gonzalez Ledo	Prescott	Jan. 10, 1964	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fletcher Sills, Jr.	Little Rock	April 13, 1949	Arizona	Erwin J. Imig, 38	Seward	Aug. 6, 1960
Frank A. Smith	Vienna	Jan. 27, 1958	Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
Hugo Barber	Val. do Salvador	Mar. 22, 1951	Austria	O. Robert H. Beezley, 250	Lincoln	April 21, 1965
Rene Desgain	Ceara	Nov. 13, 1962	Belgium	Leonard B. Woods, 103	Ord	Nov. 6, 1962
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	Ceara	Sept. 19, 1936	Bolivia	Harold A. Tilton, 71	Neligh	Dec. 1, 1963
Raumundo Nonata do Vale	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Bahia, United	Alfred E. Geschke, 25	Omaha	Sept. 23, 1964
Jose Cesario Harita	Rio de Janeiro	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Guilherne Wittine	Rio Grande do Sul	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Matto Grosso	Gwynne L. Neubauer	Brewster	
Ewald Helmut Langweiler	Joa Pessoa	Feb. 18, 1965	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Joaq Bento	Brazil, Guanabara	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Guanabara	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
Habib-Chehade Jeha	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Mar. 7, 1968	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Clarence G. McNamee	Norfolk	Sept. 23, 1964
Dr. Walter Pinto	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyle, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1930
Nicholas Mussallem	Vancouver	April 13, 1965	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	Lincoln	
Maurice Coffey	British Columbia	Sept. 13, 1959	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Wallace E. Moffett, 312	Lynch	Sept. 17, 1963
E. W. Nance Kivell	California	Dec. 16, 1965	Sao Paulo	Clyde D. Worrall, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 9, 1962
Jorge A. Wachholtz	Canada	Jan. 10, 1962	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
TzeTsing Tuan	Chile	Sept. 14, 1962	California	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1958
Jose Maria Serna	China	July 31, 1951	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Thomas H. Cox	Colombia Nat'l Grand	Feb. 20, 1932	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
George S. Hull	Lodge	Sept. 22, 1948	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Omaha	April 13, 1960
Philip K. Strong	Colorado	Apr. 9, 1962	Colombia Nat'l Grand	Clifford D. Webster, 321	Sidney	July 30, 1957
V. H. Francisco Enrique Garcia	Connecticut	Nov. 5, 1952	Lodge	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Fagan Simonton	Costa Rica	July 27, 1954	Colorado	George W. Rosenlof, 314	Lincoln	Nov. 9, 1962
W. Marion Falls	Cuba in Exile	Nov. 5, 1952	Connecticut	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
Fernandas Gayangos Araya	Delaware	Nov. 24, 1963	Costa Rica	T. Leo Stines, 36	Central City	Feb. 18, 1967
William R. S. Bothurst	Denmark	June 17, 1953	Delaware	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Orville A. Clark	Dist. of Columbia	May 18, 1950	Denmark	Clarence M. Pierson, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Edward Jeanmond	Ecuador	Dec. 17, 1960	Denmark	Fay Smith, 198	Omaha	June 17, 1954
Otis E. Dixon	Finland	Jan. 15, 1957	Denmark	Sebert A. Stover, 281	Omaha	Feb. 9, 1968
Heinz Ziemer	Florida	Dec. 26, 1963	Denmark	Byron C. Jenkins, 325	Bellevue	Aug. 8, 1966
George Sakellariou	France Nat'l Grand Lodge	April 10, 1954	Denmark	Robert D. Cresap, 158	Omaha	Oct. 5, 1966
Angel Gabriel Guzman	Georgia	Aug. 13, 1963	Denmark	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Plattsburgh	Aug. 3, 1960
Bjarne Bjarnason	Germany	Jan. 7, 1953	Denmark	J. F. M. Heumann, 290	Omaha	July 28, 1965
Eugene Taylor	Greece	Nov. 9, 1966	Denmark	Stephen W. Beck, 43	Hebron	Sept. 3, 1960
Harry L. Kline	Honduras	July 11, 1950	Denmark	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyons	Nov. 3, 1962
John P. Lippincott	Iceland	Feb. 26, 1949	Denmark	George A. Stevens, 183	Chadron	Sept. 23, 1964
H. J. Engineer	Idaho	Aug. 7, 1963	Denmark	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha	Aug. 11, 1960
Thomas M. Gick	Illinois	June 17, 1963	Denmark	Warren W. Kelley, 290	Omaha	May 13, 1959
Israel Levin	Indiana	Sept. 14, 1954	Denmark	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Hooper	May 21, 1959
Maurizio Segre	India	Feb. 9, 1967	Denmark	Warren K. Urbom, 314	Lincoln	Sept. 7, 1966
Edward W. Knepper	Ireland	Sept. 17, 1965	Denmark	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
Richard K. Hart	Israel, State of	Jan. 6, 1964	Denmark	William Gradinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
C. James Hyde	Italy	Sept. 18, 1962	Denmark	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Philip O. McLaughlin	Japan	Jan. 23, 1961	Denmark	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
James A. Sanker	Kansas	Sept. 14, 1948	Denmark	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
Nathan Rothstein	Kentucky	Mar. 22, 1951	Denmark	Ralph S. Tully, 25	Omaha	Jan. 23, 1958
Clifford S. Hubbard	Louisiana	Apr. 19, 1961	Denmark	John A. Bortarf, 49	Sutton	Feb. 24, 1958
James E. Roy	Luxembourg	Aug. 20, 1964	Denmark	Stuart A. Johnson, 169	Rushville	Mar. 21, 1968
	Maine		Denmark	Robert W. Cook, 33	Omaha	Aug. 1, 1960
	Manitoba		Denmark	Harry Ahl, 112	Omaha	Sept. 14, 1962
	Massachusetts		Denmark	George A. Kurk, 54	Louisville	June 22, 1937
			Denmark	William B. Wanner, 9	Lincoln	June 22, 1937

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Francisco Madero	Mexico City	June 3, 1946	Mexico York Rite Grand Lodge	Russell L. Fickes, 33	Grand Island	Apr. 13, 1968
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan	John H. Brown, 1	Omaha	Nov. 1, 1965
Herbert S. Ramberg	Aida	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
Wm. R. Robbins	Corinth	Sep. 25, 1968	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
Etsou E. Jackson	Springfield	July 23, 1963	Missouri	William F. Patterson, 327	Omaha	June 3, 1964
J. R. P. Reinemer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	C. Harold Edwards, 105	Lincoln	Oct. 21, 1965
J. F. A. Gravenberch	Eureka	Dec. 14, 1960	Netherlands	W. Upton Dawson, 135	McCook	May 6, 1965
Lee Griswold	St. John	Aug. 5, 1968	Nevada	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
Kenneth Roberts Nelson	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Beatrice	Jan. 31, 1958
Ellis W. Howard	Littleton	June 14, 1962	New Hampshire	Clyde H. Jones, 173	Stratton	Sept. 27, 1956
John A. Stecker	Lebanon	Aug. 11, 1947	New Jersey	John F. Fletcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
John H. Rehm	Mongoweka	Aug. 31, 1965	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
T. W. Peirman	Mongoweka	Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand	Carl D. Ganz, 209	Lincoln	Oct. 19, 1962
Nathaniel C. Dean	Mongoweka	July 26, 1965	Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Calvin E. Rustad	Grand Forks	Sept. 7, 1955	North Carolina	Levi B. Williams, 1	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Ole Kristofer Roed	Oslo	Feb. 8, 1956	North Dakota	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150	Cambridge	April 28, 1965
C. Fraser Lorimer	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Norway	Einar Hoel, 11	Omaha	June 9, 1964
Juan L. Arocha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nova Scotia	Edmund D. Shaw, 254	Bossett	Sept. 2, 1960
Robert L. Troeschler	Youngstown	April 26, 1952	Nuevo Leon	Robert W. Boon	Alliance	Oct. 26, 1967
Aubrey R. Erhart	Guyman	July 23, 1963	Ohio	Otto Nelsen, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Norman W. Oliver	Burns	May 5, 1964	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Sidney	Feb. 6, 1958
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Ontario	E. W. Nancefivell	Omaha	Dec. 16, 1965
Franklin A. Zumoeto	Lima	Oct. 23, 1957	Oregon	Fred D. Moshier, 281	Hastings	Sept. 4, 1963
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	Hastings	July 28, 1965
Daniel R. Morrison	Summerside	Mar. 7, 1968	Peru	La Verne A. Walker, 55	Norfolk	Feb. 8, 1958
A. G. Lightbourn	Fajardo	Aug. 3, 1966	Philippines	Ralph W. Gerry, 281	Omaha	Oct. 17, 1945
T. H. Whitman	Fajardo	Aug. 3, 1966	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
W. R. Gailey	Fajardo	Feb. 29, 1960	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1952
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Quebec	Charles J. Black, 290	Omaha	Nov. 10, 1965
Gaylord C. Wright	Regina	April 13, 1965	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
William Sloss	Edinburgh	Aug. 30, 1963	Rho'e Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Cyril W. C. Peaks	Edinburgh	Sept. 9, 1959	Saskatchewan	Robert E. Lund, 323	Columbus	Sept. 17, 1962
Horace Greeley Adams	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1942	Scotland	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Robert F. Patterson	Vermillion	Feb. 3, 1955	Southern Africa	Frank F. McMullin, 241	Craig	Jan. 2, 1957
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	South Australia	Mark Mitchell, 138	Oxford	Jan. 1, 1962
Eric C. Monk	Zurich	Feb. 24, 1967	South Carolina	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	South Dakota	Lillard S. Jensen	Omaha	Nov. 17, 1965
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Sweden	Ralph I. Berry, 256	Hickman	Nov. 5, 1965
C. Cecil Broadwell	Jackson	Nov. 30, 1956	Switzerland	Homer C. Davey, 317	Hastings	Aug. 3, 1960
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Tamlaupias	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	Ashland	Sept. 8, 1960
Nebil Sarpel, Istanbul	Istanbul	July 19, 1963	Tasmania	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
John J. Greiner	Ogden	Sept. 10, 1959	Tennessee	Donald A. Keys, 300	Lincoln	Dec. 20, 1961
David A. Smith	Shelburne	May 16, 1962	Texas	Melvin E. Johnson, 112	Okdale	Aug. 27, 1963
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Turkey	Richard L. Wait, 19	Lincoln	Jan. 23, 1958
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Utah	Cary W. Dresslar, 32	North Platte	Nov. 14, 1956
Jesse A. Jackson	Seattle	Nov. 14, 1967	Vermont	Mathias E. Mauel, 173	Stratton	Aug. 2, 1960
Frederick George Hatcher	Seattle	Dec. 17, 1960	Victoria	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
James K. Ferguson	Milwaukee	Sept. 28, 1961	Virginia	Edward M. Knight, 183	Alliance	June 27, 1941
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	Washington	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	July 10, 1947
			West Australia	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	Falls City	Mar. 15, 1960
			West Virginia	Harlan W. Cone, 227	Lincoln	Dec. 30, 1964
			Wisconsin			

## MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.'.L.'.) "In the year of light."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.'.I.'.) "In the year of the Discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.'.Dep.'.) "In the year of the deposit."

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of the order, Anno Ordinis, (A.'.O.'.) "In the year of the Order."

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, Anno Beneficio, (A.'.Beo.'.) "In the year of the blessing."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi, (A.'.M.'.) "In the year of the world."

## RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons—Add 4,000 years to the current year, thus: 1968 and 4,000—5968.

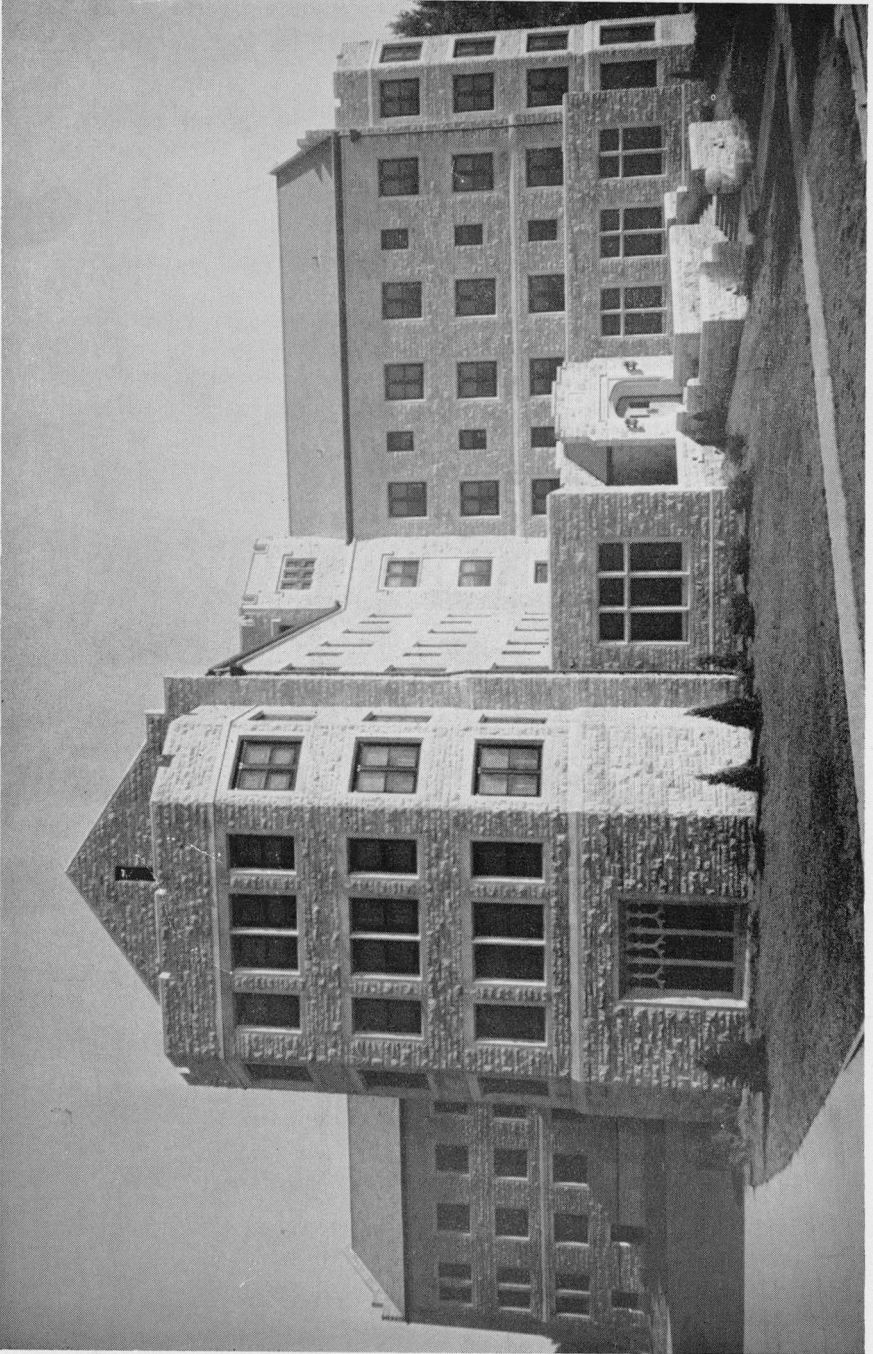
Royal Arch Masons—Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1968 and 530—2498.

Royal and Select Masters—Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1968 and 1,000—2968.

Knights Templar—From the Christian era take 1,118; thus 1,118 from 1968—850.

Order of High Priesthood—To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1968—3880.

Scottish Rite—Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1968 and 3,760—5728.



PRESENT NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

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1903-1968

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## CHAPTER ONE

## A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Arnaud C. Marts, the Chairman of the Board of Marts and Lundy, Incorporated, an establishment engaged in fund raising for many educational institutions and other national philanthropic enterprises wrote a small volume of less than one hundred pages, the title of which is "Man's Concern for His Fellowman." It is a brief review of the dawn of the "Humanitarian Spirit" covering the past forty centuries.

By way of contrast he notes that "mankind has taken long strides" from an earlier era when the average man naively inquired, "Shall I starve while my sister has children she could sell?"

Today, he observes, "there are probably hundreds of millions of people who would be revolted if they should encounter a person with as selfish an attitude toward others." Quite the contrary, there are "very many of our generation who respect and honor the man who feels an unselfish concern for the well-being of the less fortunate and who demonstrates his desire to help his fellow men, indeed to help mankind as a whole to higher levels of civilized life." Most assuredly, more and more succeeding generations are demonstrating this desire through private and collective action by way of philanthropy and through political, fraternal and social action.

By the very nature of things, man does not often speak of his "philanthropic spirit." Neither does the historian or scholar feel compelled to write at any considerable length about this aspect of the development of civilized man. Many thousands of books on wars and struggles and conflicts have been written, we are reminded, but seldom even one book on good will and "love for mankind." From biblical sources we recall Jesus' admonition, "but when thou doest alms let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth" (Matthew 6:3). The natural tendency is to often times "cover up" or to remain anonymous.

An interesting disclosure by Mr. Marts affords a clue that may be of some interest. Either this "philanthropic spirit" was extremely slow in developing or was not of too much concern to the historian. One writer, unknown to us but referred to by Marts, wrote a best seller, painting the history of mankind in broad, swift strokes." But it took the reader through 150 pages clear up to the third century A.D. before any use of the word "charity" appeared. This author, while "consciously striving to interpret civilization in spiritual rather

than military terms ignored that quiet, unostentatious, yet persistent undertow—a developing sense of concern for the well-being of others—which has helped to draw humanity steadily toward a state of co-operative civilization.”

Until very recently, it would appear that little consistent effort had been made to bring together any historical documentation of the “philanthropic spirit” that most assuredly must have existed for a very long time, even in the “earliest civilized life.” Marts has, through his research, revealed in summary fashion considerable and trustworthy evidences of that fact. In brief, these are some of his major conclusions:

1. The Code of Hammurabi, the King of Babylon, was instituted about 1955-1913 B.C. Not until 1900-1901 A.D. was it unearthed in the accropolis mound at Sura. In this code the Babylonians were charged to see that “justice be done to widows, orphans and the poor.”

2. In 1500 B.C. it is known that the gods of the Phoenicians demanded that the first fruits of all products be “given to the service of religion.”

3. In the times of Moses some 1,300 years before the time of Christ there was established the system of tithing whereby it was ordered that one-tenth of one’s produce be given to the Lord in support of religion and for the relief of the poor.

4. At about this same period of time, it was required that the people would let their fields lie fallow permitting the poor to gather the “spontaneous growth” during the Sabbatical year. Moreover, at the time of every harvest a corner of each field was to be left unharvested that the poor may receive the product therefrom.

5. We read from the Pentateuch in our Bibles, that it was commanded that charity be exercised in behalf of the poor and unfortunate members of society. This form of benevolence was “an imperative duty, (and) not a matter of graceful choice.”

6. From earliest times until now in the history of the Jewish race “righteousness has found its most practical and fervid expression in charity.” The call of “Silence” or the “Chamber of Whispers” was recognized as a technique of charity the means by which charity might be exercised in a quiet room of the synagogue where donations were left for the poor and needy of their fellow citizens.

7. Among the Buddhist believers in India, as early as 450 B.C., there was exercised or exemplified a religious belief “based on self-restraint and charity.” It is said that King Asoka “forsook and forswore war and conquest and greed” and devoted his money and influence to spreading the Gospel of Buddha. Countless millions were thus given to endow religion.

8. With the advent of Christianity many new “tides of unselfish regard for the welfare of humanity” were in evidence not alone from



Biblical writings in the New Testament but from secular writings as well. Those of the Christian faith are fully conversant with the facts. It is not necessary to here document the incontrovertible evidences of the teachings of the lowly Nazarene who taught that to "love one's neighbor as thyself is second only to love of God."

There is but one conclusion to all of the foregoing. These several historical evidences and still others not here included are the heritage of our whole Western Civilization, received from both the Jewish and Christian faiths. They still exert a compelling influence far greater, perhaps, than the philosophy of Greece or the teachings of Aristotle, great though they be. The religious institutions have been and, pray God will, be ever exercising salient and compelling influence upon our society in establishing faith, hope and charity, as the undergirding forces and principles of our American way of Life.

The one fear is that the exercise of charity in this modern and complex period in which we now live may become so state-ridden and so impersonalized as to lose its inner force and meaning and take from us the joy and zest of being personally involved as our "brother's keeper."

There can be no doubt that "charity" exercised as a personal commitment in alleviating the troubles of the poor and destitute in every community is a "neighborly" act with a two-fold blessing. The gift of charity must benefit the giver and the receiver. One writer has put it most effectively when he said:

"This thing of giving, I do not understand, any more than you do but there is something about it that blesses us . . . Those who give most have most left. . . I believe that everyone who dries a tear will be spared the shedding of a thousand tears . . . I believe that every sacrifice we make will so enrich us in the future that our regret will be that we did not enrich the sacrifice the more. . . .

"Give and somewhere, from out of the clouds, or from the sacred depths of human hearts, a melody divine will reach our ears, and gladden all your days upon the earth."

—George F. Burba.

In keeping with ancient principles of mutual assistance and aid, it is clear that Masons from the earliest times, both speculative and operative, practiced charity in various forms. Not only tradition but known facts of an historical character support the claims of the Masonic Brotherhood as a fraternal institution that has been concerned with the well-being of all its members, their widows and orphans.

In every lodge there has been a "Committee on Charity or Relief," charged with the responsibility of bringing aid and comfort to any worthy Brother who has been incapacitated or has suffered hardships of such a nature as to make him incapable of providing the necessities of life for those loved ones who were dependent upon him. To his widow and orphan similar charitable considerations have been given. Such a committee (not always so named) has acted as a service agency, that investigates and evaluates the needs of any distressed brother and insofar as it is humanly possible recommends and provides all humanitarian assistance that may be needed. It should be stressed that this "philanthropic endeavor" has always been of a voluntary nature and has been expressed in many forms.

## CHAPTER TWO

## MASONIC CHARITY

Chapter One does not, by any means, reveal the whole story of "Man's Concern for His Fellow Man." What has been said in that chapter is of a more general character. Many books could be written dealing with the specifics of charity as exemplified by many of the fraternal organizations, by our churches, and homes, and by the many societal organizations existent today. Each is concerned with its own purposes and objectives and each contributes in one way or another to the alleviation of the ills to which the human being is heir.

We are dealing now with the underlying and basic concerns of Masonry as these relate to Masonic charity.

Albert G. Mackey in his *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* has spoken most effectively of "Charity," not limiting his discussion merely to that which represents a "sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor with pecuniary donations," important as these may be.

Mackey alludes to its inner meaning, quoting from the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, verses 1 and 2: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and knowledge, and have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

These are the words of the Apostle Paul as he speaks to the Corinthians. They are also the words by means of which Christians everywhere express a basic truth in terms of the Christian "Way of Life," coupling charity with faith and hope but making charity the greatest of the three.

Above all else, its Masonic application is interpreted as of the noblest and the most extensive.

The true meaning of charity is that of "love" as used by St. Paul in the original and meaning or denoting that "kindly state of mind which renders a person full of good-will and affectionate regard towards others." St. Paul does, indeed understand this, for a bit later in the 13th Chapter of Corinthians he says: "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing."

If this be so, and we believe that it is, we can readily agree with Mackey that the true Mason will "suffer long and be kind." He will be "slow to anger and easy to forgive." He will "stay his brother by gentle admonition and warn him with kindness of approaching danger." He will not "open his ear to his slanderers, and will close his lips against all reproach." Furthermore, "his faults and his follies

will be locked in his breast, and the prayer for mercy will ascend to Jehovah for his brother's sins."

One might go on to a further elaboration of the true meaning of charity and love, synonymous as they may be and as all-encompassing as they are for the members of the craft.

Brother Mackey concludes his description of charity with these words:

"Nor will these sentiments of benevolence be confined to those who are bound to him by ties of kindred or worldly friendship alone; but extending them throughout the globe, he will love and cherish all who sit beneath the broad canopy of our universal Lodge. For it is the boast of our Institution, that a Mason, destitute and worthy may find in every clime a brother, and in every land a home."

We turn now to write the story of **Masonic Charity** in terms of The Nebraska Masonic Home located at Plattsmouth. Our earlier treatment of this subject was included in the "**History of Masonry**," being an account of "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, 1857-1957," and published in 1962. To some extent this more recent account may duplicate material found in the earlier publication. More extensive research, however, has provided far more detailed information than was thought to be necessary for the earlier publication.

The Nebraska Grand Lodge was neither the first nor the last Grand Jurisdiction to establish a Masonic Home. A recent report emanating from the Masonic Service Association in Washington, D.C., shows that there are at this time no less than thirty-four Masonic Homes that have been established in as many Grand Jurisdictions. Of these, eleven were established before that of Nebraska—New York (1864), Kentucky (1866), Ohio (1882), New Hampshire (1883), Missouri (1887), Virginia (1890), California (1893), Connecticut (1895), Kansas (1896), New Jersey (1898), and District of Columbia (1902).

In 1903 both Georgia and Nebraska established Masonic Homes. Since 1903 there have been homes established in twenty-one Grand Jurisdictions—Illinois (1904), Texas (1906), Oklahoma (1907), Mississippi (1908), Montana (1909), North Carolina (1910), Massachusetts (1911), Michigan (1911), Delaware (1911), Washington (1912), Pennsylvania (1913), Alabama (1913), Indiana (1915), Wisconsin (1916), Florida (1919), Minnesota (1920), Oregon (1922), West Virginia (1923), Louisiana (1924), Maryland (1934), and Iowa (1958).

In fifteen jurisdictions it is reported that the Grand Lodge has provided charity funds—Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont and Wyoming. However, these charity funds have been sufficient to provide amply for the

needs of all distressed Masons, their widows and orphans. Tennessee did have a Masonic Home during the years 1889 to 1938. Thereafter the Grand Lodge Charity Fund of Tennessee, \$1,542,900, has been raised. It takes care of all necessary needs. This fund is administered by a special Board of Control of seven members.

Colorado has created a charity endowment fund of three and one-half million dollars (\$3.5 million).

It is of interest to note that in a number of Grand Lodge Jurisdictions there are Orphanages, Hospitals, Infirmaries and Sanitariums operating separately from Masonic Homes or as a service provided within the Homes.

While The Nebraska Masonic home was, as indicated above, established as the twelfth along with Georgia it was as early as 1884 that the Committee on Accounts recommended that there be a collection of the "Orphans Educational Fund," as soon as convenient, for the purpose of establishing an "Orphans and Widows Home." If approved it would be a transition from endowment funds for the education of orphans to that of an "Orphans and Widows Home." There were those who at that time felt that it would be exceedingly difficult to have one without the other. In fact, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska during the years from 1875 to 1890 clearly show that the funds originally provided for "education of orphans" could very well be used to provide an institution in which education would be provided for orphans as well as one in which widows and indigent Masons might be cared for and carefully housed and sustained.

The original action to provide for the education of orphans was the appointment by the first Grand Master, Robert C. Jordan, of a committee known as the "School Fund Committee" in 1859. This fund originated in 1860 and was first suggested by the donation of Grand Lodge certificates of indebtedness for mileage and per diem at a time when there were no funds to meet such expenses. It was seven years later or in 1866 that there was given a report of funds received for this purpose.

In 1867 the special committee, then known as the Committee on Orphans' School submitted a report. It seemed to this committee that it was impracticable to do more at that time than to lay the foundation for such an institution. It was the idea of the committee that the Grand Lodge provide for "the creation of a fund sufficient, and to be appropriated to that purpose." It recommended that the Grand Lodge lay a tax upon the membership in the State of Nebraska to be collected and paid as other dues from the subordinate lodges, this to be set apart as an educational fund and to be invested most advantageously by a trustee or board of trustees authorized by the Grand Lodge.

It was furthermore recommended that a standing committee of one from each subordinate lodge, be appointed annually, whose duty would be to solicit and receive individual and independent subscriptions and donations to the "Educational Fund" and report to the Grand Lodge any funds so received. This solicitation was to continue for five years. Each subordinate lodge, it was suggested, would set apart one day or evening each year as a festival or entertainment for the purpose of raising these funds. At the conclusion of the five years, the Grand Lodge shall "take such measures as in its wisdom may seem best for founding an institute, or in the best manner providing for the education of the orphans of our deceased brethren."

To carry out this plan it was proposed that there be levied an annual tax, the sum of one dollar upon each and every member of each subordinate lodge and the sum of two dollars upon each non-affiliated member Mason in the state, all proceeds to be denominated "The Orphans' Educational Fund" and to be used for no other purpose. A special board of three trustees was recommended to be appointed by the Grand Master. The Chairman of this committee was M. W. Grand Master Robert W. Furnas. The report was discussed at considerable length both pro and con and was concurred in and adopted.

The following year of 1867, the M. W. Grand Master Orasmus H. Irish, in his annual address, stated that whether it is ultimately determined to build an institution devoted to the purpose of providing an education for the orphans of deceased brethren or to use the funds accumulated in schools already established, the object to be attained in either case is "one so worthy as must enlist the active sympathy and earnest cooperation of every worthy Mason, one that will exemplify our principles by deeds of practicable usefulness and benevolence . . . build up this notable charity, giving to it willingly all of the assistance in our power, remembering that even as we do it unto the least of these children we do it unto Him who is the Father of us all."

In 1867 there were twenty-one lodges in Nebraska with a total membership of 714 Master Masons. The Orphans' Educational Fund amounted to six hundred eighty-two dollars (\$682.00). The Board of Trustees, three in number, consisted of Robert W. Furnas and Daniel H. Wheeler, Past Grand Master, and George B. Graff, Past Deputy Grand Master. The Standing Committee for this Educational Fund consisted of 21 persons or one each from the 21 subordinate lodges. By 1872 the fund has been increased to more than \$5,000.00. At that time the per capita fee of 50 cents per member was abolished.

It is of interest to note that while the funds were not to be used for any other purpose than that of education for orphans, it was permitted that the Grand Treasurer could temporarily loan these funds at the lawful rate of interest in order to pay any indebtedness

of the Grand Lodge. It should be said, in passing, that any funds so used were repaid in full with interest.

This special fund, however, continued to grow until in 1884 it was reported to be in excess of \$25,000. The number of lodges had increased to 105, the combined membership was in excess of 5,200. In 1906, or three years after the establishment of The Nebraska Masonic Home, the Orphans' Educational fund has been increased to about \$52,000. It was clearly evident that this fund was to be an important factor in establishing the Home.

At the Twenty-seventh Annual Communication in 1884, the Grand Lodge took two significant steps. One was to change the name of the "Charity Fund" to that of "Relief Fund" as recommended by the Committee on Accounts, of which W. Brother John J. Messer, Nehama Valley No. 4, Brownville, was chairman.

The other proposal was that the trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge be "instructed to collect the same as soon as convenient, and invest it judiciously in real estate in Omaha for the purpose of establishing an orphans' and widows' home." The suggestion of investment of funds in Omaha was not approved.

At the Thirtieth Annual Communication in 1887 the Grand Lodge took action to get things rolling for the establishment of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Brother Newton R. Persinger of Lone Tree No. 36, Central City, presented a resolution to create a commission of five brethren to consider proposals for the location of a Home and to have full authority to not only "determine a suitable location but to establish such a Home and do so within a period of ninety days from the rising of the Grand Lodge." It was further recommended that there be appropriated twenty-five cents per capita annually from Grand Lodge dues and that a direct appropriation of \$10,000 from the Grand Lodge treasury (General Fund) in locating and establishing the proposed Home. After considerable discussion in the Grand Lodge the proposal was rejected. It was then ordered that the original proposal be remodeled in the light of the points of view expressed. The revised version provided:

"for the appointment of a commission of seven members which would invite proposals for the location of a Masonic Orphans' Home and School and a Home for Indigent Masons and their families, to report the result of their labors to the Grand Lodge at its next session, with such recommendations as deemed proper regarding its location and the best manner for providing for its support and maintenance and such other recommendations as in their judgment, may seem for the best interests of Masonry."

This resolution as revised was adopted and the incoming Grand Master Milton J. Hull of Edgar Lodge No. 67 appointed the following to serve on this commission:

Charles K. Coutant, Covert No. 11, Omaha.  
Newton R. Persinger, Lone Tree No. 36, Central City.  
Robert W. Furnas, Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownville.  
Roland H. Oakley, Lincoln No. 19, Lincoln.  
John J. Wemple, Hastings No. 50, Hastings.  
Melville R. Hopewell, Tekamah No. 31, Tekamah.  
Lewis A. Kent, Minden No. 127, Minden.

At this same communication the Grand Lodge approved a resolution to appropriate \$5,000 for the purpose of assisting in the establishment of an Orphans' Home whenever the same should be decided upon.

One year later it was reported that the Commission had held no meeting and that only a minority of the members were present at the Thirty-first Communication. The Chairman, Brother Coutant, reviewed the history of the previous actions taken in 1887 as well as the condition of the several funds already set up and the creation of the Board of Trustees of three members to control the Orphans Educational Fund. Brother Coutant, speaking for the Commission, recommended that no action be taken on the resolution proposed by Brother Persinger. It was the conviction of the Commission members that the time had come when positive action must be taken to establish a "Masonic Home for the aid of those in need of Masonic charity." Too much "misapprehension had existed among the brethren" as to the exact nature of the existing Funds and the objectives and purposes for which they had been brought into being and to which they could be applied. The Orphans Educational Fund was cited as a case in point. This fund was to be used for no other purpose than that of education. It could be used for no other purpose. More than this, the Commission (The personnel had been changed in 1888 by the appointment of three other members to displace those absent.) did not feel that a purely educational institution would be justified.

It proposed that a corporate body to be called "The Nebraska Masonic Home" be formed, the object of which should be "to extend aid and comfort to poor and distressed Masons and their families or their widows and orphans." This body was to have an authorized capital of \$500,000 divided into 5,000 shares in the value of \$100 each. A minimum of 500 shares must be subscribed by the Grand Lodge and, by subordinate lodges and by individual Masons. For each share held the holder was entitled to one vote. Various conditions would be worked out progressively. The Commission as such would develop a plan of organization, the nature of the physical facilities required in such a home and other related matters. All funds so obtained would



be invested and the income therefrom be used for the support and maintenance of the proposed Nebraska Masonic Home.

Finally, the Commission recommended the "appointment of a committee of seven (Board of Directors) to assume full responsibility to carry out the wishes of the Grand Lodge in line with the recommendations of the Commission for the establishment of the afore-said Home."

The incoming Grand Master, M. W. George B. France, appointed to this "board of directors" the following highly reputed and competent brethren:

1. Past Grand Master George W. Lininger
2. Past Master Frances E. White
3. Deputy Grand Master George B. France
4. Grand Marshal Bradner D. Slaughter
5. Past Grand Master Alfred G. Hastings
6. Past Grand Master Charles K. Coutant
7. Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas

Any brother Mason, at all familiar with Masonic history in Nebraska, will immediately recognize the high caliber of these seven brethren. With such leadership there could be no doubt as to the great importance of this new venture in charity, nor any question as to the eventual success of the project in the years ahead. The committee was given an impetus to move forward with great courage and genuine faith to the realization of this noble undertaking.

The Grand Master, M. W. George B. France in his Annual Address in June, 1889, was enthusiastic in his praise of what had been accomplished, saying that "never have we met with greater reason for thankfulness to the Great Architect of the Universe for the preservation of our lives and the many blessings with which we are surrounded."

The year just closing had been a year of real prosperity for Masonry. Membership had increased, new lodges were chartered, the older ones had been greatly strengthened and the financial well-being was most satisfying. The Board of Directors deemed it best to proceed slowly but surely. It was prudent that it act not too hastily. The leadership was confident that when the "Home" was fully established it would be an "honor and credit to the Freemasons of Nebraska." As the Grand Master said: "Our widows and orphans deserve a home and to be protected from heat, cold, rain and snow and to be furnished (with) light, fire, food and clothing."

Donations and generous subscriptions had come in promptly and regularly. The Board of Directors had proceeded to accomplish all that was necessary. With more than 8,000 Master Masons in the membership of 179 subordinate lodges there was no reason for any delay in establishing and operating the "Home."

On June 17, 1889, the organization under the laws of Nebraska was fully completed and the Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Grand Lodge June 19, 1889.

Under these articles of incorporation the following trustees were chosen, viz: George W. Lininger, Francis E. White, Bradner D. Slaughter, Louis H. Korty, William R. Bowen, Hugh G. Clark, George B. France, Charles K. Coutant, Robert W. Furnas, Christian Hartman, John W. Rodefer and Gustav Andreen, with George W. Lininger, president; George B. France and Bradner D. Slaughter, vice presidents; William R. Bowen, secretary; and Christian Hartman, treasurer.

On two occasions during the Thirty-second Communication (June, 1889) the members in attendance demonstrated their faith in the undertaking. The first was at the conclusion of an address by the President of the Board of Trustees, M. W. George W. Lininger, in which with such fervor and enthusiasm he made known his convictions as to the worthiness of the cause. Considerable stock was subscribed for by both the lodges as well as by individual brethren.

The second and similar response came at the conclusion of the Grand Orator's message. W. Henry H. Wilson was a stalwart Mason and an eminent attorney-at-law, a man of high repute, a truly forceful judge in one of our Nebraska Courts. His address was pertinent to the occasion. Whether he planned it so or not we cannot say. But having personally known Judge Wilson, this writer can truthfully say that it must have been a message of forethought and forthrightness. He was perfectly well informed as to what was taking place. He knew full well what was the basic philosophy of Masonry. He supported its practices, its principles, its ideals and its primary goals. Something of what he said then should be recorded anew. These were his words:

"The central idea of Masonry is charity. Whoever has gone beyond the mere forms and ceremonies of Masonry and entered into her spirit has found charity one of her great and growing principles. . . .

"Wherever man has striven to bring evil into subjection to good, wherever he has sought to bring conduct under control of enlightened conscience, wherever he has endeavored to exalt the intellectual above the physical, the spiritual above the sensual, wherever he has battled for the right against the wrong, Masonry has been one of his most potent agencies. So long as exalted morality wins appreciation, so long as beautiful ceremonial attracts imagination, so long as well directed charity challenges admiration, just so long will Masonry remain an ennobling, elevating, humanizing power among men."

Once more there was sensed the great appeal to do everything possible to bring to the fullest consummation the objectives set in

motion to establish The Nebraska Masonic Home. Truly this was a high water mark.

From 1891 through 1903, sadly enough, little was accomplished so far as the Grand Lodge was concerned. The Grand Secretary had reported that in 1890 a total of 285 shares of stock (\$28,500) had been subscribed. Because drouth and consequent "hard times" had fallen upon the citizens of the state, the Brethren were forced to borrow from the funds intended for the "Home" to care for the "relief" of brethren and their families. Those were "rough times" for every one.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1889 a meeting of the Trustees had been held at which time the "tenders of land and money" were invited to be present. There were represented either in person or by proxy 182 shares of stock subscribed. The Articles of Incorporation, already referred to, were read, approved and authorized to be presented to the Grand Lodge.

At this meeting it was announced that tenders of land had been received from several sources: The City of Plattsmouth, the City of York, the Omaha and Florence Land and Trust Company, Samuel G. Glover at Valentine, Nebraska, George N. Hicks of Omaha, South Omaha Land Co., the Gate City Land Co., and J. C. Wilcox of Omaha.

It was authorized that a committee of five trustees would examine each of the proposed sites and report at the next meeting in Omaha on June 17, 1889. After due consideration a vote was taken and 134 of the 161 votes favored an Omaha site.

The Board of Trustees made no decision. Nevertheless the interest never waned. Minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge in 1891 revealed that the M. W. Grand Master, Robert E. French, had circularized the subordinate lodges in order to secure further information as to actual needs for a "Home." Two questions were asked. The first sought to learn how many worthy Master Masons or the widows and orphans of which were in need of relief and assistance and the second asked for information as to the number of children that were being deprived of the privileges of education. The results of this inquiry were not too satisfactory. However the matter was not dropped.

A second inquiry was made requesting that each subordinate lodge appoint a special committee of its members to more thoroughly investigate the needs and report their findings and conclusions to the Grand Master in order that he might report to the Grand Lodge. Six lodges reported that there were two Masons and five widows and four children who were found to be indigent or in need of care. The total number of lodges reporting was not disclosed. The Grand Lodge Committee on Relief was not in a position to make any recommendations but referred the matter to the "directors of the home."

In June of 1892 M. W. Grand Master, Bradner D. Slaughter, took a further step by requesting that the names and addresses of every Master Mason's widow, her financial situation, the number of children, their ages and further as to whether the children were being educated or not, be reported to him.

He also suggested that the funds of The Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and the interest used each year for the purpose of "assisting the needy in our Jurisdiction" and that the interest earned from the Orphans Educational Fund, as soon as it had reached the total of \$25,000, be used by the Trustees of that fund to assist in the education of the children as had already been provided for by the Grand Lodge.

It had been ascertained that 249 Masons were deceased. It was necessary that information be had as to what was the condition of their families and how many actually were indigent and in need of assistance.

The Grand Master recommended that the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home together with the Grand Master and the Secretary of the Grand Lodge act as "a Relief Committee for the disbursement of said interest."

At the time of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1893 there was another special committee appointed and charged with the responsibility of preparing a plan for the collection and distribution of funds for charitable purposes. This committee proposed at the next communication in 1894 that there be constituted a relief committee consisting of the Grand Master, the two Grand Wardens, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer to receive applications, pass upon them in accordance with existing rules, and set apart 5% of the receipts of the Grand Lodge, this amount to be identified as the "Relief Fund."

This Relief Committee was charged with the further responsibility of referring to The Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Directors or trustees all cases of widows and orphans of deceased Masons in good standing at time of decease and requiring permanent and continuous support. This Board of Directors, it was provided, would take active and early means to secure and invest the funds pledged to it for that purpose. Moreover, the funds subscribed by the Grand Lodge to the Home would be subject to all resolutions and conditions, already adopted by the Grand Lodge relating to the use of these funds for building purposes.

Plans for achieving the long hoped for realization of the Home continued to be exceedingly difficult. The Grand Lodge as well as the subordinate lodges had faced inordinate distress because of the severe drouth, loss of crops, and accompanying financial disaster. So difficult were the demands that the Grand Lodge was in 1895 forced to

borrow money from The Nebraska Home Fund in the amount of about \$7,000 to provide the needed relief assistance or help.

In 1898, the records showed that \$3,000 of the borrowed amount was returned and carried on the Grand Secretary's cash book, but not credited to the Home Fund. It was ordered that the fund be restored, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to transfer the balance of the borrowed money to The Nebraska Masonic Home Fund (\$3,934.40). It should be recorded that no losses were sustained by reason of these difficulties.

Once again there was a renewed effort upon the part of the brethren late in 1902 to set the wheels in order to establish the Home. It was fully appreciated that much remained to be accomplished. To make matters even more difficult, the subscriptions paid for stock and the accumulated interest had been placed in a savings bank that had failed. This loss together with the borrowed funds already used at various times and for various purposes presented what must have been an imponderable difficulty. Sufficient funds were just not available. Any remaining assets consisting of pledges or subscriptions for stock were going to be difficult to collect.

Undaunted by their failures, if such they were, the brethren again set their shoulders to the wheel. Old subscribers were appealed to to once more "make good on their promises" as soon as possible. We read that the indebtedness against the failed bank was "compromised in the way of a mortgage on a piece of property which was afterwards paid in full." The affairs of the old association were carefully examined. The original organization was brought to life again and the Grand Lodge at its Forty-sixth Annual Communication, meeting in Omaha, on June 3, to 5, 1903, virtually agreed to return all of the funds that had been appropriated for The Nebraska Masonic Home. Many of the original subscriptions were renewed and the Trustees of the Home were thus able to proceed in accord with their original plans.

For almost twenty years Nebraska Masonry struggled to realize its purposes and establish the Home. The Association formed in 1884, regularly incorporated and legally established, was once more in full operation. As the records show it was an organization "existing by virtue of its compliance with the law in its formation, with a duly authorized Board of Trustees competent to continue its existence and to proceed in carrying out the object of its organization." The Board of Trustees was empowered to purchase a Home when in their judgment the funds available justified.

The Board acted immediately and sent out a letter or announcement of its declared intent to proceed to establish the Home. It went to all subscribers for stock and to all lodges, chapters, councils, commanderies and to the Order of Eastern Star. This action took place on April 23, 1903.



FRANCES E. WHITE

On June 5, 1903, during the annual communication, the Board of Trustees met with the Grand officers and other persons interested. The climax of that meeting was the announcement that Frances E. White, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, had offered his very fine home in Plattsmouth for a Masonic Home, indicating that the trustees "could have the property on such terms as they wanted, the trustees to fix the price, and he would accept whatever in their judgment the property was worth; under no circumstances would he say what the price should be, or in any way set a value upon it."

On motion, duly made and seconded the trustees were authorized to proceed with the purchase of property suitable for a Masonic Home. The president, M. W. George W. Lininger was authorized to "appoint

a committee to go to Plattsmouth and see the property offered by Brother White, and if it was found to be suitable for a Masonic Home, to fix a price to be paid for it, and if purchased to take a deed and pay for the property." Brothers Daniel H. Wheeler (who made the motion) Gustav Andreen and Charles K. Coutant were appointed to carry out the final action.

Seventeen days later (June 22, 1903), a meeting of the shareholders was held at which time there was given a full report of the affairs of the Home from the time of its first proposing to 1903. Preliminary steps were taken for starting the home. One hundred twenty-seven shares of stock were represented. Routine matters relative to share-holders were considered and action taken by means of which membership of share-holders could be regularized.

An early motion to locate the home in Omaha was rescinded. The Trustees were charged to complete all necessary transactions for the purchase of the Frances E. White home at Plattsmouth (Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, in the Young and the Hays Addition to the City of Plattsmouth). The purchase price was \$5,000. It was said by the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Frank E. Bullard, that the amount paid was less than one-third of its intrinsic value. It had been hal- lowed by more than twenty years of faithful home-making. It was "in excellent condition of repair, with all modern comforts and conveniences and surrounded by spacious ground." The purchase price was \$5,000. President Lininger for the Board of Trustees announced the new Home would be ready for occupancy in thirty to sixty days. The first resident was admitted on September 1, 1903.

On June 8, 1904, the M. W. Grand Master, Frank E. Bullard, gave official recognition to what had been accomplished. He said:

"For many years the veteran members of the Grand Lodge, the brethren who organized it, and watched over its early growth, have looked forward to the time when there should be established under its auspices and maintained by its beneficence, a home for these brethren, and those widows of brethren, to whom fortune had proved unkind, and who in their declining years were without the comforts and even to some extent the necessities of life; and I am glad to report that a few of those early days have seen the frustration of their hopes, and that Nebraska Masons have indeed a home for indigent brethren and widows, in every sense of the word.

"I regard it as a red letter event in my administration that I was enabled to receive it for and in behalf of the Grand Lodge, and to declare it open as a refuge and shelter for those of our brethren so unfortunate as to be homeless."

In equally fine words of tribute, the President of the Board of Trustees and a Past Grand Master—the twelfth in the role of Past Grand Masters, George W. Lininger, acting for the Board of Trustees,

made a request in 1906 that the Orphans Educational Fund be transferred as an endowment fund for the Home. In response to that request, the Grand Lodge gave its approval of an amendment of the law and appropriated an additional amount of \$2,000 out of the General Fund to make the initial endowment of \$50,000 with the proviso that the interest alone of which shall be used for the education of orphans and the support of orphans and widows of Master Masons of Nebraska. This fund would be under the management of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Dreams and hopes have become realities. The widow and the orphan have been provided for. Educational opportunity and care for both the widows and the orphans was assured.

A formal ceremony of dedication was celebrated on Friday, October 30, 1903. Most of the Grand Officers, under the leadership of the Grand Master sojourned to Plattsmouth by a special train. An emergent communication was convened in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 after which the brethren were conducted to the new Home. On arrival there a procession formed, which "after encompassing the meter and bounds of the property, entered the residence, where on each floor a brief service of prayer was conducted by the Grand Chaplain, the V. W. Brother George A. Beecher, assisted by the venerable and Reverend Burgess of Plattsmouth, the Chaplain of the Home." Thus this new Home was solemnly dedicated and set apart to its holy purpose, after being formerly tendered to the Grand Lodge by M. W. George W. Lininger, the president of the Board of Trustees. There were also many eminent and honored officials of York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies present in addition to the Grand Lodge officers and the Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star.

After the ceremonies, an "excellent and substantial dinner" was served. Many congratulations and felicitations were exchanged and the "table talk" after the dinner was participated in by nearly all present.

The Grand Master included in his annual address to the Grand Lodge assembled in Omaha on June 8, 1904, parts of a letter he had received quoting from an address made by the Senator and Brother A. O. Bacon of Georgia, on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic Home in that Jurisdiction a few months earlier.

Among other things, he said in that address something that could well apply to our own Nebraska Masonic Home. These were his words:

"After years of toil and struggle, success has grandly crowned our efforts. For here a noble structure shall arise in strength and beauty, to stand forever as a monument of our labor and love.

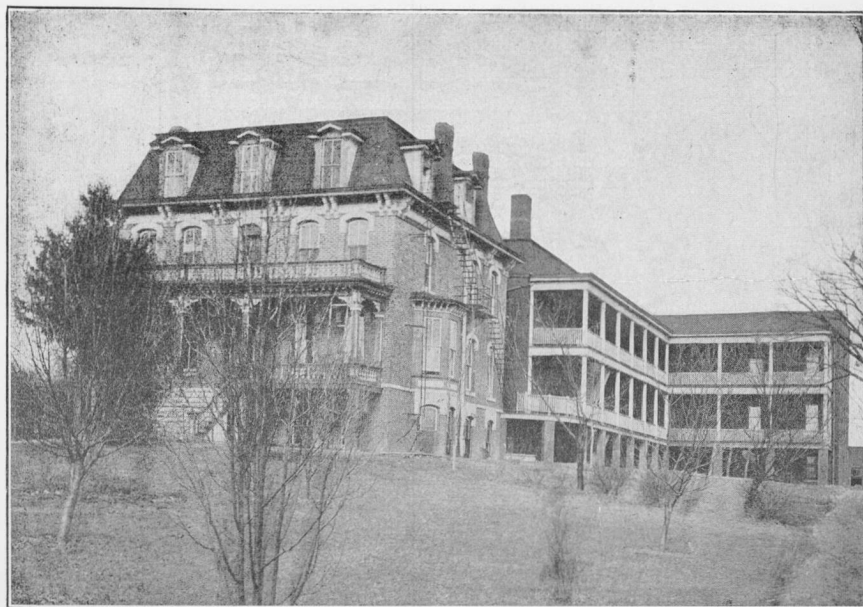
"Here shall the widow come. Bereft of her natural protector, she shall find amid happy surroundings that peace and



solace which the world cannot take away. The strong arm of Masonry will shield her from all harm and danger, assuage her grief and bring comfort to her stricken heart.

“And here, too, shall come the old Mason. Bereft of earthly ties, borne by age and poverty, he shall find a haven here, a refuge from the storms of life, a home indeed and in truth. Peacefully his declining years shall pass away, soothed by tender hands and sympathetic hearts, and when at last he shall be borne to his last resting place by the strong arms of loyal and loving Masons.”

Worthy of being called to the attention of those present then and still worthy to be reminded of sixty-five years later in this account, is the fact that cardinal precepts of Freemasonry were enacted here. Moreover, the brethren who spoke at the dedication of the new Home endeavored to impress upon the minds of the brethren their duty in caring for the unfortunate. This should not be simply almsgiving or as charity but as the discharge of a sacred duty we all owe to the poor and needy everywhere, but more especially to our brethren and their families.



FRANCES E. WHITE'S HOME

## CHAPTER THREE

## IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS OF THE HOME

In 1906 an addition to the original Home was constructed at a cost of approximately \$15,000. It provided accommodations for twenty additional guests. This new addition provided many new modern improvements and accessories for the comfort of the residents. It was steam heated. At the time of its completion there were all-told twenty-five residents and all contented and happy.

In 1907 the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge show that there was approved a resolution, offered by Past Grand Master Bradner D. Slaughter, providing that \$5,000 be appropriated out of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of assisting in the erection of another building at the Masonic Home and that stock be issued therefor.

From the minutes of the Board of Trustees, held on January 23, 1908, we note that a motion was made by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel that the Secretary of the Board accept a check of the Lininger Implement Company for \$5,000 in full as a bequest made by George W. Lininger to erect a memorial chapel at the Home. This action was approved. M. W. Brother Slaughter moved further that when the memorial chapel is erected suitable provision be made for depositing the ashes of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lininger therein and that the chapel be designated the "George W. Lininger Memorial Chapel." Parenthetically, we should note that Brother Lininger had passed to his eternal reward on June 8, 1907.

On January 23, 1909 the Board of Trustees recorded in the minutes that there was erected another addition to the Home containing some twenty-two rooms, together with a new dining room and kitchen.

These new facilities with their appointments and furnishings provided very modern conveniences and added much to the comfort of the residents and those employed in the Home.

A new and thoroughly modern heating plant had also been built during the same year. This was a two-story structure, the lower floor housed the heating plant and the upper floor provided a laundry. These two additions represented an expenditure of about \$18,500. Equipment for the laundry was yet to be supplied.

The Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska authorized a gift of \$1,000 which would be available for that purpose.

Other improvements such as better sewage disposal by hooking up with the city was provided. Soon thereafter, in 1910 in fact, an electric light plant was put in operation; the laundry equipment was further improved; a gasoline engine was installed to power the laundry

machinery; and action was taken to provide an ice-house and a cold-storage unit and to further beautify the grounds, build appropriate walks and erect an iron fence around the grounds.

In 1911, it is recorded that the Board of Trustees were enabled to purchase 2 adjoining lots and one residence thereon. The entire grounds then owned represent some 56 acres. The cost of the latest acquisition was twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

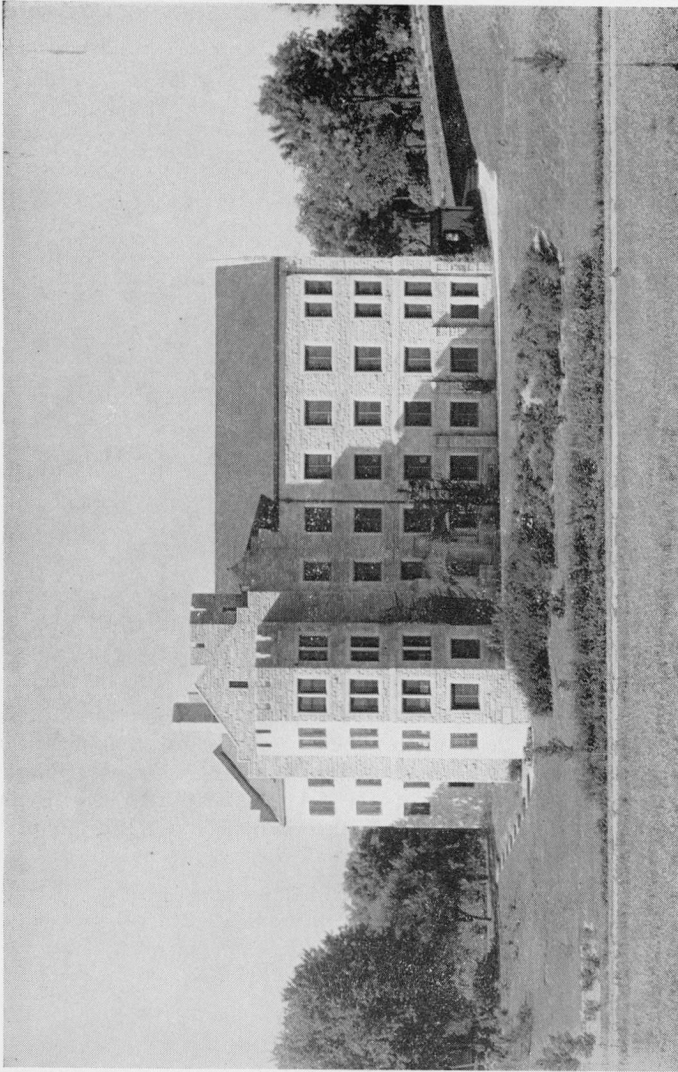
In 1913 a steam mangle and drying room were added to the laundry facility and a contract was entered into with the City of Plattsmouth to furnish light and power for a five-year period.

Instead of building any further additions to our Home, the Board of Trustees proposed the installation of an automatic elevator, running from the basement to the fourth floor of the original building and also to provide for a toilet room on the top floor. These improvements not only insured additional rooms for eight to ten more residents but permitted doing away with the necessity of keeping all the helpless and partially helpless ones on the dining room floor. These improvements cost about three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

By reason of the purchase of a cottage, all the orphans were removed from the original Home and housed separately in the cottage.

For quite some time there had been discussion of the desirability of placing memorial plaques in the Home to do honor to those of the brethren who had made unusual contributions not only in money but of personal efforts or distinguished leadership. The first of these was P. G. M. George W. Lininger. A photograph of this plaque was displayed in minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in 1916. On this bronze tablet is a facsimile bust of Brother Lininger and the citation "philanthropist" and "Founder and Patron of The Nebraska Masonic Home" and a tribute reading:

"His life was gentle and the elements  
so mixed in him that Nature might stand  
up and say to the world this was a man."



THE INFIRMARY

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A major addition to the Home was the erection of an Infirmary. As early as 1919 there was recorded in the minutes of the Board of Trustees the increasing evidences of need for expanded hospital care. Three years later in March and April the Board took steps to carefully assess the needs and authorized the preparation of plans for such a

building. One of the first gifts of any consequence to make possible the building of this infirmary was the offer of a donation of \$10,000 by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar. This action was taken in April, 1922. The Grand Master, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, in reviewing the needs in his annual address spoke out very forthrightly saying:

"I have carefully considered the subject from every angle and I am firmly convinced that we should build an infirmary at the earliest possible moment and that this Grand Lodge should appropriate sufficient funds that the building may be erected, that the comfort and health of our sick residents may be fully protected."

The Report of the Committee on Finance recommended an appropriation of \$50,000 towards the "creation of a building fund for the erection of an infirmary at Plattsmouth and set forth ways and means whereby these funds could be realized." This report was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

On June 3, 1924, at half past one o'clock, the Grand Lodge and their invited guests went to Plattsmouth by special train and in company with Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. were conveyed by some hundred automobiles to the Home for the special ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Infirmary. It was a beautiful day and the city was gaily decorated for the occasion. The Eagles Band served as an escort. Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, Plattsmouth under the command of E. Raymond P. Westover, were in line in full regalia. The customary greetings of welcome and the response by the Grand Master M. W. Charles A. Chappell, interspersed by band music preceded the ceremony of laying the corner-stone which was carried out in full form by the officers of the Grand Lodge. Worthy of special note was the music by a double male quartette and the placing of garlands of flowers on the stone by eleven beautiful girls dressed in white.

The oration on this occasion was delivered by W. John R. Webster. A full copy of this most interesting and informative as well as truly historical nature is to be found in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge in the Annual Communication June 3, 4, and 5, 1924, Part 3, Volume 13.

Of the future Masonic Home, Brother Webster said:

"In harmony with these symbols (fully set forth by the Orator of the occasion) and fully in accordance with the teachings of Masonry, the corner-stone has been laid today; and thus we inaugurate plans for a **Future Masonic Home** that will meet the needs of our brethren and our sisters of the Eastern Star for many years to come."

Attention was also called to the fact that there was no thought of needless or lavish expenditure. Whatever additions or changes

will come "little by little" as occasion requires. Appreciation was expressed to the Building Committee, so competently in charge, and especially to Professor Morris I. Evinger of the State University and the corps of engineers who made a topographical survey of the site and projected plans for a future boulevard extending Washington Avenue out to the northwest and giving to Plattsmouth an outlet that can be made one of the finest driveways in the state.

Those responsible for the plans as completed or yet to be envisioned were highly praised. Chief among the future undertakings was a majestic tower in which it was planned to have the memorial Hall or Chapel in memory of M. W. Brother George W. Lininger who had left a legacy for the purpose, which incidentally had increased to some thirteen thousand dollars.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Nebraska Masonic Home on January 23, 1925, the president of the board, James M. Robertson, reported that the Infirmary was then under roof. When the first portion of the infirmary was completed it would care for forty residents. Provision had been made for the erection of two more units when these were found to be needed, thus providing for no less than 120 residents. The structure, nearing completion was to cost \$125,000. The Grand Lodge authorized \$100,000; the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska \$10,000; Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska, \$10,000. Stock was to be issued as the sums pledged had been paid for.

The Infirmary was dedicated on September 5, 1925. The Board of Trustees had, through its special committee on arrangements and its Secretary planned for an appropriate program of dedication. Invitations had been sent to all Masonic bodies in Nebraska. M. W. Grand Master, John Wright, was designated as the presiding officer. The orator for this ceremonial was Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson. More than 1,200 visitors were present for this significant event.

This new facility, it should be noted, was as modern and complete in all its features as it was possible to make it. A total of 61 rooms were provided. Twenty-seven of these were an operating room, dispensaries, laboratory, living rooms, kitchens, dining rooms and seven toilet rooms. Thirty-four of the 61 rooms were for residents, their total capacity being 40 beds. Elevator service was provided and the heating system thermostatically controlled. A sun parlor was furnished by the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and a men's lounge was furnished by Brother and Mrs. John R. Webster. Most of the rooms had been furnished by Grand Bodies, Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies, Chapters of the Eastern Star, and individuals. This building was thoroughly modern, fire proof, and equipped with the latest and best furnishings. The cost of the Infirmary was \$130,739.46 and the furnishings, \$14,878.93.

In the Proceedings of the Special Communication held at Plattsmouth, on September 5, 1925 it is recorded that all of the Grand Lodge officers were present, including four Past Grand Masters, the Past Grand Secretary, Francis E. White, seven assistant Custodians and 3 Emeritus Custodians, fifteen Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home and six ex-officio members of the Board and numerous representatives of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Nebraska, Past Grand High Priests, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska, the Grand Commandery K. T. of Nebraska, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Omaha, and Members of the Mystic Shrine.

Called in special communication on the third floor of the Infirmary, the Brethren in procession proceeded to the second floor where the dedication according to the ancient customs and usages of the Fraternity took place.

The address for the occasion was prepared by M. W. Henry W. Wilson and because Brother Wilson was unable to be present was read by the Grand Master, John Wright. It was entitled "The Beneficence of Modern Science." Quoting from it are these words:

"We have dedicated this beautiful and convenient building to the relief of human suffering. This infirmary is to be devoted to assuaging the pain, and, it may be, to curing the ills, of Masons and those whom some Mason has loved. These ceremonies are symbolical; they are the outward expression of those inward impulses that made this building possible.

"While we, in form, dedicate this building to its noble purposes, in a far more important sense, we here dedicate the more than forty thousand Freemasons of Nebraska to the service of Mankind.

"The Great Book that so often compresses the wisdom of the ages into a single sentence, tells us that it is more blessed to give than it is to receive. Each of the more than forty thousand Masons of Nebraska annually contributes his mite to the maintenance of this Masonic Home of which this Infirmary forms a part.

". . . So here, forty thousand of Nebraska's noblest and best are annually contributing to maintain this institution in order that if adversity comes, as come it may to any of us, we or our dependent relatives, may accept its kindly offices without chagrin or humiliation.

"So let us say to those residing here, Do not be cast down or humiliated—you are merely coming into your own—you are merely enjoying the privilege that either you yourself, or some Mason that has loved you, has provided for you."

It is remarkable that some 2,000 members of the Fraternity were present on this very festive occasion to witness the ceremonies and rejoice with the Brethren in the accomplishment of so very much.

Following the dedication of the second wing of the Infirmary it was thought that the Masonic Home facilities would now amply care for the needs of all those seeking residence for quite some years. This, however, was not the case. Within a very few years the Board of Trustees became aware of the fact that the Home was already being filled to capacity both in the Home and in the Infirmary.

President Robertson in his annual address to the Board of Trustees on January 23, 1932, stated that the "Home had filled up" during the year just closing. There remained no vacant rooms nor beds in the Home itself. The establishment of the Infirmary was a wise decision. Of ninety-eight residents, 45 were in the Infirmary. The "dispensation of Providence in calling to their eternal rest some of the oldest residents, in point of age," made it possible to meet the demands for accommodation. Full capacity had just about been reached. Even at that, the doctor's office, the parlors and the dining rooms had to be converted into four-bed wards.

The conditions, as indicated above, continued to plague the Board of Trustees. Every evidence pointed to the ultimate necessity of enlarging the Infirmary by the addition of another wing and in 1945 it was decided to organize a campaign to secure funds for such an enlargement. W. J. Earl Johnson became Chairman of a special committee to secure the necessary funds. He was assisted by W. Raymond C. Cook, W. Peter Bauer, M. W. Harry A. Spencer and Superintendent William F. Evers.

In 1946 the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star announced that the Grand Chapter had launched a project to provide \$40,000.00 for the construction of solariums in the Infirmary and would have the money when it should be needed. This was a most timely gift. It spurred the special committee to redouble its own efforts. It moved the Board of Trustees to authorize an expenditure of about \$22,000 for the purpose of redecorating and refurnishing existing facilities in both the Home and the Infirmary. The special fund-raising committee took action to raise \$350,000.

One year later it was reported that more than \$241,000 or 70.5% had been raised in cash and pledges. On December 31, 1947 over 80% had been pledged.

A personal visitation, suggested by M. W. Past Grand Master, Benjamin F. Eyre, led to the appointment of the Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, to accept this added responsibility of personally making the visitations to individuals and lodges. It was an excellent suggestion and produced some very good results as indicated above.



In 1948 the President of the Board of Trustees suggested that there be set up a "building fund account" and that each year a certain percentage of dues be determined for that purpose. He was apparently most impressed by the need to care properly for the enfeebled Masonic brethren, viz., to build a third wing. He stated that such an added facility was needed and that it could be on a "paying basis".

The Board had already authorized the refurbishing of the first and second floors of the existing infirmary. Some \$15,700 had already been pledged to furnish the rooms in the proposed new wing.

In February 1949, it was reported that the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha had made a fine gift to the Infirmary—an x-ray machine and all necessary equipment. It was a Keleker Mobile Unit that could be used anywhere in the infirmary. This has proved to be a most valuable piece of medical equipment.

At about the same time W. Raymond C. Cook announced that plans for the new infirmary structure had been prepared by the architects, approved by the Board of Trustees and submitted to contractors for bids.

In January of 1950 announcement was made that the bids had been let and that the new wing was under construction to be completed during the early months of 1952. The total cost of this project was to be \$453,949.00. It was said that there was "no more modern, better built or equipped hospital or infirmary" in the State of Nebraska—it is going to be beautiful".

Because of delays occasioned by the weather the contractors were unable to complete their job at the expected time. It was not until May 17, 1952 that the dedication ceremonies, conducted by the Grand Lodge could be held. The M. W. Grand Master, Thomas J. Aron, presided with all the Grand Officers present save the Grand Orator.

The new facility made it possible to take care of no more than 96 of those needing infirmary or hospital care, whereas heretofore only 61 could be admitted as infirmary residents.

There remains one other event of very great significance to which we must call attention if this historical account is to be complete.

#### REBUILDING AND EXTENDING THE HOME

At a regular communication of Lincoln No. 19 on July 3, 1951 an announcement that W. William Pieper, a Past Master of that Lodge, had made a bequest of \$100,000 to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, with the proviso that the Nebraska Masons raise a similar amount on or before August 15, 1951. Lincoln No. 19 took immediate action by making a pledge of \$2,500 toward the goal designated. On November 1, 1951 it was announced that the Masons

of Nebraska had fully met their responsibility and had contributed more than enough to match the original bequest.

M. W. Past Grand Master Lewis E. Smith, Honorary President of the Board of Trustees of the Home and one of the prime movers in this new and unprecedented undertaking, was selected to serve as Chairman of the Committee to raise these matching funds as authorized to be done by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska.

The first steps taken were the sending out of two letters, one in July, 1951 and the other in September of that same year, soliciting the complete cooperation of all lodges and individual Masons in meeting their obligation. Before the second letter went out there was evidence of unbounded success. Shortly after the second letter was in the mails and delivered to all addressed, there had been received cash and pledges totaling \$223,000 and still more coming in.

Brother "Lew" as he was affectionately known was more than gratified at the response. He had not thought it was possible to experience such an out-pouring of gifts. It was far beyond his expectations. He referred to this giving as a "fulfillment of all my dreams—nothing has touched me so deeply and enhanced my affection for my brethren and the institution at large as this outpouring of true fraternal devotion."

This gift by Brother Pieper was in behalf of himself and his two brothers (then deceased), J. Henry Pieper and Fred L. Pieper, as a memorial to their father and mother and a sister (all deceased).

A resolution offered by M. W. Harry A. Spencer and M. W. Merle M. Hale was most fitting in expressing deep gratitude for the generous gift. This gift was intended to be used exclusively in the rebuilding of the Home.

Fitting ceremonies in commemorating this latest project were provided, including an "Open House celebration at which in spite of the inclement and rainy weather there were more than 5,000 in attendance."

On June 16, 17, and 18, 1953, the National Association of Masonic Home Executives held their annual convention in the Home.

On November 15, 1953 there was celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Of this event we have given consideration at another point in this historical narrative. Suffice it to say that Nebraska Masons now have a Home as near fire-proof as it can possibly be, together with "all the comforts and even luxuries to ease their (residents) declining years."

#### THE CHAPEL WINDOWS

On May 10, 1954 there occurred the dedication of the beautiful windows of the George W. Lininger Memorial Chapel, "destined to become widespread in fame" and reference to which had been made

earlier in this historical sketch of The Nebraska Masonic Home. It will be recalled that a first bequest of \$5,000 was made by the M. W. George W. Lininger for a memorial chapel. This chapel was designed by the architects and planned for inclusion in the new home.

The ceremonies were most impressive, conducted, as they were, by the Worthy Grand Matron, Velma Morgan, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Frank L. Burbridge, and ably assisted by the immediate Past Worthy Grand Matron, Gertrude Marshall and the immediate Grand Worthy Patron, The Reverend Thomas A. Barton, all of whom had been very responsible for much of the planning necessary in connection with the realization of Brother Lininger's wishes. A large gathering of Eastern Star members in many chartered buses and private cars came from Omaha to Plattsmouth for the occasion.

A picnic luncheon was provided by the residents and the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Home. This visit afforded an opportunity for all present to see what had been so beautifully done and to take note of the wonderful new facilities. It provided an added stimulus for resolving to continue not only to support the home in the future but also to bring to realization what are the moral and spiritual values of the Home as a haven of rest and comfort for those who are resident there.

The President of the Home, M. W. Herbert T. White, reported to the Board of Trustees on January 24, 1955, that the visitors both from the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star and the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. on June 8, 1964, experienced a real thrill. These were his words:

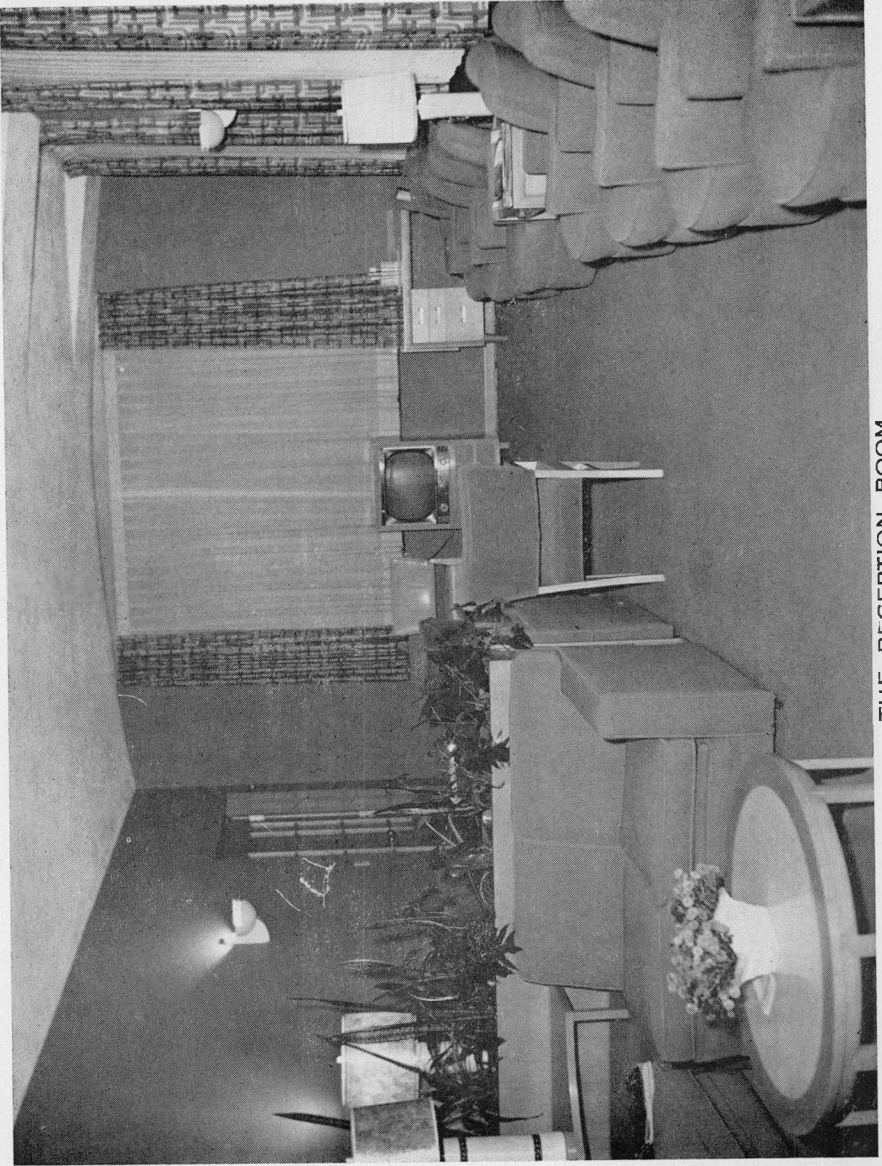
"It always seems to be an eye-opener for so many of our Brethren on this visit and brings the Home into a clearer focus for so many of our more active Masons, and gives them a better understanding of the Masonic work being here accomplished."

It should be said, at this point, that the furnishings in the chapel were provided through the benevolences of W. and Mrs. John E. Simpson and the organ as the gift of Mrs. Harold (Marie) Landeryou.

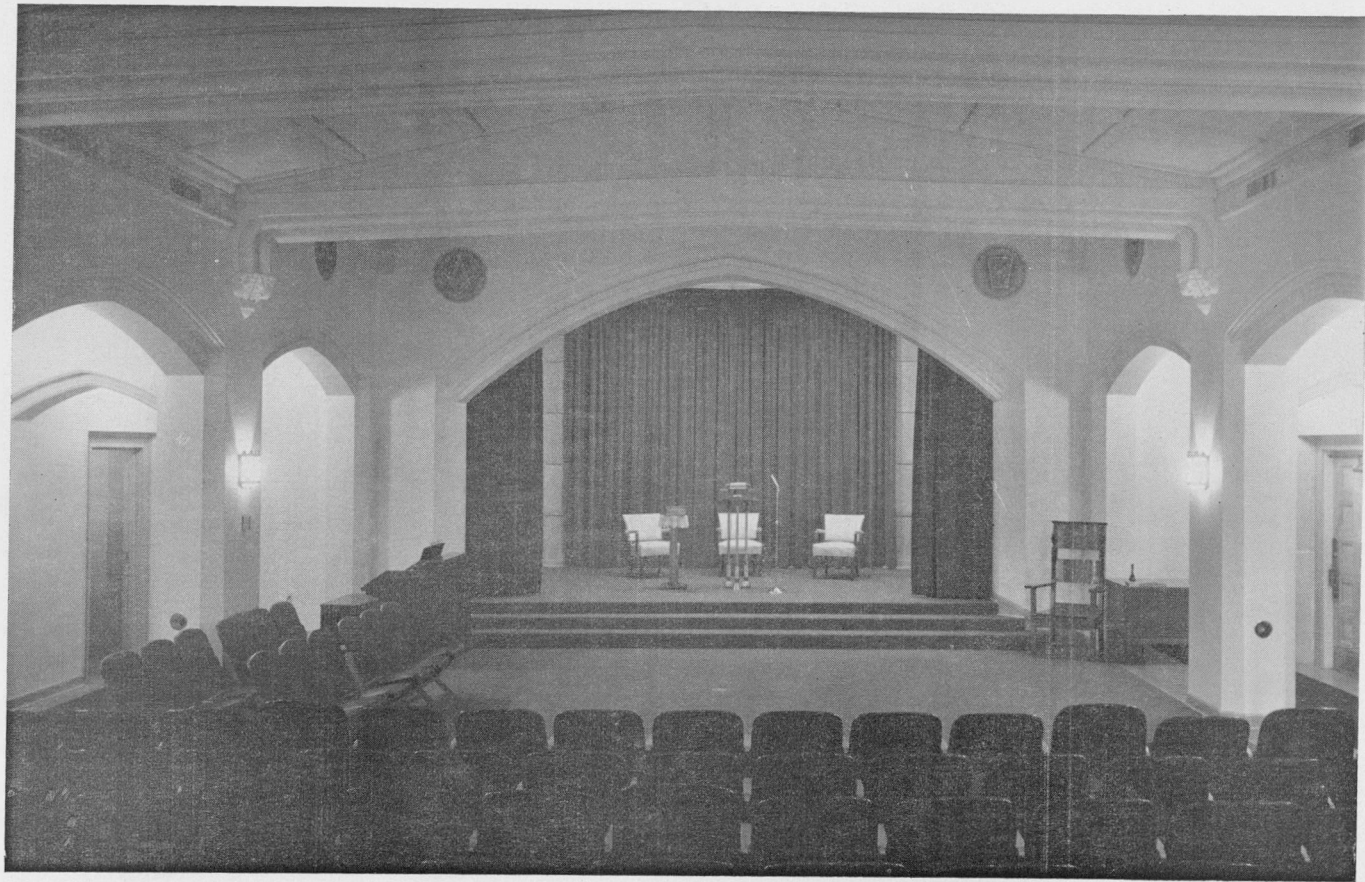
Moreover it must also be said that the foyer was furnished by M. W. and Mrs. Lewis E. Smith and the lounge furnished by W. and Mrs. August F. Beavers. For the sake of brevity we cannot further detail the many other contributions that were received from so many of the members of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star and the Grand Lodge of Masons as well as from the Master Masons of Nebraska and their many friends from near and far.



THE FOYER



THE RECEPTION ROOM



THE CHAPEL

## CHAPTER FOUR

## TWO ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The first of these two significant celebrations, that of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary occurred on Tuesday, October 30, 1928, at two p.m. Brother James M. Robertson, President of the Board of Trustees presided.

The address of welcome was delivered by W. James T. Begley, Past Master of Plattsmouth No. 6. Among other things he said:

"We have seen this Home grow from a \$5,000 property investment, 25 years ago, to its present value of over a quarter of a million dollars. We have observed its careful economic and efficient management by an unpaid Board of Directors. We have seen the efficient superintendents who have been placed in charge of this great work of mercy. We have come in contact with worthy men and women of spotless reputations, who have come to make their home among us. They came not as charitable patients of an institution, but rather as those who have earned a worthy reward by having given their best efforts to maintain the principles and traditions of this great Order . . .

"Every secret or other organization, in order to justify its existence, must have certain attributes. It must have a sufficient historic past, that is, its roots must be grounded in the past as to give stability to its present actions, and its landmarks and principles must be such as to fit the present conditions and appeal to future generations. All these things are possessed by Masonry.

"Masonry stands particularly for four things: First, it dignifies labor. It teaches us that we are all laborers striving to achieve certain things, and that the only contention should ever exist among us as to who best can work and best agree. . .

"Second, it stands for obedience to law. A Mason is taught to submit to lawful authority and to insist on the enforcement of all laws. By his example as a law abiding citizen he encourages all others to be law abiding. (How true that is!)

"Third, it stands for education. We are taught that Masonry is a progressive science . . . Masonry has always stood for the free education of our youth through public schools and believes that an enlightened nation is the only means of progress in civilization.

"Fourth, it is a defender of the Faith. Masonry teaches reverence for sacred things and a due regard for the great truths taught in the sacred volume which decorates its Altar.

"Masonry, by espousing the principles of right thinking, right living, and right acting, occupies a unique place in the advancement of civilization. The maintenance of this home is but one of the many manifestations of service to mankind that is exemplified by the

Masonic ritual. To care for the needy, bind up the wounds of the afflicted and assist the widow and orphan are among the most sacred duties of mankind."

Frances E. White, benefactor in the truest sense, and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees from the date of the opening of the Home on September 1, 1903 to January 23, 1926 prepared a splendid historical sketch of the Home from which much of what is here written covering the entire history from 1884 until 1928 has been taken. Those wishing to go into further detail on the History of the Home may want to read the story as it was related in the proceedings of The Nebraska Masonic Home for the Year of 1929.

The M. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons delivered the concluding address, entitled "The Fruits of a Quarter of a Century."

Speaking in terms of advancing knowledge and scientific development of the past twenty-five years and addressing himself to the residents in the Home, he said this:

"The practical application of scientific knowledge to the progress of sanitation and health has in the last ten years added eight years to the average life of the human race. Not only do we live longer, but better still, we live better while we do live. You residents of this Masonic Home are living in more sanitary and healthful conditions than was possible for monarchs to procure in their palaces a quarter of a century ago . . . I hope you residents of this Home will take courage in the thought that more than 42,000 Master Masons are back of this splendid enterprise here begun 25 years ago . . .

"So then comfort and cheer each other with the thought that you have just come home to enjoy that which the scientific progress of the century has enabled our great fraternity to establish and maintain for the purpose of alleviating the distress that, otherwise, misfortune would have caused. We welcome you in the Home; we wish you to enjoy it and we shall take pleasure in promoting your comfort and happiness."

This day of celebration concluded with light lunch and happy visitation.

The second anniversary celebration—The Golden Anniversary, took place on Sunday, November 15, 1953.

The program included an organ recital by W. Hal J. Samuel, Master of St. Johns No. 25, Omaha; Address of welcome by the then R. W. Herbert T. White, President of the Board; special music by the Shrine Chanters of Tangier Temple, Omaha, and the address of the day delivered by M. W. Lewis E. Smith. The invocation was given by M. W. Harold H. Thom, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter,



R. A. M. of Nebraska and the benediction was pronounced by W. Raymond C. Cook.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, having reviewed the material gains of the period from 1928 to 1953, then concluded on a high and spiritual plane with these words:

“As we survey these comforts arranged for our residents, we must never forget that it is not easy for a person to grow old and become ill and to leave the community in which he has lived for years—leaving behind him his friends, his church, his Lodge and Star Chapter, and finding himself transplanted to a new world. It is like transplanting a tree that has grown for years in soil that is adapted to it and then someone admires the tree and wants to move it to another location. The tree must receive extra care and attention if it is to survive. So our residents that come here need what we are trying to give them—skillful, tender, loving care that this may indeed be a Home in the highest sense—so may we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted and that we may carry out the injunction of our Lord who said: ‘as ye do it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me.’”

The program commemorating the golden anniversary was held in the beautiful new chapel. A special brochure with a gold cover containing the history and many pictures of the buildings and grounds since its dedication in 1903 was presented to each person present. The chapel was crowded to capacity and many of those visiting the Home were scattered throughout the building listening to the program via loud speakers. It was a most eventful Day and Year.

CHAPTER FIVE  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To recapitulate some items that have been noted earlier in this account of The Nebraska Masonic Home let it be remembered that the committee on accounts of the Grand Lodge suggested that there be established an Orphans Educational Fund for the purpose of establishing an "Orphans and Widows Home." This was in 1884. The suggestion met with the approval of the Grand Lodge.

In 1887 it was proposed that the Grand Lodge authorize the appointment of a "Commission" whose duty would be the location and establishment of such a "Home." In order to accomplish the same it was proposed that an appropriation of \$10,000.00 from the General Treasury and a special fee of 25c per member to be assessed on the membership for a three year period. This proposal was rejected.

Thereupon Brother Newton R. Persinger offered a resolution that the Grand Master, Brother Charles K. Coutant appoint a "Commission" of seven members to invite proposals for the location of a "Masonic Orphans Home and School" and a "Home for Indigent Masons" and their families. This resolution was approved.

Appointed to that body were:

Charles K. Coutant, 11  
Newton R. Persinger, 36  
Robert W. Furnas, 4  
Roland H. Oakley, 19  
John W. Wempel, 50  
Melville R. Hopewell, 31  
Lewis A. Kent, 127.

In 1888, the Chairman of that Commission, Brother Coutant, reported that no progress had been made. Three new appointments were then made by the Grand Master to replace Brothers Persinger, Oakley, and Hopewell. These were James A. Tulleys, 53, John A. Ehrhardt, 41, and William M. Knapp, 56.

It is well to also call attention to one action taken by the Grand Lodge to provide an appropriation of \$5,000 for assisting the Commission in carrying out its assignment. Without any further detailed discussion of Brother Coutant's report let it suffice to say that this Commission acting under instructions to carry out its mission to establish the Home; to secure donations, as an inducement for the location of the Home as had been contemplated and approved; to create a Board of Trustees of three members to invest the Orphans Educational Fund in loans bearing not less than seven percent interest, secured by first mortgage loans, certain conditions having been spelled out; to create the office of custodian of these funds. This Board of

Trustees was to be appointed by the Grand Master and to serve for a term three years except the first three appointees who shall hold their terms of one, two, and three years respectively. Each year thereafter the members appointed shall serve for three years.

Finally, this commission recommended that a corporation be organized and known as "The Nebraska Masonic Home" the object of which shall be to "extend aid and comfort to poor distressed Masons or their widows and orphans." It was stipulated that appropriate measures to insure the realization of the desired ends be observed. One of these measures was to be the appointment of a board of seven members to take full charge and do all that is necessary to accomplish its task determine a plan of organization, solicit subscriptions to capital stock, and authorize an initial appropriation by the Grand Lodge of \$5,000.

One June 17, 1889 M.:W.:George W. Lininger, reported for the committee of seven to organize this corporation. The members were Brothers Lininger, 3; White, 6; France, 56; Slaughter, 89; Hastings, 19; Coutant, 11, and Furnas, 4. Sixteen brethren drew up the Articles of Incorporation. The first Board of Trustees consisted of twelve brethren—George W. Lininger, Frances E. White, Bradner D. Slaughter, Louis H. Korty, William R. Bowen, Hugh G. Clark, George B. France, Charles K. Coutant, Robert W. Furnas, Christian Hartman, John W. Redefier, and Gustav Andreen.

Brother Lininger was chosen as president, Brothers Furnas and Slaughter, vice-presidents, Brother William R. Bowen, Secretary, and Christian Hartman, treasurer.

Prior to 1907 there are evidences that there were trustees other than those listed below. These were William Cliburn, Thomas M. David, Oscar R. Allen, Harry F. Alverson and Frank C. Babcock.

Listed below are the names of all trustees appointed to classes from 1908 and thereafter. Following each name there is noted the first and last class appointment received. They do not, in all instances, mean continuous service. In a number of instances death cut short their terms of office. In some instances there were interruptions and in some there is a record of previous service as trustees.

1. Charles J. Phelps.....	1908-1916	61. Frank Wilcox .....	1934-1937
2. Samuel P. Davidson....	1908-1931	62. Arthur C. Thomsen....	1935-1947
3. Robert E. French.....	1908-1929	63. Ira C. Freet.....	1936-1942
4. George H. Thummel....	1909-1934	64. J. Theo. Brammann....	1936-1948
5. Daniel H. Wheeler.....	1909-1913	65. Emmet I. Ellis.....	1936-1940
6. Michael Dowling.....	1909-1925	66. Enos R. Liegh.....	1937-1943
*7. George W. Lininger....	1910	67. Clarence O. Dawson....	1938
*8. Charles K. Coutant....	1910	68. Herman E. Reimers....	1937-1940
*9. Frances E. White.....	1910-1926	69. William B. Wanner....	1936-1970
10. Frank E. Bullard.....	1911	70. Carl R. Greisen.....	1938-1959
11. Frank H. Young.....	1911-1919	71. Harley V. Styer.....	1941
*12. Walter J. White.....	1911-1915	72. J. Earl Thompson....	1941-1954
13. Ornan J. King.....	1912-1916	73. Kenneth H. Beckett....	1941-1948
14. Julius Beckman .....	1913	74. Otto E. Bullis.....	1942-1949
15. John B. Dinsmore....	1913	75. James H. Evans.....	1940
16. John A. Ehrhardt.....	1913-1928	76. Merle M. Hale.....	1944-1970
17. Louis A. Berka.....	1911-1932	77. Leslie E. Martin....	1942-1949
18. Abert W. Crites.....	1914-1918	78. Richard V. Koupal....	1945
19. Charles L. Fahnestock	1914	79. William M. Sloan....	1945
20. Lewis E. Smith.....	1914-1959	80. John B. Linn.....	1943-1949
*21. Charles E. Burnham....	1915	81. F. Plummer Martin....	1946
22. Harry A. Cheney.....	1915-1930	82. Harry A. Spencer....	1946-1971
23. Arthur J. Jackson....	1915-1927	83. Stanley P. Bostwick..	1947
24. Charles L. Mielenz....	1915-1919	84. Raymond C. Cook....	1948-1959
25. William T. Bourke....	1916	85. Earl M. Boyington....	1949-1970
26. Robert E. Evans.....	1916-1931	86. John M. Douglas.....	1949
27. Louis M. Keene.....	1916-1928	87. Monte S. Hargraves..	1948
28. John F. Wilcox.....	1917-1931	88. Harry F. Russell....	1947
29. Luther M. Kuhns.....	1917-1940	89. Sylvester A. Wassum..	1949-1952
*30. Manoah B. Reese.....	1917	90. James A. Adams.....	1949
31. Carrol D. Evans, Sr....	1917-1940	91. Charles O. Showalter..	1950-1959
32. James R. Cain, Jr....	1918-1922	92. Ernest S. Schiefelbein	1950-1958
33. Robert R. Dickson....	1918-1933	93. Melvin E. Johnson....	1950-1970
34. Millard M. Robertson..	1919-1939	94. Henning Hallin.....	1951
35. Samuel P. Davidson....	1920-1924	95. Ralph M. Carhart....	1951-1968
36. Oliver E. Mickey.....	1920-1934	96. Felix A. Huggenberger	1952
37. James M. Robertson....	1920-1936	97. Herbert T. White.....	1952-1958
38. Henry H. Wilson.....	1921-1940	98. Joseph A. Houston....	1952-1958
39. Benjamin F. Pitman....	1922-1953	99. Lewis R. Ricketts....	1952-1969
40. Alpha Morgan.....	1923-1927	100. William F. Moor.....	1952-1958
41. Charles R. Nicodemus..	1923-1948	101. Welcome W. Naylor....	1953-1959
42. David Cole.....	1924	102. John F. Beaver.....	1954-1968
43. Jacob S. Baer.....	1925	103. Ervin J. Marcott....	1954
44. John Finch.....	1925	104. Earl H. Furman.....	1955-1969
45. Edward M. Wellman....	1922-1926	105. Geo. K. A. Leschinsky..	1955-1969
46. Robert O. Wolf.....	1922-1926	106. William Chuda.....	1955-1958
47. John R. Webster.....	1923-1939	107. William F. Patterson..	1954-1971
48. James C. Mines.....	1926-1935	108. Harold H. Thom.....	1957-1960
49. Joseph B. Fradenburg..	1925-1934	109. Hal J. Samuel.....	1958-1966
50. J. R. Lichtenwallner..	1926-1938	110. Charles F. Adams.....	1960-1962
51. John H. Moore.....	1926-1929	111. John H. Brown.....	1958-1969
52. James C. Robinson....	1927-1930	112. Irving E. Gier.....	1961-1967
53. Jesse D. Whitmore....	1929-1947	113. LaVerne J. Smith.....	1965
54. Harry G. Browne.....	1930-1948	114. Charles S. Crabtree..	1965-1968
55. Frederick Eiche.....	1929	115. Louis V. Sylvester....	1966-1971
56. Robert J. Jones.....	1931-1940	116. Joseph C. Tye.....	1966
57. William C. Ramsey....	1932-1941	117. Herman Reinholz....	1967-1970
58. William A. Robertson..	1932-1947	118. Norris W. Lallman....	1966-1969
59. Frank H. Woodland....	1933-1942	119. Fay Smith.....	1971
60. James W. Wynkoop....	1933-1939		

\*Note: an asterisk preceding a name denotes earlier service prior to 1907.

Currently there are listed as Emeriti Trustees the following four Brethren: (1) Carl R. Greisen, (2) Charles O. Showalter, (3) Herbert T. White, and (4) Harold H. Thom.

**PRESIDENTS OF THE MASONIC HOME**

- George W. Lininger, September 1903 - June 1907.
- Ornan J. King, January 23, 1908 - January 23, 1909.
- Frank H. Young, January 23, 1909 - December 24, 1917.
- James M. Robertson, January 23, 1920 - September 10, 1934.
- Millard M. Robertson, January 23, 1935 - January 3, 1939.
- William M. Robertson, January 23, 1939 - July 3, 1944.
- Leslie E. Martin, October 7, 1944 - February 8, 1949.
- Peter L. Bauer, February 8, 1949 - January 23, 1952.
- Herbert T. White, January 23, 1952 - January 24, 1955.
- William F. Patterson, January 24, 1955 - to date.
- Lewis E. Smith, Honorary, January 30, 1953 to date of death July 10, 1965.

**THE SECRETARIES**

Like many fraternal bodies as well as the many organized institutions whether in business, education or religion, it falls to the lot of the Secretary to keep things in order, record all important actions and carry out many of the orders of the parent body. More often than not these officers were closest to knowing what transpired and what successes and failures were experienced. They were logically, and still are, the ones to whom one turned for information and guidance. Being so close to the various business operations, they very frequently took to right the wrongs, secure the needed assistance and keep things moving. Naturally, they laid themselves open to criticism on occasion. This was the natural risk they had to take.

From the very beginnings The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, was most dependent on the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska for leadership. The records will show this to have been true. The first Secretary of the Corporation when formed in June of 1889 was William R. Bowen.

In succession the following three men and brothers have given yeomen service to the Home. Each was serving concurrently as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge:

Francis E. White .....	1903-1926
Lewis E. Smith .....	1926-1947
Carl R. Greisen .....	1947-1968
Robert W. Cook .....	1968

M.'W.'.Lewis E. Smith on retirement was designated as Honorary Secretary.

Strangely enough, the first three of these brethren served for approximately twenty-one years, and maintained a record of accomplishments that it would take a whole book in which to record them all. Masonry is, indeed, indebted to them and will long remember what a

noble service they rendered. We record here that the present Grand Secretary, W. Robert W. Cook is now the current Secretary of the Board.

It has been said that an institution is but the lengthened shadow of the leadership of its members. So far as The Nebraska Masonic Home is concerned it can truthfully be said that it is today, as it has been these past sixty-five years, the result of the combined efforts of all of its trustees and their officers—the presidents and secretaries. These men and brothers of the Masonic Fraternity were characterized by many outstanding qualifications, chief of which, we might list, were a compassionate concern for their fellowman; a depth of discernment of their needs whether physical, moral, social, or spiritual; a remarkable conviction that Masonry has an obligation to exercise to the fullest possible extent every call for help wherever and whenever its brothers, their widows, and their orphans were in distress or in want and incapable of providing on their own the necessities of life.

These brethren courageously assumed the responsibilities of their office. They were never hesitant in making known what were the needs of the Home. They were farsighted in their plans to build for the future. They exercised good judgment and wisdom in conducting the affairs of their office. Consequently, the constituent lodges were able to fully understand and appreciate the many problems involved and, to a remarkable degree, were ready to give assent to any call for service within their power to give. Read the records of achievement as reported at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge and you will not be surprised that there has been such unity of purpose and action on the part of all the brother Masons.

More than all this, our Masonic Home is the lengthened shadow of the entire membership of every lodge of Masons in Nebraska. Without that kind of concern the Board of Trustees of the Home would not have been able to accomplish this monumental task of caring for so many who have suffered the vicissitudes of life through the years.

Brother Lewis E. Smith, one of our most beloved of Masons and most highly honored was called upon to speak on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary. His subject was "A Few Observations By the Way." He frankly admitted that at the outset there were some among the brethren who felt that the burdens involved were more than could be borne. Economically, the success of the venture was doubted. There was, he said, "no one with enough influence to change the thinking of the Brethren who were conducting the Home" and "there was no particular unity among the Board members." In the main, however, there was agreement that "it should be a Home and not an institution." Also "it wasn't a question of how economically it could be conducted but how it could have the homelike atmosphere that our guests could reasonably expect."

Such an attitude expressed at the beginning was very natural. These brethren were pioneers. They had individually and collectively faced many difficulties and were, not surprisingly, hesitant to launch out into the deep on such a new and bold venture. But at the end of the first fifty years, these same persons had come to rejoice at the advancements made particularly in the last quarter century. As Brother Smith so aptly said:

“One of the most important things that has happened has been a gradual and steady growth from the ideas of the past to what, we are pleased to think, is a fine Home and Home spirit that we have today. Brick or mortar or beautiful furnishings do not make a home, but we believe that today the Spirit of the founders of this Home has been carried out to their satisfaction, were they here today. The whole atmosphere radiates a home where love and respect for each other exist. Whatever else has been accomplished—this indeed is the outstanding accomplishment.”

To crown his address we must include another important and significant paragraph which is as pertinent to us living in 1968 as it was fifteen years ago. These were his words:

“If anyone has had a doubt of the loyalty and the love of Freemasonry and the things for which it stands, the Brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction certainly exhibited the love not only of this Home, but also of the Fraternity. It was a real outpouring of the Masonic zeal and has proven to the satisfaction of all of us, that the Brethren believe in their hearts what they have taught in their Lodges. To me, nothing has occurred in my active years of Freemasonry that has had such a wide influence and has so drawn the Brethren together in their pride of accomplishment.”

Surely it has been well said “the strength of an institution is but the lengthened shadow of the brethren” who were so faithful to their ideals and were courageous enough to labor for their realization.

#### THE SUPERINTENDENT (AND MATRONS)

Of no less importance in the personal supervision of the Home has been the contribution of the several superintendents employed by the Board of Trustees. These are the key persons, without whom there could not have been the success that was achieved from the very outset. They, too, were possessed of an infinite understanding of the problems of the residents of the Home. They were persons of unselfish care and devotion, whose lives were dedicated to ministering to the unfortunate ones entrusted to them in the Home. For their efforts we cannot say too much—nor can we ever repay them sufficiently for their “labors of love.” Above all else, they were men of rare business acumen.

We must also recognize the able assistance given by the employed personnel—those who labored in the kitchens or who, by and large, did all of the various household duties required in the management of the Home and the care of the physical properties, the grounds and the Infirmary. Neither can we forget the medical services of the nurses and doctors and the spiritual leadership of the ministers of the Gospel including the resident Chaplain. The doctors in particular offered their services voluntarily without thought of compensation. Theirs was a service given in the true Masonic spirit.

In 1907, it was reported by the President of the Board of Trustees, Brother Lininger, that the Commanderies of Knights Templar in Nebraska had contributed yearly for medical supplies, and so far had paid for all that had been used at the Home, in addition to the cost of the special nurses. Doctors Edwin W. Cook, Joseph H. Hall, John S. Livingston, William H. Schildknecht, and Josiah B. Martin, under medical Director, Dr. Theodore P. Livingston, had given the very best of medical attention to the residents, without any cost to the shareholders. As Brother Lininger had said:

“Our thanks are due to the medical staff for the unremitting services in the cause of humanity, for in addition to what they are doing for the residents of the Home, they are frequently called upon to render aid to those who are unable in any way to recompense them for their services.”

In the intervening years, it can well be said, this kind of service has been and is continuously available to the residents. At the beginning the management of the affairs of the home was vested in the Board of Trustees more especially its officers, Brothers George W. Lininger, Daniel H. Wheeler, Samuel P. Davidson, Charles K. Coutant and Francis E. White. Mrs. William R. Adams was designated as the “Honorary Matron.” She visited in the home on frequent occasions and found no cause to complain. She was strongly of the opinion that the time was close at hand when a superintendent for the Home should be employed.

At the time of the Annual Meeting of the stockholders on January 19, 1909, Ornan J. King, the President of the Board, reported that Colonel William A. Askwith and his wife had assumed the responsibilities of superintendent and matron of the Home and after some eighteen months he was able to say that the management of the Home was in good hands and that these two persons were just the kind of leaders required for the Home. In 1914 Mr. and Mrs. Askwith, after five full years were granted a two months' vacation. President Young with the assistance of Mrs. Eva M. Baldwin took over responsibility as superintendent and Matron.



The Askwiths tendered their resignations early in 1920, prompted to do so of their own accord. They were "faithful and loyal to the trust reposed in them." They were also loved by the residents for their unflinching kindness and sympathy for the residents of the Home."

Appointed as their successors were Brother Samuel W. Scott and his wife. Brother Scott was a member of Nebraska No. 1. They served for about one year.

Mr. William F. Evers assumed the duties of Superintendent on March 18, 1920.

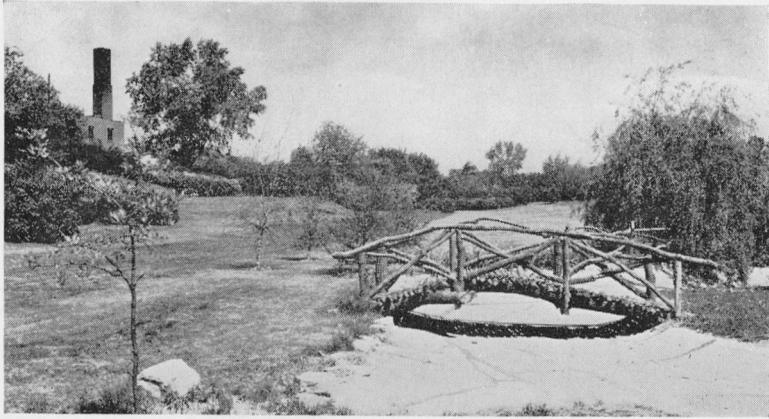
In 1956 President Patterson in his annual report referred to the splendid services of Superintendent William F. Evers and indicated also that Raymond F. Evers, his son, was the Assistant Superintendent. These two brethren were characterized in 1957 by President Patterson in these words: "No finer team of quietly efficient gentlemen was ever conceived."

In 1959 Brother Evers requested that he be retired. His years as Superintendent were marked by many achievements. He said in his final report in January of 1960 that "we can say that The Nebraska Masonic Home is second to none in all phases except employee working hours and benefits." He had come to the time when he felt a long-needed rest was in order. His son then took over as Superintendent.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Carl R. Greisen, in his official report for the year 1959 said: "For the record we report the retirement on July 1, 1959 of our longtime friend and brother, William F. Evers—Brother 'Bill' and his good wife Pearl served the home efficiently for a period of forty-one years."

Brother Harold H. Thom prepared an appropriate eulogy of Mr. Evers at the time of the Annual Communication in 1959. His opening words were these:

"Seldom has the world given to anyone the privilege of building his own monument and living to see it acclaimed by thousands as a great humanitarian project, blessing the lives of many who were then to him unknown . . .



THE RUSTIC BRIDGE

During the years of his superintendency many changes have occurred in the physical appearance of the Home as well as in the manner of its operation, in all of which he has had an important part. Some of the projects of his own handiwork—such as the Fish Pond, the Rustic Bridge, the columns of Jachin and Boaz, as well as those representing ‘The Five Orders of Architecture’.

There is much more that could be said. His motto was of itself truly significant of his life and work—“What can I do for others?”

Brother Evers passed away in Lincoln on January 27, 1964. His body was laid to rest in Oak Hill Cemetery at Plattsmouth.

His son has continued to this day as Superintendent of the Home.

CHAPTER SIX

THE RESIDENTS

Upon the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the Home Brother Francis E. White, Secretary Emeritus of the Board of Trustees prepared an address in which he related that on the day the Home was opened, September 1, 1903, the first resident was the matron's infant daughter, Bessie Civer. Data presented reveal that between that date and January, 1907, three persons were admitted in 1903, six in 1904, ten in 1905 and eleven in 1906. During that period four residents had left the home and one had passed away.

In each succeeding year the minutes have shown that the number of residents had increased. On January 1, 1907, thirty-one had been resident. Of these one had died, one had been released and 3 had been only temporarily in residence. As of January 1, 1907, there were 13 men, ten women, 2 boys and one girl or a total of twenty-six.

Brother Evers reported at the end of twelve years of service as Superintendent that from 1903 to 1932 there were admitted to the home a total of 424 residents. Of this number 251 had been admitted during the first eleven years that he was Superintendent—1920 to 1931.

There are no compiled data as to the number of residents admitted each year after that date. However, during the years from 1903 to 1966 there are data of the actual numbers of residents for each year in terms of men and women. The following table shows the average number of residents by decades from 1906 to 1967:

Decades	Men	Women	Total
1906-1915	18	15	33
1916-1925	20	17	37
1926-1935	45	41	86
1936-1945	43	47	90
1946-1955	32	50	82
1956-1967	25	78	103

These data indicate that there was an average increase in each decade except for the decade, 1946-1955, when there was a decrease of eight from that of the previous decade.

Reading the annual reports of the presidents, there were nearly always, particularly in the last four decades, applications for admission that were held up for a time before they could be admitted by reason of the lack of available rooms.

From 1906 through 1916 there were admitted a number of orphan children. The number of these ranged from two to eleven. With the opening of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont in 1916 all of the children were transferred to that new Home intended especially for them.

During the years from January, 1907 through January 1967, the data taken from the reports of the secretaries and the superintendents include information as to the number of residents who during their residency had passed to their "Eternal Home." By actual count 262 of the Brethren and 241 of the women residents had been "laid to rest."

Words fail us to in any wise properly evaluate the greatness of The Nebraska Masonic Home in giving so much loving care and comfort to so many.

How has all this been accomplished? In the first place we can most assuredly say that the leadership, represented by the Board of Trustees and the employees in the Home was of prime importance.

In the second place, and certainly no less significant, have been the many contributions to the Home and its residents in terms of gifts of money as well as food stuffs and the many gifts that come to the Home on special occasions such as those during the Christmas and Thanksgiving holiday seasons. Birthdays of residents were always a time for special remembrances including birthday cakes sufficient for all the residents to enjoy. Not a year passed but that there were exciting programs furnished by many groups and organizations both from Plattsmouth and from other neighboring communities.

Radios were installed and more recently television equipment. A fine pool table was presented for the enjoyment of the men, especially. Anyone visiting at the Home will be greatly impressed by the many comforts provided to make the Home a place where a real home-like atmosphere exists.

It should be noted that the landscaping of the grounds, the trees and shrubbery and flower gardens and the rose-beds are a thing of beauty. Much has been provided in the way of lawn furniture where, in the summer months, one will find an abundance of out-door living for those who are able to take advantage of the provisions made for their enjoyment.

On the inside there are now established facilities for occupational therapy—hobbies for both men and women, even to a painting class, knitting and weaving activities, carpentry and other related occupational activities. In short "boredom" has been and is reduced to a minimum.

One thing more should be mentioned. A fine library is being maintained thanks to some leadership from the City Library of Plattsmouth. Subscriptions to magazines and newspapers have insured an abundance of reading materials.

The Infirmary represents up-to-date medical services of the very finest. The Commanderies of Nebraska have, from the very beginning, been especially interested in supplying the various medical supplies

and medical equipment including x-ray facilities and other types of facilities needed to care for all those who are hospitalized.

In summary, one might well conclude that The Nebraska Masonic Home is one of the very finest among all the Masonic homes in the United States. Masons in our jurisdiction have every justification for being proud of what they have so unswervingly and unselfishly done. These accomplishments should serve to make us even more diligent to insure a continued loyalty and devotion to our Home at Plattsmouth. Nothing less than the best we can afford must continue to be our obligation to the unfortunate and needy in the years to come.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

## OUR RESOURCES

Thus far in this historical narrative we have been concerned with the many accomplishments of the leadership of the Masonic Fraternity, largely in terms of personal endeavor in the attainment of the basic ideals of Freemasonry—our concern for the well-being of our fellowman, often referred to as the "Humanitarian Spirit." It is this love and charity that has given us our Home at Plattsmouth and that has given to our needy residents of that Home the peace, comfort, and enjoyment they so richly deserve—those spiritual blessings as well as material and physical comforts of their declining years without which their lives would be immensely thwarted.

All this has required of us the setting aside of a portion of that pecuniary wealth of which we have been and are the possessors and with which we have been so abundantly blessed. What follows is said in no boasting manner. Neither is it said in the spirit of vain-gloriousness. In all humility we acknowledge that which has been done and in gratitude we express our appreciation to those who had any part in its achievement. We pray to our Supreme Architect that we may continue the work so wonderfully done by those who have gone before us and left with us the responsibility of finishing the commitments that are ours to achieve.

The details of the many transactions from 1868 to 1968 are all a part of the records. The business operations from 1903 to 1968 have been set down year by year. They are a matter of record in both the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge as well as in the minutes of the Board of Trustees. These are available in the Office of the Grand Secretary and may be consulted by the Brethren at any time.

For our purposes it will suffice to touch only upon some of the highlights of the stewardship that has been exercised.

At the beginning (in 1889) there had been subscribed 285 shares of stock (\$28,500.00) and on deposit in the Omaha Savings Bank the sum of \$339.53 drawing 5% interest. In 1891 the Grand Treasurer had in his hands \$5,894.45 as belonging to the Masonic Home Fund. In addition the Grand Secretary reported having in his hands \$1,950.77 to the credit of the same fund, derived from part payments on stock.

In 1907 it was reported that fully paid up shares of stock represented a total of 174 shares (\$17,400.00). The audit of accounts for that year (January 23, 1907) showed in the Trial Balance of debits and credits the sum of \$25,803.28. Building and Grounds represented \$21,295.83 with an amount of \$1,215.91 in furnishings.

Ten years later in 1917 the number of shares of stock totaled 827 shares (\$82,700). No Trial and Balance Audit was reported.

In 1927 another appreciable number of shares of stock was reported—2,228 shares (\$222,800). The Trial Balance of Debits and Credits as audited showed a total of \$429,886.74. Total Endowments amounted to \$17,598.03. The Infirmary represented a cost in excess of \$132,000. United States Government Bonds were purchased and valued in the amount of \$51,086.75. Buildings and Grounds, other than Infirmary, were shown as representing \$110,314.06. Again, ten years later, in 1937 the Capital Stock was listed as being 2,230 shares (\$223,000.00). This amount has remained the same until now. Endowments and Bequests received from September, 1910 to date were shown to be \$39,766.26. Inventory or Surplus Account represented slightly less than \$125,000.00, this including an inventory of farm properties owned.

In 1947 the total assets of The Nebraska Masonic Home were reported to have been \$396,051.54. The Total Endowment of Bequest Fund Securities represent slightly less than \$300,000.00.

On January 1, 1957, Endowment and Bequest Fund Securities totaled over \$709,000.00. Add to this amount of Real Estate Mortgages and Cash on hand (Approximately \$53,000) we have a figure of total assets of about \$762,000. One other figure of note is that The Nebraska Masonic Home Permanent (Pieper) Building Fund Securities represented \$250,225.00. Without any other details to mention, it is shown in official reports of the Treasurer that total assets of The Nebraska Masonic Home had reached a grand total of \$1,344,495.63.

To bring this financial report up to January, 1968, eliminating all details we find these facts from the report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Carl R. Greisen, as of January 23, 1968.

1. The total budget for June 1, 1967 to June 1, 1968. . \$ 327,377.00
2. Total Endowments and Bequests and Individual Donations in excess of \$100.00 or more from September 2, 1910 to December 31, 1967. . . . . \$1,280,874.32
3. Total Assets and Liabilities and Net Worth on May 10, 1967. . . . . \$2,536,813.79

One who takes the time to study and compare these figures will most certainly be impressed by the tremendous growth in the operations, maintenance and development of our Masonic Home and the Infirmary that is now such an important and necessary adjunct of the Home. Perhaps we should have gone into further detail to make clear its fullest implications for the future and to understand clearly what will be required of us in the future. Furthermore, the figures alone do not tell the whole of the story. One must see with his own eyes the wonderful investment we, as Masons, have made in making possible the kind of loving care and considerateness that we have thus far shown by the many benefactions of time, money, and energy so many have given and will continue to give in the future.

President and Brother William F. Patterson of the Board of Trustees said in his Annual Report in January of 1968 that the Home was the recipient of a number of unusual bequests to our Endowment Fund. An increasing number of the Brethren and the friends has happily increased. They are finding our Home a good place to remember in their wills as well as living endowments which are now increasingly being made. As he has said on former occasions and with emphasis "This adds to our hope of some day in the future reaching total endowment"—meaning that the endowment might become sufficient to insure a total income to fully support the necessary budget for operations of the Home.

The Grand Historian cannot conclude his task without bringing in at this point the statement made by our first Grand Master. Robert Carrel Jordan, in the concluding paragraph of his Annual Address to the Grand Lodge on June 2, 1858. These are his words:

"Much remains to be done to place it (the Grand Lodge) in the proud position it should some day occupy as a useful and influential corporation, protecting and caring for the widow and the orphan, soothing the unhappy, and dispensing charity to all the needy within its reach, thus fulfilling the instructions of our Heavenly Father, the Supreme Grand Master of that Grand Lodge where we all hope to arrive after completing our labors on earth."

That was spoken almost 110 years ago. It was the vision and the hope of our first dedicated Grand Master. Were he living today and were he permitted to see what has thus far been done, he could and might well have said:

**"Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Matthew 25:21)**



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