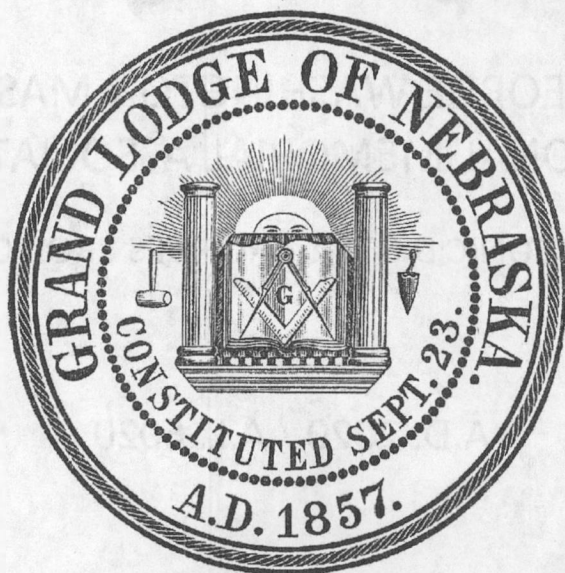


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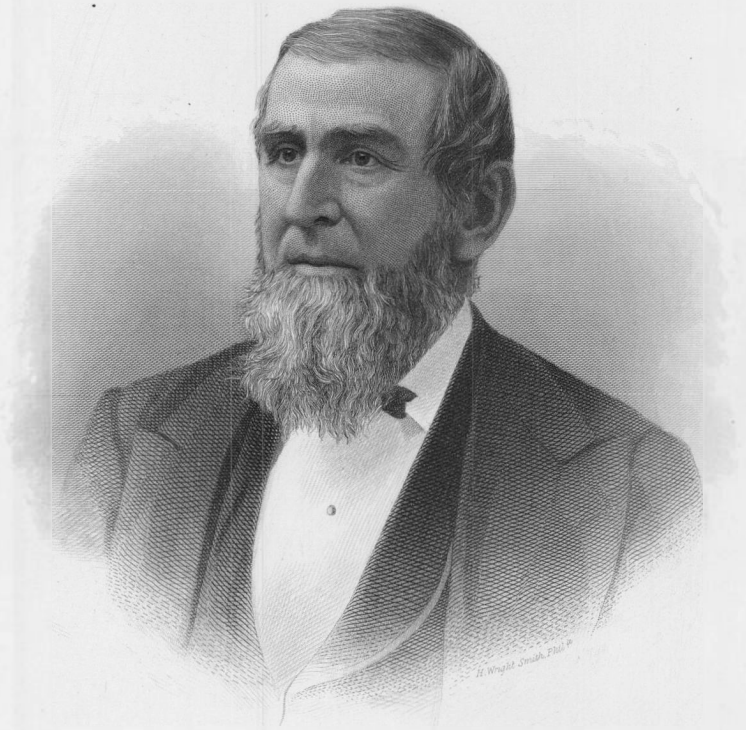
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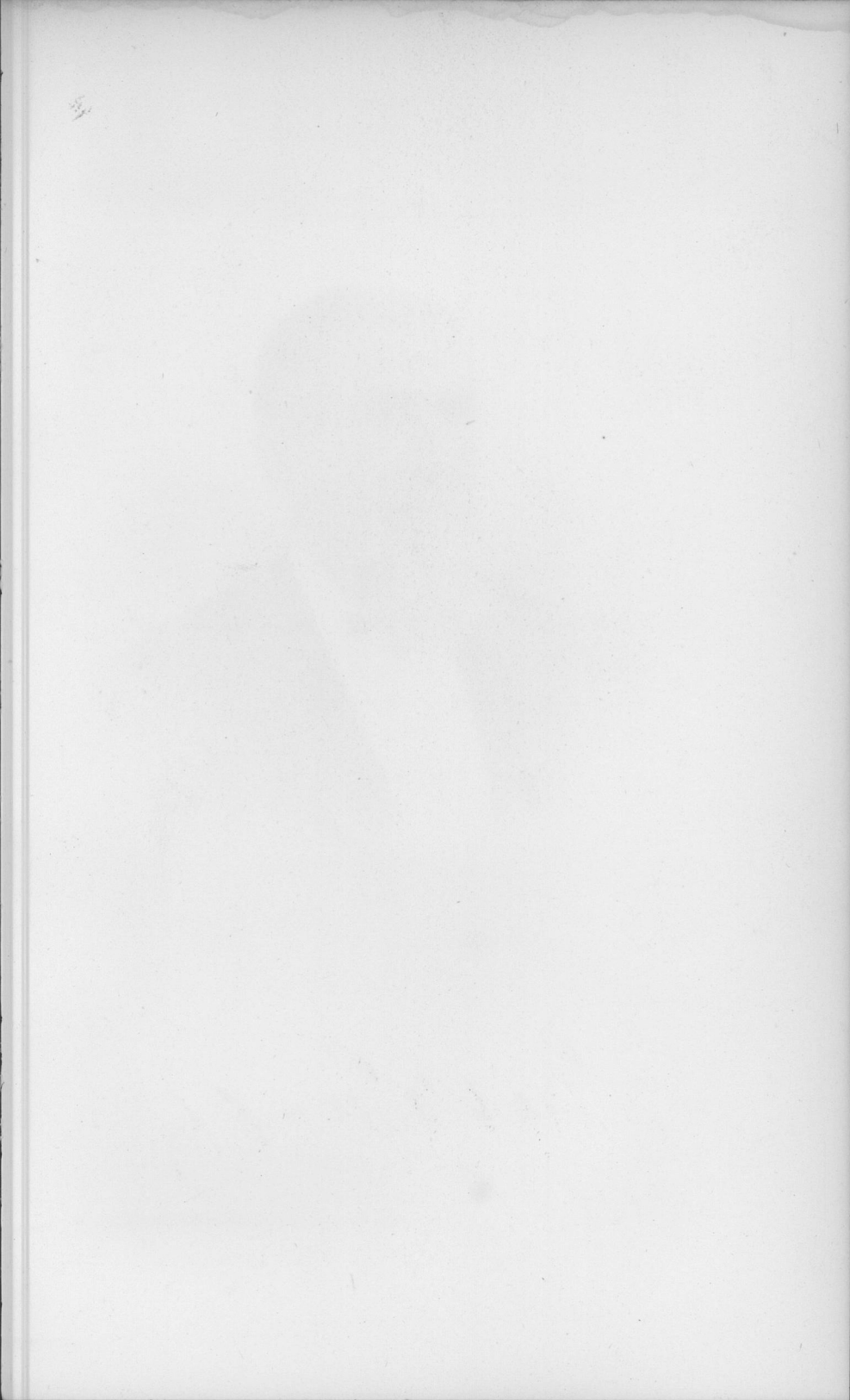
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 TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in its Twenty-first Annual Communication in Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, on Tuesday, June 18, A. L. 5878, A. D. 1878, at 4.45 P.M., there being present:

- M. W. GEORGE W. LININGER Grand Master.
- R. W. ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. EDWARD K. VALENTINE.....Grand Senior Warden.
- R. W. JAMES A. TULLEYS.....Grand Junior Warden.
- R. W. WILLIAM R. BOWENGrand Secretary.
- V. W. FRANK E. BULLARD.....Grand Chaplain.
- W. LEONARD W. COLBYGrand Orator.
- W. HENRY E. PALMERGrand Marshal.
- W. ENOCH B. CARTERGrand Senior Deacon.
- M. W. ALFRED G. HASTINGS *as*.....Grand Junior Deacon.
- Bro. JACOB KINGGrand Tiler.

At 5.10 P.M. a Master Masons Lodge was opened in ample form as required by Section 1 of the Grand Lodge by-laws.

The Grand Secretary having ascertained and reported that a quorum of Lodges was present, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Marshal proclaimed that the Grand

Lodge was open for the dispatch of business; whereupon the Grand Master appointed Bros.: Jesse T. Davis, James M. Creamer, Charles P. R. Williams and Milton J. Hull as the committee on Visitors, and Bros.: Samuel W. Hayes, Eben K. Long and Marshall Smith as the committee on Credentials.

Past Grand Master Furnas, as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, stated that Past Grand Master Hartsock, of Iowa, was present, who was thereupon received and welcomed with due honors.

On motion, all Master Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Lodge.

R.: W.: Bro.: Hayes, chairman of the committee on Credentials, made report, which was adopted subject to amendment. The report as amended was as follows:

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Representatives of Lodges present, viz:

GRAND OFFICERS.

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| M.: W.: | GEORGE W. LININGER..... | Grand Master. |
| R.: W.: | ROLLAND H. OAKLEY | Deputy Grand Master. |
| R.: W.: | EDWARD K. VALENTINE..... | Grand Senior Warden. |
| R.: W.: | JAMES A. TULLEYS..... | Grand Junior Warden. |
| R.: W.: | WILLIAM R. BOWEN..... | Grand Secretary. |
| V.: W.: | FRANK E. BULLARD | Grand Chaplain. |
| | W.: LEONARD W. COLBY | Grand Orator. |
| | W.: HENRY E. PALMER | Grand Marshal. |
| | W.: JAMES R. CAIN | Grand Senior Deacon. |
| | W.: ENOCH B. CARTER | Grand Junior Deacon. |
| Bro.: | JACOB KING | Grand Tiler. |

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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| M.: W.: | ROBERT C. JORDAN..... | Past Grand Master. |
| M.: W.: | GEORGE ARMSTRONG. | Past Grand Master. |
| M.: W.: | DANIEL H. WHEELER | Past Grand Master. |
| M.: W.: | ROBERT W. FURNAS | Past Grand Master. |
| M.: W.: | HARRY P. DEUEL | Past Grand Master. |
| M.: W.: | WILLIAM E. HILL | Past Grand Master. |
| M.: W.: | MARTIN DUNHAM | Past Grand Master. |
| M.: W.: | ALFRED G. HASTINGS..... | Past Grand Master. |
| M.: W.: | GEORGE H. THUMMEL..... | Past Grand Master. |

CUSTODIANS.

- Bro.: JESSE T. DAVIS First District.
- Bro.: MARSHALL SMITH Third District.
- Bro.: FREDERICK N. DICK Fourth District.
- Bro.: ALBERT K. MARSH Fifth District.
- Bro.: ROLLAND H. OAKLEY Sixth District.
- Bro.: JAMES R. CAIN Seventh District.

REPRESENTATIVES.

| LODGE. | No. | MASTER. | SENIOR WARDEN. | JUNIOR WARDEN. |
|----------------|-----|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Nebraska | 1 | F. E. Caldwell [3 vts] | | |
| Western Star | 2 | E. F. Warren | A. M. Smith | James Reed. |
| Capitol | 3 | L. M. Rheem, proxy | C. F. Goodman, prox | L. M. Rheem. |
| Nemaha Valley | 4 | R. W. Furnas, proxy | R. W. Furnas, proxy | R. W. Furnas, proxy. |
| Omadi | 5 | Wm. Adair | Wm. Adair, proxy | T. L. Griffey, proxy. |
| Plattsmouth | 6 | F. E. White | J. A. MacMurphy, pxy | H. E. Palmer. |
| Falls City | 9 | Jas. R. Cain, proxy | | |
| Solomon | 10 | Newton Clark | Newton Clark, proxy | Lorenzo Crounse. |
| Covert | 11 | Eben K. Long | James Morris | James S. France. |
| Nebraska City | 12 | E. R. Richardson | J. B. Northcutt | J. B. Northcutt, prox. |
| Peru | 14 | D. C. Cole | | |
| Fremont | 15 | A. C. Hull | A. C. Hull, proxy | A. Townsend. |
| Ashland | 18 | E. M. Park [3 votes] | | |
| Lincoln | 19 | Chas. H. Gould | D. B. Slaughter, prox | D. A. Cline. |
| Rock Bluff | 20 | G. W. Shrader, proxy | G. W. Shrader | |
| Washington | 21 | Chas. H. Willard | Jesse T. Davis | |
| Pawnee | 23 | J. L. Edwards [3 vts] | | |
| St. Johns | 25 | Jno. G. Taylor | J. B. Bruner | Chas. P. Needham. |
| Beatrice | 26 | Hiram P. Webb | C. B. Palmer, proxy | O. M. Enlow, proxy. |
| Jordan | 27 | Jno. H. Mockett | W. E. Krause | E. K. Valentine, prox. |
| Hope | 29 | Jno. P. King | John P. King, proxy | Jno. P. King, proxy. |
| Blue River | 30 | J. H. Culver, proxy | J. H. Culver, proxy | J. H. Culver, proxy. |
| Tekamah | 31 | W. H. Marshall [2 vts] | | J. C. Laughton, prox. |
| Platte Valley | 32 | T. J. Foley | J. H. McConnell | J. H. McConnell, prox. |
| Ashlar | 33 | O. A. Abbott | C. P. R. Williams, pxy | B. C. Howard, proxy. |
| Acacia | 34 | C. E. Sumner [2 vts] | G. H. Webb, proxy | |
| Fairbury | 35 | C. F. Steele, proxy | J. C. Bear, proxy | A. R. Kennedy, prox. |
| Lone Tree | 36 | J. B. White | | R. C. Steele, proxy. |
| Crete | 37 | H. S. Fuller, proxy | H. S. Fuller, proxy | |
| Oliver | 38 | F. W. Redford [2 vts] | | R. S. Norval, proxy. |
| Papillion | 39 | J. C. Miller | | |
| Humboldt | 40 | W. W. Turk [3 votes] | | |
| Northern Light | 41 | C. L. Lamb | Lewis Ley | E. D. Butler, proxy. |
| Juniata | 42 | B. E. Swift | | |
| Hebron | 43 | E. B. Appelget, prox | E. B. Appelget, prox | E. B. Appelget, prox. |
| Harvard | 44 | E. Brown, proxy | E. Brown, proxy | E. Brown, proxy. |
| Palmyra | 45 | J. Oscar Moore | J. O. Moore, proxy | J. O. Moore, proxy. |
| Rob. Morris | 46 | E. B. Carter [3 vts] | | |
| Salem | 47 | G. W. Pampel [3 vts] | | |
| Fairmont | 48 | C. B. Webber | J. E. Cramer, proxy | J. N. Fisher. |
| Evening Star | 49 | G. H. Vanduyne | G. H. Vanduyne, prox | A. K. Marsh, proxy. |
| Hastings | 50 | E. Steinau, proxy | J. P. Farr | E. Steinau, proxy. |
| Hiram | 52 | S. G. Glover | Wm. R. Turner | |
| Charity | 53 | J. B. Hampton | Jos. Calvert | H. S. Kaley, proxy. |
| Lancaster | 54 | J. M. Cramer | D. H. Andrews, prox | |
| Mosaic | 55 | Chas. P. Matthewson | Wm. H. Lowe | |
| York | 56 | Geo. B. France | L. A. Brandhoefer, | Lee Love, proxy. |
| Mt. Moriah | 57 | G. W. McKee, proxy | [proxy | |
| Lebanon | 58 | R. H. Henry [3 votes] | | |
| Wahoo | 59 | J. N. Davis | N. H. Bell, proxy | J. C. Polsley, proxy. |
| Melrose | 60 | A. C. Robbins | A. C. Robbins, proxy | A. C. Robbins, proxy. |
| Thistle | 61 | H. O. Smith | | H. T. Hedges, proxy. |
| Keystone | 62 | J. T. Price | J. T. Price, proxy | J. T. Price, proxy. |
| Riverton | 63 | W. E. Hatch [3 votes] | | |
| Blue Valley | 64 | E. J. Weaver | E. J. Weaver, proxy | E. J. Weaver, proxy. |
| Osceola | 65 | H. T. Arnold, proxy | H. T. Arnold, proxy | Albinus Vance, prox. |
| Edgar | 67 | Milton J. Hull | S. T. Caldwell | |

The above mentioned Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, with the exception of the Grand Tiler, are each entitled to one vote, and each Subordinate Lodge represented is entitled to three votes.

In addition to the foregoing, we also report the attendance of the following:

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES.

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| R. W. Bro. | JAMES W. CHADDUCK | Alabama. |
| R. W. Bro. | SAMUEL W. HAYES | Arkansas. |
| M. W. Bro. | ROBERT C. JORDAN | Canada. |
| M. W. Bro. | ALFRED G. HASTINGS | Connecticut. |
| W. Bro. | EDWIN A. ALLEN | Delaware. |
| W. Bro. | CHARLES F. CATLIN | District of Columbia. |
| R. W. Bro. | JAMES A. TULLEYS | Idaho. |
| M. W. Bro. | GEORGE H. THUMMEL | Illinois. |
| M. W. Bro. | HARRY P. DEUEL | Indiana. |
| M. W. Bro. | ROBERT W. FURNAS | Iowa. |
| R. W. Bro. | J. N. WISE | Kentucky. |
| R. W. Bro. | J. N. WISE | Louisiana. |
| W. Bro. | EDWIN F. WARREN | Manitoba. |
| M. W. Bro. | GEORGE ARMSTRONG | Maryland. |
| M. W. Bro. | DANIEL H. WHEELER | Michigan. |
| M. W. Bro. | ROBERT C. JORDAN | Minnesota. |
| R. W. Bro. | J. N. WISE | Missouri. |
| R. W. Bro. | CHARLES F. GOODMAN | Montana. |
| W. Bro. | EDWIN A. ALLEN | New Brunswick. |
| M. W. Bro. | ROBERT W. FURNAS | North Carolina. |
| W. Bro. | CHARLES F. CATLIN | Nova Scotia. |
| M. W. Bro. | ROBERT W. FURNAS | Ohio. |
| R. W. Bro. | J. N. WISE | Tennessee. |
| R. W. Bro. | WILLIAM R. BOWEN | Vermont. |
| M. W. Bro. | WILLIAM E. HILL | Virginia. |
| R. W. Bro. | R. H. OAKLEY | Wyoming. |

All of which is fraternally submitted.

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| S. W. HAYES, | } Committee on Credentials. |
| MARSHALL SMITH, | |
| E. K. LONG, | |

By order of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master read the Landmarks and Ancient Regulations of the Fraternity for the benefit of the members of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master then announced the following committees, viz:

On Visiting Brethren — Bros.: Jesse T. Davis, James M. Creamer, C. P. R. Williams, Milton J. Hull and E. M. Park.

On Credentials — Bros.: Samuel W. Hayes, E. K. Long and Marshall Smith.

On Accounts — Bros.: C. P. Matthewson, John G. Taylor, Thaddeus J. Foley, Josiah E. Cramer and D. A. Cline.

On Charters and Dispensations — Bros.: Geo. B. France, Chas. H. Gould, Lewis Ley and Chas. B. Palmer.

On By-Laws from Chartered Lodges — Bros.: H. S. Kaley, J. I. Edwards, Lorenzo Crouse and John H. Mockett.

On Foreign Correspondence — The Grand Secretary and Bro.: Geo. H. Thummel.

On Ways and Means — Bros.: Henry E. Palmer, Ezra Brown, B. E. Swift, Jr., and D. H. Andrews.

On Charity — Bros.: E. R. Richardson, G. W. Shrader and F. W. Redford.

On Grievances — Bros.: Robert W. Furnas, Charles E. Sumner and Wm. Adair.

On Unfinished Business — Bros.: Hiram P. Webb, Othman A. Abbott and Robert H. Henry.

On Pay Roll — Bros.: Francis E. White, E. Steinau and B. D. Slaughter.

On Jurisprudence — The Past Grand Masters present, with M.: W.: Bro.: Thummel as chairman.

On Returns — Bros.: E. K. Long, Jas. S. France, E. B. Carter, Frank E. Caldwell and Newton Clark.

On Grand Master's Address — Bros.: E. F. Warren, A. C. Hull and Chas. H. Willard.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 5878.

At 7:50 P.M. the Grand Lodge resumed labor, with officers and members as at afternoon session, except that Bro.: Edwin F. Warren was in place as Grand Junior Deacon.

Past Grand Master Boyce, of Montana, was now received and welcomed with due honors.

The Grand Master, M.: W.: Bro.: George W. Lininger, now delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska:

We give you hearty welcome and most fraternal greeting to the twenty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge. Let us give praise and thanksgiving to the Grand Architect of the Universe for the health, peace

and prosperity that has prevailed throughout our jurisdiction; the cheering prospect of an abundant harvest, the stream of immigration that is pouring into this State to make glad the waste places, and the evidences on every hand that assure us of continual prosperity within our borders. For these and all other blessings, both spiritual and temporal, let us praise and bless the Giver of all good.

We have all felt somewhat the great financial depression which has existed, causing so many bankruptcies, defalcations, failures and suicides — producing a feeling of distrust not only in the commercial world, but every class of society has felt its demoralizing influence.

In my intercourse with different Lodges in this jurisdiction I find much to admire and commend, and, I am sorry to say, much to condemn. Grand Masters are too apt to give glowing accounts of Masonry in their respective jurisdictions, feeling in duty bound to thus maintain at any cost the honor and dignity of this ancient and honorable institution, which has become a mighty power for good, and commands the respect of great and good men throughout the world. It is not by disguising or concealing the evils practiced by unworthy members that the integrity of the fraternity is maintained, but by recognizing them and exercising disciplinary power over the offending parties.

We regret that we, individually and collectively, as Masons, are not doing all in our power to aid and assist each other in every laudable undertaking. We regret that “we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and have done those things which we ought not to have done;” that we have not been as charitable in every instance as we should have been; that the destitute widow and helpless orphan have not received due attention and assistance at our hands.

We regret that so many Masons belong to other secret societies, not but what the objects of these societies are good and praiseworthy, but because we believe that a conscientious man who is a Freemason, risks something when he joins another secret society. How can he assume new duties until he knows they will not conflict with those he has already obligated himself to perform. And again, many innovations of the fundamental laws of Masonry are introduced by these liberal minded men who hold membership in various societies. They are not safeguards for the ancient landmarks of the Order.

We regret that our Lodges are not properly tiled; too many *secrets* get outside of the Lodge room.

We regret that members of our beloved institution are known to indulge in the use of intoxicating drinks, profanity, gambling, quarreling, backbiting, cheating and defrauding — vices which deprave and brutalize a man.

We regret that many of our members, who are actuated by the true spirit of our Society, and who practice its teachings, are withholding their presence and support because of the evils we speak of.

We regret that Lodges are slow to notice and bring to discipline those who thus offend.

Your Grand Master regrets that the necessity of the case compels him to call your attention to these facts, and he appeals to you in the name of Ma-

sorry to assist in correcting the evils which threaten to undermine and bring dishonor and reproach upon the fraternity,—a society that teaches in the strongest manner possible the virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, and the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth; faith, hope and charity should lead in every good work, and set an example that others may follow.

In my visitations to Lodges the status of each Lodge was ascertained through my deputy, whose duty it was to investigate everything unfavorable to their growth and harmony, and report the same in open Lodge. The fact is, Brethren, we have in our ranks too many men who are unworthy. The records of our Lodges also show that sometimes out of a membership of from twenty-five to one hundred, there would be present scarcely enough to fill the officers' chairs, and sometimes not enough present to open the Lodge at its regular meetings. I find, also, that many of the Lodges visited have failed to collect their dues. Is it possible that these Brethren are so *poor* that they cannot pay the small sum required to meet Lodge expenses and provide for their personal comfort in the Lodge room? If they are not able to do this, how are we able to fulfill the true mission of Masonry, of charity to all? Some of the records show no money given to charitable objects during the year, while charity and relief are fundamental principles of our society, taught and impressed on our minds by frequent admonitions, and should characterize the life of every Mason. Do we employ these principles in our daily intercourse with our fellowmen?

What is the cause of all this negligence on the part of Masons? My answer is, a lack of discipline; and the remedy is to make them live up to their professions. If a Brother does wrong, do not sympathize with him to such an extent that the fraternity will be disgraced, but enforce the rules and adhere to the principles of Freemasonry if it reduces our membership to one-half its present number. Do it and we will guarantee a good attendance at our meetings, and twice, aye, thrice, the good will be accomplished.

When you discover a member is violating his obligations, warn him of his danger immediately. Use every means in your power to reclaim him. Do your whole duty in this respect, and we will have comparatively few to punish. Several prominent members have been saved from a drunkard's grave, during the year just passed, through the kind efforts of a few good, true Masons.

I would seriously ask these pertinent questions and let each one answer for himself. Have we at all times been ready to go on foot, and out of our way, if necessary, to aid and assist a worthy Brother? Have we remembered at all times a Brother's welfare as our own? Has the confidence of a Brother, when confided to our keeping, ever been betrayed? Have we supported him in his falling fortunes, or have we turned away from him in his hour of distress? Have we forgotten the duties we owe to his widow and fatherless children? Have we at all times whispered good counsel in the ear of an erring brother? Have we ever cheated him out of the value of one penny, or willfully permitted it to be done by others? Have we ever been ready and prompt to stretch forth our hands to save a falling Brother?

Have we to his face spoken a word to wound his feelings, or behind his back made a remark that could put a stain upon his good name? Have we been truthful in all things? In short, are we living up to the principles and teachings of Masonry in every particular?

Our laws are already plain and stringent upon all the vices referred to, but the Lodges fail to enforce the discipline. Can it be possible that Masters who have made solemn vows, and taken upon themselves the obligations of the highest offices in the Lodge, be at fault in these things? East, West, South, I conjure you to look well to these matters.

The rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge require the Grand Master to present at each Annual Communication, a written address, therein setting forth all his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Order; in conformity to which requirement I report, in addition to the foregoing, the following official acts.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES.

July 30.—I gave my proxy to Bro. Marshal Smith, of Columbus, to constitute and install the officers of Osceola Lodge, No. 65, located at Osceola. Bro. Smith reports that on the 1st of September, with the assistance of several brethren who accompanied him from Lebanon Lodge, No. 58, he performed the duty assigned him.

August 4.—In person I constituted and installed the officers of Edgar Lodge, No. 67, A. H. Jones acting as Deputy Grand Master, A. B. Canfield, as Grand Chaplain, and J. W. Small, as Grand Secretary. I found the brethren, about thirty-five in number, assembled in a very neat and comfortable Lodge-room, with all the necessary furniture and fixtures, and with such men as M. J. Hull for Master, E. E. Howard for Senior Warden, and C. H. Kitridge, Junior Warden, no doubts need be entertained of the future success of this Lodge. I was much pleased with the material that this Lodge presented to me for the Master Mason degree in the person of Bro. Marion Hart. The Lodge does good work. After giving them some instruction and advice, I left them, feeling assured that they would maintain a good live institution.

September 5.—I visited Wilbur for the purpose of constituting and installing the officers of Blue Valley Lodge, No. 64. I was assisted upon this occasion by Bro. R. L. Cromwell as D. G. M., Hiram C. Rider as Senior Grand Warden, Robert Armstrong as Junior Grand Warden, W. T. Buchanan as Grand Treasurer, H. M. Wells as Grand Secretary, Geo. K. Mooney as Grand Chaplain. Bro. Weaver, the Master of this Lodge, knows all about how to receive Grand Lodge Officers. I was pleased to meet and install two of my Illinois brethren, Bro. Mann as Senior Warden, and Bro. Jacob Lawson as Steward. After giving the brethren some advice and instruction, we left them, feeling that another bright link had been formed in the fraternal chain.

September 8.—I issued my proxy to Past Grand Master A. G. Hastings, empowering him to constitute and install the officers of Livingstone Lodge,

No. 66, located at Firth. I fail to find any written report from Bro.: Hast-ings, but he informs me that he performed the duty assigned him.

I issued dispensations for new Lodges as follows:

July 16, to Joseph F. Benner, Master; A. Shipman, Senior Warden; W. H. Cogswell, Junior Warden, and nine other Brothers, to form and open a Lodge at Sterling, Nebraska, to be called Sterling Lodge. Their petition was recommended by Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17, J. R. Cain, Custodian of the District, and our R.: W.: R. H. Oakley, Deputy Grand Master.

Jan. 28, to Bro.: A. M. Cool, Master; Jacob M. Miller, Senior Warden; J. H. Snider, Junior Warden, and eight others, to form and open Trowel Lodge, located at Neligh, Antelope county, Nebraska. This petition was recommended by Mosaic Lodge, No. 55. I also appointed Bro.: S. W. Hayes to visit the brethren to ascertain if I would be warranted in granting them a dispensation. A favorable report from him, as well as one from our Grand Senior Warden, E. K. Valentine, induced me to issue this dispensation.

March 19, to Bro.: James F. Burns, Master; H. C. Craig, Senior Warden; Jerry Denslow, Junior Warden, and seven others, to form and open Hooper Lodge, located at Hooper, Dodge county, Nebraska, recommended by Fremont Lodge, No. 15, and our Grand Senior Warden.

May 4, to Bro. T. A. Megeath, Master; James D. Thompson, Senior Warden; Walter F. Stacy, Junior Warden, and eighteen others, to form and open Saline Lodge, at Friend, Saline county, Nebraska, recommended by Crete Lodge, also by Grand Lecturer, H. C. Rider, and our Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: R. H. Oakley.

All of these dispensations have been issued upon the conviction that the interests of the craft would be thereby promoted. I have given all these brethren to understand that they must depend upon themselves rather than upon new material for the financial support of their several Lodges. Too many Lodges are started with the idea that enough petitioners for the degrees can be had to pay all the expenses of organizing and maintaining their Lodge. One of the Lodges chartered at our last annual communication has already complained that they have no funds to pay the Grand Lodge fees. I have taken all the precaution possible in regard to the dispensations issued, and have discouraged several others who were about to petition for new Lodges. I would, therefore, recommend that no charters be granted until such time as the Grand Lodge is fully satisfied that the brethren are able and willing to meet all the necessary expenses for the maintenance of a good, live, charitable institution.

I visited the Lodge at Sterling, in company with my deputy, the Grand Lecturer, and Custodian Cain. We were met at the depot by Bro.: A. Shipman, who took charge of and cared for us during our visit. The Lodge, although under dispensation, owns jointly with the Odd-Fellows a neat Lodge room, twenty by thirty-five feet, with two ante-rooms. They were out of debt, and had some money in the treasury. I found some intemperance and profanity existing, but I was assured by the Lodge that they would check these evils at once.

I have issued the following

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

June 20, to Bro. Geo. B. France, to install the officers of Blue River Lodge, No. 30, they having failed to install at the proper time, and the Master having removed from the town.

July 9, to Wahoo Lodge, No. 59, to receive petition of Robert N. Gray.

Oct. 26, Northern Light Lodge, No. 41, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees upon A. L. Woodward and Harvey J. Dix in less time than specified in the by-laws.

July 2, permission was given to Beatrice Lodge, No. 26, to appear in public procession as Masons on the 4th of July.

July 10, approved an amendment to the by-laws of Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6.

Sept. 26, approved an amendment to the by-laws of Rock Bluffs Lodge, No. 20.

Oct. 16, approved the by-laws of Edgar Lodge, No. 67.

Oct. 23, permission was granted to Sterling Lodge to hold a festival.

Dec. 22, permission was given to Tekamah Lodge, No. 31, to hold an election for Senior Warden.

Dec. 22, permission was given to Rock Bluffs Lodge, No. 20, to hold an election for officers.

Dec. 22, authority was given to Lone Tree Lodge, No. 36, to hold an election for Master.

Dec. 27, I installed the officers elect of Capitol, Covert and St. John's Lodges.

Dec. 31, authority was given to R. W. Brother E. K. Valentine, Grand Senior Warden, to install the officers of Jordan Lodge, No. 27, they having failed to do so at the proper time.

Jan. 18, authority was given to Blue River Lodge, No. 30, to install officers.

Jan. 22, authority was given to Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, to install officers. Permission was also given to move their Lodge to a more convenient building in the same town.

Feb. 8, authority was given to Charity Lodge, No. 53, to hold an election for Master.

March 29, authority was given to Melrose Lodge, No. 60, to move their Lodge from Melrose to Orleans, a distance less than two miles.

June 12, 1878, authority was given to Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, to confer the M. M. degree upon F. C. G. E. Bailey.

Dec. 22, I received a petition, signed by nearly all the officers and resident members of Macoy Lodge, No. 22, located at Plattsmouth, asking for a dispensation to hold a regular meeting of said Lodge on Monday evening, 24th December, to take the necessary steps to surrender their charter; also a petition that Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, be granted a dispensation allowing said Lodge to receive the petitions of members of Macoy Lodge, and ballot upon them at their next regular meeting. I was also waited upon by a committee from both of these Lodges, and I agreed to visit them on the 24th in person.

I spent part of the day with them, seeing all parties interested; and believing it to be for the best interests of the craft that these Lodges should be consolidated, I granted the prayer of their petition, and after the surrender of Macoy charter, and the consolidation with Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, I gave them permission to hold a new election and installation. The brethren at Plattsmouth, with one or two exceptions, seem to be united and working together, believing that "in union there is strength." I have since visited Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, in company with the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lecturer, and from the specimens of work exemplified, large attendance, manner in which we were entertained, a disposition to correct vice and purify morals, the general good feeling among the brethren, convinced me that there are other Lodges that might be equally as well benefited by consolidation. The charter, records and jewels are in my possession. I would recommend that as the jewels were presented to Macoy Lodge, they be returned to the brethren of Plattsmouth.

In March complaint was filed by Salem Lodge against Orient Lodge, No. 13, for invading their jurisdiction. The whole matter was referred to Custodian J. R. Cain, who reported to me in due time that the matter was amicably settled by Orient Lodge agreeing to pay to Salem Lodge the fee, \$25.

The following, from our M. W. Bro. John W. Finch, Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, explains itself. Rule twenty of our regulations is the one referred to, and I recommend it be repealed:

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER, ADRIAN, MICH. May 6, 1878.

GEO. W. LININGER, G. M., Nebraska:

Most Worshipful Brother.—I am in receipt of a letter from A. H. Ellis, W. M. of Lodge No. 231, at Grand Island, informing me that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is still enforcing a resolution adopted in 1872, at the request of Grand Master Henry Chamberlain, of this State, requiring all brethren hailing from the jurisdiction of Michigan to be possessed of a certificate of membership from their Lodge, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to insure them the right of visitation. The emergency calling for such resolution has ceased to exist. In justice to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction traveling in your State, I would most respectfully request that the said resolution be rescinded. Truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN W. FINCH, *Grand Master.*

The following decisions were made:

1. That any brother in good standing has the right to object to the initiation, passing or raising, in his Lodge, of a candidate at any time previous to taking the O. B. The brother objecting is not required to give his reasons. There is this difference between a rejection and black ball. A brother has the right to withdraw his objections at any time, and the work goes on. The records should show that objections were made.

2. The fee, if paid in advance, should be returned to rejected candidates.

3. That a brother has the right to petition a Lodge for membership at any time, no matter how old the demit.

4. The following question was asked and answered:

Can a brother Master Mason withdraw from a Lodge with the intention of holding his demit, when reasons are verbally given that he does not attend Lodge, and does not want to pay dues?

Answer. He cannot. There are only two reasons given for granting demits, and for a full explanation I refer you to the general or old regulations VIII, and the Landmarks of Masonry. Landmark three of Lodges says: "A Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work; hence that assembly or duly organized society of Masons is called a Lodge, and every brother ought to belong to one, and to be subject to its by-laws and the general regulations, etc." Regulations may be changed, but a Landmark never. Every brother has pledged himself to support and obey these laws, and if a brother insists upon violating them by asking to withdraw, he should be punished as for any other offense.

5. My opinion has been asked upon rule 13.

Answered. That I consider it just as it reads, for initiation and not for membership. I hold that a Master Mason can place his membership in any Master Masons Lodge, no matter where located. Landmark three requires him to belong to some Lodge. General regulations (8) (Anderson) defines more fully. It says: "They may join themselves to such other Lodge as they shall like best."

6. A ballot should be taken even if the petition committee report unfavorably.

7. Any Lodge can file objections in another Lodge against the conferring of either of the degrees; but the reasons must be given, and if of a trivial nature they need not be recognized, otherwise they must be respected.

8. That no Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary can, at the same time, be the Master or Warden of a particular Lodge.

9. That a demitted Master Mason has the right to petition and join any Lodge of Master Masons, no matter where he may reside.

10. When the Master of a Lodge has been removed from office for any cause, and the Lodge placed under the charge of the Senior Warden, he performs all the duties as though he were the Master himself. Although he is not in possession of the Past Master's degree, there is nothing that would prevent any Past Master being present at such meeting.

11. Some trouble and difference of opinion has arisen upon the interpretation of section 5, article 10, of our By-Laws, in regard to reinstatement from suspension to membership, or to good standing *in the fraternity only*, leaving him non-affiliated. I do not believe in making demitted Masons in this way. If a brother is fit to be reinstated in the fraternity by a Lodge, he certainly is fit to be a member of that Lodge. A Lodge should not be willing to palm off on others what they are not willing to accept themselves. I recommend that section 5 of our By-Laws be amended.

12. Has a brother who has been suspended and given notice of an appeal to the Grand Lodge the right to a seat in his Lodge until the Grand Lodge decides his case? Answer—No.

13. That in making up the quorum for opening a Lodge visiting brethren may be counted, but no important business can be transacted without seven members of the Lodge being present. In balloting there must be seven balls in the box.

14. You cannot install a brother by proxy.

15. A petition should not be permitted to be withdrawn after it is made of record.

16. That a non-affiliated Master Mason can present his petition as often as he pleases, for affiliation, and regardless of time.

17. The right of a brother to cast a black ball cannot be questioned in any case where a secret ballot is had; neither should the Lodge, or any of its members, attempt to find out who cast it; full protection must be given to the brother casting a black ball.

VISITATIONS.

September last, while on a business trip to Denver, I met the Grand Lodge of Colorado. I was courteously received, and was much pleased with the manner in which the business of the Grand Lodge was dispatched. Bro. A. G. Mackey, that good, true old man, was there, and delivered a very interesting address. I was also pleased to meet Past Grand Masters H. P. H. Bromwell and George Lonsberry, former chums and co-workers of mine in Illinois.

In October last I visited the Grand Lodge of Illinois, where I met many warm friends and fraters. In attempting to go into the Grand Lodge room, as was my custom for many years, I was promptly notified that I could not pass, and in a stern and peremptory manner ordered into a room below to await the pleasure of the Examining Committee. I took the hint, for I knew Bro. Furns, the Tiler, of old. The committee consisted of Past Grand Masters D. C. Cregier, James A. Hawley and Grand Chaplain Martin, who introduced me in a very neat and touching speech to the Grand Master, Joseph Robbins, and he to the Grand Lodge, which was pleased to receive me with the Grand Honors, to which I responded as best I could under the circumstances, my customary speech not being appropriate to the occasion. I met many of my old friends with whom I had worked in Grand Lodge twenty years ago, but missed the faces of many who have gone to meet the Grand Lodge above. During a visit to relatives and friends at my old home in Peru, Illinois, a reception was given in honor of the Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska by my parent Lodge, St. Johns, No. 13. The old Lodge room was crowded with brethren, their wives and daughters. The mayor, R. C. Hattenhauer, who is also Master of the Lodge, gave me a hearty welcome, tendering me the "keys of the city," which were accepted in *one of my set speeches*. After this more speeches, songs, banquet and social reunion. The occasion was pleasant and long to be remembered.

I have made official visits to the following Lodges: Nos. 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19, 25, 27, 38, 47, 50, 54, 56, 64 and 67. Officers of these Lodges and the brethren generally received me with due Masonic courtesy, treating me with so much kindness, attention and genuine hospitality as to cause me only to regret that I could not extend my tour of inspection. I was accompanied in most places with my Deputy and the Grand Lecturer, our work being divided so as to make a thorough inspection of the Lodge, its buildings, arrangement of ante-rooms, furniture, working tools, ritual, manner of doing work, attendance, the financial, social and moral standing. The ritual and work

was assigned to the Grand Lecturer, who never fails to do his duty well. He is peculiarly adapted to this work, having the ritual so firmly impressed upon his mind that the thousand and one side questions that are asked do not confound him; as the Deputy would jokingly remark, "Wind him up and he will talk all night." The duty assigned to the Deputy was well performed, as his report hereto appended will show. If these reports upon the condition of our Lodges were made annually in connection with visits from some one of the Grand Officers, I am satisfied that much good would be accomplished. I think the time has come when Masons should cease quarreling about the ritual. Too much valuable time has been spent both in Grand and subordinate Lodges over minor questions and words that have the same meaning, and really amount to nothing. We are too apt to run after the shadow and lose the substance. More time should be devoted in making the work impressive, drawing out more fully the dramatic parts, by enlisting more brethren in the work, creating rivalry of who can best work and best agree. I do not wish to be understood that I am not in favor of uniformity, but, on the contrary, I have labored for fifteen years for that object, and can safely say that the Lodges visited are in possession of the work — at least, one or more of the brethren in each Lodge have the work.

I made an effort to have every Lodge in the State visited, knowing full well that it would be impossible for me to do so in person. The Grand Officers and Custodians are well distributed in different parts of the State. They have all been asked to visit in their respective districts, and I hope the Grand Lodge will insist upon a report from each one, showing the condition of the Lodges visited by him. Any officers failing to perform the duty assigned them should be replaced by those who have the time and are willing to do their whole duty. Brethren, the Lodges really need looking after, and if we cannot get the proper officers to do so, some arrangement should be made to secure the services of a competent person to visit each Lodge, once a year, and deliver a lecture upon the duties and obligations of Masons, and attend to any other matter that would tend to better the condition of our Lodges.

I recommend that section 1 of our By-Laws be changed so that the Grand Lodge shall be opened as a Grand Lodge, without the preliminary opening of a Master Mason's Lodge.

I would be doing our Grand Secretary a great injustice were I to close this report without informing the Grand Lodge of the vast amount of labor that he is doing without fee or reward; and, in fact, were it not that he receives some small compensation from the Grand Chapter, he would be losing money. His ambition and pride has been to keep an open office for the Grand Lodge, which all must admit is of great importance to the fraternity of Nebraska, and I can assure you that it has been a great convenience and benefit to me during the past year. In order to keep this office open it has cost our Grand Secretary nine hundred dollars for an assistant, to say nothing about other expenses, when the fact is he only receives eight hundred dollars from this Grand Body. It is, perhaps, all that we can afford to pay at present, but the time is coming when we must pay him with something more than thanks for his valuable services.

OUR RELATIONS

with other Grand Lodges remain unchanged, and are of the most pleasant and fraternal character.

In the interchange of courtesies I have had the pleasure of appointing Representatives as follows:

R. W. Bro. Luke E. Barber, Grand Secretary, Little Rock, near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Bro. George W. Kingsbury, Yankton, near the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

Bro. Alpheus W. Baker, Lebanon, near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Bro. George McLean, Edinburgh, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

I have, as briefly as possible, called your attention to all matters of interest which have come before me during the past year. It may occur to you that some things reported might have been omitted, because ample provisions already existed in our laws to meet the cases presented. This is true, but the difficulty seems to be in construing and applying our regulations in individual cases.

With the close of this Communication my duties as Grand Master will end. During the year just closing, as in all past years of my Masonic life, both Grand and Subordinate, I have endeavored faithfully to perform the duties devolving upon me to the best of my ability, and if I have met the requirements of the times in a manner creditable to the high position with which I have been honored, my greatest ambition has been attained.

I cannot close these remarks without expressing my thanks for the confidence you reposed in me one year ago. Almost a stranger, having resided only four years in your jurisdiction, you called me from the floor of this Grand Lodge to accept the most honorable and responsible office known to Masons; the Grand Master holds supreme power; is an arbitrary ruler; his word is law; the very existence of every Lodge is subject to his rule. Why should I not feel grateful to these brethren who placed confidence in my ability to discharge the various duties incumbent upon the office and not abuse them? That I have made some mistakes, and have not done as much as I expected to do, I am willing to confess. The year has passed by so swiftly that it seems but a few days since we last met.

I beg you to not allow the spirit of innovation to encroach upon the fundamental principles and landmarks of our time-honored institution. I would warn you, in this day of progress and of *new departures*, that you should bring into requisition the three virtues of prudence, caution and circumspection, for, as I have already intimated, we have more to fear from inward weakness than from outward pressure.

I exhort you to be fraternal and united. Remembering what vast concerns hang upon your action, let no disorganizing strife over minor matters be stirred up, but with an eye single to the momentous interests of the Craft, resolve to do your whole duty, here and elsewhere, deliberately, patiently and well. Let us so work, act and speak that the whole world will say, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Such is the parting wish of your Grand Master, whose every heart-throb is dedi-

cated to the good genius of Masonry, and who yields to no man in attachment to the Order, or in confidence in her wondrous capacity for good. God speed you to harmonize and fraternize all discordant elements around you, and may He make us worthy of the emblems we wear.

GEORGE W. LININGER, *Grand Master.*

FINANCIAL REPORT.

| | | <i>Grand Master,</i> | <i>Dr.</i> |
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| July 9— | Cash dispensation, | Wahoo Lodge, No 59..... | \$10 00 |
| July 13— | “ | Sterling Lodge, U. D. | 15 00 |
| Oct. 26— | “ | Northern Light Lodge, No. 42..... | 20 00 |
| Jan. 22— | “ | Neligh Lodge, U. D. | 15 00 |
| Mar. 19— | “ | Hooper Lodge, U. D. | 15 00 |
| May 8— | “ | Saline Lodge, U. D. | 15 00 |
| June 11— | “ | Lancaster Lodge, No. 54..... | 10 00 |
| | | <i>Cr.</i> | \$100 00 |
| By cash to William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary | | | \$100 00 |

W. Bro. James R. Cain now entered the Grand Lodge, and assumed his place as Grand Senior Deacon.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report :

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

IN GRAND LODGE, JUNE 18, 5878.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Secretary has this year but little of importance to report that requires especial consideration; as in the growing years of the Grand Lodge much of the work is done in committee prior to the communication, so also much steady, constant labor becomes more and more necessary in your Secretary's office throughout the year; as the first few improvements on our prairie homesteads are more noticeable than the more valuable additions of later years, so the progress of the Grand Lodge in its majority may not, with its accumulated and steadily increasing strength, challenge half the admiration its earlier efforts readily obtained. Attention is invited, however, to so much of your Secretary's last report as was too heavy for digestion by the Twentieth Annual Communication. The year has been a busy one for this office, as nearly every one here present can testify. The issuing of the *Black Book* may be considered a step toward that system and order desired by the Grand Lodge.

Other work, for which appropriations have been made, has not been done, for want of funds. Your Secretary cannot, without straw, deliver his "tale of brick."

As your Secretary completes one after the other of the projects that he deems important, he needs the thoughtful suggestions of zealous craftsmen throughout the jurisdiction as to future methods of advancement.

At the Annual Communication of '73 the Grand Lodge voted a testimonial to Past Grand Treasurer Graff, which your Secretary has conveyed to that esteemed Brother, in an engraving of his portrait. It is recommended that the portrait be included in the published proceedings of this Communication.

As more than half the Lodges had not, up to June 17, paid in their dues and fees for the year ending April 30, 1878, your Secretary cannot submit his financial statement in the manner he had hoped to do when the Grand Lodge ordered that such payments should *all* be made on or before May 10 of each year.

It is learned, with regret, that in the consolidation of Plattsmouth and Macoy Lodges R. W. Brother J. Newton Wise, Past Grand Secretary, becomes non-affiliated. To that Brother the Grand Lodge is indebted for the excellent reviews that have gained for Nebraska consideration and reputation.

During the year your Secretary stated to several of the directors of the Masonic Temple Craft (the corporation owning Freemasons' Hall) that the Grand Lodge would pay fifty dollars annual rental for use of a fire-proof vault, eight feet by fifteen feet, if they would construct one in connection with this office. The offer was not accepted, and the matter is mentioned merely to ascertain the views of the Grand Lodge on the subject. The records, etc., of the Grand Lodge are becoming too valuable to keep where they may be destroyed by fire.

Your Secretary *submits* —

The following matters, which have been placed in the hands of the committees which met yesterday:

Hamilton Lodge — Its dispensation, statement of work, petition for charter, and ten demits.

Fortitude Lodge — Its dispensation, records, proposed by-laws, petition for charter, with eight demits.

Sterling Lodge — Its dispensation, records, ledger statement of work, proposed by laws, petition for charter, with ten demits.

Trowel Lodge — Its dispensation, statement of work, records, proposed by-laws, petition for charter, and thirteen demits.

Hooper Lodge — Its dispensation, records, proposed by-laws, and petition for continuance of dispensation.

Saline Lodge — Its dispensation and records; a continuance of its dispensation is asked.

The appeal, dated April 20, 1878, of the Treasurer of Thistle Lodge, No. 61, from the decision of said Lodge, that Brother C. J. Freese, on that date found guilty of certain charges, deserved no punishment.

The appeal of C. P. Edwards from the sentence of suspension imposed on him by Rob. Morris Lodge, No. 46.

A report from Salem Lodge, No. 47, of the expulsion therefrom, April 21, 1877, of Richard Burge.

A communication from Hastings Lodge, No. 50, forwarding a petition for

restoration from John C. M. Spencer, expelled by said Lodge September 16, 1876.

Two communications from Falls City Lodge, No. 9, forwarding the petitions of Jonathan J. Marvin, expelled December 10, 1870, and E. M. Wilson, expelled November 16, 1872, for restoration.

A communication from Salem Lodge, No. 47, forwarding the petition of David Barrows for restoration from expulsion by said Lodge, December 11, 1875, recommended by the Lodge. Also another communication from said Lodge withdrawing its recommendation.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Colon seeking recognition.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, March 7, 1878, asking that recognition be withheld from the so called "Grand Lodge of New South Wales"; and that our Lodges be warned against admitting any Mason from the Grand Lodge so called.

A communication from the Masons of Servia asking assistance because of the distress of war.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of New Mexico seeking recognition.

The by-laws of the following Lodges for approval, viz: Northern Light, No. 41.

His statement of funds received since the last Annual Communication.

The case of L. D. Richards, a resident of Fremont, Nebraska, who claims to have been made a Master Mason in "The Lodge Progress, No. 9," of Cartago, Costa Rica. It is ascertained that the Lodge was chartered by the Grand Orient of Central America, Anc. and Acc. Scottish Rite; and a letter from the Master of that particular Lodge assures me that Mr. Richards was therein entered, passed and raised in '73 and '74. As Mr. Richards has no demit or diploma, it is suggested that (if no better plan is determined on) the Grand Lodge authorize or request the BB. of Fremont Lodge, No. 15 [which Lodge he has visited], to confer the degrees upon him for the Grand Lodge fee of five dollars, provided they deem him worthy of becoming a member of their Lodge. The correspondence in the case is herewith.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of England containing a report on the recent action of the Grand Orient of France in changing its constitution. As we suspended intercourse with the Grand Orient of France some years since, no action is now necessary perhaps, unless it be to express our abhorrence of a system of Masonry which ignores the Deity.

This office has prepared, in part, a review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, which will be completed if the Grand Lodge desires to publish it; but for financial reasons it is recommended that the review be not published.

Fraternally,

WM. R. BOWEN, *Grand Secretary.*

Bro. Warren, chairman of the committee on Grand Master's Address, made the following report, which was adopted, except so much thereof as referred to discipline, the consideration of which was deferred until ten o'clock to-morrow morning:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee to whom was referred the reports of the M. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary would respectfully report:

That we have had the matters therein contained under consideration, and would recommend—

1. That so much of the Grand Master's Address as refers to the granting of dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, and his action in regard to Macoy Lodge, No. 22, and Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

2. That so much thereof as refers to the communication of the M. W. Grand Master of Michigan, and as refers to section 1 and section 5, Article X of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, be referred to the committee on Revision of By-Laws, etc.

3. That so much as refers to the compensation of the Grand Secretary be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

4. That so much thereof as refers to the by-laws of Lodges No. 6, No. 20, No. 26 and No. 67, be referred to the committee on By-Laws.

5. That so much thereof as contains the decisions of the Grand Master be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much thereof as refers to finance account, submitted by the M. W. Grand Master, be referred to the committee on Accounts.

Your committee have noted with interest the remarks of the Grand Master upon the lack of discipline existing in Subordinate Lodges, and the prevalence of profanity and kindred vices among the brethren. We are pained that he should have felt compelled thus to call our attention to this disagreeable matter, but commend him for thus discharging his duty. We recognize that it will not do for us to point to the fact that we are at least no worse than other men; that our organization contains as many true men and good citizens as the church or any charitable order; that the percentage of "*black sheep*" in our ranks is smaller than in kindred organizations, and its social standing higher, because we claim to be equal to any and inferior to none; and when men set themselves up as exemplars, it behooves them to walk by the plumb.

While thus recognizing the necessity for action, we are not prepared at this time to suggest a course that shall remedy the evil. We wish, in this connection, that our eminent brother, who has so eloquently and feelingly portrayed the situation, had given us his own ideas of the best method of correcting the trouble, and averting the calamity that threatens. It seems to us that the by-laws contain ample provision for the trial, conviction and punishment of those who willfully or ignorantly offend. The Masters of Lodges have plenary power in this matter, and evidently neglect their plain duty, unless our Grand Master has taken counsel of his fears and over-estimated the danger.

It may be that the Masters and officers of Subordinate Lodges have carried too far their desire to "whisper good counsel in the ear of an erring brother," and have "stretched forth their hands to support," even when the offending brother was prone in the dust of his own degradation; that they

have at times been charitable toward the feelings of delinquents at the expense of the welfare of their Lodges, as a whole, until some have become discouraged, and withdrawn their support to the Lodge. Your committee are each of them Past Masters, and are willing to confess to a laxity in enforcing discipline; but it has been so with us, and doubtless with others, because we have shrunk from wounding the feelings of those who have gone or are going astray.

It is a part of the duty of the several custodians to look after the moral welfare of the subordinate Lodges, as well as to see that the "work" performed is orthodox. We recommend that the Grand Master give it specially in charge of the custodians to visit the several Lodges, and by examination and inquiry, ascertain what cases, if any, require discipline; to call the special attention of the Masters of such Lodges to the cases; and in the event of the neglect or refusal of the Master to bring the offender to trial and punishment, that the cases be reported to the Grand Master, for him to take such action as the exigency may demand, even to the suspending the Master, or arresting the charter of the Lodge; and in the event any such cases are thus brought officially to the attention of the Grand Master, he shall report the same to the Grand Lodge for further action.

It may be added further, that the remedy is, in the main, in the hands of the members of the subordinate Lodges themselves. If those who have the welfare of the fraternity really at heart will but attend the regular meetings of their Lodges, and by their presence and votes sustain the Master in all his honest efforts to bring the offenders to punishment, it will not be long before the evil will wholly disappear, and our Lodge-rooms shall know those only who practice what Masonry inculcates, and the Lodges shall be known and recognized as towers of strength for the promotion of all good works.

Respectfully submitted.

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| E. F. WARREN, | } Committee on | |
| A. C. HULL, | | } Grand Master's |
| C. H. WILLARD, | | |

The following report from the same committee was adopted, except so much as pertains to the Richards case, which was referred to the committee, on Jurisprudence:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Nebraska:

Your committee to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's report have had the same under consideration, and recommend,

1. That so much thereof as refers to the renting of a fire-proof vault for the preservation of the records of this Grand Lodge be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.
2. So much as refers to the dispensations and records be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.
3. That so much thereof as refers to the several appeals reported to his office be referred to the committee on Grievances.

4. That those portions referring to communications in the nature of requests for restoration be referred to the same committee.

5. That so much as refers to communications from the several Grand Lodges asking recognition be referred to committee on Foreign Correspondence.

6. That so much as relates to the appeal for assistance from the Grand Lodge of Servia be referred to the committee on Charity.

6. That so much as relates to the by-laws of subordinate Lodges be referred to the committee on By-Laws.

7. That the case of L. D. Richards be referred to the Grand Secretary to ascertain his standing, with a request that he report to this Grand Lodge what light he may be able to obtain as to the Masonic standing of said Richards, or, if he can be vouched for as a Master Mason, that he be allowed to affiliate with any Lodge in this jurisdiction which may elect him a member upon his application.

8. That so much thereof as relates to the review of other Grand Lodges be referred to the committee on Ways and Means to report whether the finances of this Grand Lodge will allow of its publication.

9. That his recommendation relative to inserting portrait of Bro.: Graff in the published proceedings of this communication be adopted.

10. That so much as relates to the Grand Orient of France be referred to a special committee of three.

Your committee are pleased to be allowed to express their hearty approval of the manner and *method* in which our Grand Secretary administers the affairs of his office. There can be found, so far as we can ascertain, no confusion in his records. The workman is worthy of his hire, and we could suggest, if the Grand Lodge will overlook the *pun*, where none is intended, that his compensation should be *higher*. Much more might be said hereon, but we desire only to express our approval of his work.

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| E. F. WARREN, | } Committee on | |
| A. C. HULL, | | } Grand Master's |
| C. H. WILLARD, | | } Address. |

Past Grand Masters Jordan, Armstrong and Denel were named as the special committee on so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the Grand Orient of France.

The proposed new by-laws of Covert Lodge, No. 11, were referred to the committee on By-Laws, who in due time made report. The report was amended by the Grand Lodge and thus adopted:

Bro.: Warren proposed the following amendment to the constitution; the proposed amendment was seconded, and action thereon was ordered in accordance with the existing law:

Article XIII shall be amended to read as follows:

This constitution may be altered or amended in the following manner only. The proposed alteration or amendment must be in writing at some stated communication; if seconded by five members, it shall be entered upon the minutes, and lie over until the next annual communication; and if then concurred in by two-thirds of the representatives present and voting, it shall from thenceforth be considered as a part of this constitution. *Provided*, that upon demand therefor, made by ten members, to be entered on the minutes, the proposed amendment shall be ordered submitted to the several subordinate Lodges for their approval or rejection. If a majority of the Lodges voting thereon approve thereof, by certificate under their respective seals to the next succeeding Grand Lodge, the same shall thereafter be considered a part of this constitution. *Provided, further*, that by unanimous consent, any proposed amendment may be considered and adopted or rejected at the communication at which the same shall be so proposed.

The Grand Lodge was now called to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 5878.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 o'clock, Grand Master Lininger being in the East.

The record of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

Bro. Geo. B. France, chairman of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made report, which was adopted, recommending that charters be granted to the following Lodges, heretofore working under the dispensation of the Grand Master, viz: Hamilton, Fortitude, Sterling and Trowel Lodges, and that the by-laws of those Lodges, as modified by the committee, be approved; also, that Hooper and Saline Lodges be continued under dispensation, and that the consolidation of Macoy Lodge, No. 22, with Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, be confirmed. The committee recommended that a committee be appointed to draft a code of by-laws for the government of subordinate Lodges, which was *not* adopted.

The Grand Master's statement of expenses incurred, the Grand Treasurer's report of funds received and disbursed, the statements of expense incurred by the Custodians and by the committee on codification of the Law, were referred to the committee on Finance and Accounts.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, and the accompanying reports of the Custodians, indicating much progress in the work intrusted to their charge, were received and read, and ordered to be made of record.

A motion to fix the hour for the election of office-bearers was *not* favorably considered.

It being 10 o'clock, the Grand Lodge took up so much of the report of the committee on Grand Master's Address as referred to discipline, and after considerable discussion the further consideration thereof was indefinitely postponed.

Bro.: Long, for the committee on Returns, made a report having reference to last year's report of that committee, wherein Bro.: James E. Campbell, of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, was referred to as having been suspended, and yet carried on the rolls. On investigation, the committee found there were *two* Brothers of that name, and of that Lodge, and brought the matter to the attention of the Grand Lodge to put Bro.: James E. Campbell, a Mason in good standing, in his true position. The report was adopted.

Bro.: Adair, for the committee on Grievances, made report, on which action was taken as follows:

In the appeal of Bro.: Charles P. Edwards from the sentence imposed on him by Rob. Morris Lodge, No. 46, the committee recommended a modification of the sentence; the report was not agreed to, and the Grand Lodge *reversed* the judgment of the Lodge and dismissed the case.

In the case of the expulsion of Bro.: Richard Burge from

Salem Lodge, No. 47, the committee recommended that the action of the Lodge be sustained, which was agreed to.

Regarding the appeal from the decision of Thistle Lodge, No. 61, that Bro.: Freese, although found guilty, deserved *no* punishment, the committee recommended that the Lodge be censured for having failed to do its duty, and that Bro.: Freese be suspended by the Grand Lodge for six months. The report was adopted after amendment, by suspending Bro.: Freese until he shall make full restitution to the Lodge.

A resolution was offered, that certain portions of the Grand Master's address be omitted from the published proceedings of this communication, which resolution was not adopted.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 5878.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, M.: W.: Bro.: Lininger, Grand Master, in the East.

Bro.: Warren, chairman of the committee on codification of the Law, made the following report. On motion, the report was adopted:

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge A.: F.: and A.: M.: of Nebraska:

Your committee to whom was intrusted the revision and codification of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Standing Resolutions and Decisions of this Grand Lodge, have had the same under serious consideration, with a keen sense of the difficulties, magnitude and delicacy of the task assigned us. As we have understood the wishes of the Grand Lodge, we were desired mainly to correct inconsistencies and strike out such portions as were twice or more times treated, but to make few if any innovations. This view coincided with our judgment as to what was best, and we have therefore made very few alterations; and wherever a section has been stricken out, it has been because the subject-matter has been elsewhere legislated upon, or because we could condense by adding to some existing section.

The Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges, we

have left entire, it being deemed better to suffer the one or two points touched upon in the Constitution to remain, as the subordinate Lodges have all of them been accustomed to look among such rules for any matter pertaining to their government. We have increased their number to 42, as hereafter indicated.

The "Standing Resolutions" are anomalies, and we unanimously believe should have no place in our code of laws. We have stricken them all out, incorporating them in the by-laws, or adding them in the form of additional by-laws.

Of the decisions of the Grand Masters we can make nothing at this time. If we "revise" them in any respect, they at once cease to be *the decisions*, and become the creations of your committee. The "decisions" made by the Grand Lodge have been mostly in the form of interpretations of the constitution or by-laws. If obliterated, the questions are likely to be asked again by some one who has overlooked the existing provisions of law. We cannot urge too strenuously upon the attention of Masters and officers of subordinate Lodges, that they post themselves in, and become thoroughly familiar with, the laws and constitution as now existing, and thereby they will save themselves much unnecessary worry and vexation, and the Grand Master will be spared the trouble of answering questions that answer themselves upon search, and from making "decisions" that would seem well-nigh useless, and upon points that frequently have been passed upon by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

E. F. WARREN,) *Of the Committee on*
L. W. COLBY, } *Codification of the Law.*

R.: W.: Bro.: N. F. Storey, Past Grand Senior Warden, of Iowa, now entered and was received with due honors.

Bro.: Hedges, representative from Thistle Lodge, No. 61, was excused from further attendance.

Bro.: Kaley, chairman of the committee on By-laws, made report adverse to adopting the recommendation of the Grand Master as to the manner of opening the communications of the Grand Lodge, the committee regarding the present opening in ample form as a Master Mason's Lodge as beautiful, appropriate, and preferable to any that could be adopted. The report was agreed to.

A report from the same committee recommended approval of the by-laws of Covert Lodge, No. 11, and Northern Light Lodge, No. 41, as amended by the committee. The report was adopted.

Past Grand Master Thummel submitted the following report from the committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee, to which was referred the several decisions of M. W. Grand Master Lininger, have had the same under consideration, and would report as follows:

Decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 are in accordance with Masonic law and usage, and are mainly covered by the decisions of the Grand Lodge, and the same are hereby approved.

Decision No. 4. Your committee is of the unanimous opinion that it is the absolute right of each and every brother to ask for his demit whenever he may see fit; his reasons are his own, and he commits no crime in so doing. While it is the duty of each and every Mason to belong to a Lodge, and our ancient constitutions provide that he should do so, this your committee deem as advisory and not mandatory. We have no *right* to compel a brother to do so, and if a brother desires his demit for the purpose of holding the same, he has that *right*, although the practice is one that ought to be discountenanced and discouraged; and by demitting, and while holding his demit, the brother is deprived, after *twelve months* from the date thereof, of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry, as provided in Rule 23.

Your committee therefore recommend that the decision of the Grand Master be *not* affirmed.

Decision No. 8. Your committee recommend that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be excepted from the rule as laid down by M. W. Grand Master Lininger, and that the decision be then affirmed.

Decision No. 13. Your committee would report that as by Section 2, Art. 12, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and No. 1 of the Grand Lodge Resolutions, a Master Mason's Lodge consists of a *Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacons, and Tiler*, or *eight* in all; therefore under our laws, rules and regulations, not less than eight Master Masons, *members* of the Lodge, can form a quorum for the transaction of business or the conferring of the degrees. We therefore recommend that the decision of the Grand Master be *not* affirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| GEO. H. THUMMEL, | } Committee on Jurisprudence. |
| R. C. JORDAN, | |
| GEO. ARMSTRONG, | |
| D. H. WHEELER, | |
| ROBT. W. FURNAS, | |
| M. DUNHAM, | |
| A. G. HASTINGS. | |

The following report from the same committee was, after consideration, adopted:

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the case of L. D. Richards, of Fremont, would respectfully report that the only way the case can be adjusted, as it now stands, is for L. D. Richards to apply to Fremont Lodge and receive the degrees *de novo*. Your committee would be glad to favor the recommendation of our Grand Secretary, that the degrees be conferred for the Grand Lodge fee of five dollars, but that a resolution authorizing the same would be in conflict with Rule 7 of the Grand Lodge rules and regulations. Fremont Lodge can, however, make such disposition of the funds as they see fit.

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| GEO. H. THUMMEL, | } Committee on Jurisprudence. |
| R. C. JORDAN, | |
| GEO. ARMSTRONG, | |
| D. H. WHEELER, | |
| WILLIAM E. HILL, | |
| M. DUNHAM, | |
| A. G. HASTINGS. | |

The following query, from Bro.: F. E. White, was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence:

Has a non-affiliated Mason, whose demit is more than one year old, who has applied for affiliation and been rejected, the right to visit subordinate Lodges? If so, how long does such right exist?

Whereupon the committee made report as follows, which was agreed to:

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee to which was referred the inquiry of Bro.: White would respectfully report that a non-affiliated Master Mason, whose demit is over one year old, and who has been rejected upon application for affiliation, *has all the rights of Masonry, including the right of visitation in subordinate Lodges*, and the right exists as long as he holds his demit and is in good standing in the fraternity.

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| GEO. H. THUMMEL, | } Committee on Jurisprudence. |
| R. C. JORDAN, | |
| GEO. ARMSTRONG, | |
| D. H. WHEELER, | |
| ROBT. W. FURNAS, | |
| W. E. HILL, | |
| M. DUNHAM, | |
| A. G. HASTINGS. | |

Bro.: Matthewson, chairman of the committee on Finance and Accounts, made report as follows, which was agreed to:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Accounts beg leave to report that they have examined the Lodge accounts of the several subordinate Lodges composing this Grand Jurisdiction, and find the following Lodges in arrears on June 20, 1877:

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| Nemaha Valley, No. 4..... | \$20 00 |
| Omadi, No. 5..... | 2 00 |
| Plattsmouth, No. 6..... | 3 00 |
| Peru, No. 14..... | 1 00 |
| Tecumseh, No. 17..... | 15 55 |
| Washington, No. 21..... | 75 |
| Tekamah, No. 31..... | 25 |
| Blue River, No. 30..... | 16 50 |
| Acacia, No. 34..... | 11 25 |
| Salem, No. 47..... | 3 00 |
| Hastings, No. 50..... | 50 |
| Mosaic, No. 55..... | 10 00 |
| York, No. 56..... | 34 25 |
| Melrose, No. 60..... | 35 00 |
| Edgar, No. 67..... | 5 00 |
| Total..... | \$158 05 |

We also find the following Lodges had amounts standing to their credit on June 19, 1877, as follows:

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| Solomon, No. 10..... | \$1 50 |
| Orient, No. 13..... | 1 00 |
| Fremont, No. 15..... | 10 00 |
| Lincoln, No. 19..... | 12 00 |
| Pawnee, No. 23..... | 5 00 |
| Jordan, No. 27..... | 10 25 |
| Platte Valley, No. 32..... | 1 00 |
| Fairbury, No. 35..... | 5 25 |
| Papillion, No. 39..... | 2 00 |
| Harvard, No. 44..... | 6 00 |
| Hiram, No. 52..... | 5 00 |
| Charity, No. 53..... | 1 00 |
| Lebanon, No. 58..... | 27 00 |
| Riverton, No. 63..... | 12 00 |
| Total..... | \$99 00 |

As your committee are only able to audit the accounts for the year ending June 20, 1877, we recommend that the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to notify the subordinate Lodges (when he sends out the blank returns for 1879) of the amounts standing to their debit or credit.

We would further report that we have examined the account of the Grand Secretary with the Grand Lodge for the year ending June 20, 1877, and find that he has received from subordinate Lodges, the sum of three thousand

two hundred and twenty-nine dollars and forty cents (\$3,229.40), for which he holds vouchers from the Grand Treasurer.

We have examined the report of the Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct; also that he had on hand, as per last report, \$186 53
 Cash received from Grand Secretary..... 3,229 40

Total..... \$3,415 93

Amount paid out, as shown by vouchers..... \$3,415 93

Amount cash on hand (Charity Fund)..... \$152 30

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| CHAS. P. MATTHEWSON, | } | <i>Committee on Finance and Accounts.</i> |
| JOHN G. TAYLOR, | | |
| T. J. FOLEY, | | |
| J. E. CREAMER, | | |
| D. A. CLINE. | | |

Bro.: Palmer, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to the compensation of the Grand Secretary, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the subject-matter and find that the compensation of the Grand Secretary is inadequate, but we find that the condition of the finances of this Grand Lodge will not warrant an increase of salary at this Communication, and further, we have the earnest assurance of the Grand Secretary that he does not desire nor expect, neither will he receive or accept, an increase of salary while the Grand Lodge is in its present financial condition.

We therefore recommend that however just it might be to increase his salary to a figure proportionate to the services rendered, this act of justice be deferred to some future Grand Lodge which may be able to pay our worthy Grand Secretary something more valuable and satisfactory than mere thanks for services rendered.

In relation to so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the publication of the review of other Grand Lodges, your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge be governed by the advice given by the R.: W.: Grand Secretary in his report, and the review be not published.

In relation to that portion of the R.: W.: Grand Secretary's report referring to the propriety of renting a *fire-proof vault* for the safe keeping of the Grand Lodge records, etc., your committee beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the purpose of paying rental of a suitable *fire-proof vault*, and that the R.: W.: Grand Secretary be, and is hereby, authorized to so expend the money.

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| H. E. PALMER, | } | <i>Committee on Ways and Means.</i> |
| EZRA BROWN, | | |
| B. E. SWIFT, JR., | | |
| D. H. ANDREWS. | | |

Bro.: Matthewson, chairman of the committee on Finance and Accounts, made report, which was adopted, recommending that orders be drawn on the Grand Treasurer, as follows, viz :

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| M.: W.: Bro.: Geo. W. Lininger, Grand Master, expenses, postage, stationery, etc..... | \$92 35 |
| R.: W.: Bro.: Hiram C. Rider, Grand Lecturer, expenses..... | 38 00 |
| W.: Bro.: James R. Cain, Custodian 7th District, expenses..... | 44 60 |
| W.: Bro.: Edwin F. Warren, expenses, (committee on Codification of Law) | 9 80 |
| R.: W.: Bro.: Rolland H. Oakley, expenses, (committee on Codification of Law)..... | 4 00 |
| W.: Bro.: Leonard W. Colby, expenses, (committee on Codification of Law)..... | 8 00 |

The following report was submitted by the committee on Unfinished Business, and was disposed of as indicated :

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Unfinished Business, fraternally call your attention to the following matters :

1. We find no action of the committee on Jurisprudence upon the query of W.: Bro.: Robbins, page 36 Grand Lodge Proceedings of 5876, to wit: "In case information is had in a Lodge, affecting the Masonic standing of a Brother, is it proper for the Lodge to appoint a committee of investigation for the purpose of obtaining the facts from which to govern the action of the Lodge toward the Brother?" [Referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.]

2. Query of W.: Bro.: Carter, page 63 Grand Lodge Proceedings 5877: "Can a less number than eight Master Masons, members of the Lodge, open a Lodge under our present Constitution?" [No action taken, the question having already been decided.]

3. Amendment offered by W.: Bro.: Crabb, to section 10 of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, page 72 Grand Lodge Proceedings of 5877: "That the fee of five dollars for each initiation be stricken out, and the annual dues reduced to fifty cents for each member." [No action was deemed necessary, the adoption of the report of the committee on Codification of the Law having already determined the matter.]

4. As to resolution, page 74 Grand Lodge Proceedings 5877, to wit: "Resolved, That further consideration of the matter of the difference of opinion between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Indiana, be postponed until our next Annual Communication," your committee would suggest that as considerable time has been consumed in this matter, that a speedy termination of it may be had, as further dilatory measures upon a question so grave and momentous seem only to widen the breach existing between us and the Grand Lodge of Indiana." [Referred to Bros.: Warren,

Furnas and Wheeler, as a special committee, with instructions to report at this Communication.]

Trusting the foregoing may be disposed of in peace and harmony, we are,
Fraternally,

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| HIRAM P. WEBB, | } | <i>Committee</i> <i>on</i> <i>Unfinished Business.</i> |
| R. H. HENRY, | | |
| O. A. ABBOTT. | | |

The committee on Jurisprudence made report with reference to the query of Bro.: Robbins (see page 36 of '76), that "the subject-matter is in control of the subordinate Lodge, and it can, if it sees fit, appoint a committee of inquiry before charges are preferred." The report was agreed to.

W.: Bro.: Adair, for the committee on grievances, made report, which was adopted, recommending that Bros.: Jonathan J. Marvin and E. M. Wilson, late of Falls City Lodge, No. 9, and John C. M. Spencer, late of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, be restored to good standing in the Fraternity. Also that no action be taken on the petition of David Barrow, expelled from Salem Lodge, No. 47.

W.: Bro.: Richardson, chairman of the committee on Charity, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Charity have had under consideration the appeal of our brethren of Servia for financial aid, and in view of the probability of a peaceful solution of the difficulties which threaten them, would report that no action is necessary to be taken thereon by this Grand Lodge.

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| E. R. RICHARDSON, | } | <i>Committee</i> <i>on</i> <i>Charity.</i> |
| G. W. SHRADER, | | |
| F. W. REDFORD. | | |

Past Grand Master Jordan, chairman of the special committee on so much of the Grand Secretary's report as referred to the Grand Orient of France, submitted the following report, which was adopted without dissent:

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your special committee, to which was referred the Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.: W.: Grand Master, relating to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France,

wherein the constitution of the said Grand Orient was changed so as to make it unnecessary for candidates for the mysteries of Masonry to believe in the existence of God, and which are set forth more fully in the report of the Grand Lodge of England, in the words of said report, as follows:

The committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, the 5th December, 1877, to consider the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, beg to report that the Grand Lodge of England has received information that the Grand Orient of France has resolved, by a considerable majority, to rescind the first and second paragraphs of its constitution, and to substitute for them the following laws:

The laws as they formerly stood, read thus:

La Franc-Maçonnerie, institution essentiellement philanthropique, philosophique et progressive, a pour objet la recherche de la vérité, l'étude de la morale universelle, des sciences et des arts, et l'exercice de la bienfaisance.

1. Elle a pour principes l'existence de Dieu, l'immortalité de l'âme, et la solidarité humaine.

2. Elle regarde la liberté de conscience comme un droit propre à chaque homme et n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.

3. Elle a pour devise: Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité.

As they now stand, they are as follows:

La Franc-Maçonnerie, institution essentiellement philanthropique, philosophique et progressive, a pour objet la recherche de la vérité, l'étude de la morale universelle, des sciences et des arts, et l'exercice de la bienfaisance.

1. Elle a pour principes la liberté absolue de conscience et la solidarité humaine.

2. Elle n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.

3. Elle a pour devise: Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité.

Freemasonry, an institution essentially philanthropic, philosophical and progressive, has for its object the inquiry after truth, the study of universal morality, sciences and arts, and the practice of benevolence.

1. Its principles are the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and human solidarity.

2. It regards liberty of conscience as the common right of every man, and excludes no person on account of his belief.

3. Its motto is Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

Freemasonry, an institution essentially philanthropic, philosophical and progressive, has for its object the inquiry after truth, the study of universal morality, sciences and arts, and the practice of benevolence.

1. Its principles are absolute liberty of conscience and human solidarity.

2. It excludes no person on account of his belief.

3. Its motto is Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

The committee have carefully considered this action on the part of the Grand Orient of France, and having regard to all the circumstances of the case, they have unanimously agreed to recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge:

1ST RESOLUTION.—That this Grand Lodge views with profound regret the step taken by the Grand Orient of France in thus removing from its constitution those paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of T. G. A. O. T. U., because such an alteration is opposed to the traditions, practice, and feelings of all "true and genuine" Masons from the earliest to the present time.

2D RESOLUTION.—That this Grand Lodge, whilst always anxious to receive in the most fraternal spirit the Brethren of any foreign Grand Lodge whose proceedings are conducted according to the ancient landmarks of the Order, of which a belief in T. G. A. O. T. U. is the first and most important, cannot recognize as "true and genuine" Brethren any who have been initiated in Lodges which either deny or ignore that belief.

3D RESOLUTION.—That in view of the foregoing resolutions, the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England, be directed not to admit any foreign Brother as a visitor, unless—

1st. He is duly vouched for, or unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies, in a Lodge professing belief in T. G. A. O. T. U.

2dly. Not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of the Order.

4TH RESOLUTION.—That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in communication, and to the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England, and that it be an instruction to the W. Master of each Lodge to read these resolutions at the first meeting of his Lodge after the reception thereof, and to direct that they shall be entered upon the minutes.

LONDON, 22d February, 1878.

Beg leave to report that your committee are in this connection reminded that some four or five years ago communication between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France was severed in consequence of the said

Grand Orient unlawfully invading the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and establishing Lodges in territory belonging exclusively to said Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Your committee does not deem it necessary to take any further action relative to any intercommunion with the Grand Orient of France, but feel it a duty specially incumbent on them, to condemn in the strongest possible manner this action of the said Grand Orient in thus abolishing the first and most important of all Masonic principles, and that this Grand Lodge hereby affirms its intention to ever hold to all the landmarks and principles of Masonry, this one in particular, and hereby declares that its abolishment renders some of the most important ceremonies in the ritual entirely meaningless.

R. C. JORDAN,
GEO. ARMSTRONG, } Committee.
H. P. DEUEL. }

The Grand Lodge now proceeded to choose office bearers for the ensuing Masonic year, as follows :

- For Grand Master.....Bro.: EDWARD K. VALENTINE.
- For Deputy Grand MasterBro.: JAMES A. TULLEYS.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 19, 5878.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at eight o'clock, Grand Master Lininger presiding.

Past Grand Master Furnas submitted the report of the trustees of the Orphan School Fund, showing that on June 1, '78, the fund amounted to \$9,016.92. The report was examined and found correct by the committee on Finance and Accounts.

Bro.: Bowen submitted the following resolutions :

Resolved (in connection with the resolutions relative to initiation and admission, on page 61 Proceedings of '77), That the Lodges of this jurisdiction shall admit visiting Masons from such Lodges only as are chartered by Grand Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Resolved, That the committee on Foreign Correspondence shall without delay determine what Grand Lodges are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which data, being approved by the Grand Master, shall be published by the Grand Secretary to the Lodges for their government.

Resolved, That the foregoing be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence for consideration during recess of the Grand Lodge.

The resolutions were referred to the committee on Jurisprudence. The committee made the following report, which was adopted :

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee to which was referred the resolutions of our R. W. Grand Secretary, relative to the admission of visitors to subordinate Lodges, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the same.

GEO. H. THUMMEL,
R. C. JORDAN.
GEO. ARMSTRONG,
ROBT. W. FURNAS,
W. E. HILL,
M. DUNHAM,
A. G. HASTINGS,

} Committee
on
Jurisprudence.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence made report as follows, which was adopted :

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that it is with pleasure we greet the Grand Lodge of New Mexico as one more link forged in the chain of American Grand Lodges, and therefore ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That we tender our most hearty congratulations to this our youngest sister, with a full recognition of her powers as a Grand Lodge ; and that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska will be pleased to interchange representatives with the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

Inasmuch as a protest against the recognition of the so-called "Grand Lodge of New South Wales" has been entered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland (through its proper officers), with which we are on terms of fraternal intercourse and correspondence, we deem it expedient to caution the brethren of this jurisdiction against admitting, either as a member or visitor, any Brother seeking to gain admission and hailing from the so-called "Grand Lodge of New South Wales."

As to the petition for recognition from the "Grand Lodge of Colon," your committee recommend that time be taken for further consideration of its claims, and that action thereon be postponed until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

WM. R. BOWEN, } Committee on
GEO. H. THUMMEL, } Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge now resumed selection of its office bearers, resulting in the choice :

For Grand Senior Warden.....Bro.: JAMES R. CAIN.
 For Grand Junior WardenBro.: EDWIN F. WARREN.
 For Grand Treasurer.....Bro.: EBEN K. LONG, who
 declined the honor, and Bro.: OLIVER M. ENLOW was chosen.

During the balloting for Grand Secretary, business was transacted as follows, viz:

On motion of Bro.: Colby, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to M.: W.: Past Grand Master Thummel for the beautiful and elegant apron presented by him to this body for the use of its Grand Master.

Bro.: Davis proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, which was seconded by Bros.: Creamer, Kaley, Hatch, White and Gould, and necessary action ordered:

Amend Article 2 of the Constitution, by inserting after the words "Past Deputy Grand Masters," in the eighth line thereof, as printed on page 131, Proceedings of 1877, the words "Past Grand Wardens, Past Grand Treasurers, and Past Grand Secretaries."

Bro.: Colby submitted the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, our Most Worshipful Brother, Past Grand Master George H. Thummel performed all his many duties as Grand Master without charge, and at his personal expense, and discharged them in an able, impartial and worthy manner; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thankful appreciation of his services is hereby acknowledged, and that as a slight token of such appreciation the Grand Lodge ask his acceptance of an apron, and the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to purchase and present the same to him, and an order be drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for twelve dollars to cover the expense of the said apron.

On motion of Past Grand Master Hastings, it was agreed that the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge be held at Lincoln, on the Tuesday on or preceding St. John's Day, June 24, 5879.

Bro.: Long, Chairman of the Committee on Returns, made report as follows, which was adopted:

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

The Committee on Returns present the following report of the work of the several Lodges in this jurisdiction for the year ending April 30, 5878, and the present status of the craft, as shown by the accompanying tabular statement:

STATISTICAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5878.

| LODGE. | No. | ENTERED APPRENTICES. | | | | | | | FELLOW CRAFTS. | | | | | | | SUSP. M. MASONS. | | | | MASTER MASONS. | | | | | | | GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | GAIN. | | | LOSS. | | | | GAIN. | | | LOSS. | | | | SUSP. M. MASONS. | | GAIN. | | | | LOSS. | | | Amount due Sub-ordinate Lodges, May 1, 5877. | Amount due Grand Lodge, May 1, '77. | Fees on Initiation. | Dues on Members. | Total as found by the Committee. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | No. May 1, 5877. | Initiated. | Otherwise. | Total. | By Passing. | Adv. elsewhere. | By Death. | Other Causes. | Total. | No. on Rolls April 30, 5878. | No. May 1, 5877. | By Passing. | Otherwise. | Total. | By Raising. | Adv. elsewhere. | By Death. | Other Causes. | Total. | No. on Rolls April 30, 5878. | No. May 1, 5877. | By Raising. | By Admission. | | | | | | Reinstated. | Other Causes. | Total. | By Demission. | By Death. | By Suspension. | By Expulsion. | Other Causes. | Total. | No. Master Masons April 30, 5878. | | | |
| | | No. May 1, 5877. | Initiated. | Otherwise. | Total. | By Passing. | Adv. elsewhere. | By Death. | Other Causes. | Total. | No. on Rolls April 30, 5878. | No. May 1, 5877. | By Passing. | Otherwise. | Total. | By Raising. | Adv. elsewhere. | By Death. | Other Causes. | Total. | No. on Rolls April 30, 5878. | No. May 1, 5877. | Susp. dur'g yr. | Total. | Reinstated. | Total. | No. on Rolls April 30, 5878. | No. May 1, 5877. | By Raising. | By Admission. | Reinstated. | Other Causes. | Total. | By Demission. | By Death. | By Suspension. | By Expulsion. | Other Causes. | Total. | No. Master Masons April 30, 5878. | | |
| Nebraska | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 36 | | | | | 36 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | 4 | 33 | | | | | 27 00 | 27 00 | |
| Western Star | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 122 | | | | | 122 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 121 | | | | | 91 50 | 91 50 | | |
| Falls City | 3 | 28 | 1 | 29 | 2 | | | | 27 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 6 | 209 | | | | | 209 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 199 | | | 5 00 | | 156 00 | 161 00 | | |
| Capitol | 4 | 16 | 1 | 11 | 1 | | | | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 79 | | | | | 79 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 80 | | | 20 00 | 5 00 | 59 25 | 84 25 |
| Nemaha Valley | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | 2 | 44 | | | | | 44 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 46 | | | 5 00 | 5 00 | 33 00 | 40 00 | | |
| Omadi | 6 | 20 | 4 | 24 | | 1 | | | 23 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 52 | | | | | 52 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 81 | | | 3 00 | 20 00 | 39 00 | 62 00 | | |
| Plattsmouth | 9 | 16 | 2 | 18 | 4 | | | | 14 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | | 3 | 74 | | | | | 74 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 80 | | | 10 00 | 55 50 | 65 50 | | | |
| Solomon | 10 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 34 | | | | | 34 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 30 | | 1 50 | | 25 50 | 24 00 | | | |
| Covert | 11 | 21 | 3 | 24 | 3 | 1 | | | 20 | 11 | 3 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 11 | 155 | | | | | 155 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 139 | | | 15 00 | 116 25 | 131 25 | | | |
| Nebraska City | 12 | 6 | 6 | 6 | | | | | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 46 | | | | | 46 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 37 | | | 15 00 | 34 50 | 34 50 | | | |
| Orient | 13 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 1 | | | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 9 | | | | | 9 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 20 | 1 00 | | 15 00 | 23 25 | 37 25 | | | |
| Peru | 14 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 5 | | | | | 5 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 20 | | 1 00 | 10 00 | 14 25 | 25 25 | | | |
| Fremont | 15 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 2 | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 19 | 84 | | | | | 84 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 95 | 10 00 | | 15 00 | 63 00 | 68 00 | | | |
| Tecumseh | 17 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 1 | | | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | | | 4 | 89 | | | | | 89 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 80 | | 15 55 | 10 00 | 66 75 | 92 30 | | | |
| Ashland | 18 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | | | | 5 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | | | 6 | 63 | | | | | 63 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 58 | | | 15 00 | 47 25 | 62 25 | | | | |
| Lincoln | 19 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 2 | | | | 9 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 19 | 146 | | | | | 146 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 31 | 122 | 12 00 | | 10 00 | 109 50 | 107 50 | | | |
| Rock Bluff | 20 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | | | | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | 5 | 42 | | | | | 42 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 39 | | | 7 75 | 31 50 | 31 50 | | | |
| Washington | 21 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | | | | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | 4 | 74 | | | | | 74 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 76 | | 75 | 10 00 | 55 50 | 66 25 | | | |
| Macoy | 22 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | | 1 | 53 | | | | | 53 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 31 | | | 10 00 | 17 25 | 22 25 | | | |
| Pawnee | 23 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | | 4 | 23 | | | | | 23 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 5 00 | | 10 00 | 17 25 | 22 25 | | | |
| St. John's | 25 | 9 | 11 | 21 | 9 | 1 | | | 10 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 6 | | | | | 3 | 93 | | | | | 93 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 98 | | | 55 00 | 69 75 | 124 75 | | | |
| Beatrice | 26 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 4 | | | | 13 | 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | | 5 | 95 | | | | | 95 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 98 | | | 25 00 | 71 25 | 96 25 | | | |
| Jordan | 27 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 1 | | | | 6 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 4 | 38 | | | | | 38 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 39 | 10 25 | | 10 00 | 28 50 | 28 25 | | | | |
| Hope | 29 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 34 | | | | | 34 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 33 | | | 5 00 | 25 50 | 30 50 | | | |
| Blue River | 30 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 21 | | | | | 21 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 20 | | | 16 50 | 5 00 | 15 75 | 37 25 | | |
| Tekamah | 31 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5 | | | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | | | 2 | 45 | | | | | 45 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 45 | | | 25 00 | 33 75 | 39 00 | | | |
| Platte Valley | 32 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 10 | | 1 | | 9 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | | 9 | 81 | | | | | 81 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 77 | 1 00 | | 15 00 | 60 75 | 74 75 | | |
| Ashlar | 33 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 4 | | | | 5 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | | 4 | 60 | | | | | 60 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 7 | 7 | 68 | | | *5 25 | 20 00 | 45 00 | 70 25 | | |
| Acacia | 34 | 12 | 5 | 17 | 4 | | | | 13 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | | 4 | 48 | | | | | 48 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 7 | 7 | 68 | | | 11 25 | 25 00 | 36 00 | 72 25 | | |

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| Number initiated during year..... | 197 | |
| " passed " "..... | 153 | |
| " raised " "..... | 151 | — 151 |
| " admitted " "..... | | 223 |
| " reinstated " "..... | | 19 |
| Other causes, " "..... | | 13 |
| Number on rolls April 30, 5877..... | | 2,983 |
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| | | 3,389 |
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| Number demitted during year..... | 147 | |
| " died " "..... | 20 | |
| " suspended " "..... | 88 | |
| " expelled " "..... | 9 | |
| Other causes " "..... | 8 | — 272 |
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| Number on rolls, April 30, 5878..... | | 3,117 |
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| Number Master Masons gained during year..... | | 134 |
| " of chartered Lodges..... | 61 | |
| Fees on initiations..... | | \$985 00 |
| Dues on members..... | | 2,196 75 |
| Debits less credits..... | | 140 05 |
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| Due Grand Lodge..... | | \$3,321 80 |

Your committee heartily commend the general correctness of the returns, which, they are pleased to state, are in better shape than for several years, which is principally due to the fact that the *compendiums* are getting in working order, and the Masters and Secretaries are taking a great interest in the work of making their returns absolutely correct.

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| E. K. LONG, | } Committee on Returns. |
| JAS. S. FRANCE, | |
| E. B. CARTER, | |
| NEWTON CLARK, | |
| F. E. CALDWELL. | |

The following resolution, offered by Bro.: Bowen, Grand Secretary, was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered our Worshipful Brother, Eben K. Long, for his efficient services as chairman of the committee on Returns during the annual communications of '73, '74, '75, '76, '77 and '78; and we are gratified to learn that the earnest and continued labors of his committee have resulted in eliminating the errors that have heretofore existed in the returns of our Lodges, and in making possible "plain sailing" in future.

The tellers now announced that the Grand Lodge had chosen Bro.: William R. Bowen as Grand Secretary.

On the recommendation of the committee on Finance and Accounts, three hundred and fifty dollars were appropriated for the incidental expenses of the Grand Secretary's office for the ensuing year.

Bro.: White, chairman of the committee on Pay Roll, submitted a pay roll amounting to (\$914.30) nine hundred and fourteen dollars and thirty cents, covering mileage and per diem for one Representative from each Lodge, and for the members of the committees which met the day previous to the session. The report was adopted and the necessary appropriation made for payment.

Bro.: Warren, chairman of the special committee on the Indiana Controversy, asked and was granted further time for the consideration of the matter.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to have printed (800) eight hundred copies of the proceedings of this Communication at an expense not exceeding (800) eight hundred dollars.

Bro.: Bullard moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting the report of the committee on Jurisprudence in the Richards case. The motion was laid on the table.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments:

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| Grand Chaplain..... | Bro.: | FRANK E. BULLARD. |
| Grand Orator..... | Bro.: | GEORGE B. FRANCE. |
| Grand Lecturer..... | Bro.: | HIRAM C. RIDER. |
| Grand Marshal..... | Bro.: | WILLIAM ADAIR. |
| Grand Senior Deacon..... | Bro.: | HENRY E. PALMER. |
| Grand Junior Deacon..... | Bro.: | BARNABAS E. SWIFT, JR. |
| Grand Tiler..... | Bro.: | JOHN MCCLELLAND. |

CUSTODIANS.

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| First District..... | Bro.: | CHARLES H. WILLARD. |
| Second District..... | Bro.: | SAMUEL W. HAYES. |
| Third District..... | Bro.: | MARSHALL SMITH. |
| Fourth District..... | Bro.: | FREDERICK N. DICK. |
| Fifth District..... | Bro.: | ALBERT K. MARSH. |

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| Sixth District..... | Bro.: | ROLLAND H. OAKLEY. |
| Seventh District | Bro.: | JAMES McNAUGHTON. |
| Trustee Orphans' Educational Fund..... | | ALFRED G. HASTINGS. |

W.: Bro.: Leonard W. Colby now delivered the following

ORATION.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Fellow Craftsmen and Friends:

In obedience to the commands of this honorable body, given one year ago, I appear to-day as your orator.

What is this institution of which we wear the badge of membership, which is styled the order of "Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons"? What is the nature of this association which knows no country, clime, race, or religious sect, and yet is cosmopolitical in extent? What is the history of this order, whose age, we are told, is announced by the horologe of centuries, whose foundations have stood unmoved through the shocks of ages; whose superstructure has defied the ravages of time? What is the philosophy of this organization, which comes to us over the ruins of empires and dynasties, monarchies and republics, through ages of error, ignorance, persecution, superstition and barbarism, whose history loses itself in legends, and whose legends blend with the myths of antiquity?

The institution of Masonry has many themes worthy of our careful study and consideration. It has a history which antedates for thousands of years, and yet is intimately connected and interwoven with, that of the existing nations of the globe. It has a system of jurisprudence which stands upon the *unwritten law*, or unchanging *landmarks* of the order, and upon its *Ancient Constitutions*, — a system which, in the words of Sir William Blackstone, "distinguishes the criterions of right and wrong; which teaches to establish the one, and prevent, punish, or redress the other; which employs in its theory the noblest faculties of the soul, and exerts in its practice the cardinal virtues of the heart."

It has a literature which contains the results of the labors and genius of the historian, the traveler, the poet, the novelist, the scientist, the antiquarian, the theologian, the rhetorician, and the philosopher. It has a symbolic language, and science, beautiful and perfect in their simplicity, in which the signs of nature are employed to express the sublime truths of life. It has a theology, which teaches the divine laws as they relate to moral character and conduct, and which teaches the knowledge of God from his works by the lights of nature, reason, and revelation.

In this address we shall confine ourselves to the consideration of the reason of the existence of Masonry, or, in other words, to its philosophy.

I.

First in order, let us consider the *Philosophy of its Origin*.

In the earliest ages of the world Masonry began. A careful examination and study of the history and character of our order, after making due allow-

ance for the harmless fictions with which it is embellished, convinces us that modern Freemasonry is the direct successor of the *Collegia Fabrorum* of the ancient Romans, modified by the Sacred Mysteries of the early Teutonic races and the Druidical institutions of northern Europe, and that these in turn were the successors of the ancient Masonry of Greece, Ægypt and India. The master spirits of antiquity were the founders and organizers of these mystic associations. They were used by them as instruments of civilization and culture, as part of the intellectual and moral needs of humanity. The thinking men of those early periods, withdrawing from the imperfections of the busy life around them, hailed these systems with delight, and accepted them as the institutions which alone could satisfy that universal thirst for knowledge and immortality which begins at birth and stops only in the grave; which alone could fathom the mysteries of God and nature, unveil the secrets of life, and realize the lofty ideals of the soul.

This being the origin of ancient Masonry, we find, as we should expect, that the civilization of the nations and races of antiquity commences with the formation of Masonic societies. As illustrations of these facts and principles, and for the purpose of throwing more light on many things which at first appear dark, let us examine the ancient sources and fountains of Masonry, being limited, however, to those of which our order is the acknowledged successor. In this light, let us first consider the early history of Ægypt. We will go back, in thought, to the establishment of the Masonry of the Pyramids. We find that the real social and political life of that wonderful people, who dwelt on the banks of the Nile, whose majestic monuments of Masonry, worn by the sands of thousands of centuries, are the wonder of the world today, began with the formation of the secret institution of Isis. The historian Herodotus informs us that Osiris and Isis were the parents of Ægyptian civilization, that they laid the foundations of society and government, made the laws, taught virtue and religion, and founded the Sacred Mysteries. It was, then, the genius and intelligence of these two master minds, who have been since placed as the grand and imposing "Life Spirits" of Ægyptian mythology, that grasped the needs of the people, and found the golden key to unlock the nation's greatness in the establishment of these ancient Masonic institutions, with their imposing ceremonies and wonderful visions of life.

The character of this ancient order, as it has been partially preserved in its initiatory rites and ceremonies, is a subject full of interest and instruction to the scholars of our craft. The initiatory rite was a mystic drama, representing the progress of man from barbarism to civilization, and his conflicts, through darkness and toil, to light and perfection. The ancient historian, Plutarch, describes the candidate as a seeker of light and purity. At first he wanders in winding ways, with his mind filled with uncertainty, perplexity and doubt. Painfully and with great labor he advances over rugged mountains and yawning chasms, plunged from time to time in profound darkness. Again he sees everything under aspects the most terrible and awful. Next he is a suppliant in the presence of the divine Osiris, who holds in his hands the emblems of Justice and Benevolence. A miraculous light blazes upon him. He is closely questioned, all the acts of his life severely scrutinized, and, if

worthy, he is allowed to pass to higher mysteries. Forward he moves, guided by an initiate disguised as a dog, through mysterious labyrinths, till he comes to a stream of water, where he is stopped by three terrible beings, who present him with liquid from the dark stream which he must soon cross, and bid him drink, addressing him in these words:

"Aspirant to the honor of a divine companionship, seeker after celestial truth, this is the water of forgetfulness! Drink to the oblivion of all your imperfections, and thus be prepared for the reception of the new revelations of virtue, truth and goodness with which you are soon to be honored."

The trembling neophyte drinks; the dark river is passed; the spectacles of terror disappear; a divine light breaks on his vision; new scenes appear, and smiling fields, flower-decked meadows, and enchanting visions of beauty, laden with the richest perfumes of "Araby the Blest," environ him. Sacred songs, and choruses of triumph, joy and love charm his ears. The sublime doctrines of sacred science, art and religion are given him, and visions of holiness and profound beauty delight his wondering eyes. He is baptized into a new life, and instructed in a divine science. He is now free and perfect. He is crowned and triumphant, and goes henceforth to commune with those pure spirits to whose companionship he has just been raised.

Such was the initiatory rite of that ancient Masonic order which gave birth and nourishment to *Ægyptian* civilization, and which, in the hands of the wisest and best of the nation, became a fountain of science, philosophy, art, virtue and religion.

As a second illustration, let us take the history of ancient Greece. How was her culture and civilization evolved from the gloom of barbarism? Whence came her perfection of art, science, philosophy, ethics and letters? Her historians tell us that when ignorance and darkness were upon the people, a poet, philosopher, and seer came among them. That then was the genesis of her exalted civilization. Fourteen centuries before "the voice of one crying in the wilderness" of Judea, saying, "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," was heard, the inspired song of the Thracian poet, orator and prophet was sung throughout the "Isles of Greece," and the son of *Æger* and *Calliope* had established the Masonry of "the Eleusinia." Grecian civilization commenced, not with wars and conquests, not with Olympic games and deeds of valor, but with *Orpheus* and the "Mysteries of Eleusis."

The initiatory rite of this ancient Masonic institution is worthy of our consideration, not only as bearing upon the philosophy of the origin of modern Masonry, but as illustrative of the universality and catholicity of certain truths and desires in all ages and races of men.

The candidate was first prepared for the solemn rite by days of abstinence, fasting, penitence and prayer. He was then received into the sacred temple, into the presence of the Hierophant, the Torch-bearer, the Sacred Herald, the Priest, and Archon. The Hierophant sat upon a throne brilliant with gold and precious stones, as the representative of the Creator. A robe of regal splendor graced his shoulders. From his neck suspended a golden globe, the symbol of absolute power. On either hand were

twenty-four attendants, in snowy robes and crowns of gold. Seven torches, reflected and multiplied by a thousand mirrors, dazzled the candidate. And over all arched a rainbow, in whose mystic circle were seen the moon and seven stars. After being blindfolded, the neophyte makes a long and painful pilgrimage. He is led through dark and winding passages, up rough, sharp and ragged ledges, where jagged rocks tear his feet and limbs; through dense forests and miasmatic valleys, where he hears the fierce roar and snarling of savage beasts, and the hissing of serpents, and feels the clammy touch of bats and reptiles. The bandage is now taken from his eyes, and he finds himself in a wild and strange region, whose gloom the sun has never penetrated, whose horrors are seen only by pale spectral lights. Fierce tigers and hyenas, and poisonous reptiles, are on every hand. Thunder and lightning, sulphurous fumes, fire and water, earthquake and tempest, threaten his immediate destruction. Trembling with terror, he sees before him a huge iron door, on which is emblazoned these words:

"He who would attain to the highest and most perfect state, and rise to the sphere of absolute bliss, must be purified by fire, and air, and water."

The massive door swings on its hinges, and he is suddenly plunged into a vast gloomy space which resounds with horrible groans and shrieks, loud wails of sorrow, and penetrating cries of pain and anguish. On his right hand open the terrible gates to grim and dread Tartarus, a fathomless gulf of fire, in which, passing and repassing, are seen the spirits of those who were false to truth, and life, and virtue, pursued by avenging furies, with all the appalling incidents to the ancient doctrines of purification by fire. Behind him yawned the dark and dismal region of purgatorial air, where burning winds carried wails of suffering and woe to his ears, and where the mighty wheel of expiation rolled its endless circuit with ceaseless regularity. On the left hand appeared the gloomy lake of Purification, half concealed by mists and showers, into whose murky, sulphurous waters were plunged the spirits of those less guilty than their fellows.

After these and other awful visions of the great truths of religion and the eternal principles of retribution, the candidate is led to another iron door, and thus addressed, in a deep and solemn voice, by his guide:

"Consider the Divine Nature, the Supreme One. Contemplate Him without ceasing; rule thy spirit and purify thy heart; and, walking in the way of justice and the safe path of truth, admire Him who is alone the master of the world. He is one, He is self-existent. To Him all beings are indebted for life."

A voice of hope is heard from within. The massive iron door slowly opens, and the toil-begrimed, terror-dazed neophyte passes from the regions of horror, gloom and punishment to the circle of light where beauty shines, truth abides and virtue reigns triumphant. All is now fair and good. Life is shown in its sublimest ideals. Virtue enjoys its full reward. The suffering and sorrow of this world end in Elysian bliss and the perfection of

purity. The high destiny for which man was created is made plain. Truth is unveiled in all her divine radiance, and chastity stands as the guardian spirit of love. The novice is instructed in the mysteries of art, philosophy and science, and is given the sacred truths of morality and religion. From the Hierophant, representing the Creator, he receives the benediction, and the ceremonies of initiation are closed with this sublime song in honor of the Supreme One:

“Thou God of heaven and hell, of land and sea!
 Whose thunders dread the high Olympus shake,
 And whom the Genii fear, and demons serve!
 The Fates, stern and unbending for all else,
 Obey Thy Sovereign will! Of all that lives,
 Immortal One, Thou art the awful Sire!
 When wrathful Thou dost speak, the entire world
 Doth quake! The unchained winds in fury sweep
 The sea, and fearful darkness gathers round
 The Earth, and fiery storms do plow the vast
 Expanse above. Yet art Thou wise and kind:
 That holy law which rules the stars comes forth
 From Thee; and aye before Thy golden throne
 Unwearied stand those holy ones, who do
 Thy will, and bear Thy gifts to man! The bright
 And glorious Spring, adorned with brilliant hues
 And crowned with new-born flowers, and Winter swathed
 In shining bands of ice, are by Thy will
 Created. All do come from Thee: Spring's flowers,
 Summer's joys, and Autumn's golden fruits,
 To Thee, and Thee aloffe, we owe them all!”

From this brief examination of Hellenic Masonry we arrive at the real fountain of that wonderful civilization which still lives in our literature, philosophy, art, theology and exact sciences, and whose mighty flow is felt to-day throughout the nations of Christendom. The miracle-working music of Orpheus, which, according to the ancient legend, made the trees dance for joy, calmed the winds and waves, tamed the savage beasts, and charmed men from lives of barbarism to those of refinement and culture, came through the sounding corridors of the mystic temple at Eleusis, established by the master-hand of the age and adopted by the philosophers of succeeding ages. His seven-stringed Lyre was the great heart of the nation whose chords, touched by the inspiration of his genius, throbbled out the music of virtue, truth and brotherly love, whose reverberations shall sound forever.

As a third illustration, we will consider the origin of Odinic Freemasonry. In it we shall discover the same philosophy, and reason will lead us to similar conclusions. The establishment of the Sacred Mysteries of Odin is the milestone which stands at the commencement of the civilization of the nations of Northern Europe. Sigge, or Odin, as he named himself, after the Supreme God of the Teutonic races, was the master-spirit of the North. He was the Chief of the Aesir, whose capital was the great city of Asgard, a storied city which has been sung in the homes of our old Norse ancestors for more than eighteen centuries, and has been made immortal in that sublime poem, the Edda, whose twenty-eight fragments, collected by Saemund, are

the pillars of strength and wisdom to ancient Scandinavian mythology. This heroic genius, who came to give progress to the northern nations, and a new impetus to Europe, was a warrior, a poet and a prophet. With the soldiers of his own nation he first conquers the neighboring tribes, then Cimbria and Funen submit without resistance, Sweden and Denmark follow the example, and in turn all the nations of the North and West yield to the power of his sword and genius. He founds cities and governments, enacts laws and appoints rulers and judges. He establishes the Sacred Mysteries, and deposits with a supreme council instructions, rules of conduct, and religious secrets for his people. As chief priest, he presided over the worship which was paid the Deity. He was the inventor of the Runic characters. He gave the Scandinavians the art of poetry, and was a great poet and musician himself. It is said that his songs were so full of tender melody that the very plains and mountains would open and expand with joy, and even ghosts would leave their infernal caverns, enraptured by the sweetness of his melodies. He was a mighty magician and prophet. He could raise the dead, foretell the future, discover the secrets of the earth and air, change the winds and traverse the world in the twinkling of an eye. In the Sacred Mysteries he taught the science of the universe, the harmony of life and the immortality of the soul.

The initiation into this order was less ceremonial than that of the earlier Masonic institutions which we have just considered.

The neophyte personated a pilgrim who is weary with travel and desires rest. Having wandered far and wide, he finally arrives at Asgard, the City of God, whose many mansions, with roofs covered with golden shields, have greeted the longing eyes of the wanderer for many leagues distant. The guard leads him into a lofty palace, whose huge doors close behind him with the noise of thunder. He is taken from room to room, through varying scenes of life, till he comes to three thrones, raised one above the other, on which are seated The High, the equal to The High, and the Highest.

The pilgrim is in search of light and knowledge of the Supreme One, and the following questions and responses ensue:

Pilgrim — "Tell me, O Lofty One! who is the first of the gods? Where does He dwell? What is His power? And what has He done to display His glory?"

The High — "He liveth from all ages; He governeth all realms, and swayeth all things, great and small."

Equally High — "He hath formed heaven, and earth, and air, and all things."

The Highest — "And what is more, He hath made man, and given him a soul, which will live and never die, though the body shall have moldered away or have turned to ashes."

Pilgrim — "What was the beginning of things?"

The High — (In the words of the Edda)

" 'Twas Time's first dawn,
When naught yet was,
Nor sand nor sea,
Nor cooling wave;

Earth was not there,
Nor heaven above,
Naught save a void,
And yawning gulf;
But verdure none."

Pilgrim — "What is the end?"

The High — "There will be a new heaven; and there will arise out of the sea a new earth, most lovely and verdant, with pleasant fields where grain shall grow unsown. A dwelling-place shall be there more radiant than the sun. There the sons of earth shall dwell together in peace and concord. Evil shall disappear from the empire of Odin, and happiness and virtue shall be universal and perpetual."

The novitiate is then instructed by the *Three* into the science of life, and is given the whole cosmogony of that ancient people who deified the forces of nature and converted natural science into theology. The creation of the heavens and the earth, of gods and men, is explained. He is taught the mysteries of life and the world. They discourse to him of the sun, moon and stars, of day and night, and the seasons; of the Destinies, of the Golden Age, of the way to heaven, of the Twilight of the Gods, and of the final conflagration of the universe, of the great Ygdrasil—the ash tree of life and death—of the Giant Ymer, whose flesh made the earth, whose bones are the rocks, whose blood is the pulsing ocean, and whose skull is the great blue vault of heaven.

The initiatory rite closed with a sublime representation of the world and humanity in its perfected or ideal state, where purity, love and peace shall reign eternal.

Under the influence of the Ancient Masonry of Odin, from whose establishment dates the dawn of Scandinavian civilization, the northern nations emerge from barbaric obscurity, and take their places in the world's history. The order was founded by its wonderful master for these exalted purposes. He read the future, even in that early age of darkness and ignorance, with the clear vision of a prophet. The lofty ideal which he gave his people has been transmitted from generation to generation, and the Grand Lodge which meets here to-day feels the mystic influence of his life and deeds.

Many examples are furnished by the history of the various races and ages, which attest these principles of the origin of Ancient Masonic Institutions. The same is true of the origin of the Cabirian Mysteries established in ancient Syria, of the order of Essenes, of the Pythagorean Brotherhood which was the social regenerator of Magna Græcia, of the Carbonari of Italy, of the Jomsburg Brothers of Denmark, founded in the tenth century, and of that semi-political institution, the Hermandad of Spain, established in the thirteenth century. But the illustrations, which have been given from the main branches of Ancient Masonry, are sufficient to establish the general primal principles, to which the origin of the Masonry of the present time must be referred.

II.

We will next consider the *Philosophy of Masonic Secrets*.

Without violating our obligations, or any of the fundamental tenets of

our Order, let us inquire into the mysteries of Masonry, and contemplate their nature and importance. Bishop Hall says: "The heart of man is a short word, a small substance, scarce enough to give a kite a meal, yet great in capacity, yea, so indefinite in desire that the round globe of the world cannot fill three corners of it." In a degree this might be said of the secrets of our society. What are the arcana which are known only to our craft, and which the faithful breast refuses to disclose? What are the secrets for which, in times past, Masons have been proscribed by church and state; have been denounced as propagators of witchcraft, and workers of the devil, and been burned as sorcerers; have received the anathemas of the ancient church; have been prosecuted as instigators of treason and rebellion; have been made felons by acts of parliament, condemned to death and executed under the sanction of kings; have suffered all the tortures of the Inquisition, and died as martyrs?

My friends, the secrets of a Master Mason are, in themselves, of the least importance. They are not the material of which the Grand Masonic Temple is built. They do not constitute any of the ancient landmarks of the Order. They are simply the signs, tokens, grips, words, and modes of recognition, with the ceremonies and ritual. Masons have no secrets which the world would deem important, or care to know. As expressed in the apt language of a brother: "The secrets of Masonry are those modes of recognition by which we know each other, by which we know a true craftsman from an impostor, by which we prove ourselves worthy and well qualified, by which we show that we have visited the sacred places of the fraternity, and knelt at the altar of the common Father." The fundamental facts of the Masonic Institution are not secret. Its principles are known; its objects are known; its members are known; its convocations are known. It has adopted the general principles of secrecy because a unity and harmony of labor can be better attained thereby.

In mercantile and other pursuits the same fact is recognized. All men and societies have their secrets. Mystery has a peculiar charm for the human race. It binds the spiritual natures of men together with a subtle and mystic force. It forms a golden chord of unity in thought, in heart, and in work that can be wrought in no other way. As expressed by Thomas Carlyle: "Bees will not work except in darkness; thought will not work except in silence; neither will virtue work except in secrecy. Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth! Neither shalt thou prate even to thy own heart of those secrets known to all. Is not shame the soul of all virtue, of all good manners, and good morals? Like other plants, virtue will not grow unless its roots be hidden, buried from the eye of the sun. Let the sun shine on it, nay, do but look at it privily thyself, the root withers and no flowers will glad thee."

The ancient Athenians had a statue of brass before which they bowed. It was represented as tongueless, to denote secrecy. Pliny informs us that Anaxarchus, being imprisoned by Nicoreon for the purpose of obtaining concealed evidence, bit off his tongue in the middle and threw it in the face of the tyrant of Cyprus, rather than betray the secrets with which he was

intrusted. The Egyptians worshiped Harpocrates, the god of Silence, who was always represented pressing his finger to his lips. The Romans brought their gifts to the shrine of Angerona, the goddess of Silence. The masters and organizers of ancient Masonry, as we have seen, understood and acted upon this characteristic of humanity. Even the leaders of the first Christian church used the same agencies, and surrounded their institution with secrecy for the same purposes and objects. The "Apostolical Constitutions and Canons" speak of the *disciplina arcani* of the most ancient church. We are informed by Pliny that the Roman emperor, Trajan, persecuted the Christians as a secret society, and Lucian even speaks of Christ as the founder of *new mysteries*. Modern scholars have demonstrated that the religious rites of the early Christians were carefully guarded as secrets, and celebrated as sacred mysteries. The rites of baptism and the eucharist were administered only in the secret chambers of the temple, after the deacons had proclaimed, "*Procul, O! Procul este, profani!*" and the doors had been carefully closed and guarded. At his initiation the Christian was given a new name, which was engraved, with the mark of the cross, upon a white stone, to be kept as a badge of membership and symbol of fidelity. St. John alluded to this custom in Revelation. He says: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth, saving he that receiveth it."

The principles of secrecy, to a more or less extent, pervade nearly all of the governmental, social and domestic relations of man. It is made use of in Masonry as a convenient means to secure the nobler ends of the Order. Its secrets, in their place, are wise and valuable; out of their place, they are worthless and of no significance. There should be, and is in reality, no mysterious importance attached to them. The Grand Architect did not place them as the foundation stones of our temple. The beauty, influence, and sterling principles of Masonry are not even dependent on secrets. They can and do exist without connection with them. The grand old landmarks of the Order are no mysteries, except as charity, truth, virtue and love are mysteries, and as life, death, the universe and God are mysteries. The great principles of Masonry which, with a wonderful universality and catholicity not found in any other order, are able to unite humankind in a common brotherhood, were principles before the secrets of Masonry were invented, and they will continue to exist throughout all time, till that last grand communication when The Master shall call the world from labor to refreshment.

III.

Finally, let us consider the *Philosophy of Masonic Work*.

According to an old Jewish tradition, little angels are born every morning by the brook which rolls over the flowers of Paradise. These spirits do no work all day long. Their whole life is a song. When evening comes they cease their warblings, and return, without regret, into nothingness. Thus it is with many institutions to which the present age gives birth, thus it has been with the countless nameless societies which have existed in the past. Not so, however, with Freemasonry. It stands to-day looking back on

centuries of work whose monuments are national; it sees, on every hand, fields broadening and purposes deepening; it beholds a future vast and ever progressive. It is pre-eminently the educator of our age; its works are the lessons of life. As defined by the Rev. Dr. Norval: "A Masons' Lodge is a school of piety; the principal emblems are the teachers;" or in the impressive language of Albert Pike: "There are great truths at the foundation of Freemasonry; truths which it is its mission to teach, and which, as constituting the very essence of that sublime system which gives to the venerable institution its peculiar identity as a science of morality, it behooves every disciple to ponder and inwardly digest."

The preparation of the candidate commences with a lesson, and the ceremonies of initiation are beautiful and imposing exemplifications of the profound truths of the order. The Mason is taught to perfect his nature according to the Divine plan, to subjugate his passions to the dominion of the soul; to employ his faculties in the noble mission of life; to cultivate generous affections, holy thoughts, and heavenly aspirations; to labor for truth, wisdom and virtue. He is shown that riches, glory and fame, and all the world's crowns and kingdoms, are but vanity, and will vanish as a wreath of smoke; but that the soul will live through all time, with its treasures of holiness, wisdom, hope, virtue, love, pure thoughts and devout affections. Masonry teaches the exalted principles of our existence, upon which rest the well-being and progress of society, the purity and sacredness of the family relations, and the duties which are due to the Creator of all. Masonry teaches the equality of man. It acknowledges no earthly aristocrat or monarch. It knows no worldly distinction of rank or position. Kings, princes and subjects, commanders of armies and private soldiers, statesmen and peasants, all "meet upon the level."

Frederick the Great, who was the author of the famous letter of denunciation to the ecclesiastical authorities of Aix-la-Chapelle, which were endeavoring to foment disturbances against the Masonic body, laid aside his royal robe, scepter and crown when he entered the door of the Lodge. The nameless veterans of the imperial army were equal in rank to the hero of Austerlitz when they bowed with him at the Masonic altars in the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient. The Masonic rank comes from charity, moral courage, and fidelity to truth and virtue. In the Lodge-room all Masons meet as brothers. As sung by our veteran poet, Rob. Morris:

"We meet upon the level, though from every station come,
The rich man from his palace, the poor man from his home;
For the rich must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,
And the poor man finds his best respect upon the chequered floor."

Masonry teaches brotherly love. This is one of its leading lessons. It is this which has given it a place among the social organizations of the past and present ages, which has reared its temples among all nations, and scattered the seeds of civilization and progress over the surface of the globe. It is this which brings peace, harmony and decorum to our Lodges; which banishes the talebearer, censor and reviler; which guards the character of a brother, and brands calumny and slander as detestable crimes. It is this

which brings to a common altar the Israelite, the Christian, the Mahometan and the Hindoo, and joins their hands in the strong grip of a Master Mason. It is this which exalts society, disarms feuds and sectional hatred; which cements republics, and produces international comity. It is this which makes Masonry the world's great peace-maker.

Brotherly love begets forbearance and kindness, which are the daily lessons of our order. It is the mother of charity, the brightest of all the graces. In fact, charity has been defined as "the activity of love." Masonry teaches the broadest and most active charity. It is one of the imperative duties. The true Mason must think and act in the spirit of the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians: "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 all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could move mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

Masonry not only teaches charity by precept, but exemplifies it by acts. By it the fruits of Masonic work are silently placed at the doors of the humblest of human society. By it the great army of artisans, mechanics and day laborers are elevated, encouraged and comforted. By it Masons everywhere feel the silent, yet ever-present and active influence of the order. Sickness, distress and misfortune may overtake a brother in a strange land; but he knows that friends will be there to assist and watch over him with fraternal care. And when the hour of death comes the brothers of charity will direct his fading vision to the temple not made with hands; will close his eyes with tender sympathy, and lay his body to rest in "Ono, the valley of craftsmen." His soul will leave its house of clay knowing that the protecting arms of the order are twined lovingly around the fatherless children, and that all the consolation and sympathy which earth can give are extended to the sorrowing wife and family.

The ancients represented charity as a goddess seated in a chair of ivory, and wearing on her head a fillet of gold set with precious stones.

She still reigns with us as a spiritual goddess. Her vesture is universal benevolence, and her jewels are the inestimable blessings of her bounty. Her throne is the human heart, where love dwells, unspotted by passion or selfishness, and from her sweet influences spring the purest and holiest sentiments of humanity.

Masonry teaches the existence of God. It points its disciples to one, the only true God, the Great Architect of the Universe, the Father of us all. As said by Samuel Lawrence: "It directs the contemplation of the Sons of Light to His works, as displayed in the diversified scenery of the earth, which is His footstool, and of the spacious firmament, which is the curtain of His dwelling-place." Masonry teaches the immortality of the soul, and its accountability to the Creator. It is this fact which lies at the foundation of Masonry, and I may say of all true religions. It is the central idea—the sun, around which revolve all our initiatory rites and ceremonies. The atheist, who raises his eyes to heaven and says there is no God, cannot become a Mason. The faith of the Sons of Light must be well founded. Masonry

ever bows humbly before the Grand Architect of the Universe; it teaches life lessons of devotion to Him. It has been called the science of life, from its worship of the Great Giver and Preserver. It speaks His name only with reverence and awe. It acknowledges His power in all things. It feels His goodness, and instills in the heart an unflinching trust in Him.

As a teacher of equality, brotherly love, charity, morality, and fundamental religion, the work of Masonry is as broad as humanity, and as deep as the fountains of civilization. In the words of an eminent brother, "It is an institution based on that never-failing charity which upholds universal love, calms the troubled sea of our evil passions, and leaves a smooth surface, in which all men, who are sincere and conscientious worshippers of God, and unexceptionable in moral deportment, may unite, bless each other, and rejoice in practically realizing the sublime sentiment that—

" ' God hath made mankind one
Mighty Brotherhood;
Himself their Master, and the
World His Lodge.' "

The value of Masonry to our times is incalculable. Its ideal is humanity regenerated and perfected, working in full sympathy and harmony with its Creator. This lofty ideal reveals the *True Philosophy of its Origin, its Secrets, and its Work.*

My friends and brothers,—May our noble order live on throughout all time; may its high ideal be crowned with all the added lustre and glories of succeeding ages, as a living reality; and in the "Sweet bye and bye," when you and I shall have been called to the Grand Lodge above, and laid our bodies to rest in the "Vale of Craftsmen," beneath the quiet of the stars, may there be a full accomplishment of its lofty mission, which, in the poetic diction of Dr. Arnold, is, "to retune the mystic harp of life to the sublimer melodies of love; to breathe upon the smoldering spark of charity, and expand it to a world-embracing flame; to cement again the broken links of the golden chain of harmony, and thus reestablish the unity of man."

On motion of Past Grand Master Thummel, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be most cordially extended to W. . Bro. . Colby for the interesting and instructive oration delivered by him, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of it for publication with the proceedings.

The Grand Master M. . W. . Bro. . Lininger now presented to the Grand Lodge an ebony gavel and a Grand Master's jewel and collar; whereupon Bro. . Warren moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Grand Master Lininger has presented to this Grand Lodge, to be used by each succeeding Grand Master as he shall successively be installed in office, a beautiful gavel and collar with jewel; therefore,

Resolved, That the said presents be accepted, and the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Grand Master Lininger therefor.

Past Grand Master Jordan, assisted by Past Grand Master Thummel, now obligated, instructed and installed the office-bearers of the Grand Lodge excepting the Grand Tiler.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote (see proceedings of the morning session) on the resolution to omit from the printed proceedings certain portions of the Grand Master's address. The motion did not prevail.

A motion to publish in the proceedings full lists of the members of Lodges was laid on the table.

The following report from the committee on Finance and Accounts was adopted:

To the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Accounts have made a partial examination of the Grand Secretary's account for the year ending June 19, '78, and find that he has received thirty-five hundred and ten dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$3,510.37), for which he holds the receipt of the Grand Treasurer.

We also find that the Grand Secretary has expended the (300) three hundred dollars appropriated at the last Grand Communication for office expenses.

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| CHAS. P. MATTHEWSON, | } Committee on Finance and Accounts. |
| JOHN G. TAYLOR, | |
| T. J. FOLEY, | |
| J. E. CRAMER, | |
| D. A. CLINE, | |

On motion of Past Grand Master Thummel, it was

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of paying the expenses of Grand Chaplain Frank E. Bullard, who has been in attendance on this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered the several railroad companies of Nebraska and the landlords of the Grand Central, Metropolitan and Planters Hotels for their courtesy in reducing their rates to members of the Grand Lodge.

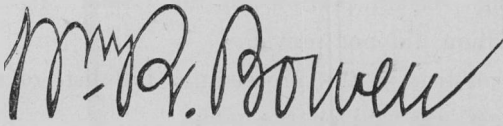
On motion of Past Grand Master Wheeler, the Grand

Master was authorized to approve the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and of the Trustees of the Orphans' Educational Fund.

Whereupon, at 11.50 P.M., the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

EDWARD K. VALENTINE,

Grand Master.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm. R. Bowen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Grand Secretary.

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

| GRAND LODGE. | REPRESENTATIVE. | ADDRESS. | DATE OF APPOINTMENT. |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Alabama | Palmer J. Pillans | Mobile | May 31, 1870. |
| Arkansas | Luke E. Barber | Little Rock | March 21, 1878. |
| British Columbia | Robert P. Rithet | | April 20, 1874. |
| California | William A. Davies | Stockton | June 2, 1873. |
| Colorado | Henry M. Teller | Central City | April 20, 1874. |
| Connecticut | Joseph K. Wheeler | Hartford | April 9, 1877. |
| Dakota | George W. Kingsbury | Yankton | March 18, 1878. |
| Delaware | Daniel McClintock | Wilmington | December 11, 1869. |
| District of Columbia | John H. Russell | Washington | September 22, 1869. |
| Florida | William A. McLean | Jacksonville | February 12, 1877. |
| Georgia | Joseph E. Wells | Macon | September 22, 1869. |
| Idaho | Barton R. Hughes | Pioneerville | February 12, 1877. |
| Illinois | John M. Palmer | Springfield | |
| Indiana | Martin H. Rice | Indianapolis | |
| Iowa | William E. Woodward | Burlington | March 20, 1872. |
| Kansas | Edward D. Hillyer | Grasshopper Falls | September 22, 1869. |
| Kentucky | L. D. Croninger | Covington | June 1, 1871. |
| Louisiana | Augustin B. Seger | New Orleans | March 29, 1870. |
| Maine | Edward P. Burnham | Saco | |
| Manitoba | Simon Duffin | Winnipeg | April 14, 1877. |
| Maryland | Edward J. Oppelt | Baltimore | February 12, 1877. |
| Michigan | Abraham T. Metcalf | Kalamazoo | January 17, 1874. |
| Minnesota | J. E. Finch | Hastings | |
| Missouri | Charles F. Vogel | St. Louis | June 3, 1877. |
| Montana | Henry M. Parchen | Helena | April 9, 1877. |
| Nevada | Charles E. Laughton | | November 20, 1876. |
| New Brunswick | William Wedderburn | St. John | January 1, 1873. |
| New Hampshire | Alpheus W. Baker | Lebanon | March 18, 1878. |
| New Jersey | Charles Bechtel | Trenton | September 22, 1869. |
| New York | Robert M. C. Graham | New York City | April 9, 1877. |
| North Carolina | James B. Batchelor | Raleigh | |
| Ohio | Robert Gwynn | Cincinnati | |
| Prince Edward's Isl'd | John Muirhead | Charlottetown | March 21, 1877. |
| Rhode Island | Edward L. Freeman | Providence | April 17, 1877. |
| Scotland | George McLean | Edinburgh | May 23, 1878. |
| South Carolina | Augustine T. Smythe | Charleston | March 20, 1877. |
| Tennessee | James O'Connor | Jackson | August 2, 1869. |
| Texas | Joseph D. Sayers | Bastrop Co. | March 20, 1877. |
| Utah | Thomas E. Clohecy | Salt Lake City | November 3, 1875. |
| Washington Territory | James Biles | Turnwater | June 3, 1873. |
| West Virginia | B. F. Martin | Pruntytown | |
| Wisconsin | Merrick P. Wing | La Crosse | April 9, 1877. |
| Wyoming | William G. Tonn | Evanston | March 20, 1877. |

NOTE.—Information is desired wherewith to fill the blanks in the foregoing statement.

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

| GRAND LODGE. | REPRESENTATIVE. | ADDRESS. | DATE OF APPOINTMENT. |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Alabama..... | James W. Chadduck..... | Nebraska City..... | September 22, 1869. |
| Arkansas..... | Samuel W. Hayes..... | Norfolk..... | March 6, 1878. |
| British Columbia..... | William Adair..... | Dakota City..... | May 12, 1873. |
| California..... | Orsamus H. Irish..... | Nebraska City..... | May 20, 1874. |
| Canada..... | Robert C. Jordan..... | Grand Island..... | ..... |
| Colorado..... | Josiah B. Redfield..... | Omaha..... | May 11, 1874. |
| Connecticut..... | Alfred G. Hastings..... | Lincoln..... | February 20, 1877. |
| Dakota..... | Gustavus Stevenson..... | Omaha..... | February 25, 1878. |
| Delaware..... | Edwin A. Allen..... | Omaha..... | December 1, 1869. |
| District of Columbia..... | Charles F. Catlin..... | Omaha..... | September 18, 1869. |
| Florida..... | Hiram C. Rider..... | Crete..... | February 1, 1877. |
| France..... | Robert R. Livingston..... | Plattsmouth..... | September 30, 1869. |
| Georgia..... | H. O. Hanna..... | Falls City..... | September 15, 1869. |
| Idaho..... | James A. Tulleys..... | Red Cloud..... | February 1, 1877. |
| Illinois..... | George H. Thummel..... | Grand Island..... | September 2, 1872. |
| Indiana..... | Harry P. Deuel..... | Omaha..... | September 8, 1869. |
| Iowa..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | Brownville..... | March 15, 1872. |
| Kansas..... | Robert C. Jordan..... | Grand Island..... | ..... |
| Kentucky..... | J. N. Wise..... | Plattsmouth..... | September 14, 1870. |
| Louisiana..... | J. N. Wise..... | Plattsmouth..... | October 25, 1869. |
| Maine..... | N. S. Harding..... | Nebraska City..... | December 1, 1869. |
| Manitoba..... | Edwin F. Warren..... | Nebraska City..... | March 24, 1877. |
| Maryland..... | George Armstrong..... | Omaha..... | February 2, 1877. |
| Michigan..... | Daniel H. Wheeler..... | Plattsmouth..... | January 3, 1870. |
| Minnesota..... | Robert C. Jordan..... | Grand Island..... | ..... |
| Missouri..... | J. N. Wise..... | Plattsmouth..... | August 17, 1869. |
| Mississippi..... | J. M. Burke..... | Nebraska City..... | December 31, 1869. |
| Montana..... | Charles F. Goodman..... | Omaha..... | March 21, 1877. |
| Nevada..... | James R. Reed..... | Tekamah..... | February 14, 1870. |
| New Brunswick..... | Edwin A. Allen..... | Omaha..... | September 22, 1869. |
| New Hampshire..... | Frank Welch..... | Norfolk..... | February 25, 1878. |
| New Jersey..... | William R. Cain..... | Arango..... | September 15, 1869. |
| New York..... | Robert R. Livingston..... | Plattsmouth..... | September 13, 1869. |
| North Carolina..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | Brownville..... | September 20, 1869. |
| Nova Scotia..... | Charles F. Catlin..... | Omaha..... | June 10, 1871. |
| Ohio..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | Brownville..... | September 10, 1869. |
| Oregon..... | Henry Brown..... | Nebraska City..... | ..... |
| Prince Edward's Isl'd..... | William H. Platt..... | Grand Island..... | February 19, 1877. |
| Rhode Island..... | William M. Knapp..... | York..... | April 9, 1877. |
| South Carolina..... | George C. Betts..... | Omaha..... | October 22, 1869. |
| Tennessee..... | J. N. Wise..... | Plattsmouth..... | June 24, 1869. |
| Texas..... | Martin Dunham..... | Omaha..... | February 22, 1877. |
| Utah..... | George B. Graff..... | Omaha..... | December 5, 1872. |
| Vermont..... | William R. Bowen..... | Omaha..... | June 13, 1877. |
| Virginia..... | William E. Hill..... | Nebraska City..... | February 3, 1877. |
| Washington Territory..... | Charles A. Holmes..... | Tecumseh..... | February 15, 1877. |
| West Virginia..... | H. T. Davis..... | Lincoln..... | October 12, 1866. |
| Wisconsin..... | Alexander Atkinson..... | Omaha..... | January 29, 1877. |
| Wyoming..... | Rolland H. Oakley..... | Lincoln..... | March 7, 1877. |

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

| GRAND LODGE. | GRAND SECRETARY. | ADDRESS. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Alabama..... | Daniel Sayre..... | Montgomery. |
| Arkansas..... | Luke E. Barber..... | Little Rock. |
| British Columbia..... | Eli Harrison, Jr..... | Victoria. |
| California..... | Alex. G. Abell..... | San Francisco. |
| Canada..... | J. J. Mason..... | Hamilton, Ontario. |
| Chili..... | Jose Maldonado..... | Valparaiso. |
| Colorado..... | Edward C. Parmalee..... | Georgetown. |
| Connecticut..... | Joseph K. Wheeler..... | Hartford. |
| Dakota..... | W. E. Caton..... | Elk Point. |
| Delaware..... | William S. Hayes..... | Wilmington. |
| District of Columbia..... | William R. Singleton..... | Washington. |
| Egypt..... | F. F. Oddi..... | Alexandria. |
| England..... | John Hervey..... | London. |
| Florida..... | De Witt C. Dawkins..... | Jacksonville. |
| Georgia..... | J. E. Blakshear..... | Macon. |
| Idaho..... | Charles Himrod..... | Boise City. |
| Illinois..... | John F. Burrill..... | Springfield. |
| Indiana..... | John M. Bramwell..... | Indianapolis. |
| Indian Territory..... | Rufus P. Jones..... | Caddo, Choctaw Nation. |
| Iowa..... | Theodore S. Parvin..... | Iowa City. |
| Ireland..... | Sam'l B. Oldham, Deputy Gr. Sec. | Dublin. |
| Kansas..... | John H. Brown..... | Wyandotte. |
| Kentucky..... | Hiram Bassett..... | Millersburg. |
| Louisiana..... | James C. Batchelor, M.D..... | New Orleans. |
| Maine..... | Ira Berry..... | Portland. |
| Manitoba..... | John H. Bell..... | Winnipeg. |
| Maryland..... | Jacob H. Medairy..... | Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts..... | Charles H. Titus..... | Boston. |
| Michigan..... | William P. Innes..... | Grand Rapids. |
| Minnesota..... | A. T. C. Pierson..... | St. Paul. |
| Mississippi..... | J. L. Power..... | Jackson. |
| Missouri..... | John D. Vincll..... | St. Louis. |
| Montana..... | Cornelius Hedges..... | Helena. |
| Nebraska..... | William R. Bowen..... | Omaha. |
| Nevada..... | John D. Hammond..... | Carson. |
| New Brunswick..... | W. F. Bunting..... | St. Johns. |
| New Hampshire..... | George P. Cleaves..... | Concord. |
| New Jersey..... | Joseph Hough..... | Trenton. |
| New Mexico..... | David J. Miller..... | Santa Fe. |
| New York..... | James M. Austin..... | New York. |
| North Carolina..... | Donald W. Bain..... | Raleigh. |
| Nova Scotia..... | Benjamin Curren..... | Halifax. |
| Ohio..... | John D. Caldwell..... | Cincinnati. |
| Oregon..... | R. P. Earhart..... | Portland. |
| Pennsylvania..... | John Thomson..... | Philadelphia. |
| Prince Edward's Island..... | B. Wilson Higgs..... | Charlottetown. |
| Quebec..... | John H. Isaacson..... | Montreal. |
| Rhode Island..... | Edwin Baker..... | Providence. |
| Scotland..... | D. Murray Lyon..... | Edinburgh. |
| South Carolina..... | Charles Inglesby..... | Charleston. |
| Tennessee..... | John Frizzell..... | Nashville. |
| Texas..... | George H. Bringhurst..... | Houston. |
| Utah..... | Christopher Diehl..... | Salt Lake City. |
| Vermont..... | Henry Clark..... | Rutland. |
| Virginia..... | William B. Isaacs..... | Richmond. |
| Washington Territory..... | Thomas M. Reed..... | Olympia. |
| West Virginia..... | Odell S. Long..... | Wheeling. |
| Wisconsin..... | John W. Woodhull..... | Milwaukee. |
| Wyoming..... | William G. Tonn..... | Evanston. |

LIST OF THE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, SEPTEMBER 23, 1857, TO THE PRESENT TIME.

| YEAR. | GRAND MASTER. | DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. | GRAND SENIOR WARDEN. | GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN. |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| September 23, 1857..... | Robert C. Jordan .. | Leavitt L. Bowen..... | David Lindley | Lathrop B. Kinney. |
| June 2, 1858..... | Robert C. Jordan | Leavitt L. Bowen..... | David Lindley .. | Mahlon G. Wilkinson. |
| June 14, 1859..... | Robert C. Jordan | Henry Brown..... | Lathrop B. Kinney.. | Sylvester Redfield. |
| June 6, 1860..... | George Armstrong..... | Lathrop B. Kinney..... | Sylvester Redfield..... | Daniel H. Wheeler. |
| June 5, 1861..... | George Armstrong..... | Lathrop B. Kinney..... | Daniel H. Wheeler..... | Harvey C. Blackman. |
| June 4, 1862..... | George Armstrong..... | Lee P. Gillette..... | Henry Brown..... | George W. Wilkinson. |
| June 23, 1863..... | Daniel H. Wheeler | Orsamus H. Irish..... | George B. Graff..... | Charles W. Hamilton. |
| June 24, 1864..... | Daniel H. Wheeler..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | George B. Graff..... | John A. Goodlet. |
| June 24, 1865..... | Robert W. Furnas | George B. Graff..... | John A. Goodlet..... | George W. Bratton. |
| June 23, 1866..... | Robert W. Furnas | George B. Graff..... | William E. Hill | Frank Welch. |
| June 21, 1867..... | Orsamus H. Irish..... | Elias H. Clark..... | William E. Hill..... | Frank Welch. |
| June 25, 1868..... | Orsamus H. Irish | Harry P. Duell..... | William Adair | Henry O. Hanna. |
| October 28, 1869..... | Harry P. Duell | William E. Hill..... | Anthony P. Cogswell..... | Henry O. Hanna. |
| June 23, 1870..... | Harry P. Duell | William E. Hill..... | Anthony P. Cogswell..... | George W. Wilkinson. |
| June 23, 1871..... | William E. Hill | Martin Dunham..... | Samuel W. Hayes..... | Alfred G. Hastings. |
| June 19, 1872..... | William E. Hill..... | Martin Dunham..... | Frank Welch | Alfred G. Hastings. |
| June 18, 1873..... | Martin Dunham..... | Frank Welch | Alfred G. Hastings..... | James W. Chaddock. |
| June 25, 1874..... | Frank Welch | Alfred G. Hastings..... | James W. Chaddock | George H. Thummel. |
| June 25, 1875..... | Alfred G. Hastings..... | George H. Thummel | Hiram C. Rider..... | Charles F. Goodman. |
| June 21, 1876..... | George H. Thummel..... | Hiram C. Rider..... | Charles F. Goodman..... | Edward K. Valentine. |
| June 20, 1877..... | George W. Lininger..... | Rolland H. Oakley .. | Edward K. Valentine..... | James A. Tulleys. |
| June 19, 1878..... | Edward K. Valentine..... | James A. Tulleys..... | James R. Cain..... | Edwin F. Warren. |
| June —, 1879..... | | | | |

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| YEAR. | GRAND TREASURER. | GRAND SECRETARY. | GRAND CHAPLAIN. | GRAND ORATOR. | GRAND LECTURER. |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| September 23, 1857. | William Anderson..... | George Armstrong | John M. Chivington..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 2, 1858..... | John H. Maxon..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | John M. Chivington..... | Albert G. Clarke..... | George Armstrong. |
| June 14, 1859..... | John H. Maxon..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | John M. Chivington..... | William D. McCord..... | George Armstrong. |
| June 6, 1860..... | John H. Maxon..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | Henry W. Kuhns..... | John F. Kinney..... | Lee P. Gillette. |
| June 5, 1861..... | Samuel H. Jones..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | Henry Brown..... | John F. Kinney..... | Lee P. Gillette. |
| June 4, 1862..... | John W. Marshall..... | Robert C. Jordan..... | Henry T. Davis..... | George B. Graff..... | Sylvester Redfield. |
| June 23, 1863..... | Silas E. Smith..... | Stephen D. Bangs..... | Henry T. Davis..... | Andrew H. Jackson..... | Edward C. Adams. |
| June 24, 1864..... | William E. Harvey..... | Stephen D. Bangs..... | Alvin G. White..... | Orsamus H. Irish..... | Henry Brown. |
| June 24, 1865..... | William E. Harvey..... | J. Newton Wise..... | George C. Betts..... | William E. Hill..... | Orsamus C. Dake. |
| June 23, 1866..... | Theodore W. Bedford..... | J. Newton Wise..... | Alvin G. White..... | John Q. Goss..... | George Armstrong. |
| June 21, 1867..... | Theodore W. Bedford..... | J. Newton Wise..... | George R. Davis..... | Gaylord J. Clark..... | Byron Reed. |
| June 25, 1868..... | George B. Graff..... | J. Newton Wise..... | George C. Betts..... | Obadiah B. Hewitt..... | William E. Hill. |
| October 28, 1869..... | George B. Graff..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | Henry T. Davis..... | James F. Gardner..... | Charles T. Whitmore. |
| June 23, 1870..... | George B. Graff..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | R— C. Barrow..... | John Q. Goss..... | Charles T. Whitmore. |
| June 23, 1871..... | George B. Graff..... | Robert W. Furnas..... | Thomas B. Lemon..... | N— K. Griggs..... | ..... |
| June 19, 1872..... | George B. Graff..... | William R. Bowen..... | Thomas B. Lemon..... | Luther W. Osborn..... | George H. Thummel. |
| June 18, 1873..... | James W. Moore..... | William R. Bowen..... | Caleb A. Miller..... | George S. Smith..... | William E. Hill. |
| June 25, 1874..... | James W. Moore..... | William R. Bowen..... | Andrew J. Swartz..... | William H. Morris..... | William E. Hill. |
| June 25, 1875..... | James W. Moore..... | William R. Bowen..... | Richard Burge..... | James Laird..... | William E. Hill. |
| June 21, 1876..... | James W. Moore..... | William R. Bowen..... | Richard Burge..... | Mark W. Wilcox..... | William E. Hill. |
| June 20, 1877..... | James W. Moore..... | William R. Bowen..... | Frank E. Bullard..... | Leonard W. Colby..... | Hiram C. Rider. |
| June 19, 1878..... | Oliver M. Enlow..... | William R. Bowen..... | Frank E. Bullard..... | George B. France..... | Hiram C. Rider. |
| June —, 1879..... | | | | | |

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| YEAR. | GRAND MARSHAL. | GRAND SENIOR DEACON. | GRAND JUNIOR DEACON. | GRAND SENIOR STEWARD. | GRAND JUNIOR STEWARD. |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| September 23, 1857. | Horatio N. Cornell..... | Charles W. Hamilton..... | John A. Nye..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 2, 1858..... | Horatio N. Cornell..... | William N. Byers..... | Christian D. Keller..... | George W. Bratton..... | ..... |
| June 14, 1859..... | William H. Cook..... | Alfred Sayre..... | Daniel H. Wheeler..... | George W. Wilkinson..... | ..... |
| June 6, 1860..... | Horatio N. Cornell..... | George W. Bratton..... | George W. Wilkinson..... | John W. Marshall..... | ..... |
| June 5, 1861..... | George B. Graff..... | George W. Wilkinson..... | Stephen D. Bangs..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 4, 1862..... | Andrew H. Jackson..... | Stephen D. Bangs..... | Edward C. Adams..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 23, 1863..... | Cyrus W. Wheeler..... | Frank Welch..... | John A. Goodlet..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 24, 1864..... | Edwin R. Nash..... | Theodore W. Bedford..... | Lorin Miller..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 24, 1865..... | Frank Welch..... | Henry O. Hanna..... | William Cheney..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 23, 1866..... | William E. Harvey..... | George D. Fogelsong..... | Elias H. Clark..... | William H. Mann..... | Aaron Connor. |
| June 21, 1867..... | George D. Fogelsong..... | William Adair..... | George W. Bratton..... | Samuel W. Hayes..... | James S. Gibson. |
| June 25, 1868..... | James W. Chaddock..... | John Q. Goss..... | Martin Dunham..... | D— C. Cole..... | Elam Clark. |
| October 28, 1869..... | D— C. Cole..... | William Adair..... | Martin Dunham..... | Max Rich..... | N— Carter. |
| June 23, 1870..... | N— S. Harding..... | Jacob Vallery, Jr..... | Sidney L. F. Ward..... | Jesse T. Davis..... | Frederick P. Seelor. |
| June 23, 1871..... | William Adair..... | Michael B. Murphy..... | Luther W. Oshorn..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 19, 1872..... | George B. France..... | Frederick P. Seelor..... | Richard Burge..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 18, 1873..... | Obadiah B. Hewitt..... | N— K. Griggs..... | Joseph E. Edwards..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 25, 1874..... | William T. Rogers..... | Francis E. White..... | Jesse T. Davis..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 25, 1875..... | Velosco V. Leonard..... | Newton R. Persinger..... | James A. Tulleys..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 21, 1876..... | Sidney L. F. Ward..... | James A. Tulleys..... | William H. Morris..... | ..... | ..... |
| June 20, 1877..... | Henry E. Palmer..... | James R. Cain..... | Enoch B. Carter..... | | |
| June 19, 1878..... | William Adair..... | Henry E. Palmer..... | Barnabas Swift, Jr..... | | |
| June —, 1879..... | | | | | |

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| YEAR. | GRAND SWORD BEARER. | GR. STANDARD BEARER. | SENIOR GR. PURSUIVANT. | JUNIOR GR. PURSUIVANT. | GRAND TILER. |
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| September 23, 1857. | | | | | |
| June 2, 1858. | | | | | Joseph P. Manning. |
| June 14, 1859. | Daniel H. Wheeler | | Edmund A. Donnelan | Jesse Noel | Edward Henry. |
| June 6, 1860. | Charles D. Keller | | Horatio N. Cornell | Horace C. Spencer | Rufus T. Rainey. |
| June 5, 1861. | Samuel H. Jones | | Alonzo D. Luce | Stephen D. Bangs | Rufus T. Rainey. |
| June 4, 1862. | | | | | Aaron Cahn. |
| June 23, 1863. | | | | | Aaron Cahn. |
| June 24, 1864. | | | | | Charles H. Walcott. |
| June 24, 1865. | | | | | George W. Bratton. |
| June 23, 1866. | | | | | G—H. Hall. |
| June 21, 1867. | Charles B. Stillman | John W. Marshall | John Reed | Aaron Cahn | James S. Taylor. |
| June 25, 1868. | William R. Cain | William H. Mann | Charles T. Whitmore | Charles T. Crenshaw | George A. Oliver. |
| October 25, 1869. | | W— S. Byron | John M. Burks | John A. MacMurphy | P. Y. Morse. |
| June 23, 1870. | William R. Cain | Samuel W. Hayes | John M. Burks | John W. Shannon | William D. Gage. |
| June 23, 1871. | Charles W. Seymour | John D. Tutt | John Cameron | William D. Gage | Herman Newman. |
| June 19, 1872. | | | | | N— Rogers. |
| June 18, 1873. | | | | | John McClelland. |
| June 25, 1874. | | | | | John McClelland. |
| June 25, 1875. | | | | | John McClelland. |
| June 21, 1876. | | | | | John McClelland. |
| June 20, 1877. | | | | | Jacob King. |
| June 19, 1878. | | | | | Jacob King. |
| June — 1879. | | | | | John McClelland. |

ROLL OF LODGES.

NEBRASKA LODGE, NO. 1, BELLEVUE, SARPY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Master Masons apron, with square and compasses laid thereon.

OFFICERS.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| F. E. Caldwell, Master. | Jacob Slothour, Senior Deacon. |
| Wm. F. Hogeboom, Senior Warden. | Wm. Ardery, Junior Deacon. |
| Wm. D. Roules, Junior Warden. | Geo. Clifton, Senior Steward. |
| Wm. Robinson, Treasurer. | Robert J. Moscrip, Junior Steward. |
| Wm. F. Martin, Secretary. | L. H. Cass, Tiler. |

WESTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 2, NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A star (rayed) above the Book of Constitutions guarded by the Tiler's sword; motto, "*Lux esto.*"

OFFICERS.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Edwin F. Warren, Master. | C. S. Nash, Secretary. |
| A. M. Smith, Senior Warden. | Ed. Thorp, Senior Deacon. |
| Jas. Reid, Junior Warden. | G. W. Boulwore, Junior Deacon. |
| Wm. E. Hill, Treasurer. | C. B. Bickle, Tiler. |

CAPITAL LODGE, NO. 3, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Monday evening in each calendar month.

SEAL—The square and compasses, radiant, surrounding the letter "G." and surmounted by a small six-pointed star.

OFFICERS.

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| Alex. Atkinson, Master. | Wm. H. Whitney, Senior Deacon. |
| James Gilbert, Senior Warden. | Benjamin H. Brown, Junior Deacon. |
| Lewis M. Rheem, Junior Warden. | John J. Monell, Jr., Senior Steward. |
| Myer Hellman, Treasurer. | Edwin A. Allen, Junior Steward. |
| Wm. R. Bowen, Secretary. | Jacob King, Tiler. |

NEMAHA VALLEY LODGE, NO. 4, BROWNVILLE, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| James C. McNaughton, Master. | Andrew R. Davidson, Senior Deacon. |
| Philip Crowther, Senior Warden. | Henry Culwell, Junior Deacon. |
| Benson M. Bailey, Junior Warden. | Charles Neidhart, Senior Steward. |
| Matthew A. Handley, Treasurer. | William H. McInich, Junior Steward. |
| Benj. F. Louder, Secretary. | David Campbell, Tiler. |

OMADI LODGE, NO. 5, DAKOTA CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| Wm. Adair, Master. | A. H. Baker, Acting Secretary. |
| Wm. McBeath, Senior Warden. | Geo. W. Wilkinson, Senior Deacon. |
| Wm. Cheney, Junior Warden. | Geo. W. Packer, Junior Deacon. |
| T. L. Griffey, Treasurer. | S. Harden, Tiler. |

PLATTSMOUTH LODGE, NO. 6, PLATTSMOUTH, CASS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Monday evening of each calendar month.

OFFICERS.

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| Francis E. White, Master. | Velasco V. Leonard, Senior Deacon. |
| Sam'l S. Hinkle, Senior Warden. | Wm. R. Darrah, Junior Deacon. |
| Rob't Ballance, Junior Warden. | Wm. H. Baker, Senior Steward. |
| John W. Marshall, Treasurer. | A. W. Gustafsen, Junior Steward. |
| Dan'l H. Wheeler, Secretary. | Jas. Pailing, Tiler. |

SUMMIT LODGE, NO. 7, PARKVILLE, COLORADO.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado.)

DECATUR LODGE, NO. 7, DECATUR.

(Charter surrendered.)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, NO. 8, GOLD HILL, COLORADO.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado.)

COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 8, COLUMBUS.

(Charter surrendered.)

FALLS CITY LODGE, NO. 9, FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday evening on or after each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| Chas. L. Metz, Master. | Allen B. Smith, Senior Deacon. |
| Rob't Clegg, Senior Warden. | Levi N. Korner, Junior Deacon. |
| Wm. S. Stretch, Junior Warden. | A. J. Weaver, Senior Steward. |
| Guy E. Powell, Treasurer. | Rob't A. Wherry, Junior Steward. |
| Geo. M. Neikirk, Secretary. | Barton C. Metz, Tiler. |

SOLOMON LODGE, NO. 10, FORT CALHOUN, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Newton Clark, Master. | Edwin Grenell, Secretary. |
| Jas. S. Riddler, Senior Warden. | Elias H. Clark, Senior Deacon. |
| Lorenzo Crounse, Junior Warden. | Allen Craig, Junior Deacon. |
| Jno. B. Kuony, Treasurer. | Henry Schutt, Tiler. |

COVERT LODGE, NO. 11, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Wednesday of each calendar month.

SEAL—The Mosaic pavement.

OFFICERS.

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| Eben K. Long, Master. | Chas. H. Ogburn, Senior Deacon. |
| Jas. Morris, Senior Warden. | Henry F. Willrodt, Junior Deacon. |
| Jas. S. France, Junior Warden. | John A. Campbell, Senior Steward. |
| Christian Hartman, Treasurer. | Peter M. Lee, Junior Steward. |
| Chas. K. Coutant, Secretary. | Wm. J. Mount, Tiler. |

NEBRASKA CITY LODGE, NO. 12, NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—

OFFICERS.

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| E. R. Richardson, Master. | John Adle, Secretary. |
| W. F. N. Houser, Senior Warden. | J. Fitch Kinney, Jr., Senior Deacon. |
| W. F. McBride, Junior Warden. | Wm. Phifer, Junior Deacon. |
| S. A. Weimer, Treasurer. | C. B. Bickel, Tiler. |

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 13, RULO, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Monday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—

OFFICERS.

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| Abram P. Forney, Master. | David Randolph, Secretary. |
| Louis S. Phillips, Senior Warden. | Z. J. Parsons, Senior Deacon. |
| Geo. Bowker, Junior Warden. | Wm. P. Teague, Junior Deacon. |
| Jacob Shaff, Treasurer. | Henry W. Walker, Tiler. |

PERU LODGE, NO. 14, PERU, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| Daniel C. Cole, Master. | John H. Miller, Senior Deacon. |
| Thos. S. Horn, Senior Warden. | J. H. F. Scott, Junior Deacon. |
| Lewis H. Kent, Junior Warden. | O. P. Root, Senior Steward. |
| John W. Swan, Treasurer. | Jacob Zaring, Tiler. |
| B. W. Knott, Secretary. | |

FREMONT LODGE, NO. 15, FREMONT, DODGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday evening in each month.

SEAL—The three principal columns, with square, plumb and level leaning against the bases.

OFFICERS.

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| A. C. Hull, Master. | Jas. H. Crabb, Senior Deacon. |
| Carl A. Fried, Senior Warden. | H. P. Bellows, Junior Deacon. |
| A. Townsend, Junior Warden. | C. Driscoll, Senior Steward. |
| J. V. N. Biles, Treasurer. | Wm. E. Lee, Junior Steward. |
| Evert Van Buren, Secretary. | Joel A. Green, Tiler. |

EUREKA LODGE, NO. 16, ARAGO, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

TECUMSEH LODGE, NO. 17, TECUMSEH, JOHNSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

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| Edwin R. Wright, Master. | Samuel P. Davidson, Senior Deacon. |
| Jacob S. Dew, Senior Warden. | T. G. Roberts, Junior Deacon. |
| Jas. B. Russell, Junior Warden. | Robert G. Work, Senior Steward. |
| Jos. W. Buffum, Treasurer. | V. D. Metcalf, Junior Steward. |
| Wm. L. Dunlap, Secretary. | Ezekiel Lumson, Tiler. |

ASHLAND LODGE, NO. 18, ASHLAND, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

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| E. M. Park, Master. | George Hatch, Senior Deacon. |
| J. W. Merrill, Senior Warden. | T. J. Wilburn, Junior Deacon. |
| Jos. Arnold, Junior Warden. | J. J. Roberts, Senior Steward. |
| Samuel Shatton, Treasurer. | Wm. Laughlin, Junior Steward. |
| A. B. Fuller, Secretary. | C. A. Miller, Tiler. |

LINCOLN LODGE, NO. 19, LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday evening of each month.

SEAL—The square and compass between two columns; beneath them two right hands.

OFFICERS.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chas. H. Gould, Master. | S. S. Royce, Senior Deacon. |
| Jas. McConnell, Senior Warden. | J. C. Ford, Junior Deacon. |
| D. A. Cline, Junior Warden. | Solomon Rymal, Senior Steward. |
| Chas. M. Leighton, Treasurer. | William Glass, Junior Steward. |
| W. H. H. Moore, Secretary. | John McClelland, Tiler. |

ROCK BLUFF LODGE, NO. 20, ROCK BLUFFS, CASS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The Book of Constitutions, bearing the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

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| S. C. Patterson, Master. | Michael Archer, Secretary. |
| G. W. Shrader, Senior Warden. | A. N. Sullivan, Senior Deacon. |
| R. H. Fitch, Junior Warden. | G. W. Berger, Junior Deacon. |
| J. M. Patterson, Treasurer. | Howard Allen, Tiler. |

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 21, BLAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

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| Chas. H. Willard, Master. | Wm. H. Palmer, Senior Deacon. |
| Fred'k W. Kinney, Senior Warden. | Felix R. Davis, Junior Deacon. |
| Edward C. Jackson, Junior Warden. | Daniel H. O'Linn, Senior Steward. |
| John H. Hungate, Treasurer. | Richard Albery, Junior Steward. |
| O. V. Palmer, Secretary. | Henry Newell, Tiler. |

MACOY LODGE, NO. 22, PLATTSMOUTH, CASS COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

PAWNEE LODGE, NO. 23, PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday evening on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| P. Reeder, Master. | Aug. E. Hassler, Secretary. |
| Geo. M. Humphrey, Senior Warden. | Joseph L. Edwards, Senior Deacon. |
| Jos. M. Plummer, Junior Warden. | W. C. Lane, Junior Deacon. |
| Geo. Hazels, Treasurer. | E. R. Wills, Tiler. |

LAFAYETTE LODGE, NO. 24, GRANT, NEMAHA COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 25, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Thursday in each month.

SEAL—A quatre-foil bearing 1st, an eagle; 2d, location of Lodge with star; 3d, date of charter; 4th, a certain point within a circle and star, embroidered with two parallel lines with the Book of Constitutions resting thereon; within all, the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

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| John G. Taylor, Master. | Gustavus Stevenson, Senior Deacon. |
| Jas. B. Bruner, Senior Warden. | George E. Stratman, Junior Deacon. |
| Chas. P. Needham, Junior Warden. | Wm. McFadden, Senior Steward. |
| John G. Jacobs, Treasurer. | Mat Hoover, Junior Steward. |
| John J. Points, Secretary. | Peter Bove, Tiler. |

BEATRICE LODGE, NO. 26, BEATRICE, GAGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday evenings of each month.

SEAL—Letter "G"; motto, "Faith, Hope and Charity."

OFFICERS.

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| Hiram P. Webb, Master. | David G. Robinson, Senior Deacon. |
| Jesse Richards, Senior Warden. | Joseph Yohe, Junior Deacon. |
| Leonard W. Colby, Junior Warden. | Eugene C. Mack, Senior Steward. |
| Wm. Lamb, Treasurer. | Oliver M. Enlow, Junior Steward. |
| Walter D. Hill, Secretary. | Thos. Harbster, Tiler. |

JORDAN LODGE, NO. 27, WEST POINT, CUMING COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETINGS—Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

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| John H. Mockett, Master. | Irwin B. Doolittle, Senior Deacon. |
| W. E. Krause, Senior Warden. | James Booth, Junior Deacon. |
| Frederick Leffert, Junior Warden. | J. A. Nason, Senior Steward. |
| A. D. Bessmer, Treasurer. | Thomas E. Krause, Junior Steward. |
| Emory Briggs, Secretary. | Wm. Bockenhover, Tiler. |

WYOMING LODGE, NO. 28, SOUTH PASS CITY, W. T.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming.)

HOPE LODGE, NO. 29, HILLSDALE, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| John P. King, Master. | Van Ness Griffin, Senior Deacon. |
| John W. Culp, Senior Warden. | James Bolerjack, Junior Deacon. |
| H. A. Brand, Junior Warden. | A. L. P. Thompson, Senior Steward. |
| John H. Shook, Treasurer. | L. M. Weddle, Junior Steward. |
| James H. Overman, Secretary. | James Woolf, Tiler. |

BLUE RIVER LODGE, NO. 30, MILFORD, SEWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday evening on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| J. L. Davison, Master. | H. A. Brisbin, Senior Deacon. |
| R. Dine, Senior Warden. | A. B. Stevens, Junior Deacon. |
| A. J. Gowen, Junior Warden. | J. B. Courtright, Senior Steward. |
| S. H. Biggs, Treasurer. | N. A. Brokan, Junior Steward. |
| J. H. Culver, Secretary. | G. W. Brandon, Tiler. |

TEKAMAH LODGE, NO. 31, TEKAMAH, BURT COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

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| W. H. Marshall, Master. | J. C. Lauchlin, Senior Deacon. |
| B. P. Fifield, Senior Warden. | M. H. Morehouse, Junior Deacon. |
| W. B. White, Junior Warden. | J. L. Wilson, Senior Steward. |
| A. E. Morehouse, Treasurer. | Austin Nelson, Junior Steward. |
| J. R. Sutherland, Secretary. | J. E. Hildreth, Tiler. |

PLATTE VALLEY LODGE, NO. 32, NORTH PLATTE, LINCOLN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

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| T. J. Foley, Master. | Thos. N. Shanks, Senior Deacon. |
| Jos. H. McConnell, Senior Warden. | Jos. Tooley, Junior Deacon. |
| Alex. Adams, Junior Warden. | Alimon S. Seuter, Senior Steward. |
| Chas. McDonald, Treasurer. | John Bratt, Junior Steward. |
| Samuel Goozee, Secretary. | Albert Marsh, Tiler. |

ASHLAR LODGE, NO. 33, GRAND ISLAND, HALL COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Thursday in each month.

SEAL—The letter "G."

OFFICERS.

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| Othman A. Abbott, Master. | Jay E. White, Secretary. |
| D. Ackerman, Jr., Senior Warden. | Henry P. Makeley, Senior Deacon. |
| Wm. H. West, Junior Warden. | Charles Obermiller, Junior Deacon. |
| Chas. D. M. Washburn, Treasurer. | Benj. Berry, Tiler. |

ACACIA LODGE, NO. 34, SCHUYLER, COLFAX COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Thursday evening in each month.

SEAL—A sprig of acacia.

OFFICERS.

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| Chas. E. Sumner, Master. | George H. Wells, Senior Deacon. |
| Chas. J. Phelps, Senior Warden. | William H. Sumner, Junior Deacon. |
| John J. Riley, Junior Warden. | Homer Holcomb, Senior Steward. |
| Frank Faulkner, Treasurer. | Michael Bogue, Junior Steward. |
| Chas. L. Boughten, Secretary. | John McPherson, Tiler. |

FAIRBURY LODGE, NO. 35, FAIRBURY, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Monday evenings in each month.

SEAL—A virgin weeping over a broken column; on the left a tree.

OFFICERS.

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| George Cross, Master. | J. R. Nelson, Senior Deacon. |
| F. A. Morey, Senior Warden. | E. A. Littlefield, Junior Deacon. |
| Robert Christian, Junior Warden. | Alexander Benedict, Senior Steward. |
| A. A. Kennedy, Treasurer. | Robert Brock, Jr., Tiler. |
| B. F. Rawalt, Secretary. | |

LONE TREE LODGE, NO. 36, CENTRAL CITY, MERRICK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETINGS—First and third Saturday evenings in each month.

SEAL—The square and compasses with letter "G" in center, over a tree, growing.

OFFICERS.

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| Jos. B. White, Master. | Bell E. Berryman, Secretary. |
| James Dunivan, Senior Warden. | Henry Watten, Senior Deacon. |
| Daniel Hopkins, Junior Warden. | Frank A. Craig, Junior Deacon. |
| James Verrigg, Treasurer. | C. D. Chapman, Tiler. |

CRETE LODGE, NO. 37, CRETE, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—The first Friday in each month.
 SEAL—The All-seeing Eye, radiant; above, a lamb.

OFFICERS.

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| Jacob Bigler, Master. | Robert Armstrong, Senior Deacon. |
| Israel M. Wolf, Senior Warden. | Jos. Kopetsky, Junior Deacon. |
| Horace M. Wells, Junior Warden. | Jos. W. Ruffner, Senior Steward. |
| Wm. T. Buchannan, Treasurer. | Charles J. Bowlby, Junior Steward. |
| Horace S. Fuller, Secretary. | Eliphalet B. Quigley, Tiler. |

OLIVER LODGE, NO. 38, SEWARD, SEWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before each full moon.
 SEAL—The All-seeing Eye, radiant, above a slipper surrounded by a cable-tow.

OFFICERS.

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| F. W. Redford, Master. | Sanford H. Marshall, Senior Deacon. |
| William Hays, Senior Warden. | Stephen D. Paddock, Junior Deacon. |
| Thos. E. Sanders, Junior Warden. | Levi A. Weldon, Senior Steward. |
| West B. Barrett, Treasurer. | Geo. H. Sidler, Junior Steward. |
| James D. Edwards, Secretary. | Geo. W. Whiting, Tiler. |

PAPILLION LODGE, NO. 39, PAPILLION, SARPY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before each full moon.
 SEAL—A level crossed by a square, center to center, erect.

OFFICERS.

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| Jacob C. Miller, Master. | J. D. Patterson, Secretary. |
| H. C. Platt, Senior Warden. | O. W. Royce, Senior Deacon. |
| Andrew R. Kennedy, Junior Warden. | J. C. Eisele, Junior Deacon. |
| D. L. Carpenter, Treasurer. | Geo. F. Wolf, Tiler. |

HUMBOLDT LODGE, NO. 40, HUMBOLDT, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday evening on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| W. W. Turk, Master. | Henry A. Scott, Senior Deacon. |
| Spencer M. Hillebert, Senior Warden. | R. Vertisker, Junior Deacon. |
| Chas. E. Nims, Junior Warden. | Wm. Mitchell, Senior Steward. |
| Thos. J. Frazier, Treasurer. | B. Mullen, Junior Steward. |
| Edgar S. Norton, Secretary. | Albert M. Gentry, Tiler. |

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, NO. 41, STANTON, STANTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—The first Wednesday evening of each month.

SEAL—The All-seeing Eye, radiant, above the Book of Constitutions guarded by the Tiler's sword.

OFFICERS.

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| C. L. Lamb, Master. | F. A. Frost, Secretary. |
| Lewis Ley, Senior Warden. | A. McFarland, Senior Deacon. |
| A. C. Toner, Junior Warden. | James McKinsey, Junior Deacon. |
| J. J. Poessnecker, Treasurer. | W. D. Lovett, Tiler. |

JUNIATA LODGE, NO. 42, JUNIATA, ADAMS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Monday evening on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| B. E. Swift, Jr., Master. | Henry R. Savery, Secretary. |
| M. L. Macumber, Senior Warden. | Ira G. Dillon, Senior Deacon. |
| Anthony J. Adams, Junior Warden. | Pliny Allen, Junior Deacon. |
| Ely Crane, Treasurer. | Cyrus B. Miller, Tiler. |

HEBRON LODGE, NO. 43, HEBRON, THAYER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETINGS—First and third Saturdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

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| Wm. P. Wilson, Master. | John W. Hughes, Senior Deacon. |
| Fred E. Roper, Senior Warden. | Wm. W. Fitchpatrick, Junior Deacon. |
| Benj. F. Berkey, Junior Warden. | John J. Malowney, Senior Steward. |
| Chas. B. Coon, Treasurer. | W. D. Church, Junior Steward. |
| John M. Fitchpatrick, Secretary. | P. B. Gentry, Tiler. |

HARVARD LODGE, NO. 44, HARVARD, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETINGS—First and third Tuesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

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| W. J. Turner, Master. | L. B. Munger, Secretary. |
| W. A. Farmer, Senior Warden. | Wilbur Allen, Senior Deacon. |
| Ezra Brown, Junior Warden. | Jos. Spotts, Junior Deacon. |
| J. D. Bain, Treasurer. | Samuel Williams, Tiler. |

PALMYRA LODGE, NO. 45, PALMYRA, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A shield, quarterly of four, bearing in first quarter a royal crown; in second quarter the cross and crescent; in third quarter a palm tree, and in fourth quarter the jewel of the Grand Master. For crest, the All-seeing Eye, radiant.

OFFICERS.

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| J. Oscar Moore, Master. | W. Durrant Page, Secretary. |
| Samuel S. Seeley, Senior Warden. | Wm. S. White, Senior Deacon. |
| Dwight Wait, Junior Warden. | David H. Moore, Junior Deacon. |
| Isaac N. Foster, Treasurer. | Joseph Rudge, Tiler. |

ROB. MORRIS LODGE, NO. 46, KEARNEY, BUFFALO COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday evening of each month.

SEAL—A shield bearing an hour-glass, partly surrounded on right by a scythe; for crest, a winged globe.

OFFICERS.

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| Enoch B. Carter, Master. | Douglass Westervelt, Senior Deacon. |
| Henry Gibbons, Senior Warden. | Albert A. McGillis, Junior Deacon. |
| Simon W. Switzer, Junior Warden. | Wm. H. Roe, Senior Steward. |
| Fred'k J. Switz, Treasurer. | Robt. S. Downing, Junior Steward. |
| Thos. J. Parrish, Secretary. | John J. Marrs, Tiler. |

SALEM LODGE, NO. 47, SALEM, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| Geo. W. Pampel, Master. | Cassius C. Kenney, Secretary. |
| H. C. Vandervort, Senior Warden. | O. W. Dunning, Senior Deacon. |
| Myron H. Felt, Junior Warden. | D. W. Walker, Junior Deacon. |
| Geo. W. Baker, Treasurer. | Daniel W. Scott, Tiler. |

FAIRMONT LODGE, NO. 48, FAIRMONT, FILLMORE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A certain point within a circle embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines supporting the Book of Constitutions.

OFFICERS.

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| Calvin B. Webber, Master. | W. P. Conner, Senior Deacon. |
| Virgil A. Stewart, Senior Warden. | L. F. Whitehead, Junior Deacon. |
| Jos. M. Fisher, Junior Warden. | John J. Bock, Senior Steward. |
| Sherwood Burr, Treasurer. | Sanford H. Oldham, Junior Steward. |
| Wm. A. Richardson, Secretary. | Ebenezer Milner, Tiler. |

EVENING STAR LODGE, NO. 49, SUTTON, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETINGS—Second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

SEAL—A five-pointed star, bearing in center letter "G," radiant.

OFFICERS.

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| G. H. Vanduyne, Master. | J. C. Merrill, Senior Deacon. |
| C. M. Turner, Senior Warden. | J. J. Melvin, Junior Deacon. |
| J. B. Dinsmore, Junior Warden. | A. K. Marsh, Senior Steward. |
| Geo. Honey, Treasurer. | A. Tooker, Junior Steward. |
| A. C. Burlingame, Secretary. | G. F. Dickson, Tiler. |

HASTINGS LODGE, NO. 50, HASTINGS, ADAMS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—The Saturday evening on or before each full moon, and the second Saturday evening thereafter.

SEAL—A shield, azure, bearing a chevron (for the square). In chief, a sun; in center base, a crescent, *argent*. For a crest, the symbol of a M. M. □ *argent*.

OFFICERS.

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| Geo. W. Mowery, Master. | John J. Wemple, Senior Deacon. |
| J. S. Farr, Senior Warden. | Thos. M. Abbott, Junior Deacon. |
| Fred'k J. Benedict, Junior Warden. | Wm. W. Hopper, Senior Steward. |
| Chas. K. Lawson, Treasurer. | Francis S. Wells, Junior Steward. |
| Thos. J. Pardoe, Secretary. | Jas. F. Schryer, Tiler. |

FIDELITY LODGE, NO. 51, DAVID CITY, BUTLER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The All-seeing Eye, radiant, above the square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

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| Fred'k E. Wilson, Master. | Seth Raymond, Senior Deacon. |
| Christopher C. Cook, Senior Warden. | Chas. B. Churchill, Junior Deacon. |
| Jos. L. Cyphers, Junior Warden. | Ambrose H. Jones, Senior Steward. |
| Luke L. Pearson, Treasurer. | James K. Darnell, Junior Steward. |
| Benj. F. Rolph, Secretary. | James Bell, Tiler. |

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 52, BELL CREEK, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The plumb.

OFFICERS.

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| Samuel G. Glover, Master. | Thos. J. Charles, Senior Deacon. |
| Wm. R. Turner, Senior Warden. | Alex. E. Helm, Junior Deacon. |
| John Hammang, Junior Warden. | Geo. Bean, Senior Steward. |
| John A. Unthank, Treasurer. | Henri A. Crist, Junior Steward. |
| Wm. V. Miller, Secretary. | Wm. Schulze, Tiler. |

CHARITY LODGE, NO. 53, RED CLOUD, WEBSTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—An open hand.

OFFICERS.

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| Isaiah B. Hampton, Master. | Jacob L. Miller, Secretary. |
| James Calvert, Senior Warden. | Richard L. Finker, Senior Deacon. |
| Chas. W. Kaley, Junior Warden. | Israel Stein, Junior Deacon. |
| Wm. N. Richardson, Treasurer. | Wm. Parks, Tiler. |

LANCASTER LODGE, NO. 54, LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday in each month.

SEAL—A shield, *azure*, bearing a trowel crossed with a gavel, *argent*. For a crest, three lengths of a cable-tow and three points, *argent*.

OFFICERS.

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| James M. Creamer, Master. | Chas. H. Willard, Secretary. |
| Geo. P. Tucker, Senior Warden. | Chas. H. Tanner, Senior Deacon. |
| John McManigal, Junior Warden. | R. B. Tussey, Junior Deacon. |
| Theodore S. Ganter, Treasurer. | John McClelland, Tiler. |

MOSAIC LODGE, NO. 55, NORFOLK, MADISON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday of each calendar month.

SEAL—An heraldic shield, *checkee*, *argent azure*; bordure *azure*, bearing a sheaf of wheat, *or*. For a crest, figures 5875, alluding to date of charter.

OFFICERS.

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| Chas. P. Matthewson, Master. | D. Rush Daniel, Senior Deacon. |
| Wm. H. Lowe, Senior Warden. | Chas. Able, Junior Deacon. |
| Wm. H. Widdiman, Junior Warden. | Alex. Bear, Senior Steward. |
| Andrew N. McGinnis, Treasurer. | John D. Hale, Junior Steward. |
| John S. McClary, Secretary. | Wm. O. Isham, Tiler. |

YORK LODGE, NO. 56, YORK, YORK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Fridays of each month.

SEAL—An heraldic shield, *azure*, bearing, *argent*, a tau cross; beneath, a pair of compasses extended over three points in pyramid, and between a dagger and one point and a square between two points. For crest, letter "G" between 58 and 75.

OFFICERS.

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| Geo. B. France, Master. | John H. Parker, Senior Deacon. |
| John A. Eatherly, Senior Warden. | Jas. A. McKillop, Junior Deacon. |
| Wm. M. Knapp, Junior Warden. | Andrew Rowley, Senior Steward. |
| Chas. L. Count, Treasurer. | Clinton C. Cobb, Junior Steward. |
| Fred'k W. Liedtke, Secretary. | Samuel McConnaughey, Tiler. |

MT. MORIAH LODGE, NO. 57, SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Square and compasses interlaced with letter "G."

OFFICERS.

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| Josiah H. Young, Master. | David B. Burleigh, Secretary. |
| Wm. Y. Heather, Senior Warden. | Chas. B. Page, Senior Deacon. |
| L. C. Sinsabaugh, Junior Warden. | Chas. D. Waldo, Junior Deacon. |
| Josiah Rogers, Treasurer. | Bernard H. Colby, Tiler. |

LEBANON LODGE, NO. 58, COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — The second Wednesday of each month.

SEAL — An heraldic shield, *argent* quarterly of four, bearing *vert* 1st and 4th, three mountains; 2d and 3d, a cedar of Lebanon. For crest, Grand Master's jewel between figures 58 and 75.

OFFICERS.

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| Robt. H. Henry, Master. | Julius Rasmussen, Senior Warden. |
| Jno. W. Early, Senior Warden. | Chas. H. Davis, Junior Warden. |
| Henry P. Coolidge, Junior Warden. | James R. Meagher, Senior Steward. |
| Jno. P. Becker, Treasurer. | Gustavus G. Becker, Junior Steward. |
| Jas. E. North, Secretary. | Augustus Lockner, Tiler. |

WAHOO LODGE, NO. 59, WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Saturday on or before each full moon, and second Saturday thereafter.

OFFICERS.

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| J. N. Davis, Master. | H. Farnsworth, Senior Deacon. |
| M. L. Ellsworth, Senior Warden. | C. H. Cole, Junior Deacon. |
| B. F. Graham, Junior Warden. | J. Barnell, Senior Steward. |
| E. Pickett, Treasurer. | J. D. Cook, Junior Steward. |
| N. H. Bell, Secretary. | Jno. W. Davis, Tiler. |

MELROSE LODGE, NO. 60, ORLEANS, HARLAN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| Albert C. Robbins, Master. | E. C. Achen, Senior Deacon. |
| A. K. Crawford, Senior Warden. | Judson A. Palmer, Junior Deacon. |
| D. E. Baumgardner, Junior Warden. | H. H. Sturdevant, Senior Steward. |
| Jefferson H. McKee, Treasurer. | Frank H. Nicholson, Junior Steward. |
| Sam'l P. McDonald, Secretary. | Lucius Kinsman, Tiler. |

THISTLE LODGE, NO. 61, PLUM CREEK, DAWSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETINGS — The first and third Saturdays in each month.

SEAL — On a shield *azure*, bordure *argent*, a branch of three thistles *argent*. For crest, three plates in triangular form.

OFFICERS.

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| Hanford O. Smith, Master. | Jno. H. MacColl, Secretary. |
| Wm. H. Lengel, Senior Warden. | Wright Nichols, Senior Deacon. |
| Hugh McLean, Junior Warden. | Henry T. Hedges, Junior Deacon. |
| Richd. F. James, Treasurer. | Harry C. Naylor, Tiler. |

KEYSTONE LODGE, NO. 62, LINCOLN VALLEY, HAMILTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

OFFICERS.

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| John T. Price, Master. | Isaiah E. Ball, Senior Deacon. |
| Jos. A. Campbell, Senior Warden. | Edwd. Cooper, Junior Deacon. |
| Edwd. Dearing, Junior Warden. | Geo. L. Lever, Senior Steward. |
| David J. Parkhurst, Treasurer. | Nelson F. Lane, Junior Steward. |
| Jos. W. Skelton, Secretary. | Jno. A. Marks, Tiler. |

RIVERTON LODGE, NO. 63, RIVERTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — The Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL — On a shield *azure*, three squares interlaced, *argent*; bordure of the second. For crest, the Master's square *argent*.

OFFICERS.

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| Wm. E. Hatch, Master. | Hans C. Lohff, Secretary. |
| Geo. W. Sheppard, Senior Warden. | Jas. R. McDonald, Senior Deacon. |
| Jas. Garvin, Junior Warden. | J. Worth, Junior Deacon. |
| Isaac Shepherdson, Treasurer. | David Eastwood, Tiler. |

BLUE VALLEY LODGE, NO. 64, WILBER, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — The Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL — An heraldic shield *azure*, bearing within a bordure *argent* a pot of incense *or*. For crest, three quarter notes connected by a bar for M. M. degree.

OFFICERS.

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| Edward J. Weaver, Master. | Jas. Harvey, Senior Deacon. |
| Wm. H. Mann, Senior Warden. | Wm. H. Kempton, Junior Deacon. |
| Henry Clark, Junior Warden. | Jacob Rawson, Senior Steward. |
| L. E. Goodell, Treasurer. | Geo. W. Ross, Junior Steward. |
| Jas. A. Paddock, Secretary. | Geo. W. Mebel, Tiler. |

OSCEOLA LODGE, NO. 65, OSCEOLA, POLK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — The Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — An heraldic shield *azure*, bearing within a bordure *argent* lightning emanating from the word LUX, *argent*.

OFFICERS.

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| Jno. G. Mickey, Master. | L. J. Blowers, Secretary. |
| H. T. Arnold, Senior Warden. | Robt. Whiller, Senior Deacon. |
| Wm. F. Louger, Junior Warden. | Stephen Cunningham, Junior Deacon. |
| A. Lame, Treasurer. | Sidney M. Stone, Tiler. |

LIVINGSTONE LODGE, NO. 66, FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETINGS — First and third Wednesdays of each month.

OFFICERS.

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| J. B. McDill, Master. | J. W. Schmidt, Secretary. |
| N. J. Deniston, Senior Warden. | J. Groves, Senior Deacon. |
| L. Machamer, Junior Warden. | J. M. Hill, Junior Deacon. |
| J. E. Witzig, Treasurer. | O. Evens, Tiler. |

EDGAR LODGE, NO. 67, EDGAR, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETINGS — First and third Saturdays in each month.

SEAL — A five-pointed star beneath a pen and sword, crossed, between two columns, resting on the Mosaic pavement; above all an eye radiant.

OFFICERS.

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| Milton J. Hull, Master. | Geo. M. Moredock, Senior Deacon. |
| Lyman Porter, Senior Warden. | Jno. Whitten, Junior Deacon. |
| A. B. Canfield, Junior Warden. | Jos. R. Kidd, Senior Steward. |
| Jno. G. Glazier, Treasurer. | Marion Hart, Junior Steward. |
| Sam'l J. Whitten, Secretary. | Wm. A. Ditson, Tiler. |

HAMILTON LODGE, U. S. D. HAMILTON, HAMILTON COUNTY.

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| Wm. H. Streeter, Master. | F. F. Tracy, Senior Warden. |
| | Jesse S. Miller, Junior Warden. |

FORTITUDE LODGE, U. S. D. ULYSSES, BUTLER COUNTY.

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| Geo. Miller, Master. | Madison Rogers, Senior Warden. |
| | Sumner Darnell, Junior Warden. |

STERLING LODGE, U. S. D. STERLING, JOHNSON COUNTY.

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| Joseph F. Benner, Master. | A. Shipman, Senior Warden. |
| | Wm. H. Cogswell, Junior Warden. |

TROWEL LODGE, U. S. D. NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY.

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| A. McCool, Master. | Jacob M. Miller, Senior Warden. |
| | J. H. Snider, Junior Warden. |

HOOPER LODGE, U. S. D. HOOPER, DODGE COUNTY.

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| James F. Burns, Master. | H. C. Craig, Senior Warden. |
| | J. Denslow, Junior Warden. |

SALINE LODGE, U. S. D. FRIEND, SALINE COUNTY.

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| T. A. Megeath, Master. | Jas. D. Thompson, Senior Warden. |
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BY-LAWS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

SECTION I.

1. On the day appointed for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, a Master Mason's Lodge shall be opened in Ample Form, at — o'clock —, when the M.: W.: Grand Master shall appoint a special committee to examine visiting brethren, and a committee to examine credentials, each to consist of three members. So soon as a constitutional quorum of Lodges is ascertained to be present, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska shall be declared open for the dispatch of business, and the Grand Master shall then make such appointments as may be necessary to fill all vacancies in the following standing committees, each to consist of not less than three or more than five members, to-wit: The committee on Accounts; the committee on Charters and Dispensations; the committee on By-Laws from Chartered Lodges; the committee on Foreign Correspondence; the committee on Ways and Means; the committee on Charity; the committee on Grievances; the committee on Unfinished Business; the committee to prepare a Pay Roll; the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; and the committee on Returns of Lodges.

2. The Grand Master may, at his discretion, convene any or all of these committees one or two days in advance of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, for which they shall receive *per diem* as if in Grand Lodge.

3. The Grand Master is authorized to appoint suitable brethren as resident representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to the several Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada, in accordance with the custom adopted by other Grand Bodies; and to request sister Grand Lodges to appoint resident representatives to this Grand Lodge.

SECTION II.

1. The members of the standing committees of the Grand Lodge shall each be entitled to a seat and voice, but no vote, by virtue of that appointment, in the Grand Lodge, and shall perform and discharge the following specific duties, to-wit:

2. It shall be the duty of the committee on Accounts to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, settle and balance the same, and report the actual state of the funds to the Grand Lodge.

3. The committee on Charters and Dispensations shall particularly examine the work, records, and by-laws of all Lodges under dispensation, and the proceedings of the Grand Officers granting the same.

4. It shall be the duty of the committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges to examine the amended by-laws of all the chartered Lodges submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge; they will note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional in any of such work, records and by-laws, and report to the Grand Lodge, with such recommendations as they shall deem meet and proper in the premises.

5. The foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge, including all communications made by other Grand Lodges, shall be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence, whose duty it shall be to examine the same and report all matters found therein which affect the general or local welfare of the craft, accompanied with such recommendations as they may consider expedient.

6. It shall be the duty of the committee of Ways and Means to take into consideration the condition of the funds and estate of the Grand Lodge, and all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measures which, in their opinion, will operate financially for the benefit of the institution.

7. All applications for appropriations from the charity fund of the Grand Lodge shall be submitted to the committee on Charity, who shall consider the same and make report thereon to the Grand Lodge.

8. All matters of controversy and grievance brought before the Grand Lodge shall be referred to the committee on Grievances, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report for the action of the Grand Lodge.

9. It shall be the duty of the committee on Unfinished Business to examine and report from the journal of the previous session all such matters as were then pending and undetermined.

10. It shall be the duty of the committee to prepare a Pay-Roll to examine and report the *per diem* and traveling compensation allowed to the representatives and members of the Grand Lodge.

11. It shall be the duty of the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to investigate and report upon all questions that may be referred to them by the Grand Lodge; *Provided*, That, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, said committee may retain any question or paper referred to them and report thereon at the next regular Grand Communication. The committee on Masonic Jurisprudence shall consist of the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction who shall be present at the annual Grand Communications, and the junior Grand Master shall be chairman of said committee.

12. To the committee on Returns may be referred the credentials of rep-

representatives and proxies, for report of the number of Lodges that are represented, the names of the representatives, proxies and others present, with the number of votes to which each one is entitled. They shall carefully examine and correct the returns of the Lodges, and submit to the Grand Lodge a tabular abstract of the condition of the craft, as shown by the returns.

13. On all questions arising in the Grand Lodge, the Grand Officers, together with such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as may be present and are members thereof, shall each be entitled to one vote; the Master and Wardens of each subordinate Lodge, or their regularly constituted proxies, shall each be entitled to one vote; but in no case whatsoever shall a member, by virtue of any proxy or authority, cast more than three votes: *Provided*, No brother shall be entitled to cast more than one vote, except as a representative from a subordinate Lodge.

SECTION III.

The Grand Tiler shall not, *ex officio*, be entitled to any vote in the Grand Lodge.

SECTION IV.

It shall be competent for the Master and Wardens of any subordinate Lodge to appoint a suitable brother, being a member of the same Lodge, his or their proxy to the Grand Lodge, certified under their official signatures; and it shall in like manner be competent for any Lodge, the officers of which decline attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge, to appoint their proxies as aforesaid, to designate and make choice by resolution of some brother having the qualifications aforesaid, the proxy of said Lodge; which resolution must be certified by the Secretary thereof, and shall entitle the brother appointed to three votes: *Provided, however*, That no representative or proxy from a subordinate Lodge shall hold a seat in the Grand Lodge unless the Lodge he represents has discharged in full its Grand dues.

SECTION V.

All decisions of the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of the votes given. The yeas and nays may be ordered upon any question at the request of three members, when the roll shall be called and every vote counted.

SECTION VI.

1. The Grand Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds, securities and vouchers of the Grand Lodge, and shall pay all orders from the moneys on hand that may be directed by the Grand Lodge, or otherwise constitutionally drawn. It shall be his duty to attend all the communications of the Grand Lodge, with his books of account, vouchers for money paid out, and all necessary papers relating to his office, in order that the same may be inspected and his accounts settled; and he shall meet with any Grand committee, when required, whose general or special province it may be to act in relation

to the fiscal concerns of the Grand Lodge. Before entering upon any of the duties of his office he shall give bond, with security, as the Grand Lodge may direct, conditioned for the faithful discharge thereof, and shall receive, as a compensation for his services, a sum not less than ten dollars per annum.

2. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the Grand Lodge, and he shall attend personally each Grand Communication, with the necessary books and papers of his office; he shall keep the seal of the Grand Lodge, and affix the same with his attestation to all instruments required to be so executed; he shall receive, receipt for and immediately pay over to the Grand Treasurer all Grand dues, fees and other moneys handed in at any Communication of the Grand Lodge, taking a proper voucher therefor; he shall keep a faithful journal of all its proceedings, distribute the same when ordered to be printed for circulation, and conduct any correspondence required of him under the orders of the Grand Lodge and the directions of the Grand Master; he shall procure all necessary books and stationery, and shall have charge of all the records, jewels, papers, parchments, certificates and documents other than those belonging to the Grand Treasurer; he shall do and perform any other duties customary to his office and the established usages of Masons, and for his services he shall receive a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum. He shall be, *ex officio*, Librarian of the Grand Lodge and chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

3. The outgoing Grand Secretary shall promptly transfer to his successor all the property and records of his office, excepting such documents as may be necessary for making up the record of the annual communication then closed; and it shall be the duty of such outgoing Grand Secretary to prepare and cause to be printed the proceedings of the then closed Annual Communication, delivering the same, with all documents, etc., thereunto pertaining, to his successor with the least possible delay.

SECTION VII.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer —

1. To attend all Communications of the Grand Lodge.

2. He shall, with the advice and consent of the M. W. Grand Master, have the entire charge and supervision of the work of this jurisdiction, and it shall be his duty to see that the uniform and established work and lectures of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska are thoroughly taught and practiced by the Subordinate Lodges throughout the jurisdiction; and if it shall come to his knowledge that any Lodge within the jurisdiction shall ignore, refuse or fail to practice, in every respect, such uniform and established work, as taught by him or the Custodians appointed for that purpose, it shall be his duty to instantly report the same to the Grand Master, who may arrest the charter of said Lodge, and shall hold the same until such time as they shall comply with the requirements of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, or until the next session thereof.

3. He shall have full control of all the Custodians in regard to their official acts; see that they faithfully perform the duties of their office, and if they shall neglect or fail in the performance of any official duties, he shall

report the same to the Grand Master, who shall have the power to remove such Custodian and appoint in his place a Brother who, in his judgment, is fully competent and willing to faithfully discharge the duties of the office.

4. He shall be required to make a full report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts performed during the year; and he shall receive, as compensation for his services, such sums as it may be necessary for him to expend for stationery and postage, in addition to mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile one way, traveled by the shortest practicable route; and two dollars per day when employed officially visiting Lodges in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

SECTION VIII.

1. It shall be required of the Custodians, before entering upon the duties of their office, to procure from the Grand Lecturer a certificate showing that they are fully qualified and authorized to perform the duties of the office.

2. Each Custodian shall render a full statement of his official acts to the Grand Lecturer one month preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and they shall each receive, as compensation for the time actually devoted to their official duties, the sum of two dollars per day, and mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile one way, traveled by the shortest practicable route, to be paid by the Grand Lodge.

SECTION IX.

1. Each subordinate Lodge is required to be represented at the stated communications of the Grand Lodge.

2. One representative from each subordinate Lodge (the Master or his proxy, and in case the Master or his proxy fail to attend, the Lodge may select a delegate to represent the Lodge), if present, shall be paid, out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, ten cents per mile for each mile traveled going to the Grand Lodge, to be estimated by the most direct route, and two dollars per day for each day's attendance; also, that no delegate or representative, or proxy, who leaves said Grand Lodge before it is closed, shall receive any mileage or per diem for attendance, unless he be excused by the Grand Lodge.

SECTION X.

1. Every subordinate Lodge shall pay, annually, to the Grand Lodge, at the stated communications thereof, the following Grand Lodge dues, viz:

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| For each initiation, the sum of | \$5.00 |
| For each member, the sum of | .75 |

2. All Master Masons (not under sentence of suspension) who are members on the *first* day of the Masonic year, May 1, and none others, shall be considered members liable for dues.

SECTION XI.

Every subordinate Lodge which shall not be represented for two successive Grand Communications, and neglects for two consecutive years to dis-

charge its Grand dues, shall be suspended from all its Masonic functions; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to give such delinquent Lodge immediate notice thereof; and, unless within one year from date of suspension, the said Lodge shall faithfully discharge all arrearages, or show good cause to the contrary, it shall forfeit its charter and be struck from the roll of Lodges; and in no case, and under no pretense whatever, shall such Lodge be resuscitated until all Grand dues are paid, together with a dispensation fee of fifteen dollars, and thirty-five dollars upon applying for a charter.

SECTION XII.

When a charter shall be surrendered or become forfeited, the whole of the property of the subordinate Lodge, of every kind and description, shall be vested in the Grand Lodge, and subject to its disposal.

SECTION XIII.

The subordinate Lodges shall have authority to assess such dues upon their members, from time to time, as they shall deem just and expedient, and the by-laws of each Lodge shall designate the amount so assessed, and the time for the payment thereof. And if any member shall fail to pay such dues at such stated times, he shall be considered delinquent, and it shall be the duty of the Master to cause charges to be preferred.

SECTION XIV.

Any brother indefinitely suspended for any cause other than non-payment of dues, can be restored to good standing only upon petition, and a vote of three-fourths of the members concurring therein. And a brother who has been indefinitely suspended for any cause still retains his membership in his Lodge, but in bad standing. He is not liable for Grand or Subordinate Lodge dues, except as provided in section 10. Upon the termination of a sentence of definite suspension, the brother is restored to good standing without further action by his Lodge.

SECTION XV.

The Master of each Lodge shall cause the Secretary to give immediate notice to the Grand Secretary of every suspension or expulsion that is ordered in his Lodge, whether for non-payment of dues or otherwise; and it is hereby declared that suspension or expulsion works an absolute forfeiture, for the time being, of all Masonic privileges. Subordinate Lodges shall each year include in their annual returns a statement showing the names and number of Master Masons, Fellow Crafts and Apprentices who have been suspended therein since the organization of such Lodge, and who remain suspended at the date of the annual return.

SECTION XVI.

1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep in his office a "black book" for the private information of the Craft, in which shall be

recorded the names of all those rejected, suspended and expelled, a copy of which shall be furnished each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction.

2. Secretaries of subordinate Lodges are required to enter in such "black book," in the proper place therefor, the names of all who may hereafter be rejected, suspended or expelled, and to report the same, as fast as they shall occur, to the Grand Secretary, who shall post them in the copy kept in his office forthwith.

3. No lists of those suspended, expelled or rejected shall hereafter be printed in the published proceedings of this Grand body, but the Grand Secretary shall furnish, after the close of each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, or oftener if deemed best, to the several subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, printed lists of such expulsions, suspensions or rejections, for the private information of such Lodges.

SECTION XVII.

Whenever the Grand Lodge shall reverse the decision of a subordinate Lodge suspending or expelling a brother, he shall thereby be restored to membership or good standing, as the case may be, in the subordinate Lodge.

SECTION XVIII.

No Lodge under dispensation shall be permitted to hold a public celebration on any Masonic occasion whatever, unless the consent of the M. W. Grand Master, or, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, be first obtained.

SECTION XIX.

1. No Lodge is authorized to commence work under its charter until the officers thereof have been regularly installed; and for this purpose, whenever a charter is granted, the M. W. Grand Master, or, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, shall appoint a suitable and early day for constituting said Lodge, and for the installation of its officers, and, when convenient, shall in person conduct such ceremony. They have the power, however, at their discretion, to appoint some worthy Past Master to act as their proxy on such occasions.

2. Each Lodge, upon being chartered, shall submit to the Grand Secretary its proposed seal; and when that officer shall certify that the device proposed is distinct from the seals already adopted by the other Lodges of the jurisdiction, the proposed seal shall be submitted to the Grand Master for his approval; and after being so approved, it shall be unlawful for any Lodge to change its seal in any particular; and an impression thereof shall be filed in the Grand Secretary's office. The seals of Lodges shall be embossed upon the documents issued — not merely imprinted.

SECTION XX.

Every resolution or motion contemplating an appropriation from the funds of the Grand Lodge, shall be proposed by or referred to some standing committee of that body before it can be acted upon.

SECTION XXI.

When an appeal from the decision of a subordinate Lodge, on any matter of Masonic discipline, shall be perfected and entered in the Grand Lodge, it shall be referred to the standing committee on Grievances, or decided without such reference, if deemed most expedient; and in either case, the subordinate Lodge or the appellant brother shall have the benefit of any additional testimony, provided the same has been taken agreeably to the notice prescribed in the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge for the government of the Lodges under its jurisdiction.

SECTION XXII.

No resolution shall be entertained by this Grand Lodge unless the same shall have been put into writing, and a copy thereof furnished the Grand Secretary.

SECTION XXIII.

All papers coming before the Grand Lodge, which shall be referred to committees, shall be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and by him passed to the appropriate committee, before they shall be considered as matters for record.

SECTION XXIV.

No by-law shall be altered or done away, or new one adopted, until the proposed alteration, amendment, nullification, or addition be reduced to writing, and seconded by five members. It shall then be entered upon the minutes and lie over until the next succeeding stated Communication of the Grand Lodge, when, if approved by two-thirds of the members present, the same shall be adopted: *Provided*. That by an unanimous vote, any proposition as aforesaid may be acted upon at the session at which it is introduced.

BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

RELATIVE TO MASONIC OFFENSES.

ADOPTED 5878.

ARTICLE I.

PENAL POWERS OF A LODGE.

SECTION 1. Every Lodge shall have the right to exercise discipline over all its members, wherever residing, and over all unaffiliated as well as affiliated Masons (except present Masters or the Grand Master), residing or sojourning within its territorial jurisdiction, for any violation of moral or Masonic law.

SEC. 2. Any member of a Lodge may prefer charges against an offending brother; but to further the administration of justice, it shall be the special duty of the Junior Warden, in the absence of other accusers, to take steps to bring to trial all Masonic offenders.

SEC. 3. In case of offending Masons, who are members of any other Lodge, the Lodge within whose jurisdiction the offender resides, or is sojourning, shall first send up charges and specifications to the Lodge of which the offender may be a member; and should such Lodge waive jurisdiction, or refuse or neglect to take action in the premises within sixty days thereafter, then the Lodge preferring the charges may proceed to try the same in the manner prescribed by the laws of this Grand Lodge, and the result thereof shall be communicated to the Lodge in which the accused may be, or shall have last been, a member.

SEC. 4. A suspended Mason, charged with unmasonic conduct, which, if established, would justify a greater punishment than he is undergoing, may be arraigned for trial: *Provided*, that if an offender so tried be found guilty, the penalty may be expulsion.

SEC. 5. No Lodge, or member thereof, shall publish in any newspaper, magazine, pamphlet or circular, or otherwise make public, the details or result of any trial therein.

SEC. 6. The presence of visitors in a Lodge during any of the proceedings of a Masonic trial, shall be optional with the Lodge or the Master.

ARTICLE II.

MASONIC OFFENSES.

SECTION 1. The offenses of which a Lodge may take cognizance, and to which it shall give full, fair and lawful trial, and, upon conviction, admin-

ister adequate punishment, are immorality, and, particularly, acts which tend to impair the good name of Masonry, or which violate Masonic obligations, or the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Lodges shall not take cognizance of difficulties of a legal character, growing out of business transactions between brethren; nor entertain charges against a brother for the purpose of adjusting mere legal rights, pecuniary or otherwise, unless such charges shall clearly specify fraud on the part of the alleged offender.

SEC. 3. The Master of any Lodge shall not permit any charges or specifications, or any other subject-matter, either written or oral, involving questions of a political or sectarian character, to be read in, or in any manner presented to, the Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

PRESENTATION OF CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

SECTION 1. All charges of unmasonic conduct shall be made in writing, specifying with reasonable certainty the character of the offense alleged, and the time and place of its commission, as near as may be practicable, and be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing. (See forms at close).

SEC. 2. All charges and specifications shall be filed with the Secretary of the Lodge; if received at a stated meeting, they shall be then and there read; if received during recess of the Lodge, said charges shall be read at the next stated communication thereafter, of which meeting all the resident members shall have due notice: *Provided*, that in cases where the magnitude of an offense demands, or where the Lodge or the Master shall deem it for the best interests of Masonry, the matter may be laid before the Grand Master, and by authority of his dispensation said charges may be read and received at a special communication of the Lodge, called for the purpose, of which due notice shall be given the resident members.

SEC. 3. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose, and continue until completed.

ARTICLE IV.

RECEPTION OF CHARGES.

SECTION 1. When charges shall be presented and read, as provided in section 2 of the last preceding article, the Lodge shall decide, by a majority vote, whether the charges shall be accepted, and the accused brother be placed on trial; when decided in the affirmative, the charges cannot be withdrawn except for cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present; nor shall such charges be amended except by a majority vote, of which proposed amendment the accused shall have due notice.

SEC. 2. Immediately upon the acceptance of charges by a Lodge the Master shall appoint the time and place for trial; and it shall be the duty of the Master to cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charges and specifications, and a citation stating the time and place appointed

for the trial thereof: *Provided*, that the accused shall be entitled to time to prepare his defense, as follows: If a resident of the county, ten days; if without the county and a resident of the state, twenty days; if residing without the state, thirty days.

SEC. 3. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to attend in person, after notice has been duly served on him—or if notice cannot be served on him personally by reason of his residence being unknown, or beyond the limits of the county in which the Lodge is located, then a copy of such notice shall be sent to him by mail, addressed to him at his last known place of residence; and, upon proof that the notice has been sent to him as herein prescribed, the Lodge, at the time in such notice specified, may proceed without his presence and conduct the proceedings to a final issue: *Provided*, that at least one stated communication shall intervene between the time of mailing such notice and any action by the Lodge in pursuance thereof. In such cases the Lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act as attorney for the accused.

SEC. 4. In every case where a flagrant offense shall be committed by any Mason present while the Lodge is at labor, the foregoing rules requiring notice and delay may be dispensed with, and the Master may order the offending brother to show cause instanter, why he should not be punished.

ARTICLE V.

WITNESSES AND TESTIMONY.

SECTION 1. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are Masons shall be mentally competent, and in good standing in the fraternity, and may be affiliated or non-affiliated brethren.

SEC. 2. Every Mason shall give his testimony upon his honor as a Mason.

SEC. 3. All witnesses in Masonic trials who are not Masons, shall be any persons of sound mind, of such religious belief as to feel the obligations of an oath, which may be administered by any competent legal officer.

SEC. 4. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any Masonic trial. The status of a Mason under charges is not affected until after conviction.

SEC. 5. The testimony of witnesses who are Masons may be taken in open Lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the Master. Witnesses who are not Masons shall be examined by said committee. In either case the accused and accuser, in person or by attorney, shall be entitled to be present, and propound such relevant questions as they may desire.

SEC. 6. The testimony of any witness unable to attend the Lodge or a committee, may be taken by deposition before a properly authorized person or persons, due notice of the time and place having first been given.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the accused and accuser to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Masons, and, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, they may, when necessary, summon for such purpose any resident Mason.

SEC. 8. When testimony is taken in open Lodge, the Lodge shall be

opened on the highest degree to which the accused has attained in Ancient Craft Masonry; but the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by a Lodge of Master Masons.

SEC. 9. The Master shall decide all questions arising as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings; and the Secretary shall take down in writing all the evidence submitted by both the prosecution and defense, and note all objections made by either party and the rulings of the Master, and the record thereof shall be filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Lodge records.

SEC. 10. At the conclusion of the evidence the accused and the accuser, in person or through their attorneys, may, if they desire, address such relevant remarks to the Lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper, after which the accused and the accuser shall retire from the Lodge, and remain in an ante-room until the final decision (*Provided*, that if the Junior Warden shall be the accuser, in his official capacity, he shall not be obliged to retire); after which any member entitled to vote may express his views of the case and of the law and the facts involved, and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Lodge until after final action, except for urgent cause, and by consent of two thirds of the members present.

SEC. 11. When a committee is appointed, as provided in section 5 of this article, it shall consist of not less than three members of the Lodge, either of whom, if objected to by either of the parties for cause, may be removed by the Master, and another appointed.

SEC. 12. Every such committee shall convene and select from their number a chairman and secretary, and when so organized shall have power, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, to summon before them the accused and the accuser, with their respective witnesses.

SEC. 13. The proceedings of such committee shall be governed by the provisions of section 3 of article IV, and sections 1, 2, 3 and 6 of this article. The duties of the Master and Secretary, prescribed in section 9 of this article, shall apply to and be discharged by the chairman and secretary of the committee.

SEC. 14. The committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interests of Masonry: *Provided*, that every trial begun shall be prosecuted with as much dispatch as the law governing the same and full justice to the accused and accuser will permit.

SEC. 15. When the committee have concluded their labors they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the Lodge; and, upon retirement of the accused and accuser, any member of the Lodge present may express his views of the case, and any portion or the whole of the evidence shall be read as he may require, to enable him to come to a decision.

SEC. 16. A brother, against whom charges have been preferred, may deny or admit any portion or the whole of the charges and specifications.

SEC. 17. In case an accused brother shall plead guilty such plea may be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unneces-

sary; but such plea shall not excuse the Lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

ARTICLE VI.

THE VERDICT.

SECTION 1. Upon conclusion of the trial the question of "guilty," or "not guilty," shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Master upon each specification under each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately; and every member present shall be required to vote by ballot, and it shall require a vote of two thirds of said members to sustain any charge or specification.

SEC. 2. If any charge or specification shall be sustained the accused shall be then and there declared guilty, and the Master shall put the question as to the amount of punishment, beginning with the greatest, and, if not sustained, the next grade, and so on, ending with the least Masonic penalty, in the order as hereinafter provided; the vote of two thirds of the members present shall be necessary to decide the degree of punishment.

SEC. 3. When any Mason, after due trial, shall be found guilty of unmasonic conduct, punishment shall follow which shall be proportionate to the offense.

SEC. 4. When any Mason shall have been expelled or suspended by a Lodge, he shall be notified of such action by the Secretary. When any Brother shall have been acquitted, he shall be notified of the same by the Master in open Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

PUNISHMENT.

SECTION 1. The Masonic punishment which shall be inflicted by chartered Lodges for unmasonic conduct, after due trial and conviction, shall be, in the discretion of the Lodge, either EXPULSION, INDEFINITE SUSPENSION, DEFINITE SUSPENSION, or REPRIMAND.

SEC. 2. Expulsion involves an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry, to the delinquent and his family; the infliction of such punishment shall require a vote of two thirds of the members present at the close of the trial.

SEC. 3. No Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall expel a member for non-payment of dues.

SEC. 4. Indefinite suspension, whether for non-payment of dues or for any other offense, subjects an offender, during such suspension, to the same penalties as are prescribed in the preceding section (2), and the infliction of such punishment shall require a vote of two thirds of the members present at the close of the trial.

SEC. 5. Definite suspension shall require the same vote (two thirds), and the penalty and the period of suspension may be voted upon together or separately: *Provided*, that no definite suspension shall be voted for a longer time than one year, nor for a less time than one month.

SEC. 6. Reprimand shall be the least Masonic punishment, and shall only be inflicted after due trial and conviction, and when voted by two thirds of

the members present; the reprimand shall be administered in open Lodge by the Master.

SEC. 7. Any Brother violating the proprieties of Lodge etiquette may be censured therefor, upon a motion and vote of a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE VIII.

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

SECTION 1. The payment of annual dues is a duty incumbent upon every member of a Lodge, and the neglect or refusal to fulfill this duty shall be (except for good cause) an infraction of Masonic law and a violation of a Masonic covenant, and shall subject the delinquent to Lodge discipline: *Provided, however*, that a Lodge, by a majority vote, may remit the whole or any portion of the dues of any of its members.

SEC. 2. No Lodge shall suspend a member for non-payment of dues without due notice and fair trial.

SEC. 3. The formalities of written charges hereinbefore prescribed for the trial of offenses requiring proof, may be dispensed with, and proceedings, as prescribed in the following sections, shall be deemed due notice and fair trial for the offense of non-payment of dues.

SEC. 4. Any member who may be in arrears for dues to a Lodge, according to the provisions of its by-laws, shall be notified thereof in writing by the Secretary, with a request for the payment of the same at or before some subsequent meeting of the Lodge; and if said member neglect or refuse to make answer to such notice at or before the time designated therein, he shall be notified in person, if possible, or *summoned* to appear at such subsequent stated meeting as may be deemed proper, and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues; if his whereabouts be unknown, a written notice shall be addressed to him at his last known place of residence. This shall be deemed *due notice*, and the Lodge may proceed without his presence: *Provided*, that if a member be *summoned* as herein prescribed, and fail to answer, upon proof that such summons has been personally served, the offense of non-payment of dues shall be held in abeyance until the delinquent shall show cause for disobedience of said summons; for which offense any Mason may be expelled, after trial and conviction, in the manner and form prescribed in articles I to VII, inclusive.

SEC. 5. When any member shall refuse or neglect to answer the *notice* prescribed in the last preceding section, his delinquency may be communicated to the Lodge at a regular meeting thereof, which facts, together with the Lodge records showing his indebtedness, shall be deemed ample proof of the delinquency; if the brother be present he shall be entitled to make such pleas as he may deem proper, after which he shall retire; and upon such evidence a vote may be taken upon a motion to suspend the delinquent member indefinitely. A vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated communication of the Lodge shall be necessary to fix such penalty; this shall be deemed *fair trial*.

SEC. 6. No Lodge or Grand Lodge dues shall accrue against a Mason during the term of his suspension.

SEC. 7. No Lodge shall, for any cause, abridge the rights or privileges of membership of any of its members, by *striking a name from its roll*, without due notice and fair trial, as prescribed in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX.

APPEALS.

SECTION 1. Any Mason who has been subjected to the disciplinary proceedings of a Lodge, his accuser, or any member of the Lodge, has the right to appeal from any verdict or sentence therein, in his case rendered or adjudged.

SEC. 2. All appeals from any chartered Lodge shall be made in writing, and contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decisions of the Lodge appealed from, and the grounds upon which the same are based. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary at least thirty days prior to the next succeeding annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from notice of his intention within ninety days after receiving notice of its action or decision; and the Secretary of such Lodge, under the direction of the Master, shall, at least thirty days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, transmit to the Grand Secretary an attested copy of all the charges, specifications, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case, and, if requested, furnish the appellant with a like attested copy: *Provided*, the times herein specified shall intervene between such decisions and the actual meeting aforesaid; if not, then such time shall apply to the next succeeding annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, or may be disposed of by the Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. Whenever an appeal shall be taken from any constituent Lodge, as provided in the foregoing sections, the Grand Lodge shall have sovereign jurisdiction over the whole case, and may, upon investigation,

a. Dismiss the appeal, approve the proceedings, or affirm the decision appealed from.

b. Modify or change a decision or sentence, or inflict a penalty where the constituent Lodge has failed to do so.

c. Set aside the proceedings of the Lodge for informality, and remand the case for further proceedings.

SEC. 5. Whenever the Grand Lodge shall modify or change a decision or sentence adjudged by a constituent Lodge, the same shall be final; and upon notice thereof, such constituent Lodge shall cause the same to be entered upon its records.

SEC. 6. Whenever the Grand Lodge, on a review of the trial or other proceedings of a Lodge resulting in the expulsion or suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the judgment of said proceedings, or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When a case is remanded for new trial no amendment shall be made to the original charges and specifications, unless the accused have due and timely notice thereof.

SEC. 7. Every Lodge shall communicate to the Grand Secretary all suspensions and expulsions as they may severally occur.

ARTICLE X.

RESTORATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS.

SECTION 1. No Lodge shall have the power to restore an expelled Mason to membership, nor to his former rights and privileges in Masonry.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right, by a majority vote, at any annual communication, upon a recommendation as provided in succeeding section 4 of this article, to restore an expelled Mason to good standing in the fraternity, as a non-affiliated Mason only, but not to membership in any Lodge. Any brother restored by the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to a certificate of the fact from the Grand Secretary, which shall serve in lieu of a regular demit, in case of application for membership in any Lodge in this jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. The resumption of membership in any Lodge by a brother restored as defined in the last preceding section must be acquired by petition.

SEC. 4. An expelled Mason seeking restoration shall petition the Lodge from which he was expelled for its recommendation to the Grand Lodge for his restoration; if such petition be concurred in by a vote of two thirds of the members present at a stated communication of the Lodge, the same shall be so indorsed, under seal, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge: *Provided*, that in case such Lodge has become extinct said petition may be made direct to the Grand Lodge, with a statement of the fact, and upon favorable action thereon, the brother shall be entitled to resume the status of a non-affiliated Mason.

SEC. 5. Any Mason indefinitely suspended for non-payment of dues, or other cause, seeking reinstatement, shall petition in writing to the Lodge having jurisdiction, and on payment or remission of dues, if any, and upon a favorable vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated communication, the petitioner may be restored to good standing in his Lodge: *Provided*, that if the Lodge from which a Mason shall have been suspended has ceased to exist, the petition for reinstatement may be made to the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides, or to the Grand Lodge, which may reinstate the petitioner to good standing in the fraternity.

SEC. 6. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge.

SEC. 7. The reinstatement of a suspended Mason by a chartered Lodge shall be determined by secret ballot.

ARTICLE XI.

MASTERS AND LODGES.

SECTION 1. A Worshipful Master may be disciplined by his Lodge *after* the expiration of his official term, for any unmasonic conduct, except for *official* misconduct, or a violation of *official* obligations. All complaints for

official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, otherwise he shall not be disciplined therefor.

SEC. 2. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges, or between a Lodge and its Master, or charges be preferred, or an informal complaint be made, the same may be filed with the Grand Lodge, if in session, or during recess be lodged with the Grand Master; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation he may proceed in person, or appoint a commission of not more than seven nor less than three Masters or Past Masters, with, if consistent, the Deputy Grand Master as chairman, to investigate such charges or complaint. Such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses, and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Grand Master; and said commission shall make such report and give such opinion to the Grand Master as will enable him to make a final decision.

SEC. 3. When a Master or other officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from *office* only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

SEC. 4. When any trouble shall arise between brethren or between Lodges, which shall require the presence of the Grand Master or other Grand Officers, or a commission, such brethren or Lodges shall be required to pay, *pro rata*, the reasonable expense incurred by such commission or officers in the discharge of their official duty.

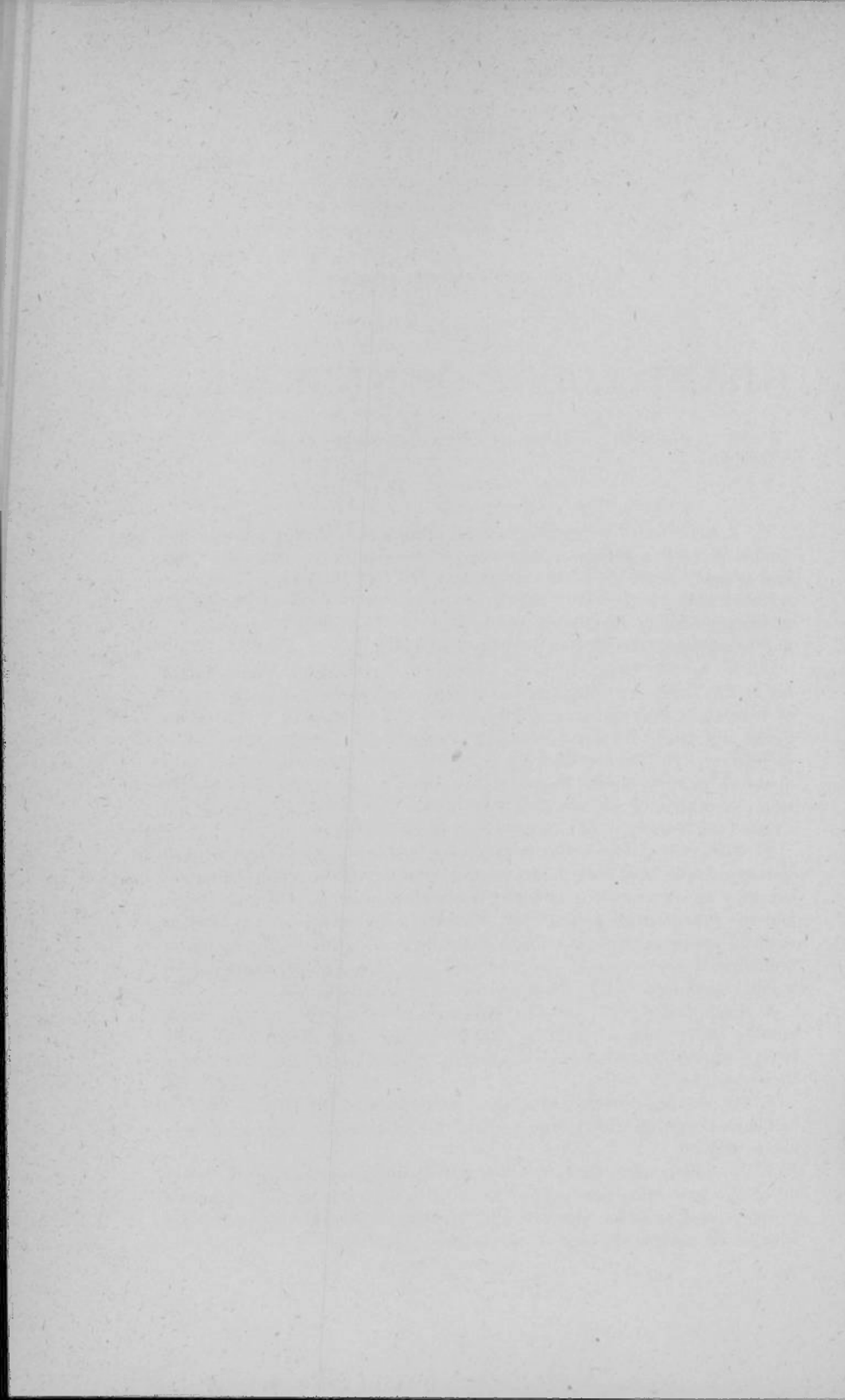
ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE XIII.

REPEAL.

SECTION 1. All by-laws, regulations, code of jurisprudence and resolutions of this Grand Lodge which are contrary to or inconsistent with this code are hereby declared repealed, and the foregoing are adopted in their stead as the laws of this Grand Lodge: *Provided* that such repeal shall not affect any rights or proceedings heretofore acquired or had.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA,

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

1. A subordinate Lodge shall consist of at least a Master, a Senior and Junior Warden, a Treasurer, Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacon, a Tiler, and as many members as are convenient. The first five officers above enumerated shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of votes, at the regular meeting preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist (December 27), and be installed into office on or before that date.

2. No brother, except in cases of newly chartered Lodges, shall be eligible to the Mastership unless he has been elected and served in the station of Warden in some regular chartered Lodge. In the absence of Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, according to rank, shall succeed to the duties of his station. No Master shall be installed until he shall have been duly qualified by receiving the degree of Past Master, the same to be conferred by a convocation of not less than three actual Past Masters, and none but actual Past Masters should be present at such convocation.

3. Each subordinate Lodge possesses the inherent right to enact by-laws and ordinances for its own government, provided the same are not inconsistent with the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of Grand Lodge, and the fundamental principles of Masonry. And to the end that these shall be preserved always inviolate, it is hereby declared that no by-law or ordinance of government of a subordinate Lodge shall be of any permanent validity until approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

4. Each Lodge shall assemble for work at least once in every lunar month; and if any Lodge under this jurisdiction shall cease to meet for twelve successive months, it shall forfeit its charter, and be erased from the Grand Lodge book.

5. All the proceedings, ballotings, and business of the Lodges, shall be had in a Lodge of Master Masons, that of conferring the inferior degrees alone excepted.

6. No religious test shall ever be required of any applicant for the benefits of Masonry, other than a steadfast belief in the existence and perfections of Deity; and no Lodge under this jurisdiction shall receive any candidate without the acknowledgment of such belief.

7. A unanimous ballot in favor of applicants for the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason is required. Before advancing, applicants must be examined in the degree they have taken, in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and required to possess a thorough knowledge of at least the first section thereof, before proceeding further; and no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall confer said three degrees for a less sum than thirty dollars; and in no case shall a degree be conferred until the required fee be in actual deposit. The fees accompanying a petition for affiliation or the degrees, become the property of the Lodge upon a favorable ballot being announced by the Master.

8. No Lodge, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, shall initiate, craft, or raise a candidate.

9. All applications for initiation or for membership shall be made at regular meetings, and lie over at least one lunar month.

10. After a petition is regularly received by a subordinate Lodge, and entered upon its minutes, it shall not be withdrawn.

11. If any member of a subordinate Lodge shall, from trifling, captious, sinister or unworthy motives, attempt to arrest the legitimate work of his Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered amenable to Masonic discipline. And it is made the duty of the Lodge, in all such cases, to proceed to the investigation thereof, and to reprimand, suspend, or expel the offending member, as a majority present may deem best.

12. No Lodge shall initiate into the mysteries of the craft any person whomsoever, without first being satisfied, by a test or otherwise, that such candidate has not made application to some other Lodge, and been rejected; and if it shall appear that he has been so rejected, then the Lodge must be satisfactorily convinced that the objection to his initiation has been withdrawn, and the unanimous consent of the Lodge rejecting him must be obtained before he can be initiated.

13. Application for initiation must be made to the Lodge nearest the residence of the applicant (except in towns or cities where there are more than one Lodge, in which instance application may be made to either): *Provided*, The Lodge nearest the residence of an applicant may, on application, waive jurisdiction and permit the applicant to send in his petition as he may desire.

14. In no case shall a subordinate Lodge publish in a newspaper the suspension of any of its members.

15. The subordinate Lodges have the power, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, or when the Grand Lodge is not in session, of the Grand Master, to require all Master Masons residing within their respective jurisdictions to contribute pecuniary aid to purposes strictly Masonic, but this power shall not be exercised except with proper caution and deliberation.

16. Each subordinate Lodge shall bury a deceased worthy member of its body with Masonic rites, if requested by the decedent in his lifetime, or by his near relations after his death, and in all other cases such Masonic honors may be granted or withheld as the Lodge may consider best.

17. Subordinate Lodges not only possess the power, but it shall be their express duty, to take cognizance of brethren within their vicinities, whether

subordinate to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge or otherwise, and to suspend or expel from the privileges of the order any brother who shall be found guilty of unmasonic conduct, subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

18. No subordinate Lodge shall proceed to suspend or expel a brother for unmasonic conduct of any description whatever, unless it be upon written charges and specifications, made out and filed with the Secretary, whose duty it shall be to furnish the accused brother with a copy thereof, if of a nature to be reduced to writing, at least ten days previous to the trial, with notice of the time and place of trial. It is the privilege of the accused to take any proof or testimony to be heard in evidence that he may desire, upon giving three days' notice to the Master of the Lodge; and in all cases when the hearing comes on, the whole of the testimony shall be reduced to writing, and be carefully preserved by the Secretary of the Lodge: *Provided*, That when a brother, charged as aforesaid, shall abscond, proceedings may be had in his absence, without notice.

19. Any brother feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge pronounced against him, may at any time within one year thereafter take an appeal to the Grand Lodge; and on his application, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such Lodge to make out and forward to the Grand Secretary a certified copy of the proceedings had in his case, with the original testimony, as far as the same shall have been reduced to writing.

20. Applications for charters must be accompanied with a brief historical sketch of the facts, incidents, and preliminary steps connected with the organization of the proposed Lodge.

21. The Secretary of each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction is required to notify the Grand Secretary of all rejections made by his Lodge, stating the name, age, residence and occupation of each applicant rejected, and the Grand Secretary shall notify the other subordinate Lodges of such rejections. And each Lodge shall keep a book, in which shall be recorded each and every such objection made and reported; and to the end that the fraternity may not be imposed upon, each applicant, before being prepared for initiation, shall be required to satisfy the Lodge, by pledge or otherwise, that he has never been rejected in any other Lodge: *Provided*, That if any applicant shall file with his petition, a statement, in writing, that he has been so rejected, with the unanimous consent of the Lodge which rejected him, for his initiation, then such pledge shall be dispensed with. And no rejected applicant shall be initiated in any other Lodge until the unanimous consent of the Lodge rejecting him be obtained.

22. The jurisdiction of each Lodge extends over the non-affiliated as well as the affiliated Mason, and they are equally amenable for unmasonic conduct.

23. A non-affiliated Mason who shall, for the space of six months, reside in any county wherein is a working Lodge, without making application for membership therein, shall forfeit the privilege of visiting said Lodge; and, if he still fails or refuses to make application, as aforesaid, for the space of twelve months, he shall then forfeit all claim to Masonic rights or benefits.

24. It is absolutely required of all Masons raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, to sign, in his own proper handwriting, the constitution

and by-laws of the Lodge conferring the degree, and until the brother has done so, he shall not be authorized to take part in the proceedings, or be considered a member of the Lodge.

25. No subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction shall initiate, pass, or raise more than one candidate at the same time: *Provided*, this rule shall not be so construed as to prevent the giving of the lectures and charges to any number at the same time.

26. No Lodge shall endeavor to compel an Entered Apprentice or Fellow craft to take the degree, or to expel one from a Lodge without due trial and conviction for some Masonic offense.

27. It is not lawful for a Lodge, in restoring to membership a brother who has been suspended, to charge him for dues for the time intervening between his suspension and restoration.

28. No Lodge shall ballot upon a petition for initiation from any person who has not been a resident of the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he makes application at least one year.

29. Where a non-affiliated Mason permanently locates within the jurisdiction of any subordinate Lodge in this state, and fails to make application for membership or give a satisfactory reason for not doing so, for the space of one year from the date of such location, he thereby forfeits all claims, rights, benefits, or recognition in Masonry, of whatsoever kind, except the right to petition for affiliation.

30. The Masonic fiscal year of this jurisdiction shall commence on the first day of May, and end on the thirtieth day of April; and each subordinate Lodge shall make its annual report to the Grand Secretary within ten days thereafter; and all Grand dues of subordinate Lodges shall be paid on or before the first day of each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

31. Petitions asking recommendation for the formation of new Lodges as provided for in the constitution of this Grand Lodge, shall only be presented at regular meetings, and then lay over until the next regular meeting before being acted upon. No brother shall be permitted to vote on the question of recommendation for a dispensation or charter when he is one of the applicants.

32. An expelled member can only be reinstated by petition and reference at a regular meeting, same as original petitions, to lay over until next regular meeting, and re-admitted on a unanimous vote.

33. An interval of one lunar month shall intervene between the election of applicants for advancement.

34. The right of a brother Master Mason to object to the admission of an applicant for membership, or for the several degrees conferred in a Master Mason's Lodge, cannot be denied; and where objection is made to the Master, it is his duty to declare the brother or candidate rejected, without a ballot, unless the objection be withdrawn, even if the objecting brother be absent from the Lodge at the time of making the objection, or when the balloting is ordered.

35. None but members of the subordinate Lodge to which application is made for initiation, advancement or membership, shall be permitted to vote on the question of admission or advancement. Whenever, however, objec-

tions are made to the Master, in either case, by any Master Mason in good standing, Masonic courtesy, at least, requires a suspension of further procedure, and the Worshipful Master should state fully to the Lodge the objections lodged, withholding the name of the objector, and an investigation should be had before proceeding to ballot.

36. It is improper for an individual Mason to examine a traveling brother for the purpose of vouching for him to admit him into a Lodge, without having been appointed by the Master or presiding officer for that purpose; and that no avouchment shall be taken for the admission of a visiting brother founded on such examination, nor the avouchment of a brother, unless he has been in open Lodge with the brother so proposing to visit.

37. It is the imperative duty of the Masters and Wardens of the subordinate Lodges to prefer charges against any brother who persistently indulges in either of the vices of intemperance, gambling or profanity, and to try him in the regular form therefor.

38. It is the duty of all subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to procure a sufficient number of lambskin or white leathern aprons for the purpose of initiation.

39. The sum of ten dollars is required from subordinate Lodges asking for a dispensation to confer degrees in less than the regular time; said sum to be paid into the Grand Lodge fund before the same shall be issued.

40. The Grand Lodge views with abhorrence any attempt on the part of Lodges or members of Lodges to give the aid of Masonry in organized or individual form to any lottery or gift enterprise whatsoever; and the purchase, sale or drawing of lottery tickets is forbidden as unmasonic, deserving reproof and discipline.

41. It is the duty of the subordinate Lodge to grant a demit, upon application therefor in open Lodge by the brother wishing the same, or in writing, if the applicant is not present in person, signed by the applicant's own hand, to any member in good standing, and clear upon the Lodge books for dues.

42. Subordinate Lodges cannot elect to membership a brother who does not last hail from a Lodge chartered by a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

43. It is incumbent upon subordinate Lodges in Nebraska, in the event of one of their number, who is in good standing, receiving assistance from a Lodge in another jurisdiction, to reimburse the Lodge so rendering assistance to the extent that the actual necessities of the sojourning brother may have required, upon being officially informed thereof.

44. It is incumbent upon subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction to reimburse a Lodge of this or another jurisdiction for expenses incurred in the care and burial of sojourning Masons, members in good standing of such subordinate Lodge, in case the sick or deceased brother was in indigent circumstances, upon being officially informed thereof.

45. The Masters of subordinate Lodges are required to have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge read in their respective Lodges, in connection with the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges, at least once in each year.

