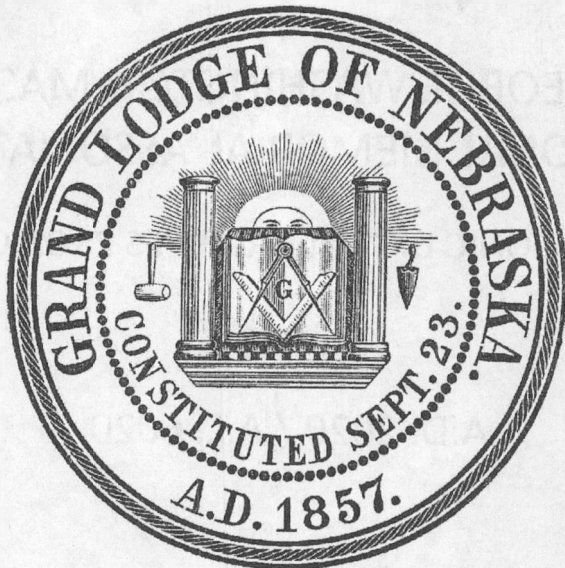


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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in its twenty-ninth annual communication in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, on Tuesday, June 16, A.:L.: 5886, A.D. 1886, at half past seven o'clock in the evening, there being present :

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| M.:W.: MANOAH B. REESE . . . . .                  | Grand Master.        |
| R.:W.: CHARLES K. COUTANT . . . . .               | Deputy Grand Master. |
| W.: ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46,* <i>as</i> . . . . .    | Grand Senior Warden. |
| R.:W.: GEORGE B. FRANCE . . . . .                 | Grand Junior Warden. |
| R.:W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN . . . . .                | Grand Treasurer.     |
| R.:W.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN . . . . .                 | Grand Secretary.     |
| Bro.: HENRY N. BLAKE, 26, <i>as</i> . . . . .     | Grand Chaplain.      |
| W.: BENJAMIN F. RAWALT . . . . .                  | Grand Custodian.     |
| M.:W.: GEORGE W. LININGER, 3, <i>as</i> . . . . . | Grand Marshal.       |
| M.:W.: JOHN J. WEMPLE, 50, <i>as</i> . . . . .    | Grand Senior Deacon. |
| W.: ELIAS C. WILCOX . . . . .                     | Grand Junior Deacon. |
| Bro.: WILLIAM J. MOUNT . . . . .                  | Grand Tiler.         |

and representatives from one hundred and nineteen of the one hundred and thirty-six chartered lodges.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form as required by the law of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

\*The figures indicate the lodge to which the brother named belongs.

Brothers Milo C. Wilson, 3, John N. Westburg, 11, and Newel R. Wilcox, 39, were announced as the committee on Visitors, and Brothers John A. Ehrhardt, 41, Lewis Dunn, 2, and Velosco V. Leonard, 6, as the committee on Credentials. These committees were congregated by the Grand Master, and entered upon their labors, W.: Brother Bradner D. Slaughter, 89, being temporarily added to the last-named committee.

It being ascertained by roll call that a constitutional number of lodges were represented, the Grand Lodge was declared open for the dispatch of business, and proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

R.:W.: Brother Milton J. Hull, Grand Senior Warden, now entered and took his station, and W.: Brothers Francis E. White and John J. Mercer assumed their places as Grand Marshal and Grand Senior Deacon.

The Grand Master ordered that all Master Masons in good standing be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge during this annual communication.

The Grand Master now delivered his

#### ADDRESS.

##### *Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Another year has sped its course, and I now call you to labor in this our twenty-ninth annual communication. This year has been one laden with blessings to our state and to our beloved brotherhood. Comparatively few of our numbers have been called to try the realities of the great beyond, and we have been blessed with health and abundance. Our lodges have been, in the main, prosperous, and discord has been practically unknown in our ranks. The Great All-seeing Eye has looked benignly upon us, and for His many blessings we should return our grateful homage. The great principles of our Order — Morality and Virtue — should characterize the conduct of every Mason among us, and while our hearts should well up with praises and thanksgiving for what we have received and enjoyed, we should all renew our fealty to the Great God above and over us, and for the coming year as well as for all future time rededicate ourselves to His service.

We have assembled for the purpose of considering what has been done for our noble, ancient, and honorable Fraternity during the past year, and what should be done for the future.

In calling your attention briefly to my stewardship while laboring in the work, to which by your choice I have been called. I have no apologies to offer for my many failures in the discharge of the duties assumed by me at our last grand communication, except to say, that I have done the best I could and have made diligent use of the very small allowance of time at my command. I now submit it for the test of your "square, level, and plumb."

At our last grand communication, charters were granted for the formation of sixteen new lodges. These have all been duly constituted, and with, perhaps, one or two exceptions are in a prosperous condition. Being unable to attend personally to this work within the time in which it was deemed essential that it should be done, I issued proxies to the brethren named below, and they at once constituted the lodges and reported the same to me. The proxies issued were as follows:

July 8, 1885, to W.·Bro.· John J. Mercer, of Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4, to constitute Summit Lodge, No. 141.

To W.·Bro.· Benjamin F. Rawalt, Grand Custodian, to constitute Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131; Bancroft Lodge, No. 145; Scribner Lodge, No. 132, and Long Pine Lodge, No. 136.

July 9, 1885, to W.·Bro.· Henry H. Gillette, of Albion Lodge, No. 78, to constitute Crescent Lodge, No. 143, at Cedar Rapids.

To W.·Bro.· Melville W. Stone, of Wahoo Lodge, No. 59, to constitute Clay Centre Lodge, No. 139; Kenesaw Lodge, No. 144; McCook Lodge, No. 135, and Rawalt Lodge, No. 138, at Oxford.

To M.·W.·Bro.· John J. Wemple, Past Grand Master, to constitute Anchor Lodge, No. 142, at North Loup.

To W.·Bro.· Leverett E. Goodell, of Blue Valley Lodge, No. 64, to constitute Western Lodge, No. 140.

July 10, 1885, to W.·Bro.· Frederick E. Wilson, of Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, to constitute Tuscan Lodge, No. 130, at Surprise.

To M.·W.· James R. Cain, Past Grand Master, to constitute Upright Lodge, No. 137, at Burchard.

To W.·Bro.· Newton R. Persinger, of Lone Tree Lodge, No. 36, to constitute Solar Lodge, No. 134, at Clarks.

July 13, 1886, to W.·Bro.· Frederick J. Switz, of Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, to constitute Elm Creek Lodge, No. 133.

I wish here to express to these brethren my thanks for the prompt and efficient manner in which this work was done by them.

I have been unable to visit as many of the lodges as I desired to visit, and hence my visitations have been rather informal, and I have kept no record thereof. In the month of December I met with a number of the brethren and officers at a school of instruction, held at Fremont by W.·Bro.· Benjamin F. Rawalt, Grand Custodian, and from them I learned that their several lodges were in a prosperous condition. Through correspondence and other sources of information I have been able to ascertain the condition of many of the lodges within our jurisdiction, and find them generally prosperous.

On the eleventh day of April, 1886, I visited Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46,

and with the very able assistance of M. W. Past Grand Master, Alfred G. Hastings, and W. Bro. Robert E. French, Master of said Lodge, I officiated in the burial of our esteemed brother, Captain Emmett Crawford. The large concourse of people in attendance upon this funeral attested the general esteem in which the deceased brother was held in Nebraska, as well as their abhorrence of the sad, perhaps criminal, and untimely termination of his life.

Brother Crawford was at the time of his death a captain in the regular army and was at the post of duty on the Mexican border, fighting the savages who inhabit the fastnesses along the border line, and from whence they, by a stealthy and barbarous warfare, at unexpected intervals, cross the line and murder our citizens. By an agreement between the governments of this country and Mexico the armies of either country are authorized to pursue the savages across the border line. It was in the discharge of this duty that Brother Crawford met his death. Not from the hands of the Apache Indian, but from the treacherous and deadly aim of an ambushed company of Mexican soldiers. Thus, in the line of duty, fell a brave soldier, a good man, an honored citizen, and a just and upright Mason. He was a member of Richmond Lodge, No. 230, in the city of Philadelphia, but a brother among us, and as a brother we mourn his loss.

#### NEW LODGES.

I have issued dispensations authorizing the holding of new lodges as follows:

July 13, 1885, To fifteen Master Masons at Broken Bow, Custer County, to open and hold Custer Lodge, with Bros. Frank H. Young as Master, James M. Kelsey as Senior Warden, and Hollis G. Rogers as Junior Warden. Recommended by Thistle Lodge, No. 61.

August 15, 1885, To nine Master Masons to open and hold Tobias Lodge, with Bros. Levi N. Muman as Master, Philip Jenkins as Senior Warden, and John F. Lippincott as Junior Warden. Recommended by Alexander Lodge, No. 74.

August 29, 1885, To twelve Master Masons at Cambridge, to open and hold Cambridge Lodge, with Bros. Edgar W. Lewis as Master, Ephraim R. Bee, Senior Warden, and George A. Hobson, Junior Warden. Recommended by Arapahoe Lodge, No. 109.

September 7, 1885, To twelve Master Masons at Valparaiso, to open and hold Valparaiso Lodge, with Bros. DeForest E. Green as Master, James A. Devore as Senior Warden, and Joshua P. Gibbons as Junior Warden. Recommended by Wahoo Lodge, No. 59.

October 24, 1885, To ten Master Masons at Ewing, to open and hold Ewing Lodge, with Bros. Job J. King as Master, Joseph N. Kay as Senior Warden, and Peter W. Lane as Junior Warden. Recommended by Trowel Lodge, No. 71.

November 20, 1885, To ten Master Masons at Liberty, to open and hold Liberty Lodge, with Bros. Joseph R. Buffington as Master, Jacob Y. Mendenhall as Senior Warden, and Charles H. Palmer as Junior Warden. Recommended by Tyre Lodge, No. 85.



November 27, 1885, To eleven Master Masons at Pierce, to open and hold Evergreen Lodge, with Bros.: Charles C. Wilson as Master, William M. Burkitt as Senior Warden, and George F. Keiper as Junior Warden. Recommended by Mosaic Lodge, No. 55.

November 28, 1885, To ten Master Masons at Davenport, to open and hold Davenport Lodge, with Bros.: George Bradley as Master, Frank M. Smith as Senior Warden, and Edward W. Robinson as Junior Warden. Recommended by Edgar Lodge, No. 67.

January 26, 1886, To fourteen Master Masons at Hartington, to open and hold Hartington Lodge, with Bros.: Hiram T. Chapinan as Master, Andrew Anderson as Senior Warden, and Homer A. Miller as Junior Warden. Recommended by Corinthian Lodge, No. 83.

February 22, 1886, To ten Master Masons at Wilsonville, to open and hold Valley Lodge, with Bros.: Marion McDonald as Master, Robert B. Way as Senior Warden, and John W. Eby as Junior Warden. Recommended by Beaver City Lodge, No. 93.

February 26, 1886, To eight Master Masons at Silver Creek, to open and hold Silver Creek Lodge, with Bros.: Charles Wooster as Master, George E. Kelton as Senior Warden, and Aaron P. Sutton as Junior Warden. Recommended by Solar Lodge, No. 134.

March 17, 1886, To twelve Master Masons at Chadron, to open and hold Chadron Lodge, with Bros.: William F. Louger as Master, John H. Bosse as Senior Warden, and William Wilson as Junior Warden. Recommended by Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131.

With few exceptions these dispensations were granted upon the recommendation of the Grand Custodian, among which is Evergreen Lodge, which which was granted upon the recommendation of Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes. I am informed that most of these lodges will apply for a charter at the present session of the Grand Lodge. The brethren of Silver Creek Lodge, U. D., not succeeding as well as it was hoped they would at the time the dispensation was issued, and there appearing to be a want of harmony among them, I requested the Grand Custodian to visit them and ascertain if possible, and report upon the cause of the confusion. This he has done, and his report will be submitted to you. It may be that this lodge should be continued under dispensation another year and that some change in the office-bearers may be necessary, but any action taken with reference to this lodge should be after mature consideration.

I have granted the following special dispensations to confer degrees out of time:

August 17, 1885, Wymore, No. 104 .....	\$20 00
May 19, 1886, Frank Welch, No. 75.....	30 00
“ “ “ Ark and Anchor, No. 131.....	10 00

The fees for which, together with the fees for issuing dispensations to open lodges, amount to the sum of \$361; all of which has been paid to the Grand Secretary.

I have also granted special dispensations to various lodges to elect and install officers which had failed to do so at the proper time.

The brethren of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, at Bellevue, by the vote of a bare majority of their number, petitioned for a dispensation allowing them to remove their lodge to Omaha. This dispensation I declined to issue, for the following reasons: *First*—The lodge was chartered to be held at Bellevue, by the Grand Lodge. I very much doubted the authority of the Grand Master to thus repeal or nullify this action. If done at all, I think it can be done only by the power that created and located the lodge. *Second*—As this Lodge is something of an old landmark in Nebraska, I was loth to remove it, especially so, since by the rapid development of the city of Omaha, I think Bellevue will, at an early day, become a suburban town or city of considerable local importance, and it will be found convenient, if not necessary, to maintain a lodge there. In that event such lodge should not be deprived of its original number and standing. If such action is still desired by the brethren of No. 1, this body might perhaps grant them a permit to hold their sessions in Omaha, temporarily, until it could be ascertained whether or not the change should be made permanent.

The charter of De Witt Lodge, No. 111, having been destroyed by fire, I, on the 22d day of February, 1886, issued to the brethren composing said lodge a dispensation, authorizing them to continue their labors, and exercise their powers as a chartered lodge until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. I recommend that a duplicate charter be issued them.

#### GRAND LODGES SEEKING RECOGNITION.

February 21, 1886, I received a communication from the Grand Master of Jalisco of the United States of Mexico, notifying this Grand Lodge of the organization of the Grand Lodge of that state, and seeking the recognition of that Grand Body and an exchange of representatives. I advised the Grand Secretary General, Hon. Honorato Milanés, that the documents accompanying the request would be submitted to this Grand Body for its action at its present session, which I now do, with the hope that you will find it to the interest of our society to recognize that Grand Lodge.

I have also received notice of the installation of the Grand Lodge of Lower California, with request for recognition and exchange of representatives. This I answered in substantially the same manner, and herewith submit to you the application for your action, with the same suggestions as above.

Also herewith find circular announcing the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oaxaca of the United States of Mexico, which, having been treated in the same way, is presented for your action. I have advised M.: W.: Grand Master Guzman of this proposed action.

I also call your attention to a communication from M.: W.: Past Grand Master Ruiz, of Mexico, to our R.: W.: Grand Secretary, urging the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico, which I submit for your action.

#### DECISIONS.

No. 1. A petitioner for initiation was rejected by the lodge upon ballot, and the result so declared by the Master. Sometime afterward a brother

notified the Master that certain charges — in the form of a rumor — against the petitioner were not well founded, and asked that the records of a previous meeting, at which the candidate was rejected, be expunged, and another ballot had, the lodge being U. D. . *Query*: Can this be done? *Answer*: No. The ballot having been had, and the result so declared and entered of record, it is final and cannot be molested.

No. 2. A candidate petitions a lodge, but not the nearest, for initiation. His petition is accepted, and he is elected and receives the degrees. *Query*: Is he a clandestine Mason? *Answer*: No. He is a lawful Mason, but the lodge conferring the degrees is subject to discipline for invading the territory of the neighboring lodge, and if required must pay the fees, except Grand Lodge dues, to the lodge within whose jurisdiction the candidate resided. *Query*: In such case where are we to draw the line of jurisdiction? *Answer*: The candidate must petition the lodge nearest his residence.

No. 3. *Query*: Is a Master Mason who has received the Past Master's degree in a lodge of Royal Arch Masons, but not in a convocation of actual Past Masters, eligible to the office of Master of a lodge? *Answer*: No. He must take the actual Past Master's degree.

No. 4. *Query*: In case of the absence of the Master, can the Senior Warden appoint any Master Mason present to act as Master *pro tem*.? *Answer*: Yes, after congregating the lodge.

No. 5. *Query*: Can a "quarter blood Indian" be made a Mason? *Answer*: Yes, if he has the other essential qualifications.

No. 6. *Query*: Is it proper to prefer charges against a brother for having previously dealt in intoxicating liquors, but who has abandoned the business? *Answer*: Under our present Masonic law I should not recommend the prosecution of a brother for having previously dealt in liquors, if he has finally abandoned the business.

No. 7. A colored man, claiming to belong to a lodge in the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, sought to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction, claiming he was "free-born," and a lawful Mason. The Master refused to admit him. *Query*: Was this correct? *Answer*: If he belonged to a lodge chartered by a Grand Lodge which is recognized by this Grand Lodge, he was entitled to visit the lodge — at least his color should not have excluded him. As to his being "free-born," I think "God made all nature free." If the barbarous laws of the American Dark Ages were so framed as to consign an infant to bondage during its life, that fact is no indication it was not free-born.

No. 8. A brother belongs to L. Lodge, and resides twenty-two miles from the place where the lodge is located. S. Lodge is within twelve miles of his residence. A brother residing near him, and who is also a member of L. Lodge, desires to prefer charges against him. *Query*: Which lodge has jurisdiction? *Answer*: L. Lodge.

No. 9. A. received the E. .A. . and F. .C. . degrees. He then asked the lodge to waive jurisdiction and allow another lodge to confer the M. .M. . degree. This request was granted by a majority vote — the vote being

taken by the uplifted hand. Some of the members voted against the waiver. *Query*: Would not the vote of those who voted in the negative debar the candidate from taking the M.:M.: degree at all? *Answer*: No.

No. 10. Application for affiliation, accompanied by a demit, is presented by a M.:M.: *Query*: Is it legal to vote on his application before he has visited the lodge? *Answer*: Yes, if the members have lawful knowledge that he is a Master Mason. *Query*: In case the vote is taken before he visits the lodge, should the Secretary enter his name on the lodge books and charge him with dues, the same as any other member? *Answer*: Yes, but he should be required to sign the constitution of the lodge as soon as practicable.

No. 11. A saloon building is being erected. It is proposed to fit up a hall in the second story and above the saloon. *Query*: Can a Masonic lodge have its lodge-room and meet above the saloon? *Answer*: No. "Avoid the very appearance of evil."

No. 12. Entered Apprentice Masons belonging to a subordinate lodge fail to present themselves for advancement. *Query*: How can we proceed to dispose of them? *Answer*: Do not proceed at all unless they are open to lodge discipline by preferring charges against them for unmasonic conduct. They have a right to exercise their own volition as to when they will seek advancement.

No. 13. A person elected as an office bearer in a subordinate lodge does not become so until he is legally installed.

No. 14. A member of a subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction removed into an adjoining state, but just over the line, and within a short distance of another one of our subordinate lodges. He now wishes to be demitted from his lodge and become a member of our lodge near to his residence. *Query*: Can he do so, he being now a resident of another state? *Answer*: Yes. He can affiliate with any lodge he may prefer, the lodge being willing to receive him as a member.

No. 15. A lodge asks permission to confer the M.:M.: degree upon a F.:C.: who belongs to another lodge. Permission is duly given. Upon a ballot being had in the lodge which proposes conferring the degree the candidate is rejected. *Query*: Can a candidate be thus rejected? Is he not entitled to receive the M.:M.: degree notwithstanding the vote by which he is rejected? *Answer*: No. At the time the ballot was ordered he stood in the same position with reference to such ballot as he would have occupied had he been a member of the lodge and seeking advancement.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The instructions of my immediate predecessor, M.:W.: John J. Wemple, with reference to the final disposition of the property, assets, and indebtedness of Waco Lodge, No. 80 (now extinct), have been substantially continued by me. Bro.: John J. Evans has control of the property, which yields a revenue, and he is paying off the indebtedness of the lodge as fast as the income will permit. I recommend that he continue to rent the lodge room, collecting rent therefor and redeeming the outstanding stock until all are paid.

The Grand Secretary has in his possession considerable of property of the Grand Lodge, formerly belonging to subordinate lodges which have become extinct. This property is of some value and of no use to the Grand Lodge. New lodges are continually being created, many of whom do not desire to purchase new and valuable property until after procuring their charter. I recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed and authorized, under the instructions of the Grand Master, to sell such property of the kind referred to as he can, to the new lodges wishing to purchase, and that he report to the Grand Lodge at each annual session the property sold, the price received, and the amount and character of the property on hand. By this means much of this property may be utilized and the new lodges be benefited.

On page 169, proceedings of this Grand Body for 1885, will be found the following from the report of the committee on Ways and Means: "We are assured by the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha that they will erect during the present year a building adjoining this, which will contain a fireproof office, which will be duly tendered to this Grand Body as a Grand Secretary's office, rent free. Should this be done it will not only be desirable but almost a necessity that the same be at once accepted, and to make the same available we would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the furnishing and equipping the same in a convenient manner, all the expenditures to be made with the approval of the Grand Master." This recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge. Under date of December 5, 1885, I received from the Grand Secretary the following copy of a notice received by him from the Masonic Temple Craft:

THE MASONIC TEMPLE CRAFT OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA, December 4, 1885.

WM. R. BOWEN, Esq., *Grand Secretary Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.:*

*Dear Sir and Bro.:*—At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That the Masonic Temple Craft does hereby tender to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Anc. Free and Acc. Masons, *rent free*, the 18x24 fireproof room in the second story of Freemasons Hall, Omaha, for occupancy by its Grand Secretary, conditioned only upon its immediate acceptance for such purpose and its early equipment and furnishing in a convenient manner.

*Attest:* EBEN K. LONG.  
*Secretary M. T. C.*

Soon after the receipt of this notice I visited Omaha and accepted the office, and under my direction the Grand Secretary has furnished the same. The expense of equipping and furnishing this office seemed to me at first to be quite heavy, but upon reflection that it was fireproof and that there would be no likelihood of the destruction of the property by fire, I concluded "the best is the cheapest," and directed that good and substantial furniture, etc., be procured, which has been done, except chairs and tables. I doubt not your judgment will ratify our action.

I desire to call your attention to the report of the Grand Treasurer. The funds of the Grand Lodge are, in my opinion, accumulating unnecessarily, and the amount of money now on hand is far in excess of our needs. I can

conceive of no possible necessity for the accumulation of such an amount of money. The report of the Grand Treasurer made June 23, 1885, which appears on page 138 of the proceedings of 1885, shows a balance on hand from previous report (1884) of \$11,874.07. The amount received during the year was \$6,853.99, making a total of \$18,728.00. Deducting from this the pay roll and warrants issued and paid during the year, a balance of \$13,829.74 remained on hand. His report from the past year will be before you, and from it you can make your own estimates. I presume it will show a surplus of about \$12,000. What use have we for this money in the Grand Treasury? None whatever.

It is true that a proper administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge requires some money at all times in the treasury; but *enough* will answer all demands.

I recommend that the income be so cut down as to diminish this fund by use — or that it be at once depleted to about \$4,000 by a return to the subordinate lodges of the surplus \$8,000 upon a ratio or basis of a certain amount for each member of the Fraternity.

There are now six thousand five hundred and seventy-three members of subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. By an appropriation to each lodge of a sum of money which would equal \$1.25 for each Master Mason belonging thereto, the sum of \$8,216 would be transferred to the treasuries of the subordinate lodges where it is needed, and the Grand Lodge would not suffer thereby.

Or, if thought best, a total temporary suspension of Grand Lodge dues might be ordered in cases where reports are made by the time required by law, and the revenues from initiations and the establishment of new lodges allowed in connection with this surplus to support the Grand Lodge, which they would do for the next four or five years. Or, if thought best, the fees for initiation might be cut off. There are some objections to this latter method, but I think none to either of the former. There is, perhaps, no objection to high initiation fees, but there are numerous objections to high dues. Therefore, the payment of dues ought to be either (temporarily) suspended entirely, when the reports are made within the required time, or this money ought to be refunded to the subordinate lodge treasuries. I recommend the suspension of Grand Lodge dues.

I especially desire to call your attention to the Orphan Educational Fund. The report of the Board of Trustees made at our last session and appearing on pages 149-50, proceedings of 1885, shows the total fund to be \$15,490.17. The report to be presented during this session will show a great portion of this to be in cash, considering the payments made since the report of 1885 was made. This fund has been a burden upon the chairman of the Board of Trustees and, I doubt not, he has discharged all his duties faithfully and well. But it is unjust to impose these unnecessary burdens. Furthermore, a fund of the magnitude and sacred character of this one should be treated by the application of business principles. No bonds are given for the faithful performance of any duty or the accounting for any funds. The board are necessarily scattered and no concert of action can be had. The policy of

keeping the fund from any intermixture with the funds in the Grand Treasury is a good one, and should be carefully followed.

I recommend that a proper custodian or depository of this fund be selected—but that it shall not be the Grand Treasurer—that he be required to give a bond in the sum of at least \$30,000, to be well and amply secured, and to be approved by the Grand Master. That the fund be placed in his hands to be loaned out at the highest legal rate of interest obtainable, and be secured by first mortgage on improved farm lands, but the amount loaned in no one case to be more than one-third of the appraised value of the mortgaged property, exclusive of buildings or other perishable improvements; and that no one loan shall exceed the sum of \$1,000. That application for a loan shall in all cases be made to the Board of Trustees, accompanied by an abstract of the title to the proposed security and an appraisalment under oath of three disinterested, creditable property holders of the county or locality of the land proposed to be mortgaged; and that upon the approval of a loan by a majority of the Board of Trustees, and not otherwise, the depository be authorized to pay out the amount thereon. The depository and Board of Trustees to each report annually to the Grand Lodge the condition of the fund. By this or a similar method you will silence all criticism concerning the management of this fund, and relieve the worthy brethren who have thus far labored alone to build it up.

On the 8th of March, 1886, I wrote Bro. Silas E. Sheldon, the M. W. Grand Master of the state of Kansas, stating, in substance, that as subordinate lodges within that Grand Jurisdiction and this were springing up along the line between the two states, it would be a matter of great convenience to those of the Craft residing near the state line if by the reciprocal and mutual action of the two Grand Lodges it could be enacted that each Grand Lodge waive jurisdiction over such persons subject to it as might reside nearer to a lodge in the other state, and asking for his coöperation in securing the needed legislation to this end by the Grand Lodges in the two states. Under date of March 14th I received a communication from the Most Worshipful Brother, promising to give the matter his attention at an early day and write me again, but I have received nothing further from him on the subject. It seems to me that such action by these two Grand Bodies would go far toward promoting and supporting that spirit of comity and mutual friendship which should exist between the two Grand Jurisdictions, and that such action would greatly relieve our brethren residing along the border line and near lodges in the opposite state, while distant from lodges in their own state. I therefore recommend that such action be taken by this Grand Body, conditioned upon ratification by the Grand Lodge of Kansas, as will secure this privilege to those whom it is desired to benefit, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Kansas each a certified copy thereof, with the request that the Grand Lodge of Kansas adopt the same course, if deemed by it expedient to do so.

Under date of March 25, 1886, I received from the Grand Secretary a circular addressed to this Grand Lodge, dated Tangier, Morocco, February 27, 1886, as follows:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, at Omaha :*

DEAR SIRS AND M. W. BROTHERS, — In handing you the inclosed printed copy of an address which the members of the Craft residing at Tangier send to the M. W. the Grand Lodge at Washington, we are happy to furnish this proof that even in this remote corner of the globe, afar from the influence of civilization, Masonry has gradually, but with firm and sure steps, opened at last the way for light of progress and enlightenment, which fact can be seen from the number of Masons, now increased to tenfold of what it was only a few years back.

Nor can we pass unnoticed the fact that, owing to the numerous obstacles placed in our way by ignorance, barbarity, and fanatical intolerance, inherent to all semi-barbarous lands, here, more than elsewhere, we need that unity of action which the bonds of our Order alone can establish. It is, therefore, with no small degree of satisfaction that we find that, putting aside all national, social, political, or religious differences, the Masons of Tangier, all, spontaneously and as one man, come forward to join in the representation we have the honor to make.

Being convinced that you, Most Worshipful Brethren, cannot but feel highly and justly gratified at these our tidings, we also count, with your valuable cooperation and influence to insure the object we have in view, assuring you that it is as much in favor of justice and true merit as it is for the honor of our Order, of which all prestige shall be irrevocably lost, if a brother such as the worthy Colonel Mathews, the present representative of the United States in this country, shall be unjustly dealt by, through the intrigue of unprincipled and ambitious men.

The hearty responses we have, on different occasions, received from Spain, France, and elsewhere, when similar appeals were made in the presence of threatening danger to any individual brother, and the triumph of Masonic truth in all such occasions, leads us to hope that our American brethren will not allow themselves to be surpassed by any other nations, more especially when one of the most prominent members of the Order is the designed victim of our enemies.

We are, dear sir and Most Worshipful Brothers,

Yours fraternally,

M. J. NOVELIA,

*P. M. of the Al-moghreb Al-aksa Lodge, No. 18.*

J. M. BENCHIMOÏ,

*Saeida Lodge, No. 220.*

J. SICSU,

*18° Hassanaï Lodge, No. 57.*

MOHAMED SARCANI,

*Hassanaï Lodge, No. 62.*

L. A. COHEN,

*D. D. G. M. for the G. L. of Manitoba.*

*The Delegates of Masons residing at Tangier.*

Accompanying this circular is the "Masonic Appeal" referred to, signed by sixty Masons of Tangier, but which is too voluminous to be here copied; also a copy of *The Times of Morocco*, a newspaper published in the English language in Tangier, in which is a marked editorial containing an alleged statement of the facts in connection with the proposed removal of Colonel Mathews, the United States Consul at Tangier. These documents are submitted to you for such action, if any, as you may see proper to take.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

I have accredited R. W. Bro. Milton J. Hull, Grand Senior Warden, as a representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec near this Grand Lodge.

#### FRATERNAL DEAD.

On the 29th day of June, 1885, I received notice of the death of R. W. John Farran Regnault, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



In the death of this brother Freemasonry at large has suffered a loss which cannot be repaired. It is said that among his last intelligent words, which he dictated and requested to be written, were: "No one has honored Masonry more than I have since I commenced my Masonic career in 1844. I have made it the study of my life." This leaves us a precious legacy. If all Masons would study Masonry more they would be better men and better Masons.

Under date of March 27, 1886. I received at the hands of the Grand Secretary a notification of the death of R.·W.·Bro.· William H. Root, late Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and our representative near that Grand Lodge. Of our illustrious brother I can say nothing more fittingly than the following extract from the obituary notice received from his Grand Master: "Ever prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duty, he served the Craft with marked ability, and to his untiring efforts may be attributed, in a large measure, the present prosperity of the Grand Lodge."

These notices have received proper attention by me, and I recommend that suitable action be taken by the Grand Lodge that the names of these illustrious Masons and such others of the Craft who may have passed away may be perpetuated in our records.

The labors of the Grand Master of Nebraska are indeed laborious and perplexing. Much of this labor might be removed by the adoption of a systematic and methodical course in the transaction of the business of his office. Much valuable time is lost in answering questions upon Masonic law which have been repeatedly settled and decided by this Grand Lodge at its previous sessions. But the condition of our laws is such that they are practically worthless in their present form. If we cannot procure the codification and rearrangement of our laws and decisions, then let us procure them to be properly indexed, and provided with marginal notes, so that a decision or clause in our constitution or by-laws may be found without being required to read the whole.

The requirement that Masters "cause to be read in open Lodge the constitution, rules, decisions, and proceedings of the Grand Lodge," is, to my mind, wholly nugatory and unreasonable. What Master in his right mind would undertake to hold his lodge in session while he or some brother selected by him would read the Blue Book of 1882, "Law of Masonry," through? And then add to that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Such an undertaking would be wholly impracticable. It will not, it cannot, be done. Let us simplify our laws, so that the decisions and enactments on a given subject may be found.

Another source of great labor and annoyance to the Grand Master is the procedure in the formation of lodges under dispensation. As the custom now is, the blank petition is furnished by the Grand Secretary; the petitioners sign it and attach thereto as many demits and certificates of membership as they may have at hand. These are sent to the Grand Master with the assurance that demits, etc., will be forwarded as they are received by the brethren. He returns the petition that it may be indorsed by the nearest

lodge. It is finally returned to him indorsed and he sends it to the Grand Custodian for his recommendation. The proposed lodge is possibly a long distance from the home of the Grand Custodian and some time is necessarily taken by him in writing or otherwise ascertaining the propriety of establishing it. During this time repeated demands are made of the Grand Master to know, "Why they are put off so long," and why the dispensation has not been issued, etc. To remedy this defect in our system of organizing new lodges, I suggest that all petitions and other papers seeking the establishment of new lodges be sent to the Grand Secretary and that none be forwarded by him to the Grand Master until the necessary demits, certificates, indorsements, and recommendations are made. The dispensation can then be granted or refused as occasion may require, and the whole be returned at once to the Grand Secretary.

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I will not detain you further by reciting to you the services of our Grand Custodian, W. Bro. Benjamin F. Rawalt. His report must show this. Allow me to say that in Bro. Rawalt I have found an unusually prompt, active, and efficient aid. His earnestness in the work, his zeal for Masonry and his careful discharge of every assigned duty, will endear him to any Grand Master under whom he may labor. To him I am indebted for many acts of kindness and much assistance.

We boast of the ability, fidelity, and tact of our Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Bowen. I am pleased to say that at last he is succeeding in reducing his office to that degree of system for which he has labored so long and so hard. I have found Brother Bowen an ever ready help "in every time of need." His long experience as Grand Secretary, together with his methods and close attention to business, has enabled him to surmount, substantially, every difficulty. To him I feel myself greatly indebted for valuable assistance.

Finally, my Brethren of the Grand Lodge, I have given you a history of my work, and it is before you. That which is good, if any such there be, is offered for your profit. That which is bad, and of which there is much, should be promptly eliminated and corrected by you. I have fallen far short of what I desired to accomplish, but the result is with you as it is. I tender to you, each and all, my thanks for the many acts of kindness you have extended to me, in overlooking my faults and failures, and solicit your forbearance during the remainder of my labors. I restore to you the emblem of authority so generously placed in my hands by you one year ago, with the hope that it may never be tarnished by improper use or abuse, and that our Grand Lodge may continue to prosper in the future as it has done in the past, and that it may fully keep pace with the advancement of our young and growing state, which we all so much admire.

MANOAH B. REESE,

*Grand Master.*

M. W. Brother Daniel H. Wheeler, 6, moved reference of the address to a special committee for subdivision and

recommendation as to consideration, such committee to be appointed by the Grand Master; upon a point of order the Grand Master took the matter under advisement.

The Grand Treasurer made report as follows :

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, June 16, 1886.

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

I herewith submit my report of funds received and disbursed to date.

June 16, 1886, To balance on hand from last report ..	\$13,570 98
Charity Fund .....	258 76
Interest on Charity Fund from June 23,	
1885, to date .....	12 58
May 24, 1886, Received of Grand Secretary .....	1,000 00
May 27, 1886, " " .....	1,005 00
June 2, 1886, " " .....	1,010 00
June 9, 1886, " " .....	1,015 00
June 10, 1886, " " .....	1,020 00
June 11, 1886, " " .....	1,025 00
June 12, 1886, " " .....	1,030 00
June 15, 1886, " " .....	165 79
	\$21,113 11
By Paid Pay Roll, Session 1885.....	\$1,823 12
" Warrants No. 284.....	3 40
" " 285.....	31 00
" " 286.....	50 00
" " 287.....	100 00
" " 288.....	10 00
" " 289.....	50 00
" " 290.....	154 64
" " 291.....	136 13
" " 292.....	48 70
" " 293.....	41 00
" " 294.....	22 75
" " 295.....	100 00
" " 296.....	100 00
" " 297.....	22 00
" " 298.....	85 00
" " 299.....	48 00
" " 300.....	85 00
" " 301.....	50 00
" " 302.....	121 80
" " 303.....	5 25
" " 304.....	85 00
" " 305.....	400 00
" " 306.....	88 50

By Paid Warrants No.	307.....	\$35 00
" "	308.....	100 00
" "	309.....	375 20
" "	310.....	190 55
" "	311.....	85 00
" "	312.....	63 00
" "	313.....	85 00
" "	314.....	55 00
" "	315.....	35 00
" "	316.....	51 00
" "	317.....	85 00
" "	318.....	181 75
" "	319.....	6 00
" "	320.....	110 00
" "	321.....	85 00
" "	322.....	87 90
" "	323.....	85 00
" "	324.....	475 00
" "	325.....	92 20
" "	326.....	500 00
" "	327.....	85 00
" "	328.....	117 00
" "	329.....	85 00
" "	330.....	190 00
" "	331.....	62 75
" "	332.....	138 85
" "	333.....	36 00
" "	334.....	65 00
" "	335.....	50 00
" "	336.....	150 00
" "	337.....	65 00
" "	338.....	36 10
" "	339.....	5 50
" "	340.....	30 00
" "	341.....	73 00
" "	342.....	99 45
" "	343.....	165 25
" "	344.....	48 63
" "	345.....	500 00
" "	346.....	350 45
		<u>\$8,805 87</u>
To balance.....		\$12,307 24

Please find herewith my check, No. 1,886, on the Merchants' National Bank of Omaha, in favor of the Grand Lodge A. F. F. and A. M., certified to by said bank, for twelve thousand three hundred and seven dollars and twenty-four cents (\$12,307.24) for the balance belonging to the Grand Lodge to date, as per this report.

Fraternally submitted,  
C. HARTMAN, *Grand Treasurer.*

M.:W.:Bro.: Daniel H. Wheeler, 6, moved that the report be referred to the same committee contemplated by his motion on the Grand Master's address; this motion was also taken under advisement by the Grand Master.

The following report was presented by the Grand Secretary:

#### THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

During the year considerable progress has been made in matters that needed attention and had become big jobs because deferred. The five hundred dollars appropriated for reprinting our early proceedings prior to 1874 has been expended, and a further appropriation is asked to continue the work. The correspondence necessary before expending the two hundred and fifty dollars for binding has taken time, and the volumes that it is proposed to bind are about ready. The Freemasons of Omaha have provided the Grand Lodge with a fire-proof room for its library and archives, in the second story of Freemasons Hall, a few feet from my office. The room is eighteen by twenty-four feet and fourteen feet high, with thirty-inch walls containing a four-inch air space, arched ceiling and concrete floor, fire-proof doors and windows, substantial and suitable in all respects, and with similar rooms below and above. Under the appropriation of the Grand Lodge and the direction of the Grand Master, I have had built in this room two oak cases for our books, documents, and stereotype plates, each case twenty-four feet long and fourteen feet high, with glazed sliding doors and adjustable shelves, the cost of same and other items of equipment being about seven hundred dollars. The room is now open for your inspection, and my intention and hope is that it will become a favorite resort of our Masonic students. It took several months to systematically transfer to this library and archive room some of the accumulated contents of my office, and much remains to be done in this direction; my office is, however, sufficiently relieved to give room for the prompt transaction of business.

I return hearty thanks to the Grand Lodge for having adopted the recommendation of the committee on Ways and Means, giving me a clerk for seven months of the past year. I have taken much comfort in *promptly* doing my work, and in accomplishing several things that would have been impossible without the assistance granted me. For several years after I became your Secretary I pushed my work—for the last few years the work has pushed me.

I submit:

The votes of our chartered lodges on the amendment to Article XII of the constitution, striking out the words, "*Provided that any subordinate lodge or lodges failing to act upon proposed amendments [to the constitution] and report the same as herein provided, shall be counted as voting in the affirmative.*" The attention of the constituent lodges has been thrice

directed to this matter, yet but seventy-nine have reported their action. I recommend that the votes be referred to a committee for canvass.

The edition of the Black Book for year ending April 30, 1886, is submitted and is ready for distribution, and the representative of each lodge is requested to take one copy home with him. Having compiled this edition with sufficient clerical assistance to write for explanations, and having carefully indexed the twenty-five hundred names contained therein, I am of the opinion that the time has arrived for a thorough revision of the lists A, B, and C, by the lodges, before such revision becomes burdensome or impracticable. I recommend that the lodges be this year required to revise these lists, under the direction of the Grand Secretary and supervision of the Grand Master. In quite a number of lodges three or four names almost identical appear, and a little examination would probably show all four to be the same—thus reducing the index considerably.

I submit the warrants, statements of work, records, proposed by-laws, and petitions for charters from each of the following lodges under dispensation, viz.: Holdrege, Siloam, Custer, Tobias, Cambridge, Valparaiso, Liberty, Evergreen, Davenport, Hartington, and Chadron; also the warrants, statements of work, records, and petitions for continuance under dispensation of Ewing, Valley, and Silver Creek Lodges. The sixteen charters granted last year were issued in ten days after the Grand Lodge closed, and it is hoped those granted this year will issue as promptly.

I submit a list of Master Masons who have died during the year ending April 30, 1886. It is to be regretted that full names and dates cannot be given. [See page 297.]

Petitions for restoration from Champion S. Chase, recommended by Capitol Lodge, No. 3, and from William I. Jones and Benjamin F. Jones, recommended by Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4.

A petition from De Witt Lodge, No. 111, for a new charter to replace the one recently burned.

On closing the ledger accounts on June 10, 1886, the following balances are found, of which the several Lodges have been notified, viz.:

Lodge.	No.	Cr.	Dr.	Lodge.	No.	Cr.	Dr.
Papillion.....	39	...	\$ 5 00	Pomegranate.....	110	...	\$ 28 30
Fairmont.....	48	...	20	Springfield.....	112	.08	....
Charity.....	53	...	3 25	Globe.....	113	...	5 00
Lancaster.....	54	.03	....	Hardy.....	117	.01	....
Keystone .. . . .	62	...	1 75	Jasper.....	122	...	4 75
Aurora .. . . .	68	...	2 25	Guide Rock.....	128	...	33 86
Alexandria.....	74	...	15 00	McCook.....	135	...	19 24
Republican.....	98	.02	....	Crescent.....	143	...	40
Porter.....	106	...	4 20	Chadron.....U.:D.:	...	...	82

I submit an abstract of the reports of the chartered lodges as to the amount of insurance each carries, as required by resolution of the Grand Lodge, and recommend that a committee examine same. It has taken considerable labor to get these reports, and I recommend that the requirement be enforced or repealed:

LODGE No.	On Real Estate.	On Personal Property.	TOTAL.	LODGE No.	On Real Estate.	On Personal Property.	TOTAL.
1	\$400 00	\$.....	\$400 00	77	.....	\$100 00	\$100 00
2	.....	.....	.....	78	.....	225 00	225 00
3	.....	190 00	190 00	79	.....	100 00	100 00
4	.....	.....	.....	81	.....	200 00	200 00
5	.....	600 00	600 00	82	.....	600 00	600 00
6	2,000 00	500 00	2,500 00	83	.....	200 00	200 00
9	400 00	100 00	500 00	84	.....	100 00	100 00
10	800 00	200 00	1,000 00	85	.....	300 00	300 00
11	.....	.....	.....	86	.....	.....	.....
12	.....	50 00	50 00	87	.....	.....	.....
13	.....	500 00	500 00	88	.....	100 00	100 00
14	.....	.....	.....	89	.....	.....	.....
15	.....	800 00	800 00	90	.....	150 00	150 00
17	.....	.....	100 00	91	.....	500 00	500 00
19	.....	300 00	300 00	92	.....	125 00	125 00
21	1,400 00	200 00	1,600 00	93	.....	.....	.....
23	.....	300 00	300 00	94	.....	100 00	100 00
25	.....	185 00	185 00	95	.....	100 00	100 00
26	.....	700 00	700 00	96	.....	.....	.....
27	.....	282 00	282 00	97	.....	200 00	200 00
29	.....	150 00	150 00	98	.....	.....	.....
30	1,500 00	.....	1,500 00	99	\$400 00	100 00	500 00
31	.....	.....	500 00	100	.....	100 00	100 00
32	1,180 00	300 00	1,480 00	101	.....	200 00	200 00
33	.....	300 00	300 00	102	.....	165 00	165 00
34	1,700 00	100 00	1,800 00	103	.....	200 00	200 00
35	.....	.....	.....	104	.....	300 00	300 00
36	400 00	200 00	600 00	105	.....	.....	.....
37	.....	200 00	200 00	106	.....	125 00	125 00
38	.....	300 00	300 00	107	.....	75 00	75 00
39	.....	.....	.....	108	.....	100 00	100 00
40	.....	250 00	250 00	109	.....	250 00	250 00
41	.....	500 00	500 00	110	.....	200 00	200 00
42	500 00	210 00	710 00	111	.....	100 00	100 00
43	775 00	175 00	950 00	112	.....	.....	.....
44	.....	200 00	200 00	113	.....	100 00	100 00
45	.....	75 00	75 00	114	.....	100 00	100 00
46	2,000 00	350 00	2,350 00	115	.....	.....	.....
47	.....	.....	.....	116	.....	.....	.....
48	800 00	200 00	1,000 00	117	.....	150 00	150 00
49	.....	400 00	400 00	118	.....	.....	.....
50	.....	450 00	450 00	119	.....	350 00	350 00
51	300 00	200 00	600 00	120	.....	200 00	200 00
52	.....	200 00	200 00	121	.....	250 00	250 00
53	.....	.....	.....	122	.....	300 00	300 00
54	.....	500 00	500 00	123	.....	200 00	200 00
55	.....	200 00	200 00	124	.....	.....	.....
56	.....	150 00	150 00	125	.....	.....	.....
57	.....	100 00	100 00	126	.....	250 00	250 00
58	.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	127	.....	200 00	200 00
59	.....	200 00	200 00	128	.....	.....	.....
60	.....	.....	.....	129	.....	85 00	85 00
61	.....	300 00	300 00	130	750 00	300 00	1,050 00
62	.....	.....	.....	131	.....	.....	.....
63	.....	.....	.....	132	.....	250 00	250 00
64	.....	350 00	350 00	133	.....	.....	.....
65	.....	100 00	100 00	134	.....	.....	.....
66	.....	.....	.....	135	.....	.....	.....
67	.....	250 00	250 00	136	.....	100 00	100 00
68	.....	175 00	175 00	137	.....	.....	.....
69	.....	.....	.....	138	.....	100 00	100 00
70	.....	.....	250 00	139	.....	100 00	100 00
71	.....	120 00	120 00	140	.....	100 00	100 00
72	.....	100 00	100 00	141	.....	.....	.....
73	.....	250 00	250 00	142	.....	.....	.....
74	.....	100 00	100 00	143	.....	50 00	50 00
75	1,200 00	.....	1,200 00	144	.....	.....	.....
76	.....	100 00	100 00	145	.....	225 00	225 00

As an amendment to our by-laws will come up for your consideration, reducing the annual dues from seventy-five cents to sixty cents per capita (which, to a lodge that promptly forwards its returns, means a reduction from the present fifty cents to thirty-five cents) I present an

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM 5871 TO 5885 INCLUSIVE.

Year.	Income.	Outgo.	Balance Each year.	Balance inclusive of previous years.
5871.....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ 203 47	\$ 203 47
5872 .....	2,760 60	2,014 50	746 10	949 57
5873 .....	3,396 15	996 57	2,399 58	3,349 15
5874 .....	4,076 13	4,190 69	—114 56	3,234 59
5875.....	3,664 75	5,757 14	—2,092 39	1,142 20
5876.....	3,517 15	4,462 82	—945 67	196 53
5877.....	3,229 40	3,415 93	—186 53	00
5878.....	3,688 89	2,918 03	711 11	711 11
5879.....	3,383 46	1,984 48	1,398 98	2,110 09
5880.....	3,785 23	2,413 08	1,372 15	3,482 24
5881.....	4,511 94	3,875 36	636 58	4,118 82
5882.....	5,223 65	1,941 20	3,282 45	7,401 27
5883.....	6,361 69	4,998 91	1,362 78	8,764 65
5884.....	7,250 27	4,297 36	2,952 91	11,716 96
5885.....	6,853 99	4,797 97	2,056 02	13,772 98
Average.....	<u>\$4,407 38</u>	<u>\$3,433 14</u>		<u>\$974 14</u>

The gist of the above statement is that for fifteen years our average net accumulation has been about \$975.00 per annum.

I submit lists of Nebraska lodges arranged by names, by towns, and by counties; also a list of *approved* lodge seals and an index of the emblems used, also my suggestive code of lodge by-laws. [See pages 299 to 314.]

I recommend:

That the Grand Secretary be prohibited from authenticating any diploma that does not bear the signature of the brother to whom it is to be issued.

That the following by-law be adopted: Section —. Each lodge created by the Grand Master shall be furnished, without charge, twenty-five blank petitions for initiation, and one book of blank orders on the treasurer.

Fraternally,

WM. R. BOWEN,

*Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Custodian submitted the following report:

HASTINGS, NEB., June 16, 5885.

To M.: W.: *Manoah B. Reese, Gr.: Mr.: and M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

BRETHREN,—We have arrived at the close of another Masonic year, and as we pause a moment to rest and refresh ourselves on our journey, let us



review the work of the year in the Masonic vineyard. First let us devoutly return thanks to our Heavenly Father for health and the enjoyment of our faculties, which He, in His infinite love, permits us to enjoy. Upon looking over our field of labor we find peace, and with but few exceptions, harmony exists throughout the lodges of Nebraska. Also I find in my visitations among the brethren there exists a desire to conform to all the instructions in the work. The one absorbing desire as shown is to know what is the work, and then to perfect themselves in the same. The heretofore question of, "Why is it thus?" or, "It was so and so in the state where I was made a Mason," has almost ceased to be asked, and in the place of such questions the brothers are anxious to get the wording of our work perfect, all of which, to my mind, is encouraging, and shows that the principles of Freemasonry are being practiced, and the result will be that in a short time we will have a uniform work in all our lodges, and the effect of such will be a greater degree of harmony and consequently of interest in the Fraternity, and Masons will be known and distinguished from the "profanes" by their acts of love and good will shown by their intercourse with each other and the world.

The past year I have visited and instructed as many of the lodges as my business relations would permit, yet not as many as I would like to have done, and in all the visiting and instructions have received kind and courteous treatment, the memory of which will be remembered with feelings of thankfulness. On June 27, 1885, by request, I installed the officers of Hastings Lodge, No. 50. After the installation ceremony we were invited and participated in a banquet prepared by the brethren, for which the brethren of Hastings Lodge are celebrated. On July 4 I attached my certificate to the petition of the brethren for a new lodge at Broken Bow, Custer county, Nebraska, who had been examined by P. G. M. Alfred G. Hastings, and who were also recommended by Thistle Lodge, No. 61. On July 6 I visited and instructed Mosaic Lodge, No. 55, at Norfolk, Neb. On July 10 I visited Cambridge, Neb., by order of W. M. Manoah B. Reese, and examined into certain complaints which had been made against the granting of a dispensation for a new lodge at that place, a report of which I made to the Grand Master at that time, which showed the complaint was of a personal nature and should not have been made, which the records of said lodge will show. On July 13, in company with P. M. Joseph Myre, of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, I visited Fairfield Lodge, No. 84, and conferred the P. M. degree upon the Master-elect, Brother A. A. Randall, and installed their officers. On July 16 I visited Arapahoe Lodge, No. 109, and with the assistance of P. Ms. Andrew J. McPeak and George J. Burgess, I conferred the P. M. degree upon their Master-elect, Brother Alvin Y. Wright, and installed their officers and gave their Lodge instruction. On July 20, by invitation of Cedar River Lodge, No. 89, I visited Fullerton, in company with Brothers E. C. Webster and C. C. Rittenhouse, and publicly installed their officers in the presence of the families and immediate friends of the brethren, in their lodge room, which was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion, after which we were invited and partook

of one of the grandest banquets of the season, for which the brethren of Cedar River are famed both far and wide. The remainder of the evening was spent in forming new and strengthening old acquaintances, social conversation, and dance. This was one of the most enjoyable and pleasant occasions of the year, the recollection of which causes the heart to desire a recurrence of the same, and to pray that peace, happiness, and prosperity may ever be the lot of Cedar River Lodge, No. 89, and of the Craft throughout the world. July 24 I visited and instructed Cambridge Lodge, U. S. D., July 25, by invitation, I visited Indianola, and publicly installed the officers of Indianola Lodge, No. 123, after which we participated in a banquet spread in a beautiful grove adjoining the town, by the wives and daughters of the brethren, which was enjoyed by all who partook, and while thus engaged was constrained to say it is marvelous to witness and partake of such elegant luxuries in what a few years ago was a desert. This occasion shows that with the advent of Masonry comes culture, refinement, and all that is necessary for a happy and prosperous community. To the wives and daughters of the Brethren of Indianola Lodge, No. 123, I would say, this occasion has been one of pleasure long to be remembered, made so by the culinary perfection of the delicacies provided, which the one who could excel might well be proud. On July 24 I assisted W. S. Brother M. W. Stone in constituting Rawalt Lodge, No. 138, at Oxford, and installing their officers. On the evening of the 25th I assisted the same Brother in constituting McCook Lodge, No. 135, and installing their officers. August 3 I constituted Bancroft Lodge, No. 145, and installed their officers. August 4 I constituted Scribner Lodge, No. 132, and installed their officers. August 6 I visited Ainsworth and constituted Ark and Anchor Lodge, No. 131, installed their officers, instructed them in the work, and conferred the M. S. M. S. degree. October 7 I had the pleasure of visiting the M. S. W. S. Grand Lodge of Illinois, in session in Chicago, forming the acquaintance of many brethren of that jurisdiction, meeting there the Grand Masters of Michigan, Wyoming Territory, and the Deputy G. S. M. S. of Texas. I am under special obligation to R. S. W. S. L. L. Munn, Grand Secretary of Illinois, for courtesies extended me while there. December 10, 11, and 12 I held a Grand Custodian's lodge in the hall of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, at which there were twenty-five Lodges represented, with an attendance of sixty-five. On December 17, 18, and 19 I held a Grand Custodian's Lodge in the hall of Fremont Lodge, No. 15, at which there were twenty-four lodges represented, and an attendance of eighty-seven. The M. S. W. S. Manoah B. Reese and R. S. W. S. Charles K. Coutant, D. S. G. S. M. S., were present during a part of the time, and gave me their valuable assistance, for which I am truly under obligations.

During the year I examined the new halls at Arapahoe, Neb., Phillips, Neb., Fairfield, Neb., Steele City, Neb., and Wilsonville, Neb., all of which I found to be secure and arranged for the workings of the lodges.

It affords me pleasure to report that the work and lectures in the lodges I have visited are well conferred; that a marked advance is made by the officers of the lodges toward a uniform work since the edict of —

I am under special obligations to P.:G.:M.: J. J. Wemple, W.: Bro.: D. M. McElhinney, of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, and W.:Bro.: Martin Ennis, of Doniphan Lodge, No. 86, and Bro.: W. S. McKinney, of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, who so kindly assisted me in performing work which was waiting when I was sick and unable to travel; also W.:Bro.: A. Samuel, of Wymore Lodge, No. 104.

In closing, I am constrained to return thanks to the M.:W.: Grand Master and to all the officers and brethren who have so kindly assisted me in my labors, and have by their every act of kindness endeared themselves to me; that I rejoice that I have been accounted worthy and competent to fill this honorable station, and especially am I under obligations to the officers of the B. & M. and U. P. Railroads for courtesies extended, which have greatly benefited the Masonic Fraternity; and we appreciate these kindnesses. And now may the peace of God, our Heavenly Father, rest and abide upon us all.

Fraternally yours,

BENJAMIN F. RAWALT,

*Grand Custodian.*

The address of the Grand Master and the foregoing reports had been in the hands of the standing committee on the Doings of Grand Office-bearers since morning.

R.:W.:Bro.: Eben K. Long made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Returns hereby report that they have examined the reports of the various lodges, both chartered and under dispensation, and find them in such condition that an experienced person can evolve an approximation to a correct statement of the work and condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction during the current year. Some of the Secretaries fail to pay attention to the instructions printed on the head of each page in the Returns, and therefore are liable to make omissions which may appear to them *slight*, but which impose a great amount of labor on the committee.

The peculiar fault shown to the greatest extent this year is in reporting Fellow Crafts and Master Masons who do not appear to have received the previous degrees, and report advancements elsewhere without giving names therefore, and the committee are obliged to *guess* that the name that does not *check* is the one referred to.

The statement of work as shown by the accompanying sheets may be summarized as follows, viz. :

Initiated.....	622
Passed .....	569
Raised.....	— 535
Admitted.....	874
Reinstated.....	37
Gain by other causes.....	4

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1,450

Number brought forward .....	1,450
Demitted .....	421
Died .....	44
Suspended .....	123
Expelled .....	8
Loss by other causes .....	3
	599
Gained during the year .....	851
Amount dues .....	\$4,372 50
“ fees .....	3,115 00
	\$7,487 50
Less surplus of credits over debits .....	1,012 25
	\$6,475 25
Less excess of credits allowed this year.....	1,335 65
Amount available to use of Grand Lodge.....	\$5,139 60

Your committee recommends the following amounts as credits be allowed the several lodges for general correctness of returns and promptness in forwarding same;

No. of Lodge.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	Amount.
No. 1. ....	\$ 1 74	No. 35.....	\$13 50
“ 2.....	28 29	“ 36.....	21 75
“ 3.....	53 00	“ 37.....	18 00
“ 4.....	14 00	“ 38.....	18 75
“ 5.....	11 50	“ 39.....	9 00
“ 6.....	25 20	“ 40.....	12 75
“ 9.....	22 00	“ 41.....	6 00
“ 10.....	6 50	“ 42.....	9 89
“ 11.....	36 50	“ 43.....	15 00
“ 12.....	5 94	“ 44.....	13 00
“ 13.....	5 00	“ 45.....	6 75
“ 14.....	4 00	“ 46.....	26 75
“ 15.....	17 25	“ 47.....	6 21
“ 17.....	21 50	“ 48.....	10 25
“ 19.....	45 00	“ 49.....	16 75
“ 21.....	24 50	“ 50.....	27 25
“ 23.....	13 50	“ 51.....	14 50
“ 25.....	37 49	“ 52.....	8 50
“ 26.....	25 00	“ 53.....	16 75
“ 27.....	7 59	“ 54.....	29 75
“ 29.....	10 50	“ 55.....	11 75
“ 30.....	4 73	“ 56.....	15 75
“ 31.....	16 75	“ 57.....	7 95
“ 32.....	23 00	“ 58.....	9 00
“ 33.....	33 75	“ 59.....	15 25
“ 34.....	16 50	“ 60.....	9 00

No. of Lodge.	Amount.	No. of Lodge.	Amount.
No. 61.....	\$13 11	No. 99.....	\$6 25
“ 62.....	4 55	“ 100.....	8 74
“ 63.....	7 25	“ 101.....	11 50
“ 64.....	10 64	“ 102.....	6 21
“ 65.....	13 00	“ 103.....	10 25
“ 66.....	5 25	“ 104.....	10 25
“ 67.....	15 00	“ 105.....	7 50
“ 68.....	9 25	“ 106.....	3 64
“ 70.....	8 50	“ 107.....	5 00
“ 71.....	9 51	“ 108.....	5 25
“ 72.....	10 00	“ 109.....	7 20
“ 73.....	9 31	“ 110.....	9 00
“ 74.....	8 00	“ 111.....	8 75
“ 75.....	10 25	“ 112.....	2 94
“ 76.....	5 32	“ 113.....	5 51
“ 77.....	10 00	“ 114.....	3 99
“ 78.....	12 50	“ 115.....	3 20
“ 79.....	11 50	“ 116.....	6 00
“ 81.....	5 80	“ 117.....	2 73
“ 82.....	17 50	“ 118.....	4 50
“ 83.....	6 50	“ 119.....	4 93
“ 84.....	9 25	“ 120.....	6 25
“ 85.....	18 50	“ 121.....	5 75
“ 86.....	5 50	“ 122.....	4 75
“ 87.....	3 60	“ 123.....	8 25
“ 88.....	6 00	“ 124.....	5 20
“ 89.....	5 40	“ 125.....	4 14
“ 90.....	4 20	“ 126.....	2 55
“ 91.....	5 25	“ 127.....	4 50
“ 92.....	8 50	“ 128.....	1 87
“ 93.....	7 25	“ 129.....	1 04
“ 94.....	2 40		
“ 96.....	8 50		
“ 97.....	6 15		
			\$1,351 41

We also report the following penalties, as per resolution of Grand Lodge, for failure in forwarding reports so as to reach Grand Secretary's office on or before May 31:

Lodge No. 69.....	\$2 05
“ “ 95.....	3 73
“ “ 98.....	98
“ “ 133.....	2 00
“ “ 139.....	50
“ “ 141.....	50
“ “ 145.....	6 00
Total.....	\$15 76

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.						FELLOW CRAFTS.						
		Gain.			Loss.			Gain.			Loss.			
		No. May 1, 5885.		Total.	No. May 1, 5885.		Total.	No. May 1, 5885.		Total.	No. May 1, 5885.		Total.	
		By Initiation.	Otherwise.		By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.		By Death.	Other Causes.		By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.		By Death.
Nebraska	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Western Star	2	9	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	1	4	4	4	4
Capitol	3	31	5	5	5	5	31	2	5	5	5	3	3	10
Nemaha Valley	4	14	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Omadi	5	4	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Plattsmouth	6	20	4	4	4	4	20	1	4	1	5	4	4	2
Falls City	9	14	4	4	3	1	4	14	2	3	3	2	2	3
Solomon	10	5	1	1	1	1	3	5	1	1	1	1	1	1
Covert	11	28	10	10	11	1	2	14	24	12	11	10	10	13
Nebraska City	12	6	1	1	1	1	6	3	3	1	1	1	1	2
Orient	13	12	1	1	1	1	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Peru	14	14	1	1	1	1	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fremont	15	6	2	2	3	3	5	2	3	3	3	3	3	2
Tecumseh	17	10	2	2	1	1	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Lincoln	19	11	4	4	5	5	10	6	5	5	7	7	7	4
Washington	21	3	2	2	1	1	4	4	1	1	3	1	1	1
Pawnee	23	5	5	5	5	5	3	1	2	1	3	3	3	1
St. Johns	25	21	14	14	7	7	28	8	7	8	10	10	10	6
Beatrice	26	20	7	7	10	1	12	15	1	9	10	5	5	6
Jordan	27	5	4	4	1	2	3	6	8	1	1	5	5	4
Hope	29	4	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	4
Blue River	30	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tekamah	31	3	3	3	3	3	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1
Platte Valley	32	7	1	1	2	2	6	1	2	2	1	1	2	1
Ashlar	33	22	8	8	11	15	1	16	17	3	15	15	16	2
Acacia	34	5	9	9	8	8	10	4	8	8	7	7	7	5
Fairbury	35	9	3	3	3	3	9	2	2	3	3	3	3	2
Lone Tree	36	5	2	2	3	3	4	3	2	3	3	4	4	2
Crete	37	5	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	2	4
Oliver	38	7	8	8	8	8	7	1	8	8	9	9	9	1
Papillion	39	3	2	2	1	1	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	5
Humboldt	40	3	5	1	6	6	3	2	6	6	5	5	5	3
Northern Light	41	3	3	3	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Juniata	42	11	6	6	3	3	14	2	3	3	2	2	2	5
Hebron	43	9	6	6	6	6	9	1	6	6	6	6	6	1
Harvard	44	1	7	7	7	7	1	2	7	7	7	7	7	2
Palmyra	45	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Rob Morris	46	10	6	6	4	3	7	9	2	4	4	5	5	1
Salem	47	3	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Fairmont	48	11	5	5	6	6	10	1	6	6	3	3	3	4
Evening Star	49	4	3	3	4	4	3	1	1	4	3	3	3	2
Hastings	50	6	10	10	6	6	10	2	6	6	5	5	5	3
Fidelity	51	9	4	4	3	1	4	9	5	3	3	4	4	4
Hiram	52	4	9	9	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	1
Charity	53	8	3	3	1	1	6	1	6	6	4	4	4	3
Lancaster	54	10	10	10	6	6	14	8	6	6	6	6	6	13
Mosaic	55	4	3	3	2	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
York	56	13	15	1	16	18	18	11	1	18	18	16	16	3
Mt. Moriah	57	3	4	4	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Lebanon	58	9	3	3	1	1	11	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Wahoo	59	7	3	3	4	1	5	5	6	4	4	9	10	1
Melrose	60	10	3	3	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Thistle	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Keystone	62	3	6	6	6	6	3	3	6	6	5	1	1	7
Riverton	63	8	5	5	5	1	6	7	4	5	5	6	6	3
Blue Valley	64	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	3	1
Osceola	65	7	5	5	7	7	7	2	1	7	7	7	7	1
Livingstone	66	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5886.

SUSP. MASTER MASONS.							MASTER MASONS.							GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.						
No. May 1, 5885.	Gain.		Loss.		No. on Rolls April 30, 5886.	No. May 1, 5885.	Gain.			Loss.			No. on Rolls April 30, 5886.	Am'ts Due Lodges on Old Accounts.	Am'ts Due Gr. Lodge on Old Accounts.	Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Am'ts Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5886.	No. of Lodge.	
	By Suspension.	Total.	Reinstatement.	By Death.			By Expulsion.	By Raising.	By Admission.	Reinstatement.	Other Causes.	Total.								By Demission.
3					13	29								1	28	7 50	21 75	10 00	24 25	1
16					15	123								5	124	28 10	92 25	10 00	74 15	2
51					53	212	3	10						5	220	54 00	150 00	25 00	130 00	3
17					18	56	1							4	53	14 75	42 00		27 25	4
2					1	46	2		1					1	48	12 00	34 50	5 00	27 50	5
7					7	105	4	9						3	115	25 75	78 75	20 00	73 00	6
7					7	88	2	2						1	90	22 25	66 00	20 00	63 75	9
1					1	26								1	24	6 75	19 50		12 75	10
63					75	146	10	15	2					18	155	30 00	109 50	50 00	139 50	11
14					10	33	1							34	8 75	24 75		16 00	12	
9					9	20								2	18	5 00	15 00		10 00	13
6					5	16								1	16	4 00	12 00		8 00	14
12					10	115	2	12	1					13	118	11 88	86 25	10 00	99 10	15
19					18	86	1	5	1					6	87	21 50	64 50	10 00	53 00	17
40					49	180	7	6	1					16	178	40 50	135 00	20 00	114 50	19
5					5	98	3	4	1					4	102	22 25	73 50	10 00	61 25	21
11					10	54	3	3	3					4	56	8 62	40 50	25 00	56 88	23
29					28	103	10							2	177	39 75	122 25	70 00	132 50	25
22					24	100	5	10	1					17	99	23 08	75 00	35 00	86 92	26
5					5	33	5	1						1	38	9 25	24 75	20 00	35 50	27
9					9	42								3	39	10 75	31 50	5 00	25 75	29
1					1	43								1	42	9 75	32 25		22 50	30
2					2	67	1	4						2	70	16 25	50 25	15 00	49 00	31
18					31	92	1							17	80	23 46	69 00	5 00	50 54	32
3					14	135	16							15	139	30 00	101 25	40 00	111 25	33
11					9	66	7	1	2					3	73	15 75	49 50	45 00	78 75	34
4					1	54	3	4	1					4	56	12 15	40 50	15 00	43 35	35
11					13	87	4	2	1					16	82	22 00	65 25	10 00	53 25	36
12					10	72	1							4	70	10 61	54 00	5 00	48 39	37
5					5	75	9	3	1					8	80	16 75	56 25	40 00	79 50	38
4					4	36	1							2	35	6 84	27 00	10 00	30 16	39
3					1	51								1	56	12 00	38 25	25 00	51 25	40
13					11	24	1							3	23	5 25	18 00	15 00	27 75	41
7					5	43	2	1	2					3	45	6 40	32 25	30 00	55 85	42
4					4	60	6	8						2	72	8 98	45 00	30 00	66 02	43
2					2	52	7	1						13	47	12 25	39 00	35 00	61 75	44
11					13	27	2							3	27	6 25	20 25	10 00	24 00	45
6					6	107	5	13	1					13	114	26 70	80 25	30 00	83 40	46
15					16	27								2	25	3 62	20 25	5 00	21 63	47
6					6	41	3	4						6	43	9 90	30 75	25 00	45 85	48
8					8	67	3							2	68	16 86	50 25	15 00	48 39	49
1					1	109	5	5	1					3	117	21 62	81 75	50 00	110 13	50
6					15	58	4	1						10	53	13 00	43 50	20 00	50 50	50
11					11	34	7							3	38	4 99	25 50	45 00	65 51	52
12					11	87	4	2						3	70	13 55	50 25	15 00	51 70	53
3					3	119	13	6						10	128	25 63	89 25	50 00	113 62	54
4					3	47	2	4	1					1	53	11 75	35 25	15 00	38 50	55
5					5	63	16	10						1	88	7 25	47 25	15 00	115 00	56
1					1	53								3	50	13 00	39 75	20 00	46 75	57
7					7	50	1	4	1					6	50	12 00	37 50	15 00	40 50	58
1					1	61	9	1						4	68	15 25	45 75	15 00	45 50	59
3					3	36	1	2	1					1	35	11 00	27 00	15 00	31 00	60
1					11	57								9	50	11 70	42 75		31 05	61
2					2	35	5							1	39	6 00	26 25	30 00	50 25	62
5					5	29	6	1	1					6	31	7 50	21 75	25 00	39 25	63
4					2	56	3							9	52	13 10	42 00	5 00	33 90	64
1					1	52	7	5						1	63	6 69	39 00	25 00	57 31	65
1					21	21								21	21	4 20	15 75		11 55	66

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodges.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.						FELLOW CRAFTS.														
		Gain.			Loss.			Gain.			Loss.											
		No. May 1, 1885.	By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1886.	No. May 1, 1885.	By Passing.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1886.	
Edgar	67	7			1						6	1	1	1								
Aurora	68	6	17	17	12					12	11	1	12	1	13	12					12	2
Fortitude	69	1	1	1	1					1	1	1	1	1	1					1		
Sterling	70	6	5	5	4					4	7		4	4	4					3	1	
Trowel	71	11	9	9	6					6	14	1	6	6	6					3	4	
Hooper	72	7	1	1	2	1				2	2	2	2	1	3	3	1			4	1	
Friend	73	5	3	3	5					5	3		3	2	2	2				4	2	
Alexandria	74	3	2	2	2					2	4		2	2	2	2				2	2	
Frank Welch	75	3	2	2	2					2	4		2	2	2	1				1	2	
Joppa	76	4	3	3	2					2	5		4	4	2	5				2	1	
Nelson	77	5	2	2	3	1				4	3		3	2	5	5				5	5	
Albion	78	7	3	3	1					1	9		2	1	1	1				1	2	
Geneva	79	2	7	7	2	6				6	9		1	6	6	6				6	1	
Composite	81	2	3	3	3					3	3		3	3	3	3				3	3	
Saint Paul	82	1	6	6	5	1				6	2		1	5	5	5				3	5	1
Corinthian	83	5	5	5	5	2				7	3		1	5	5	3				3	3	
Fairfield	84	7	6	6	5					5	8		1	5	5	6				6	4	
Tyre	85	6	4	4	4	1				5	5		1	4	4	4				4	4	
Doniphan	86	3	1	1	2					2	2		1	2	2	2				2	1	
Ionic	87	4									4		2								2	
Star	88	6			2					2	4		4	2	2	5				5	1	
Cedar River	89	5	1	1	2					2	4		1	2	1	2				2	2	
Elk Creek	90	2	2	2	2					2	2		2	2	2	2				2	2	
Oakland	91	1	1	1	1					1	1		1	1	1					1	2	
Hubbell	92	2	1	1	1					1	2		2	1	1	2				2	2	
Beaver City	93	4	3	3	3					3	4		1	3	3	4				4	1	
Bennett	94	5	4	4	2	1				3	4		2	2	2	2				1	1	
Garfield	95	2	1	1	4					3	3		3	2	2	2				2	1	
Utica	96	2	1	1	2					2	1		3	2	2	2				2	1	
Euclid	97	1	1	1	1					1	1		1	1	1	1				1	1	
Republican	98	1								1												
Shelton	99	4	5	5	4					4	5		4	4	4					4	2	
Creighton	100	1	1	1	1					1	1		2	1	1	1				1	2	
Ponca	101	2	4	4	3					3	3		3	3	3	1				1	2	
Waterloo	102	3	6	6	7					7	2		1	7	7					7	1	
Ord	103	5	0	9	8					8	6		8	8	4					4	4	
Wymore	104	5	10	10	9	1				10	5		3	9	9	9				9	3	
Stella	105	3	1	1	1					3	4		2	2	2	2				2	2	
Porter	106	6	1	1	2	1				3	4		2	2	2	2				2	2	
Steele City	107	1	1	1	1	1				2			1	1							1	
Table Rock	108	2	1	1	2					2	1		1	2	2	1				1	2	
Arapahoe	109	1	1	1	1	1				1	1		1	1	1	2				2	2	
Pomegranate	110	1	2	3	2					2	2		2	2	2	1				1	1	
De Witt	111	4	4	4	4					4	4		2	4	4	3				3	3	
Springfield	112	2	1	2	2					2	2		2	2	2	1				1	1	
Globe	113		5	5	5					5	3		1	2	3	3				3	1	
Wisner	114	2	3	2	5	6				6	1		1	6	6	3				3	4	
Brainard	115	2	2	2	1					1	1		1	1	1	1				1	1	
Harlan	116	2	6	6	6					6	2		1	6	6	6				6	1	
Hardy	117	3	5	5	5					5	3		3	5	5	7				7	1	
Doric	118		7	7	5					5	2		3	5	5	2				2	3	
North Bend	119	4	9	9	10					10	3		1	10	10	10				10	1	
Wayne	120		4	5	2					2	3		2	2	2	2	1			3	1	
Superior	121	1	5	5	4	1				5	1		2	4	4	4				4	2	
Jasper	122	1	6	7	8					8	8		8	8	8	7				7	1	
Indianola	123	3	13	13	12					12	4		13	12	11					11	1	
Auturn	124		2	1	3	3				3	4		1	3	3	2				2	2	
Mount Nebo	125	4	3	3	4					4	3		2	4	4	3				3	3	
Stromsburg	126	3	2	1	3	5				5	1		2	5	5	4				4	1	
Minden	127	6	7	7	9					9	4		2	9	9	6				6	5	



NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 5886. — *Continued.*

SUSP. MASTER MASONS.						MASTER MASONS.						GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.					
Gain.			Loss.			Gain.			Loss.			Amount Due Lodges on Old Accounts.	Am't. Due Gr. Lodge on Old Accounts.	Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Am't. Due Gr. Lodge April 30, 5886.	No. of Lodge.
No. May 1, 5885.	By Suspension.	Total.	No. May 1, 5885.	By Reinstatement.	Total.	No. May 1, 5885.	By Admission.	Total.	No. May 1, 5885.	By Demission.	Total.						
1	1	1	2	60	2	2	4	1	6	56	14 60	45 00	30 50	67			
1	1	1	2	37	12	23	3	5	4	56	27 75	85 00	126 27	68			
2	1	1	3	23	2	3	1	1	6	20	1 74	17 25	20 51	69			
2	1	1	3	34	3	4	1	1	1	37	9 25	25 50	41 25	70			
2	1	1	3	39	3	9	1	1	3	45	7 98	29 25	60 27	71			
3	1	1	4	40	3	3	7	2	7	36	2 31	30 00	32 69	72			
3	1	1	4	49	4	6	2	2	2	53	10 75	36 75	41 00	73			
3	1	1	4	32	2	1	3	4	3	28	6 89	24 00	40 89	74			
3	1	1	4	21	1	6	9	2	2	46	10 25	30 75	35 50	75			
3	1	1	4	48	5	2	2	2	2	33	6 15	21 00	29 85	76			
4	1	1	5	40	5	5	2	2	2	43	2 78	30 00	37 22	77			
4	1	1	5	50	1	5	2	2	7	48	12 00	37 50	40 50	78			
4	1	1	5	46	6	12	2	2	5	52	2 12	34 50	67 38	79			
4	1	1	5	29	3	17	2	2	3	33	6 44	21 75	30 31	81			
4	1	1	5	70	5	8	2	2	4	74	14 50	52 50	68 00	82			
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5	1	1	6	74	4	5	9	1	10	69	8 80	55 50	66 70	85			
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5	1	1	6	14	1	2	1	1	1	15	6 42	10 50	5 00	21 92	112		
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5	1	1	6	16	1	10	1	1	1	17	28	18 00	10 00	22 55	115		
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5	1	1	6	21	7	10	3	1	5	26	59	15 75	25 00	41 34	117		
5	1	1	6	18	2	3	1	1	1	21	5 20	13 50	35 00	53 79	118		
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5	1	1	6	18	6	14	1	1	1	31	13 50	35 00	48 50	127			

M. W. Bro. Robert W. Furnas laid before the Grand Lodge the following report, which was referred to the committee on Ways and Means:

REPORT TRUSTEES ORPHAN FUND TO DATE, MAY 31, 1886.  
*To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Aware that there is some anxiety concerning this fund and its management, growing measurably, I am assured, out of a want of full and proper knowledge of all the facts in connection with it, as a member of the Board of Trustees having in hand its active management, I desire and aim that this annual report be as full and detailed as possible to make it, and to submit to your committee on Accounts, or if you please, a select committee for that special purpose, all the facts, papers, and documents connected therewith. To this end, and without making the report over-voluminous, and to be regarded as part of this, I refer first, to my report June, 1884, pages 41, 42, and 43, printed proceedings of that year.

The report June, 1885, pages 149 and 150 printed proceedings of that year, showed:

Cash on hand .....	\$2,065 81
G. B. Graff loan .....	1,891 76
R. W. Furnas loan .....	1,636 58
Omaha Temple Craft loan .....	6,574 22
Wm. R. Bowen loan .....	2,843 57
D. C. Cole loan .....	478 29
Total .....	\$15,490 23

Circumstances beyond my power to control prevented complying with the requirements of resolutions, page 186 printed proceedings 1885 within the time limited therein named. Therefore I did not attempt to do so until now.

July 3, 1885, the Omaha Temple Craft loan, principal and interest to that date, was paid, \$6,613.59.

May 18, 1886, the W. R. Bowen loan, principal and interest to date, was paid, \$3,062.87.

I have received interest on bank deposit, \$44.07.

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge I have made the following loans. In compliance with instructions of the Grand Lodge, these loans have all been made on improved farm property—real estate.

November 2, 1885, loan \$1,000, 5 years, 10 per cent interest, to William Chambers, secured by mortgage on 115 acres improved farm land, valued at \$40 per acre.

November 20, 1885, loan \$1,000, 5 years, at 10 per cent interest, to Christopher Shuck, secured by mortgage on 150 acres improved farm land, valued at \$40 per acre.

February 26, 1886, loan \$1,200 to Peter Bentel, 2 years, at 10 per cent interest, secured by mortgage on 160 acres improved farm land, valued at \$40 per acre.

March 9, 1886, loan \$1,250, 3 years, 9 per cent interest, to Elza Kirk, secured by mortgage on 80 acres improved farm land, valued at \$50 per acre.

April 19, 1886, loan \$350, 2 years, 10 per cent interest, to Elizabeth Snodgrass, secured by mortgage on 78 acres improved farm land, valued at \$40 per acre.

April 12, 1886, loan \$250, 3 years, 10 per cent interest, to John P. Crother, secured by mortgage on 80 acres improved farm land, valued at \$50 per acre.

June 12, 1886, loan \$400, 3 years, 9 per cent per annum interest, to Stephen Gilbert, secured by mortgage on 80 acres improved land, valued at \$45 per acre.

May 31, 1886, loan \$2,500, 5 years, 8 per cent interest, to Frank H. Young, secured by mortgage on 800 acres land in Custer county, principally improved land, valued at \$5 and \$10 per acre.

The loans to Chambers, Kirk, Shuck, Bentel, Snodgrass, Crother, Taylor, and Cole, are all of the best improved lands in Nemaha county, located near lines of running railroads and principal towns of the county.

The R. W. Furnas loan is, as stated in a previous report, secured by two life insurance policies in the Iowa Masonic Benevolent Association, two divisions, in the sum of \$3,600. They were originally made in favor of Mrs. Furnas and daughters, and have by them been assigned to the trustees of the Orphan Fund. The assessments have been paid to the first of June, 1886. The "assurance of future payments" is all that I can conceive can be given—"the word of a Master Mason." These papers, with others, together with all money belonging to this fund, in my care, have been kept in the vault of the First National Bank, Brownville. They are all herewith submitted, and are present.

Interest has not been paid on the Furnas loan for some years, but has been compounded annually.

The following are descriptions of lands taken on loans as designated, viz.:

D. C. Cole, W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 17, T. 6, R. 15, E. 6th. Prin. Mer.

Wm. Chambers, W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 20, T. 6, R. 15; and S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 20, T. 6, R. 15, except 5 acres.

Robt. B. Kite, W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 31, T. 5, R. 15.

Christopher Shuck, N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 34, T. 5, R. 15, except 10 acres.

Peter Bentel, S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 30, T. 6, R. 13.

Elza Kirk, S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 23, T. 5, R. 15, east; S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 23, T. 5, R. 15, east.

Elizabeth Snodgrass, S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 6, T. —, R. 13.

John P. Crother, S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 28, T. 4, R. 15.

Stephen Gilbert, E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 35, T. 4, R. 15.

Frank H. Young, S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 3, N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 11, W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 14, S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 15.

As manager of this fund, I have not given bond, for the reason a portion of the fund has never been in my hands, or management. I was not willing to give bond for money not under my control.

As Brother Graff is now dead, I consider that loan worthless.

For twenty-five years I have borne all the expenses connected with this fund and its management, from my private means, never presenting a claim for services, time, or money paid out in various ways. While as shown in my report, 1884, and as herein indicated, some of this fund, unfortunately, has been lost, not a cent passing through my hands has been even jeopardized.

The past year, that none but the best papers should be prepared, in matter of loans, advantageous loans secured, and all in unexceptional shape, I employed Wm. H. Hoover, one of the oldest, most experienced, and expert real estate, abstract, and conveyance men in the state — of thirty years' standing — paying him one per cent on all the new loans, except those of Cole and Young. Attention is called to the extraordinarily well gotten up and safely arranged papers. The voucher for same, \$61.50, is herewith submitted for consideration.

The funds on hand are on deposit in First National Bank, Brownville, as evidenced by certificates of deposit and certified checks herewith submitted.

RECAPITULATION AND STATEMENT.

Geo. B. Graff loan, with interest at 8 per cent to date, May 31, 1886 .....	\$2,043 12
R. W. Furnas loan with interest at 8 per cent to date, May 31, 1886,	1,767 50
D. C. Cole loan, with interest at 8 per cent, compounded October 11, 1885, to May 31, 1886.....	543 52
Wm. Chambers loan .....	1,000 00
Robt. W. Kite loan .....	700 00
C. Shuck loan.....	1,000 00
Peter Bentel loan .....	1,200 00
Elza Kirk loan .....	1,250 00
E. Snodgrass loan .....	350 00
J. P. Crother loan .....	250 00
Stephen Gilbert loan.....	400 00
F. H. Young loan .....	2,500 00
Cash on hand .....	3,061 27

The loans of 1885 and 1886 being fractions of years, I have not added interest accrued in each specific instance. The gross amount of interest on them to May 31, it will be seen, is a fraction less than \$200. A very close approximation of the fund to date, May 31, may be set down at \$16,070.38. Deducting the Graff loan, \$2,047.12, leaves what may safely be called a legitimate fund of \$14,027.26.

And now, M. W. Grand Master and Brothers of the Grand Lodge, all the papers, documents, facts, and information in my possession, or at my command, in any way connected with this fund and its management, are before you, fraternally asking careful, critical examination.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT W. FURNAS,

*Chairman of the Board.*

The following committees (appointed by the Grand Master and published April 12, 5886) were now announced, the vacancies therein being filled :

*On Visiting Brethren*—Bros.: Milo C. Wilson, 3; John N. Westberg, 11; Newel R. Wilcox, 39.

*On Credentials*—Bros.: John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Lewis Dunn, 2; Velosco V. Leonard, 6.

*On Accounts*—Bros.: James Bradford, 116; George H. Danforth, 74; Elias C. Wilcox, 104; Melville W. Stone, 59; George W. Holland, 9. (This committee met at 9 A.M. Tuesday, June 15.)

*On Charters and Dispensations*—Bros.: Frank H. Young, 61; William Gerecke, 55; James J. McIntosh, 75; Emil E. Dorr, 56; Earl A. Cooley, 19; (This committee met at 9 A.M. Tuesday, June 15.)

*On By-Laws from Chartered Lodges*—Bros.: William H. Munger, 15; Charles E. Pierce, 23; George H. Hastings, 37; J— W. Mitchell, 121; Benjamin S. Baker, 35.

*On Ways and Means*—Bros.: David H. McElhinney, 50; John B. Dinsmore, 49; Charles F. Rollins, 33; William H. Palmer, 21; Charles H. Willard, 124. (This committee met at 9 A.M. Tuesday, June 15.)

*On Charity*—Bros.: Robert E. French, 46; John G. Prosser, 67; Samuel G. Chaney, 131; William Adair, 5; John D. Brewer, 58.

*On Grievances*—Bros.: Charles J. Phelps, 34; George W. McKee, 57; Benjamin W. Knott, 14; Clark C. McNish, 114; John Patterson, 36.

*On Unfinished Business*—Bros.: Julius O. Chase, 48; Cyrus E. Hunter, 83; Edward H. Marshall, 76; Frank E. Caldwell, 1; William C. Vaughan, 10.

*On Pay Roll*—Bros.: Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Franklin Sweet, 134; Allen D. Beemer, 27; Benjamin S. Baker, 35; James W. Chaddock, 12.

*On Jurisprudence*—Past Grand Masters John J. Wemple, Edwin F. Warren, James R. Cain, James A. Tulleys, Alfred G. Hastings.

*On Returns*—Bros.: Eben K. Long, 11; George M. Nattinger, 3; Fred J. Borthwick, 25; George E. Whitman, 138; Louis F. Fryar, 139.

*On Foreign Correspondence*—Bros.: William R. Bowen, 3; Edwin F. Warren, 2; Robert W. Furnas, 4.

*On Doings of Grand Office-Bearers*—Bros.: George W. Lininger, 3; Robert C. Jordan, 33; Jesse Richards, 27; Michael Dowling, 119; Lewis A. Kent, 127.

*On Codification of the Law*—Bros.: John B. Barnes, 101; Frederick B. Lowe, 11; George D. Meiklejohn, 89; Lucius P. Judd, 143; John C. Railsback, 110.

M.:W.: Bro.: Daniel H. Wheeler, 6, now withdrew his two motions hereinbefore recorded.

M.:W.: Bro.: George W. Lininger, 3, presented the following report from the committee on Doings of Grand Office-

bearers, which report was adopted entire, and reference of subjects made as therein recommended :

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

Your committee on Doings of Grand Office-bearers beg leave to report. In consequence of your having made this one of your standing committees, and the reports being placed in their hands in advance of the meeting they are enabled to make an earlier report than usual, thus facilitating the work of the Grand Lodge.

The address of the Grand Master has been carefully considered, and such parts that belong to other committees we so refer them.

The opening portion of the Grand Master's address, while containing no new truths for the consideration of this Grand Body, furnishes thoughts well worthy the consideration of all.

They have been presented in one form or another in every gathering of the twenty-nine which have made up the history of this Grand Body; but are as pertinent to-day for your consideration as at any time in the past. The careful consideration of this report shows that the requirements necessary for a good Grand Master to possess have, as usual, been fully tested and have not been found wanting.

So much of the Grand Master's address as refers to dispensations for new lodges we recommend be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations, and so much as refers to special dispensations be confirmed.

Your committee beg to dissent from the views taken by the Grand Master in regard to the powers of the Grand Master in regard to Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, at Bellevue. His other reasons for not granting the petition for removal to Omaha may be good and sound advice; but he undoubtedly had the authority by virtue of his office, if he desired to use it.

In the loss by fire of the charter of DeWitt Lodge, No. 111, your committee recommend that the action of the Grand Master be approved, and a duplicate charter be issued them.

So much of the address as refers to foreign Grand Lodges seeking recognition of this Grand Lodge we recommend be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and so much as refers to decisions be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

We note what the Grand Master has to say under the head of miscellaneous, and heartily approve his action and concur in his recommendations in regard to the property of extinct lodges.

So much of the address as refers to the acceptance and furnishing of the fire-proof room for the records and other valuables of this Grand Lodge we recommend be confirmed, and your committee further recommend that a special committee of three be appointed, to draft a suitable resolution expressing the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha for providing so safe a place for our records.

Your committee coincide with the Grand Master in regard to waiver of jurisdiction near state lines, and recommend reference to the committee on Foreign Correspondence; also the circular from Tangier, Morocco, to the same committee.

Under the heading "Fraternal Dead," we recommend the reference to special committee of three.

We agree with the Grand Master that the duties and labors of that office are laborious, and sometimes perplexing. He, like his predecessors, is forced to the conclusion that the one-year term as Grand Master is not for the best interests of Masonry. He can mature no plans; he is kept busy studying his own duties, posting himself on Masonic law; and when his year of study is ended, and when he could be of some benefit to the Craft, and afford pleasure to himself, he steps down upon the floor, and takes his chances with the rest of us in trying to prevent hasty legislation, and endeavoring to stand by the landmarks.

We hardly believe with the Grand Master, that it is impracticable and useless to have the law of Masonry read in open lodge, and we should dislike very much to see one of the old regulations which we have all obligated ourselves to, wiped out. If the rule was enforced, it would lessen the correspondence of the Grand Master materially. However, your committee do concur with the Grand Master that our laws, as now arranged, are in bad shape, hard to find, and should be brought together and properly indexed; and we recommend that the committee on Codification of the Law take this matter in charge.

So much as refers to the present system of granting dispensations to form new lodges should be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

So much of the address as refers to the ability, fidelity, and particularly the tact of our Grand Secretary is referred to the Grand Lodge.

That all financial matters in the reports of Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary be referred to the committee on Accounts.

Your committee are glad to announce that the great hobby of your Grand Secretary has been fully accomplished, and that he now enjoys the satisfaction of knowing that all the valuables of the Grand Lodge are in a fire-proof room. For all this he has worked hard, and deserves a vast amount of praise from this, as well as future Grand Lodges.

In regard to his recommendations on the various subjects, we refer them to a special committee of three.

The various petitions for restorations we refer to the committee on Grievances.

We, your committee, also beg leave to report that we have examined the report of Bro. Rawalt, Grand Custodian, and find that the work performed by him during the past year has been extensive and arduous; but that Bro. Rawalt has performed these duties with zealous care, untiring zeal, and profit to the Fraternity.

In conclusion, your committee desire to congratulate the brethren of the Grand Lodge upon the able administration of its affairs by Grand Master Reese during the past year, and pray for a continuance of peace, harmony, and brotherly love within your borders.

Bro. Ehrhardt, 41, submitted a report from the committee on Credentials, which was adopted subject to amend-

ment during the session. The report, as amended, was as follows:

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

Your committee on Credentials reports that it finds present the following Grand Office-bearers, Past Grand Officers, and representatives of lodges, viz.

GRAND OFFICE-BEARERS.

M. W.:	MANOAH B. REESE	Grand Master.
R. W.:	CHARLES K. COUTANT	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W.:	MILTON J. HULL	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W.:	GEORGE B. FRANCE	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W.:	CHRISTIAN HARTMAN	Grand Treasurer.
R. W.:	WILLIAM R. BOWEN	Grand Secretary.
Bro.:	HENRY N. BLAKE, 26, <i>as</i>	Grand Chaplain.
W.:	CHARLES J. PHELPS	Grand Orator.
W.:	BENJAMIN F. RAWALT	Grand Custodian.
W.:	FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Marshal.
W.:	JOHN J. MERCER	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.:	ELIAS C. WILCOX	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.:	WILLIAM J. MOUNT	Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICE-BEARERS.

M. W.:	ROBERT C. JORDAN	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.:	MARTIN DUNHAM	Past Grand Master.
M. W.:	ALFRED G. HASTINGS	Past Grand Master.
M. W.:	GEORGE W. LININGER	Past Grand Master.
M. W.:	JAMES A. TULLEYS	Past Grand Master.
M. W.:	JAMES R. CAIN	Past Grand Master.
M. W.:	EDWIN F. WARREN	Past Grand Master.
M. W.:	JOHN J. WEMPLE	Past Grand Master.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Nebraska	1	Frank E. Caldwell.	William Robinson.	
Western Star	2	Lewis Dunn.	*Charles Hubner.	*Lewis Dunn.
Capitol	3	Milo C. Wilson.	Geo. M. Nattinger.	*John H. Butler.
Nemaha Valley	4	John J. Mercer.	*John J. Mercer.	*D. H. Mercer.
Omaha	5	*Thomas J. King.		
Plattsmouth	6	Velosco V. Leonard.	Justus G. Richey.	*Francis E. White.
Falls City	9	George W. Holland.	*J. N. Herbst.	*A. E. Gault.
Solomon	10	William C. Vaughan.		
Covert	11	John N. Westberg.	Silas S. Auch Moedy.	Charles F. Driscoll.
Nebraska City	12	*James W. Chaddock.		
Orient	13			
Peru	14			
Fremont	15	William H. Munger.		Lewis M. Keene.
Tecumseh	17	Samuel P. Davidson.		John Wilson.
Lincoln	19	Earl A. Cooley.	*John H. McClay.	*Amasa Cobb.

\* Proxy.



LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Washington	21	William H. Palmer	Edward C. Jackson	
Pawnee	23	Charles E. Pierce	*Oscar E. Hall	W. W. Woodward
Saint Johns	25	Fred J. Borthwick		Everett Buckingham
Beatrice	26	Jesse Richards		*Henry N. Blake
Jordan	27	Allen D. Beemer		
Hope	29	James A. Titus		
Blue River	30	*E. H. Landis		*C. M. Turner
Tekamah	31	*Daniel Harrington	Cornelius M. Kryger	
Platte Valley	32	John I. Nesbitt	Fred H. Longley	
Ashlar	33	Charles F. Rollins	Christ'n Schlofeldt	
Acacia	34	Charles J. Phelps	*George H. Wells	Jacob A. Hood
Fairbury	35	Philemon H. Hanchet	*Benjamin S. Baker	*Benjamin S. Baker
Lone Tree	36		John H. Wright	
Crete	37	*Oliver W. Batzley		
Oliver	38			*Frank G. Simmons
Papillion	39	Newel R. Wilcox		
Humboldt	40			
Northern Light	41	John A. Ehrhardt	Francis McGiverin	
Junia	42	Enos J. Hanchet		Herbert E. Wells
Hebron	43	*Adam D. Werner	Adam D. Werner	*Adam D. Werner
Harvard	44	*Ezra Brown	*Ezra Brown	*Ezra Brown
Palmyra	45	John O. Moore		
Rob Morris	46	Robert E. French		
Salem	47	*Wells C. McCool		Wells C. McCool
Fairmont	48	Julius O. Chase		
Evening Star	49	John C. Merrill		
Hastings	50	D. M. McElhinney	Edwin C. Webster	
Fidelity	51			
Hiram	52	William R. Turner	Omer Whitney	*M. B. Turner
Charity	53	John R. Wilcox		
Lancaster	54	*John C. Stire	*Charles H. Willard	Thomas H. Benton
Mosaic	55	William Gerecke		
York	56	John Zeigler	*Daniel Blood	
Mount Moriah	57	George W. McKee		
Lebanon	58	John D. Brewer		
Wahoo	59	Joseph N. Davis	Melville W. Stone	
Melrose	60	Lewis H. Kent		
Thistle	61	*Anson S. Baldwin	*Frank H. Young	
Keystone	62	*Samuel Spanogle	Samuel Spanogle	*Charles L. Crane
Riverton	63	Joel G. Childs		
Blue Valley	64	*Frank J. Sadilek		
Osceola	65	Thomas H. Saunders		
Livingstone	66	Luther R. Horrum		
Edgar	67	*Samuel J. Whitten	Otis E. Reynolds	*Samuel J. Whitten
Aurora	68	*William H. Alden	*William J. Farley	*Adolph Reuler
Fortitude	69	Sumner Darnell		
Sterling	70	Thomas P. Renshaw		
Trowel	71	John J. Roche	*Judson Graves	*H. B. Hansen
Hooper	72	*Samuel Kreader		
Friend	73	Robert Connell		
Alexandria	74	*Edgar M. Jenkins		
Frank Welch	75	James J. McIntosh		
Joppa	76	*James P. A. Black		
Nelson	77			
Albion	78	John C. Mann		
Geneva	79	James H. Dempster		
Composite	81	*Frederick E. Wilson		
St. Paul	82	Edward R. Fletcher	William W. Kendall	
Corinthian	83	Cyrus E. Hunter		
Fairfield	84	*Benj. F. Rawalt		
Tyre	85			
Doniphan	86	Irving M. Cole		
Ionic	87	Solomon Draper		
Star	88		Henry C. McHirron	Merton N. Snyder
Cedar River	89	*Brad. D. Slaughter	Amni L. Bixby	Bruce T. Harman
Elk Creek	90	George W. Woolsey		
Oakland	91	Henry Newman		
Hubbell	92	*A. H. Bothwell		
Beaver City	93	Marion McDonald		
Bennett	94			
Garfield	95			
Utica	96	Joseph Jones		*Ozias J. Root
Euclid	97		*James E. Hibbard	*Alexander C. Virgin
Republican	98			

\*Proxy.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Shelton.....	99	Mark G. Lee.....		
Creighton.....	100	William L. Turner..		
Ponca.....	101			
Waterloo.....	102		Frank Whitmore	George Johnson
Ord.....	103	*Charles B. Coffin		
Wymore.....	104	Elias C. Wilcox..		
Stella.....	105			
Porter.....	106	William H. Morris..		
Steele City.....	107	John M. Millholland	Joseph F. Simpson	
Table Rock.....	108	*James A. Carlock..		
Arapahoe.....	109			
Pomegranate.....	110	John C. Railsback..		*C..... N. Folsom..
De Witt.....	111	Enoch Hastings..		Harry Millie.....
Springfield.....	112			
Globe.....	113		William L. Ramey..	
Wisner.....	114	Clark C. McNish..		
Brainard.....	115			
Harlan.....	116	James Bradford..	*John A. Randall..	Benjamin M. Simms
Hardy.....	117	Nathaniel M. Ayers.	*George Llewellyn..	Johnson Barker..
Doric.....	118	William R. Bolding.		
North Bend.....	119	Michael Dowling..		Tejerec J. Chapin..
Wayne.....	120	*Anson A. Welch..	Anson A. Welch..	
Superior.....	121			Joseph Carson..
Jasper.....	122			
Indianola.....	123	*George S. Bishop..		
Auburn.....	124	Charles H. Willard..		David Campbell..
Mount Nebo.....	125	Okeley E. Green..	John J. Truman..	James M. Kennedy..
Stromsburg.....	126			Peter T. Buckley..
Minden.....	127	Lewis A. Kent.....		
Guide Rock.....	128	Isaiah B. Hampton..		
Blue Hill.....	129	I..... O. Martin..		
Tuscan.....	130	George Miller.....	George H. Miller..	
Ark and Anchor.	131	James G. Ackerman.	Samuel G. Chaney..	*James F. Burns..
Scribner.....	132	Jesse A. Nason..	Chaun D. Gardanier	James Booth.....
Elm Creek.....	133			
Solar.....	134	Franklin Sweet..		
McCook.....	135			Justin S. Wilcox..
Long Pine.....	136	William Bannister..		
Upright.....	137	*James A. Cope.....	James A. Cope.....	
Rawalt.....	138	George E. Whitman.		
Clay Centre.....	139	*Jesse F. Eller..	Justus E. Wheeler..	Guy W. Secord.....
Western.....	140			
Summit.....	141			
Anchor.....	142	Edwin A. Allen..		
Crescent.....	143	Lucius P. Judd..		Eugene A. Guillemot
Kenesaw.....	144	Henry E. Norton..	*E..... P. Gillett..	Luther B. Partridge.
Bancroft.....	145	Warren Fales.....		

\*Proxy.

Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges:

Alabama.....	JAMES W. CHADDUCK.
California.....	JOHN J. WEMPLE.
Canada.....	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Connecticut.....	ALFRED G. HASTINGS.
Dakota.....	MANOAH B. REESE.
Delaware.....	EDWIN A. ALLEN.
England.....	GEORGE W. LININGER.
Georgia.....	EDWIN F. WARREN.
Idaho.....	JAMES A. TULLEYS.
Illinois.....	HARRY P. DEUEL.
Indian Territory.....	BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER.
Iowa.....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.

Kansas.....	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Manitoba.....	EDWIN F. WARREN.
Michigan.....	DANIEL H. WHEELER.
Minnesota.....	ROBERT C. JORDAN.
Montana.....	CHARLES F. GOODMAN.
New Brunswick.....	EDWIN A. ALLEN.
New Jersey.....	JAMES R. CAIN.
North Carolina.....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Ohio.....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Pennsylvania.....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.
Quebec.....	MILTON J. HULL.
Texas.....	MARTIN DUNHAM.
Vermont.....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. EHRHARDT,

*Chairman Committee on Credentials.*

Bro.: Warren, 2, Trustee of the Orphan Educational Fund, submitted the following report, which was referred to the committee on Ways and Means for consideration in connection with the report of the chairman of said Trustees, already referred to that committee:

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

BRETHREN,—As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Orphan Educational Fund, I feel that I owe it to the Grand Lodge, as well as to myself, to present a brief report of some matters connected with the management of the fund, and some recommendations that occur to me as eminently proper, as well as in the interest of justice, to be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

As you are aware, and as our chairman, Bro.: Furnas, has said, the entire management of the moneys belonging to the fund, as relates to their collection, disbursement, and custody, has been left in Bro.: Furnas' hands. To him, therefore, whose child the Orphan Educational Fund is, belongs all the credit for its successful management. No losses have been sustained, or bad loans made, of any funds that have ever come into his hands. For all the labor, care, expense, and responsibility, he has neither charged nor received one cent of compensation or reimbursement. Not only has he thus given his services without the hope of fee or reward, but in his report which lies before you, he has erroneously charged himself with moneys which he does not legally owe.

On March 1, 1880, Bro.: Furnas borrowed of said fund the sum of \$358.45. It was paid October 31, 1884, principal and interest, as reported (see proceedings 1885, page 149), in the sum of \$548.88.

On March 1, 1881, Bro.: Furnas borrowed of other moneys of said fund the sum of \$464.90. It was paid October 31, 1884, in the amount of \$610.52.

In making the computations, Bro. Furnas *compounded* interest at eight per cent per annum, while the notes given for the several sums borrowed called for "interest at eight per cent per annum."

I make computations as follows:

Principal "Loan No. 2" .....	\$358 45	
Interest from March 1, 1881, to Oct. 31, 1884, @ eight per cent, .....	131 37	\$489 82
Principal "Loan No. 3" .....	\$464 90	
Interest from March 1, 1881, to Oct. 31, 1884, @ eight per cent .....	136 37	
		601 27
Making a total due .....		\$1,091 09
But Bro. Furnas paid .....		1,159 40
<i>An overpayment of \$68.31.</i>		

But again, on the 1st day of April, 1878, Bro. Furnas borrowed of the Orphan Fund the sum of \$889.92, and gave his note therefor, "with interest at *ten* per cent per annum." On the 2d of February, 1880, interest on this loan, with others, was reduced to *eight* per cent per annum.

In making his report upon this loan, "Loan No. 4," Bro. Furnas states that there is now due the fund thereon the sum of \$1,767.50. (See his report.) This result is reached by the same system of *compounding* the interest annually.

I make computations thereon as follows:

Principal of "Loan No. 4" .....	\$889 92	
Int. from April 1, 1878, to Feb. 1, 1880, @ ten per cent..	163 70	
Int. from Feb. 1, 1880, to June 1, 1886, @ eight per cent.	450 93	\$1,504 02
But Bro. Furnas has charged himself with .....		1,767 50
Being an error against himself of \$263.48.		
So that we have on Loans 2 and 3 an overpayment of...		\$68 31
Excess in computation on Loan 4 .....		263 48
Total .....		\$331 79

The same error has been made, and the same injustice done, in the case of "Loan No. 6" (proceedings 1885, page 150). This loan was made October 14, 1877, and was, in the beginning, the sum of \$1,506.65, and bore "interest at the rate of *ten* per cent per annum." Interest was reduced, as in the case of Bro. Furnas, to eight per cent per annum, from Feb. 1, 1880. Bro. Bowen has paid to the treasurer of the fund, as reported by Bro. Furnas, the sum of \$3,062.87. This amount was reached by the same erroneous and unjust method of *compounding* the interest annually.

I make computation thereon as follows:

Principal "Loan No. 6" .....	\$1,506 65	
Int. from Oct. 14, 1878, to Feb. 1, 1880, @ ten per cent	345 96	
Int. from Feb. 1, 1880, to June 1, 1886, @ eight per cent	763 36	\$2,615 97
But Bro. Bowen paid .....		3,062 87
Being an <i>overpayment</i> of the sum of \$446.90.		

It seems to me, as an individual, and as Trustee, and especially as a Mason, that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, when the facts are before them, cannot afford to go upon record as building up even its *Orphan Fund* by the methods of the usurer, and by the plain violation of a clear legal contract. As matter of law, upon a contract bearing "interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum," interest cannot be lawfully *compounded*, and the fact that Bro. Furnas has charged himself with compound interest, and that Bro. Bowen has submitted to it, does not make it any the less illegal, unjust, and extortionate. The errors should be corrected, and the overplus repaid. This is a matter of simple justice and right.

I therefore recommend that the sum of \$331.79 be credited upon the amount as charged by Bro. Furnas upon his remaining unpaid loan; so that the sum due the Orphan Fund by him on June 1, 1886, be \$1,304.79, instead of the sum of \$1,636.58; and that hereafter interest be computed on the principal, to wit, \$889.92, from June 1, 1886, at eight per cent per annum.

I further recommend that the sum of \$446.90 be repaid Bro. Bowen.

I concur in the opinion of Bro. Furnas that the "Loan No. 1," known as the Graff loan, is worthless, and should no longer be carried forward. To carry it longer will serve no good purpose. I recommend that the same be dropped from the assets of the Grand Lodge.

I have examined personally the notes and mortgages held by Bro. Furnas, and the certificates of deposits for the cash on hand, and found them correct, as stated. I did *not* examine the titles of the several pieces of real estate mortgaged as security for the various loans, that matter not having been referred to me, or my opinion asked; but I have all confidence in the judgment of Mr. W. H. Hoover, whose assistance was secured.

This fund is the nucleus of a noble charity, of which we may well be proud; but it should be purged of all errors, and freed from the taint of injustice and usury.

Fraternally submitted,

E. F. WARREN, *Trustee*.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees raised by the report of the committee on Doings of Grand Office-bearers, viz.:

On so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the Masonic Temple Craft, Bros.: Davidson, 17, Munger, 15, and Warren, 2. On so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to our deceased brethren, Bros.: Cobb, 19, Blake, 26, and Allen, 142. On so much of the Grand Secretary's report as contains recommendations to Bros.: Draper, 87, Brown, 44, and Nason, 132; the reports on insurance were referred to Bros.: Wilcox, 53, Brown, 44, and Draper, 87;

the votes on the proposed amendment to the constitution to Bros.: Munger, 15, Hastings, 19, and Keene, 15.

The new by-laws of York Lodge, No. 56, were referred to the committee on By-laws from Chartered Lodges.

The "International Regulations," proposed by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, were referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Master now called the Craft to refreshment until half-past eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

## SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 17, 5886.

At half-past eight o'clock this morning the Grand Master, M.:W.: Manoah B. Reese, called the Grand Lodge to labor.

The following accounts were referred to the committee on Accounts:

The Grand Custodian's expense account; Rees Printing Company, printing the Grand Master's address, and the reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian, committee on Returns, and Trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund; Omaha *Republican*, stationery for this session; the expense account of the Grand Master.

The Grand Custodian offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Ways and Means:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a supply of blank certificates for issue to those receiving the Past Master's degree.

Bro.: Holland, 9, offered the following resolutions, which were referred to the committee on Ways and Means:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to draw his order on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), in favor of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, thereby transferring that amount from the general fund to the said Orphans Educational Fund.

*Resolved*, That a committee of one be appointed by this Grand Lodge for the purpose of controlling, managing, and investing said fund; that he be required to give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of double the amount

of money he may ever have in his charge belonging to said fund, for the safety of said fund; that the said bond shall be approved by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer; that said committeeman shall receive as his compensation the sum of two per cent of the amount invested by him during each and every year.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be referred to the committee on Ways and Means for consideration and report.

The committee on Credentials reported as correct a bill for printing a blank report of that committee, and, on motion, same was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bro.: Bradford, 116, submitted the following report from the committee of which he was chairman. The report was adopted. The Grand Treasurer moved that the Grand Master be instructed to indorse the certified check to the order of the incoming Grand Treasurer on approval of his bond, which motion prevailed:

*The M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee on Accounts beg leave to report: That we have carefully examined the books of our brother Grand Secretary, and compared the accounts with the receipts and disbursements, from June 19, 5885, to June 10, 5886, and find that they have been carefully and correctly kept, and that the balance of Grand Lodge funds now on hand, as shown by said books, to be \$12,272.30.

We would further report that we have also examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and find balance in his hands to the credit of the Grand Lodge, as shown by his accounts, \$12,307.24, which is correct.

There is a difference between the amount charged the Grand Treasurer by the Grand Secretary, and the amount on hand by the Grand Treasurer, of \$34.94, which said amount the Grand Treasurer reports in his hands, in excess of the amount charged him by the Grand Secretary. On examination, we find that this amount, viz.: \$34.94, is made up of two years' interest on the relief fund, which said amount has never passed in or through the hands of the Grand Secretary.

We would recommend that the Grand Treasurer give the Grand Secretary his receipt for that amount, viz.: \$34.94, thereby making the books correspond.

Your committee further report that the Grand Treasurer has placed in their hands his check on the Merchants' National Bank of Omaha, duly certified by said bank, payable to the order of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. and A. M., for the sum of \$12,307.24, the amount found due by this committee.

Bro.: Keene, 15, presented the following report, which

was adopted; on voting on the question of adopting the proposed amendment to the constitution, it was concurred in:

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

Your committee, appointed to canvass the vote of the various lodges to amend Article XIII of the constitution by striking out the last three lines thereof, beg leave to report that we have performed that duty, and find that eighty-one (81) lodges have voted in the affirmative, seven (7) voted in the negative, and that fifty-five (55) have taken no action. We therefore find that proposition is approved by the chartered lodges by a majority vote of one hundred and nineteen (119).

Bro.: Phelps, 34, made report from the committee on Grievances, recommending the restoration of Champion S. Chase, William I. Jones, and Benjamin F. Jones, which report was adopted.

Bro.: Blake, 26, presented the following report, which was adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the M.:W.: Grand Master's address relative to our "fraternal dead," do submit the following report:

That, while we recognize the hand of the Divine Grand Master in the prosperity which our Fraternity have enjoyed during the past year, His summons to so many of our brethren to join the immortal brotherhood of "past workers," should admonish us to a more careful observance of the Masonic principles of charity and brotherly love.

*Resolved*, That our earnest, loving, and heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of our departed brethren, and also to the lodges of which they were members.

And we do recommend that, as usual, a memorial page in the published proceedings be set apart for their names.

*Resolved*, That our fraternal sympathy is extended to the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the brethren for their bereavement in the loss of R.:W.: Bro.: John Farran Regnault, Grand Treasurer of that jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

AMASA COBB,  
HENRY N. BLAKE, } *Special*  
E. A. ALLEN, } *Committee.*

Bro.: Cobb, 19, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Ways and Means:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby, instructed to cause the names of the members of each subordinate lodge, designating the officers and Past Masters, and the initiates of degrees lower than that of



Master Mason reported by such lodge, to be printed in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Bro.: Bradford, 116, made report as follows, from the committee on Accounts, which was concurred in :

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

Your committee on Accounts, to whom were referred the following accounts —

Reese Printing Co., for printing advanced copies of reports Grand Office-bearers, \$59 75	
Omaha <i>Republican</i> , stationery for this session.....	22 50
Account of W.: B. F. Rawalt, Grand Custodian, for visiting lodges.....	79 40

Beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and recommend their payment.

Omaha was now chosen as the place for the next annual communication.

Bro.: Millholland, 107, presented the following, which was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence :

At a regular communication of Steele City Lodge, A.: F.: and A.: M.: , No. 107, held at Steele City, Neb., June 5, 1886, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That our Master be, and is hereby, requested to demand of Jasper Lodge, No. 122, all money received for the initiation, passing, and raising of one Mr. French, residing in the jurisdiction of Steele City Lodge, No. 107, together with all other moneys received from the same source — to wit, admitting members by application for initiation — and the Master is hereby requested to present this resolution to the M.: W.: Grand Lodge at its next regular session, to be held at Omaha, June 16, and is hereby respectfully submitted.

J. M. MILLHOLLAND,

*Master Steele City Lodge, No. 107.*

The committee made the following report thereon, which was adopted:

*To the Grand Lodge :*

With reference to the claim of Steele City Lodge, No. 107, against Jasper Lodge, No. 122, your committee on Jurisprudence recommend that same be referred to the incoming Grand Master, with full power to act; decision No. 2 of M.: W.: Bro.: Reese covers the ground, as does the law of this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master announced, that at seven o'clock this evening he would lay the cornerstone of the new building of the Omaha Board of Trade, and requested the assistance of the brethren.

Bro.: Young, 61, made the following report from the committee on Charters and Dispensations; the report was amended by naming Cambridge Lodge, U.:D.:, *Cambridge* instead of *Boaz*, and by naming Hartington Lodge, U.:D.:, *Hartington* instead of *Unity*, and was adopted:

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

We, your committee on Charters and Dispensations, report as follows:

We have carefully examined the records and papers transmitted to the Grand Secretary by the various lodges working under dispensation within this Grand Jurisdiction, and we recommend that a charter be granted to each of the following lodges now working under dispensation: Jachin Lodge, No. — (Holdrege, U.:D.:); Siloam Lodge, No. —; Emmett Crawford Lodge, No. — (Custer, U.:D.:); Jewel Lodge, No. — (Tobias, U.:D.:); Boaz Lodge, No. — (Cambridge, U.:D.:); Square Lodge, No. — (Valparaiso, U.:D.:); Parallel Lodge, No. — (Liberty, U.:D.:); Evergreen Lodge, No. —; Lily Lodge, No. — (Davenport, U.:D.:); Unity Lodge, No. — (Hartington, U.:D.:); and that their by-laws, as approved by the committee, be approved.

We would further recommend that the following lodges be continued under dispensation — to wit: Ewing Lodge, U.:D.:; Valley Lodge, U.:D.:; Chadron Lodge, U.:D.:

We recommend that the dispensation of Silver Creek Lodge, U.:D.:, be not renewed.

The committee also finds that lodges working under dispensation do not keep their respective records of proceedings in a uniform and Masonic manner, and we recommend that the R.:W.: Grand Secretary be instructed to get up a printed form showing how the record of a Masonic lodge should be written, and that each lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction be furnished with a copy thereof.

We also find that lodges applying for a charter have failed to comply with Rule 20 of this Grand Lodge, and we would recommend that each lodge be required to comply with said rule.

Bro.: Wilcox, 53, made the following report from the special committee of which he was chairman; the report was accepted, but the recommendation was not concurred in:

*To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

We, your committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Grand Secretary concerning insurance, would respectfully report:

We find that many of the lodges which have not insured their property have practically no insurable property; charters and records have no insurable value.

We find, farther, that many lodges and eminent Masons doubt or deny the authority of the Grand Lodge to command the subordinate lodges to carry insurance.

We recommend that the requirement of the Grand Lodge in that respect be repealed.

Bro.: French, 46, presented the following report from the committee on Charity.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.:F.: and A.:M.::*

We, your committee on Charity, to whom was referred the matter of Bro.: Peter L. Frazer, an indigent brother, eighty-five years of age, fraternally submit the following report from Corinthian Lodge, No. 83:

We find that Corinthian Lodge has received the following amounts from the Grand Lodge and from other sources, by donations, \$245.60. We also find from the same report that the said Corinthian Lodge has expended the following sum in behalf of the said Brother Peter L. Frazer, \$279.44. We find that Corinthian Lodge, No. 83, has expended the sum of \$33.84 over and above the amount received. We also find that the said Corinthian Lodge has only twenty-six members on the rolls, April 30, 1885.

We, your committee, would recommend that the said Corinthian Lodge be reimbursed from the Grand Lodge funds the above amount of \$33.84, and the Grand Lodge to take such action as they may deem best for the future.

The report was referred back to the committee for further consideration, whereupon the following report was received, and was adopted:

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

We, your committee on Charity, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$100 be appropriated out of the Relief Fund, to be expended under the direction of Corinthian Lodge, No. 83, to assist in the support of Bro.: Peter L. Frazer.

Bro.: Draper, 89, presented the following report:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

We, the committee to whom you referred the recommendations of the Grand Secretary, report as follows:

1st. That we recommend the adoption of the recommendation "that the lodges be this year required to revise the lists A, B, and C of the Black Book, under the direction of the Grand Secretary and supervision of the Grand Master."

2d. That in the opinion of your committee the subordinate lodges, knowing the exact amount of property owned by them respectively, and all the circumstances surrounding each case, are better judges of the wisdom and expediency of carrying insurance on their property than this Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend that the requirement that the subordinate lodges shall carry insurance upon their lodge property be repealed.

3d. We recommend the adoption of the recommendation "that the Grand Secretary be prohibited from authenticating any diploma that does not bear the signature of the brother to whom it is to be issued."

4th. We recommend the adoption of the recommendation that the following by-law be adopted: Section —. Each lodge created by the Grand Master shall be furnished, without charge, twenty-five blank petitions for initiation and one book of blank orders on the treasurer.

S. DRAPER,  
EZRA BROWN,  
JESSE A. NABER, } *Special  
Committee.*

The recommendations of the committee regarding the revision of the Black Book and the authentication of diplomas were adopted; further action was taken as follows:

Bro.: Wilcox, 53, seconded by five members of the Grand Lodge, offered the following, which was laid over for consideration at the next annual communication:

*Resolved*, That the by-law of this Grand Lodge found on page 443, proceedings of '83, requiring lodges to carry insurance on property, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Bro.: Draper, 89, seconded by five members of the Grand Lodge, offered the following new by-law; unanimous consent was obtained for its consideration, and the by-law was adopted:

SECTION —. Each lodge created by the Grand Master shall be furnished, without charge, twenty free blank petitions for initiation and one book of blank orders on the treasurer.

The Craft was now called to refreshment until half past one o'clock.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 17, 5886.

The Grand Master, M.:W.: Manoah B. Reese, called the Craft to labor at the appointed hour.

Bro.: Charles J. Phelps, Grand Orator, now delivered the following oration, for which thanks were returned and a copy requested for publication with these proceedings.

*M. W. Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Masonic tradition, rich in beautiful allusions to the dealings of God, through the ages of antiquity, with His chosen people, declares that at the building of King Solomon's Temple a union of operative with speculative Masonry was effected.

What then did, and now does, constitute speculative Masonry, and whether it was the primitive and pure or the spurious Freemasonry of antiquity that was united with the operative art at that memorable period, and how the union was consummated, are the principal questions to the discussion of which I shall ask your attention for a few moments.

The two principal and all-important dogmas of speculative Masonry are, and ever have been, the unity of God and the immortality of the soul, a pursuit therefore, of a knowledge of God, "whom to know aright," we are taught, "is life eternal," constitutes the highest aim of man, and the contemplation of the attributes of Deity affords the rarest food to the mind of the thoughtful student.

The infinitely wise, all-powerful, and omnipresent God of heaven and earth, the great Architect of the universe, the Builder and Creator of all things, whose supreme intelligence pervades all nature, has implanted in man alone, of all his creatures on earth, a share of, or at least that which bears the nearest affinity to that supreme intelligence disclosed in the creation and government of the universe.

Man alone is made capable of understanding anything of the purposes, laws, and teachings of created nature, and possessing a share of that intelligence by which all things were made, has within him that which must from its very nature exist to all eternity.

And were we left entirely without the revealed word, yet we would be impelled from analogy and reason to hope for and believe in a life beyond the material existence here. How precious such a hope and belief when coupled with the promise of the resurrection of the body!

There is a God who created man and placed him in a state of perfect happiness in the Garden of Eden; through disobedience man fell from his first estate, and death came into the world by reason of his transgression. To alleviate man's deplorable condition it was divinely revealed to him that although the body should suffer death, it should rise again, and reunited with the spirit become immortal.

These truths together with the communications of God to man after the fall constituting the primitive and pure Freemasonry of antiquity, were transmitted from father to son by oral communication to the time of Moses, and by the written word and tradition to the time of Solomon.

And now, when the Jewish nation was at the summit of its power and glory, Solomon was about to build a temple for the worship of the God of his fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob.

The king's coffers were full, replete with gold and silver. For David, his father, had collected and contributed marvelous sums, "and the chief of the fathers and princes of Israel" and all the "chief persons had offered will-

ingly, and gave for the service of the house of God," gold and silver, brass and iron, cedar of Lebanon, precious stones, onyx stones, and marble stones in abundance, and all was made an offering to Jehovah by King David, saying, "O, Lord, our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand and is all thine own, and of thine own have we given thee."

And Solomon sent to Hiram, King of Tyre, saying, "Send me a man cunning to work in gold and silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple and crimson and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David, my father, did provide."

"Then Hiram, the king of Tyre, answered in writing, blessing the God of Israel who had given his people so wise a king, and he sent a cunning man endued with understanding, a son of a woman of the daughter of Dan, his father a man of Tyre, skilled in all manner of work, and to find out any device which should be put to him," and other and many Tyrians, Dionysiac artificers, and workmen were engaged in assisting to build the temple.

It is said of these Tyrians that they were associated together in a society made up of operative builders possessing great knowledge in the art of building, in sculpture and in all the arts of their day. They were the principal operative Masons engaged at the building of the temple.

Now, the Jews who were engaged with these Tyrian artificers, imbued with the zeal with which the whole nation had been stirred by the fervency of King David, in his life and labors, and especially by the wonderfully beautiful psalms of that great poet, naturally desired to teach those with whom they were so intimately associated, a knowledge of their God, for whom they were then engaged in building the most magnificent structure ever erected, yea! even a temple, in the innermost sanctuary of which the living God, by his visible shekinah was to dwell.

What wonder, then, that they, conceiving the comparison, taught the Tyrian operative, that the twenty-four-inch gauge was a fit emblem of a proper division of time, a portion of which they had always been taught to observe in the service of God; that the gavel with which they broke off the rough corners of stone, was emblematic of their duty to divest their hearts and consciences of the vices and superfluities of life; that the plumb, to which the walls were laid, also taught rectitude; that the square, unerring and perfect in its application to the mechanical use for which it was designed, also conveyed a moral lesson, teaching man to square his actions with the unerring rule of God's sacred law; that the trowel with which the master workman spread the cement with which that famous fabric was united into one perfect whole, taught the glorious lesson that brotherly love should unite man to man as brothers in the common pursuit of truth, of happiness here, and of a glorious immortality in the great hereafter; that the rough ashler as taken from the quarry in the rude and imperfect state in which it had lain for ages, was emblematic of that rude and imperfect state of man by nature, and that the perfect ashler was an archetype in stone of that state of perfection to which man, by culture and the blessing of Deity may

reasonably hope to attain; and thus, each implement, and the materials with which the temple was built, furnished the comparison or contrast with a corresponding moral conception or attribute; and in this way and in no other were operative and speculative Masonry united at the building of King Solomon's Temple.

Can it be true, that the Jews, filled with pious zeal, and at the very climax of their glory and power as a nation, and while engaged in building a habitation for the true God, and against the express commands of that God, would tolerate in the slightest degree the teachings of the heathen religions, the so-called sacred mysteries, the spurious Freemasonry of antiquity?

It is said, "That when the temple was completed, its several parts fitted with such exact nicety, it had more the appearance of the handiwork of the Divine Architect of the universe than that of human hands."

And as its materials and the implements with which it had been constructed had each in itself become a means to teach some moral lesson, so now the temple, in its completed condition, the wonder of the world, the pride of the Jews, the resting place of the Ark of the Covenant, the abode, within its *Holy of Holies*, of the *Shekinah* of the *Lord Jehovah*, became, and ever since has continued to be, the distinguishing symbol of our Fraternity.

And as our ancient operative brethren erected the material temple in accordance with the designs drawn on the trestle board, adorned with gold and silver and precious stones, so are we taught to regulate our lives, by adopting the virtues of the heart, "the pure emotions of the soul, the warm affection gushing forth from the hidden fountains of the spirit," so that the very presence of Jehovah our Father and our God shall be enshrined within us as His *Shekinah* was in the Holy of Holies of the material temple at Jerusalem.

Nowhere in any of the systems of spurious Freemasonry can there be found any trace of this distinctive feature of our science.

The temple of Solomon, patterned after the Mosaic tabernacle, and archetype of a lodge, is, in our system of teaching, a symbol of the world. A hymn, by N. P. Willis, written for the dedication of a church, takes up this Masonic idea; in it the poet says:

The perfect world by Adam trod  
Was the first temple built by God;  
His fiat laid the corner-stone,  
And heaved its pillars one by one.

The temple, as a symbol representing the inner and spiritual man, and the immortal temple of the body, was recognized by that greatest of all teachers, who said of Himself, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

St. Paul said: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

Dr. Adam Clark, in his commentary on the Holy Bible, says: "As truly as the living God dwelt in the Mosaic tabernacle, and in the Temple of Solomon, so truly does the Holy Ghost dwell in the souls of genuine Christians;

and as the temple and all its utensils were holy, separated from all common and profane uses, and dedicated alone to the service of God, so the bodies of genuine Christians are holy, and should be employed in the service of God alone."

Mackey has defined speculative Masonry, which he says: "is but another name for Freemasonry in its modern acceptation," to be "the scientific application and the religious consecration of the rules and principles, the language, the implements and materials of operative Masonry to the veneration of God, the purification of the heart, and the inculcation of the dogmas of a religious philosophy."

That the application and religious consecration of the rules, the principles, the language, the implements, and materials used in the building of the temple at Jerusalem were made to teach the moral precepts of the religion of the Jews, there can be no doubt. The veneration for God's holy name, His word, and His day there taught to the craftsmen engaged in that stupendous work, is taught to-day in all enlightened nations, wheresoever the Craft assemble in lodges.

In all Christendom our lodges are dedicated to the holy Saints John. On our altar is placed the sacred word, and if in our processions we should determine to carry a banner, would it not be appropriate to emblazon thereon the *Lion of the Tribe of Judah*?

Upon the substructure formed by the symbolic degrees composing our blue lodge system, and existing with the consent and approval of the Grand Lodge, is built, not only the Royal Arch Chapter, but the more distinctively Christian commandery, and from the publications and open avowals of these latter orders, it is made clear that the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob is none other than the Great Architect of the Universe, whom all good Masons everywhere revere and adore.

In view of all that we now profess as Masons, looking to that Great Light upon our altar as the rule and guide for our *Faith*, the sure anchor of our *Hope*, containing promises that are precious incentives to *Charity*—that charity which "suffereth long and is kind, envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth in truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, and endureth all things."

In view of all this, and of all that we hold most dear in the traditions of our Fraternity, can any intelligent Mason doubt that to constitute one complete and perfect whole, consistent in all its parts, our institution must accept as its foundation the truths taught in the Holy Bible, together with the traditions of the sages and holy men, recognized as inspired men by the sacred book?

Upon this proposition and hypothesis alone are we entitled to base the claim that our teachings constitute a science, or to claim that veneration for this ancient and honorable institution which is so generally and generously accorded to it.

Let us not believe that our institution had its origin in the sacred mysteries of Egypt, or in any other of the various systems of heathen rites of



the ancient peoples surrounding the chosen people of the one true God; but rather let us contend for the more consistent and reasonable theory, that Freemasonry — not known by that name, it is true, but the same in dogma and teaching — was made use of to transmit the miraculous dealings of God with His people in the early centuries of our race.

It is undeniable that the historical facts, after the fall of man, were transmitted by oral communication from father to son, and it is equally true that the Hebrews attached great importance to their traditions; and from profane history, tradition, and the revealed word, we may weave a network of incident, teaching, and dogma, establishing unmistakably and by fair deduction the more reasonable theory that our institution had its origin among the faithful followers, teachers, and patriarchs, worshipers of the true God, and that it has come down through the ages, a parallel in moral teaching to the religion of the Jewish and Christian church, holding dear, as its most sacred trust, the moral teachings of the patriarch, priest, and king of the old, and the Great Teacher, disciple, and apostle of the new dispensations.

The eloquent St. Paul, learned in all the wisdom of Jewish tradition, history, and customs, recognizing the significance and beauty in symbol and allegory, made use of that ancient mode of teaching, and his sermons and epistles abound in figure, type, and symbol.

This habit of his is well illustrated in the strikingly beautiful type found in his epistle to the Galatians, where, in speaking of the law of the old and the gospel of the new covenants, he says: "Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a free woman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh, but he of the free woman was by the promise, which things are an allegory; for these are the two covenants, the one from Mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. . . . We are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free."

And He who spoke as never man spake before taught the multitude by parable.

And as the Christian dispensation and church is the successor of the Jewish, so is the speculative Masonry of to-day the successor and conservator of the traditions, truths, and teaching of the primitive and pure Freemasonry of antiquity.

Bro.: Blake, 26, offered the following resolutions, the second of which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the M.·W.· Grand Master, be instructed to procure suitable implements and vessels for the use of the Grand Officers in laying cornerstones and dedicating lodges; and that a sum not to exceed \$100 be appropriated for that purpose.

*Resolved*, That this resolution be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bro.: Munger, 15, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Ways and Means:

*Resolved*, That the committee on Ways and Means be instructed to ascertain and report to this Grand Lodge a suitable sum to be credited upon the loan due the Orphans Fund from Bro.: R. W. Furnas, as compensation for his services and expenses in caring for said fund since its establishment in 1860.

From the Omaha Panorama Company was received an invitation to visit the "Battle of Gettysburg."

Bro.: Leese, 38, made a statement regarding the matter presented by Grand Master Wemple (pages 136 and 175 of '85 proceedings) and Grand Master Reese (page 236 of '86 proceedings).

Bro.: Munger, 15, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges respectfully report that we have carefully considered the by-laws of York Lodge, No. 56, and recommend that the words "stated meetings" be changed to "regular meetings," and that the time of holding such regular meetings be changed from the first evening in each month to the first Friday evening in each month, and that such by-laws as thus amended be approved.

On motion, it was ordered that the sum of fifteen dollars be credited to Alexandria Lodge, No. 74. \* \* \*

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Bros.: Phelps, 34, and Jackson, 21, were appointed tellers, and the Grand Lodge, while transacting other business at intervals, selected as its office-bearers:

BRO.: CHARLES K. COUTANT, 11.....Grand Master.  
 BRO.: MILTON J. HULL, 67.....Deputy Grand Master.  
 BRO.: GEORGE B. FRANCE, 56.....Grand Senior Warden.  
 BRO.: JOHN J. MERCER, 4.....Grand Junior Warden.  
 BRO.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11.....Grand Treasurer.  
 BRO.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.....Grand Secretary.

Later in the session the following appointments were an-

nounced by the incoming Grand Master, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge :

- Bro. : HEMAN B. BURGESS, 6.....Grand Chaplain.
- Bro. : WILLIAM H. MUNGER, 15.....Grand Orator.
- Bro. : BENJAMIN F. RAWALT, 84.....Grand Custodian.
- Bro. : ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46.....Grand Marshal.
- Bro. : EARL A. COOLEY, 19.....Grand Senior Deacon.
- Bro. : JOHN A. RANDALL, 116.....Grand Junior Deacon.
- Bro. : WILLIAM J. MOUNT, 11.....Grand Tiler.

The committee on Pay Roll was instructed to make up the pay roll for three days.

Bro. : Lininger, 3, submitted the following report from the special committee of which he was chairman: (See page 187, proceedings of '85.)

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

Your committee, appointed at the last annual communication to look over the evidence in reference to the charges against Bro. : John S. Bennett, a member of Waco Lodge, No. 80, and report to this Grand Lodge what action ought to be taken in the premises in reference to said brother, fraternally report that we have read over and carefully considered the forty (40) pages of the proceedings of said lodge, and from this evidence we find Bro. : Bennett guilty of the charges preferred against him, notwithstanding he was acquitted upon the trial thereof by said Waco Lodge. In consequence of said lodge not having moral courage enough to purge itself, it lost its charter. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following :

WHEREAS, The evidence taken upon the trial of Bro. : John S. Bennett, in Waco Lodge, January 30, 1885, fully sustains the charges preferred against said brother; therefore be it

*Resolved,* That Bro. : John S. Bennett, late a member of Waco Lodge, No. 80, A. : F. : and A. : M. :, be, and he hereby is, expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. LININGER, } *Of the*  
 W. H. MUNGER, } *Special Committee.*

On motion of Bro. : Hood, 34, the above report of the special committee was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence, which committee made report thereon as follows:

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

Regarding the report of the special committee in the matter of Waco Lodge, No. 80 (now extinct), the charges against Bro. : John S. Bennett, and his application for a demit, your committee on Jurisprudence fraternally report that we have carefully examined the whole subject matter,

together with the report of said special committee; and while we agree with said committee as to the guilt of said Bennett, we cannot agree with the manner of disposing of him. We therefore recommend that the charges appearing on the records of said Waco Lodge *vs.* said Bennett be read before this Grand Lodge, and action be taken as to whether the action of said Waco Lodge be approved or be reversed, and said Bennett be expelled, and that said action be taken at this session

Bro.: Butler, 3, moved to postpone consideration of this report, which was not agreed to. Bro.: France, 56, moved to substitute the report of the special committee (Bro.: Lininger, chairman) for the report of the committee on Jurisprudence, which motion prevailed, and the report of the special committee was adopted.

The standing committee on Codification of the Law not having reported for duty at this communication, the Grand Master referred the matter to the committee on Ways and Means.

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

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At seven o'clock the Grand Lodge proceeded to the site of the new building of the Omaha Board of Trade, at the southwest corner of Sixteenth and Farnam streets. M.:W.: Manoah B. Reese, Grand Master, laid the cornerstone with the ceremonies of Freemasonry, and the proceedings concluded with an address from Bro.: Edward Rosewater, 11.

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## SECOND DAY — EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 5886.

Grand Master Reese called the Grand Lodge to labor at half-past eight o'clock.

Bro.: Davidson, 17, chairman of his committee, submitted the following pay roll, which was adopted :

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	MILES.	MI-LEAGE.	DAYS.	PR. DREM.	TOTAL.
Frank A. Caldwell	Nebraska	1	Bellevue	10	\$0 60	3	\$6 00	\$6 60
Lewis Dunn	Western Star	2	Nebraska City	50	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
Milo C. Wilson	Capitol	3	Omaha			3	6 00	6 00
John J. Mercer	Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville	100	6 00	3	6 00	12 00
T. J. King*	Omaha	5	Dakota City	121	7 20	3	6 00	13 20
V. V. Leonard	Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	20	1 20	3	6 00	7 20
Geo. W. Holland	Falls City	9	Falls City	112	6 72	4	8 00	14 72
Wm. C. Vaughn	Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	18	1 08	3	6 00	7 08
John N. Westburg	Covert	11	Omaha			3	6 00	6 00
J. W. Chaddock*	Nebraska City	12	Nebraska City	50	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
	Orient	13	Rulo					
	Peru	14	Peru					
Wm. H. Munger	Fremont	15	Fremont	46	2 76	3	6 00	8 76
Sm'l P. Davidson	Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh	115	6 90	3	6 00	12 90
Earl A. Cooley	Lincoln	19	Lincoln	68	4 08	4	8 00	12 08
Wm. H. Palmer	Washington	21	Blair	30	1 80	4	8 00	9 80
Chas. E. Pierce	Pawnee	23	Pawnee City	138	8 28	3	6 00	14 28
F. J. Borthwick	St. Johns	25	Omaha			3	6 00	6 00
Jesse Richards	Beatrice	26	Beatrice	120	7 44	3	6 00	13 44
Allen D. Beemer	Jordan	27	West Point	89	5 34	3	6 00	11 34
Jas. A. Titus	Hope	29	Nemaha City	90	5 40	3	6 00	11 40
E. H. Landis*	Blue River	30	Milford	95	5 70	3	6 00	11 70
D. Harington*	Tekamah	31	Tekamah	50	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
John I. Nesbitt	Platte Valley	32	North Platte	291	17 46	3	6 00	23 46
Chas. F. Rollins	Ashlar	33	Grand Island	155	9 30	3	6 00	15 30
J. A. Hood*	Acacia	34	Schuyler	75	4 50	3	6 00	14 50
P. H. Hanchett	Fairbury	35	Fairbury	224	13 44	3	6 00	19 44
John H. Wright	Lone Tree	36	Central City	133	7 98	3	6 00	13 98
O. W. Blakely*	Crete	37	Crete	93	5 58	3	6 00	11 58
F. G. Simmons*	Oliver	38	Seward	94	5 64	3	6 00	11 64
N. R. Wilcox	Papillion	39	Papillion	15	90	3	6 00	6 90
	Humboldt	40	Humboldt					
John H. Ehrhardt	Northern Light	41	Stanton	120	7 20	3	6 00	13 20
Enos J. Hanchett	Juniata	42	Juniata	176	10 56	3	6 00	16 56
A. D. Werner*	Hebron	43	Hebron	212	12 72	3	6 00	18 72
Ezra Brown*	Harvard	44	Harvard	154	9 24	3	6 00	15 24
John O. Moore	Palmyra	45	Palmyra	90	5 40	3	6 00	11 40
Robert E. French	Rub Morris	46	Kearney	195	11 70	3	6 00	17 70
W. C. McCool*	Salem	47	Salem	153	9 18	3	6 00	15 18
Julius O. Chase	Fairmont	48	Fairmont	121	7 26	3	6 00	13 26
John C. Merrill	Evening Star	49	Sutton	136	8 16	3	6 00	14 16
D. M. McElHinney	Hastings	50	Hastings	175	10 50	4	8 00	18 50
	Fidelity	51	David City					
Wm. R. Turner	Hiram	52	Arlington	46	2 76	3	6 00	8 76
John R. Wilcox	Charity	53	Red Cloud	210	12 60	3	6 00	18 60
John C. Stire	Lancaster	54	Lincoln	68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
Wm. Gerecke	Mosaic	55	Norfolk	150	9 00	4	8 00	17 00
John Ziegler	York	56	York	140	8 40	3	6 00	14 40
Geo. W. McKee	Mount Moriah	57	Syracuse	102	6 12	3	6 00	12 12
John D. Brewer	Lebanon	58	Columbus	92	5 52	3	6 00	11 52
Joseph M. Davis	Wahoo	59	Wahoo	54	3 24	3	6 00	9 24
Lewis H. Kent	Melrose	60	Orleans	257	15 42	3	6 00	21 42
A. S. Baldwin*	Thistle	61	Plum Creek	230	13 80	3	6 00	19 80
Samuel Spanogle	Keystone	62	St. Joe	171	10 26	3	6 00	16 26
Joel G. Childs	Riverton	63	Riverton	224	13 44	3	6 00	19 44
Frank J. Sadtlek	Blue Valley	64	Wilber	98	5 88	3	6 00	11 88
Thos. H. Saunders	Osceola	65	Osceola	121	7 26	3	6 00	13 26
L. R. Horrum	Livingstone	66	Firth	88	5 28	3	6 00	11 28
L. J. Whitten*	Edgar	67	Edgar	197	11 58	3	6 00	17 58
W. H. Alden*	Aurora	68	Aurora	140	8 40	3	6 00	14 40
Sumner Darnell	Fortitude	69	Ulysses	102	6 12	3	6 00	12 12
Thos. P. Renshaw	Sterling	70	Sterling	105	6 30	3	6 00	12 30
John J. Roche	Trowel	71	Neligh	167	10 02	3	6 00	16 02
S. Krader*	Hooper	72	Hooper	66	3 96	3	6 00	9 96
Robert Connell	Friend	73	Friend	106	6 36	3	6 00	12 36
E. M. Jenkins	Alexandria	74	Alexandria	222	13 20	3	6 00	19 20
Jas. J. McIntosh	Frank Welch	75	Sidney	414	24 84	4	8 00	32 84
J. P. A. Black*	Joppa	76	Bloomington	232	13 86	3	6 00	19 86
	Nelson	77	Nelson					
John C. Mann	Albion	78	Albion	145	8 75	3	6 00	14 75
Jas. H. Dempster	Geneva	79	Geneva	130	7 80	2	4 00	11 80

\* Proxy.

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	DAYS.	PR. DIEM.	TOTAL.
	Waco	80	Waco					
F. E. Wilson	Composite	81	Rising	100	\$6 00	3	\$6 00	12 00
Edw. R. Fletcher	St. Paul	82	St. Paul	176	10 76	3	6 00	16 76
Cyrus E. Hunter	Corinthian	83	Wakefield	106	6 36	3	6 00	12 36
	Fairfield	84	Fairfield					
W. M. Spellman	Tyre	85	Blue Springs	140	8 76	3	6 00	14 76
	Doniphan	86	Doniphan					
Solomon Draper	Ionic	87	Niobrara	193	11 58	3	6 00	17 58
H. C. McHirron	Star	88	Decatur	62	3 72	3	6 00	9 72
B. D. Slaughter*	Cedar River	89	Fullerton	127	7 62	3	6 00	13 62
Geo. W. Woolsey	Elk Creek	90	Elk Creek	123	7 38	3	6 00	13 38
Henry Newman	Oakland	91	Oakland	63	3 78	3	6 00	9 78
A. H. Bothwell*	Hubbell	92	Hubbell	181	10 86	3	6 00	16 86
Marion McDonald	Beaver City	93	Beaver City	270	16 20	3	6 00	22 20
	Bennett	94	Bennett					
Ozias Root	Garfield	95	O'Neil	230	13 80	3	6 00	19 80
Joseph Jones	Utica	96	Utica	130	7 80	3	6 00	13 80
	Euclid	97	Weeping Water					
	Republican	98	Republican					
Mark G. Lee	Shelton	99	Shelton	177	10 60	3	6 00	16 60
Wm. L. Turner	Creighton	100	Creighton	175	10 50	3	6 00	16 50
	Ponca	101	Ponca					
F. Whittamore	Waterloo	102	Waterloo	86	2 16	3	6 00	8 16
C. B. Coffin*	Ord	103	Ord	225	13 50	3	6 00	19 50
Elias C. Wilcox	Wymore	104	Wymore	137	8 22	4	8 00	16 22
	Stella	105	Stella					
W. H. Morris	Porter	106	Loup City	199	11 94	3	6 00	17 94
J. M. Millholland	Steele City	107	Steele City	230	13 80	3	6 00	19 80
J. A. Corlock	Table Rock	108	Table Rock	131	7 36	3	6 00	13 36
	Arapahoe	109	Arapahoe					
Jno. C. Railsback	Pomegranate	110	Ashland	44	2 64	3	6 00	8 64
Enoch Hastings	De Witt	111	De Witt	103	6 18	3	6 00	12 18
	Springfield	112	Springfield					
Wm. M. Ramsey	Globe	113	Madison	142	8 52	3	6 00	14 52
Clark C. McNish	Wisner	114	Wisner	102	6 12	3	6 00	12 12
	Brainard	115	Brainard					
Jas. Bradford	Harlan	116	Alma	251	15 06	4	8 00	23 06
Nath'l M. Airs	Hardy	117	Hardy	195	11 70	3	6 00	17 70
W. R. Bolding	Doric	118	Dorchester	96	5 76	3	6 00	11 76
Michael Dowling	North Bend	119	North Bend	62	3 74	3	6 00	9 74
A. A. Welch*	Wayne	120	Wayne	205	12 80	3	6 00	18 80
Joseph Carson	Superior	121	Superior	245	14 70	3	6 00	20 70
	Jasper	122	Odell					
Geo. Bishop*	Indianola	123	Indianola	284	17 04	3	6 00	23 04
Chas. H. Willard	Auburn	124	Auburn	82	4 92	4	8 00	12 92
Oakley E. Green	Mt. Nebo	125	Genoa	113	6 78	2	4 00	10 78
Peter T. Buckley	Stromsburg	126	Stromsburg	125	7 50	2	4 00	11 50
Lewis A. Kent	Minden	127	Minden	196	11 76	3	6 00	17 76
I. B. Hampton	Guide Rock	128	Guide Rock	222	13 32	3	6 00	19 32
I. O. Martin	Blue Hill	129	Blue Hill	194	11 64	3	6 00	17 64
George Miller	Tuscan	130	Surprise	113	6 78	3	6 00	12 78
J. G. Ackerman	Ark and Anchor	131	Ainsworth	275	16 50	3	6 00	22 50
Jesse A. Nason	Scribner	132	Scribner	75	4 50	3	6 00	10 50
	Elm Creek	133	Elm Creek	133				
Franklin Sweet	Solar	134	Clarks	120	7 20	3	6 00	13 20
Justin A. Wilcox	McCook	135	McCook	296	17 76	3	6 00	23 76
W. M. Whitamore	Long Pine	136	Long Pine	265	15 90	3	6 00	21 90
Jas. A. Cope*	Upright	137	Burchard	158	9 48	3	6 00	15 48
G. E. Whitman	Riwall	138	Oxford	268	16 08	3	6 00	22 08
Jesse F. Eller*	Clay Centre	139	Clay Centre	158	9 48	3	6 00	15 48
Edwin M. Allen	Anchor	142	North Loup	200	12 00	3	6 00	18 00
Lucius P. Judd	Crescent	143	Cedar Rapids	150	9 00	3	6 00	15 00
Henry E. Norton	Kenesaw	144	Kenesaw	180	10 60	3	6 00	16 60
Warren Fales	Baneroft	145	Baneroft	86	5 16	3	6 00	11 16
	RANK.							
B. S. Baker	Com. on Pay-roll		Fairbury	224	13 44	3	6 00	19 44
M. W. Stone	Com. on Accounts		Wahoo	54	3 24	4	8 00	11 24
Frank H. Young	Com. on Ch. and Dis.		Broken Bow	271	16 26	4	8 00	24 26
E. H. Dorr	"		"	140	8 40	4	8 00	16 40
J. J. Wemple	Com. on Jurispr.		Hastings	175	10 50	3	6 00	16 50
E. F. Warren	"		Nebraska City	50	3 00	3	6 00	9 00

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J. R. Can	Com. on Jurispr		Falls City	112	6 72	3	6 00	12 72
J. A. Tulleys	" "		Red Cloud	210	12 60	3	6 00	18 60
A. G. Hastings	" "		Lincoln	68	4 08	3	6 00	10 08
F. K. Long	Com. on Returns		Omaha					50 00
Milo C. Wilson	Ass't Secretary		Omaha					10 00
G. W. Lininger	Com. on Doings G.O.		Omaha			3	6 00	6 00
Rob't Jordan	Com. on Doings G.O.					3	6 00	6 00
Robt. Furnas	Com. on Correspondence		Brownville	100	6 00	3	6 00	12 00
Chas. J. Rollins	Com. Ways & Means			155	9 30	3	6 00	15 30
M. B. Reese	Grand Master			54	3 24	3	6 00	9 24
C. K. Coutant	Dep. Grand Master					3	6 00	6 00
M. J. Hull	G. Senior Warden			193	11 58	3	6 00	17 58
Geo. B. France	G. Junior Warden			140	8 40	3	6 00	14 40
Chr. Hartman	Grand Treasurer					3	6 00	6 00
Wm. R. Bowen	Grand Secretary					3	6 00	6 00
C. J. Phelps	Grand Orator			75	4 50	3	6 00	10 50
B. F. Rawalt	Grand Lecturer			175	10 50	3	6 00	16 50
Frank White	Grand Marshal			20	1 20	3	6 00	7 20
W. J. Mount	Grand Tiler					3	6 00	6 00

Grand total.....\$2,079 01

The case of D. A. Pettigrew, desiring to be admitted a member of a Nebraska lodge without a demit, was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence, together with a letter from M.:W.: Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa. The following report from the committee on Jurisprudence was adopted :

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

In regard to the desire of D. A. Pettigrew to become a member of North Bend Lodge, No. 119, he claiming to have received the three degrees of Masonry in Rising Sun Lodge, Iowa, some time about 1841, your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that there are facts relating to this matter which are impossible to procure in so limited a time; therefore we recommend that the whole matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master to inquire into the facts; and if the brother was made a Mason in a legal manner, and that records are lost to the extent as reported, that he issue his dispensation, if in his judgment it be proper, to North Bend Lodge, No. 119, to receive the brother's petition, and act on same.

Bro.: Wemple, 50, presented the following report from the committee on Jurisprudence, which was considered by section, and was concurred in :

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14 be approved.

2. We recommend that decision No. 7 be approved, after striking out all after the words "at least his color should not exclude him."

3. We recommend that decision No. 11 be not approved. Your committee agree with the spirit of the decision of the Grand Master, but think there is no *law* forbidding a lodge to have its place of meeting over a saloon. We recommend, however, that no lodge, previously knowing the fact that a building is to be used for a saloon or liquor business, be allowed to hold its meetings in said building; and further, that no building owned by Masonic bodies be rented for the carrying on of saloon or liquor business.

4. We recommend that decision No. 15 be not approved. The lodge "asking permission to confer the Master Mason's degree" had no jurisdiction to spread the ballot. Its action was void.

5. In regard to that part of the Grand Master's address relating to formation of new lodges, we recommend that no action be taken. Your committee are of the opinion that the present system is perfect. On the blanks now furnished by the Grand Secretary for petitions for new lodges will be found sufficient instructions, which, if followed by the petitioners, no delay will arise, and if not followed, the petitioners are alone to blame.

To the query submitted to this committee (page 173, proceedings 5885), "Can an appeal to the Grand Lodge be taken from the decision of the Grand Master?" your committee beg leave to report in the negative.

Bro.: Davidson, 17, presented the following report from the special committee, of which he was chairman, which report was adopted:

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

Your committee to report resolutions upon acceptance of fireproof room from the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha, would report:

WHEREAS, The Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha has tendered to this Grand Lodge for the use of the Grand Secretary, as a safe depository for the records, library, archives, etc., of the Grand Lodge, an excellent fireproof room, free of rent, and the M.:W.: Grand Master has accepted the same on behalf of the Grand Lodge; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the acceptance of this tender by the Grand Master be and is hereby ratified and confirmed, and this Grand Lodge hereby expresses its appreciation of the fraternal courtesy which has prompted this tender, and extends to said Masonic Temple Craft its thanks for this generous act.

S. P. DAVIDSON, } *Special*  
E. F. WARREN. } *Committee.*

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



## THIRD DAY — MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 5886.

The Grand Lodge resumed its labors this morning at the appointed hour, M.:W.: Manoah B. Reese, Grand Master, in the East.

Bro.: Bowen, 3, offered the following, which was adopted. Bros.: Bowen, 3, Tulleys, 53, Wemple, 50, Adair, 5, and Young, 148, were appointed such committee :

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

As you have again chosen me as your Secretary, I should like to have the close of my fifteenth year in your service marked by some measure of decided benefit to our Fraternity. To this end I move the appointment of five (5) earnest and well informed Nebraska Freemasons, who are not timid when radical action is proposed, to consider the problem of non-affiliation, and how it may be lessened, and to recommend to this Grand Lodge next June legislation on the subject.

On motion of Bro.: France, 56, the Grand Secretary was authorized to sell, under the direction of the Grand Master, the property of extinct lodges, reporting the proceeds to the Grand Lodge.

Bro.: Furnas, 4, presented the following report from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred papers pertaining to the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Lower California and Oaxaca, find it unsafe to recommend their recognition with the light at present before them. While thus acting, we are not prepared to refuse recognition, but wait for further information.

Regarding the *International Regulations*, proposed by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, your committee is of the opinion that some such arrangement or agreement would be productive of good, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. A majority of the lodges regularly constituted in a territory may organize a Grand Lodge, with all the powers usually conceded to a Grand Lodge; *provided*, not less than three lodges to concur therein, and all the lodges within the territory have been duly notified of the intended action to form a Grand Lodge.

2. A Grand Lodge, thus legally constituted in a new territory, is sovereign

over the whole of that territory, and all the lodges therein located must yield obedience to her, and receive new charters from her or be considered in insubordination and irregular.

4. Charges may be preferred to the lodge in whose jurisdiction a brother is sojourning who has violated any Masonic penal law, though he be not a member of that lodge.

6. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska agrees, that should a matter of contention arise between her and some fellow Grand Lodge, if not soon amicably adjusted, it will be referred, the fellow Grand Lodge consenting thereto, to arbitration for final determination, and without any issuance of any edicts of non-intercourse.

Bro.: Slaughter, 89, offered the following, which was referred to the committee on Ways and Means:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to refund to the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, upon order drawn by the Grand Secretary, the sum of one dollar for each and every Master Mason reported by chartered lodges April 30, 1886, and that the same be forwarded to the Secretaries of the several lodges.

The Grand Custodian asked, "Can a lodge install its office-bearers away from its location (town)?" On which the committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was not adopted:

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the query of Bro.: Rawalt, have had the same under consideration, and answer, that we know of nothing to prohibit a lodge from installing its officers away from home, but within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The following amendments to the by-laws were proposed, duly seconded, and laid over for consideration at the next annual communication:

By Bro.: Simmons, 38:

Amend Article — of the by-laws, to read: All chartered lodges are required to install their officers on the anniversary of Saint John the Baptist, June 24; *provided*, however, that any lodge may, by a two-thirds vote of members present at any meeting, decide to install on the first meeting subsequent to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

By Bro.: Wilcox, 53:

Amend Article — of the by-laws, by inserting in lieu thereof the following: The officers of subordinate lodges shall be installed on the festival of Saint John the Baptist; *provided*, that any subordinate lodge may, by a two-thirds vote, elect to install at some time within one week prior thereto.

Bro.: Warren, 2, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the M.:W.: Grand Master's address relating to membership and applications for degrees by residents along the border between Nebraska and Kansas, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend action in accordance with the Grand Master's suggestion, as follows:

*Resolved*, 1. That whenever citizens of the state of Nebraska, who are desirous of petitioning for the degrees in Masonry, shall reside nearer some constituted lodge in the state of Kansas, and shall wish to petition said Kansas Lodge for the degrees, they be allowed so to do without first obtaining permission of the Grand Master of this jurisdiction; *provided*, that this regulation shall take effect and be in force only upon and after receipt of official information from the Grand Lodge of Kansas that similar permission is given residents of Kansas to apply for the degrees in neighboring lodges located in Nebraska.

2. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to inform the M.:W.: Grand Master of Kansas of this action, and invite concert and reciprocity in this behalf.

3. That whenever the Grand Lodge of Kansas shall have enacted similar provisions, the M.:W.: Grand Master notify lodges in this jurisdiction along the border line between the two states of the taking effect hereof.

The expense account of the Grand Master, \$34.70, was, on the recommendation of the committee on Accounts, ordered paid.

Bro.: McElHinnery, 50, presented the following report from the committee on Ways and Means, which was adopted:

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

We, your committee on Ways and Means, make the following report:

In relation to the resolutions [page 266] asking for appropriating from the funds of this Grand Lodge the sum of \$6,000, for the use and benefit of the Orphans School Fund, we believe that at the present time it would be unwise; that the money is just as safe in the hands of the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, for the present, and that at any time the Grand Lodge may deem it advisable to authorize the use of said Orphans School Fund for the purpose for which it was created, then, and not before, in our judgment, should such an appropriation be made.

We therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That we be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Regarding the resolution offered by Bro.: Cobb, 19, requiring the names of Nebraska Freemasons to be published with our proceedings, your committee, having considered the same, recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

The following report from the same committee was not agreed to:

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

We, your committee on Ways and Means, would report as follows in regard to the resolution authorizing the Grand Secretary to procure blank certificates for the benefit of those receiving the actual Past Master's degree, we deem the matter inexpedient, and in lieu thereof would recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That Rule II of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out all after the words "Past Master" in the seventh line.

The following query, from Bro.: White, 6, was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence; that committee reported in the negative, which was adopted:

Can a Master of a subordinate lodge, serving as an officer of this Grand Lodge, and being present, give his proxy as Master to some other brother?

Bro.: Dinsmore, 49, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

*To the M. W. Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

We, your committee on Ways and Means, to whom were referred the reports of Bros.: Furnas and Warren, Trustees of the Orphans' School Fund, would report that we have had the same under consideration, and find that there are the following loans secured by real estate, viz.:

D. C. Cole .....	\$546 40
F. H. Young, <i>et al.</i> .....	2,500 00
Maria H. Crother .....	250 00
Elizabeth Snodgrass .....	350 00
Elza Kirk .....	1,250 00
Peter Bestite .....	1,200 00
C. Shuck .....	1,000 00
Robert B. Kite .....	700 00
William Chambers .....	1,000 00
Rose Gilbert .....	400 00
Total .....	\$9,196 40
Robert W. Furnas, principal and interest to May 1, 1886* .....	1,717 17
Graff loan .....	2,043 12
Cash on hand, as evidenced by three certificates of deposit issued by the First National Bank of Brownville, as follows:	
One for .....	459 90
(Dated February 15, 1884, with interest at 4 per cent from July 3, 1885.)	

\* This is secured by assignment of two policies of life insurance in the Iowa Masonic Benevolent Association for \$2,000 and \$3,000 each.

One for.....	\$490 58
(Dated March 29, 1886; interest 4 per cent from date.)	
One for .....	2,146 76
(Dated June 14, 1886; no interest.)	
Total funds on hand.....	\$16,053 93

We would recommend that the Graff loan be canceled, and that Bro.: Furnas have credit for the amount of the same, viz.: \$2,043.12. We are impelled to make this recommendation from the fact that Bro.: Graff is dead, and his estate insolvent.

We recommend that Bro.: Furnas have credit, on account of erroneous computation of interest, reported by himself, of the sum of \$50.33.

We recommend that Bro.: Furnas have credit for the sum of \$61.50, being amount paid by him to W. H. Hoover for examining abstracts of title, as evidenced by bills rendered.

We would recommend that so much of the report of Bro.: Warren as relates to the manner of computation of interest be not concurred in, as we believe that where interest is forborne the borrower should be willing to pay interest on the amount so forborne.

We would recommend that in future all loans made provide for the payment of interest annually, and that when any interest becomes due it be the imperative duty of the Trustees to collect said interest at once, as, in our opinion, there is no time so good to enforce a claim as when the same is due.

We further recommend that Bro.: Furnas be credited with the sum of \$497, being excess of cash on deposit, as shown by report of 1885, and cash received since.

We would recommend that one of the Board of Trustees be designated as custodian of the funds, and that he be required to give a bond, with good and sufficient sureties, in an amount not less than double the amount as shown by his report to this Grand Body of funds on hand each year, and that said bond be approved by the Grand Master on or before July 1 of each year.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the bill of the Rees Printing Co. for \$22, for blank reports of committee on Credentials, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that there be appropriated the sum of \$22 to pay for the same.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the resolution to ascertain a suitable sum to be credited upon the loan of Bro.: R. W. Furnas, favor of Orphan Fund, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that there be appropriated the sum of \$500 from General Fund as compensation for services rendered and moneys paid out by him prior to June 1, 1885, in the care of said Orphans' Educational Fund.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the resolution directing the Grand Secretary, under direction of the Grand Master, to procure suitable implements and vessels for the purpose of laying cornerstones and dedicating lodges, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same be not concurred in.

The following report was made :

*To the Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :*

We, your committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolution instructing the Grand Treasurer to refund to the subordinate lodges the sum of \$1 for each and every Master Mason reported by chartered lodges, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully recommend that the same be not concurred in.

A motion to adopt the report was lost. On taking up the resolution offered by Bro.: Slaughter, 89, Bro.: Butler, 3, moved to indefinitely postpone, which was lost ; Bro.: Warren, 2, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to ; Bro.: Coutant, 11, moved to amend by crediting each lodge with seventy-five cents per capita, to become due April 30, 5887, which did not prevail ; Bro.: France, 56, moved to amend by instructing the Grand Secretary to deduct the indebtedness of each lodge from the sum to be refunded, which amendment was adopted ; Bro.: Lininger, 3, moved to defer consideration until after the appropriations are all made, which was lost ; and as amended by Bro.: France, 56, the resolution of Bro.: Slaughter, 89, was adopted. [See subsequent reconsideration.]

Bro.: Dinsmore, 49, made further report from his committee, as follows, which was concurred in :

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

We, your committee on Ways and Means, would recommend that the following sums, or so much thereof as may be required, be appropriated for the following purposes, viz. :

For one gross filing boxes . . . . .	\$ 50 00
For continuing the reprint, indexing, and stereotyping Grand Lodge proceedings . . . . .	500 00
Binding Grand Lodge reports . . . . .	200 00
Secretary's office expenses . . . . .	600 00
Clerk hire . . . . .	450 00
Books and blank for old lodges . . . . .	100 00
Chairs and tables for fireproof library . . . . .	200 00
Mantel and grate for fireproof library . . . . .	75 00
For blank reports of committee on Credentials . . . . .	22 00

We recommend that all expenditures made from the foregoing sums be made by and with the approval and consent of the Grand Master.

We recommend that there be appropriated the sum of \$50 to compensate the Grand Master for clerk hire for the past year.

We would recommend that the sum of \$500 be appropriated as compensation for the Grand Custodian for the coming year.

We would recommend that the policy of selling blank books to organized lodges at fifty per cent be continued for the coming year.

Bro.: White, 6, offered the following amendment to the by-laws, which was duly seconded, and laid over for consideration at the next annual communication :

Amend Section 9, paragraph 4. by inserting after the word "year," in the seventh line, page 435, proceedings of 1883, "such sum to which each lodge is entitled shall be returned to the several lodges within thirty days after the session of the Grand Lodge."

Bro.: Willard, 124, presented the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the matter of providing for the codification of existing laws of the Grand Lodge, would respectfully recommend that an appropriation of \$150, or so much thereof as necessary, to be used under the direction of the Grand Secretary, or such committee as may be created by this Grand Lodge, to execute the work of codification.

A motion to reconsider the vote refunding to the lodges one dollar per capita now prevailed, and the further consideration of the matter was indefinitely postponed.

Bro.: Long, 11, on behalf of the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha, stated that interest on the funds borrowed by that corporation from the Orphan Educational Fund had been compounded, thus making an overcharge of several hundred dollars. The matter was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, which committee made the following report just before the closing of the Grand Lodge, which report was adopted :

*To the Grand Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge :*

We, your committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the matter of computation of interest on the Omaha Temple Craft loan, would report that we have figured the same over, and do not agree with either the Trus-

tees or the Temple Craft, and would respectfully recommend that the matter be referred to W. W. Wallace, the cashier of the Omaha National Bank, W. H. S. Hughes, cashier of the Nebraska National Bank, and John E. Wilber, cashier of the Omaha Savings Bank, with a request that they figure the interest, and each make a separate report of the amount found due on the same on June 27, 1885.

Past Grand Master Warren, assisted by Grand Marshal White, now obligated and installed the newly chosen office-bearers of the Grand Lodge, excepting the Grand Chaplain and Grand Orator, who were not present.

On motion of Bro.: Butler, 3, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby, tendered to Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, of Kearney, for the kind and fraternal courtesies extended in taking charge of and performing the last sad rites at the burial of our late sojourning brother, Emmet Crawford, late of the United States army.

Bro.: Blake, 26, offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table :

*Resolved*, That the sum of \$500, in addition to the sum already provided, be appropriated for binding the proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

On motion of Bro.: Phelps, 34, and by a unanimous and rising vote, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby, tendered to M.:W.: Manoah B. Reese for the able and impartial discharge of his duties as Grand Master during the term of his office as such.

On motion of Bro.: Rawalt, 84, it was

*Resolved*, That if the Grand Lodge jewels that have been lost or mislaid at this session cannot be found, the Grand Secretary is empowered to purchase others, to make the set complete.

On motion of Bro.: Rawalt, 84, it was further

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the officers and members of the Masonic lodges of Omaha for the courtesies extended to Grand Officers and Representatives of subordinate lodges in attendance at this communication of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro.: Ehrhardt, 41, the Grand Lodge considered the amendment to the by-laws offered by Bro.: Young, 61, at the last annual communication (page 151, proceedings of 1885), as follows :



Amend Section 9 of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge to read:

Every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge the following Grand Lodge dues, viz.:

- For each initiation the sum of .....\$5 00
- For each member the sum of ..... 60

Bro.: Warren moved to amend by inserting "paragraph 1 of Section 9," which was agreed to, and the by-laws were accordingly amended, thus making the annual dues thirty-five cents per capita to a lodge that promptly forwards its annual return, and earns the twenty-five cents rebate.

The Grand Master appointed Bro.: William H. Munger, 15, Trustee of the Orphan Educational Fund; Bros.: Bowen, 3, Davidson, 17, and Phelps, 34, committee on Foreign Correspondence; and Bros.: Bowen, 3, Lowe, 11, and White, 6, committee on Codification of the Law.

On motion of Bro.: Hastings, 19, it was

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the names of Master Masons, who are members of Nebraska lodges, should be published with our next-year's proceedings, and each fifth year thereafter.

On motion of Bro.: Hartman, 11, it was

*Resolved*, That the bond of the Grand Treasurer hereafter, and until otherwise ordered, be fixed at \$20,000.

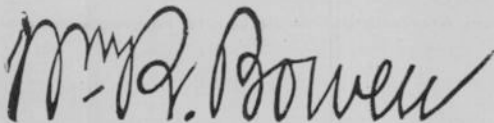
On motion of Bro.: Whitman, 138, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to W.:Bro.: Robert E. French, Master of Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, for his zeal in exhibiting in Grand Lodge the photographs, swords, and implements of our deceased brother, Emmet Crawford, United States Army.

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No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed at quarter past one o'clock, peace and harmony prevailing.

CHARLES K. COUTANT,  
*Grand Master.*



*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.
Arizona	Alonzo Bailey		March 23, 1885.
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.
Canada	Charles W. Brown	Toronto	February 22, 1884.
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.
England	Brackstone Baker	Lee, Kent	June 24, 1881.
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	
Indian Territory	John T. Adair	Talequah	July 29, 1879.
Iowa	William E. Woodward	Burlington	March 20, 1872.
Italy	Nicola Sinimberghi	Rome	June 24, 1881.
Kansas	Edward D. Hillyer	Valley Falls	September 22, 1869.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington	June 1, 1871.
Louisiana	A. L. Tissot	New Orleans	March 14, 1883.
Maine	Edward P. Burnham	Saco	March 29, 1870.
Manitoba	A. H. Cameron		
Maryland	Edward J. Oppelt	Baltimore	February 12, 1877.
Michigan	Abraham T. Metcalf	Kalamazoo	January 17, 1874.
Minnesota	J. E. Finch	Hastings	
Mississippi	J. B. Morgan		
Missouri	Charles F. Vogel	St. Louis	June 3, 1877.
Montana	Henry M. Parchen	Helena	April 9, 1877.
Nevada	Charles E. Loughton	Carson	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 Mexico	Willis E. Maynard	Socorro	March 14, 1883.
New York	Robert M. C. Graham	New York city	April 9, 1877.
North Carolina	James B. Batchelor	Raleigh	
Nova Scotia	George Fraser	Halifax	
Ohio	Robert Gwynn	Cincinnati	
Oregon	Thomas McF. Patton	Salem	June 9, 1883.
Pennsylvania	James W. Robbins	Philadelphia	May 24, 1882.
Prince Edward's Isl'd	John Muirhead	Charlottetown	March 21, 1877.
Rhode Island	Edward L. Freeman	Providence	April 17, 1877.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh	June 24, 1881.
South Carolina	Augustine T. Smythe	Charleston	March 20, 1877.
Tennessee	James O. Connor	Jackson	August 2, 1869.
Texas	Joseph D. Sayers	Bastrop (c. h.)	March 20, 1877.
Utah	Thomas E. Clohecy	Salt Lake City	November 3, 1875.
Vermont	William H. Root	Burlington	October 3, 1881.
Virginia	Ethelred L. Turner	Hicksford	July 9, 1884.
Washington Territory	James Hiles	Tumwater	June 3, 1873.
West Virginia	Benjamin F. Martin	Pruntytown	
Wisconsin	Merrick P. Wing	La Crosse	April 9, 1877.
Wyoming	John H. Symons	Laramie City	May 5, 1882.

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

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama	James W. Chaddock, 12.	Nebraska City	September 22, 1869.
Arizona	Fred. J. Benedict, 50	Hastings	May 12, 1874.
Arkansas	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.	Norfolk	March 6, 1878.
British Columbia	William Adair, 5	Dakota City	August 1, 1878.
California	John J. Wemple, 50	Hastings	March 24, 1883.
Canada	Robert C. Jordan, 33	Omaha	May 11, 1874.
Colorado	Josiah B. Redfield, 25	Omaha	February 20, 1877.
Connecticut	Alfred G. Hastings, 19.	Lincoln	March 30, 1885.
Dakota	Manoah B. Reese, 59	Wahoo	December 1, 1869.
Delaware	Edwin A. Allen, 142	North Loup	September 18, 1869.
District of Columbia	Charles F. Catlin, 11	Omaha	June 23, 1883.
England	George W. Lininger, 3.	Omaha	September 8, 1869.
Florida	Hiram C. Rider, 37	Omaha	February 1, 1877.
France	Robert R. Livingston, 6.	Plattsmouth	September 30, 1869.
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren, 2	Nebraska City	March 31, 1883.
Idaho	James A. Tulleys, 53.	Red Cloud	February 1, 1877.
Illinois	Harry P. Deuel, 11	Omaha	September 2, 1872.
Indiana	George H. Thummel, 33.	Grand Island	August 4, 1879.
Indian Territory	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89.	Fullerton	October 1, 1883.
Iowa	Robert W. Furnas, 4	Brownville	May 27, 1885.
Kansas	Robert C. Jordan, 33	Omaha	October 25, 1869.
Kentucky	Henry Gibbons, 46	Kearney	December 1, 1869.
Louisiana	J. Newton Wise, 3	Plattsmouth	March 24, 1877.
Maine	N. S. Harding, 2	Nebraska City	February 2, 1877.
Manitoba	Edwin F. Warren, 2	Nebraska City	January 3, 1870.
Maryland	George Armstrong, 3	Omaha	August 17, 1869.
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler, 6	Plattsmouth	December 31, 1869.
Minnesota	Robert C. Jordan, 33.	Omaha	August 14, 1878.
Missouri	J. Newton Wise, 3	Plattsmouth	February 14, 1870.
Mississippi	John M. Burks, 19	Lincoln	September 22, 1869.
Montana	Charles F. Goodman, 3	Omaha	February 8, 1879.
Nevada	James R. Reed, 31	Tekamah	February 24, 1878.
New Brunswick	Edwin A. Allen, 142	North Loup	April 25, 1879.
New Hampshire	Frank W. Hayes, 15	Fremont	September 13, 1869.
New Jersey	James R. Cain, 9	Falls City	September 20, 1869.
New Mexico	Henry E. Palmer, 6	Plattsmouth	June 10, 1871.
New York	Robert R. Livingston, 6	Plattsmouth	September 10, 1869.
North Carolina	Robert W. Furnas, 4	Brownville	May 5, 1882.
Nova Scotia	Charles F. Catlin, 11.	Omaha	February 19, 1877.
Ohio	Robert W. Furnas, 4.	Brownville	March 6, 1886.
Oregon	Henry Brown, 3	Nebraska City	April 9, 1877.
Pennsylvania	William R. Bowen, 3	Omaha	January 14, 1881.
Prince Edward's Isl'd	William H. Platt, 33	Grand Island	June 24, 1869.
Quebec	Milton J. Hull	Edgar	February 22, 1877.
Rhode Island	William M. Knapp, 56	York	June 13, 1866.
South Carolina	Frank E. Bullard, 32	North Platte	October 13, 1866.
Tennessee	J. Newton Wise, 3	Plattsmouth	January 29, 1877.
Texas	Martin Dunham, 3	Omaha	March 7, 1877.
Utah	William R. Bowen, 3.	Omaha	
Vermont	William E. Hill, 2	Nebraska City	
Virginia	Charles A. Holmes, 17	Tecumseh	
Washington Territory	Henry T. Davis	Lincoln	
West Virginia	Alexander Atkinson, 3	Omaha	
Wisconsin	Rolland H. Oakley, 19.	Lincoln	
Wyoming			

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

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskrige	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Edward C. Neufelder	Victoria.
California	Alexander G. Abell	San Francisco.
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmalee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Aberdeen.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	William R. Singleton	Washington.
England	Shadwell H. Clerke	London.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	James H. Wickersham	Silver City.
Illinois	Loyal L. Munn	Freeport.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Sam'l B. Oldham, Deputy Gr. Sec.	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Louisville.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor, M.D.	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	William G. Scott	Winnepeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Azariah T. C. Pierson	Saint Paul.
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	Saint Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	Saint John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alphens A. Keen	Las Vegas.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Frelon J. Babcock	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	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	F. W. Hudson	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Levant M. Reed	Bellows Falls.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Edgar P. Snow	Cheyenne.

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BELOVED BRETHERN WHO ARE

## At Rest.

NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
CHARLES H. SMITH	Western Star, No.	2.....Jan. 28, '86
HARRY WILKINS	Capitol,	" 3.....Jan. 22, '86
WILLIAM C. McBEATH	Omadi,	" 5.....Mch. 30, '86
WILLIAM S. STRETCH	Falls City,	" 9.....July 20, '85
D..... W. SPRINGER	Fremont,	" 15.....Oct. 20, '85
EPHRAIM A. ELLSWORTH	Tecumseh,	" 17.....Jan. 5, '86
OTO FUNKE	Lincoln,	" 19.....Nov. —, '85
SNOWDEN COCHRAN	Lincoln,	" 19.....Feb. 19, '86
E..... M. STOCKTON	Lincoln,	" 19.....Feb. 21, '86
GEORGE SHEALEY	Washington,	" 21.....Jan. —, '86
THOMAS H. HARRISON	Beatrice,	" 26.....July 30, '85
URI FARR	Beatrice,	" 26.....Sept. 30, '85
ORLANDO PEASE	Beatrice,	" 26.....Mch. 13, '86
EDWARD N. SEARLE	Platte Valley,	" 32.....Oct. 25, '85
GEORGE T. A. NIXON	Platte Valley,	" 32.....Mch. 27, '86
SAMUEL BENSON	Ashlar,	" 33.....—, —
JOHN S. DEGMAN	Acacia,	" 34.....Jan. 7, '86
R..... A. KENNEDY	Fairbury,	" 35.....Feb. 13, '86
ELI HARMON	Lone Tree,	" 36.....July 12, '85
JAMES GALLAGHER	Crete,	" 37.....Jan. 31, '86
JOHN BROWN	Oliver,	" 38.....Oct. 9, '85
G..... M. FILSON	Humboldt,	" 40.....Feb. 20, '86
GEORGE GIRD	Humboldt,	" 40.....Sept. 7, '85
WILLIAM H. GREEN	Rob Morris,	" 46.....—, —
JOHN E. CHIDESTER	Rob Morris,	" 46.....Nov. 1, '85
FISHER BROWN	Fairmont,	" 48.....Sept. —, '85
CORNELIUS C. SARGENT	Fairmont,	" 48.....Feb. 3, '86
WILLIAM LETSON	Charity,	" 53.....Aug. 22, '85
BERNARD H. COLBERG	Mount Moriah,	" 57.....July 3, '85
IRWIN J. SLATTERLY	Lebanon,	" 58.....July —, '85
CHARLES G. PEIL	Edgar,	" 67.....Mch. —, '86
ABNER C. REED	Sterling,	" 70.....Sept. 2, '85
JAMES EWING	Trowel,	" 71.....—, —
WILLIAM H. BLAIN	Geneva,	" 79.....Aug. 21, '85
CALVIN B. DARROW	Geneva,	" 79.....Jan. 30, '86
ALBA C. TURNER	Tyre,	" 85.....Sept. 11, '85
JOHN RAYPOLE	Doniphan,	" 86.....June —, '85
DAVID STRAYER	Star,	" 88.....July 1, '85
BAYARD T. THOMPSON	Waterloo,	" 102.....Aug. 27, '85
HENRY PARSON	Arapahoe,	" 109.....April 1, '86
GEORGE HALL	Hardy,	" 117.....Dec. 11, '85
JONAS K. RYTHER	Wayne,	" 120.....June 14, '85
JOHN P. FOGEL	Superior,	" 121.....Mch. 28, '86
STEPHEN READ	Tuscan,	" 130.....April 22, '86

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 Ponca, 101.  
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 Weeping Water, 97.  
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## LOCATION OF NEBRASKA LODGES,

April 30, 5886.

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| Adams, 42, 50, 144.                      | Kearney, 127.                                  |
| Antelope, 71.                            | Knox, 87, 100.                                 |
| Boone, 78, 143.                          | Lancaster, 19, 54, 66, 94.                     |
| Brown, 131, 136.                         | Lincoln, 32.                                   |
| Buffalo, 46, 99, 133.                    | Madison, 55, 113.                              |
| Burt, 31, 88, 91.                        | Merrick, 36, 134, U. .D. .                     |
| Butler, 51, 69, 81, 115, 130.            | Nance, 89, 125.                                |
| Cass, 6, 97.                             | Nemaha, 4, 14, 29, 124, 141.                   |
| Cedar, U. .D. .                          | Nuckolls, 77, 117, 121.                        |
| Cheyenne, 75.                            | Otoe, 2, 12, 45, 57.                           |
| Clay, 44, 49, 67, 84, 139.               | Pawnee, 23, 108, 137.                          |
| Colfax, 34.                              | Phelps, U. .D. .                               |
| Cuming, 27, 114, 145.                    | Pierce, U. .D. .                               |
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| Dakota, 5.                               | Polk, 65, 126.                                 |
| Dawes, U. .D. .                          | Red Willow, 123, 135.                          |
| Dawson, 61.                              | Richardson, 9, 13, 40, 47, 105.                |
| Dixon, 83, 101.                          | Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 118, 140,<br>U. .D. . |
| Dodge, 15, 72, 119, 132.                 | Sarpy, 1, 39, 112.                             |
| Douglas, 3, 11, 25, 102.                 | Saunders, 59, 110, U. .D. .                    |
| Fillmore, 48, 79.                        | Seward, 30, 38, 96.                            |
| Franklin, 63, 76.                        | Sherman, 106.                                  |
| Furnas, 93, 109, 138, U. .D. ., U. .D. . | Stanton, 41.                                   |
| Gage, 26, 85, 104, 122, U. .D. .         | Thayer, 43, 74, 92, U. .D. .                   |
| Hall, 33, 86.                            | Valley, 103, 142.                              |
| Hamilton, 62, 68.                        | Washington, 10, 21, 52.                        |
| Harlan, 60, 98, 116.                     | Wayne, 120.                                    |
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| Johnson, 17, 70, 90.                     |  |

## APPROVED LODGE SEALS.

April 30, 5886.

[E. & O. E.]

- No. 1. Apron with square and compasses laid thereon.
- No. 2. A rayed star above the book of constitutions, guarded by the tiler's sword. Motto "*Lux esto.*"
- No. 3. The first capitol building in Nebraska.
- No. 4. Square and compasses, rayed with two stars.
- No. 5. Square and compasses.
- No. 6. Square and compasses surrounding the letter G.
- No. 9. An apron.
- No. 11. The mosaic pavement.
- No. 15. Three columns, with plumb, square, and level.
- No. 19. The square and compasses between two columns; beneath them two right hands.
- No. 23. Square and compasses surrounding a five-pointed star.
- No. 25. A quarterfoil bearing, 1, an eagle; 2, location of lodge with star; 3, date of charter; 4, a point within a circle with star embordered with two parallel lines, with book of constitutions thereon; within all, the square and compasses.
- No. 26. The letter G. Motto, "Faith, Hope, Charity."
- No. 33. The letter G.
- No. 34. A sprig of acacia.
- No. 35. A virgin weeping over a broken column; on the left a tree.
- No. 36. The square and compasses with letter G. in centre, over a tree.
- No. 37. The All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above a lamb.
- No. 38. The All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above a slipper, surrounded by a cable-tow.
- No. 39. A level crossed by a square, centre to centre, erect.
- No. 41. The All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above the book of constitutions, guarded by the tiler's sword.
- No. 45. A quartered shield bearing a crown, cross, and crescent, a palm tree, and the jewel of the Grand Master. For crest, the All-Seeing Eye, radiant.
- No. 46. A shield bearing an hour-glass, partly surrounded by a scythe. For a crest, a winged globe.
- No. 47. The square and compasses surrounding a star bearing the letter G.
- No. 48. A point within a circle embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines supporting the book of constitutions.
- No. 49. A five-pointed star bearing the letter G.
- No. 50. A shield bearing a chevron (for the square); in chief, a sun; in centre-base, a crescent. For crest, the symbol of a M.:M.:
- No. 51. A shield with chevron bear-

- ing the compasses. For crest, the All-Seeing Eye.
- No. 52. The plumb.
- No. 53. An open hand.
- No. 54. A shield bearing a trowel crossed with a gavel. For crest, three lengths of a cable-tow and three points.
- No. 55. A shield, checker-bordered, bearing a sheaf of wheat. Crest, 5875.
- No. 56. A shield bearing a tau cross, beneath, a pair of compasses extended over three points, and between, a dagger and one point and a square between two points. For crest, the letter G. between 58 and 75.
- No. 57. The square and compasses interlaced with the letter G.
- No. 58. A quartered shield bearing first and fourth, three mountains, second and third, a cedar of Lebanon. For crest, a Grand Master's jewel between 58 and 75.
- No. 60. An altar with book of constitutions, square, and compasses; for support, crossed pens and crossed swords. For crest, two clasped hands.
- No. 61. A shield bearing three thistles. For crest, three plates.
- No. 62. A keystone bearing the square and compasses.
- No. 63. A shield bearing three squares interlaced. Crest, the Master's square.
- No. 64. A shield bearing a pot of incense. Crest, three quarter notes.
- No. 65. A shield bearing lightning emanating from the word *Lux*. Crest, the All-Seeing Eye.
- No. 67. A five-pointed star beneath a pen and sword, crossed, between two columns resting on a mosaic pavement; above all, an eye radiant.
- No. 68. A sheaf of wheat.
- No. 69. A quartered shield bearing the letter G., right angles, horizontal, and perpendiculars.
- No. 70. A shield bearing emblems of each degree.
- No. 71. A shield, with trowel bearing the square and compasses. Crest, three lodges.
- No. 72. An anchor.
- No. 73. A winged hour-glass with two sprigs of acacia.
- No. 74. A rough ashlar bearing the letter G., and a gavel with cable-tow.
- No. 75. A bust of Past Grand Master Frank Welch.
- No. 76. A shield bearing the square, plumb, and level.
- No. 77. The level.
- No. 78. A square crossed by a twenty-four-inch gauge.
- No. 81. The rising sun within the square and compasses.
- No. 82. A shield bearing square and dagger. For crest, three Gs.
- No. 83. A Corinthian column.
- No. 84. A perfect ashlar.
- No. 86. The All-Seeing Eye above an altar.
- No. 87. A shield bearing an Ionic column.
- No. 88. A blazing star.
- No. 89. A river with cedars growing.
- No. 90. A shield bearing two crowns and a gavel.
- No. 91. A plumb-line in a hand.
- No. 92. The tiler's sword.
- No. 93. The compasses suspended from the square.
- No. 94. Two clasped hands above XCIV.
- No. 95. A pen and a sword crossed.
- No. 96. A beehive.
- No. 97. The forty-seventh problem and three tapers.
- No. 98. The twenty-four-inch gauge and common gavel crossed.

- No. 99. Three steps within the square and compasses.  
 No. 100. The letter C.  
 No. 101. Three burning tapers.  
 No. 102. The trowel.  
 No. 103. A shield bearing three castles and the tiler's sword.  
 No. 104. Two clasped hands within the square and compasses.  
 No. 105. A hand pointing to the All-Seeing Eye.  
 No. 107. A slipper under two crossed rods.  
 No. 108. The trowel in the angle of the square.  
 No. 109. A shield bearing the compasses and anchor.  
 No. 110. A branch with fruit of pomegranate.  
 No. 111. The All-Seeing Eye within the square and compasses.  
 No. 112. The plumb crossed with the square.  
 No. 113. A globe.  
 No. 116. "*Sit Lux*" with aurora.  
 No. 118. A Doric column.  
 No. 119. The Holy Bible, square and compasses.  
 No. 121. The All-Seeing Eye, the sun, moon, and stars, the square and compasses surrounding the letter G.  
 No. 123. A shield bearing three castles and a trowel.  
 No. 124. A sword pointing at a naked heart.  
 No. 125. The square and compasses above a mountain.  
 No. 126. The All-Seeing Eye above a ballot-box.  
 No. 131. An ark with an anchor.  
 No. 134. Sun between two columns.  
 No. 135. A weeping willow.  
 No. 136. A pine tree within the angle of a square.  
 No. 138. The letter R.  
 No. 140. A lodge with a radiant sun in the west.  
 No. 141. A hilltop with a sprig of acacia thereon.  
 No. 143. A crescent.

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# SUGGESTIVE CODE OF BY-LAWS.

PREPARED BY THE GRAND SECRETARY, AND RECOMMENDED  
BY THE GRAND LODGE.

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## BY-LAWS

OF

..... LODGE NO.....

A.:F.: AND A.:M.:

ORGANIZED

..... A L. 58.....

CHARTERED

..... A. L. 58.....

The members of. .... Lodge, No..... Anc.: Free and Acc.:  
Masons, located at.....Nebraska, organized..... 58..  
under the warrant of the Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, and  
chartered.....58... by the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Ne-  
braska, do make and enact the following by-laws for those who now are, or  
who hereafter may become, members of this lodge.

## BY-LAWS.

### ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of this lodge shall be held at Free-  
masons Hall, on the.....of each calendar month, and on the  
festival of Saint John the Baptist. At a special meeting nothing shall be  
done other than that for which the meeting was called.

### ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The Senior Deacon, the two Stewards, and the Tiler, shall  
be appointed by the Master at the time of his installation into office; and

the Junior Deacon shall be appointed by the Senior Warden at the same time. All the other office-bearers shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting immediately preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, a majority of all votes cast being necessary to a choice. All the office-bearers shall be installed on the festival of Saint John the Baptist.

SEC. 2. The Master, in addition to the traditional and usual powers, privileges, and duties of his office, shall decide all points of order, and from such decision there shall be no appeal except to the Grand Lodge. He shall have power to appoint all committees, unless otherwise provided in the resolutions raising such committees; to command the presence of the Treasurer and Secretary, or any officer or committee of the lodge, with their books, papers, and accounts; to preside in every committee whose meetings he may attend; he shall sign all orders on the Treasurer, and at the time of his installation shall appoint the standing committees on Finance, on Petitions, and on Censors. He may, at his discretion, draw from the funds of the lodge for the purpose of relief, not exceeding ten dollars per month to any one individual, reporting the same at the next regular meeting.

SEC. 3. The Senior Warden shall represent the lodge in the Board of Administration, and shall be chairman of the committee on Finance.

SEC. 4. The Junior Warden shall be the official presenter and prosecutor of charges against the members of the lodge, and such Freemasons as may be within its jurisdiction, and shall be chairman of the committee of Censors.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall give bonds for the faithful performance of his duties; shall keep an exact account of all moneys received and expended, and shall pay no moneys except on orders signed by the Master. None but the Treasurer shall expend the funds of the lodge. At the installation of office-bearers he shall submit a full, detailed, and complete statement of his official acts during the year; shall promptly deliver to his successor in office all the funds of the lodge, and to the Finance Committee all the books, papers, vouchers, etc., having any reference to the finances of the lodge. At all times his books, accounts, etc., shall be subject to the inspection of the Master and the Finance Committee. For these services, faithfully performed, he shall receive at least — dollars per annum.

SEC. 6. The Secretary shall give bonds for the faithful performance of his duties; shall meet all the requirements of his office, as specified by the Grand Lodge; furnish demits, diplomas, certificates, etc., duly signed and sealed by order of the lodge; prepare the annual returns to the Grand Lodge, and certificates of representatives; register in the Black Book all suspensions, expulsions, reinstatements, and rejections in this and in other lodges, of which he may receive official information, which book shall at all times be accessible to committees on Petitions; report, immediately after the expulsion or suspension of a member of the lodge, the same to the Grand Secretary, stating the cause thereof. He shall preserve a copy of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, and of these by-laws, and the standing resolutions of this lodge. The volumes of the *record* shall be paged con-

tinuously; shall contain *all* the transactions of the lodge proper to be written; shall contain in place copies of the annual reports of the Finance Committee, and of each annual *return*; shall contain at the foot of the record of each meeting a statement (under the three headings of "dues," "fees," and "other sources") of all moneys received by the Secretary since the last previous meeting, which sums shall be posted directly to the ledger, noting in the record the ledger page of the account, and on receiving the sums thus stated the Treasurer shall write his receipt therefor in place in the record. The volumes of the *ledger* shall be paged continuously, and shall contain the accounts of the members of the lodge, of cash, the building fund, etc. On the first day of May of each year the Secretary shall charge the Grand Lodge dues to the account of each Master Mason member of the lodge in good standing at that date. The *compendium* shall contain a full, detailed, and complete statement of each petition received by this lodge, the date received, the petitioner's name, rank, and lodge, if a Freemason, the action taken thereon, the date of conferring each degree, or of admission, the place and date of birth, the offices in this or the Grand Lodge borne by the brother, the date of his demission, death, or expulsion, and such other data as may be pertinent. This compendium shall also contain, in the rotation in which they become members of this lodge, the names (one *given* name in full), and also the signatures of the members, as evidence of their adherence to the laws and regulations of this lodge and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The *register* shall be alphabetically arranged, and contain the signature, grade, and lodge of each visiting brother, together with the date of his visitation, witnessed by his avoucher. This book shall be in the custody of the Tiler under the supervision of the Senior Deacon, who will introduce to the lodge no brother who has not registered. It shall be the further duty of the Secretary to submit, at the installation, a full, detailed, and complete summary of his official transactions during the year; a statement of cash, building fund, and other general accounts, and all assets and liabilities; a statement of work, showing by dates each initiation, passing, raising, admission, reinstatement, restoration, demission, death, suspension, and expulsion; and to deliver to the Finance Committee all the books, documents, papers, etc., of his office. He, and he only, shall receive the dues, fees, and other moneys due the lodge, and (unless otherwise especially ordered by the lodge) in his hands shall remain all bills receivable, bonds, stocks, securities, and other assets. He shall keep in *stub-book form* the receipts, orders on the Treasurer, demits, and diplomas. He shall furnish the chairman of each committee the names of his associates, together with a copy of the resolutions or subject matter confided to the committee by the lodge. For these services, faithfully performed, he shall annually receive such compensation as the lodge may direct, not less than — dollars.

SEC. 7. The Senior Deacon shall have a careful supervision over the Visitor's Register, and shall introduce no brother to the lodge until he has registered on that occasion.

SEC. 8. The Junior Deacon shall aid the Senior Deacon in enforcing the provisions of the last section.

SEC. 9. The Stewards, under the Junior Warden, shall provide and arrange the refreshment for the Craft, of whatsoever nature.

SEC. 10. The Tiler shall be in charge of the clothing of the brethren and the Visitor's Register.

### ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The standing Finance Committee shall be appointed as provided in Art. II, Sec. 2; shall consist of three brothers in addition to the Senior Warden; shall exercise a general supervision over the financial affairs of the lodge; shall examine the books, accounts, etc., of the Treasurer and Secretary from time to time as it may deem advisable or be instructed by the Master or the lodge; and shall audit and report on all bills, accounts, etc., referred to them. At the installation the outgoing Finance Committee shall receive the Treasurer's and Secretary's annual statements, books, documents, papers, etc.; the committee shall thoroughly examine the annual statements, with their appertaining vouchers, together with the records, ledger, compendium, and other books, and shall report thereon at the regular meeting in July; which report, being accepted by the lodge, shall be spread upon the record, and the committee be discharged.

SEC. 2. The standing Petition Committee shall be appointed as provided in Art. II, Sec. 2; shall consist of three brothers; and to this committee may be referred all petitions for initiation, passing, raising, admission, reinstatement, or restoration.

SEC. 3. The standing committee of Censors shall be appointed as provided in Art. II, Sec. 2; shall consist of three brothers in addition to the Junior Warden; shall jealously vindicate the reputation of the lodge and each of its members, also of the Craft and all sojourning Freemasons; shall see that the principles of the Fraternity are not violated; and to these ends the committee may cause charges to be preferred, or investigations made, as may seem best for the maintainance of the integrity of the Craft.

SEC. 4. All reports to the lodge from standing or special committees shall be written with pen and ink.

### ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The fees for the degrees shall be paid at the time each degree is conferred, and shall be as follows:

For initiation . . . . .	\$ .00
For passing . . . . .	.00
For raising. . . . .	.00

No fee shall be charged for admission or demission.

SEC. 2. Of the fee received for each initiation. — dollars shall be retained in the treasury as a Building Fund, for the purpose of erecting a Freemasons hall; it may be loaned for a reasonable time on real-estate security.

SEC. 3. If an elected candidate shall neglect to present himself for six months he shall forfeit his right to the degree; *provided* that the lodge may by vote extend the time to twelve months.

SEC. 4. A candidate rejected for advancement shall apply by formal petition over his signature.

SEC. 5. There shall be paid as dues by each Master Mason of this lodge in good standing the sum of — dollars per annum in addition to the Grand Lodge dues; the same shall be due and payable immediately after the installation of office-bearers in June; at the regular meeting in September, and at each succeeding regular meeting during the year, the Secretary shall report to the lodge all outstanding dues; whereupon the lodge may take such action as seems judicious; but no Freemason, a member of this lodge, shall be deprived of any right without trial in open lodge.

SEC. 6. A suspended member must petition the lodge for reinstatement over his signature; a Master Mason expelled from or by this lodge must petition the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for restoration, submitting his petition to this lodge for recommendation.

#### ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. No Master Mason of this lodge shall be deprived of any right without trial in open lodge.

SEC. 2. Charges of violation of the laws of Freemasonry may be preferred by the Junior Warden, or by any Master Mason of the lodge, against any member of the lodge (Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason, or suspended Master Mason), or any sojourning Freemason; if such charges are accepted by the lodge, trial shall follow as soon as convenient.

SEC. 3. As the constitution of our Fraternity declares that every brother ought to belong to a lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and general regulations, non-affiliation is hereby declared sufficient cause for charges, trial, and punishment.

#### ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. The library of this lodge shall be for the benefit of the lodge, the Craft, and the community; its object, to promote morality, intelligence, and rational enjoyment.

SEC. 2. The Library Board shall consist of the Junior Warden and the Stewards of the lodge. The board shall receive, invest, and expend the Library Fund; shall provide and maintain facilities for the use of the library; and shall, at each regular meeting of the lodge, report its action during the past month, and submit, for the consideration of the lodge, its proposed action for the next month.

SEC. 3. The Library Fund shall receive from the lodge — dollars for each initiation conferred, and — cents per annum for each Master Mason in good standing on the annual return; these moneys, with such donations and bequests thereto as may be made, shall be placed in the hands of the Library Board, as hereinbefore provided.

## ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. After the lodge is opened in regular meeting, the following shall be the order of business, subject to the will and pleasure of the Master of the Lodge:

1. Reading the record of the last regular and subsequent special meetings.
2. Reports of committees on Petitions.
3. Balloting on petitions.
4. Reports of other committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Receiving and referring petitions.
7. New business.

SEC. 2. No member present and entitled to a vote shall be excused from voting except by the Master, or by the consent of a majority of the members present.

## ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. Any by-law of this lodge may be amended in the following manner: The amendment must be offered at a regular meeting, lay over until the next regular meeting, and if then adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present the amendment shall become law and of effect when approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska.

## ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. All by-laws heretofore enacted by this lodge are hereby repealed.

## ROLL OF LODGES.

[SEE PAGE 245 FOR STATISTICS.]

WITH OFFICE-BEARERS FOR YEAR 5886-7.

[The dates of dispensations and charters are approximate.]

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

Created — —, 54; chartered Oct. 3, 55.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or preceding the full moon each month.

SEAL — Apron, with square and compasses laid thereon.

Frank Caldwell, Master.	William Martin, Secretary.
William Robinson, Senior Warden.	William Rowles, Senior Deacon.
Benjamin Bachelder, Junior Warden.	George Clifton, Junior Deacon.
Jacob Slathour, Treasurer.	James Sipp, Tiler.

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

Created May 10, 55; chartered May 28, 56.

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

SEAL — A rayed star above the book of constitutions, guarded by the tiler's sword; motto, "*Lux esto.*"

Benjamin J. Ewing, Master.	Samuel H. Morrison, Secretary.
Edward F. Thorp, Senior Warden.	Charles M. Hubner, Senior Deacon.
Charles W. Seymour, Junior Warden.	Augustus Gerhard, Junior Deacon.
William A. Cotton, Treasurer.	Granville H. Hail, Tiler.

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### CAPITOL LODGE, NO. 3, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Created Jan. 9, 57; chartered June 3, 57.

REGULAR MEETING — First Monday evening in each calendar month.

SEAL — The first capitol building in Nebraska.

Milo C. Wilson, Master.	John Bamford, Secretary.
George M. Nattinger, Senior Warden.	James L. Alvison, Senior Deacon.
Frederick W. White, Junior Warden.	Harlan P. Devalon, Junior Deacon.
Myer Hellman, Treasurer.	William T. Robinson, Junior Steward.
	Jacob Samler, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 15, 57; chartered June 2, 58.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full of the moon.

SEAL — Square and compasses, rayed, with two stars.

John J. Mercer, Master.	James C. McNaughton, Secretary.
Thomas L. Jones, Senior Warden.	Benjamin B. Hoadley, Senior Deacon.
Charles Neidhart, Junior Warden.	James Drury, Junior Deacon.
Andrew R. Davison, Treasurer.	Albert D. Marsh, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 18, 58; chartered June 2, 58.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full moon.

SEAL — Square and compasses.

N E. Cowles, Master.	Thomas J. King, Secretary.
George T. Woods, Senior Warden.	William Adair, Senior Deacon.
William Bouton, Junior Warden.	C B. Bliven, Junior Deacon.
Dennis Armour, Treasurer.	Theodore D. Curtis, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 18, 58; chartered June 2, 58.

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

SEAL — Square and compasses surrounding the letter G.

Justus G. Richey, Master.	Eugene B. Lewis, Senior Deacon.
Ackland Saulsbury, Senior Warden.	William Herrold, Junior Deacon.
John L. Miner, Junior Warden.	Joseph Leuthwise, Senior Steward.
Alfred W. White, Treasurer.	John Waterman, Junior Steward.
William Hayes, Secretary.	William B. Brown, Tiler.

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SUMMIT LODGE, NO. 7, PARKVILLE, COLORADO.

Created May 6, 61; chartered June 5, 61.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado Aug. 2, 61.)

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

Created May 21, 61; chartered June 5, 61.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado Aug. 2, 61.)

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DECATUR LODGE, NO. 7, DECATUR, BURT COUNTY.

Created — —, —; chartered June 4, 62.

(Extinct since June 18, 73.)



CENTRAL CITY LODGE, U. S. D. S., —————, COLORADO.

Created — —, 60 or 61.

(Extinct since — —, —.)

PERU LODGE, U. S. D. S., PERU, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Created June 13, 61.

(Extinct since — —, —.)

BANNACK CITY LODGE, U. S. D. S., BANNACK CITY, IDAHO.

Created June 24, 63.

(Extinct since — —, —.)

MONITOR LODGE, U. S. D. S., UNITED STATES ARMY.

Created July 30, 63.

(Extinct since — —, —.)

COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 8, PLATTE COUNTY.

Created Aug. 25, 63; chartered June 23, 64.

(Extinct since June 25, 68.)

IDAHO LODGE, U. S. D. S., NEVADA CITY, IDAHO.

Created Nov. 17, 63.

(Extinct since June 23, 64.)

COLUMBUS LODGE U. S. D. S., COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY.

Created July 1, 64.

(Extinct since — —, —.)

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

Created Oct. 4, 64; chartered June 23, 65.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or after each full moon.

SEAL — An apron.

Clark Shelly, Master.	Henry C. Lapp, Senior Deacon.
Donald W. Campbell, Senior Warden.	Henry M. Walker, Junior Deacon.
J Frank Hinton, Junior Warden.	Amos E. Gantt, Senior Steward.
Thomas C. Shelly, Treasurer.	Charles W. Bryson, Junior Steward.
Joseph C. Yutzky, Secretary.	Edward R. L. Stoughton, Tiler.

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

Created Aug. 15, 65; chartered June 22, 66.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday in each month.

William C. Vaughan, Master.	Rice Arnold, Senior Deacon.
Austin W. Beals, Senior Warden.	Edwin N. Grenell, Junior Deacon.
William F. Green, Junior Warden.	Senior Steward.
John B. Knony, Treasurer.	Junior Steward.
Elias H. Clark, Secretary.	J William Wulff, Tiler.

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

Created July 24, 65; chartered June 22, 66.

REGULAR MEETING — First Wednesday evening of each month.

SEAL — The Mosaic pavement.

Silas S. AuchMoedy, Master.	Adolph C. Lichtenberger, Sr. Deacon.
Charles F. Driscoll, Senior Warden.	Arthur A. Ferguson, Junior Deacon.
George E. Gibson, Junior Warden.	August Benson, Senior Steward.
Henry C. Akin, Treasurer.	William Gibson, Junior Steward.
James S. Bennett, Secretary.	William J. Mount, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 19, 66; chartered June 22, 66.

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

James W. Chadduck, Master.	David R. Thompson, Senior Deacon.
William Brower, Senior Warden.	William C. Willman, Junior Deacon.
James B. Northcutt, Junior Warden.	, Senior Steward.
George M. Brinker, Treasurer.	, Junior Steward.
William F. N. Houser, Secretary.	Casper Lauer, Tiler.

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

Created June 23, 66; chartered June 19, 67.

REGULAR MEETING — Monday on or before the full moon.

Tyler C. Hoyt, Master.	George Bowker, Senior Deacon.
Z J. Parsons, Senior Warden.	Jonathan B. Samuel, Junior Deacon.
William A. Jones, Junior Warden.	, Senior Steward.
Isaac H. Jones, Treasurer.	, Junior Steward.
George D. Kirk, Secretary.	John R. Jones, Tiler.

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

Created May 23, 67; chartered June 19, 67.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

Benjamin W. Knott, Master.	Daniel C. Cole, Senior Deacon.
Jacob Zaring, Senior Warden.	O P. Roots, Junior Deacon.
John H. F. Scott, Junior Warden.	H M. Mears, Senior Steward.
Sterling P. Majors, Treasurer.	, Junior Steward.
George W. Heywood, Secretary.	George Ashley, Tiler.

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

Created July 3, 66; chartered June 20, 67.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday of each month.

SEAL — Three columns, with the plumb, square, and level.

William E. Lee, Master.	Julius Beckman, Senior Deacon.
Valentine S. Hoy, Senior Warden.	Peter D. Denney, Junior Deacon.
Nathan Hoyt Brown, Junior Warden.	Henry Wehner, Senior Steward.
John V. N. Biles, Treasurer.	Frank Fowler, Junior Steward.
William C. Brady, Secretary.	Joel A. Green, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 27, 68; chartered June 24, 68.

(Extinct since Dec. 23, 75.)

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

Created Dec. 7, 67; chartered June 24, 68, or Oct. 28, 69.

REGULAR MEETING — First Saturday in each month.

Samuel P. Davidson, Master.	Charles A. Holmes, Senior Deacon.
John Wilson, Senior Warden.	Kyron Tierney, Junior Deacon.
Charles M. Headrick, Junior Warden.	Henry Muhlenbrock, Senior Steward.
Cornelius Woodley, Treasurer.	Charles W. Pool, Junior Steward.
Thomas W. Milks, Secretary.	Peter Platt, Tiler.

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

Created April 10, 68; chartered June 24, 68.

(Extinct since Aug. 17, 81.)

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

Created May 4, 68; chartered June 25, 68.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday in each month.

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

Earl A. Cooley, Master.	Frank M. Glenn, Senior Deacon.
John H. McClay, Senior Warden.	Walter C. Davis, Junior Deacon.
Henry H. Wilson, Junior Warden.	Bion H. Culver, Senior Steward.
Lucien B. Treeman, Treasurer.	Alva E. Kennard, Junior Steward.
Irving L. Lyman, Secretary.	George J. Hendry, Tiler.

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

Created July 15, 67; chartered June 25, 68.

(Extinct since July 16, 84.)

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

Created Feb. 24, 1868; chartered June 25, 68.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Tuesday in each month.

William H. Palmer, Master.	Nathan Carter, Senior Deacon.
Edward C. Jackson, Senior Warden.	James R. Smith, Junior Deacon.
Berea M. Willsey, Junior Warden.	John G. Wadsworth, Senior Steward.
Frank Harriman, Treasurer.	Henry Newell, Junior Steward.
Frederick W. Kenny, Secretary.	William B. Stout, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 10, 69; chartered Oct. 29, 69.

(Extinct since Dec. 31, 77.)

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

Created Jan. 4, 69; chartered Oct. 28, 69.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Tuesdays in each month.

SEAL — Square and compasses surrounding a five-pointed star.

Joseph B. Brooks, Master.	John H. Ision, Senior Deacon.
Wesley W. Woodward, Sen. Warden.	John R. Pool, Junior Deacon.
Oscar E. Hall, Junior Warden.	Daniel Liming, Senior Steward.
Albert Peckinpugh, Treasurer.	Homer A. Kingsbury, Jun. Steward.
John H. Cummins, Secretary.	James M. Galligher, Tiler.

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

Created June 29, 69; chartered Oct. 27 or 28, 69.

(Extinct since Mar. 27, 77.)

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

Created May 28, 69; chartered Oct. 28, 69.

REGULAR MEETING — First Thursday of each month.

SEAL—A quarterfoil, bearing, 1, an eagle; 2, location of lodge, with star; 3, date of charter; 4, a certain point within a circle with star, embroidered with two parallel lines with book of constitutions thereon; within all, the square and compasses.

Fred J. Borthwick, Master.	Thomas K. Sudborough, Sen. Deacon.
Everett Buckingham, Senior Warden.	Henry S. Smith, Junior Deacon.
Gustav Andreen, Junior Warden.	William L. Allison, Senior Steward.
Enoch B. Carter, Treasurer.	Arthur S. Harmon, Junior Steward.
James B. Bruner, Secretary.	William E. Nason, Tiler.

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

Created Mar. 23, 70; chartered June 22, 70.

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

SEAL — Letter G. Motto: "*Faith, Hope, Charity.*"

Jesse Richards, Master.	Burrows H. Begole, Senior Deacon.
Benjamin D. Harkrader, Sr. Warden.	John P. Downs, Junior Deacon.
George E. Hawkins, Junior Warden.	William D. Cox, Senior Steward.
Silas W. Wadsworth, Treasurer.	John E. Sank, Junior Steward.
Henry N. Blake, Secretary.	Charles G. Cole, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 25, 69; chartered June 23, 70.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Edward K. Valentine, Master.	Florando E. Krause, Secretary.
William E. Krause, Senior Warden.	John Sexton, Senior Deacon.
Daniel S. Giffert, Junior Warden.	John A. Johnson, Junior Deacon.
Henry Luhens, Treasurer.	Jerry D. Romig, Tiler.

WYOMING LODGE, No. 28, SOUTH PASS CITY, WYOMING TERRITORY.

Created Nov. 24, 69; chartered June 23, 70.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming Dec. 15, 74.)

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

Created Nov. 8, 69; chartered June 23, 70.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before the full of the moon.

James A. Titus, Master.	George E. Tourtelott, Senior Deacon.
Benson C. Stokes, Senior Warden.	David Tourtelott, Junior Deacon.
William Hawxby, Junior Warden.	G Lilly, Senior Steward.
Henry A. Brand, Treasurer.	Henry Williams, Junior Steward.
J. Lambert Melvin, Secretary.	Raburn Elliott, Tiler.

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

Created Apr. 25, 70; chartered June 23, 70.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before the full of the moon, monthly.

John A. Cocklin, Master.	George W. Brandon, Senior Deacon.
Alfred Hiller, Senior Warden.	George E. Tindall, Junior Deacon.
S H. Rice, Junior Warden.	Thomas Bishop, Senior Steward.
Elisha Courtright, Treasurer.	W C. Cunningham, Jr. Steward.
Elam H. Landis, Secretary.	Alfred Stephens, Tiler.

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

Created Aug. 19, 69; chartered June 23, 70.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Wednesdays of each month.

James R. Reed, Master.	Charles T. Dickinson, Senior Deacon.
Melville R. Hopewell, Senior Warden.	Cornelius Harrington, Junior Deacon.
William H. Marshall, Junior Warden.	Cornelius Kryger, Senior Steward.
Daniel D. Harrington, Treasurer.	Robert A. Smith, Junior Steward.
John Palmquist, Secretary.	Allen B. McMosky, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 15, 70; chartered —, —.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Tuesday of each month.

John I. Nesbitt, Master.	Frederick N. Dick, Senior Deacon.
Samuel Goozee, Senior Warden.	George W. Finn, Junior Deacon.
James D. Wilson, Junior Warden.	Washington M. Hinman, Sr. Steward.
Platt J. Gilman, Treasurer.	Alexander England, Junior Steward.
George R. Hammond, Secretary.	Emmet W. Hammond, Tiler.

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

Created Aug. 11, 70; chartered June 22, 71.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Thursdays of each month.

SEAL — The letter G.

Charles F. Rollins, Master.	Alfred C. Lederman, Senior Deacon.
John W. West, Senior Warden.	Monroe Taylor, Junior Deacon.
Robert J. Barr, Junior Warden.	Henry M. Campbell, Senior Steward.
Edward Hooper, Treasurer.	George B. Bell, Junior Steward.
James B. Ferguson, Secretary.	Sardius H. Brewster, Tiler.

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## HARMONY LODGE, U. D., SAINT DEROIN, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Created Nov. 26, 70.

(Extinct since —, 71)

COLUMBUS LODGE, U. D., COLUMBUS, PLATTE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 3, 71.  
(Extinct since May 12, 71.)

HARMONY LODGE, U. D., SAINT DEROIN, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Created Aug. 5, 71.  
(Extinct since June 19, 72.)

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

Created July 18, 70; chartered June 19, 72.  
REGULAR MEETING — First Thursday of each month.  
SEAL — A spring of acacia.

Jacob A. Hood, Master.	George T. Sprecher, Senior Deacon.
Fred J. Joyce, Senior Warden.	William D. Fletcher, Junior Deacon.
Charles C. Cannon, Junior Warden.	John E. Arnold, Senior Steward.
George H. Wells, Treasurer.	Henry C. Wright, Junior Steward.
John C. Sprecher, Secretary.	Thomas Wilson, Tiler.

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

Created June 30, 71; chartered June 19, 72.  
REGULAR MEETING — First and third Monday evenings of each month.  
SEAL — A virgin weeping over a broken column; on the left a tree.

Philemon A. Hanchett, Master.	Charles Bedford, Senior Deacon.
Gilbert L. Pritchett, Senior Warden.	William W. Evans, Junior Deacon.
John Gallatley, Junior Warden.	George Cross, Senior Steward.
Daniel B. Cropsey, Treasurer.	Benjamin S. Baker, Junior Steward.
George H. Turner, Secretary.	George Fornoff, Tiler.

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

Created Aug. 9, 71; chartered June 19, 72.  
REGULAR MEETING — First and third Saturdays in each month.  
SEAL — The square and compasses, with letter G in center, over a tree.

James Dunnovan, Master.	David Thomas, Senior Deacon.
William Y. R. Gawne, Senior Warden.	Frank A. Craig, Junior Deacon.
Daniel Dawson, Junior Warden.	, Senior Steward.
James Veiregg, Treasurer.	, Junior Steward.
Bell E. Berryman, Secretary.	Joseph H. Berryman, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 8, 72; chartered June 19, 72.  
REGULAR MEETING — First Friday of each month.  
SEAL — The All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above a lamb.

John L. Tidball, Master.	Charles Band, Junior Warden.
Horace M. Wells, Senior Warden.	William T. Buchanan, Treasurer.

James S. Boice, Secretary.	Zephaniah Waterman, Sen. Steward.
Rufus L. Cornwell, Senior Deacon.	Joseph Kopetsky, Junior Steward.
James C. Smith, Junior Deacon.	Roscius J. Tambling, Tiler.

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

Created July 25, 71; chartered June 18, 73.

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

SEAL—All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above a slipper, surrounded by a cable tow.

Joseph W. Dupin, Master.	Thomas E. Sanders, Senior Deacon.
Frank G. Simmons, Senior Warden.	Smith D. Atkins, Junior Deacon.
William Rosborough, Junior Warden.	James Read, Senior Steward.
West B. Barrett, Treasurer.	Lee A. Weldon, Junior Steward.
William A. Walker, Secretary,	Robert McCrosson, Tiler.

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

Created Nov. 18, 72; chartered June 18, 73.

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

SEAL—A level crossed by a square, center to center, erect.

Newel R. Wilcox, Master.	Joseph D. Patterson, Secretary.
Shade C. Bond, Senior Warden.	Hartwin R. Platte, Senior Deacon.
Edgar A. Howard, Junior Warden.	Benjamin N. Bond, Junior Deacon.
Orrin W. Royce, Treasurer.	John Thorpe, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 16, 72; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before full moon.

Henry A. Scott, Master.	P	P. Daigh, Senior Deacon.
James L. Linn, Senior Warden.	C	M. Townley, Junior Deacon.
S M. Philpot, Junior Warden.	O	A. Cooper, Senior Steward.
Orange L. Bantz, Treasurer.		Morris Friend, Junior Steward.
C F. Chamberlain, Secretary.	J	A. McDougall, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 20, 73; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before full moon.

SEAL—The All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above the book of constitutions, guarded by the tiler's sword.

Francis McGiverin, Master.	Lorenzo A. Kimball, Senior Deacon.
John A. Ehrhardt, Senior Warden.	James McKinsey, Junior Deacon.
William T. Sharp, Junior Warden.	Alexander M. McFarland, Sr. Steward.
Julius Poessnecker, Treasurer.	William D. Lovett, Junior Steward.
James W. Mackey, Secretary.	Milton H. Kennedy, Tiler.



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

Created Feb. 21, 73; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING -- Monday evening on or before full of moon.

Enos J. Hanchett, Master.	Edwin F. Gettle, Senior Deacon.
Guy N. McGonigal, Senior Warden.	Charles H. Dole, Junior Deacon.
Herbert E. Wells, Junior Warden.	Charles F. Kentzer, Senior Steward.
Edwin M. Allen, Treasurer.	Charles Francis, Junior Steward.
William D. Sewell, Secretary.	James McKelvey, Tiler.

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

Created Mar. 10, 73; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING -- First Saturday evening of each month.

Adam D. Werner, Master.	Charles L. Richards, Senior Deacon.
James Dinsmore, Senior Warden	Jacob J. Werner, Junior Deacon.
William J. Green, Junior Warden.	Jonathan Groves, Senior Steward.
J Addison Bowdle, Treasurer.	John Turkington, Junior Steward.
George W. Loeber, Secretary.	William B. Hughes, Tiler.

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

Created Mar. 25, 73; chartered June 18, 73.

REGULAR MEETING -- First and third Tuesdays of each month.

W J. Turner, Master.	Levi B. Munger, Secretary.
Leslie G. Hurd, Senior Warden.	Perry H. Sherrard, Senior Deacon.
Arthur D. Davison, Junior Warden.	, Junior Deacon.
Olivan J. Riley, Treasurer.	James S. Murtha, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 9, 72; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING -- Wednesday in each month on or before the full of the moon.

SEAL -- A quartered shield bearing a crown, cross and crescent, a palm tree, and the jewel of the Grand Master. For crest, the All-Seeing Eye, radiant.

John O. Moore, Master.	Charles A. Sweet, Secretary.
Robert O. Self, Senior Warden.	Edwin H. Burrows, Senior Deacon.
John Noble, Junior Warden.	Ozias E. Fox, Junior Deacon.
William S. White, Treasurer.	Joseph Rudge, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 21, 73; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING -- First Wednesday of each month.

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

Robert E. French, Master.	Theodore N. Hartzell, Jr. Warden.
George Ellis, Senior Warden.	George E. See, Treasurer.

William O. Olsen, Secretary.	C. Ira Tuttle, Senior Steward.
Walter W. Barney, Senior Deacon.	Samuel Wenzell, Junior Steward.
John Wilson, Junior Deacon.	Lawrence L. Ketchum, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 21, 73; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — The square and compasses surrounding a star bearing the letter G.

Wells C. McCool, Master.	Joshua Vandervort, Secretary.
Henry S. Peirce, Senior Warden.	, Senior Deacon.
Daniel W. Scott, Junior Warden.	Jacob W. Ramel, Junior Deacon.
John R. Brook, Treasurer.	Oliver W. Dunning, Tiler.

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FAIRMOUNT LODGE, NO. 48, FAIRMOUNT, FILLMORE COUNTY,

Created Dec. 4, 73; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

SEAL — A point within a circle embordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, supporting the book of constitutions.

Julius O. Chase, Master.	Sanford H. Oldham, Secretary.
William A. Putney, Senior Warden.	Charles S. Kittridge, Senior Deacon.
William E. Smith, Junior Warden.	Joseph T. Dennis, Junior Deacon.
Everette C. Sawyer, Treasurer.	Joseph J. Bock, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 22, 73; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

SEAL — A five-pointed star, bearing the letter G.

John C. Merrill, Master.	George H. Van Duyn, Sr. Deacon.
John E. Bagley, Senior Warden.	Paul Braitsch, Junior Deacon.
Kersey T. Jones, Junior Warden.	Marcus Wittenberg, Senior Steward.
Edward W. Woodruff, Treasurer.	Henry Nagel, Junior Steward.
Francis M. Brown, Secretary.	William Pawson, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 3, 74; chartered June 26, 74.

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

SEAL — A shield, bearing a chevron (for the square); in chief, a sun; in centre-base, a crescent. For crest, the symbol of a M. M.

Edwin E. Webster, Master.	Elroy Petteys, Senior Deacon.
Charles C. Rittenhouse, Sr. Warden.	Enos N. Reed, Junior Deacon.
William S. McKinney, Jr. Warden.	Byron S. Morrill, Senior Steward.
Alexander H. Cramer, Treasurer.	Levi Stone, Junior Steward.
William F. Buchanan, Secretary.	James C. Kay, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 19, 74; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — A shield, with chevron, bearing the compasses; for crest, the All-Seeing Eye.

William H. Fuller, Master.	John T. Myers, Treasurer.
Wason W. Barker, Senior Warden.	William J. Koon, Secretary.
John Harper, Junior Warden.	William Ritchie, Tiler.

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 52, ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Created Feb 26, 74; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

Seal — The Plumb.

William R. Turner, Master.	Peter Hammang, Senior Deacon.
William D. Badger, Senior Warden.	William G. Burke, Junior Deacon.
Newton W. Preston, Junior Warden.	William R. Downs, Senior Steward.
John A. Unthank, Treasurer.	Mark B. Turner, Junior Steward.
Frank E. Booth, Secretary.	John Hammang, Tiler.

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

Created Mar. 2, 74; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL — An open hand.

John R. Wilcox, Master.	Henry W. Brewer, Secretary.
Ancil L. Funk, Senior Warden.	Laird H. Wallace, Senior Deacon.
Robert M. Cochrane, Junior Warden.	George W. Hager, Junior Deacon.
Manley B. McNitt, Treasurer.	William Parks, Tiler.

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

Created Apr. 20, 74; chartered June 26, 74.

REGULAR MEETING — First Friday in each month.

SEAL — A shield bearing a trowel crossed with a gavel; for crest, three lengths of a cable tow and three points.

John C. Stire, Master.	Harry Freeman, Senior Deacon.
David B. Howard, Senior Warden.	George Harper, Junior Deacon.
John Ames, Junior Warden.	Thomas Draper, Senior Steward.
Robert B. Graham, Treasurer.	William H. Daken, Junior Steward.
Harry F. Downs, Secretary.	George P. Tucker, Tiler.

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

Created Oct. 1, 74; chartered June 23, 75.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday evening in each calendar month.

SEAL — A shield, checker-bordered, bearing a sheaf of wheat; crest, 5875.

D. Rush Daniel, Master.	Morris Mayer, Junior Warden.
Harry E. Hardy, Senior Warden.	Charles B. Burrows, Treasurer.

Samuel L. Gardner, Secretary.	Frederick E. Hardy, Senior Steward.
David Baum, Senior Deacon.	George N. Beels, Junior Steward.
D A. Holmes, Junior Deacon.	Horace B. Tyrrel, Tiler.

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

Created Oct. 1, 74; chartered June 23, 75.

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday in each month.

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

Robert Armstrong, Master.	Albert O. Faulkner, Senior Deacon.
Daniel N. Blood, Senior Warden.	Charles Nicolai, Junior Deacon.
George Peabody, Junior Warden.	Lorenzo D. Woodruff, Senior Steward.
Nathan V. Harlan, Treasurer.	Ira F. Kennedy, Junior Steward.
Willard L. Whedon, Secretary.	Andrew Rowley, Tiler.

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#### MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, NO. 57, SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 7, 74; chartered June 23, 75.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before full of the moon.

SEAL—The square and compasses interlaced with the letter G.

Othmal Horne, Master.	Josiah Rogers, Treasurer.
Jasper K. Griffith, Senior Warden.	Walter E. Page, Secretary.
John A. Webber, Junior Warden.	George W. McKee, Senior Deacon.
	Jesse W. Anderson, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 7, 74; chartered Jun. 23, 75.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Wednesday of each month.

SEAL—A quartered shield, bearing first and fourth, three mountains; second and third, a cedar of Lebanon. For crest, Grand Master's jewel between 58 and 75.

James E. North, Master.	Henry P. Coolidge, Secretary.
Julius Rasmussen, Senior Warden.	Gus B. Speice, Senior Deacon.
Charles H. Sheldon, Junior Warden.	John W. Early, Junior Deacon.
John P. Becker, Treasurer.	Michael Weaver, Tiler.

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

Created Jan. 20, 75; chartered June 23, 75.

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

Frank P. McCutchan, Master.	Wenel C. Kirchman, Secretary.
Melville W. Stone, Senior Warden.	William G. Keefer, Senior Deacon.
Charles L. Mielenz, Junior Warden.	George I. Wright, Junior Deacon.
Ebenezer Pickett, Treasurer.	John C. Hamilton, Senior Steward.
	George I. Moyer, Junior Steward.

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

Created Mar. 10, 75; chartered June 24, 75.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday evening on or before full moon.

SEAL — An altar, with book of constitutions, square and compasses; for support, crossed pens and crossed swords. For crest, two clasped hands.

Lewis H. Kent, Master.	David E. Bomgardner, Secretary.
Hervey T. Furguson, Senior Warden.	Albert C. Robbins, Senior Deacon.
Arthur D. Hedden, Junior Warden.	Calvin Bowman, Junior Deacon.
John H. Olson, Treasurer.	Christian D. Rupp, Tiler.

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

Created May 8, 75; chartered June 21, 76.

REGULAR MEETING — The first Tuesday in each month.

SEAL — A shield bearing three thistles; for crest, three plates.

John F. Kutz, Master.	Benjamin F. Krier, Senior Deacon.
Herbert M. Cotton, Senior Warden.	William C. Allyn, Junior Deacon.
James P. Carr, Junior Warden.	David Hanna, Senior Steward.
W. Flowers Rice, Treasurer.	William H. Cole, Junior Steward.
Arthur C. Maxwell, Secretary.	George Little, Sr., Tiler.

KEYSTONE LODGE, NO. 62, PHILLIPS, HAMILTON COUNTY.

Created Jan. 1, 76; chartered June 21, 76.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — A keystone bearing the square and compasses.

Samuel Spanogle, Master.	W U. Biggart, Senior Deacon.
Edward Dearing, Senior Warden.	John N. Brock, Junior Deacon.
Charles L. Crane, Junior Warden.	Jonathan Foster, Senior Steward.
Benjamin Wilson, Treasurer.	R P. McCutchen, Junior Steward.
O B. Foster, Secretary.	Mark Dunlap, Tiler.

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

Created Dec. 22, 75; chartered June 21, 76.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — A shield bearing three squares interlaced; crest, the Master's square.

Alfred B. Stevens, Master.	Jacob Outson, Senior Deacon.
Willis P. Fulton, Senior Warden.	David Eastwood, Junior Deacon.
Rufus M. Stark, Junior Warden.	Ransom D. Davis, Senior Steward.
Joel G. Childs, Treasurer.	Charles L. Guy, Junior Steward.
John D. Fulton, Secretary.	Andrew R. Nelson, Tiler.

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

Created Oct. 6, 76; chartered June 20, 77.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before full moon, and second Tuesday thereafter.

SEAL—A shield, bearing a pot of incense; crest, three quarter notes.

John N. Van Duyn, Master.	John K. Mallat, Senior Deacon.
Joseph H. Grimm, Senior Warden.	Frank Chaloupka, Junior Deacon.
Frank J. Sadilek, Junior Warden.	Frank V. Shabata, Senior Steward.
Jacob S. Shackelton, Treasurer.	Albert V. Hlava, Junior Steward.
Charles W. Meeker, Secretary.	Charles Whipple, Tiler.

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

Created Nov. 23, 76; chartered June 20, 77.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon.

SEAL—A shield, bearing lightning emanating from the word LUX; crest, the All-Seeing Eye.

Thomas H. Saunders, Master.	Napoleon C. Foy, Senior Deacon.
Levi S. Snider, Senior Warden.	Louis B. Musselman, Junior Deacon.
Horace F. Henderson, Jr. Warden.	John H. Anderson, Senior Steward.
Horace A. Scott, Treasurer.	George Ward, Junior Steward.
Edwin L. King, Secretary.	Alexander N. Jay, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 16, 77; chartered June 20, 77.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday on or before the full moon.

Jacob Groves, Master.	Charles L. Bates, Senior Deacon.
Israel M. Hill, Senior Warden.	Joseph Dorning, Junior Deacon.
John W. Schmidt, Junior Warden.	William W. Barnhouse, Sr. Steward.
Christopher Bailey, Treasurer.	George W. Collins, Junior Steward.
Albert R. TouVelle, Secretary.	F. Marion Swarms, Tiler.

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

Created Feb. 27, 77; chartered June 20, 77.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Mondays from September to May; second Monday in June, July, and August.

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

Samuel J. Whitten, Master.	Ezra E. Howard, Senior Deacon.
John L. Ward, Senior Warden.	Frank E. Post, Junior Deacon.
Henry W. Stout, Junior Warden.	C. F. Glazier, Senior Steward.
John G. Glazier, Treasurer.	Charles W. Wiley, Junior Steward.
John J. Walley, Secretary.	Joseph P. Stark, Tiler.

AURORA LODGE, NO. 68, AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY.

Created Feb. 10, 76; chartered June 19, 78.

REGULAR MEETING — The first and third Tuesdays of each month.

SEAL — A sheaf of wheat.

Frederick J. Bricker, Master.	William H. Aiden, Senior Deacon.
William L. Stark, Senior Warden.	Adolph Rueber, Junior Deacon.
Perley M. Green, Junior Warden.	Frank G. Buchan, Senior Steward.
William R. Smith, Treasurer.	Erasmus Anderson, Junior Steward.
Myron T. Wildish, Secretary.	George Hurd, Tiler.

FORTITUDE LODGE, NO. 69, ULYSSES, BUTLER COUNTY.

Created Apr. 24, 77; chartered June 19, 78.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — A quartered shield bearing the letter G, right angles, horizontals, and perpendiculars.

Samuel C. Oaks, Master.	Robert Reed, Secretary.
Eli B. Jones, Senior Warden.	Daniel C. Northaway, Senior Deacon.
Hiram S. Craig, Junior Warden.	Edward Warring, Junior Deacon.
Arannah W. Niles, Treasurer.	

STERLING LODGE, NO. 70, STERLING, JOHNSON COUNTY.

Created July 16, 77; chartered June 19, 78.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — A shield bearing emblems of each degree.

Thomas P. Renshaw, Master.	Nicholas F. Hitchcock, Senior Deacon.
Charles C. Reed, Senior Warden.	Valentine Zink, Junior Deacon.
William B. Ward, Junior Warden.	William Kneeland, Senior Steward.
George W. Grimes, Treasurer.	William W. Borland, Junior Steward.
James F. Townsend, Secretary.	Albert H. Dollarhide, Tiler.

TROWEL LODGE, NO. 71, NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 28, 78; chartered June 19, 78.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Wednesday in each month.

SEAL — A shield, with trowel bearing the square and compasses; crest, three lodges.

Andrew J. Anderson, Master.	Harry B. Hauser, Senior Deacon.
Carl Roben, Senior Warden.	Nelson D. Jackson, Junior Deacon.
James M. Coleman, Junior Warden.	William C. Estes, Senior Steward.
Edward S. Butler, Treasurer.	Robert Wilson, Junior Steward.
Charles L. Harris, Secretary.	Joseph Eiseley, Tiler.

HOOPER LODGE, NO. 72, HOOPER, DODGE COUNTY.

Created Mar. 19, 78; chartered June 25, 79.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full of the moon.

SEAL — An anchor.

Samuel Kreader, Master.	Russell Briggs, Junior Warden.
Henry H. Looschen, Senior Warden.	Edward H. Airis, Treasurer.

Thomas W. Lyman, Secretary.	George F. Heine, Senior Steward.
Ladru R. Kreader, Senior Deacon.	John W. Phelps, Junior Steward.
Carl Kroeger, Junior Deacon.	Theodore Kroeger, Tiler.

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FRIEND LODGE, NO. 73, FRIEND, SALINE COUNTY.

Created May 4, 78; chartered June 25, 79.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — A winged hour glass, with two sprigs of acacia.

Henderson Smith, Master.	Denoice C. Page, Senior Deacon.
Henry L. Lewis, Senior Warden.	Joseph G. Boynton, Junior Deacon.
Alexandra S. McKay, Junior Warden.	William Burke, Senior Steward.
William Porter, Treasurer.	Orin L. Alexandria, Junior Steward.
Charles W. Doty, Secretary.	Richard Dine, Tiler.

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ALEXANDRIA LODGE, NO. 74, ALEXANDRIA, THAYER COUNTY.

Created Dec. 26, 78; chartered June 25, 79.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Mondays in each month.

SEAL — A rough ashlar, bearing the letter "G," and a gavel, with cable tow.

George N. Danforth, Master.	James N. Enslow, Senior Deacon.
Edwin N. Burnham, Senior Warden.	George L. Archer, Junior Deacon.
Joseph G. Burruss, Junior Warden.	Joseph Mentin, Senior Steward.
George W. Enslow, Treasurer.	Martin Alexander, Junior Steward.
Edgar M. Jenkins, Secretary.	George Hale, Tiler.

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FRANK WELCH LODGE, NO. 75, SIDNEY, CHEYENNE COUNTY.

Created Dec. 26, 78; chartered June 25, 79.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday in each month.

SEAL — A bust of Past Grand Master Frank Welch.

Robert Shuman, Master.	Peter Smith, Senior Deacon.
Julius Neubauer, Senior Warden.	John A. Carly, Junior Deacon.
Louis Cohn, Junior Warden.	John W. Norvell, Senior Steward.
Robert Hoy, Treasurer.	George H. Jewett, Junior Steward.
Jacob Kiefer, Secretary.	John B. Walker, Tiler.

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JOPPA LODGE, NO. 76, BLOOMINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Created Mar. 29, 79; chartered June 25, 79.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL — A shield, bearing the square, plumb, and level.

George W. Sheppard, Master.	Frank Hager, Senior Deacon.
Charles W. Morrow, Senior Warden.	Israel A. Sheridan, Junior Deacon.
Levi D. Hager, Junior Warden.	William T. Britton, Senior Steward.
Seth S. Pickering, Treasurer.	Charles H. Davis, Junior Steward.
Charles K. Hart, Secretary.	Edward H. Marshall, Tiler.



## NELSON LODGE, NO. 77, NELSON, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

Created Mar. 15, 79; chartered June 23, 80.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon.

SEAL — The level.

David A. Gibson, Master.	Henry N. Banks, Senior Deacon.
Joseph Van Valin, Senior Warden.	Abraham Chenoweth, Junior Deacon.
Daniel R. Ball, Junior Warden.	John C. Bowers, Senior Steward.
John C. Scheurer, Treasurer.	Henry E. Goodrich, Junior Steward.
John C. Miner, Secretary.	Daniel Miner, Tiler.

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## ALBION LODGE, NO. 78, ALBION, BOONE COUNTY.

Created Aug. 1, 79; chartered June 23, 80.

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

SEAL — A square crossed by a twenty-four-inch gauge.

Henry H. Gillett, Master.	Thompson F. Martin, Senior Deacon.
Frederick H. Smith, Senior Warden.	Paul A. Krause, Junior Deacon.
Homer Wager, Junior Warden.	Samuel P. Ayers, Senior Steward.
Joseph L. Anderson, Treasurer.	Charles M. Bailey, Junior Steward.
Arthur W. Ladd, Secretary.	Rollins W. King, Tiler.

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## GENEVA LODGE, NO. 78, GENEVA, FILLMORE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 24, 79; chartered June 23, 80.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before the full moon, and a fortnight thereafter.

James H. Dempster, Master.	Adoniram J. Brown, Senior Deacon.
Frank H. Briggs, Senior Warden.	Theodore L. Williams, Junior Deacon.
Walter I. Haskins, Junior Warden.	Joseph M. Fisher, Senior Steward.
Adoniram J. Beals, Treasurer.	John A. Dempster, Junior Steward.
Jacob L. Houchin, Secretary.	David Griffiths, Tiler.

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## WACO LODGE, NO. 80, WACO, YORK COUNTY.

Created Mar. 20, 80; chartered June 23, 80.

(Extinct since Jan. 31, 85.)

## COMPOSITE LODGE, NO. 81, RISING, BUTLER COUNTY.

Created Mar. 20, 80; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before full moon.

SEAL — The rising sun within the square and compasses.

## SAINT PAUL LODGE, NO. 82, SAINT PAUL, HOWARD COUNTY.

Created Apr. 15, 80; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING -- Third Thursday in each month.

SEAL -- A shield, bearing square and dagger; for crest, three G's.

Edward R. Fletcher, Master.	William K. Gray, Jr., Secretary.
Paul Andersen, Senior Warden.	Herman M. Merrill, Senior Deacon.
Casius B. Manuel, Junior Warden.	Stillman A. Pease, Junior Deacon.
Talman N. Bennett, Treasurer.	Joseph Q. Oviatt, Tiler.

## CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 83, WAKEFIELD, DIXON COUNTY.

Created Apr. 22, 80; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING -- Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL -- A Corinthian column.

Cyrus E. Hunter, Master.	Joseph Boeckenhauer, Senior Deacon.
William H. Boeckenhauer, S. Warden.	Moritz Thomsen, Junior Deacon.
John W. Cook, Junior Warden.	William S. Cook, Senior Steward.
Herbert P. Shumway, Treasurer.	David P. Jones, Junior Steward.
John T. Marriott, Secretary.	Moses Herner, Tiler.

## FAIRFIELD LODGE, NO. 84, FAIRFIELD, CLAY COUNTY.

Created Sep. 3, 80; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING -- First and third Mondays in each month.

SEAL -- A perfect ashlar.

James M. Farley, Master.	S Lyman Porter, Senior Deacon.
Frank H. Willis, Senior Warden.	John E. Riettenhouse, Junior Deacon.
Allen T. Atwell, Junior Warden.	William S. Randell, Senior Steward.
John Tweed, Treasurer.	Edward J. Jenkins, Junior Steward.
Kirk I. Willis, Secretary.	John C. Hedge, Tiler.

## TYRE LODGE, NO. 85, BLUE SPRINGS, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Sep. 16, 80; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING -- First and third Saturdays in each month.

Alfred Perkins, Master.	James H. Casebeer, Senior Deacon.
John Ault, Senior Warden.	David T. Kingsbury, Junior Deacon.
Rees Pickering, Junior Warden.	James H. Clapp, Senior Steward.
Joel C. Williams, Treasurer.	John V. Rooss, Junior Steward.
Stephen A. Hoxworth, Secretary.	Abram B. Smith, Tiler.

## DONIPHAN LODGE, NO. 86, DONIPHAN, HALL COUNTY.

Created Jan. 7, 81; chartered June 22, 81.

REGULAR MEETING -- Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL -- The All-Seeing Eye above an altar.

IONIC LODGE, NO. 87, NIOBRARA, KNOX COUNTY.

Created Jan. 24, 81; chartered June 20, 82.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A shield bearing an Ionic column.

Solomon Draper, Master.	James A. Cooley, Senior Deacon.
George W. Douglas, Senior Warden.	Benj. F. Chambers, Junior Deacon.
Vaclav Randa, Junior Warden.	John F. Lenger, Senior Steward.
Sylvanus Harder, Treasurer.	Frank Nelson, Junior Steward.
John F. Lenger, Secretary.	William Saunders, Tiler.

STAR LODGE, NO. 88, DECATUR, BURT COUNTY.

Created Sep. 17, 81; chartered June 20, 82.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday in each month.

SEAL — A blazing star.

Henry C. McHirron, Master.	Robert G. Langley, Senior Deacon.
Merton N. Snyder, Senior Warden.	E. Darwin Canfield, Junior Deacon.
Thomas R. Ashley, Junior Warden.	Robert E. Nourse, Senior Steward.
James Ashley, Treasurer.	Robert Ashley, Junior Steward.
Clayton E. Hadley, Secretary.	John Choyce, Tiler.

CEDAR RIVER LODGE, NO. 89, FULLERTON, NANCE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 19, 82; chartered June 20, 82.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Mondays in each month.

SEAL — A river with cedars growing.

Amia L. Bixby, Master.	George B. Hoit, Senior Deacon.
Orson E. Stearns, Senior Warden.	James G. Cayton, Junior Deacon.
Wm. J. Mawhiney, Junior Warden.	John F. Janson, Senior Steward.
George D. Dorsey, Treasurer.	Charles E. Barker, Junior Steward.
Hugh C. Bullard, Secretary.	Bruce T. Harman, Tiler.

ELK CREEK LODGE, NO. 90, ELK CREEK, JOHNSON COUNTY.

Created Feb. 11, 82; chartered June 20, 82.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A shield bearing two crowns and a gavel.

George W. Woolsey, Master.	Henry N. Libby, Senior Deacon.
William H. Phelan, Senior Warden.	William H. Woolsey, Junior Deacon.
Thomas McClure, Junior Warden.	Charles W. Trice, Senior Steward.
Wm. T. H. McClanahan, Treasurer.	Hiram Titsworth, Junior Steward.
Samuel G. Wright, Secretary.	John D. Olds, Tiler.

## OAKLAND LODGE, NO. 91, OAKLAND, BURT COUNTY.

Created Feb. 7, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

SEAL — A plumb line in a hand.

Henry Newman, Master.	Ira Thomas, Senior Deacon.
Alfred Dundryall, Senior Warden.	John G. Preston, Junior Deacon.
Charles K. Cull, Junior Warden.	William W. Hopkins, Senior Steward.
August Titze, Treasurer.	Theodore Urhling, Junior Steward.
Edward F. Pontius, Secretary.	William L. Handy, Tiler.

## HUBBELL LODGE, NO. 92, HUBBELL, THAYER COUNTY.

Created Apr. 29, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

SEAL — The tiler's sword.

Andrew F. Agnew, Master.	A L. Elder, Senior Deacon.
George Cottain, Senior Warden.	Lewis Lange, Junior Deacon.
John S. Davenport, Junior Warden.	Harvey Ford, Senior Steward.
Leonard P. Luce, Treasurer.	T N. Christopher, Junior Steward.
Samuel Arbuthnot, Secretary.	Peter M. Jumper, Tiler.

## BEAVER CITY LODGE, NO. 93, BEAVER CITY, FURNAS COUNTY.

Created May 3, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — The compasses suspended from the square.

Thomas J. Mayo, Master.	John T. Sunny, Junior Warden.
William F. Seaver, Senior Warden.	Manley R. Hadley, Treasurer.
	William T. Ager, Secretary.

## BENNETT LODGE, NO. 94, BENNETT, LANCASTER COUNTY.

Created May 5, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — Two clasped hands above XCIV.

Walter M. Self, Master.	Daniel H. Harris, Senior Deacon.
William Nelson, Senior Warden.	James B. Taylor, Junior Deacon.
Owen G. Norton, Junior Warden.	Joseph Spear, Senior Steward.
Thora Hanson, Treasurer.	John Canfield, Junior Steward.
Judson E. Vanderlip, Secretary.	Ray L. Woods, Tiler.

GARFIELD LODGE, NO. 95, O'NEIL, HOLT COUNTY.

Created June 28, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before each full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

SEAL—A pen and a sword crossed.

Augustus J. Handlan, Master.	Elias M. Lowe, Senior Deacon.
Oziás J. Root, Senior Warden.	Charles J. Schram, Junior Deacon.
Thomas M. Morris, Junior Warden.	Otto Kroskie, Senior Steward.
Alexander W. Morris, Treasurer.	William A. Haines, Junior Steward.
Edward A. Small, Secretary.	William N. Wisegarver, Tiler.

UTICA LODGE, NO. 96, UTICA, SEWARD COUNTY.

Created July 14, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A beehive.

Joseph Jones, Master.	John W. Runyan, Senior Deacon.
Samuel R. Runyan, Senior Warden.	Frank M. Cougill, Junior Deacon.
Thomas E. Standard, Jr. Warden.	James E. Murphy, Senior Steward.
James E. Hibbard, Treasurer.	Daniel J. Hartrum, Junior Steward.
Thomas J. Brant, Secretary.	Thomas C. Allen, Tiler.

EUCLID LODGE, NO. 97, WEEPING WATER, CASS COUNTY.

Created July 21, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Mondays of each month.

SEAL—The forty-seventh problem and three tapers.

James Johnson, Master,	Stephen W. Orton, Senior Deacon.
Philemon S. Barnes, Senior Warden.	Melvin D. Swearingen, Jr. Deacon.
Elijah Ratnour, Junior Warden.	Minor F. Wait, Senior Steward.
Joseph M. Beardsley, Treasurer.	Oscar E. Chandler, Junior Steward.
John T. Marshall, Secretary.	Jacob P. Dickson, Tiler.

REPUBLICAN LODGE, NO. 98, REPUBLICAN CITY, HARLAN COUNTY.

Created July 27, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

SEAL—The twenty-four-inch gauge and common gavel, crossed.

## SHELTON LODGE, NO. 99, SHELTON, BUFFALO COUNTY.

Created July 28, 82; chartered June 18, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL—Three steps within the square and compasses.

Mark G. Lee, Master.	Henry S. Fletcher, Senior Deacon.
John H. Heatherington, Sr. Warden.	Arthur F. Bills, Junior Deacon.
George Mortimer, Junior Warden.	George L. Thomas, Senior Steward.
Moses L. Phelps, Treasurer.	Benjamin F. Sammons, Jr. Steward.
Charles M. Wallace, Secretary.	Henry Fieldgrove, Tiler.

## CREIGHTON LODGE, NO. 100, CREIGHTON, KNOX COUNTY.

Created Aug. 19, 82; chartered June 19, 83,

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The letter C.

William L. Turner, Master.	Truman C. Stinson, Senior Deacon.
George W. Quimby, Senior Warden.	John Benedict, Junior Deacon.
William H. Baitey, Junior Warden.	Carl Hoofener, Senior Steward.
Robert M. Payton, Treasurer.	James C. Park, Junior Steward.
Orvill M. Closs, Secretary.	William C. Shreeves, Tiler.

## PONCA LODGE, NO. 101, PONCA, DIXON COUNTY.

Created Sep. 1, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Three burning tapers.

David W. Hasson, Master.	Alfred E. Barnes, Senior Deacon.
William T. Chapman, Sr. Warden.	Bernhardt C. De Soubre, Jr. Dea.
Thomas R. Orr, Junior Warden.	Gustave Franz, Senior Steward.
Frank M. Dorsey, Treasurer.	John A. Mohr, Junior Steward.
William M. Wheeler, Secretary.	Abram J. Deal, Tiler.

## WATERLOO LODGE, NO. 102, WATERLOO, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Created Sep. 7, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The trowel.

Frank Whitmore, Master.	Isaac A. Arnold, Senior Deacon.
George Johnson, Senior Warden.	John Enerick, Junior Deacon.
John Hopper, Junior Warden.	John W. Plummer, Senior Steward.
Otto Vogt, Treasurer.	T. C. Peassey, Junior Steward.
George W. Hill, Secretary.	John C. Weston, Tiler.

## ORD LODGE, NO. 103, ORD, VALLEY COUNTY.

Created Sep. 14, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A shield bearing three castles and the tiler's sword.

William D. Ogden, Master.	Charles B. Coffin, Senior Deacon.
John G. Sharpe, Senior Warden.	George O. Ferguson, Junior Deacon.
Spencer H. Webster, Jr. Warden.	Duncan J. Feely, Senior Steward.
Edward K. Harris, Treasurer.	John C. Work, Junior Steward.
James F. Colby, Secretary.	George W. Hall, Tiler.

## WYMORE LODGE, NO. 104, WYMORE, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 10, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — Two clasped hands within the square and compasses.

Elias C. Wilcox, Master.	Julius A. Hamm, Senior Deacon.
James Sullivan, Senior Warden.	Hiram L. Madden, Junior Deacon.
Albert Davison, Junior Warden.	James Bennett, Jr., Senior Steward.
Charles W. Robertson, Treasurer.	George L. Hemperly, Junior Steward.
Thomas P. D. Simmons, Secretary.	Ellis Snuppin, Tiler.

## STELLA LODGE, NO. 105, STELLA, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

Created Dec. 4, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before full moon.

SEAL — A hand pointing to the All-Seeing Eye.

Harvey M. Conover, Master.	Joseph A. W. Hull, Senior Deacon.
Lewis G. Ciphers, Senior Warden.	Henry Paul, Junior Deacon.
William R. Wyatt, Junior Warden.	Benjamin F. McDonough, S. Steward.
William H. Hogrefe, Treasurer.	Henry C. Shrader, Junior Steward.
Thomas R. Mason, Secretary.	Lewis G. Ciphers, Tiler.

## PORTER LODGE, NO. 106, LOUP CITY, SHERMAN COUNTY.

Created Dec. 9, 82; chartered June 19, 83.

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

STEELE CITY LODGE, NO. 107, STEELE CITY, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Created Jan. 23, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturdays in each month.

SEAL—A slipper under two crossed rods.

Frank B. Thompson, Master.	William H. Druery, Senior Deacon.
Edwin F. Lyon, Senior Warden.	Joseph C. Graves, Junior Deacon.
Arthur Bower, Junior Warden.	Joshua Robertson, Senior Steward.
William S. Hull, Treasurer.	Alexander Bell, Junior Steward.
Louis T. Wright, Secretary.	Nathaniel D. T. Willey, Tiler.

TABLE ROCK LODGE, NO. 108, TABLE ROCK, PAWNEE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 24, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—The trowel in the angle of the square.

James A. Carlock, Master.	James B. Phillips, Senior Deacon.
W. H. Wilson, Senior Warden.	William Boggs, Junior Deacon.
William A. Longnell, Junior Warden.	Anslem S. Crisler, Senior Steward.
Gabriel R. Martin, Treasurer.	William Parke, Junior Steward.
Ambrose D. Davis, Secretary.	Joseph W. Calvin, Tiler.

ARAPAHOE LODGE, NO. 109, ARAPAHOE, FURNAS COUNTY.

Created Feb. 10, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Thursdays in each month.

SEAL—A shield bearing the compasses and anchor.

Frank C. Condon, Master.	Alcinous Y. Wright, Senior Deacon.
Thomas Bloodworth, Senior Warden.	Alexander Hagberg, Junior Deacon.
Andrew J. McPeak, Junior Warden.	Rolando J. Finch, Senior Steward.
Thomas B. McPherson, Treasurer.	Charles Garey, Junior Steward.
Adolphe d'Allemand, Secretary.	Horace Miller, Tiler.

POMEGRANATE LODGE, NO. 110, ASHLAND, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

Created Feb. 13, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Fridays in each month.

SEAL—A branch with fruit of pomegranate.

John C. Railsback, Master.	Abel B. Fuller, Senior Deacon.
Charles N. Folsom, Senior Warden.	Richard E. Butler, Junior Deacon.
John K. Clarke, Junior Warden.	James S. Tylee, Senior Steward.
Gilford C. Railsback, Treasurer.	Frank M. Caucher, Junior Steward.
Hugo A. Wiggernhorn, Secretary.	John C. Tylee, Tiler.



DE WITT LODGE, NO. 111, DE WITT, SALINE COUNTY.

Created Feb. 23, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING — Monday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — The All-Seeing Eye within the square and compasses.

Enoch Hastings, Master.	Albert E. McCue, Senior Deacon.
Harry Millie, Senior Warden.	Thomas W. Moore, Junior Deacon.
Charles H. Slocum, Junior Warden.	William H. Staley, Senior Steward.
William H. Leacock, Treasurer.	Jerome B. Dann, Junior Steward.
Frank M. Suiter, Secretary.	Warren E. Chesney, Tiler.

SPRINGFIELD LODGE, NO. 112, SPRINGFIELD, SARPY COUNTY.

Created Mar. 30, 83; chartered June 19, 83.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

SEAL — The plumb crossed with the square.

James T. Ringo, Master.	Thomas D. Roberts, Secretary.
Silas C. Patterson, Senior Warden.	Casper S. Fisher, Senior Deacon.
Robert S. Anglin, Junior Warden.	John R. Nicholson, Junior Deacon.
Edward T. Huff, Treasurer.	Joseph H. Orley, Tiler.

GLOBE LODGE, NO. 113, MADISON, MADISON COUNTY.

Created Feb. 16, 82; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before full moon.

SEAL A globe.

William S. Ramey, Master.	Eugene C. Gillam, Senior Deacon.
William M. Bickley, Senior Warden.	Charles C. Wyatt, Junior Deacon.
James Stuart, Junior Warden.	William V. Allen, Senior Steward.
Edwin F. Prince, Treasurer.	Roderick Mackenzie, Junior Steward.
Albert M. Koechig, Secretary.	William S. Hodges, Tiler.

WISNER LODGE, NO. 114, WISNER, CUMING COUNTY.

Created Feb. 12, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Edwin M. Kirton, Master.	Clark C. McNish, Senior Deacon.
Andrew R. Graham, Senior Warden.	Solomon S. Krake, Junior Deacon.
Frank C. Evans, Junior Warden.	William Nicholson, Senior Steward.
Oliver Emley, Treasurer.	Jasper L. Rewey, Junior Steward.
Adolph Becher, Secretary.	Joseph Shompert, Tiler.

## BRAINARD LODGE, NO. 115, BRAINARD, BUTLER COUNTY.

Created July 11, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before full moon.

John T. McKnight, Master.	John R. Fox, Senior Deacon.
Biron Atkinson, Senior Warden.	William J. Larson, Junior Deacon.
William C. Jones, Junior Warden.	John F. Russel, Senior Steward.
James B. Logan, Treasurer.	Frank H. Porter, Junior Steward.
J. M. Taylor, Secretary.	John Talbot, Tiler.

## HARLAN LODGE, NO. 116, ALMA, HARLAN COUNTY.

Created July 12, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL — "St. Luz." with aurora.

John A. Randall, Master.	Edward L. Willits, Senior Deacon.
William Campbell, Senior Warden.	Elmer E. Brown, Junior Deacon.
Benjamin M. Simms, Junior Warden.	Thomas J. Conklin, Senior Steward.
Daniel B. Mudgett, Treasurer.	Clinton M. Fletcher, Junior Steward.
Jesse M. Hiatt, Secretary.	Aerlie Oberg, Tiler.

## HARDY LODGE, NO. 117, HARDY, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

Created July 18, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon.

Nathaniel M. Ayers, Master.	Willis J. Raynor, Senior Deacon.
Charles A. Hayes, Senior Warden.	Griffin Barber, Junior Deacon.
James H. Fair, Junior Warden.	Henry Kepfield, Senior Steward.
William Hayes, Treasurer.	J. H. Worth, Junior Steward.
Noah W. Slater, Secretary.	Thomas C. Wheeler, Tiler.

## DORIC LODGE, NO. 118, DORCHESTER, SALINE COUNTY.

Created Aug. 2, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon.

SEAL — A Doric column.

Samuel Dainton, Master.	Daniel D. Lynn, Senior Deacon.
John Barton, Senior Warden.	William Barton, Junior Deacon.
David Mooberry, Junior Warden.	William R. Williams, Senior Steward.
George A. Oberlies, Treasurer.	John B. Richardson, Junior Steward.
William R. Toole, Secretary.	Thomas L. Vincent, Tiler.

NORTH BEND LODGE, NO. 119, NORTH BEND, DODGE COUNTY.

Created Sep. 5, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Tuesday in each month.

SEAL — The Holy Bible, square, and compasses.

Michael Dowling, Master.	Herbert Williams, Senior Deacon.
David A. Hopkins, Senior Warden.	Frank E. Valentine, Junior Deacon.
Tjeric J. Chapin, Junior Warden.	Dunham M. Strong, Senior Steward.
Peter Gillis, Treasurer.	Elmer Williams, Junior Steward.
Chauncey B. Treadwell, Secretary.	Joseph E. Newsome, Tiler.

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WAYNE LODGE, NO. 120, WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY.

Created Sep. 26, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before each full moon.

John T. Bressler, Master.	Benjamin F. Feather, Secretary.
Anson A. Welch, Senior Warden.	Frank A. Dearborn, Senior Deacon.
Arthur P. Childs, Junior Warden.	Alvin T. Witter, Senior Steward.
Isaac O. Woolston, Treasurer.	George Shaw, Junior Steward.
	Isaac P. Martin, Tiler.

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SUPERIOR LODGE, NO. 121, SUPERIOR, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

Created Nov. 22, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before full moon.

SEAL — The All-Seeing Eye, the sun, moon, and stars, the square and compasses surrounding the letter G.

J W. Mitchell, Master.	Wallace W. Kendall, Senior Deacon.
C E. Adams, Senior Warden.	Edwin F. Drake, Junior Deacon.
J F. Bradshaw, Junior Warden.	George J. Spalm, Senior Steward.
Albert Curtis, Treasurer.	H C. McHugh, Junior Steward.
George F. Cotton, Secretary.	James Marshall, Tiler.

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JASPER LODGE, NO. 122, ODELL, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 26, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Leonidas A. Scroggs, Master.	Israel McClaren, Senior Deacon.
J. Oscar Mesarvey, Senior Warden.	Lind Nelson, Junior Deacon.
William H. Earnist, Junior Warden.	Frank Lagorgue, Senior Steward.
James D. Myers, Treasurer.	W E. Van Sant, Junior Warden.
B. Frank Sadil, Secretary.	George Ferguson, Tiler.

### INDIANOLA LODGE, NO. 123, INDIANOLA, RED WILLOW COUNTY.

Created Dec. 8, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before full moon.

SEAL — A shield, bearing three castles and a trowel.

Henry Crabtree, Master.	John J. Lamburn, Senior Deacon.
George S. Bishop, Senior Warden.	Lowrey P. Edgar, Junior Deacon.
John W. Maiken, Junior Warden.	Samuel P. Baker, Senior Steward.
Elias Peterman, Treasurer.	James I. Boyer, Junior Steward.
Edward C. Ballew, Secretary.	Charles L. Humphrey, Tiler.

### AUBURN LODGE, NO. 124, AUBURN, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Created Dec. 25, 83; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — ————

SEAL — A sword pointing at a naked heart.

Charles H. Willard, Master.	George H. Butler, Senior Deacon.
Charles I. Harns, Senior Warden.	James Hall, Junior Deacon.
Eugene M. Tyler, Junior Warden.	Marion C. Seymour, Senior Steward.
James K. Curzon, Treasurer.	William H. Horrum, Junior Steward.
Edward M. Boyd, Secretary.	I S. Richards, Tiler.

### MOUNT NEBO LODGE, NO. 125, GENOA, NANCE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 1, 84; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Saturdays in each month.

SEAL — The square and compass above a mountain.

Horace E. Adams, Master.	John J. Truman, Senior Deacon.
James M. Kennedy, Senior Warden.	Andrew Nitzell, Junior Deacon.
Henry H. Eyman, Junior Warden.	Frank D. Goodwin, Senior Steward.
Gustave A. Mollin, Treasurer.	Peter L. McFaden, Junior Steward.
Louis G. Stocks, Secretary.	Lucius B. Balsley, Tiler.

### STROMSBURG LODGE, NO. 126, STROMSBURG, POLK COUNTY.

Created Jan. 16, 84; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Saturdays after the full moon.

SEAL — The All-Seeing Eye, above a ballot box.

James D. Edwards, Master.	Orlando M. Gunnell, Senior Deacon.
Edmund D. Rarey, Senior Warden.	Peter T. Buckley, Junior Deacon.
Albert G. Hoffman, Junior Warden.	Olof Netsell, Senior Steward.
Isaac Boostrom, Treasurer.	Alfred Anderson, Junior Steward.
John B. Dey, Secretary.	John Hamilton, Tiler.

MINDEN LODGE, NO. 127. MINDEN, KEARNEY COUNTY.

Created Jan. 22, 84; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING— Wednesday on or before full moon.

Lewis A. Kent, Master.	Asa Smith, Senior Deacon.
Fred. R. Kingsley, Senior Warden.	George Harding, Junior Deacon.
Rush H. Palmer, Junior Warden.	Joseph S. Deckman, Senior Steward.
Byron W. Marsh, Treasurer.	George P. Rush, Junior Steward.
Frank T. Taylor, Secretary.	Frank M. Saunders, Tiler.

GUIDE ROCK LODGE, NO. 128, GUIDE ROCK, WEBSTER COUNTY.

Created Jan. 28, 84; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING— Saturday on or before full moon.

Samuel B. Newmeyer, Master.	John S. Stratton, Senior Deacon.
Wilber S. Knapp, Senior Warden.	John B. Fisk, Junior Deacon.
Charles A. Nelson, Junior Warden.	Jacob H. Shugart, Senior Steward.
Abram Garber, Treasurer.	Noah H. Peters, Junior Steward.
Edwin L. Grubb, Secretary.	Asa L. Redden, Tiler.

BLUE HILL LODGE, NO. 129, BLUE HILL, WEBSTER COUNTY.

Created Feb 18, 84; chartered June 24, 84.

REGULAR MEETING— Friday on or before each full moon.

Ira O. Martin, Master.	John W. C. Thierman, Secretary.
Solomon Mandelbaum, Sr. Warden.	Wheaton W. Hogate, Senior Deacon.
Robert A. Simpson, Junior Warden.	Albert Kopisch, Junior Deacon.
Albert B. Canfield, Treasurer.	William Arnold, Tiler.

TUSCAN LODGE, NO. 130, SURPRISE, BUTLER COUNTY.

Created Feb. 20, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING— Thursday on or before full moon.

George H. Miller, Master.	Charles W. Ludden, Senior Deacon.
Richard W. Morrison, Sen. Warden.	Abraham Towner, Jr., Jun. Deacon.
Frank D. Miller, Junior Warden.	Frank Salsbury, Senior Steward.
David Read, Treasurer.	Samuel Barrett, Junior Steward.
Robert S. Hirsch, Secretary.	Edgar Lewis, Tiler.

ARK AND ANCHOR LODGE, NO. 131, AINSWORTH, BROWN COUNTY.

Created July 3, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before full moon.

SEAL — An ark with an anchor.

John C. Sullivan, Master.	James J. Ackerman, Senior Deacon.
Siyver Backey, Senior Warden.	Albert Palmer, Junior Deacon.
Luellen Williams, Junior Warden.	Frederick F. Merrithew, S. Steward.
Lewis P. Albright, Treasurer.	John Thill, Junior Steward.
Oscar J. Mosely, Secretary.	Robert Martin, Tiler.

SCRIBNER LODGE, NO. 132, SCRIBNER, DODGE COUNTY.

Created July 9, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or after full moon.

Chauncey D. Gardanier, Master.	Lewis H. Neff, Senior Deacon.
James Booth, Senior Warden.	Lee M. Whitman, Junior Deacon.
William B. Gardanier, Jun. Warden.	Daniel McBain, Senior Steward.
Charles Inches, Treasurer.	Edward C. Burns, Junior Steward.
Gustave A. Diels, Secretary.	Henry J. Paasch, Tiler.

ELM CREEK LODGE, NO. 133, ELM CREEK, BUFFALO COUNTY.

Created Aug. 8, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday in each month.

Daniel C. Bond, Master.	George W. Snyder, Treasurer.
Nathan O. Calkins, Senior Warden.	David I. Brown, Secretary.
Robert K. Potter, Junior Warden.	Delbert G. Webster, Senior Deacon.
	Charles J. Carper, Tiler.

SOLAR LODGE, NO. 134, CLARKS, MERRICK COUNTY.

Created Aug. 8, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before full moon.

SEAL — Sun between two columns.

Franklin Sweet, Master.	Ethel A. Richardson, Sen. Deacon.
William R. Morse, Senior Warden.	Hans M. Kokjer, Junior Deacon.
Isaac H. Castle, Junior Warden.	Thomas Hatch, Senior Steward.
Adam McPherson, Treasurer.	Joseph Cosner, Junior Steward.
Thomas L. Dixon, Secretary.	John C. Hartwell, Tiler.

McCOOK LODGE, NO. 135, McCOOK, RED WILLOW COUNTY.

Created Oct. 6, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Tuesdays of each month.

SEAL — A weeping willow.

Samuel L. Green, Master.	Carlos N. Bachellor, Senior Deacon.
Zaccheus L. Kay, Senior Warden.	George M. Chenery, Junior Deacon.
Rutherford B. Archibald, Jr. Warden.	Silas H. Colvin, Senior Steward.
Justin A. Wilcox, Treasurer.	John R. Roxby, Junior Steward.
Winfield S. Webster, Secretary.	Emile J. Hall, Tiler.

LONG PINE LODGE, NO. 136, LONG PINE, BROWN COUNTY.

Created Oct. 6, 84; chartered June 24, 85

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Wednesdays of each month.

SEAL — A pine tree within the angle of a square.

William Banister, Master.	Walter L. Whittemore, Senior Deacon.
John H. A. Thomas, Senior Warden.	George A. Smith, Junior Deacon.
Howard H. Coonen, Junior Warden.	John Laverty, Senior Steward.
Andrew Lowe, Treasurer.	John Anderson, Junior Steward.
Charles R. Glover, Secretary.	Andrew W. Jackson, Tiler.

UPRIGHT LODGE, NO. 137, BURCHARD, PAWNEE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 14, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon.

Liberty B. Shinn, Master.	David A. Harrah, Senior Deacon.
James M. Barclay, Senior Warden.	David Gudtner, Junior Deacon.
James J. Bernard, Junior Warden.	Martin V. Sisco, Senior Steward.
David C. Stitt, Treasurer.	Charles M. Corlett, Junior Steward.
James Repperl, Secretary.	David Shepherd, Tiler.

RAWALT LODGE, NO. 138, OXFORD, FURNAS COUNTY.

Created Nov. 15, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or after full moon.

SEAL — The letter R.

George E. Whitman, Master.	William O. Critchfield, Senior Deacon.
Edgar J. Pease, Senior Warden.	Cyrus A. Arnsberger, Junior Deacon.
Stewart W. Lee, Junior Warden.	William T. Hamilton, Senior Steward.
Adam Walter, Treasurer.	Andrew J. Neilsen, Junior Steward.
John T. McClure, Secretary.	Sirenus J. Miner, Tiler.

## CLAY CENTRE LODGE, NO. 139, CLAY CENTRE, CLAY COUNTY.

Created Dec. 6, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Saturdays in each month.

Henry B. Strong, Master.	George A. Shike, Senior Deacon.
Guy W. Secord, Senior Warden.	George Cinnamon, Junior Deacon.
Jesse F. Eller, Junior Warden.	James Leitch, Senior Steward.
George F. Dickson, Treasurer.	Hugh Loudin, Junior Steward.
William M. Walters, Secretary.	James Cummings, Tiler.

## WESTERN LODGE, NO. 140, WESTERN, SALINE COUNTY.

Created Dec. 6, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.

SEAL — A lodge, with a radiant sun in the west.

William S. Grafton, Master.	Howard Worley, Senior Deacon.
James S. Rogers, Senior Warden.	Nathan N. Starbuck, Junior Deacon.
James C. Doane, Junior Warden.	Thomas J. Chedister, Senior Steward.
William Mullen, Treasurer.	William McMaster, Junior Steward.
Jonas S. Pusey, Secretary.	William Shultz, Tiler.

## SUMMIT LODGE, NO. 141, JOHNSON, NEMAHA COUNTY.

Created Dec. 6, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Saturdays in each month.

SEAL — A hilltop with a sprig of acacia thereon.

Isaac H. Clagett, Master.	David D. Adams, Senior Deacon.
Edward O. Crocker, Senior Warden.	Charles Mangon, Junior Deacon.
William B. Green, Junior Warden.	Henry J. Snyder, Senior Steward.
Daniel Casey, Treasurer.	William J. Hanley, Junior Steward.
Thomas J. Alexander, Secretary.	Christophe Sissin, Tiler.

## ANCHOR LODGE, NO. 142, NORTH LOUP, VALLEY COUNTY.

Created Dec. 18, 84; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Saturdays in each month.

SEAL — A shield bearing an anchor with a lodge numbered 142.

Edwin A. Allen, Master.	Eaton S. Sears, Senior Deacon.
James E. Baldwin, Senior Warden.	James Van Skike, Junior Deacon.
Edward J. Cullen, Junior Warden.	John L. Sears, Senior Steward.
Charles H. Wellman, Treasurer.	John Janss, Junior Steward.
John B. Gowen, Secretary.	Charles H. Watson, Tiler.



## SILOAM LODGE, NO. 147, STUART, HOLT COUNTY.

Created Apr. 30, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

Andrew H. Runyon, Master.	George H. Bowering, Senior Deacon.
Thomas F. Tracy, Senior Warden.	George J. Curry, Junior Deacon.
Jacob A. Shank, Junior Warden.	Levi C. Reichard, Senior Steward.
Adam Eichelberger, Treasurer.	James A. Rice, Junior Steward.
Luther C. Jaques, Secretary.	Horace Shank, Tiler.

## EMMET CRAWFORD LODGE, NO. 148, BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY.

Created July 13, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

## JEWEL LODGE, NO. 149, TOBIAS, SALINE COUNTY.

Created Aug. 15, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

Levi H. Muman, Master.	Charles M. Sanders, Senior Deacon.
Philip Jenkins, Senior Warden.	James H. Lewis, Junior Deacon.
John F. Lippincott, Junior Warden.	George S. Gillespie, Senior Steward.
John V. Ainsworth, Treasurer.	James McCreedy, Junior Steward.
Samuel F. Nunnemaker, Secretary.	Volney Osborn, Tiler.

## CAMBRIDGE LODGE, NO. 150, CAMBRIDGE, FURNAS COUNTY.

Created Aug. 10, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

George W. McKean, Master.	Hiram Cast, Senior Deacon.
Edgar W. Lewis, Senior Warden.	Lawrence Sharp, Junior Deacon.
Stephens K. Keyes, Junior Warden.	James M. Gammill, Senior Steward.
Thomas Andrews, Treasurer.	Calvin B. Bachelder, Junior Steward.
Frances M. Rathburn, Secretary.	George A. Hobson, Tiler.

## SQUARE LODGE, NO. 151, VALPARAISO, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

Created Sep. 7, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

DeForest Green, Master.	William Bays, Senior Deacon.
Henry C. Waters, Senior Warden.	Eli M. Cunningham, Junior Deacon.
Joshua P. Gibbons, Junior Warden.	James Pitton, Senior Steward.
Frank A. Scoville, Treasurer.	Robert H. Mosgrove, Junior Steward.
Theodore H. Bowman, Secretary.	James A. Cole, Tiler.

CRESCENT LODGE, NO. 143, CEDAR RAPIDS, BOONE COUNTY.

Created Jan. 24, 85; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — Fourth Saturday in each month.

SEAL — A crescent.

Lucius P. Judd, Master.	William A. Gibson, Senior Deacon.
William J. Outhwaite, Senior Warden.	Morris E. Thorp, Junior Deacon.
Eugene A. Guillemot, Junior Warden.	Orlando M. Newell, Senior Steward.
Peter J. Files, Treasurer.	Henry Emerson, Junior Steward.
Charles L. Harris, Secretary.	Charles Martin, Tiler.

KENESAW LODGE, NO. 144, KENESAW, ADAMS COUNTY.

Created Jan. 28, 85; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before full moon.

John G. Hayzlett, Master.	Frampton C. Brosious, Senior Deacon.
Luther B. Partridge, Senior Warden.	Ezra Van Meter, Junior Deacon.
Samuel H. Smith, Junior Warden.	Marshall Morse, Senior Steward.
Edward P. Gillett, Treasurer.	John B. Cook, Junior Steward.
Robert B. Ground, Secretary.	John B. Brown, Tiler.

BANCROFT LODGE, NO. 145, BANCROFT, CUMING COUNTY.

Created Feb. 25, 85; chartered June 24, 85.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon.

Warren Fales, Master.	Cary A. Donohoe, Senior Deacon.
George H. Ransom, Senior Warden.	Christian Valder, Junior Deacon.
Thomas M. Senter, Junior Warden.	Isaac J. Coons, Senior Steward.
Orrin D. Bassinger, Treasurer.	Rasmus P. Nelson, Junior Steward.
John E. Turner, Secretary.	Jacob Ockander, Tiler.

JACHIN LODGE, NO. 146, HOLDREGE, PHELPS COUNTY.

Created Mar. 31, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

George P. Reha, Master.	Peter Peerson, Senior Deacon.
J A. McKillop, Senior Warden.	John A. Reha, Junior Deacon.
E B. Guile, Junior Warden.	L Banta, Senior Steward.
Max Ulig, Treasurer.	Robert T. McGrew, Junior Steward.
Claudius Roberts, Secretary.	C T. Breach, Tiler.

## EWING LODGE, U. D., EWING, HOLT COUNTY.

Created Oct. 24, 85.

Job J. King, Master.                      John J. Carmichael, Senior Warden.  
Peter W. Lane, Junior Warden.

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## PARALLEL LODGE, NO. 152, LIBERTY, GAGE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 20, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

Joseph R. Buffington, Master.              John M. Cameron, Secretary.  
David J. Turner, Senior Warden.          Lyman W. Niece, Senior Deacon.  
John W. Allan, Junior Warden.          Nehemiah E. Washburn, Jr. Deacon.  
Eli W. Lane, Treasurer.                  David S. Harden, Senior Steward.  
Jacob Y. Mendenhall, Tiler.

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## EVERGREEN LODGE, NO. 153, PIERCE, PIERCE COUNTY.

Created Nov. 27, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

SEAL — A shield bearing three chevrons, a dagger, and a pine tree.

Charles C. Wilson, Master.                  William E. Bishop, Senior Deacon.  
William M. Burkett, Sr. Warden.          Rinaldo A. Batte, Junior Deacon.  
George F. Keiper, Junior Warden.          James M. Alden, Senior Steward.  
William A. Spencer, Treasurer.          David W. Elliott, Junior Steward.  
William B. Chilvers, Secretary.          Albert L. Bentley, Tiler.

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## LILY LODGE, NO. 154, DAVENPORT, THAYER COUNTY.

Created Nov. 28, 85; chartered June 17, 86.

George Bradley, Master.                      Robert Tweed, Senior Deacon.  
Frank M. Smith, Senior Warden.          Adelbert D. Pierce, Junior Deacon.  
Edward W. Robinson, Jr. Warden.          William M. Van Buren, Sr. Steward.  
George W. Bearnes, Treasurer.          Frank W. Bean, Junior Steward.  
Christian C. Walter, Secretary.          Edward Kinney, Tiler.

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## HARTINGTON LODGE, NO. 155, HARTINGTON, CEDAR COUNTY.

Created Jan. 26, 86; chartered June 17, 86.

Hiram T. Chapman, Master.                  George Douglass, Senior Deacon.  
Homer A. Miller, Senior Warden.          James L. Kroesen, Junior Deacon.  
Andrew Amundsen, Junior Warden.          Henry J. Van Velsor, Senior Steward.  
John W. Hitchcock, Treasurer.          Truman G. Thomas, Junior Steward.  
Henry J. Aberly, Secretary.              Robert Wallace, Tiler.

## VALLEY LODGE, U.·D.·., WILSONVILLE, FURNAS COUNTY.

Created Feb. 22, 86.

Marion McDonald, Master.

Richard B. Way, Senior Warden.

John W. Eby, Junior Warden.

## SILVER CREEK LODGE, U.·D.·., SILVER CREEK, MERRICK COUNTY.

Created Feb. 26, 86.

(Extinct since June 17, 86.)

## CHADRON LODGE, U.·D.·., CHADRON, DAWES COUNTY.

Created Mar. 17, 86.

William F. Lowger, Master.

John H. Bosee, Senior Warden.

William Wilson, Junior Warden.