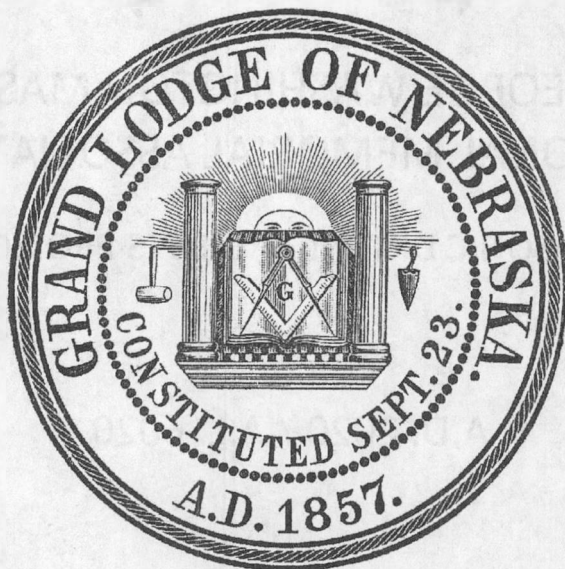


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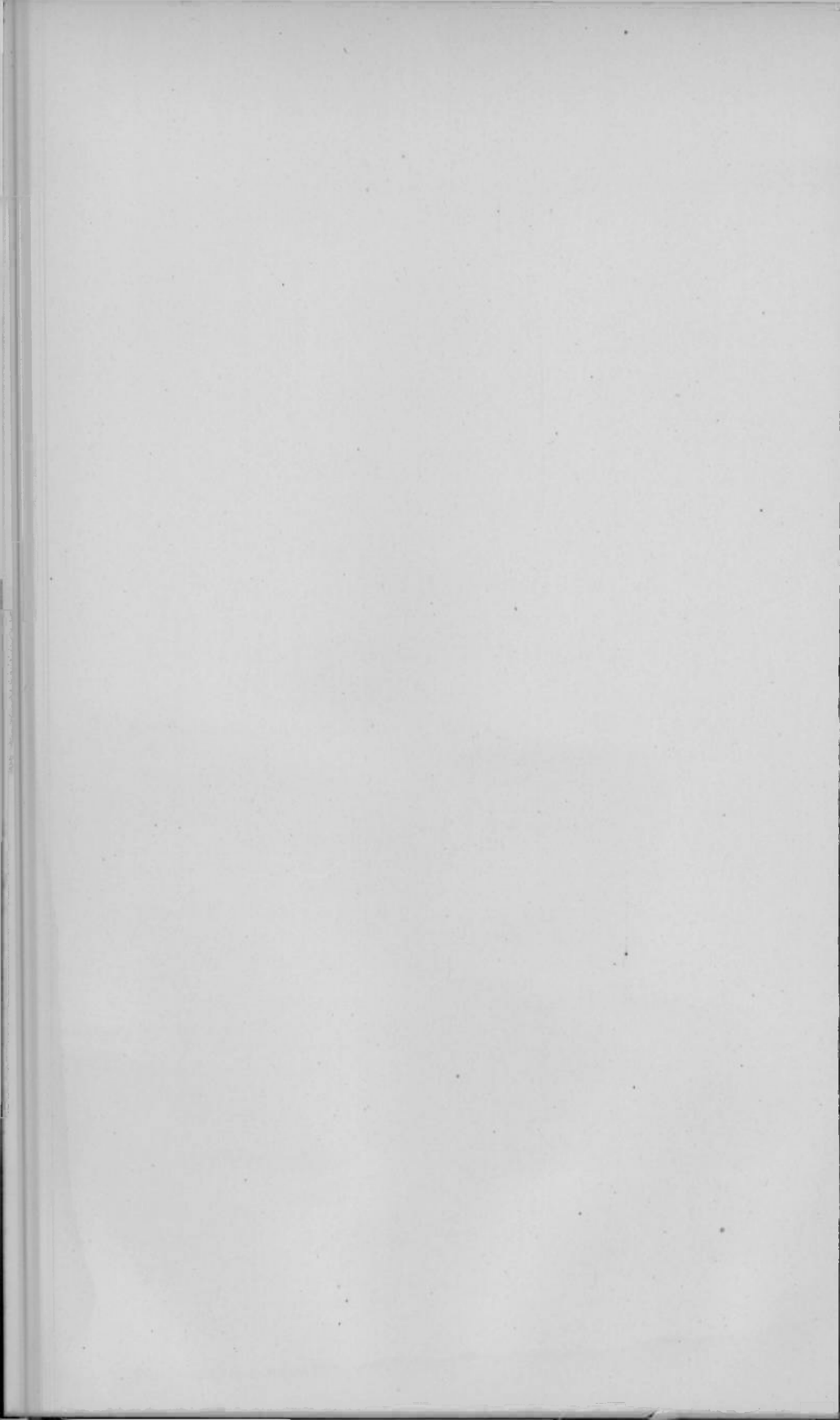
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IN ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD AT FREEMASONS HALL.
OMAHA, NEBRASKA,
JUNE 4TH AND 5TH, 1912.



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Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
OF NEBRASKA,

AT THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
HELD IN OMAHA, JUNE 4TH AND 5TH, 1912.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in annual communication in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 4th, A. S. L. 5912, A. D. 1912, at half past nine o'clock in the morning, there being present:

M. W. HENRY GIBBONS..... Grand Master,
R. W. JAMES R. CAIN, JR..... Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. ALPHA MORGAN..... Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. THOMAS M. DAVIS..... Grand Junior Warden.
M. W. CHARLES E. BURNHAM..... Grand Treasurer,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE..... Grand Secretary,
V. W. GEORGE A. BEECHER..... Grand Chaplain,
W. JOHN F. POUCHER..... Grand Orator,
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH..... Grand Custodian,
W. SAMUEL S. WHITING..... Grand Marshal,
W. ANDREW H. VIELE..... Grand Senior Deacon,
W. FREDERIC L. TEMPLE..... Grand Junior Deacon,
Bro. REUBEN FORBES Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and thirty-three of the two hundred and fifty-two chartered lodges.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form and the roll of lodges was called. A constitutional number being rep-

resented, the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the fifty-fifth annual communication duly open for the transaction of such business as might be brought before it, and the Grand Marshal made proclamation thereof.

M. W. Daniel H. Wheeler, the oldest living Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, was announced, admitted, and welcomed by the Grand Master, and the honors of Masonry were extended to him.

Most Worshipful Henry Gibbons, Grand Master, delivered the following:

ADDRESS.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:

My brethren, as we assemble here today in this, the fifty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge, I give you a most cordial greeting and fraternal welcome. Let us give praise and thanksgiving to the Almighty Ruler of the Universe for the health, peace, and prosperity that continue to prevail throughout our jurisdiction, for the bright prospects of an abundant harvest, and for all the manifold blessings we daily receive at His hands.

In all our deliberations and actions may we be guided and directed by Divine Wisdom, so that all our work begun, continued, and ended, may be for the glory of God, and the honor and welfare of our beloved Fraternity.

We are Masons only that we may be better men, one in heart, one in purpose, one in that love for each other that excels all love for its worldliness. We are the friends and defenders of pure homes, strict morality, upright, honorable lives, and boundless charity.

Let us ask ourselves, my brethren, have we faithfully adhered to the sublime teachings of our Fraternity? Have we so improved our time and so performed our duties as to adorn our lives with all the Masonic virtues? Every Mason has duties to perform, and as we bid farewell to the scenes and labors and enjoyment of the past, let us, with new life, new vigor, greater possibilities, and greater determination, prepare ourselves for that great and noble work of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and all those Masonic virtues that ennoble our minds, thus fitting us as living stones for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

As we have assembled to make good our professions, permit me to impress upon you the responsibilities of your positions, for, as representatives of your lodges, you owe a solemn duty to the Craft with which nothing should be permitted to interfere. All matters brought before you should be duly considered, and each representative should bear his share of the responsibility of all legislation enacted. It is too often the case that matters of great importance are left to be de-

cided by the few who are faithful; then, afterwards, criticism is made in regard to such legislation. It is therefore desirable that you should be present at all times during our deliberations. You owe this duty to the lodges you represent, as well as to the Grand Lodge.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that peace and harmony prevail within our borders; and that the increase in membership is very satisfactory, while the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge have never been in better condition. The Grand Treasurer has been more than fair with the Grand Lodge, having paid the premium on his official bond himself, and allowed interest on daily balances at the rate of three per cent., also donating his salary to the Nebraska Masonic Home, a record heretofore unknown in the history of the Grand Lodge.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are very harmonious and peaceful. During the year I have corresponded with several Grand Masters relating to waivers of jurisdiction over petitioners and conferring of degrees. All requests made by me were cheerfully granted, and similar courtesies were extended by me when asked for. I extend my thanks to M.'W.'Brothers Alonzo J. Monroe, Grand Master of California; J. Claude Keiper, Grand Master of the District of Columbia; Albert B. Ashley, Grand Master of Illinois; Edward L. Medler, Grand Master of New Mexico; H. S. Kissell, Grand Master of Ohio; Thomas B. Guitteau, Grand Master of Ohio; Alexis Eddleman, Grand Master of Oklahoma; Charles E. Wolverton, Grand Master of Oregon; George W. Guthrie, Grand Master of Pennsylvania; Harold Banner, Grand Master of Wyoming, and R.'W.'Brother Henry E. Flavelle, Deputy Grand Secretary of Ireland, for favors granted.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

December 21st, 1911, I received, by direction of M.'W.'Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland and President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, an invitation to attend the second annual council of the association. As the action of our Grand Lodge in contributing to the fund gives to us membership in the association. I sent my regrets at being unable to be present, with the hope that the wish of the promoters of this most worthy object be speedily realized.

GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS.

March 2d, 1912, I received from our Grand Secretary a circular letter from the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Hot Springs, Arkansas, asking my approval to an appeal to the subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to aid in the erection of a hospital for the use of Masons at Hot Springs, Arkansas. This appeal has the approval of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and the endorsement of the Grand Master

and Grand Secretary. I felt it was not within my province to grant the fraternal request. I called the attention of the Grand Master to our own charitable work and its requirements, and asked that no circulars be sent into this Grand Jurisdiction until after the session of our Grand Lodge, when I would present the matter in a fraternal spirit. I now ask that some action be taken on the request.

GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO.

January 10th, 1912, I received, through the office of our Grand Secretary, from R.'W.'.Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, a communication inclosing a receipt card for dues issued by lodges in Colorado to their members, with the certificate of the Grand Secretary as to the regularity of the lodge printed on the back, and a fac simile of the Grand Lodge seal printed thereon. He asked if this certificate would be accepted by lodges in Nebraska in place of a regular diploma. The Grand Lodge should decide whether the certificate submitted can be accepted in place of a diploma in this Grand Jurisdiction.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

I reluctantly declined the kind invitation of R.'W.'.George W. Guthrie, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, to be present as the guest of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the independence of their Grand Lodge, held in Philadelphia, September 25th, 1911.

GRAND LODGE VALLE DE MEXICO.

During the time that we recognized the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and exchanged representatives therewith, Washington-Hidalgo Lodge No. 2 of Chihuahua requested our Fremont Lodge No. 15 to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on a brother who had been regularly elected to receive the same. The degree was conferred. But before the brother had received the other degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry our relations with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico had changed. Upon proper request, however, I granted permission to Fremont Lodge No. 15 to confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, thereby completing the work they had begun. In this connection I suggest that the Grand Lodge should adopt some rule governing the admission of visitors and receiving of members by demit from lodges in Mexico. There are some lodges in Mexico that, in my opinion, are regular. The Grand Lodge should say whether the members of these lodges should be received as visitors or be permitted to affiliate with our lodges. If affiliation is denied, then the question should be determined whether they, and members of lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions not recognized by our Grand Lodge, can by regular petition, receive the degrees of

Ancient Craft Masonry in our lodges in the same manner that we receive petitioners who have not received any of the degrees of Masonry.

REPRESENTATIVES.

June 15th, 1911, I appointed Brother James B. Coolidge representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near that of North Dakota.

October 24th, 1911, I appointed Brother William I. Stuart representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near that of Kansas.

February 19th, 1912, I recommended W. Brother Albert W. Jefferis, Past Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, as representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia near that of Nebraska.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

During the year I made three visits to the Home. On one of them I was accompanied by W. Brother John S. Harman of Tecumseh and W. Brother Lewis M. Keene of Fremont, a committee appointed by the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. I found the Home well managed, the residents contented, and as happy as they can be made. They, and all their surroundings, everything in and about the building, are kept neat and clean. I was very much gratified to see on all my visits everything in such excellent condition, there being nothing I could suggest in the way of improvement.

While it is the duty of the Committee on Relief to serve as a visiting committee to the Nebraska Masonic Home, in view of all the conditions I deemed it advisable to appoint W. Brother Carroll D. Evans of Columbus, my personal representative to visit the Home and present a report to the Grand Lodge showing conditions as he found them after a thorough investigation, making such recommendations as he deems for the welfare of the Home.

The cost of maintaining the Home is paid by the Fraternity throughout the state, and as far as I am able to ascertain, this is done cheerfully and willingly. At the same time, I believe the brethren are entitled to all the information that they can possibly receive as to the Home, its management, and its future needs.

I was present at the annual meeting of the stockholders held in Omaha, on January 23d, 1912. A report of this meeting, showing the affairs of the Home for 1911, was published and sent to all lodges in the jurisdiction, and to many other associations and individuals.

OCCASIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND LAYING CORNER-STONES.

On July 4th, 1912, assisted by R. W. Alpha Morgan, Grand Senior Warden, M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and other Grand Lodge Officers appointed for the occasion, the members of Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, and a large number of brethren from surround-

ing lodges, I successfully laid the corner-stone of the Custer County Court House at Broken Bow. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the county officials and a large gathering of citizens of the surrounding country. Brother Frank M. Currie delivered a well prepared oration suitable to the occasion.

August 17th, 1911, I successfully laid the corner-stone of the Chase County Court House at Imperial, assisted by R. W. Thomas M. Davis, Grand Junior Warden, and M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian. A large number of brethren from Imperial and the surrounding country were present. A procession was formed, the band leading, consisting of the pupils of the city schools, local societies, and county officials; and escorted by Imperial Lodge No. 198 we marched to the grounds, where the corner-stone was laid according to our ancient ceremonies. The oration by Brother Robert C. Orr was of a high order and truly Masonic. In thanking him for it I said that the Grand Lodge is to be congratulated upon the fact that we have in our membership men of such sterling qualities, ability, and sound judgment, who are ready and willing to proclaim our principles at almost a moment's notice.

September 22d, 1911, assisted by M. W. Robert E. Evans, as Deputy Grand Master, W. John W. Tulleys, 53, as Grand Senior Warden, Brother James G. Mines, 120, as Grand Junior Warden, M. W. Charles E. Burnham, Grand Treasurer, W. John F. Poucher, Grand Orator, and W. Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Marshal, the brethren of Wayne and the surrounding lodges, I laid the corner-stone of the State Normal School, at Wayne. A procession was formed, escorted by Wayne Lodge No. 120, consisting of visiting brethren, Wayne Chapter No. 194, O. E. S., pupils of the Wayne High School, students of the State Normal School, the Wayne Commercial Club, and a band. We marched to the State Normal School grounds, and successfully laid the corner-stone with the usual ceremonies. The oration was delivered by W. Brother Poucher, our Grand Orator, and was most interesting.

December 28th, 1911, assisted by M. W. George H. Thummel as Deputy Grand Master, Brother George F. West as Grand Senior Warden, Brother Arthur J. Jackson as Grand Junior Warden, Brother Matthew E. Muxon as Grand Treasurer, R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, Brother Edwin Hart Jenks, as Grand Chaplain, Brother William T. Bourke, as Grand Marshal, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Covert Lodge No. 11, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, and George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, I laid the corner-stone of the chapel and crematory at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Omaha. A procession was formed, with Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, K. T. of Omaha, as escort to the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges named, and proceeded to Forest Lawn Cemetery, where, with the full ceremonies of the Fraternity, I successfully laid the corner-stone of the chapel. Considering the extremely cold weather the attendance was more than could have been expected. I thanked Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1

for furnishing the escort, also the lodges in attendance, and the individual brethren who had served as Grand Lodge Officers.

Having received an invitation from the proper authorities to lay the corner-stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sterling, and being unable to do so, on August 8th, 1911, I issued my proxy to Past Grand Master Samuel P. Davidson to lay the corner-stone on August 15th, 1911. Brother Davidson reports having successfully accomplished the work, assisted by Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Marshal, and brethren selected from Sterling Lodge No. 70 and from the visiting brethren to fill the stations of the Grand Lodge Officers not present. Sterling Lodge No. 70 of Sterling, and Mt. Horeb Commandery No. 10, K.'.T.'. of Tecumseh, acted as escort to the Grand Lodge. Brother Davidson reports that the proceedings were in strict accordance with Grand Lodge regulations, and that a good impression was created among the citizens of Sterling and vicinity, as well as among the assembled Masons.

An invitation having been received from the proper authorities to lay the corner-stone of the Pawnee County Court House on October 17th, 1911, which I was unable to accept personally, I issued my proxy to R.'.W.'. James R. Cain, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, to perform the ceremony. He reports that on his arrival he found that complete arrangements had been made by W.'.Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Marshal, and that he laid the corner-stone according to our ancient forms and ceremonies, assisted by R.'.W.'. Thomas M. Davis, our Grand Junior Warden, acting as Deputy Grand Master; W.'.Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Marshal, and brethren selected from the members of Pawnee Lodge No. 23 and the visiting brethren, to fill the different stations. Brethren were present from neighboring lodges, including Tecumseh, No. 17, Humboldt, No. 40, Stella, No. 105, Upright, No. 137, Western, No. 140, and Parallel, No. 152, also from three lodges located in the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas. Rev. Charles M. Shepard, in the absence of our Grand Orator, delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. Brother Cain also says that the occasion was a success from every standpoint, the attendance large, the music good, and that everything worked out as it had been planned.

On May 22d, assisted by R.'.W.'. James R. Cain, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, R.'.W.'. Alpha Morgan, Grand Senior Warden, V.'.W.'. George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain, M.'.W.'. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, W.'.Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Marshal, W.'.Andrew H. Viele, Grand Senior Deacon, and brethren selected from visitors to fill the other stations. I laid the corner-stone of the Merrick County Court House, at Central City, according to our ancient ceremonies. A procession, consisting of school children, county officials, and a large number of Masons from the neighboring lodges, headed by the band of the Second Regiment, Nebraska National Guard, was formed, and escorted by Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, and Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 6, K.'.T.'. of Grand Island, under command of E.'.Sir Lucy M. Talmage, Commander, passed

through the principal streets to the site where the court house is in process of construction, where a large concourse of people had assembled to witness the ceremonies. At the conclusion, V. W. George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain, delivered an oration that was highly appreciated by the audience.

The occasion was a very interesting one for the citizens of Central City and the assembled guests, all of whom were properly cared for and entertained. I personally extended the thanks of the Grand Lodge to Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 6, K. T., and the members of neighboring lodges for their attendance.

In the evening Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 held a very interesting meeting, which I attended, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree. R. W. James R. Cain, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, acted as Master, M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, as Senior Warden, and W. Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Marshal, as Junior Warden, other officers being selected from among the brethren. About one hundred and fifty were present, hailing from twenty-two different lodges. I was well pleased with the work, as our ritual was very closely followed. After the close of the meeting a very enjoyable luncheon was served by the brethren of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, this ending a very eventful day.

Upon each occasion of the laying of a corner-stone, an occasional communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, a procession formed, and the ceremonies and everything connected therewith were conducted strictly in accordance with the instructions given in our Monitor and Ceremonies. Visitors were cordially treated by the different lodges, and the occasions are long to be remembered.

DEDICATIONS.

On November 22d, 1911, I dedicated the new Masonic Hall of North Star Lodge No. 227, assisted by the following officers of the Grand Lodge: R. W. James R. Cain, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, W. John F. Poucher, Grand Orator, and W. Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Marshal. A large number of the members of Lincoln lodges and the ladies of the Eastern Star were in attendance. The oration by our Grand Orator was instructive and interesting; and the occasion closed with a luncheon served by the ladies. I have every reason to believe that this lodge is now living in peace and harmony, and working together for good.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

June 26th, 1911, I constituted Litchfield Lodge No. 278, at Litchfield, assisted by W. Samuel S. Whiting, as Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Alpha Morgan, Grand Senior Warden, W. John J. Tooley, as Grand Junior Warden, V. W. George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain, and

M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian. The lodge then elected its officers, who were duly installed, after which an enjoyable social time was had by those present.

On June 28th, 1911, assisted by Past Grand Master Albert W. Crites, V. W. George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain, and M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, I constituted Sioux Lodge No. 277 at Harrison. After the election of officers, by request of the lodge, they were duly installed by Past Grand Master Crites (by my authority).

At both of these ceremonies the officers of the Grand Lodge received every attention from the brethren, the entertainment being more than we expected. From reports of our Grand Custodian I am glad to note that both these lodges have been doing good work, and that the brethren are exemplifying in their daily lives the lessons they are taught within our tiled recesses.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

June 14th, 1911, by request of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, I installed its officers, with the assistance of M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, as Grand Marshal.

June 28th, 1912, by request of Faith Lodge No. 181, with the assistance of V. W. George A. Beecher and M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, I installed the officers of this lodge. As I had reprimanded this lodge the day before, it was gratifying to know that the brethren felt that the Grand Master had simply performed his duty.

NEW LODGES.

Much correspondence has been received relating to the formation of new lodges. Acting upon the views expressed by Grand Master Dowling in regard to what should be required before a dispensation is granted, I have refused dispensations for lodges at Orchard, Ravenna, and Chester. At each of the places named full opportunity was given the petitioners to meet our reasonable requirements. With our Grand Custodian I visited Ravenna and personally examined the conditions before refusing to grant a dispensation.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted dispensations for the purposes named to the following lodges:

To Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to elect a Secretary on or before June 30th. This dispensation was issued without fee, by order of the Grand Lodge.

To Star Lodge No. 88 to install its officers.

To Shelton Lodge No. 99 to install its Secretary.

To Mason City Lodge No. 170 to elect and install its officers.

To Faith Lodge No. 181 to elect a Senior Warden.

To Level Lodge No. 196 to install its Treasurer.

To Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202 to install its Junior Warden.

To Wauneta Lodge No. 217 to elect its Secretary and install all its officers.

To Golden Rule Lodge No. 236 to install its officers.

To George Armstrong Lodge No. 241 to elect and install a Junior Warden.

To Corner-stone Lodge No. 247 to elect and install its Secretary.

To Crofton Lodge No. 273 to install its officers.

To Antelope Lodge No. 276 to install its officers.

The fee in each case except that of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 has been paid to our Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES.

With one exception, I have refused all applications for special dispensations to confer the degrees without regard to time. The dispensation referred to was granted to Trowel Lodge No. 71 to ballot on the application of a brother for the Master Masons degree without regard to time. The petitioner was in the government service, and was expecting to be called away to labor in field work where no Masonic lodge is located; and without a special dispensation he could not have received the degree until some time in December next.

As a general rule I am opposed to issuing special dispensations for conferring degrees without regard to time. Good reasons are seldom given why the Grand Master should assist in the "hurry-up" plan of making Masons. Generally a dispensation is wanted for the convenience of someone who has suddenly realized that it would be for his personal benefit to be made a Mason.

REINSTATEMENTS.

Upon receipt of information that delinquent dues had been paid, I directed the Grand Secretary to reinstate a suspended member of each of the following extinct lodges: Rock Bluff, No. 20; Jasper, No. 122; Hesperia, No. 178; and Plumb, No. 186.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS APPROVED.

I approved codes of by-laws or amendments for the following lodges:

Nebraska, No. 1; Plattsmouth, No. 6; Peru, No. 14; Lebanon, No. 58; Albion, No. 78; Creighton, No. 100; Waterloo, No. 102; Stromsburg, No. 126; Minden, No. 127; Solar, No. 134; Western, No. 140; Jewel, No. 149; Gladstone, No. 176; Justice, No. 180; Crystal, No. 191; Minnekadusa, No. 192; Parian, No. 207; East Lincoln, No. 210; Delta, No. 230; Friendship, No. 239; Bradshaw, No. 255; and Oasis, No. 271.

SEALS APPROVED.

I approved designs for the seals of Sioux Lodge No. 277 and Litchfield Lodge No. 278.

OFFICIAL BONDS APPROVED.

I have approved the bonds of M. W. Charles E. Burnham, Grand Treasurer, in the sum of \$15,000.00, and R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, in the sum of \$3,000.00, the amount of said bonds being fixed by law.

NEW LODGE HALLS.

I have granted permission to the following lodges to move into new and better halls than those heretofore occupied by them, first requiring a certificate, in each case, from at least two Past Masters and the Master of the lodge, that the new location was in all respects a suitable place for lodge purposes: Kenesaw, No. 144; Siloam, No. 147; Granite, No. 189; North Star, No. 227; and Olive Branch, No. 274.

DECISIONS.

A great many questions of law have been asked me during the year; all, except the following, were covered by our law, and were answered by reference thereto. If Masters of lodges would take time to study the law, the Grand Master's correspondence would be much lighter than it is.

1. Two brethren reside in a city where there is more than one lodge. One of them desires to prefer charges against the other, who is a member of another lodge in the city. I decided that the charges should be first presented by the accuser in his own lodge, the Master to decide whether a Masonic offense had been charged. If he decides in the negative, no trial could take place, the complaining brother's recourse being an appeal to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. If the Master decides in the affirmative it would be the duty of the lodge to offer for trial the charges and specifications to the lodge to which the offending brother belongs. Should his lodge refuse or neglect to take action within sixty days thereafter, then the lodge of which the accusing brother is a member should proceed to try the brother in the manner prescribed by our law. The Master who presented the question takes exception to this decision, and has sent me briefs from lawyers in support of the same. I have submitted all the papers to the Committee on Grievances.

2. I refused to stay the execution of a sentence of expulsion, imposed by a lodge, until this session of the Grand Lodge, believing that unless gross irregularity is shown in such a trial, the Grand Master is not justified in interfering with the verdict, the proper procedure being an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

3. There is no way to change the time of the regular meetings of a lodge except by amending the by-laws.

4. A candidate having refused to comply with our regulations, and afterwards expressing a willingness to do so, the degree may be conferred if there is no objection filed against the candidate.

5. A candidate for membership was rejected in a lodge having jurisdiction. He afterwards made application to another lodge, stating that his residence was within its jurisdiction, and that he had not heretofore petitioned any other lodge nor been rejected. The lodge thereupon received his petition, elected him, and conferred the degrees upon him. The lodge in which he was rejected filed charges against him, in the lodge which had received him, for false statements both as to his residence and that he had never petitioned or been rejected by any other lodge. Upon trial he was convicted and indefinitely suspended. He afterwards made application for reinstatement, the matter was submitted to me, and the following question asked: After a lodge had inadvertently or otherwise received the candidate of another lodge, under whose jurisdiction does the candidate thus received remain? I immediately ordered the lodge to take no further action on the application of the brother for reinstatement; and after a thorough investigation, finding the facts as set forth above true in every particular, I decided that the brother belonged to the lodge having original jurisdiction; and directed that upon demand of this lodge for the fee, it be remitted by the lodge that illegally received the petition and conferred the degrees. I also directed that the brother be transferred from the rolls of the second lodge to that of the first, and that he be placed thereon in the suspended list. The following is the substance of a letter sent, upon the request of a Past Grand Master, to the Masters of both lodges interested: "The execution of my order of March 5th, 1912, relating to membership of Brother _____, is hereby held in abeyance until the entire matter can be reviewed by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication in June." As this brother received the degrees by false statements and misrepresentations, my opinion is that he ought to be expelled. The Grand Lodge should put its stamp of disapproval upon anyone gaining admission to our Fraternity in any such manner as this case shows.

6. A brother having been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than five years, having paid his indebtedness, died while action on his application for reinstatement was pending, I decided that he was entitled to Masonic burial.

7. An objection having been made to the advancement of a candidate and afterwards withdrawn, the candidate should petition anew. There were two cases presented. In the first case the objection was not removed until over five years after it had been made. In the second case the objection was removed in a few days. Section 117 of the law seems to cover both cases.

VISITATIONS.

June 29th, 1911, accompanied by V. W. George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain, and M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, I visited Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 at a special meeting, called to receive the Grand Master and the officers who accompanied him. This meeting was in the nature of a social session, with a presentation of Masonic precepts and teaching. A true Masonic spirit prevailed.

August 15th, 1911, I visited McCook Lodge No. 135 at its regular meeting, accompanied by R. W. Thomas M. Davis, Grand Junior Warden, and M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian. After the business of the lodge was finished, a banquet was served, the usual after dinner addresses followed, and a pleasant time was enjoyed by the large number in attendance.

August 28th, 1911, accompanied by our Grand Chaplain and Grand Custodian, I visited Lebanon Lodge No. 58, where we had the pleasure of seeing the Master Masons degree conferred by W. Carroll D. Evans upon his son, James North Evans. This was a delightful meeting, with a large attendance. The lodge is making preparations to build its own temple, and under the able management of its present Master, Brother Evans, is making rapid progress in true Masonry.

November 24th, 1911, I was invited to luncheon by the Acacia Fraternity at its home in Lincoln, and made a short address. This organization of young Masons, who are students at the university, is chaperoned by our Grand Marshal. I was glad to note the spirit of brotherly love and friendship predominating, and I believe this fraternity is deserving of more than passing notice by the Grand Master.

December 27th, 1911, I was the guest of Covert Lodge No. 11 at a six o'clock dinner; and afterwards visited the lodge, where the Master Masons degree was conferred upon three candidates. This being one of our largest lodges, a large attendance and good work was expected, and I was gratified to find my expectations realized. The ritual was very closely followed, and the lectures well rendered and beautifully illustrated. W. David O. Barnell, Master, is to be congratulated upon the efficiency of the work of his lodge.

December 29th, 1911, I visited Meridian Lodge No. 188, accompanied by M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, who conferred the Master Masons degree in his usual impressive manner, the lectures being beautifully illustrated. This is one of the smaller lodges, but it has a very high Masonic standing.

January 23d, 1912, I visited Lincoln Lodge No. 19, accompanied by Past Grand Master King and Grand Marshal Whiting. We were the guests of the lodge at dinner, at which about two hundred brethren were present. After dinner short addresses were made by Past Grand Master King, Grand Marshal Whiting, several members of the lodge, visiting brethren, and the Grand Master. We then adjourned to the lodge room and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree

upon two candidates in a very impressive manner by two corps of officers, the ritual being almost perfectly rendered. W. George R. Chatburn is to be commended for his good work as Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, and for the very great interest he has taken in keeping his lodge up to a high standard.

January 29th, 1912, I visited Oliver Lodge No. 38 with our Grand Custodian, and attended several sessions of his school of instruction. There was a good attendance, the brethren being greatly interested in the Grand Custodian's exemplification of the degrees. In the evening we were the guests of the lodge at a luncheon served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, after which a social time was enjoyed, and a few short addresses made.

February 27th, 1912, accompanied by V. W. George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain, I visited Thistle Lodge No. 61. The Master Masons degree was conferred by our Grand Junior Deacon, W. Brother Fred-eric L. Temple, Master of the lodge, in a very creditable manner, the lectures being given by officers of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and Meridian Lodge No. 188. There was a large attendance from surrounding lodges. The Grand Chaplain and the Grand Master made short addresses, after which lunch was served. It was an interesting and pleasant time for all.

March 19th, 1912, accompanied by our Grand Chaplain, I visited Platte Valley Lodge No. 32. We were received, in the midst of a severe snow storm, by Past Grand Master Frank E. Bullard, and escorted to the lodge room. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred, the ritual being very closely followed by the officers of the lodge; after which a social time was enjoyed, short addresses being made by several members of the lodge, Past Grand Master Bullard, the Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Master. This lodge has attained high rank in the practice of our doctrines. Brother Bullard contemplates leaving the state in the near future. He has been a power for good among the brethren in the western part of the Grand Jurisdiction, and they will regret his departure.

March 22d, 1912, I visited York Lodge No. 56, accompanied by Grand Marshal Samuel S. Whiting and the Grand Custodian. Notwithstanding the extremely cold and stormy weather, there was a very large attendance from other lodges, the following being represented: Beatrice, No. 26; Rob Morris, No. 46; Lancaster, No. 54; Wahoo, No. 59; Osceola, No. 65; St. Paul, No. 82; Utica, No. 96; Auburn, No. 124; Stromsburg, No. 126; Prudence, No. 179; Bee Hive, No. 184; Morning Star, No. 197; and Bradshaw, No. 255. A special train brought the brethren from Stromsburg to this meeting. The Master Masons degree was conferred in the afternoon by the officers of York Lodge No. 56. Dinner was then served to about two hundred, after which the Master Masons degree was conferred by Grand Custodian French and Grand Marshal Whiting, assisted by officers of other lodges. On the morning of the 23d I was escorted to the lodge room, where the pleasant

duty was assigned me of presenting Past Master's aprons to the following Past Masters of the lodge: W. Brothers Joseph L. Bennett, John A. Broadwell, and Joseph A. Jacobs. In many respects this was the most important visitation of the year. The brethren of York are to be congratulated that they are held in such high esteem by the surrounding lodges.

March 26th and 27th, 1912, I visited Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Ashlar Lodge No. 33, where the Grand Custodian was holding schools of instruction. There was a large attendance in both lodges, the officers and brethren taking a great interest in the exemplification of the work.

April 3d, 1912, I visited officially Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, by invitation of W. William H. Achenbach, Master. Having been a member of this lodge for thirty-six years, I will merely say it is well to the front in the upbuilding of Masonic character in the community.

April 9th, 1912, I visited Fidelity Lodge No. 51, by invitation, accompanied by Grand Marshal Whiting. It gave me great pleasure to meet W. Brother John Harper, presiding in this lodge, who is also the present Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska. The Master Masons degree was conferred by W. Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Marshal. As far as I could judge, the ritual was followed *verbatim*, and a very excellent impression made upon the large number present, thirteen lodges being represented. Dinner was served before the work commenced, and a love feast closed the evening. Brother Whiting is to be congratulated on his services as Grand Marshal, and as assistant custodian.

April 12th, 1912, I visited Cement Lodge No. 211 at a special meeting, the degree of Master Mason being conferred upon four Fellow Crafts. Work commenced at one-thirty P. M., Brother Rosecrans R. Root, Master of the lodge, conferring the degree upon two candidates; Brother James H. Miller, Master of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, and Past Master Henry H. Stedman of Shelton Lodge No. 99, upon one candidate each, the ritual being very closely followed. The lectures were given by Worshipful Master Root, the entire work being very commendable. At eight o'clock a very elaborate dinner was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, to which the large number present did ample justice; after which the usual toasts were responded to. The meeting did much good for Masonry in the community.

On May 9th, 1912, unannounced, I visited St. Johns Lodge No. 25 and witnessed the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree upon a number of candidates. The work was excellent, with scarcely a deviation from that taught by the Grand Custodian and laid down in our Monitor and Ceremonies. I was very well pleased with the way it was done.

On May 28th, 1912, accompanied by R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, and M. W. John J. Mercer, Past Grand Master, I officially visited Nebraska Lodge No. 1, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree upon several candidates, and was the guest of the lodge at dinner at six o'clock. I carefully observed the

work, and found it exceptionally good. The degree was conferred upon seven candidates, a change of officers for each candidate being provided for. Each and every officer was competent to perform the duties assigned him, and the lodge is to be congratulated upon having so many members who are able to take up any part of the work and do it satisfactorily. A large number of members and visiting brethren were in attendance, and the meeting was greatly enjoyed.

CHARTER ARRESTED.

January 27th, 1912, a complaint was made of lack of harmony among the brethren of Israel Lodge No. 187, of Ulysses, and as this lodge has given more or less trouble to previous Grand Masters and the matter was left in my hands for adjustment (see page 570, proceedings of 1911), on January 30th, 1912, I visited the lodge, first having invited the officers to meet me at Seward, where the situation was reviewed from every standpoint. I then visited the lodge and found it divided on almost every proposition, Section 148 of the law being constantly violated. After talking to the brethren as to their Masonic duties and obligations to each other, to the lodge and the Grand Lodge, and finding it was impossible to restore harmony under present conditions, I arrested their charter, took an inventory of their property, which I gave in charge to the Master of the lodge, taking his receipt therefor, and sent certificates of deposit for \$859.18 to our Grand Treasurer.

It is the concensus of opinion of the members of the lodge that my action was the proper one and the only thing that could be done under the circumstances. This was the most painful duty of my entire administration.

JEWELS ARRESTED.

I received official information that the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees had been conferred upon a candidate in violation of Section 123 of the law by Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6. After notifying the Master of the lodge to summon all resident members and all who were present at the conferring of the Master Masons degree upon the candidate objected to, on September 4th I visited this lodge. This was an aggravated case; the records show the candidate was initiated August 9th, 1909, examined March 7th, 1910, elected to receive the Fellow Craft degree and the degree conferred August 10th, 1910, elected to receive the Master Masons degree August 11th, 1911, and the degree conferred the same night.

The Master informed me that a legal objection had been made to him against the advancement of the candidate, after he had been initiated; that he did not officially notify the Secretary, made no announcement in the lodge, nor had any record of the objection been made as required by Section 123 of the law. He stated further that, meeting the Secretary on the street, he told him about it and said he thought that

was all that was necessary. In the absence of the Master the Senior Warden presiding, on March 7th, 1910, the lodge elected and conferred the second degree upon the candidate. The Master, after learning that this had been done, took no official action in regard to the objection and about a year later the same plan was used by the friends of the candidate and in the absence of the Master from his lodge the Masters degree was conferred. As this was the third year of his service it seems to me the Master was very negligent of his duties and obligations as Master of his lodge.

The law being so plain and simple I could see no good reason for its repeated violation. There were doubts in my mind as to whether it would not be better to take up the charter, but upon full consideration I arrested the Master's jewel, placing the lodge in charge of the Senior Warden, after which I severely reprimanded the brethren who had conspired to make it possible to violate the law, for it was currently reported among the brethren that there had been an objection filed against the candidate. I called their attention to the very serious nature of the offense committed. It may be that my talk had not much effect upon them, but my action surely had.

On November 16th, 1911, I visited Harlan Lodge No. 116, accompanied by R. W. Thomas M. Davis, Grand Junior Warden, to investigate charges against the Master of the lodge for violating Section 148-a of the law. On my arrival I called the Master in to the ante-room, when, after some conversation, he admitted that the charges were true. Afterwards in the lodge he pleaded guilty and I promptly arrested his jewel, placing the lodge in charge of the Senior Warden.

ORIENT LODGE NO. 13 VS. FALLS CITY LODGE NO. 9.

On February 9th, 1912, Orient Lodge No. 13 wrote to Falls City Lodge No. 9, claiming that said lodge had conferred the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry upon a candidate who was residing in the jurisdiction of Orient Lodge No. 13, and demanding payment of the fees therefor. Upon investigating the case I found that the brother was made a Mason in Falls City Lodge No. 9 about twenty-five years ago, and is still a member in good standing of that lodge. After carefully considering the case I wrote the Secretary of Orient Lodge No. 13 to give me any information he might have as to why the lodge had never made claim for the fees before. I have received no reply to my communication. After a lapse of twenty-five years it would be very difficult to determine the rights of the lodges in this matter, as a waiver of jurisdiction might have been granted, or there might have been some other reason why the brother was received into Falls City Lodge No. 9, while residing within the jurisdiction of Orient Lodge No. 13. I submit the matter to the Grand Lodge for such action as it may deem advisable.

LONE TREE LODGE NO. 36.

July 12th, being informed by a member of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 that he had cast a black ball, notwithstanding which a candidate was declared elected, I thereupon commissioned our Grand Custodian to investigate the charges and report to me. In his report he exonerates the officers of the lodge, as there was no evidence to prove that the charges were true. This report I have approved. In the meantime, for this brother's charges against its officers, he was brought to trial by his lodge and expelled. From this sentence he now appeals to the Grand Lodge, and papers in both cases are submitted.

AURORA LODGE NO. 68.

On April 23d, 1912, I received from a member of Aurora Lodge No. 68 a written complaint of official misconduct against the Master and officers of his lodge, claiming that they were violating Section 123 of the law, and were also receiving candidates into the lodge who were living in violation of Section 148-c. There were also other charges made, which seemed to me to be very serious, so I visited the lodge on April 30th to investigate them, having previously notified the Master of my intention to do so. The brother who made the charges offered no proof to sustain any of them, declared he had no personal knowledge of anything contained in his complaint, and finally apologized to the lodge for his unmasonic conduct in writing these letters. Proof was presented to show that the charges were wholly untrue and unwarranted. I severely reprimanded the brother for his conduct, and requested the lodge to take such action against him as they thought best.

It gave me great pleasure to exonerate the Master and the brethren from all of the charges made and to fraternally report that they are doing good work (which after the investigation I witnessed), and are living true Masonic lives in peace and harmony.

STERLING LODGE NO. 70 VS. TECUMSEH LODGE NO. 17.

The question of disputed jurisdiction between the above named lodges was referred to me at the last session of the Grand Lodge for settlement upon additional evidence, etc. I am pleased to inform the Grand Lodge that by constant attention given the matter I have been able to settle the dispute in a very satisfactory manner to all concerned, and that peace and harmony prevail between the brethren. At my request three official maps have been made of the territory between the lodges, which includes all the disputed territory, the towns of Tecumseh and Sterling and the village of Vesta. In this map there has been drawn by the surveyor a line common, equidistant between Tecumseh and Sterling. Upon receipt of the maps I requested the Masters and attorneys for both lodges to meet me at Tecumseh on April 17th, where, after the matters in dispute had been taken up and discussed, it was

agreed that the maps and the line common and equidistant between the lodges should be accepted and adopted, thus establishing a boundary line between the lodges. Everything else has been settled in a true Masonic spirit, both lodges sharing the expense. My thanks are hereby tendered the brethren who have made this settlement possible. One of the maps will be placed for future reference in the office of the Grand Secretary.

STAR LODGE NO. 88.

Objection having been made to the installation of the Master-elect of Star Lodge No. 88, and charges of unmasonic conduct having been filed in connection therewith by a member of another lodge, I requested the Grand Custodian to investigate the matter. His report shows that the charges were not sustained in any particular, and by special dispensation the brother was installed as Master on August 14th, 1911.

Some time later I received information from a Past Master and the Master of the lodge that in December, 1908, a member had committed a gross Masonic offense, and that up to the present time the lodge had taken no action to bring the brother to trial, that many members of the lodge were consequently dissatisfied, and asked what should be now done. As the lodge had full jurisdiction in the matter, and as any member could have brought charges against the offending brother, I was astonished that no action had been taken up to this time. I immediately ordered the Master of the lodge to direct the Junior Warden to prefer charges against the brother, basing them on the letter received from the Past Master (with any other evidence that might be procured). Trial has taken place, the brother pleading guilty, after which by vote the lodge failed to inflict any punishment. It was shown that the brother is now living an upright life, which may account for the result of the trial, but his lodge should be censured for failure to bring him to trial when the offense was committed. I submit all papers in the case, including transcript of the trial and a letter, which at my request, Past Grand Master DeBord kindly sent me, giving facts in the case which came to his knowledge.

FAITH LODGE NO. 181.

Having received information that the Senior Warden-elect of Faith Lodge No. 181 was violating the law, I ordered the Master of the lodge not to install the officers-elect until further notice from me.

On June 27th, 1911, I visited the lodge, accompanied by our Grand Chaplain and Grand Custodian, to make investigation of the charges. The brother being present in lodge pleaded guilty, but stated it was from necessity he had engaged in the business, agreeing to abandon it on July 5th. I thereupon declared his election void, and there being a very good attendance, I gave my dispensation for the election of a Senior Warden. A good and upright brother was then elected. I

severely reprimanded the brethren for electing to office anyone who was violating our law, and ordered the Junior Warden to prefer charges against the brother if he did not abandon the business at the end of the time he had contracted for. I am pleased to say that action by the Junior Warden was unnecessary. The brethren thanked me for my action, declaring it was more thoughtlessness than anything else that caused the trouble, and they were glad the punishment was not more severe.

NAPTHALI LODGE NO. 206.

Having received information that the Master of Naphthali Lodge No. 206 had permitted Sections 123 and 163 of the law to be violated by his lodge, I ordered a statement of the facts to be communicated to me immediately, which were that a brother had made objection to the initiation of a candidate and the advancement of a Fellow Craft. The lodge at its regular meeting suspended for non-payment of dues without notice or trial, the brother who had made the objection, and then initiated the candidate objected to. I declared the action of the lodge in suspending the brother without due notice or trial null and void, and ordered that no further action be taken by the lodge in regard to conferring degrees upon the candidate objected to.

On November 23d, 1911, I visited the lodge and found that the objecting brother had been in arrears for dues for over eleven years and by his action was violating Section 148-g of the law. After discussing the matter in the lodge with the brethren, a petition was presented me, signed by the officers of the lodge and endorsed by action of the lodge, setting forth that they had been hastily advised, expressing sorrow for what they had done, assuring me that never in the future would the lodge permit the violation of any law of the Grand Lodge, and praying that I be as lenient in my punishment as I could be, whereupon I severely reprimanded the lodge, and believe this punishment was sufficient. I also directed that prompt action be taken by the lodge to collect the dues of all delinquent brethren, which has been done.

MITCHELL LODGE NO. 263.

On October 3d, 1911, I received reports of constant violation of Section 148-c of the law by the Master of Mitchell Lodge No. 263, and as it was impossible for me to go to Mitchell, I appointed our Grand Custodian and W. Brother James H. H. Hewett as a commission to consider the complaint and take such action as might be found necessary to preserve the good name of Masonry, and if it became necessary, to arrest the Master's jewel. On October 9th I received their report, which shows that after trial and conviction the Master pleaded guilty and his jewel was accordingly arrested and the lodge placed in charge of the Senior Warden, which action I approved on October 13th. Later I received a petition to restore this brother's jewel, signed by the trial

commission, the acting Master, and several members of his lodge. Later I received a unanimous request from the lodge to restore the jewel. As no promise was made me from the Master as to his future conduct, I refused to consider the petition or grant their request.

SIoux LODGE NO. 277.

June 28th, 1911, I requested the Grand Secretary to have the charter of Sioux Lodge No. 277 printed with the name of one brother omitted. This request was made by the lodge and by P.'G.'M.' Albert W. Crites, who declared the name on the charter would be unsatisfactory to the members. As the charter was already printed with the name on, I ordered a new charter issued with the name omitted, and ordered the lodge to place the brother on trial for unmasonic conduct and he was expelled.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S WORK.

I refused a request to allow our Grand Custodian to leave his school of instruction to deliver an address. I also refused the request of a lodge to allow him to leave his schools to conduct a funeral service. In one case it would have taken perhaps three days and the other probably a week away from his work. As our Grand Custodian dates his schools weeks ahead, and the lodges are preparing for him and sending notices to neighboring lodges to attend those schools, the Grand Master would not be justified in calling any school off at a moment's notice. Brother French is doing splendid work among the Craft, and is conscientious and faithful in discharging his duties. In the most severe weather he travels from lodge to lodge, often at great personal inconvenience and at a risk of his health. Several of the lodges have passed resolutions highly commending his labors among them, and having attended several of his schools during the year, I bear personal testimony to his zeal and ability and to the good work he is accomplishing. I have had detailed reports from him of all the conditions of every lodge visited. The reports have been carefully examined, all lodges have been notified of the conditions as reported, and have been commended for everything deserving praise and their attention called to shortcomings and violations of the law, with the order that the letter be read at a regular meeting and that the lodges make such changes and improvements as are necessary, and in all things strictly obey the law. Where necessary an answer has been requested, which in most cases has been sent me.

PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

The following correspondence explains itself:

Kearney, Nebraska, January 25th, 1912.

To the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Several Lodges Within the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

GREETING:

WHEREAS, I am this day in receipt of the following letter from the Committee on Promulgation of the Work:

Omaha, Nebraska, January 9th, 1912.

M. W. HENRY GIBBONS, *Grand Master, Kearney, Nebraska.*

Your Committee on Promulgation of the Work desire to call your attention to the constantly increasing violations of our law in regard to innovations and additions to our work—both esoteric and monitorial, particularly in the Entered Apprentice and Masters degrees and at funerals.

The work as taught by our efficient Grand Custodian is clear and definite and is the only work authorized in this Jurisdiction and the Monitorial work as authorized by the Grand Lodge at its session of 1909 is equally clear and certain, see page five of the monitor.

Yet, in many of our lodges, much that is foreign to our work is interpolated by ambitious Masons and at funerals there seems to be no limit to the flights of fancy that are indulged in.

The only place in the monitor where the Master has any right to substitute or use anything not found therein is found on page 168 of the Funeral Service.

Your Committee think that so long as the Grand Lodge has seen fit to direct in plain language what should be said and done, that all else is unauthorized and unlawful.

Your Committee recommend that this matter be taken up with the Grand Custodian and that a circular be sent to the Craft of this jurisdiction in regard to the matter—feeling certain that a word from the Grand Master with the helpful assistance of the Grand Custodian will at once correct this dangerous and growing tendency.

Very fraternally yours,

JOHN J. MERCER,
GEORGE H. THUMMEL,
CHARLES E. BURNHAM,
Committee.

AND, WHEREAS, at the fifty-second annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held in 1909, the following resolution relating to the Monitor and Ceremonies was adopted:

“Resolved, That the Monitor and Ceremonies reported by the com-

mittee be adopted as the Monitor and Ceremonies of this Grand Jurisdiction * * * and shall be used in all lodges, and the use of any other monitor or ceremonial be strictly forbidden."

See also Sec. 131-A, By-Laws, Grand Lodge:

Sec. 8 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge relating to the work provides that

"The Grand Custodian * * * shall have the entire charge and supervision of the work, lectures and ritual of this jurisdiction. * * * And if it shall come to his knowledge that any lodge within the jurisdiction shall ignore, refuse, or fail to practice, in every respect such uniform and established work as taught by him, it shall be his duty to instantly report the same to the Grand Master, who may arrest the charter of said lodge, and shall hold the same until such time as it shall comply with the requirements of the Grand Master.

See also Sec. 148-m, By-Laws, Grand Lodge, which specifically declares:

"The use of all keys, ciphers, or printed matter relating to the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry" to be a Masonic offense.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Gibbons, Grand Master of Masons for Nebraska, after consultation with the Grand Custodian, hereby most solemnly call the attention of all Masons to this subject and call upon all, particularly the Masters and Wardens of our lodges, to see to it that nothing unauthorized in either our esoteric or monitorial work be permitted or allowed. That Nebraska work and Nebraska work only be used without the addition of a single word, lecture, address or any part thereof, and that no part of our work be omitted.

Masters should see to it that when others by request confer any degree that the Nebraska work be used without any additions or interpolations.

The Secretary of each subordinate lodge will read this letter at the regular meetings of his lodge in February and March.

The Grand Custodian will see that this letter is read at all of his Schools of Instruction and by word of caution and advice assist the brethren in "hewing to the line."

Brethren, I trust you will all do your part in enforcing strict obedience to our law—and if the violation is persisted in or continued by anyone, I will promptly see that the proper measures are taken to end it.

With the best wishes for continued harmony, peace, and prosperity for the Craft, I am,

Very fraternally yours,

HENRY GIBBONS.

Grand Master.

I feel certain that the spirit that caused the innovations was not

intentional or to violate our law, but with the thought that the work might be made more impressive. Many of the brethren have assured me by letters and personally that my action was necessary, as innovations were becoming more frequent as time passed, and departures from our law on the subject of esoteric work and the monitorial part were not considered as being important.

The reports of the Grand Custodian for the two weeks ending April 7th showed that his schools were being very poorly attended, of which fact he made a special report. I therefore informed him that if the officers of lodges failed to attend his schools or if the attendance was not such as to justify continuing them, he might discontinue on the 17th, which has been done. As it was the intention to have the schools kept up as long as possible, I was very sorry to have to withdraw the Grand Custodian from his work. Arrangements were then made to have special schools for officers-elect at certain prominent points in the jurisdiction, but little or no interest being manifested, they were called off with one or two exceptions.

The expense of holding special schools is much more than it would be if there were more assistants appointed. The Grand Custodian will present to the Committee on Promulgation of the Work for consideration a plan for this purpose, which I endorse.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I have received from The International Masonic Club of London a letter requesting our Grand Lodge to assist them in their Masonic efforts towards the furtherance of peace and good-will among nations. The object of the club is indeed praiseworthy, and I ask for the communication full and careful consideration, so that anything we can do to aid in a world-wide movement for peace and good-will may be done.

I declared null and void the action of a lodge in receiving a petition and electing an applicant to receive the Entered Apprentice degree, who was an Entered Apprentice Mason under the jurisdiction of a lodge belonging to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and reprimanded the lodge for its action. Later, on my request, a waiver of jurisdiction was sent me by R. W. Henry E. Flavelle, Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; when permission was granted the lodge to receive and act upon the petition.

I refused to order the Grand Secretary to send to a lodge documents pertaining to an extinct lodge.

On May 24th, 1912, I authorized Tuscan Lodge No. 130, of Surprise, to conduct the funeral of a member of Israel Lodge No. 187. As the charter of the latter lodge is arrested, it could not conduct the funeral services, but I gave permission to the members to take part in the proceedings as individuals, but to take no action as a lodge.

By request of the Grand Lodge, found on page 551 of the proceedings of 1911, I have taken up the matter of delinquent dues and of

lodges not being represented at the annual communications of the Grand Lodge, with lodges that needed attention, with what I believe to be satisfactory results. The lodges all informed me that they would comply with my demand, and in the future obey the law.

DIPLOMAS.

I have returned to the Grand Secretary, directing him not to authenticate a diploma which was not of the form adopted by the Grand Lodge, as directed in Section 7 of the law; and I also returned some diplomas, submitted to me, directing him not to authenticate them, as they had been first signed with initials, and afterwards full names written in, the diplomas presenting a very untidy appearance.

HEALING.

By my authority East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 healed a brother irregularly made a Master Mason in Twilight Lodge No. 114 of Columbia, Missouri. (See page 488, proceedings of 1911). I also directed North Star Lodge No. 227 to heal a brother irregularly made in Merna Lodge No. 171, as instructed by the Grand Lodge on page 458, proceedings of 1911. After the healing had gone so far as to permit the lodge to elect the brother to receive the Master Masons degree, he left this jurisdiction and nothing further could be done.

TABLE ROCK LODGE NO. 108.

I received information that the hall of Table Rock Lodge No. 108 was not absolutely secure from intrusion. I requested Brother Oscar E. Hall, a Past Master of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, to examine the hall and report thereon, recommending such improvements as might be necessary to place the same in good condition. Brother Hall cheerfully performed the duty assigned to him, and I am advised that all his suggestions have been complied with.

I am advised that when Table Rock Lodge No. 108 moved to its present location about four years ago, it did so without obtaining permission from the Grand Master, as provided for in Section 71 of our law.

PROCEEDINGS.

I am advised by our Grand Secretary that our proceedings have been costing three dollars per page; aggregating last year, including the printing of reports of officers and the advance copies sent out to lodges, \$801.75. I know of no Grand Jurisdiction except ours that issues proceedings that are sewed with thread and have board covers. There has grown up a custom in our Grand Lodge of printing all of the reports

of the Grand Officers, and many reports of committees, in full. This custom increases the cost of printing; whereas, a brief recital of facts would answer all purposes, and would be on the lines of economy. We also print a list of the dead, and that is growing a little each year, and will in time, on account of the number, have to be discontinued. I recommend that a committee be appointed to consider whether the present style of printing our proceedings shall be continued, also whether we shall continue to print the names of the dead in memorial pages, and to recommend what shall be included in the reports of officers and committees.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH LODGES.

There is too much delay on the part of lodges in making returns and answering official correspondence. A fair estimate would show that the Grand Secretary sent out thirty requests for lodges to send in returns after the time specified by law had expired. Not hearing from them with reasonable promptness, he referred the matter to me; and in some instances it took two or three letters to get the returns. In checking over the returns many errors were found, and the Grand Secretary requested information to correct them, but in many instances his communications were entirely neglected or ignored. This matter was also referred to me, and the Masters of the lodges were promptly notified of the delinquencies; but even with all these efforts there was too much delay in sending in the information asked for. Many lodges also neglected to report action on the amendments to the constitution submitted at the last annual communication, and this matter also required letters from the Grand Master. Secretaries of lodges should be made to realize that complete information cannot be furnished to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary and the Committee on Returns until the returns are in and any errors found therein are corrected. Some steps should be taken to require more promptness in replying to correspondence. I think that a communication from the Grand Secretary is entitled to at least the same consideration that is extended in business affairs; and surely an official communication from the Grand Master is entitled to an immediate response.

CONCLUSION.

My brethren, I take this opportunity to again thank you for the distinguished honor conferred upon me one year ago in electing me your Grand Master, for your great loyalty to your Grand Master during the year, for the interest manifested, for the progress and success of the Fraternity as shown upon every opportunity, and for the help you have given him in all his efforts for the good of the Craft. I entered upon this work with a loving and sincere desire, and a determination to give you the best service my ability would permit, nor have I ever faltered in this determination.

I have given to the interest of the Grand Lodge my entire time during the year; I have been in all parts of the jurisdiction endeavoring to teach the brethren how to live true Masonic lives, and I know that the members of the Masonic Fraternity in this state are the peers of any class of men within its borders, including all that is necessary to make honorable and upright citizens. It affords me great pleasure to report that all matters submitted to me at our last annual communication for consideration and adjustment have been disposed of, and in nearly every instance to the satisfaction of all parties interested. Differences that seemed at times impossible to reconcile were finally overcome, by the practice of a little toleration and a good deal of brotherly love.

I have tried to do my full duty, even when the gathering clouds of sorrow and despair surrounded me. In the sickness and death of my beloved wife the duties I owed to the Grand Lodge were never lost sight of. For your great and overwhelming kindness to me when passing through those dark, sad days I am still under obligations to you. Letters expressing love and brotherly sympathy and kindness sent me by brethren of all ranks from every part of the jurisdiction, offerings of flowers, resolutions of sympathy sent by several lodges, and many other marks of your love and esteem shown your Grand Master, were to him as the sunlight from above, scattering the dark clouds surrounding him, and showing that there is a tie in Masonry that binds us together in brotherly love and affection. Surely in such kindly acts heart touches heart, knit as one by a tie that neither absence nor death can sever, in a manner beyond my power to describe.

To the officers of the Grand Lodge, Masters of lodges, and brethren generally my thanks are due for promptness and efficient service rendered at all times when called upon. No Grand Master was ever more cheerfully and willingly assisted than I have been during the year I have served.

To our beloved Grand Secretary I am under lasting obligations which I can never repay. He has been to me all that a loving, kind-hearted brother could be, and I could not undertake to inform you all that he has done for me during the year, both in his official capacity and as a beloved friend and brother.

HENRY GIBBONS,
Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, together with the following reports of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, and the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

Charles E. Burnham, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska :

GENERAL FUND.

Received from John B. Dinsmore.....	\$22,978.11
Received from the Grand Secretary.....	35,794.11
Received from interest on deposits.....	296.35
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Total receipts	\$59,068.57
Paid orders Nos. 3200 to 3305, inclusive.....	\$33,249.40
Balance on hand.....	25,819.17
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	\$59,068.57

ISRAEL LODGE NO. 187, ULYSSES.

Received from the Grand Secretary.....	\$ 859.18
Amount on hand.....	\$. 859.18

RELIEF FUND.

Received from John B. Dinsmore.....	\$1,920.50
Received from the Grand Secretary.....	2,081.97
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Total receipts	\$4,002.47
Transferred direct to Frank H. Young, Chairman of Committee on Relief.....	\$ 1,920.50
Balance on hand.....	2,081.97
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Total	\$ 4,002.47

RECAPITULATION.

General fund on hand.....	\$25,819.17
Amount Israel Lodge No. 187.....	859.18
Relief fund on hand.....	2,081.97
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Total funds on hand.....	\$28,760.32

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES E. BURNHAM,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Grand Lodge of the M. A. & H. F. of F. & A.: Masons of Nebraska:

I submit herewith my report for the year ending June 3d, 1912 :

A petition for a charter for Wallace Lodge U. D., with the necessary papers and reports, was forwarded to the Chairman of the Com-

mittee on Charters and Dispensations. All matters relating to grievances were sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances. I submit herewith bids for printing the third edition of our Monitor and Ceremonies; for printing 2,000 copies of a smaller edition of the monitor; for printing the proceedings for the current year; and for printing and binding Volume 10.

RETURNS FROM LODGES.

Returns from all chartered lodges and a statement of work from the one under dispensation have been received, and the accounts with all lodges, except Israel, No. 187, have been settled, and closed for the year 1912.

VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The vote on the amendments to the constitution (Articles II., V., and VII.) is as follows: 178 lodges adopted them; 56 rejected them; and 18 have not reported voting thereon. All lodges were supplied with the necessary blanks for reporting their action on the amendments; and in March, all lodges that had not reported voting thereon were again furnished blanks.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH DEBIT.

Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer May 20th, 1911.	\$22,978.11
Received unexpended balance from Grand Master Cheney....	58.98
Received for special dispensations	140.00
Received for charter fees from lodges Nos. 277 and 278.....	100.00
Received for charter fee from Wallace Lodge, U. D.	50.00
Received for interest on daily balances.....	296.35
Received for penalties assessed in 1911.....	52.04
Received for supplies sold to lodges, less \$1.50 due from Israel Lodge No. 187.....	1,144.09
Received for dues on 18,507 members, less 14 of lodges U. D., 217 exemptions, and 70 of Israel Lodge No. 187; net number collected on 18,206, at \$1.50.....	27,309.00
Received for fees on 1,390 initiations at \$5.00 each, less \$10.00 due from Israel Lodge No. 187.....	6,940.00
Total	\$59,068.57

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH CREDIT.

Pay-roll, session of 1911.....	\$ 3,928.36
Incidental expenses	36.25
Postage, telephone calls, telegrams, and expressage.....	212.11
Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax, year ending March 31st, 1912.....	13,707.00

Transferred to the Relief Fund, ten per cent. of the fees and dues, year ending March 31st, 1912.....	2,081.97
Janitor, \$49.50; stationery, \$42.35; blanks, \$106.75; telephone, \$30.00	228.60
Promulgation of the work.....	201.72
Clerk hire, Grand Secretary.....	1,365.00
Francis E. White, salary to June 1st, 1912.....	1,800.00
Robert E. French, salary to June 1st, 1912.....	1,200.00
Robert E. French, expense of Grand Custodian.....	550.00
Expense of Grand Master.....	300.00
Clerk hire, Grand Master.....	200.00
Supplies purchased during the year.....	668.30
Committee on Returns.....	50.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00
Grand Tyler, session of 1911.....	15.00
Stenographer, \$5.00; organist, \$10.00; session of 1911.....	15.00
Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, commission on loans, 1911	136.00
Premium, insurance on supplies.....	40.00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	15.00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1911.....	786.75
Printing charters for lodges Nos. 277 and 278.....	20.00
50 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	5,000.00
Masonic Temple Craft, rent, heat, and light.....	250.00
Grand Treasurer's salary to June, 1912.....	50.00
The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	100.00
Refund of special dispensation fee to Siloam Lodge No. 147..	10.00
Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada	92.54
Grand Lodge library, binding 66 volumes, \$85.80; purchasing 1 volume reprint, New York, \$4.00.....	89.80
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Paid out during the year.....	\$33,249.40
Balance in the Grand Treasury May 20th, 1911.....	25,819.17
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Total	\$59,068.57

RELIEF FUND.

May 20th, 1911, balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer..	\$ 1,920.50
May 20th, 1912, ten per cent. of fees and dues.....	2,081.97
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Total	\$ 4,002.47
June 7th, 1911, paid Frank H. Young, Chairman Committee on Relief	1,920.50
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Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 2,081.97.

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand last report.....	\$ 992.86	
Purchased during the year.....	668.30	
Sold during the year.....		\$ 1,144.09
Issued free during the year.....		76.10
Due from Israel Lodge No. 187.....		1.50
On hand March 20th, 1912.....		439.47
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	\$1,661.16	\$ 1,661.16

INVENTORY.

396 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$39,600.00
General Fund, cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer....	25,819.17
Relief Fund, cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	2,081.97
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00
Grand Lodge library furniture.....	1,664.64
Grand Lodge library.....	1,082.28
Supplies on hand for sale and issue.....	439.47
Membership in Washington Memorial Association.....	100.00
Due from Israel Lodge No. 187.....	116.50
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Total	\$71,137.03
Wallace Lodge, U.'D.', credit for charter fee.....	50.00
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Net assets as shown by the ledger.....	\$71,087.03

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

The number of shares issued by the Nebraska Masonic Home association is 606, of which the Grand Lodge owns 396.

The cash on hand and received during the year 1911, including the Orphans Educational Fund, was.....\$34,996.27
 The disbursements, including purchase of securities, were.... 32,060.14

Balance on hand January 23d, 1912.....\$ 2,936.13

The cost of maintaining the Home for the year 1911 was as follows:

Printing, stationery, and office supplies.....	\$ 156.25
Postage	15.00
Expense	5.69
Maintenance	3,160.96
Salaries and labor.....	2,702.26
Fuel	826.11
Light	420.25
Clothing	80.49
Water	139.70
Medical supplies	210.88
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Total	\$7,717.59

During the year 1911 fifteen residents were admitted, and since January 23d, 1912, one brother and two women have been received. No deaths occurred at the Home from August 22d, 1910, until January 6th, 1912, when Brother Smith died; Mrs. Mary Hanson died January 19th, 1912, and Brother John Hanna died May 2d, 1912. No one left the Home during 1911, but one woman left on March 26th, 1912, to make her home with relatives. There are now in the Home twenty-five men, sixteen women, and two boys, a total of forty-two, being an increase of ten men and four women over the previous year, a total increase of fourteen.

In addition a number of visitors registered, who were at the Home for one or more meals. With the twenty-nine residents who were there for a full year, and those who were there for part of the year, not counting the visitors who had one or more meals, the number equals one person for thirty-seven years, six months, and sixteen days. The cost of maintaining a resident at the Home for a full year is approximately \$206.68; this is a decrease of \$56.73 in the per capita cost of the year 1910. The food cost per capita was \$67.20. Furnishing to date has cost \$9,848.90; of this sum \$6,811.03 has been donated by individuals, Masonic lodges, the Grand Chapter and chapters of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Commandery and commanderies of Knights Templar, Scottish Rite bodies, chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, the temples of the Mystic Shrine. The amount paid for furnishings, deducting the donations, is \$2,516.37.

\$761.00 was received during 1911 from lodges and individuals, for maintenance, nursing, and medical supplies.

The following cash donations were made during the year:

Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 60, O. E. S.....	\$ 10.00
Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, A. F. & A. M.	17.00
Frank H. Young, mileage and per diem attending Grand Lodge	11.30
Miss Laura MacColl.....	1,000.00
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	\$1,038.30

Many donations were made by Masonic bodies, chapters of the Eastern Star, and individuals, of articles of numerous kinds in the way of fruit, clothing, bedding, preserves, jelly, and other articles, both useful and ornamental. The Superintendent reports that the products of the Home were worth \$523.61 more than the cost of producing them.

Cash donations were made direct to the Superintendent for the Home as follows:

May 25th, 1911, Tecumseh Chapter No. 226, O. E. S., Tecumseh..	\$ 10.00
June 28th, 1911, Lincoln Lodge No. 19 and Lancaster Lodge No. 54, by Ornan J. King.....	11.00
December 9th, 1911, Jewel Chapter No. 123, O. E. S., Emerson..	10.00
December 14th, 1911, O. E. S. Kensington, Broken Bow.....	5.00
December 14th, 1911, Mrs. F. L. Haller, Omaha, \$1.00 for each person at the Home, \$56.00; for Christmas tree \$5.00.....	61.00

December 20th, 1911, Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 84, O. E. S., Plain-
view 15.00

\$112.00

A full statement of the affairs of the Home was sent out in February, 1912, to all Masonic bodies in the state, all chapters of the Eastern Star, and to many individuals.

The trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home have provided by resolution for placing in the Home memorial tablets to those Masons entitled thereto in the judgment of the board, either by reason of eminent or faithful services rendered, or on account of generous gifts to the Home. No tablet shall be erected to bear the name of any living person; and consideration by the Board of Trustees of any person as worthy of a memorial tablet shall not be had until at least one year after his demise. Upon the introduction of a resolution relative to a memorial tablet for any person, the same shall be accompanied by a brief history of such person, giving the reason why, etc., which shall be referred to a committee and lie over until the next regular meeting of the trustees, and a copy thereof sent to each member of the board. At the next or subsequent meeting, upon a two-thirds vote of all the members of the board, the same may be authorized.

Under the provisions thus made the following brethren have been recommended to be honored by memorial tablets: Past Grand Master George W. Lininger, Samuel S. Johnson, 209, John H. MacColl, 61, and Past Grand High Priest Henry E. Palmer.

The following is a list of the officers, trustees, committees, and physicians of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

- M. W. Frank H. Young, President.....Broken Bow
- M. W. Daniel H. Wheeler, First Vice President.....Omaha
- M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Second Vice President.....Tecumseh
- M. W. Michael Dowling, Third Vice President.....Omaha
- R. W. Francis E. White, Secretary.....Omaha

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Brothers Julius Beckman, Manoah B. Reese, Michael Dowling, John A. Ehrhardt, George H. Thummel, Daniel H. Wheeler, term expires January, 1913; Louis Berka, Albert W. Crites, Charles L. Fahnestock, Robert E. French, Lewis E. Smith, Francis E. White, term expires January, 1914; Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, Arthur J. Jackson, Charles L. Mielenz, Walter J. White, Frank H. Young, term expires January, 1915; William T. Bourke, Samuel P. Davidson, Robert E. Evans, Lewis M. Keene, Ornan J. King, Charles J. Phelps, term expires January, 1916.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION: Brothers Daniel H. Wheeler, Ornan J. King, and Robert E. Evans.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Brothers George H. Thummel. Michael

Dowling, Walter J. White, Charles L. Mielenz, and John A. Ehrhardt.

PHYSICIANS: Dr. Theodore P. Livingston, Medical Director; Staff Physicians, Drs. Edwin W. Cook, John S. Livingston, and Josiah B. Martin.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:

Another year's labor to my credit,
And yet, oh, how much, I still am debit
For deeds of kindness and words of cheer
From loyal Craftsmen to me so dear.

In the language of the Psalmist, I may truly say, "that no evil hath befallen me, neither hath any plague come nigh my dwelling."

Ever believing that "every good gift and every perfect gift, is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Light, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." We are most grateful for His protecting care.

No loss of friends, no pain nor sorrow,
No fear, nor dread for the coming morrow.
With trust in God to guide me aright,
Onward and upward, seeking for Light.

The past year has been one of most strenuous labor; not only in promulgating the letter of the work, but a sincere desire and an earnest effort to impress upon the heart that the spirit of Masonry will, can, and does make Masons "wiser, better and happier;" that there is something for Masons to do, and that is do what they came here to do. And while the letter of the work, including Rite, Symbol, Glyph and Ceremony, are all essentials and means to an end, but are not the end, by any means. The end is the daily demonstration of the power of Truth that makes us freemen and Freemasons—a knowledge of that love that casts out all fear, an understanding of the science of the moral law that will unveil the allegory and illustrate the true meaning of the symbol, without which no Freemason can or will comprehend the three postulates of Ancient Craft Masonry, viz: "THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD, THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN, AND THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL."

In endeavoring to present these altruistic principles that make the burden lighter and the pathway brighter, never have I more fully realized my inability to feed the hungry soul in search of that which seems to be lost, to lead the weary from darkness to light—

Where passions no longer have full sway,
Where darkness dwelleth not, but all is day,
Where Love, Peace and Joy dwell supreme,
Where life is the real and not a dream.

In the language of another learned Freemason, "a brother that has memorized and can repeat *verbatim literatim*," the esoteric portions of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, is not a sufficient reason for his appointment as a Grand Lecturer or Custodian. Much more is requisite to qualify him for such service to the Craft. He should be an exemplar of the tenets, cardinal virtues, and living principles of Freemasonry; should know and be able to explain the history and significance of all the forms, ceremonies, symbols, jewels, signs, words, and legends of the ("Men-Sheit-bund"), Fraternity; and should be well versed in parliamentary Masonic law and jurisprudence. Correct knowledge of the ritual is important and essential to good work, but a perfect comprehension of what the ritual symbolizes is far more important.

"The stalk, the blade, the tassel, and the husk are essential to the ear of corn, but are not the grain, which contains the germ of life and the life-sustaining substance. So, to speak, the ritual of Freemasonry is its material structure, its granite, its cedar, its cement, its precious metals. Emblems and jewels—but not its soul, all of the first are essential, but without the latter, there is no life, no spirit of truth and no saving grace. This being true, MASONIC LECTURING MEANS FAR MORE THAN TEACHING THE LETTER OF THE MASONIC RITUAL." It means the perfect dispensing of light as to the true significance and the complete unfolding of its ethics, a revelation, an inspiration, which brings soul-development through spiritual intuition, a knowledge of the truth which reveals the secret and re-discovers that which seems to have been lost.

Masons will never find the lost Holy Grail
In rote ritualism that soon becomes stale.
But it's the spirit of truth that all should know
That remains ever-green and forever will grow.

Formal schools of instruction have been held in the following places, viz:

Benkelman, Burwell, Beaver Crossing, Beemer, Bancroft, Blue Springs, Crawford, Cambridge, Cozad, Clay Center, Carlton, Craig, Crofton, Cortland, Diller, Emerson, Elgin, Ewing, Fairfield, Fairbury, Friend, Gordon, Grafton, Gothenburg, Gresham, Grand Island, Hay Springs, Hyannis, Harrison, Hartington, Hastings, Hickman, Hebron, Litchfield, Neligh, Overton, Ogalalla, Oakland, Palisade, Ponca, Pawnee, Rushville, Riverton, Scotts Bluff, Sutton, Stratton, Scotia, Stromsburg, Surprise, Seward, St. Edward, Silver Creek, Tekamah, Table Rock, Wood Lake, Wilcox, Walthill, Wayne, Wausa, Winside, and Wilber.

Total number of schools held, sixty-one (61).

Total number of sessions held, three hundred and twenty-eight (328),—two and half hours to the session—an average of five sessions to each school.

Total number of lodges represented, one hundred and six (106); total attendance, four thousand six hundred and sixty-one, (4,661).

An average attendance at each school of seventy-seven (77); total number of miles traveled, ten thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight miles, (10,898).

Thirty-two of the above named lodges have a membership of fifty or more; thirty-one have a membership of fifty or less. The twelve lodges having the largest attendance according to the number of sessions held, are, Grand Island, Hastings, Seward, Burwell, Walthill, Hyannis, Stromsburg, Cambridge, Scotia, Cozad, Wayne, and Hebron; with Grand Island in the lead, Hastings second, and Seward third.

Formal notices were mailed each lodge where proposed schools were to be held, June 19th, 1911. Formal date notices were mailed from sixty to thirty days in advance of each school; arrival notice giving the hour of arrival, the time of first and last session of each school, forty-eight hours in advance; official notice of the Grand Master to all lodges near, where regular schools were held, were mailed, generally speaking, thirty days in advance of dated schools.

CANCELLATIONS.

Blue Hill, by request of the Worshipful Master; Long Pine, by request of the lodge through the secretary; Miller, by request of the lodge through the secretary; Auburn, by request of the lodge through the secretary; Dunbar, by request of the lodge through the Master; Brock, by request of the lodge through the secretary; Cook, by request of the lodge through the secretary; Bassett, by request of the Grand Master; Hubbell by request of the Grand Custodian, (30 degrees below zero); Reynolds, by request of Grand Custodian, (30 degrees below zero); Decatur, by request of Grand Custodian, impassable roads; Wahoo, by request of the Master.

All lodges listed last June, 1911, but not dated are entitled to schools of instruction and should be re-dated, first on the list in 1912, viz: Auburn, Brownville, Bennett, Blue Hill, Brock, Calhoun, Cook, Dorchester, Davenport, Dunbar, Decatur, Hubbell, Milford, Nebraska City, Osmond, Peru, Reynolds, Syracuse, South Omaha, Shelby, Tobias, Tilden, Valparaiso, Western, Weeping Water, Wahoo, and Wisner.

By reason of unfavorable conditions making it impossible for officers and members to attend, all schools held in the month of April, 1912, should be re-dated in 1912 and 1913—viz., Cortland, Hickman, Wilber, Blue Springs, Liberty, Pawnee, Table Rock. There should be no regular schools in the month of April, only in such lodges as can give positive assurance under their seals that conditions are such that their officers and members will attend both day and evening sessions, so that practical results can be obtained; otherwise it is a useless waste of time and money.

GRAND LODGE FUNCTIONS.

At the request of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian perfected all the preliminary arrangements and assisted in constituting the new lodges located at Litchfield and Harrison.

In compliance with an official order of the Grand Master the Grand Custodian perfected all the arrangements and was present at and assisted in laying the corner-stones of the County Court Houses at Broken Bow and Imperial; which was performed by the Grand Master in a most dignified and perfect manner fully befitting his exalted position.

The Grand Custodian was present at and assisted the Grand Master in formally installing the officers of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, Nebraska, the home lodge of both the Grand Master and Grand Custodian, M. W. Brother Henry Gibbons being the oldest living Past Master of said lodge.

The Grand Custodian accompanied the Grand Master on official visitations made at Crawford and Sidney, assisting the Grand Master in installing the officers at Crawford.

By the official order of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian investigated certain complaints filed with the Grand Master against the Masters-elect of Star Lodge No. 88, Decatur, Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City, and against the Master of Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Mitchell. Formal reports are filed with the Grand Master in each case.

Accompanied by the Grand Master and in compliance with Article XII., Par. 2 of the Constitution, the Grand Custodian made a formal examination for a lodge U. D. at the town of Ravenna, Buffalo County, Nebraska. As the proposed officers could not comply with the requirements of the constitution, the Grand Custodian's official certificate was held in abeyance as the petitioners asked that they might have another trial; which request was granted by the Grand Master.

The present Grand Custodian has in the last eleven years emphatically declined and positively refused to recommend nine different formal petitions for lodges U. D. and has held five in abeyance until they could more fully comply with the requirements of the constitution and the law. There has not been a single appeal over his action and I regret I must confess that I have erred in judgment in recommending some of the twenty-six lodges constituted in the last eleven years. I only wish I had the power of speech—sharper than two-edged sword—that I might pierce the marrow of the bone—of this Grand Lodge as to the gravity and importance of this proposition of instituting new lodges. No sentimentality should be permitted to influence the action of the Grand Master, Grand Custodian, or Grand Lodge. Masonry has no use for any lodge that has to be raised by a wet nurse or on a bottle, or that needs a guardian to keep it in the middle of the road. We have a number of one-man-lodges, now, and like the fellow with only one shirt can't change; have no other one to put on. Then, again, we have

some lodges that have not even the one man and change officers every year and would change every full moon, if they could, trying to find the one man. See pages 4255, 4256, and 4257, proceedings of 1891, Grand Master's address on this subject.

No greater truth was ever voiced in words of wisdom, founded on actual experience, than is shown on page 260, par. 6, proceedings 1910; if you will strictly adhere to what is therein recommended your lodges will be built on a corner-stone that will stand the test of time, and you will not be ashamed of your progeny. Unless compelled to by an arbitrary formal order, the present Grand Custodian would most respectfully ask that he be not requested to make any formal recommendation for a new lodge until the Grand Master has personally been on the ground and seen the personality of all the officers, and petitioners, and knows all the environments and conditions.

A Masonic lodge should be a Masonic home
Founded on Truth's adamantine rock,
A peaceful harbor where all can come.
A shelter from misfortune and adversity's shock.

WORK.

At the request of the lodges, the Grand Custodian has assisted in conferring the Master Masons degree at the following places.

Crawford, Overton, Imperial, Columbus, Benkelman, McCook, Diller, Cozad, York. The M. W. Grand Master honored the occasion by his official presence at Imperial, Columbus, Cozad, York. The event of the year along these lines in number of lodges represented and attendance was York Lodge No. 56; however, in each case one and all are to be commended for the interest manifested and their earnest endeavors to make the occasion one of mutual benefit and pleasure to all present.

OBSEQUIES.

The Grand Custodian has only presided at the obsequies of one brother during the past year, viz: that of Hon. James P. Latta, late Congressman of the third congressional district, Tekamah, Nebraska. I was at Scotts Bluff when the telegram was received, stating that it was the request of the family that the Grand Custodian preside at the last Masonic rites. The telegram stated that the Grand Master declined to make the formal order as provided for in Section 8, Chapter II. of the law, but referred the matter to the Grand Custodian with the power to do as he might choose, which the Grand Custodian did without the least equivocation by cancelling the school at Scotts Bluff and immediately took the train for Tekamah; but had to auto from Blair to Tekamah in order to arrive in time. Although it involved over a thousand miles travel, yet I know I did right in responding to the call of duty in complying with the request of the bereaved ones. The large

attendance of the brethren from near and far was a fitting tribute to the memory of this noble man and loyal Mason. I consider it an honor to have been present at and be permitted to mingle my tears with the loved ones in this, their sad bereavement.

On the brow of the hill, we laid him to rest,
 Our dear friend and brother, one of the best.
 We know we shall meet him on earth, no more,
 That's why we weep and there's crepe on the door.

I was also called to preside at the obsequies of an old time friend and brother, Hartsough, at Minden; in compliance with the law, I referred them to the Grand Master who adjusted the matter with the brethren, I suppose, in a satisfactory manner.

Perhaps it might be well for the brethren in the future to consider the law and consult the Grand Master first, and thus save delay and expense. It might as well be understood now as later on. There may be some individual cases when the Grand Custodian will not consult any one, but use his own good judgment and act accordingly by reason of past promises made years ago.

A PLEASING EPISODE.

Some thirty-eight years ago, M. W. Bro. John A. Ehrhardt, Past Grand Master, was made a Mason in Fairview Lodge No. 194, Monroe, Jasper County, Iowa. The present Grand Custodian was Senior Deacon at the time, and was one among the first to meet this loyal U'tlander at the door. The floor was carpeted with an emblematic carpet; each of the three degrees in a separate square. Some time ago the carpet was taken up and divided among the old veterans of 194; through the kindness of Brother William H. Taylor, the Grand Custodian received the two squares of E. A. and F. C. degrees at the school of instruction held at Beemer, in February. We phoned Brother John and Bros. Burnham and Poucher to come down. In the meantime, Brother Crosby had fashioned the square of the F. C. degree into the form of an apron in a most artistic style.

At a proper time our beloved Past Grand Master Ehrhardt was called to the front and after a few reminiscent remarks by the Grand Custodian of the memorable event, nearly two score years ago, assisted by P. G. M. Burnham and the Grand Orator, Bro. John F. Poucher, the old time souvenir was duly presented to our dear Brother "John." Only those who were present can fully realize the emotions of the heart that could only be expressed by the eloquence of Silence, when the voice could not respond.

This little token, a simple plain thing
 Fond recollections to our memory bring
 Of our old time friends—in the days of yore.
 Alas, those scenes will come no more.

Some are gone towards the setting sun
 Some in the church yard lie;
 While you and I are wandering alone
 Longing for the good old times gone by.

COMPLIMENTARY COURTESIES.

The M.'W.'. Grand Master has taken a lively interest in several of the schools, being present in person at Seward, Hastings, and Grand Island. At each of these schools, his remarks to the Craftsmen were timely and good and from expression given, touched the heart of many a brother.

Our schools were also honored by the presence of M.'W.'.Brothers Crites, Evans, Ehrhardt, Burnham, P.'G.'.M's.'. , and Brother Poucher, Grand Orator and Wor. Brothers Wells and Whiting, assistants of the Grand Custodian. Brother Wells and Whiting are "workmen that needeth not be ashamed," and rendered the Grand Custodian valuable aid in the work, for which we are under lasting obligation.

The Grand Custodian is also in receipt through the office of the Grand Master of formal resolutions from the lodges at Cozad, Overton, Scotia, Hebron, Wayne, and Wausa, as well as personal letters from many of the Craftsmen, expressing in kindest words their sincere appreciation of humble effort on our part, to present the living principles of Freemasonry; the expression from these loving testimonials coming from the heart are in no way plaudits of the populace, who madly scramble over one another to tickle the vanities of ambition with the glittering bauble of notoriety.

CONCLUSION.

Thus ends another year's labor, the twelfth, with loyal Craftsmen delving in the quarries for gems of Truth, penetrating the forests in search of Light, moulding in the clay grounds, pillars of beauty; traversing the plains hand in hand on the same cable tow, standing together for weal or woe, watching well our warp and woof; striving to see that the shuttle of our influence, is by tender words, kind acts of love weaving threads of joy and sunshine into someone's life rather than the shadows of misery, despair, and heartaches.

To the Grand Master I owe grateful acknowledgments for his generous forbearance and kind consideration in the direction and control of the duties of the Grand Custodian, fully realizing that few of us could have passed through the valley of sorrow and remained faithful to the post of official duty as this loyal brother has.

To the Grand Secretary, who knows what there is to do; knows how to do it and does it; and it is done to a perfect finish without a flaw. He "never neglects or loses sight of anything." This faithful brother's work will remain as a lasting monument of his zeal, fidelity, and integrity when his voice is heard no more.

To the Craftsmen in the language of the Patriarch Abram to Lot; "let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee and between thy herdsmen and my herdmen; for we be brethren." Many years have we worked together on the same trestle-board in the same design, for the same purpose. Many of you have proven to be "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" and have woven around my heart a bond of brotherly love and affection that the frosts of time can never chill. Your every word of encouragement, your hearty hand-clasps, your cheering smiles, are threads of gold woven into my life, ever to remain an unbroken chain till I cross to the other shore, where, I hope we will meet to part no more.

Why cover the lid of my casket?
With flowers, no longer I see,
As well leave them all in the basket
For all the good they can do for me.

Help me friend, today, is far better
Than eulogies spoken when I am gone.
Be true to me now in spirit and letter,
Wait not until I shall have passed on.

When clouds of sorrow in darkest despair
Overshadows the poor broken heart,
Speak kind, speak gentle, lead on to where
Some true friend will help share a part.

Then give me now, your sweetest flowers,
Yes, while I am here to see, and know
That their fragrance may brighten my hours,
Before my body is under the snow.

ROBERT EMMET FRENCH,

Grand Custodian.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

OF THE ASSISTANTS OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

In compliance with the report of Committee on Promulgation of the Work as adopted by the Grand Lodge, page 307, proceedings of 1910, confirmed and adopted page 559, proceedings of 1911, the Grand Custodian has recommended the appointment of the following brethren to hold special schools of instruction in the following lodges—the said lodges not being able to comply with Section 8, Chapter II., as shown by their formal statements under seal of their respective lodges. Each appointment and school was officially approved by the Grand Master as the formal reports show, which are submitted for your information through the office of the Committee on Promulgation of the Work; whose experience and judgment in matters of this kind are a tower of strength to the Grand Custodian and while the present incumbent

serves the Grand Lodge as Custodian, I earnestly request that this able committee be retained. They are needed.

Dec. 12—A three day's special school was held in Pythagoras Lodge No. 156, Ewing, Nebraska, conducted by Wor.'Bro.' Walter W. Wells of No. 192. At a cost of.....	\$24.94
Jan. 27—A three day's special school was held in Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Oxford, Nebraska. Conducted by Wor.'Bro.' James D. Phillips of No. 93. At a cost of.....	\$24.50
Feb. 9—A two day's special school was held in Naphtali Lodge No. 206, Diller, Nebraska. Conducted by Wor.'Bro.' Samuel S. Whiting of No. 54. At a cost of.....	\$17.24
Feb. 10—A three day's special school was held in Elm Creek Lodge No. 133, Elm Creek, Nebraska. Conducted by Wor.' Bro.' James D. Phillips of No. 93. At a cost of.....	\$28.00
Feb. 16—A special school was held in Jordan Lodge No. 27, West Point, Nebraska. Conducted by Wor.'Bro.' Fred A. Howe of No. 119. At a cost of.....	\$24.60
March 5—A three day's special school was held in Hay Springs Lodge No. 177, Hay Springs, Nebraska. Conducted by Wor.' Bro.' Walter W. Wells of No. 192. At a cost of.....	\$16.74
March 22—A three day's special school was held in Springview Lodge No. 260, Springview, Nebraska. Conducted by Wor.' Bro.' Walter W. Wells of No. 192. At a cost of.....	\$27.55
Jan. 20—A two day's special school was held in Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna, Nebraska. Conducted by Wor.'Bro.' John J. Tooley of No. 258. At a cost of.....	\$11.44
April 10—A three day's special school was held in Fraternity Lodge No. 235, Winside, Nebraska, conducted by W.'Brother Ensign J. Rix of No. 55. At a cost of.....	\$15.41
April 29—A two day's special school was held in Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow, Nebraska. Conducted by the Grand Custodian, assisted by W.'Brother John J. Tooley of No. 258. At a cost of.....	\$11.30
Amount of appropriation for assistant.....	\$500.00
Amount expended as shown above from No. 1 to 10, inclusive....	201.72
Balance of appropriation unexpended.....	298.28

There has been no renewal by formal commissions in the past year neither has there been any new commission issued. Each assistant has been recommended by the Grand Custodian to the Grand Master as each specific case seemed to demand.

It is the opinion of the Grand Custodian that each assistant should pass a careful and rigid examination by the Grand Custodian, at least once each year, and then be recommended to the Grand Master for reappointment if found worthy and well qualified in every respect.

In the last year, several zealous Masters of lodges have called on the Grand Custodian at his home office, at their own expense, and spent

several days in individual instruction in the entire esoteric work, endeavoring to make themselves word proficient. Such zeal in the work as manifested by these loyal Craftsmen should be recognized and appreciated by the Grand Lodge at least to the extent that when they are perfectly proficient in the work and are good and true men, loyal Masons, moral and upright before God and man and have the ability in every respect to impart the work in a correct and impressive manner, that the Grand Custodian recommend them to the Grand Master as being worthy and well qualified—to formally commission them as competent assistants to the Grand Custodian in promulgating the work. A young man who is old enough to be made a Mason is old enough to go to work. Let us make it an incentive to get the work correct, and not be afraid to back them up—when they have accomplished the heroic task. Such encouragement will stimulate the zealous Mason to learn the work correctly, and not to be running through Ancient Craft Masonry in an aeroplane—to crown himself with titles and cover himself with badges. He will then learn that the altruistic principles of Brotherhood demonstrated in noble deeds and words of kindness and that the highest honor a man can receive is not conferred by man—but by a man upon himself, by being an honorable man in the sight of God and man. Under proper restrictions we can not be too magnanimous in this most important matter pertaining to the dissemination of the work. We owe it for Masonry, we owe it to every candidate that knocks at our door. As Masons, let us be square and not owe anything. What say you?

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF GRAND CUSTODIAN.

May 8th, 1911—Balance on hand.....\$ 33.26
June 7th, 1911—Page 563, proceedings of 1911, 10th item..... 600.00

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\$633.26

EXPENDED.

From May 8th, 1911, to April 15th, 1912 :

Transportation\$134.68
Hotel 298.45
Postage 21.19
Telephone and telegrams..... 22.90
Bus and baggage 10.10
Printing 15.15
Supplies and sundries 8.21
Stenographer 20.95

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\$532.03

Balance appropriation not drawn.....\$ 50.00

Balance on hand, April 15th, 1912.....	51.23	101.23
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		\$633.26
Of the above there was expended, attending the fifty-fourth annual communication, 1911.....		\$18.18

It is hereby certified that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that of the above account \$532.03 was expended in the discharge of my duties as Grand Custodian under the direction of the Grand Master and that \$18.18 was expended as shown above.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

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

The following report for the year ending May 20th, 1912, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:
Securities on hand last report.....\$63,000.00

Securities purchased:

No. 191 Maria A. Hart, on 80 acres of land, Burt County	\$1,500.00	
No. 192 Maria A. Hart, on 80 acres of land, Burt County	1,500.00	
No. 193 O. E. C. Schindler, on 160 acres of land, Knox County	3,000.00	
No. 194 S. R. L. Mathews, on 160 acres of land, Burt County	1,000.00	
No. 195 Daniel C. Cole, on 80 acres of land, Nemaha County	800.00	
No. 196 Roscoe F. Greenleaf, on 80 acres of land, Burt County	1,500.00	
No. 197 Marie W. Woodman, on 120 acres of land, Colfax County	5,000.00	
No. 198 John Horn, on 80 acres of land, Burt County	2,800.00	
No. 199 Creighton Lodge No. 100, lot and hall....	800.00	17,900.00
Total		<hr/>
		\$80,900.00

All loans purchased are first mortgages on farm land in Nebraska, except that on the lot and building of Creighton Lodge No. 100, Creighton.

Securities paid:

No. 44 Cole	\$ 800.00	
No. 141 Hart	1,500.00	
No. 142 Hart	1,500.00	
No. 145 Mathews	1,000.00	
No. 147 Archibald	2,000.00	
No. 150 Skelnar	1,500.00	
No. 151 Skelnar	1,000.00	
No. 152 McGraw	1,000.00	
No. 153 Bean (part payment).....	200.00	
No. 174 Groat	2,000.00	
No. 178 Chenoweth	1,200.00	
No. 62 Warren (part payment).....	25.00	\$13,725.00
Securities on hand.....		\$67,175.00

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

NO.	BORROWER	PROPERTY LOCATED IN	AMOUNT
62	Warren	Lot in Nebraska City, Otoe Co..	\$ 75.00
131	Hopewell	160 acres, Burt County	1,300.00
140	Sackett	40 acres, Burt County	1,300.00
153	Bean	40 acres, Burt County	100.00
154	Van Nostrand	100 acres, Burt County	2,500.00
157	Westerfield	120 acres, Douglas County	2,000.00
158	Richardson	80 acres, Burt County	1,200.00
159	Goll	40 acres, Burt County	2,500.00
160	Roelfs	80 acres, Jefferson County	2,000.00
162	Krause	40 acres, Thurston County	1,000.00
163	Higgins	80 acres, Cedar County	1,000.00
164	Klingforth	160 acres, Knox County	2,000.00
165	Wagner	80 acres, Polk County	1,500.00
166	Woods	160 acres, Knox County	1,200.00
168	Johnston	160 acres, Franklin County	2,500.00
169	Bombeck	160 acres, Cumming County	900.00
170	Tappery	160 acres, Burt County	1,000.00
172	Estill	40 acres, Thurston County	1,000.00
173	Swanson	80 acres, Platte County	1,000.00
175	Eddy	80 acres, Antelope County	1,000.00
176	Jensen	120 acres, Burt County	1,000.00
177	Lordeman	160 acres, Boone County	1,600.00
179	Anderson	320 acres, Custer County	2,500.00
180	Hopewell	120 acres, Burt County	2,000.00
181	Kelly	80 acres, Burt County	1,500.00
182	Jacobs	120 acres, Stanton County	1,600.00
183	Blomstedt	320 acres, Howard County	2,500.00
186	Jillek	40 acres, Colfax County	1,000.00
187	Jones	160 acres, Dixon County	2,500.00
188	Masonic Temple Craft, Callaway, Masonic Temple.....		2,000.00
189	Brandon	80 acres, Cedar County	2,000.00
190	Schellpeper	160 acres, Stanton County	2,000.00
191	Hart	80 acres, Burt County	1,500.00
192	Hart	80 acres, Burt County	1,500.00

NO.	BORROWER	PROPERTY LOCATED IN	AMOUNT
193	Schindler	.....160 acres, Knox County	3,000.00
194	Mathews	.....160 acres, Burt County	1,000.00
195	Cole	.....80 acres, Nemaha County	800.00
196	Greenleaf	.....80 acres, Burt County	1,500.00
197	Woodman	.....120 acres, Colfax County	5,000.00
198	Horn	.....80 acres, Boone County	2,800.00
199	Creighton Lodge No. 100	..... Lot and hall, Creighton...	800.00
Total			\$67,175.00
Amount of cash and securities on hand last report			63,133.78
Increase			\$ 4,041.22
Amount due the Nebraska Masonic Home			521.63
Net gain for the year			\$ 3,519.59

The rate of interest is from 5 to 7 per cent. No loans are due and unpaid and all interest due is paid to date of this report.

CASH.

Amount on hand last report	\$ 133.78
Received for interest	3,633.79
Received for securities paid off	13,725.00
Fund overdrawn, paid from funds of the Nebraska Masonic Home	521.63
Paid for securities purchased	\$17,900.00
Paid for recording assignments	3.00
Paid for interest accrued on securities purchased	111.20
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	\$18,014.20 \$18,014.20

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Secretary.

Past Grand Master Dowling presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

The Committee on Returns reports that the returns of all of the lodges in the jurisdiction have been carefully examined, the cards in the register have been checked and counted, and agree with the numbers as shown by the headings in the returns. The table of statistics for the year ending March 31st, 1912, is herewith presented.

A number of lodges were delinquent in sending in their returns and funds, and penalties are assessed against them as follows: No. 29, \$0.88; No. 52, \$5.61; No. 70, \$1.00; No. 102, \$3.84; No. 103, \$2.04; No. 112, \$2.07; No. 155, \$5.60; No. 157, \$2.60; No. 171, \$7.15; No. 187, \$3.25;

No. 190, \$3.20; No. 193, \$4.73; No. 202, \$3.12; No. 203, \$1.65; No. 208, \$1.80; No. 213, \$0.40; No. 219, \$1.26; No. 221, \$1.28; No. 223, \$0.50; No. 233, \$3.84; No. 244, \$0.87; No. 254, \$6.75; No. 260, \$1.40; No. 269, \$0.88; No. 274, \$4.40; No. 276, \$0.17. Total, \$70.29.

The following lodges did not report insurance carried on their real and personal property: Nos. 133, 159, 166, 174, 264, and 273.

One lodge paid for three members, under protest, stating that they had died previously. As the returns were certified to as being correct, under the law the committee could not allow any reduction. To undertake to correct errors of this kind, either in favor of or against the Grand Lodge, would lead to uncertainty as to the amount due the Grand Lodge. If secretaries do not make out their returns correctly they are to blame for the errors, and no reduction should be allowed.

DELINQUENT DUES.

Lodges Nos. 11, 13, 27, 36, 49, 56, 63, 67, 70, 76, 96, 124, 144, 164, 234, 237, 268, 269, 270, 272, 273, and 277 report no delinquent members. Lodges Nos. 23, 29, 38, 42, 59, 74, 86, 87, 114, 129, 165, 175, 182, 201, 221, 252, 259, 260, 265, 266, 267, 271, and 278 make no report on the subject. From the reports received it is impossible for your committee to compute the amount by years, or to give information that would be of any benefit to the Grand Lodge, more than to say that the amount due is entirely too large, and some action should be taken to compel lodges to collect the delinquent dues, or place on trial members who are able to pay and neglect to do so. If the Grand Lodge wants definite information showing the amount of delinquent dues by years it will be necessary to compel secretaries to more properly fill out the blanks in the returns.

The matter is submitted to the Grand Lodge for such action as it may deem advisable.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES						FELLOW CRAFTS						No. on Rolls, March 31, 1912					
		GAIN			LOSS			GAIN			LOSS								
		No. April 1, 1911	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1912	No. April 1, 1911	By Passing	Other Causes		Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss
Nebraska	1	44	54	98	47			47	51	10	47		57	42			42	15	
Western Star	2	18	6	24	5			5	19	6	5		11	6			6	5	
Capitol	3	54	40	94	42	1	1	44	50	18	43		61	39	1		40	21	
Nemaha Valley	4	6	6	12	6			6	6	1	6		7	6			6	1	
Omaha	5	16	1	17	1			1	16	7	1		8	3			3	5	
Plattsmouth	6	20	3	23	3			3	20	4	3		7	3			3	4	
Falls City	9	17	14	31	11			11	20	5	11		16	12			12	4	
Solomon	10	7		7					7	1			1					1	
Covert	11	61	58	120	46			46	74	29	46		75	46			46	29	
Orient	13	8	10	18	9			9	9	1	9		10	9			9	1	
Peru	14	6	1	7	1			1	6	1	1		2	1			1	1	
Fremont	15	18	12	30	13			13	17	2	13	1	16	13			13	3	
Tecumseh	17	21	8	29	4			4	25	8	4		12	5			5	7	
Lincoln	19	41	42	84	37	1	3	41	43	15	37		52	37	1		38	14	
Washington	21	7		7	1			1	6	4	1		5	2			2	3	
Pawnee	23	9	3	12	2			2	10	4	2		6	1			1	5	
St. Johns	25	82	34	116	35			35	81	19	35		54	38			38	16	
Beatrice	26	33	26	59	15			15	44	11	15		26	12			12	14	
Jordan	27	8	6	14	6			6	8	5	6		11	6			6	5	
Hope	29	6		6					6										
Blue River	30	2	2	4	1			1	3	2	1		3	1			1	2	
Tekamah	31	7	3	10	3			3	7	3	3		6	3			3	3	
Platte Valley	32	15	15	30	9			9	21	12	9		21	13	1		14	7	
Ashlar	33	26	17	43	19			19	24	11	19		30	16			16	14	
Acacia	34	16	2	18	2			2	16	6	2		8	2			2	6	
Fairbury	35	24	5	29	8			8	21	6	8		14	5			5	9	
Lone Tree	36	3	8	11	5			5	6	6	5		11	5			5	6	
Crete	37	10	6	16	4			4	12	6	4		10	4			4	6	
Oliver	38	13	1	14	2			2	12		2		2	1			1	1	
Papillion	39	4		4					4	4			4	2			2	2	
Humboldt	40	7	5	12	3			3	9	2	3		5	3			3	2	
Northern Light	41	4	3	7	2			2	5	2	2		4	2			2	2	
Juniata	42	14	4	18	6			6	12	1	6		7	6			6	1	
Hebron	43	15	1	16	2			2	14	2	2		4	1			1	3	
Harvard	44	5	2	7	1			1	6		1		1	1			1		
Rob Morris	46	22	6	28	5			5	23	2	5		7	6			6	1	
Fairmont	48	12		12					12	2			2					2	
Evening Star	49	7	2	9	1			1	8	1	1		2	1			1	1	
Hastings	50	24	25	49	23			23	26	4	23		27	21			21	6	
Fidelity	51	14	3	17	4			4	13	6	4		10	4			4	6	

June, 1912.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 5912

STANDARD MASTER MASONS		MASTER MASONS																						
No. April 1, 5911	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	No. April 1, 5911	GAIN				Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	No. of Lodge				
	By Suspension	Other Causes		By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	By Demission			By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes		Total Loss	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement			Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
49	2	2	51	2	1	3	48	420	42	5	2	469	4	10	2	16	453	1						1
39	6	6	45	1	1	7	45	156	6	3	3	165	6	6	6	12	153	2						2
107	2	2	107	6	1	7	100	498	40	11	6	555	14	5	2	19	536	3						3
17	2	2	19	1	1	7	19	38	6	1	6	45	1	2	2	40	40	4						4
20	2	2	22	1	1	7	22	86	3	1	6	90	1	2	2	2	88	5						5
25	3	3	25	1	1	1	24	122	3	1	1	127	4	2	2	6	121	6						6
30	1	1	30	1	1	1	30	85	12	4	1	101	1	2	3	3	98	9						9
129	5	5	134	4	4	1	3	44	46	10	4	45	3	1	3	7	587	10						10
10	1	1	10	1	1	5	10	545	9	10	4	605	6	7	3	18	587	11						11
13	7	7	13	1	1	1	13	12	9	10	21	21	3	3	3	21	21	13						13
31	7	7	38	3	3	3	38	60	1	1	3	61	3	1	3	3	58	14						14
32	2	2	32	3	3	3	29	266	13	6	1	285	6	5	7	18	267	15						15
83	2	2	83	2	2	4	79	96	5	4	3	108	1	2	1	17	104	17						17
14	5	5	19	1	1	4	18	539	37	23	2	601	3	8	3	14	589	19						19
33	7	7	33	3	3	3	30	107	2	2	1	111	3	3	5	11	100	21						21
131	7	7	138	4	4	4	134	96	1	2	3	102	2	1	1	2	99	23						23
62	2	2	64	1	1	1	63	594	38	5	4	641	5	12	7	3	617	25						25
19	3	3	19	1	1	1	18	206	12	5	1	224	1	7	2	10	214	26						26
23	3	3	26	1	1	1	25	44	6	3	3	54	3	3	3	4	50	27						27
8	8	8	8	1	1	1	8	27	2	1	1	28	3	3	3	6	22	29						29
16	1	1	16	1	1	1	16	45	1	2	2	48	2	1	1	3	45	30						30
32	1	1	32	2	2	2	32	105	3	3	3	108	3	2	2	3	105	31						31
52	1	1	53	2	2	4	49	195	13	4	2	212	3	1	1	3	209	32						32
38	1	1	38	1	1	1	37	220	16	2	2	241	3	5	1	10	231	33						33
25	2	2	27	1	1	2	25	69	2	2	1	74	3	2	2	5	69	34						34
35	1	1	35	1	1	2	35	168	5	5	1	174	3	1	1	9	165	35						35
25	1	1	27	1	1	2	25	98	4	2	1	103	2	1	1	4	99	36						36
29	1	1	30	1	1	1	30	80	4	2	1	86	1	1	1	2	84	37						37
15	1	1	15	1	1	1	15	106	1	1	1	107	4	1	1	6	101	38						38
14	1	1	14	1	1	1	13	42	2	2	2	44	2	2	2	3	41	39						39
14	1	1	14	1	1	1	13	47	3	2	1	53	1	2	1	4	49	40						40
17	1	1	17	1	1	1	17	36	2	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	38	41						41
28	1	1	28	1	1	1	28	51	6	6	1	57	1	1	1	1	56	42						42
31	1	1	32	1	1	2	32	98	1	1	2	99	4	1	1	6	93	43						43
13	1	1	13	2	2	2	11	50	1	1	2	53	2	2	2	4	49	44						44
51	1	1	51	1	1	1	50	197	6	5	1	209	4	2	2	6	203	46						46
29	1	1	30	1	1	1	30	57	1	1	1	57	3	1	1	3	54	48						48
25	1	1	25	1	1	1	25	58	1	3	3	59	3	3	3	3	56	49						49
26	1	1	29	1	1	1	28	254	21	3	3	278	3	4	4	7	271	50						50
28	1	1	29	1	1	1	28	110	4	3	3	111	10	2	2	12	105	51						51

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No. April 1, 5911	SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS		Total	MASTER MASONS				Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	Name of Lodge
	By Suspension	Other Causes		GAIN		LOSS				
	GAIN		Reinstatement	GAIN		LOSS		Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	Name of Lodge
	By Death	Other Causes		By Admission	Reinstatement	By Demission	By Suspension				By Expulsion
	L. S. S.		GAIN		LOSS		Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	Name of Lodge	
	By Death	Other Causes	By Admission	Reinstatement	By Demission	By Suspension				By Expulsion
No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	L. S. S.		GAIN		LOSS		Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	Name of Lodge	
	By Death	Other Causes	By Admission	Reinstatement	By Demission	By Suspension				By Expulsion
25	1	26	1	53	54	2	1	3	51	52
29	9	29	3	84	92	1	9	2	90	53
51	9	60	3	424	458	10	10	29	429	54
37	5	42	2	124	140	4	5	10	130	55
28	1	29	1	247	261	4	1	11	250	56
8	2	10	1	68	71	2	2	5	66	57
9	4	13	1	115	137	2	4	8	129	58
27	9	27	1	89	101	1	1	2	99	59
15	15	15	1	65	69	1	3	4	65	60
18	4	22	1	102	107	1	4	8	99	61
13	13	13	1	62	62	2	1	2	60	62
10	10	10	1	48	53	1	1	2	53	63
21	21	21	1	51	60	1	1	3	60	64
9	9	9	1	84	97	2	1	3	94	65
10	10	10	1	93	96	1	1	1	95	67
29	29	29	1	117	125	2	1	3	122	68
12	12	12	1	38	47	2	2	2	45	70
23	23	23	1	80	85	2	2	4	81	71
9	9	9	1	65	66	1	1	4	65	72
18	18	18	2	51	56	4	1	5	51	73
5	5	5	1	34	34	1	1	7	34	74
13	4	17	1	95	111	2	4	1	104	75
11	11	11	1	44	48	1	1	1	47	76
18	1	19	1	62	65	2	1	3	62	77
17	2	19	2	62	70	5	2	7	63	78
33	1	34	3	149	157	2	1	7	150	79
13	1	14	2	29	36	1	1	2	34	81
39	1	40	1	151	156	7	1	8	148	82
9	1	10	1	32	40	2	1	3	37	83
4	14	18	1	74	76	1	14	16	60	84
20	20	20	1	43	48	1	1	1	47	85
16	16	16	1	36	39	1	1	1	38	86
10	10	10	1	69	75	3	1	4	71	87
13	13	13	1	42	43	1	1	2	41	88
23	4	23	4	84	93	3	2	5	88	89
10	10	10	1	29	33	1	2	1	32	90
4	4	4	1	71	72	3	1	5	67	91
8	8	8	1	48	48	1	1	1	47	94
18	1	19	1	107	116	2	2	3	113	92
11	5	14	1	56	60	1	3	5	55	93

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS										
		No. April 1, 5911	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	No. April 1, 5911	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			By Passing	Other Causes		By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	
Garfield.....	95	6	...	6	1	1	2	4	5	1	6	4	4	2					
Utica.....	96	6	8	14	8	...	8	6	8	8	5	5	5	3					
Euclid.....	97	11	1	12	2	...	2	10	1	2	3	2	1	1					
Republican.....	98	10	5	15	9	...	9	6	6	9	15	12	12	3					
Shelton.....	99	14	7	21	6	1	7	14	2	6	8	6	6	2					
Creighton.....	100	12	3	15	5	...	5	10	3	5	8	5	5	3					
Ponca.....	101	7	5	12	1	...	1	11	2	1	3	1	1	2					
Waterloo.....	102	10	9	19	7	...	7	12	1	7	8	5	5	3					
Ord.....	103	8	5	13	3	...	3	10	1	3	4	3	3	1					
Wymore.....	104	14	9	23	8	...	8	15	5	8	13	7	7	6					
Stella.....	105	4	...	4	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	1	1	...		
Porter.....	106	7	6	13	5	1	6	7	1	5	6	4	4	2					
Table Rock.....	108	3	6	9	3	...	3	6	5	3	8	7	7	1					
Pomegranate.....	110	6	2	8	2	...	2	6	2	2	4	2	2	2					
De Witt.....	111	11	2	13	1	...	1	12	5	1	6	4	4	2					
Springfield.....	112	10	8	18	5	...	5	13	3	5	8	3	3	5					
Globe.....	113	11	...	11	...	...	...	11	4	...	4	...	4	4		
Wisner.....	114	6	5	11	4	...	4	7	1	4	5	2	2	3					
Harlan.....	116	6	1	7	...	...	...	7	2	...	2	...	2	2		
Hardy.....	117	3	2	5	2	...	2	3	...	2	2	2	2	...					
Doric.....	118	3	4	7	2	...	2	5	1	2	3	...	...	3			
North Bend.....	119	3	9	12	7	...	7	5	2	7	9	4	4	5					
Wayne.....	120	11	6	17	5	1	6	11	4	5	9	6	6	3					
Superior.....	121	5	9	14	8	1	9	5	3	8	11	8	8	3					
Auburn.....	124	5	3	8	3	...	3	5	1	3	4	3	3	1					
Mount Nebo.....	125	8	5	13	4	...	4	9	7	4	11	6	6	5					
Stromsburg.....	126	...	8	8	6	...	6	2	3	6	9	7	7	2					
Minden.....	127	7	3	10	1	1	2	8	4	2	6	1	1	5					
Guide Rock.....	128	4	4	8	3	...	3	5	2	3	5	2	2	3					
Blue Hill.....	129	1	2	3	2	1	3	...	3	2	5	3	3	2					
Tuscan.....	130	1	1	2	1	...	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	1					
Scribner.....	132	1	9	10	8	...	8	2	2	8	10	7	7	3					
Elm Creek.....	133	6	1	7	...	...	...	7	2	...	2	...	...	2
Solar.....	134	6	3	9	2	...	2	7	...	2	2	2	2	...					
McCook.....	135	12	13	25	10	...	10	15	3	10	13	8	8	5					
Long Pine.....	136	7	2	9	4	...	4	5	3	4	7	2	2	5					
Upright.....	137	6	2	8	2	...	2	6	2	2	4	4	4	...					
Rawalt.....	138	3	2	5	3	...	3	2	1	3	4	3	3	1					
Clay Center.....	139	3	2	...	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	2					
Western.....	140	1	4	6	4	...	4	2	...	4	4	4	4	...					

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS					
No. April 1, 5912	GAIN		Total	LOSS		Total	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912		
	By Suspension	Other Causes		By Death	Other Causes		No. April 1, 5911	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	No. of Lodge
30	5	30	2	1	3	27	39	43	95
5	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	40	96
13	7	13	2	2	4	13	40	40	97
7	7	7	39	12	1	7	39	51	98
11	2	13	1	1	1	12	46	46	99
15	1	16	80	5	5	16	80	83	100
16	3	19	18	1	1	18	1	56	101
24	24	24	60	5	1	60	60	64	102
30	36	36	68	3	1	68	68	68	103
34	34	34	104	7	1	104	7	108	104
10	10	10	62	1	1	9	62	63	105
13	13	13	55	4	4	13	55	59	106
8	8	8	39	7	1	8	47	46	108
14	14	14	92	2	3	14	92	96	110
24	4	28	55	4	1	26	55	52	111
19	1	20	67	3	3	19	67	69	112
16	16	16	47	2	1	15	47	46	113
14	14	14	72	1	1	14	72	69	114
19	19	19	46	2	2	19	46	69	116
6	6	6	48	2	2	6	48	45	117
10	10	10	18	1	1	10	18	18	118
5	5	5	79	4	4	5	79	81	119
17	17	17	91	6	4	17	91	97	120
12	11	13	88	8	2	12	88	103	121
10	2	12	50	3	2	11	50	89	124
16	16	16	75	6	1	16	75	80	125
2	2	2	69	7	1	3	69	73	126
16	16	16	52	2	2	16	52	51	127
8	8	8	27	1	1	8	27	28	128
38	38	38	34	3	1	37	34	39	129
7	7	7	43	1	2	7	43	44	130
6	6	6	42	7	1	5	42	49	132
4	4	4	34	1	1	4	34	34	133
4	4	4	66	1	1	4	66	68	134
38	38	38	160	8	4	36	160	168	135
8	8	8	57	2	1	8	57	58	136
7	7	7	50	4	1	6	50	54	137
19	19	19	62	3	1	15	62	66	138
7	7	7	64	1	1	7	64	62	139
10	10	10	56	4	1	10	56	59	140

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS								
		GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1912	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1912
		By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes		Total Loss	By Passing		Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
Crescent.....	143	7	10	17	10	1	11	6	5	10	15	7	7	7	8		
Kenesaw.....	144	5	5	10	4		4	6	4	4	8	6	6	6	2		
Bancroft.....	145	17	3	20	6		6	14	9	6	8	4	4	4	4		
Jachin.....	146	11	8	19	6		6	13	5	6	11	5	5	5	6		
Siloam.....	147	8	2	10	1		1	9		1	1			1	1		
Emmet Crawford....	148	10	3	13	2		2	11	4	2	6	3	3	3	3		
Jewel.....	149		3	3	3		3		1	3	4	3	3	3	1		
Cambridge.....	150	4		4	1		1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1		
Square.....	151	11	2	13	1		1	12	2	1	3	2	2	2	1		
Parallel.....	152	11	5	16	5	1	6	10	4	5	9	3	3	3	6		
Evergreen.....	153	1	4	5	5		5		2	5	7	3	3	3	4		
Lily.....	154	5	4	9	3	3	6	3	1	4	5	6	5	6	1		
Hartington.....	155	14	5	19	4		4	15	1	4	7	5	5	5			
Pythagoras.....	156	11	5	16	6		6	10	2	6	8	4	4	4	4		
Valley.....	157	9		9	1		1	8		1	1	1	1	1			
Samaritan.....	158	6	9	15	4		4	11	5	4	9	2	2	2	7		
Ogalalla.....	159	6	5	11	3		3	8	2	3	5	3	3	3	2		
Zeredatha.....	160	1	3	4	3		3	1	2	3	5	3	3	3	2		
Mount Zion.....	161	7	3	10	2	1	3	7	1	3	4	2	1	3	1		
Trestle Board.....	162	3	2	5	2		2	3	1	2	3	3	3	3			
Unity.....	163	1	1	2				2									
Atkinson.....	164	5	4	9	4		4	5	2	4	6	3	3	3	3		
Barneston.....	165	6		6				6	2		2	2	2	2			
Mystic Tie.....	166	6	4	10	2	1	3	7	4	3	7	2	1	3	4		
Elwood.....	167	7	2	9	1		1	8	2	1	3	1		1	2		
Curtis.....	168	7	4	11	5		5	6	2	5	7	5	5	5	2		
Amity.....	169	6	2	8	1		1	7	2	1	3	1		1	2		
Mason City.....	170	3	1	4	1		1	3	5	1	6	1		1	5		
Merna.....	171	10	8	18	6		6	12	6	6	12	9		9	3		
Grafton.....	172	8		8				8									
Robert Burns.....	173	8		8				8	1		1				1		
Culbertson.....	174	2		2				2	1		1				1		
Temple.....	175	7	3	10	1		1	9	4	1	5	2		2	3		
Gladstone.....	176	4	5	9	5		5	4		5	5	3		3	2		
Hay Springs.....	177	4		4	2		2	2	1	2	3	2		2	1		
Prudence.....	179	5	9	14	8		8	6	1	8	9	7		7	2		
Justice.....	180	3	3	6	3		3	3	2	3	5	2		2	3		
Faith.....	181	11	12	23	12	1	13	10	1	12	14	13		13	1		
Incense.....	182	4	5	9	5		5	4		5	5	1		1	4		
Alliance.....	183	26	9	35	5	2	7	28	11	7	18	4	2	6	12		

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS					MASTER MASONS													
No. April 1, 5911	GAIN		Total	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	No. April 1, 5911	GAIN				Total	LOSS					Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	No. of Lodge
	By Suspension	Other Causes				By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
7	3		10	10	49	7			56	5		3			8	48	143	
13			13	13	41	6			47		1			1	1	46	144	
17			17	17	60	4			64						1	64	145	
25	2		27	27	116	5			121	5	2	2			9	112	146	
8	1		9	8	28		1	1	30	1	1	1			2	28	147	
13	1		14	13	107	3	1	1	112	2	1	1			4	108	148	
12			12	12	27	3			30						3	30	149	
8			8	8	30	1			51		1				1	50	150	
10	6		16	16	46	2	2	1	48	1		6			7	41	151	
15			15	14	47	3	2	1	53						1	53	152	
11			11	10	55	3		1	59						1	58	153	
4	1		5	4	27	6	4		37	1	1	1			3	34	154	
14	1		15	15	65	5	3	1	73	2	2	1			3	70	155	
15			15	14	46	4	1	1	52	1					1	51	156	
12			12	12	51	1			52						1	52	157	
17	3		20	19	91	2	2	1	97	5	3	3			11	86	158	
10	1		11	10	55	3		2	60	2	1				3	57	159	
16	3		19	19	27	2	1		31		1	3			4	27	160	
6			6	6	38	3	1		42						1	42	161	
7			7	7	65	3			68		1				1	67	162	
14	1		15	15	45				45	1	1	1			3	42	163	
10			10	10	38	3	1		42	2	3				5	37	164	
18			18	18	33	2			35						3	35	165	
8			8	8	27	3	2	1	33						3	33	166	
12			12	11	47	1	2	1	51	1					1	50	167	
16	1		17	17	37	5	2	2	44	1	1	1			3	41	168	
11			11	10	49	1	1	1	54	3					3	51	169	
11			11	10	47	1	1	1	49	1					1	38	170	
16			16	16	57	9			66		1				1	65	171	
3			3	3	46				46		1				1	45	172	
13			13	13	22				22							22	173	
11			11	11	31				31							31	174	
13			13	13	50	2			52		1				1	51	175	
7			7	7	70	3	2		74	2	1				3	71	176	
6			6	6	34	2	2		38							38	177	
12			12	12	51	7	3		61	2	1				4	57	179	
7	3		10	9	51	2	1	1	55	1		2			4	51	180	
27	3		30	29	83	13		1	97	1		3			4	93	181	
12			12	12	38	1			39	1					1	38	182	
15	4		19	19	146	6	1		153	8		4			12	141	183	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS										
		GAIN			LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 1912	GAIN			LOSS						
		No. April 1, 1911	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes		Total Loss	No. April 1, 1911	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1912
Bee Hive.....	184	13	7	20	6			6	14	3	6		9	6			6	3		
Boaz.....	185	7		7	1			1	6	2	1		3	2			3	2		
Israel.....	187	4	2	6	3			3	3	3	3		6	4			4	2		
Meridian.....	188	6	5	11	7			7	4	1	7		8	2			2	6		
Granite.....	189	3	3	6					6	3			3					3		
Amethyst.....	190	2	3	5	2			2	3	2	2		4	3			3	1		
Crystal.....	191	8	7	15	7			7	8	1	7		8	6			6	2		
Minnekadusa.....	192	15	11	26	10			10	16	4	10		14	8			8	6		
Signet.....	193	8	7	15	7			7	8	5	7		12	10			10	2		
Highland.....	194	3	3	6	2			2	4	3	2		5	3			3	2		
Arcana.....	195	7	8	15	6			6	9	1	6		7	6			6	1		
Level.....	196	2	1	3	1			1	2	1	1		2	1			1	1		
Morning Star.....	197	4	7	11	4			4	7	2	4		6	3			3	3		
Purity.....	198	11	9	20	8			8	12	3	8		11	8			8	3		
Gavel.....	199	2		2					2	1			1					1		
Blazing Star.....	200	5	9	14	10			10	4	5	10		15	13			13	2		
Scotts Bluff.....	201	8	3	11	2			2	9	3	2		2	2			2	1		
Golden Sheaf.....	202	5	4	9					9	3			3			2	2	1		
Roman Eagle.....	203	12	2	14	1			1	13	2	1		3	1			1	2		
Plainview.....	204	4		4	1			1	3	3	1		4	3			3	1		
Golden Fleece.....	205	4	5	9	4			4	5	3	4		7	5			5	2		
Napthali.....	206	2	6	8	4			4	4	1	4		5	2			2	3		
Parian.....	207	7	6	13	3	1		4	9	3			3	3			3	1		
Gauge.....	208	11	3	14	4			4	10	2	4		6	2			2	4		
Canopy.....	209	9	4	13	2			2	11	4	2		6	2			2	4		
East Lincoln.....	210	22	26	48	19	2		21	27	4	19		23	20			20	3		
Cement.....	211	3	5	8	6	1		7	1	1	6		7	2	1		3	4		
Compass & Square.....	212	5	9	14	5			5	9	2	5		7	4			4	3		
Square & Compass.....	213	3	4	7	3			3	4	2	3		5	3			3	2		
Plumblin.....	214	2	2	4	2			2	2	3	2		5	4			4	1		
Occidental.....	215	4		4	3			3	1	1	3		4	3			3	1		
Palisade.....	216	6		6					6	2			2	1			1	1		
Wauneta.....	217	2	1	3	1			1	2	1	1		2	1			1	1		
Bloomfield.....	218	11	7	19	9			9	10	1	9		10	8			8	2		
Relief.....	219	4	1	5	1			1	4	1	1		2	2			2			
Magnolia.....	220	6	2	8	5			5	3	1	5		6	4			4	2		
Wood Lake.....	221	1	3	4					4	2			2					2		
Landmark.....	222	1	4	5	2			2	3	2			2	2			2			
Eminence.....	223	7	2	9					9	3			3					3		
Silver Cord.....	224	5	3	8	3			3	5	2	3		5	4			4	1		

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	No. of Lodge
GAIN		LOSS		GAIN		LOSS			
No. April 1, 5911				No. April 1, 5911					
By Suspension	Other Causes	Total	Reinstatement	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912		
18	2	20	1	1	1	2	19	184	
6	10	16	1	1	1	2	5	185	
13	10	23	2	2	2	4	21	187	
11	11	22	1	1	1	2	11	65	
17	17	34	1	1	1	2	11	81	
17	17	34	1	1	1	2	17	51	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	189	
6	1	7	1	1	1	2	6	40	
16	2	18	1	1	1	2	17	58	
7	5	12	1	1	1	2	7	191	
14	14	28	1	1	1	2	11	96	
9	9	18	1	1	1	2	7	192	
9	1	10	1	1	1	2	11	43	
3	3	6	1	1	1	2	6	193	
6	6	12	1	1	1	2	13	35	
10	10	20	1	1	1	2	10	194	
12	12	24	1	1	1	2	10	67	
10	10	20	1	1	1	2	10	195	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	196	
3	3	6	1	1	1	2	3	197	
3	1	4	1	1	1	2	3	198	
8	2	10	2	2	2	4	6	44	
6	6	12	1	1	1	2	6	44	
16	16	32	1	1	1	2	11	42	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	198	
3	3	6	1	1	1	2	3	20	
3	3	6	1	1	1	2	3	55	
3	3	6	1	1	1	2	3	203	
3	3	6	1	1	1	2	3	56	
3	3	6	1	1	1	2	3	204	
15	4	19	1	1	1	2	18	87	
6	6	12	1	1	1	2	6	200	
13	13	26	1	1	1	2	15	201	
11	4	15	1	1	1	2	8	202	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	207	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	208	
15	15	30	1	1	1	2	16	208	
16	16	32	1	1	1	2	16	209	
3	3	6	1	1	1	2	3	209	
15	15	30	1	1	1	2	18	205	
6	6	12	1	1	1	2	6	206	
16	16	32	1	1	1	2	16	207	
20	20	40	1	1	1	2	19	207	
15	15	30	1	1	1	2	16	211	
6	6	12	1	1	1	2	6	212	
15	15	30	1	1	1	2	13	212	
11	11	22	1	1	1	2	11	40	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	213	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	46	
6	6	12	1	1	1	2	6	214	
15	15	30	1	1	1	2	16	215	
16	16	32	1	1	1	2	16	38	
20	20	40	1	1	1	2	19	216	
9	9	18	1	1	1	2	9	217	
3	3	6	1	1	1	2	3	218	
9	9	18	1	1	1	2	9	82	
3	3	6	1	1	1	2	3	219	
1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	42	
2	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	60	
5	5	10	1	1	1	2	5	38	
2	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	216	
1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	217	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	221	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	222	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	69	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	50	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	223	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	54	
4	4	8	1	1	1	2	4	224	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE	No of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS											
		No. April 1, 5911	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	No. April 1, 5911	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912		
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Passing		Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
Cable	225	2	2	4	2			2	2		2	2	2	2	2			2			
Grace	226	3	1	4	1			1	3	3	1	4	1		1			1	3		
North Star	227	14	10	24	7			7	17	4	7	11	8		8			8	3		
Bartley	228	2	1	3	1			1	2		1	1							1		
Comet	229	2	2	4	2			2	2	2	2	4	2		2			2	2		
Delta	230	4	3	7	1			1	6	4	1	5	4		4			4	1		
Mount Hermon	231	1	3	4	2		1	3	1	1	2	3	2		2			2	1		
John S. Bowen	232	3	4	7	4			4	3		4	4	3		3			3	1		
Gilead	233	16	2	18					18	3		3							3		
Zion	234	5	11	16	8			8	8	1	8	9	6		6				3		
Fraternity	235	1		1					1	1		1	1		1			1			
Golden Rule	236	9	2	11	2			2	9	2	2	4	2		2			2	2		
Cubit	237	3		3					3	5		5	1		1			1	4		
Friendship	239	2	7	9	5			5	4		5	5	4		4			4	1		
Pilot	240	6	4	10	5			5	5	4	5	9	1		1			1	8		
George Armstrong	241	1	8	9	5			5	4	1	5	6	5		5			5	1		
Tyrian	243	7	1	8	1			1	7	2	1	3	1		3			3	1		
Sincerity	244	3	3	6	3			3	3	1	3	4	3		3			3	1		
Hampton	245	7	10	17	12			12	5	1	12	13	9		9			9	4		
Nehawka	246	3	3	6	5			5	1	1	5	6	6		6			6			
Corner-stone	247	13	1	14	2		1	3	11	3	2	5	4		4			4	1		
Laurel	248	9	2	11	1			1	10	4	1	5	2		2			2	3		
Gothenburg	249	3	5	8	6		1	7	1		6	6	5		5			5	1		
George Washington	250	3	7	10	4			4	6		4	4	2		2			2	2		
Wausa	251	5	9	14	7			7	7	1	7	8	7		7			7	1		
Hildreth	252	3	2	5	1			1	4		1	1	1		1			1			
Beemer	253	5	3	8	3			3	5	3	3	6	4		4			4	2		
Bassett	254	4	1	5	1			1	4	1	1	2	1		1			1	1		
Bradshaw	255	2	2	4	1			1	3	1	1	2	2		2			2			
Hickman	256	1	5	6	5			5	1		5	5	5		5			5			
Holbrook	257	8	1	9	2			2	7		2	2	2		2			2			
Anselmo	258	10	6	16	4			4	12	4	4	8	4		4			4	4		
Bee	259	1	4	5	3			3	2		3	3	1		1			1	2		
Springview	260	6	1	7	1			1	6	2	1	3							3		
Ornan	261	6	6	12	8			8	4	2	8	10	6		6			6	4		
Endeavor	262	1	5	6	5			5	2		5	5	5		5			5			
Mitchell	263	2	7	9	4			4	5	1	4	5	3		3			3	2		
Franklin	264	6	6	12	5			5	7		5	5	4		4			4	1		
Robert W. Furnas	265	7	5	12	5			5	7		5	5	5		5			5			
Silver	266	3		3	2			2	1		2	2	1		1			1	1		

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS						MASTER MASONS						
No. April 1, 5911	GAIN		LOSS		No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	No. April 1, 5911	GAIN		LOSS		No. on Rolls, March 31, 5912	No. of Lodge
	By Suspension	Other Causes	Reinstatement	By Death			Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death			By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes
2	5	5	2	5	2	44	2	46	1	2	45	225
5	5	5	10	5	5	41	1	43	1	1	41	226
1	4	4	5	4	4	72	8	95	7	2	81	227
5	4	9	5	5	5	34	2	36	2	5	30	228
2	2	2	2	2	2	48	2	50	1	4	45	229
1	2	3	2	3	2	47	4	54	1	2	53	230
2	2	2	2	2	2	58	2	60	4	1	53	231
2	2	3	3	3	3	42	3	45	1	1	43	232
4	1	5	11	5	4	38	1	39	7	7	32	233
4	1	5	1	1	4	61	6	68	1	1	66	234
4	2	4	4	4	4	44	1	45	1	1	45	235
2	1	3	3	3	3	26	2	29	1	1	27	236
1	2	3	4	3	3	39	1	40	2	2	36	237
3	2	5	4	5	5	51	4	52	2	2	35	239
2	2	2	2	2	2	31	1	32	2	2	30	240
1	1	2	1	2	1	73	5	79	2	1	76	241
2	1	2	1	2	2	35	2	38	1	2	35	243
1	1	2	1	2	1	29	3	32	3	3	29	244
1	1	2	1	2	1	41	6	50	1	1	48	245
11	3	11	1	10	9	37	9	45	2	2	43	246
6	3	9	1	9	10	50	4	57	2	1	57	247
3	1	4	4	4	4	45	2	47	1	3	43	248
5	3	8	8	8	8	27	5	35	1	1	34	249
3	1	4	4	4	4	83	2	88	2	2	84	250
10	2	12	2	10	3	33	7	40	2	4	40	251
1	3	4	4	4	4	37	1	38	1	3	33	252
1	1	1	1	1	1	43	4	47	1	1	45	253
1	1	1	1	1	1	46	1	49	3	1	45	254
1	1	1	1	1	1	48	2	50	1	1	49	255
1	1	1	1	1	1	34	5	41	1	1	39	256
1	1	1	1	1	1	57	2	60	3	3	53	257
1	1	1	1	1	1	51	4	56	1	1	55	258
1	1	1	1	1	1	31	1	32	6	3	26	259
23	3	26	2	23	3	23	3	23	3	3	20	260
30	6	36	6	30	3	38	1	41	1	1	37	261
36	5	41	5	36	4	41	1	41	1	1	39	262
49	3	52	3	49	3	53	1	53	1	1	52	263
33	4	37	4	33	4	38	2	38	2	2	36	264
44	5	49	5	44	5	50	2	50	2	2	48	265
22	1	23	1	22	1	25	1	25	1	1	24	266

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS										
		No. April 1, 1911	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1912	No. April 1, 1911	GAIN			LOSS					
			By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss
James A. Tulleys...	267	5	2	7	6	...	...	6	1	1	6	7	6	...	...	6	...
George W. Lininger	268	1	9	10	8	...	...	8	2	4	8	12	8	...	...	8	...
Riverside	269	3	5	8	5	...	...	5	3	1	5	6	5	...	...	5	...
Huntley	270	1	1	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oasis	271	2	1	3	1	...	...	1	2	4	1	5	3	1	...	...	4
Lee P. Gillette	272	1	6	7	5	...	...	5	2	1	5	6	4	...	...	4	...
Crofton	273	3	9	12	9	...	...	9	3	1	9	10	6	...	...	6	...
Olive Branch	274	1	6	7	3	...	...	3	4	5	3	8	4	...	1	5	...	
Ramah	275	...	2	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	2	2	...	...	2	...
Antelope	276	1	1	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...
Sioux	277	...	4	4	4	...	...	4	...	...	4	4	3	...	...	...	...
Litchfield	278	2	12	14	14	...	...	14	...	2	14	16	13	...	...	13	...
Wallace U. D.	...	7	7	14	13	...	...	13	1	...	13	13	10	...	...	10	...
Extinct	...	67	...	67	...	...	2	2	65	15	...	15	...	...	1	...	...	
Grand Totals	...	2182	1390	63578	1231	1912	7	1269	2309	707	1242	41953	1189	1113	4120	...	...	

RETURNS.

Number of chartered lodges.....	252	
Number of lodges under dispensation.....	1	
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Total	253	
Number initiated during the year.....	1,390	
Number passed during the year.....	1,242	
Number raised during the year.....		1,198
Number affiliated during the year.....		339
Number reinstated during the year.....		124
Number gained by other causes during year..		41
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Total gross increase.....		1,702
Number demitted during the year.....		457
Number suspended during the year.....		226
Number died during the year.....		246
Number expelled during the year.....		8
Number lost by other causes during the year..		3
Total loss		940
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Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1912		762
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1911.....		18,507
Number of Master Masons on the rolls March 31st, 1912.....		19,269

FEES, DUES AND OTHER ITEMS.

Fees on 1,390 initiations during the year at \$5.00 each.....	\$ 6,950.00
Dues on 18,507 members, less 14 members of lodges chartered last year, at \$1.50 each.....	27,739.50
Due for supplies.....	1,145.59
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	\$35,835.09
Due lodges for exemption certificates.....	\$ 325.50
Due the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	13,707.00
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Net amount due the Grand Lodge.....	\$21,792.59

MICHAEL DOWLING,
For the Committee.

Past Grand Master DeBord invited the Grand Lodge to break ground for the new Scottish Rite Cathedral at one o'clock Wednesday, June 5th. On motion of Past Grand Master Wilson the invitation was accepted.

At ten minutes past twelve o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, June 4th, 1912.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the previous session, Grand Master Gibbons presiding.

The roll of committees appointed by the Grand Master was called, the members present being as follows:

Jurisprudence.—All Past Grand Masters present, with M.'W.'. Harry A. Cheney, the junior, as chairman.

Codification of the Law.—Bros.' William A. DeBord, 3; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; William T. Bourke, 268.

Foreign Correspondence.—Bros.' Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; George R. Chatburn, 19.

Fraternal Dead.—Bros.' Albert W. Crites, 158; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; George A. Beecher, 268.

Relief.—Bros.' Frank H. Young, 207; Ornan J. King, 54; Alpha Morgan, 148; Albert W. Crites, 158; Robert E. Evans, 5.

Promulgation of the Work.—Bros.' John J. Mercer, 3; George H. Thummel, 33; Charles E. Burnham, 166.

Grievances.—Bros.' Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Robert R. Dickson, 95; Albert M. Keys, 257; John F. Wilcox, 1; Cecil R. Boughn, 274.

Doings of Grand Officers.—Bros.' Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; George H. Thummel, 33; Walter Cheney, 5; Fred Wixer, 31; George S. Austin, 60.

Accounts.—Bros.' James H. H. Hewett, 183; Robert B. Walker, 170; Dwight H. Griswold, 195; Walter J. Tilden, 167; William E. Minier, 91.

Charters and Dispensations.—Bros.' Carroll D. Evans, 58; Walter W. Wells, 192; Baalis S. Littlefield, 57; Lambert W. Roe, 120; Robinson B. McFadon, 158.

Credentials.—Bros.' William C. Johns, 200; David O. Barnell, 11; Walter H. Rhodes, 43; James L. Hutchison, 35.

Ways and Means.—Bros.' Oliver E. Mickey, 65; John Moore, 54; John Harper, 51; Ward F. Dobbin, 275.

Grand Lodge Office.—Bros.' John J. Mercer, 3; John F. Wilcox, 1; Alexander McFarlane, 73; William H. Achenbach, 46.

Returns.—Bros.' Michael Dowling, 119; James H. Miller, 33; Herbert G. Hoerner, 3; Peter H. Peterson, 251; William D. Spicknall, 261.

Pay-Roll.—Bros.' Chancy B. Palmer, Jr., 255; Horace F. Kennedy, 148; Herman Schroeder, 75.

Visiting Brethren.—Bros.' Guy C. McKenzie, 25; William McCormack, 268; Arthur H. Murdock, 184; Robert J. Gunn, 135; Edward P. Pike, 126.

Unfinished Business.—Bros.' John A. Ehrhardt, 41; W. Henry Hogrefe, 105; Cecil C. Copeland, 93.

Past Grand Master Thummel, for Past Grand Master Wheeler, offered the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers makes the following report, and recommends:

That the following be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence: So much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the card issued by the Grand Lodge of Colorado being accepted in this Grand Jurisdiction in place of a regular diploma; the subject of adopting rules governing the admission of visitors and receiving by demit members from Mexico, and permitting lodges to receive petitions for the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry from persons who have received the degrees in lodges in Grand Jurisdictions not recognized by our Grand Lodge; the claim of Orient Lodge No. 13 vs. Falls City Lodge No. 9 for the fees on a brother who received the degrees in Falls City Lodge No. 9 about twenty-five years ago, while, it is claimed, the brother was residing in the jurisdiction of Orient Lodge No. 13; the issuing of special dispensations; the approval of by-laws and amendments for lodges; the decisions made; the question of more complete statements in the annual returns from secretaries of lodges regarding delinquent dues.

To the Committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home all matters in the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Grand Secretary relating to the Home.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations the petition for a charter from Wallace Lodge U. D. U.

To the Committee on Grievances all matters in the address of the Grand Master relating to grievances, trespass of jurisdiction, appeals, arresting of the charter of Israel Lodge No. 187, the arresting of jewels of officers, and all matters relating to discipline.

To the Committee on Accounts: the report of the Grand Treasurer, the report of the trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home relating to the Orphans Educational Fund, the report of the Committee on Relief, and the financial portion of the report of the Grand Secretary.

We recommend that the following be referred to the Grand Lodge direct: the votes on the amendments to the constitution; the question of continuing to subscribe for the circulars of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada; the request of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas to send circulars to lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction asking for aid in erecting a hospital for Masons at Hot Springs, Arkansas; the question of printing the third edition of our Monitor and Ceremonies, and what, if anything, should be done in regard to printing a pocket edition; matters relating to the work of the Grand Custodian and his assistants; correspondence relating to attempted

innovations in our esoteric and monitorial work, and the edict of the Grand Master relating thereto; and correspondence from the International Masonic Club, relating to the furtherance of peace and goodwill among nations.

We recommend that there be referred to a special committee the subject of printing our proceedings, and what should be included therein; to the same committee the subject referred to by the Grand Master under the head of Correspondence with Lodges.

We recommend that the report of the Committee on Returns be approved, unless objections are made during this session to any errors that may be found therein.

We recommend that the report of the Grand Custodian be referred to the Committee on Promulgation of the Work.

To the Committee on Ways and Means we recommend that the bids for the printing and binding of Volume 10 and also the bids for printing the proceedings of 1912 be referred.

A careful examination of the reports of the officers shows that the past year has been the most successful in the history of the Grand Lodge, both as to its finances, the number of initiations, and the increase in membership. We beg to remark, however, that unless the character and standing of those who are received into our Fraternity are of the very best, the increase in membership and the large number of initiations may be a source of weakness and not of strength.

We extend congratulations to the Grand Lodge that during the past year our Grand Master has been able to make so many visitations and render such valuable service to the Fraternity. It is a source of satisfaction to your committee to learn that all of the matters submitted to the Grand Master one year ago have been properly adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned. He had many difficult problems to adjust, and we are pleased to note that they were all disposed of in a spirit of amity and fraternity; and we recommend that all matters adjusted by him, and especially the controversy between Sterling Lodge No. 70 and Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, be ratified and approved. The thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to Grand Master Gibbons for giving practically all of his time during the year to the service of the Craft. He is entitled to the commendation "Well done, good and faithful servant." The Grand Lodge is indeed fortunate in having a Grand Master who has both the time and the ability to labor so zealously for the upbuilding of the Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction. We recommend that all the official acts of the Grand Master and the other Grand Officers not specifically referred to in this report be approved.

We tender to our Grand Master the sympathy of the Grand Lodge in the great and irreparable loss he has sustained in the death of his beloved wife. We realize that it was a source of consolation to him to know that the sympathy of every member of the Fraternity in the

Grand Jurisdiction was felt for him during the time that the hand of affliction was laid so heavily upon him.

The following report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was presented by Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, and on motion was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business fraternally reports that the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1911 have been carefully examined, that the following matters are pending, and should be acted upon during this session: The amendments to the constitution, submitted to the lodges (see page 568); also the amendments to Section 6 and 7 of Chapter II. of the law, consideration of them being postponed until this communication. (See page 565.)

The recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico was deferred to this communication of the Grand Lodge. (See page 546.)

A number of matters that were referred to the incoming Grand Master at the last annual communication have all been disposed of to the satisfaction of all concerned, so far as we are able to judge.

Brother Johns, 200, for the committee, presented the report on credentials, which was adopted, subject to correction during the session. As finally adopted the report was as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction were represented except the following: Numbers 64, 71, 78, 82, 88, 116, 129, 132, 140, 145, 156, 171, 175, 177, 196, 243, 244, 267, 276, and of these none were reported as not being represented at the 54th annual communication.

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. HENRY GIBBONS.....	Grand Master,
R. W. JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. ALPHA MORGAN.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Grand Junior Warden.
M. W. CHARLES E. BURNHAM.....	Grand Treasurer,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	Grand Secretary,
V. W. GEORGE A. BEECHER.....	Grand Chaplain,
W. JOHN F. POUCHER.....	Grand Orator,

- M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH..... Grand Custodian,
- W. SAMUEL S. WHITING..... Grand Marshal,
- W. ANDREW H. VIELE..... Grand Senior Deacon,
- W. FREDERIC L. TEMPLE..... Grand Junior Deacon,
- BRO. REUBEN FORBES..... Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M. W. Daniel H. Wheeler, Harry P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, James R. Cain, Sr., John J. Mercer, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, Charles J. Phelps, Frank H. Young, William W. Keysor, Albert W. Crites, Robert E. Evans, Nathaniel M. Ayers, Charles E. Burnham, Ornan J. King, William A. DeBord, Michael Dowling, Harry A. Cheney.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	No. 1	John F. Wilcox	William S. Rowe	*Charles L. Shook
Western Star	" 2	John S. Clinkinbeard	John S. Clinkinbeard	
Capitol	" 3	Herbert G. Hoerner	Homer E. Race	Harry P. Van Arman
Nemaha Valley	" 4	*Abraham L. Lawrence	John Anderson	
Omaha	" 5	Walter Cheney		
Plattsmouth	" 6	*Nelson Jean	*Nelson Jean	*Nelson Jean
Falls City	" 9	Edwin G. Whitford		
Solomon	" 10	David W. Marr		
Cover	" 11	David O. Barnell	William Cosh	George R. Porter
Orient	" 13	John C. Shepherd		
Peru	" 14	James A. Vance		
Fremont	" 15	Alba H. Briggs	Fred S. Davis	
Tecumseh	" 17		Frank L. Brundage	*Samuel P. Davidson
Lincoln	" 19	George R. Chatburn	Silas A. Beeman	*James Tyler, Sr.
Washington	" 21	*George Bruse		
Pawnee	" 23		Earl B. Brooks	
Saint Johns	" 25	Guy C. McKenzie	J. Theodore Brammann	
Beatrice	" 26	William W. Wright		
Jordan	" 27			Herman Zeplin
Hope	" 29	William E. Seid		
Blue River	" 30	Arthur H. Schultz		
Tekamah	" 31	Fred Wixer	Emsley C. Houston	
Platte Valley	" 32	Olin H. Cressler		
Ashlar	" 33	James H. Miller	Claude A. Huss	
Acacia	" 34	*John T. Sumner	John T. Sumner	Andrew K. McLaughlin
Fairbury	" 35	James L. Hutchison		
Lone Tree	" 36	David E. Crites	Albert Grier	
Crete	" 37			*Fletcher C. Van Arman
Oliver	" 38		Orrin D. Wicks	
Papillion	" 39	William E. Patterson	Campbell D. Brown	Horace D. Patton
Humboldt	" 40	John W. Youngman	Thomas H. Gillan	
Northern Light	" 41	Theodore H. Namur	*Charles L. Lamb	Clinton Chase
Juniata	" 42	*William G. Saddler		
Hebron	" 43	Walter H. Rhodes		
Harvard	" 44	*William T. Ayton	William T. Ayton	
Rob Morris	" 46	William H. Achenbach		
Fairmont	" 48	Charles H. Little		
Evening Star	" 49	Peter F. Nuss		
Hastings	" 50	*Wm. J. Rinderspacher	Wm. J. Rinderspacher	
Fidelity	" 51	John Harper	Thomas J. Hinds	John M. Zentz
Hiram	" 52		Earnest Wager	
Charity	" 53	*John C. Myer		
Lancaster	" 54	John Moore	Daniel H. McClenahan	
Mosaic	" 55	Silas G. Dean		
York	" 56	Joseph A. Jacobs		
Mount Moriah	" 57	Baalis S. Littlefield	Edward V. Peshek	Charles Peshek
Lebanon	" 58	Carroll D. Evans		
Wahoo	" 59	Denis A. Moyer		
Melrose	" 60	George S. Austin		
Thistle	" 61	Frederic L. Temple		
Keystone	" 62	George Dixon		

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
on	No. 63	Rolland C. Shetler		
Valley	" 64			
a	" 65	Oliver E. Mickey	William Campbell	
	" 67			David J. Reynish
	" 68	George H. Murphy		Alvin O. Hartquest
g	" 70	Will F. Hitchcock		
	" 71			
	" 72			Frederick W. King
	" 73	Alexander C. McFarlane		
Adria	" 74	*Benjamin L. Terry		*Benjamin L. Terry
Welch	" 75	Herman Schroeder		
	" 76	Charles E. Moffett		
	" 77	James C. Lanhan		
	" 78			
	" 79		Charles J. Warner	*George E. Leonard
site	" 81			Edward E. Arnold
Paul	" 82			
hian	" 83	Cyrus E. Hunter		
ld	" 84	*Felix W. Hill		Felix W. Hill
	" 85	Gilbert F. Sandritter		
han	" 86		Willie G. Smith	
	" 87		William H. Brown	
	" 88			
River	" 89		Maley W. Piercy	
ek	" 90			Edwin R. Merwin
hd	" 91	William E. Minier	Andrew R. Holt	
ll	" 92	*Samuel Patten		
City	" 93	Cecil C. Copeland		
t	" 94	Ilysses S. Ellethorpe		
d	" 95	Robert R. Dickson		
	" 96	*John McLain		
	" 97			Clark S. Newlon
ican	" 98	Wallace L. Washburn		
n	" 99	*Ambrose H. Morris		*Walter S. Allison
ton	" 100		Leroy L. Seeley	
	" 101	John E. Marsh		
loo	" 102		Charles U. Streitz	
	" 103	Earnest I. Williams	*James W. Milford	
re	" 104	*Floyd N. High	Floyd N. High	*Floyd N. High
	" 105	W. Henry Hogrefe	James Bowen	
	" 106	Amos S. Main		
Rock	" 108			Anthony R. Kovanda
ranate	" 110	John C. Railsback	Jesse B. Parks	
itt	" 111	*George E. Green		George E. Green
field	" 112	*Thomas Nelson		
	" 113		*William H. Field	
r	" 114	Lincoln Riley	George W. Mooney	Charles H. Hoff
n	" 116			
	" 117			James C. Gavin
	" 118	*Wm. Russell Freidell		
Bend	" 119	John R. Tapster	Charles A. Millar	*Fred A. Howe

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDE
Wayne	No. 120	Lambert W. Roe	*James G. Mines	
Superior	" 121	Clarence E. Stine		
Auburn	" 124	Frederick Markland		Alexander R. Pee
Mount Nebo	" 125	Benjamin Person		
Stromsburg	" 126	Edward P. Pike	John C. Malster	
Minden	" 127	Henry Petersen	Charles A. Chappell	
Guide Rock	" 128	John H. Crary		
Blue Hill	" 129			
Tuscan	" 130	William Kunzman		
Scribner	" 132			
Elm Creek	" 133	George W. Witmer		
Solar	" 134	Mads M. Kokjer		
McCook	" 135	Robert J. Gunn	Frederick L. Wolff	*Robert J. Gunn
Long Pine	" 136	Ephriam O. Merritt		*Lewis E. Smith
Upright	" 137		Carl A. Yarde	
Rawalt	" 138	*Charles P. Hamilton	Charles P. Hamilton	
Clay Centre	" 139	*Ambrose C. Epperson	*Earl Fryar	*Earl Fryar
Western	" 140			
Crescent	" 143		Stanley Maly	
Kenesaw	" 144	Elbert J. Latta		
Bancroft	" 145			
Jachin	" 146	Charles A. Galloway		
Siloam	" 147	*William N. Coats		
Emmet Crawford	" 148	Horace F. Kennedy		James McMillan
Jewel	" 149	Sydney L. Mumau		
Cambridge	" 150	Frederic T. Daly		
Square	" 151	William G. Johnson		
Parallel	" 152	John H. Geer		
Evergreen	" 153	Rees L. Thomas		
Lily	" 154	C. Hugo Seidel		
Hartington	" 155			Glen W. Darling
Pythagoras	" 156			
Valley	" 157		Edward J. Hamilton	
Samaritan	" 158	Robinson B. McFadon		
Ogalalla	" 159		Leroy A. Devoe	
Zeredatha	" 160	James F. Gregory		
Mount Zion	" 161	*Charles Krumbach		
Trestle Board	" 162	Sidney W. Maynard	*Benjamin H. Bailey	Elsy F. Horn
Unity	" 163	John E. Wiedeman		
Atkinson	" 164		William Dickerson	
Barneston	" 165	Seth S. Ratliff		
Mystic Tie	" 166	Benjamin H. Mills		John D. Askwith
Elwood	" 167	Walter L. Tilden		
Curtis	" 168	Charles S. Adams		
Amity	" 169		Joseph Bell	
Mason City	" 170	Robert B. Walker		
Merna	" 171			
Grafton	" 172	Albert Holmes		
Robert Burns	" 173	Francis M. Pfrimmer		
Culbertson	" 174		Arvine C. Eisenhart	
Temple	" 175			

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Stone No. 176		James H. Kerr	
Springs " 177			
dence " 179	James R. Barnes		
ice " 180		Claud B. Walthal	
h " 181		Orville R. Ivins	
nse " 182	*William G. McFarland	William G. McFarland	
ance " 183	James H. H. Hewett		
Hive " 184	Arthur H. Murdock	Halbert H. Roberts	Frank E. Ames
z " 185	Loyal T. Parker		
el " 187	Anson B. Andrew		
idan " 188	Charles H. Sanquist		
nite " 189	*George R. Little	George R. Little	
thyst " 190	*Jesias Smee		
stal " 191	Obadiah B. Bundy		
ekadusa " 192	Walter W. Wells		
et " 193	*Joseph F. McKinley		
hland " 194	*James Cauther, Jr.		
ana " 195	Dwight H. Griswold		
el " 196			
ning Star " 197	William Davidson		
ty " 198	*Fred Hoffmeister		
el " 199			Harvey J. Miller
ing Star " 200	William C. Johns		
ts Bluff " 201	James P. Westervelt		
len Sheaf " 202	R. Irving Oliver		
an Eagle " 203	*Thomas L. Sloan		
nview " 204	Martin Sorenson		
en Fleece " 205	Albert B. Persinger		
thali " 206	William A. Snyder	Arthur E. Price	
an " 207	*Henry H. Andrews		*Frank H. Young
ge " 208	Charles H. Downing	*Jan M. Herbert	
opy " 209	William L. Atchison	James Berry	Walter G. Box
Lincoln " 210	Jonathan H. Gleason		A. Otis Strickler
ent " 211	Rosecrans R. Root		
pass&Square " 212	*John Hothem		
are&Compass " 213	*Erie W. Northrup		
abline " 214	*James B. Coffman	George H. Kretzer	
dental " 215	Walter A. Harmon	Ulysses S. Sampson	
sade " 216		Frank L. Chase	
meta " 217	Clifford R. Woods		
mfield " 218	Cornelius T. Heckt		
ef " 219	*Franz T. Miller		
nolia " 220	Morris H. Evans		
d Lake " 221	William F. Parker		
imark " 222	Charles R. Gray		
nence " 223	Charles S. Fry		
er Cord " 224	H. G. VanValkenburgh		
e " 225	John Finch		
ce " 226		Ira M. Rhoades	
h Star " 227	*Isaac D. Ames	Isaac D. Ames	
ley " 228	*Alfred H. McElroy		

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
CometNo. 229	* <i>Frank T. Wright</i>
Delta " 230	J. Stewart Kennedy.....
Mount Hermon.. " 231	William Whalen.....	.....	.....
John S. Bowen.. " 232	John Blaco.....	.....	.....
Gilead " 233	Robert V. Wilson.....	Perry F. Trimble.....	.....
Zion " 234	James H. Monahan.....	.....	.....
Fraternity " 235	.....	Gilbert E. French.....	.....
Golden Rule ... " 236	.....	Elmer Surber.....	.....
Cubit " 237	Allen H. Hostetter.....	.....	.....
Friendship " 239	Adolph J. Frimann.....	.....	.....
Pilot " 240	Thomas Hansen.....	Andrew Hansen.....	.....
Geo. Armstrong. " 241	.....	Ai L. McPherson.....	.....
Tyrian " 243	.....	.....	.....
Sincerity " 244	.....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	* <i>James M. Cox</i>	* <i>James M. Cox</i>.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	Raymond C. Pollard.....	.....	.....
Corner-stone ... " 247	.....	.....	Jesse R. Long.....
Laurel " 248	Nelson Utter.....	William R. Trow.....	.....
Gothenburg " 249	.....	Milan S. Moore.....	.....
Geo. Washington " 250	Larsh S. Gilman.....	.....	.....
Wausa " 251	Peter H. Peterson.....	.....	.....
Hildreth " 252	Herman S. Kirkbride.....	.....	.....
Beemer " 253	* <i>George W. VanAuker</i>.....	.....	.....
Bassett " 254	* <i>Fred N. Morgan</i>	Frank L. Hutton.....	.....
Bradshaw " 255	Chancy B. Palmer, Jr... ..	George V. Dorsey.....	.....
Hickman " 256	William W. Cook.....	.....	.....
Holbrook " 257	Albert M. Keyes.....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	Charles E. Bass.....	Daniel T. Kepler.....	.....
Bee " 259	James Kudrna.....	.....	.....
Springview " 260	* <i>James W. McLeran</i>.....	.....
Ornan " 261	William D. Spicknall.....	.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	Arthur C. Crabtree.....	* <i>William A. McCool</i>.....	.....
Mitchell " 263	* <i>James T. Whitehead</i>	James T. Whitehead.....	.....
Franklin " 264	Leroy P. Crittenden.....	.....	.....
Robt. W. Furnas " 265	Alson J. Shumway.....	.....	Clarence G. Steen.....
Silver " 266	Charles R. Metzger.....	Solomon C. Towslee.....	John W. Jackman.....
Jas. A. Tulleys. " 267	.....	.....	.....
Geo. W. Lininger " 268	William McCormack.....	Thomas F. Bourke.....	.....
Riverside " 269	E. Earle Nickerson.....	Floyd P. Cooley.....	.....
Huntley " 270	* <i>Sven P. Peterson</i>	Sven P. Peterson.....	.....
Oasis " 271	* <i>Athenus L. Asa</i>	* <i>Athenus L. Asa</i>	* <i>Athenus L. Asa</i>
Lee P. Gillette. " 272	John B. Lichtenwallner.....	Wilber W. Anness.....	.....
Crofton " 273	Don D. Talcott.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch ... " 274	Cecil R. Boughn.....	.....	.....
Ramah " 275	Ward F. Dobbin.....	Jacob S. Clayton.....	George O. Fairchild.....
Antelope " 276	.....	.....	.....
Sioux " 277	William H. Davis.....	Fern S. Baker.....	.....
Litchfield " 278	Charles A. Rydberg.....	.....	.....

Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Alpha Morgan; British Columbia, Thomas M. Davis; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson; Delaware, Carroll D. Evans; Egypt, Harry A. Cheney; Idaho, Fred A. Howe; Illinois, George H. Thummel; Indiana, Harry P. Deuel; Ireland, Henry Gibbons; Kansas, James P. A. Black; Louisiana, Robert E. Evans; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough; Michigan, Daniel H. Wheeler; Minnesota, George A. Beecher; Montana, John J. Mercer; New Brunswick, Addison S. Tibbetts; New Hampshire, Frederic L. Temple; New Jersey, James R. Cain, Sr.; New York, William A. DeBord; North Dakota, John A. Ehrhardt; Nova Scotia, Henry H. Wilson; Oregon, William T. Bourke; Prince Edward Island, Charles E. Burnham; Quebec, James Tyler, Sr.; Rhode Island, Michael Dowling; South Carolina, James R. Cain, Jr.; Tennessee, Francis E. White; Texas, Martin Dunham; Utah, Robert E. French; Vermont, Frank H. Young; Virginia, John S. Davisson; Washington, Andrew H. Viele; Western Australia, Ornan J. King; Wisconsin, Albert W. Crites.

A petition for a lodge at Sargent, which was presented to the Grand Lodge, was referred to the incoming Grand Master.

Past Grand Master Phelps, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, offered his review of the Grand Lodges of other jurisdictions, and it was ordered published with the proceedings; he also moved that recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico be not extended at this time, and the motion prevailed.

Past Grand Master DeBord presented the amendments to the constitution relating to abolishing the office of Grand Treasurer, and moved that the question of adopting the amendments be considered. The motion being carried, the Grand Master put the question, the lodges having voted to adopt the amendments, 178 to 56, and the amendments to Articles II., V., and VII., of the Constitution, were adopted.

Amendments to Sections 6 and 7 of Chapter II. of the law having been postponed at the last annual communication, Past Grand Master DeBord moved that they be adopted. The motion prevailed, and Section 6 was thereupon declared repealed and Section 7 as amended was adopted. (See pages 565 and 566, proceedings of 1911.)

Queries from Star Lodge No. 88 relating to jurisdiction, and from Parian Lodge No. 207, relating to proficiency, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The following report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office was presented by Past Grand Master Mercer, and was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office fraternally reports that after a careful examination we find the office of the Grand Secretary fairly well equipped with all the necessary furniture and such articles as are necessary for conducting the business and correspondence of the Grand Lodge. Your committee believes that a dictaphone would be of some service in the Grand Secretary's office, for with such an appliance the Grand Secretary would not have to wait for a stenographer, who might be engaged in other duties and all of the office force could work to better advantage. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to purchase a dictaphone at a price not exceeding \$100.00, if he believes it would aid him in carrying on the correspondence, etc.

Your committee finds that owing to the increasing number of our own bound volumes and those of other Grand Lodges and the fact that the card register and files of documents from lodges are growing each year, the fireproof vault is becoming too crowded. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to consider whether it would not be advisable to rent a room in some fireproof warehouse for the purpose of storing our bound volumes and such other books and papers as are not needed for immediate use; and if such a room can be secured without too great expense, that he be authorized to rent it and move such articles there as in his judgment will not be needed for some time. The day is not far distant when the entire library room will be wanted for the bound volumes of proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, and some arrangement should be made for meeting this need, so that it may not have to be done hastily.

Brother Evans, 58, moved the adoption of the following report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was done:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND
DISPENSATIONS.

To the Members of the Grand Lodge:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined the papers of Wallace Lodge U. D., their petition for a charter, and demits, and the minutes of the lodge from June 20th, 1911 to April 30th, 1912, together with a letter from Brother Charles L. Cooper, Master.

We recommend that at this session a charter be granted them, under the name of Wallace Lodge No. 279. Your committee commends the officers and members of this lodge for the masterly manner in which they have conducted the affairs of Freemasonry, and believe that a lodge of Master Masons in that locality will be a benefit to the Masons and the community. We also believe that the same spirit that has actuated the officers and members in the past will continue in the future, and that the landmarks of Masonry will be maintained, being an honor to Wallace, the Fraternity, and this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chaplain, Bishop Beecher, asked to be excused from further attendance, as the Philadelphia Divinity School, his *alma mater*, was to confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him on June 6th, and his presence in Philadelphia was necessary. Permission was granted him to leave, and congratulations and good wishes were expressed for him.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt moved that the Grand Lodge contribute to the Relief Association of the United States and Canada, until otherwise ordered. The motion was adopted. On motion of Brother Spicknall, 261, the Grand Secretary was directed to purchase sufficient copies of a list of regular lodges, to supply each lodge in the jurisdiction with one copy.

It was moved by Past Grand Master Ehrhardt that the present system of promulgating the work be continued, with such increase in the number of assistants to the Grand Custodian as the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian might determine; the motion prevailed.

The following resolution relating to soliciting funds for a Masonic hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which was proposed by Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the extensive charities which the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is undertaking at the present time, and those under contemplation by the brethren of the state, it is impossible at this time to contribute to the fund for the Masonic hospital at Hot Springs.

Resolved, further That we commend the action of the brethren of Hot Springs, Arkansas, in their noble undertaking, and wish them unlimited success.

Permission to solicit funds from the brethren of Nebraska was refused.

On motion of Past Grand Master Cheney, the Committee on Ways and Means was instructed to appropriate funds for printing 2,000 copies of a pocket monitor, which shall include

the work of the three degrees, the funeral services, and the service of a lodge of sorrow.

The following resolution was presented, by Past Grand Master Wilson, and was adopted:

In response to the communication from The International Masonic Club of London, on the subject of international peace, be it

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the invitation to co-operate in the promotion of universal peace among nations.

Resolved, That we endorse the sentiments so timely expressed by our London brethren, and pledge ourselves to encourage on every appropriate occasion, the judicial settlement of international controversies, and thereby promote the substitution of the reign of reason for the arbitrament of the sword.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit to The International Masonic Club, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, a copy of these resolutions.

Brother Evans, 58, who had been appointed by the Grand Master as a special committee to visit the Nebraska Masonic Home, reported as follows:

THE REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT THE HOME.

To the Grand Lodge:

I beg leave to offer the following report as the personal representative of the Grand Master to visit the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, which I did on June 2d, 1912.

A personal visitation of the inmates, pointed interrogation, and clear observance, express to me perfect contentment and satisfaction, which, together with care and attention from those in charge gave evidence of the best possible conditions that could exist. The accommodations and furnishings are all that could be asked for, and bespeak the above expression.

The diet for those in the Home is, and has been a subject of much consideration and is a difficult matter to regulate. I suggest a somewhat closer watch of the menu, and a greater study of what should be served to persons of the advanced age of those in the Home. I recommend that the services of one physician in Plattsmouth, one connected with the Department of Domestic Science of the State University at Lincoln, and one having the subject of dietics in one of the medical schools in Omaha, act as a committee regarding the above, consider the matter, and report to the Board of Trustees. The important feature is waste of food.

I commend the matter of discipline. Those in charge have a constant eye on the needs and comforts of those in the Home, and nothing is left undone to give them all of the necessities and as many of the luxuries as in their judgment they should have.

I want to commend the acts of those having the institution in charge, and those that are giving their time, meeting the wants of the Home so generously and without charge. These persons need the moral support of the entire Masonic Fraternity of the state, and I am inclined to think that they do not get as much of that good healthy fraternal thought and support as they are entitled to. The excellent management, in every respect, given by all those in charge, shows beyond a possible doubt the success of the Home.

And getting all the information possible, I recommend that no further expenditure be made in additions to the buildings. Should more room be required, arrangements could be made, by a different planning of the interior for greater accommodations and much less expense.

I also learn that some accept appointments on committees and never attend the meetings of the committees. There is nothing to say regarding this lack of moral support, further than that a person should not accept an appointment of this character that he cannot attend to, as it hampers the work of the committee, and necessarily causes neglect of the object in view.

I found some young persons among the inmates of the Home. While they seem to be happy, and are well taken care of, their environments impressed me with the fact that they should not be there. The reasons will be apparent to every thinking person, and more especially to those having families. The constant association of youths with those advanced in age is not healthy in any sense, and the time will come, and very soon, when the young and the old should be segregated. I recommend that at this meeting steps be taken, and thoughtful consideration be given, to establishing a Home and school for the orphans and dependent children of Masons in this state. This recommendation, I hope, will meet with the consideration of every lodge in the state, and that this consideration be based on a very thorough investigation of the condition of the dependent ones in their jurisdiction.

Past Grand Master Thummel offered the following resolutions, and they were adopted:

Resolved. That the report of Brother Evans as the personal representative of the Grand Master to visit the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, be referred to the Board of Trustees of that institution, with the request that the recommendations and suggestions therein contained be given most careful consideration.

Resolved. That the matter of the founding of an Orphans Home be referred to a committee of three, of which Brother Carroll D. Evans, 58, shall be chairman, to report at the next annual communication.

The following amendment to the law, presented by Past Grand Master Davidson, under the law lies over until the next annual communication:

Amend Section 67 of Chapter XIII. of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge by inserting therein after the end of the fifth line thereof, the following:

And in case the residence of a petitioner is within a recognized town or village, whose town site has been regularly laid out and platted, whether incorporated or not, such petitioner shall be considered as within the jurisdiction of the lodge nearest the limits of such town or village plat.

Past Grand Master DeBord moved that the action of the Grand Master in regard to issuing circulars relating to the work, esoteric and monitorial, be fully approved. The motion was carried.

At half past five o'clock P. M. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 4th, 1912.

At eight o'clock P. M. the Grand Lodge resumed labor, with officers as at the previous session, except that the station of the Grand Chaplain was vacant.

Worshipful Brother Poucher, Grand Orator, was introduced by Grand Master Gibbons, and delivered the following:

ORATION.

Subjection and Improvement.

The waters upon which the ships sail up to the quays of Liverpool today are the same waters that washed the shores of England in the time of Julius Caesar. The waves which sob and murmur between the dangerous rocks of the coast of Joppa today are the same waves that held in their arms the floats which brought down the cedars of Lebanon which Solomon used in the building of the Temple. The life which throbs in the hearts of 1,400,000,000 of people today is the same life which throbbed in human hearts when Rameses II. oppressed the children of Israel, and when Shishak, the king of Egypt, captured Jerusalem in the time of Rehoboam. Shore lines have changed. Here the sea has made inroads on the land and there the land juts out into the sea, but it is the same unresting, inexhaustible, briny deep that through all the ages rolled round and round the world. Individuals have appeared and passed away; new opinions have come to take the place of old ones; new hearts respond to the ever-moving tide, where other hearts beat before; but it is the same mysterious, unfathomable human life

that has lifted itself up to create and complete self-consciousness in all the individuals who have toiled and feared and hoped and lived and died on earth. The red current that flowed from the heart of God into the veins of man created in His image in the morning of the world, is the same that rises, robust in the will of Menes, first king of Egypt; stirred by strange rumors from the skies in the spirit of Abraham, Father of the Faithful; exalted and sublime and luminous as it rises to the vision of God in the mind of Moses; pathetic and mournful, as it measures the sorrows of a broken heart in the Lamentations of Jeremiah; malignant and coarse and base as it flows through the dreams of Herod; undaunted, unyielding and triumphant as it glows in the determination of St. Paul; wild and furious as the pulse beats of a volcano as it breaks from the heart of Nero. And this crimson stream will flow on through our arteries and the veins of our children and our children's children till

"The stars grow old,
The sun grows cold;
And the leaves of the Judgment Book unfold."

Empires wax and wane; nations rise and fall; captains and kings depart; the shouting and the tumult die; the centuries move like hour hands on the dial; Speculative Masonry, whose birth throes are unrecorded and whose hoary antiquity is lost amid the mists and shadows of the early twilight of history, remains in its fundamental principles unchanged amid the ruins of the ages. Cheops builds a pyramid; Cleopatra an obelisk; Napoleon raises an empire; Shakespeare creates a drama. The flood of years sweeps on and to succeeding generations Cheops is but a strange and barbarous name; Cleopatra a faded memory; Napoleon a restless dream; and even Shakespeare is the subject of antiquarian dispute. Masonry is perennial. The ages leave no wrinkle on her brow; her surface is unrippled by the passing breeze, because her principles bear nearest affinity to that Supreme Intelligence which pervades all Nature, which can never, never, never die.

But let us remember that the principles and truths that Masonry promulgates are eternal, yet our earthly life is very brief. We are constantly admonished in the most solemn manner in regard to the close of life. This world is not our abiding place. Geoffrey Chaucer took a fifty-three year lease of a house in Westminster on the very spot where Henry the Seventh's Chapel now stands, but he lived there less than one year. There is most likely not a man here who will see the dawn of the next century. When Tennyson went down to the brook and sat on the bank, the thought that crowded him was the staying character of the stream, "For men may come and men may go, but I go on forever." But Tennyson was mistaken. The brook is changing every flashlight. Nothing is so inconstant as a stream. It is ever a fickle fluid. "You cannot bathe twice in the same river," said Heraclitus. It behooves us as Masons, to make the most of the few

days that are given to us for labor. "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day." Who said that? 'Twas the Nazarene said that. What is it but the creeping twilight he felt? Is it not wonderful that this child of the Eternal should have felt the temporalness of things? His ear was ever alert to catch the message of the fleeting hours.

Brethren of the mystic tie! This thought o'erwhelms me. The days are sweeping past us. Our lifetime escapes. We must soon stand face to face with the Master who will examine our work. "We must work while it is day." With this conviction what thought should occupy our minds tonight? Shall I call the roll of illustrious Craftsmen, and they are many, who have discarded a king's purple to labor among us? Shall I deliver a panegyric upon William McKinley or George Washington or Marquis de Lafayette, who have found happiness in our Fraternity? Shall I speak of Material Possessions—of towering Masonic Temples—of accumulated gold in our treasuries? Shall I speak of our numerical splendor and power? Of our political influence and prestige? Only once will I be permitted to hold the attention of this Grand Lodge as your Grand Orator, and I prefer to use the time in enunciating those Masonic principles that will make for the building of the Spiritual Temple, and will afford consolation in that dark and gloomy hour when the cold winds of death will come sighing around you and their chilly dews glisten on your foreheads.

The character of man is determined by the things he most seeks and prizes. On the very threshold of Masonry the novice is halted and is required to state the object of his quest in seeking a place in this honorable institution. And his reply: "To learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry," affords the theme of our discourse. The man who lives a rational and noble life is always reminding himself of the supreme purpose for which he lives, and is always ready to make sacrifices today so that he may find himself safe and honorable in the great future. If our life is to prove satisfactory, we must from the very beginning, contemplate its end and aim. No life can be true and successful that is lived haphazard, lived from hand to mouth, lived at random, disjointed, purposeless. Frith says: "An artist must see his picture finished in his mind's eye before he begins it, or he will never be an artist at all." So in our ideal, in our mind's eye, we must see our life finished as we begin it, or we shall never be successful in the art of living. The painter cannot go on aimlessly smudging the canvas, adding one blotch of color after another and yet turn out a picture; the organist cannot by striking notes in dreamy improvisation build up any great music. These workers know well enough that they must have a clear conception of the end of their work from the beginning. So it must be with each of us; we must know the object of Masonry; its true goal, its plan and program, its law and prize; and we must be prepared for diligence and sacrifice so that we may use our

Masonic tools worthily and successfully in raising a structure that will meet the smile of Divine approval of the Great Architect of the Universe.

I. SUBJECTION.

That Book which is the rule and guide of our faith tells us that God created man in His own image and gave him dominion over the earth with power to subdue it. And no chapter of human history is so enchanting as the one that tells of man's steady conquest of the world about him. One by one he has subdued the threatening elements until they own his sway and fulfill his desire. There is a hint of his omnipotence in the way in which he uses the mighty forces of Nature. The last century was full of marvel and wonder, of unexpected and far-reaching discoveries. Stay a moment in thought, as its surprises and splendors unfold; railways and automobiles, telegraph and telephone, photograph and phonograph, gas, petroleum, electric light, the X-ray and radium, the world-wide expansion of commerce, industrial achievements beyond the dreams of Oriental romance, the vast increase of comfort, luxury and the glory of human life—these constitute a veritable galaxy of marvels and this is our world. This modern world with all its knowledge and power and wealth and achievement we are to subdue. Over all its potencies we are to have dominion. But the mastery of the physical world will not be accomplished until we have first learned to subdue our own spirits. The greatest battlefield on which man ever fought is within himself. All the greater achievements of men outside of themselves are less than the achievement of getting the mastery of themselves. A man's foes are those of his own household, of his own person, of his own life. The man who can rule wisely and masterfully within his own spirit is greater than he who rules a state or nation. The greatest mastery is self-mastery!

Plato compares the soul to a charioteer drawn by fiery steeds: the aspirations of the soul like a white steed, pulling away to the heavens; the passions of the body like a black steed pulling away towards the earth. The Epicurean would throw the reins to the black horse and lead a life of self-indulgence. The Stoic would throw the reins to the white horse and deny the body, leading a partial life. But we as Master Masons are taught to hold both horses steadily upon the course, moving harmoniously and nobly toward the Divinely appointed goal. Well has this contention of spirit been described in the words of another: "We have seen the man with a loving heart, tearing his hair because he had done a hateful thing to the one he most loved. We have seen a generous man crawling away in selfish greed. We have seen a truthful man smarting under the scourge of his own life. We have seen men rushing into shameful excesses which they loathed. Stevenson's 'Strange Story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' is not strange to us, for the two men of diverse characters are present in us, joined in a mystery of one personality."

Mastery means full use and control; it does not mean repression, but full expression through control. It means control of the body, developed and held to its true use; it means control of the mental powers fully developed and held steady to their true purpose; above all control of the spirit, master of all, developed and reigning masterfully over all. "Nothing in excess," is a maxim as venerable as that other counsel of wisdom, "Know thyself." Tennyson writes:

"Self-knowledge, self-reverence and self-control
These three lead life to sovereign power."

Most people are like the leaning tower of Pisa, somewhat inclined in one fashion or another from a true perpendicular, or, at least, like Giotto's Tower in Florence, unfinished, still lacking a crowning grace, but the Masonic character has a touch of beauty as well as strength and majesty, as is described in Solomon's Temple: "At the top of the pillars was lily work."

II. IMPROVEMENT.

"To learn to subdue my passions" and to live the perpendicular life is purely negative. We are not satisfied with the negative. We long with intensity of soul to be positive. Hence there is the passion of improvement. "What shall I DO to inherit eternal life?" This question has been asked in every language, under every sky, and in every age. It has been asked in the frenzy of remorse, in the quiet of meditation and under the study lamp. Men will never have done asking it. It stands for the push of the spirit out into the regions of infinite possibility. O this restless, inquiring, passionate human soul! It will never be still! The soul's restlessness has given birth to all progress and achievement. The true Mason is never satisfied until he reaches attainment or annihilation. The teachings of Masonry satisfy the deepest hunger of the heart and the yearnings of the spirit. "To improve ourselves in Masonry" is to appropriate and personify its lessons. What is the Masonic Creed?

I would speak of its CATHOLICITY. A catholic mind is a continual source of pleasure. Narrow-mindedness is a curse wherever it exists, whether in religious, scientific, or aesthetic sphere, or in the world of social intercourse; whether it dwindles religion into a dogma, or science into a formula, or literature into a school, or morality into a maxim. The narrow mind is like a little pond, holding the image of the moon, that dreams the orb lies hidden in its shallow water; but as it expands the mind grows like a far-reaching sea, which knows however great its bounds, that the "queen of the night" dwells in the heaven above, and only throws upon its upturned face some passing of her splendor.

As Masons we do not claim to possess all truth, but Truth and not Error is the objective search of all who are "seeking more light in Masonry."

Masonry begins with the assertion of the Sacred Book, "In the beginning God." And after you have spent years in the study of its beautiful symbolry you will learn that Masonry concludes with the words of Scripture: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy God will take away his part out of the Book of Life." To the Mason the Bible is the supreme rule and guide of faith. He is taught to respect it with holy reverence and to defend it with his life. Masonry believes with the Psalmist that "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." God is to be honored as Creator, Preserver, and Father of all mankind. His name is to be revered.

We believe in the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN. No man can say, "Our Father," until he has first learned to say, "My Brother." The greatest of all arts is the art of living together. It is the mission of Masonry to teach that art. What awful chasms yawn today between men of different classes! What Chinese walls separate man from man! Masonry is a Brotherhood, a band of believers, whose interests are interlocked, whose hopes and ambitions, whose sympathies and loves, are intertwined, whose lives are blended and interlaced; a society of friends compacted together, fused into one body for worship and for work. Our ancient and honorable fraternity welcomes to its doors and admits to its privileges worthy men of all creeds and classes. But it insists that all men shall stand upon an exact equality. You are here taught to divest your mind and conscience of all vices and superfluities of life. To divest yourself of all those worldly distinctions and equipments which are not in keeping with the spirit of Brotherhood.

Masonry believes and teaches the *immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body*. When the shadows of death approach Masonry removes the dark cloud and draws aside the sable curtains of the tomb and reveals the light of Immortality gleaming brightly on the shores of a boundless eternity. We stand by the grave of our loved ones. "We peer into the impenetrable shadow but we do not see; we listen in the infinite silences and there is no sound; but the cable of human hope stretches from shore to shore. Over it we whisper our messages of love and with the ear of faith await the answer of our prayer." The thought of Immortality cannot be driven from men's minds. As one has said: "Immortality! The greatest thought that man can think. As old as life and birth; as precious as memory and love; as universal as tears and death; as pure as marriage; as sweet as motherhood; as great as the heart of man; as tender as the soul of woman; as true as the justice of God." As the Mason kneels by the side of the grave and prays he finds sufficient power in the Lion of the Tribe of Judah to raise his dead and give them life and immortality.

"More things are wrought by prayer,
Than this world dreams of."

So the Mason is taught that when all other resources fail there is an inexhaustible supply of strength in the power of prayer.

My brethren, let us practice assiduously the noble tenets of our profession, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," and when at last our weary feet shall have reached the end of the toilsome journey, and the working tools shall have dropped from our nerveless hands, may the record of our life and actions be as pure as the lambskin apron we received when we first became identified with this institution, and when we stand before the Great White Throne may it be our portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme the welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

On motion of Past Grand Master Evans the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered the Grand Orator for the eloquent oration he had delivered, and he was requested to furnish a copy for publication with our proceedings.

On motion of Past Grand Master Davidson ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 5th, was fixed as the hour for election of officers.

At half past nine o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock, Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 5th, 1912.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers as at the previous session, and a large attendance of members.

The Grand Master appointed Past Grand Masters Crites, Thummel, and Evans as a special committee on printing the proceedings, and in due time they presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRINTING THE PROCEEDINGS.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your select committee on printing the proceedings submit the following report:

We are of the opinion that occasional communications for the purpose of laying corner-stones, instituting and constituting new lodges, dedications of new lodge rooms, installations of officers, visitations to inspect, and the like, might ordinarily be condensed to a mere mention. We think that whenever it becomes necessary to refer to correspondence or documents of any kind, they might be referred to by a short description and a condensed summary of so much of the

contents as is necessary to a clear understanding. Such papers are usually called for by the committees having the matter in hand. Generally, itemized accounts might be safely omitted. These observations apply to the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, the Committees on Returns and on Accounts, as well as to the Grand Master.

We recommend that the abstract of returns of lodges be condensed in the printed proceedings to substantially the following heads:

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES.

No.	NAME OF LODGE	TIME OF STATED MEETING	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Demitted	No. of Members
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We recommend that the roll of extinct lodges be omitted, and that the roll of existing lodges be published according to the following form:

NAMES OF OFFICERS OF LODGES.

No.	NAME LODGE	POSTOFFICE	COUNTY	MASTER	SECRETARY
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Reports of assistants to the Grand Custodian should be omitted or incorporated into the Grand Custodian's report, and all condensed. A brief summary of the report of the Committee on Relief should be published, but not in detail. The roster of the dead of this jurisdiction should be continued in the printed proceedings, at least for the present. The style of printing and binding should be continued.

Brother Davis, 93, moved that a new edition of the law be published, and it was so ordered.

On the question of releasing mortgages made to the Orphans Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge, Brother Chaburn, 19, moved, and it was carried, that the subject be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with the request that they present a resolution authorizing the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home to release mortgages given to the former Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund.

Brother Hewett, 183, presented the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:

Your Committee on Accounts respectfully and fraternally report that we have carefully examined the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, and the securities

in the hands of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, and find the following amounts in the respective accounts on hand:

In the hands of the Grand Treasurer when all orders are paid:

General Fund	\$25,819.17
Amount for Israel Lodge No. 187.....	859.18
Relief Fund	2,081.97

Total	\$28,760.32
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and warrant No. 3297, General Fund, for \$250.00 is outstanding. The books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer show a balance of \$29,010.32, the difference between that and the above amount being the outstanding warrant No. 3297.

In the hands of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home for the Orphans Educational Fund:

Securities on hand\$67,175.00
of which \$521.63 should be credited to the funds of the Nebraska Masonic Home, that amount having been drawn from that fund temporarily.

Balance unexpended from the appropriation for expenses of the Grand Custodian\$ 101.23
Balance in the hands of the Committee on Relief..... 3,273.20

The statement of expenses of the M. W. Grand Master, Henry Gibbons, has been checked and found to be \$327.23, which exceeds the appropriation by \$27.23. We find also that there is due him \$25.00 for clerk hire, and we recommend that the amount thereof, \$52.23, be paid the Grand Master.

We have examined the securities in the hands of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, and we commend the methods followed in the management of said fund. We call attention of the Grand Lodge to the large amount of labor and responsibility added to the duties of the Grand Secretary by the handling of the securities belonging to the Orphans Educational Fund and of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

We particularly commend the officers of this Grand Lodge on the excellent condition of their accounts, and we congratulate the Grand Lodge upon its prosperous financial condition.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, the following were appointed tellers: Brothers Shook, 1; Hoerner, 3; Chatburn, 19; Maynard, 162; Achenbach, 46, and Utter, 248. The election resulted as follows:

BRO. JAMES R. CAIN, JR., 105.....	Grand Master.
BRO. ALPHA MORGAN, 148.....	Deputy Grand Master.
BRO. THOMAS M. DAVIS, 93.....	Grand Senior Warden.
BRO. SAMUEL S. WHITING, 54.....	Grand Junior Warden.
BRO. FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.....	Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointment was made of

- BRO. GEORGE A. BEECHER, 268..... Grand Chaplain.
- BRO. HARVEY H. HARMON, 19..... Grand Orator.
- BRO. ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46..... Grand Custodian.
- BRO. ANDREW H. VIELE, 55..... Grand Marshal.
- BRO. FREDERIC L. TEMPLE, 61..... Grand Senior Deacon.
- BRO. AMBROSE C. EPPERSON, 139..... Grand Junior Deacon.
- BRO. REUBEN FORBES, 3..... Grand Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Brothers William A. DeBord, 3; Wilbur W. Anness, 272; Earl B. Brooks, 23; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Edwin G. Whitford, 9; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers Albert W. Crites, 158; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; George A. Beecher, 268; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Ornan J. King, 54 (1 year); Alpha Morgan, 148 (2 years); Albert W. Crites, 158 (3 years); Robert E. Evans, 5 (4 years); Frank H. Young, 207 (5 years); Committee on Relief.

Brothers John J. Mercer, 3; George H. Thummel, 33; Charles E. Burnham, 166; Committee on Promulgation of the Work.

The following resolution, introduced by Past Grand Master Evans, was adopted:

Resolved. That all lodges in this jurisdiction be required to use uniform receipts for dues, provided by the Grand Secretary, and to use no others.

On motion of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt the Committee on Pay-roll was instructed to allow per diem for three days' attendance, and for four days' for members of committees that were convened and in attendance on the 3d inst.

The following report for the Committee on Fraternal Dead was read by Past Grand Master Crites, and was adopted by a rising vote:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Grand Lodge:

Your standing Committee on Fraternal Dead fraternally reports the names of the following illustrious brethren of other jurisdictions who have died during the Masonic year just ending:

WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY.....	Grand Treasurer of Alabama.....	Sept. 16, 1911
THOMAS STANDFORD BUNCH.....	Deputy Grand Master of Arizona.....	June 10, 1911
GEORGE A. DANNELLY.....	Past Grand Master of Arkansas.....	Dec. 4, 1911
SAMUEL BASSETT.....	Past Grand Master of Connecticut.....	Aug. 14, 1911
JOHN P. ALLMOND.....	Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of Delaware.....	March 24, 1912
WILLARD LEE EATON.....	Past Grand Master of Iowa.....	June 7, 1911
LEWIS JACKSON BAKER.....	Past Grand Master of Iowa.....	Nov. 8, 1911
HENRY CLAY LARRABEE.....	Past Deputy Grand Master of Mary- land.....	July 29, 1911
SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE... ..	Past Grand Master of Massachu- setts.....	Sept. 24, 1911
GEORGE WASHINGTON PRESCOTT.....	Past Grand Master of Minnesota.....	March 21, 1912
SAMUEL EMERY ADAMS.....	Past Senior Grand Warden of Min- nesota.....	March 21, 1911
M. M. EVANS.....	Past Grand Master of Mississippi.....	Nov. 9, 1911
ENOCH GEORGE DELAP.....	Past Grand Master of Mississippi.....	Dec. 24, 1911
JOHN S. COBB.....	Past Grand Master of Mississippi.....	Jan. 17, 1912
NATHANIEL PITT LANGFORD.....	Past Grand Master of Montana.....	Oct. 18, 1911
CHARLES F. BAHNSON.....	Grand Lecturer of North Carolina.....	Febr. 16, 1911
FRANCIS M. MOYE.....	Past Grand Master of North Caro- lina.....	May 28, 1911
CHARLES CAUTHORN CLARK.....	Past Grand Master of North Caro- lina.....	Oct. 30, 1911
WILLIAM ROSS.....	Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of Nova Scotia.....	March 17, 1912
JOSEPH MCKENDREE GOODSPEED.....	Past Grand Master of Ohio.....	June 11, 1911
WILLIAM A. SINN.....	Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania.....	Oct. 17, 1911
JAMES BACON GAY.....	Grand Master of Rhode Island.....	Nov. 25, 1911
CHARLES WILLIAM McDONALD.....	Past Grand Treasurer of South Dakota.....	March 11, 1912
BEVERLEY R. WELLFORD, JR....	Past Grand Master of Virginia.....	Sept. 19, 1911
WILLIAM PELAN.....	Grand Chaplain of Washington.....	Sept. 21, 1911
HIRAM REESE HOWARD.....	Past Grand Master and Grand Sec- retary of West Virginia.....	May 9, 1912
DANIEL McLAREN MILLER.....	Past Grand Master of Wisconsin.....	April 25, 1912

During the same time our own membership has been depleted to the extent of two hundred and forty-six deaths, as shown in the usual compilation by the Grand Secretary for publication in the proceedings. We present for your consideration the following minute thereon:

For a brief moment we pause on this field of human activity, to give expression to our grief and sorrow because of the loss by the common fate of mankind, of so many of our most distinguished brethren, both here and elsewhere. We mourn their going, cut off, as it were, at the time of their greatest usefulness to the Fraternity and their highest capacity for service to mankind.

During their short span of life here they had engaged in the Mason's search for light and knowledge, and had done their best in obedience to the commands of the Supreme Architect in the Mason's mission of Friendship, Relief, and Truth. Their successes were many, and their brethren bless them. Their failures were few, and occasioned by powers beyond control by honest intention and effort. They have passed out of the tumult and conflict of life, and as the Book teaches, we believe that all the rewards of rectitude, virtue, and brotherly love and affection are now theirs. We fondly think that our love for them shall be as eternal as the Universe, but we, ourselves, shall soon pass into the life to come, and our brethren left behind will perform for us the same sad duties now devolving on us. No one has ever returned to give answer to our anxious inquiry: What of the life to come? Our departed brethren are of a truth veritable Masters of the

Royal Secret, possessed of that last portion of knowledge, which we long for but so dread to know.

The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was read by Past Grand Master Cheney:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the M. W. L., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report on matters referred to it as follows:

1. As to that part of the Grand Master's address relating to special dispensations, we commend the action of the Grand Master in reducing to the minimum the number of special dispensations for conferring degrees out of time, and recommend the approval of all dispensations issued, together with his approval of codes of by-laws and amendments.

2. We recommend the approval of the decisions made by the Grand Master numbered 2, 3, and 4. Decision No. 1 is now being considered by the Committee on Grievances. We recommend that no further action be taken thereon at this time.

3. We recommend that the action of the Grand Master in transferring the membership of a suspended Mason be disapproved in decision No. 5.

4. We approve decision No. 7 and recommend that the Committee on Codification of the Law be requested to prepare an amendment to Section 123 of the law, making the procedure plain.

5. Your committee, after due consideration, believe that the certificate of the Grand Secretary of Colorado, printed on the backs of their receipts for dues, is not a fulfillment of the requirement of our law, Section 146-A.

6. We recommend that Section 146-A be amended as follows: Add after the word "standing" in the third line on page 56, the following: "In some lodge within the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge with which we have fraternal relations," and by adding after the words "good standing," in the ninth line on page 56, the following: "Such diplomas or certificates as are authorized by the law of the Grand Jurisdiction whence the visitor comes may be accepted as filling the requirements of this section in that respect."

7. Brethren hailing from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, or any other jurisdiction, should not be admitted to our lodges as visitors, or be permitted to affiliate therewith, so long as their Grand Body is not in fraternal communication with this Grand Lodge.

8. In view of the lack of information we do not deem it advisable to pass upon the controversy of Orient Lodge No. 13 vs. Falls City Lodge No. 9 at this time.

9. Relating to the inquiry from the Master of Parian Lodge No. 207, regarding the proficiency of a Master Mason after examination, the

Master can declare the brother proficient unless objection is made; then a vote is required.

10. In the inquiry from Star Lodge No. 88, regarding co-ordinate jurisdiction with the Grand Lodge of Iowa, we recommend that this inquiry be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

11. With reference to the inquiry made to the Grand Master as shown upon page 3 of the Grand Master's address, we believe that members of other Grand Lodges not recognized by this Grand Lodge may petition for the degrees of Masonry the same as if they had never received such degrees.

12. We recommend that the Committee on Codification of the Law be asked to prepare an amendment to Section 81 as follows: Adding after the word "returns" in the sixteenth line the following: "Complete as provided by Section 57."

The report was considered section by section, and all except that numbered 3 were approved and adopted. On motion of Past Grand Master Evans consideration of section 3 was postponed until the report of the Committee on Grievances should be disposed of.

The Committee on Jurisprudence also offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Whereas, Certain mortgages belonging to the Orphans Educational Fund have heretofore been taken in the name of or assigned to Charles K. Coutant, Treasurer or Trustee, or Michael Dowling, or M. Dowling, Treasurer or Trustee,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, That upon payment of any of said mortgages, if requested, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, are hereby authorized and empowered to release and discharge same of record.

Past Grand Master Burnham asked that a special dispensation, without fee, be granted to Crete Lodge No. 37, to install a Junior Warden out of time, and the request was granted.

At twelve o'clock M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until one o'clock P. M., when ground would be broken for the new Scottish Rite Cathedral.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 5th, 1912.

Grand Master Gibbons called the Grand Lodge to order at the appointed hour, the officers being the same as at the previous session. A procession was then formed and marched to the

site where the Scottish Rite Cathedral is to be erected, being escorted by a number of members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. On arriving at the grounds an invocation was offered by Rev. Brother Edwin Hart Jenks, 3, at the conclusion of which Brother George F. West, 11, Master of Kadosh, delivered a brief address and invited Grand Master Gibbons to break the ground for the cathedral. The Grand Master in a few eloquent words accepted the invitation, and broke ground for beginning the labors of the enterprise. Deputy Grand Master Cain delivered a brief address, after which the Grand Lodge returned to the Masonic Hall, and proceeded to consider the matters pending.

Brother Epperson, 139, Chairman, presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:

We, the Committee on Grievances, to whom the several matters hereinafter mentioned were referred, respectfully report thereon as follows:

We recommend that the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his decision be approved in the following matters:

1. His reprimand of Naphthali Lodge No. 206, for conferring degrees while objections were pending and in suspending a brother Master Mason without notice.
2. In arresting the jewel of the Master of Harlan Lodge No. 116 for violating Section 148-a.
3. In arresting the jewel of the Master of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 for violating Section 123.
4. In his order to McCook Lodge No. 135 to stay proceedings upon a petition by an Entered Apprentice without having first obtained a waiver of jurisdiction from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which had jurisdiction, and also approve his acts of procuring a waiver and thereafter permitting the work to proceed.
5. His order not to install the Senior Warden of Faith Lodge No. 181, and his reprimand of the lodge.
6. His disposition of the complaint made against the officers of Aurora Lodge No. 68.
7. As to the application of a former member of Upright Lodge No. 137, expelled September 24th, 1902, for reinstatement, his lodge having unanimously favored it, we recommend that the petitioner be restored to good standing as provided by Section 207, By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

8. As to the petition for reinstatement made by a former member of Wauneta Lodge No. 217, expelled August 1st, 1901, it being unanimously favored by his lodge, we recommend that he be restored to good standing as provided by Section 207.

9. As to the petition for reinstatement of a former member of Washington Lodge No. 21, expelled December 13th, 1887, it having received the unanimous vote of the lodge, we recommend that the petitioner be restored to good standing, as provided by Section 207.

10. With reference to the order of the Grand Master in refusing to suspend the installation of the Master of Star Lodge No. 88, which was done after an investigation and a report to him by the M. W. Grand Custodian, we approve the order of the Grand Master.

11. As to the appeal of a member from the decision of the Master of his lodge, Lone Tree, No. 36, declaring a certain candidate elected, we recommend that the decision of the Master be sustained and the appeal dismissed.

12. As to the appeal by a member from the decision of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, expelling him for unmasonic conduct, we recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the decision of the lodge sustained.

13. As to the decision of the Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 upon the appeal of a member, we recommend an affirmance of the decision of the Master by which he refused to entertain a complaint against a brother, a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, the two lodges having the same territorial jurisdiction. It is our opinion that in the case of lodges in the same territorial jurisdiction, the lodge of the brother's membership is the only one having jurisdiction to try him for his offense unless he should be sojourning elsewhere. Section 151 of the by-laws is not intended to and does not confer jurisdiction upon a lodge to try a member of another lodge of the same jurisdiction.

14. In regard to the arresting of the charter of Israel Lodge No. 187, we approve the action of the Grand Master and recommend that the Grand Lodge continue in force the order holding the charter in suspense until the incoming Grand Master shall decide that the lodge is entitled to its restoration, at which time the Grand Master shall be empowered to restore the same.

15. As to the appeal from the decision of Endeavor Lodge No. 262 by a member, we recommend that the decision of the trial lodge upon specifications Nos. 1, 3, and 7 be reversed, the competent evidence being insufficient to sustain the same; and we recommend that the decision of the trial lodge upon specifications Nos. 4 and 5 be sustained. We further recommend that the penalty of expulsion be overruled, and that that of indefinite suspension be imposed.

16. In the matter of decision No. 5 of the M. W. Grand Master regarding the status of the membership of a member, we disapprove the decision of the Grand Master, and recommend that it be overruled. It is our opinion that under the law, Lincoln Lodge No. 19

is the only one which, in any event, has the right to consider a petition for his reinstatement; but because the brother whose membership is in controversy first made application to Hickman Lodge No. 256, we are of the opinion that Lincoln Lodge No. 19 has no power to vote on his reinstatement until Hickman Lodge No. 256 has waived jurisdiction.

17. With reference to the petition of the members of Mitchell Lodge No. 263 for the reinstatement of the jewel of its Master, which was arrested by the Grand Master, we recommend that the jewel be reinvested, believing as we do that the petition of all the members of his lodge should be respected, and that it would be for the best interest of Masonry to suspend punishment.

18. With reference to the appeal of a member from the decision of Utica Lodge No. 96, we recommend that it be dismissed.

19. In the matter of the appeal from the judgment of acquittal rendered in Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 upon the complaint filed against a member, we recommend that the decision be set aside; that the brother be declared guilty, and that the penalty of reprimand be imposed, and that this case be remanded to the trial lodge for the imposing of the sentence, as provided by law.

Upon consideration of the report, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, and 19 were approved.

Past Grand Master DeBord offered the following amendment to paragraph 16:

That Lincoln Lodge No. 19 is directed to take no further action upon the petition of the member in question for reinstatement, until after the 1913 annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Master be requested to make a full investigation and report upon all of the facts at our next annual communication.

The amendment was lost, as was the following substitute motion, offered by Past Grand Master Evans:

That the entire matter be laid over until the next annual communication, and that the Grand Master investigate all of the facts and report them to the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Crites thereupon moved that the report of the committee in paragraph 16 be adopted, and the motion prevailed.

Past Grand Master Wilson moved that the report of the Committee on Grievances relating to paragraph 15 be not adopted, and that the action of the lodge in expelling the brother be set aside. A general discussion of this motion ensued, and at half

past six o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half past seven o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 5th, 1912.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers as at the preceding session, except that Deputy Grand Master Cain presided.

Past Grand Master Burnham, assisted by Past Grand Master Thummel, with W. Brother Poucher, Past Grand Orator, as Grand Chaplain, installed the officers for the ensuing year. Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Sr., was called upon by Past Grand Master Burnham to install his son into the office of Grand Master. This ceremony was very solemn and impressive, M. W. Brother Cain's address being as follows:

There are but few fathers who have been honored as I am today, in being permitted to install their own son as Grand Master of the same Grand Lodge over which they had the honor to preside at a former time. I need not say to you, or to the members of this Grand Lodge, that the honor and privilege are both fully and duly appreciated—that is apparent—but I do want to thank them all from the bottom of a grateful and overflowing heart, for the honor conferred on me thirty-one years ago, and again today in so honoring my oldest son, who when I was Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction was but little more than a babe in his mother's arms.

I need not caution or admonish you as to your duties and responsibilities as I feel sure you fully appreciate them all, and no doubt will the more so as your term as Grand Master progresses; but for your encouragement in the trying position you are about to assume I want here and now to assure you that you have my full confidence in your skill and ability to meet every demand made upon you, and also that of the several members of the Grand Lodge, as has been fully evidenced by their suffrages in selecting you as Grand Master for the ensuing Masonic year, the most responsible and honorable position known to our Fraternity.

You are comparatively a young man, yet in the short space of your life, which seems but a span to me, you have passed the ordeal of being elected an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, and having filled with commendable credit all the more important places and stations in the subordinate lodge in which you hold your membership, and with admirable skill and fidelity the various stations in the Grand Lodge to which you have been called, until today you stand before me, ready and qualified to be installed as Grand Master of this

Grand Lodge. In the discharge of your duties, as such, I have no misgivings, for no one knows better than I your skill and ability in the work of the Craft, your clean, upright, moral character, your zeal in the cause of the Christian religion, your sterling worth as a man among men, and your fidelity to every trust reposed in you, and while during the strenuous term of office the eyes of the Fraternity will be upon you, they will be friendly and charitable eyes, and you may depend upon it that every member of the Fraternity will, with outstretched arms, with one accord, be every ready and willing to render you all possible assistance in the discharge of your many and possibly at times complicated duties.

I am proud of you, my son, proud that you are my son, and proud that I am your father.

After his installation, the Grand Master responded in an eloquent and feeling manner, and Past Grand Master Burnham installed the remaining Grand Officers, and due proclamation thereof was made. The jewel of the Grand Treasurer was given to Past Grand Master and Past Grand Treasurer Burnham, who expressed his appreciation of the kindly consideration of the Grand Lodge in presenting it, saying that he would keep it as a memento of a year of pleasant service.

The Grand Lodge resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on Grievances, and Past Grand Master Cheney moved and it was carried that the Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee to further investigate the appeal of a member of Endeavor Lodge No. 262 vs. the lodge (paragraph 15). Past Grand Master DeBord moved and it was carried that the report of the committee (paragraph 17) on the application of the Master of Mitchell Lodge No. 263 for the restoration of his jewel be not approved, and the action of Grand Master Gibbons be sustained. The report of the committee, as amended, was thereupon adopted.

The report of the Committee on Pay-roll, presented by Brother Palmer, Jr., 255, and amounting to \$4,009.00, was adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Relief, presented by Past Grand Master Young, was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

To the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:

Your Committee on Relief fraternally reports the following receipts and disbursements since June 1st, 1911:

RECEIPTS.

June 10th, 1911, Balance on hand.....	\$2,728.05
Received from the Grand Lodge Relief Fund..	1,920.50
May 31st, 1912, Received for interest on daily balances, 4% to June 1st.....	150.00
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	\$4,798.55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Member of Garfield Lodge No. 95, resident of the Home.....	\$ 19.00
Member of Gladstone Lodge No. 176 and his wife.....	150.00
Widow of a member of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241 and five children	50.00
Widow of a member of Siloam Lodge No. 147 and two children	440.00
Member of Meridian Lodge No. 188, wife and two children...	120.00
Member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, and his wife, residents of the Home	28.00
Member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 218 and his wife.....	135.10
Widow of a member of Israel Lodge No. 187 and five children	150.00
Widow of a member of Rawalt Lodge No. 138.....	25.00
Children of a deceased member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	72.00
Widow of a member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	130.00
Member of Landport Lodge No. 1776, England, and his wife..	111.25
Widow of a member of Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 and five children	20.00
Member of Crofton Lodge No. 273, and his wife.....	75.00
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	\$1,525.35
Certificate of deposit for balance herewith.....	3,273.20
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	\$4,798.55

Brother Mickey, 65, offered the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

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

Your committee respectfully recommends the following appropriations for the year 1912-1913:

Pay-roll	\$4,009.00
Chairman, Committee on Returns	50.00
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00
Grand Master's expense, or the necessary amount thereof	300.00
Grand Master's clerk hire, or the necessary amount thereof...	500.00
Grand Secretary's salary	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	1,560.00

Grand Custodian's salary	\$1,500.00
Grand Custodian's expense	600.00
Grand Lodge office, rent	200.00
Grand Lodge office, heat and light.....	50.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor	90.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone	40.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	20.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage	300.00
Stationery	70.00
Incidentals	75.00
Blanks	200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	900.00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1912.....	900.00
Library, purchasing and binding.....	50.00
Printing parchment charters.....	15.00
Grand Tyler	15.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	6,000.00
Promulgation of the work, or the necessary amount thereof....	500.00
Fire insurance	41.75
Membership fee for the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, or the necessary amount thereof	125.00
For dictagraph for the Grand Secretary's office.....	100.00
For the expenses of the Grand Chaplain, or the necessary amount thereof	200.00
For organist, session of 1912.....	10.00
For printing 2,000 copies of the third edition of the present monitor	600.00
For printing 2,000 copies of the pocket edition of the monitor, authorized by the Grand Lodge at this session, or the amount necessary	1,000.00
For printing 1,000 copies of a new edition of the law, the amount necessary.	

We recommend that the Grand Secretary let the printing for the last three items to the lowest responsible bidders.

We recommend that none of the money appropriated for the expenses of the Grand Custodian or for the promulgation of the work be expended for any purpose but that of holding schools of instruction.

We recommend that the Committee on Codification of the Law be requested to prepare and submit to the Grand Lodge at once amendments to the law increasing the salary of the Grand Secretary to \$2,400.00 per annum, and that of the Grand Custodian to \$1,500.00 per annum.

The following report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, presented by Past Grand Master DeBord, was adopted; unanimous consent was asked to consider the amendments to the law and it was granted and the amendments adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law begs leave to report the following codification of amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge:

1. Strike from Article II. of the constitution the words, "Grand Treasurer."
2. Strike from Article V. of the constitution, the words, "The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer."
3. Strike from Article VII. of the constitution, the words, "a Grand Treasurer."
4. Strike out Section 6, Chapter II, of the law.
5. Amend Section 7 by striking out all of the section and substituting the following: Sec. 7. THE GRAND SECRETARY shall record the transactions of the Grand Lodge, and shall personally attend each communication thereof, with all necessary books, papers, and accounts of his office. He shall have the custody of its seal and shall affix the same to all documents and papers whenever required by law or by the Grand Master. He shall receipt for and deposit without delay in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens acting collectively, all moneys received by him and belonging to the Grand Lodge, and shall keep strict account thereof; and when so deposited no money shall be drawn out of any bank except by orders regularly issued signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. He shall conduct its correspondence under the direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. He shall provide all necessary books and stationery for his office and have charge of all records, supplies, jewels, certificates, and documents; he shall draw all orders when lawfully directed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, and shall perform all other customary duties appertaining to his office, according to the customs, laws, and usages of Freemasonry. He shall be ex-officio Librarian of the Grand Lodge and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and shall prepare all diplomas provided for in these by-laws. He shall not authenticate any diploma except it be of the form heretofore adopted and in use by this Grand Lodge. All such diplomas which require the genuine signature of any brother shall not be authenticated by him until such signature is attached, and the diploma is complete as to date, seal, and signature of officers. All names on the diploma must be written with one given name in full. He shall keep in his office a record of those rejected, suspended, and expelled, but said record shall not be published or circulated except under directions of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. He shall, on or before the 20th day of March of each year, notify each lodge of any indebtedness due from it to the Grand Lodge, and on the 10th day of May of each year he shall close the account of each subordinate lodge preparatory to the annual grand communication, and for all of

such services he shall receive a salary of \$1,800.00 per annum, payable monthly. He shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of \$3,000.00, which may be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the cost of which shall be paid by this Grand Lodge. Upon the installation of his successor in office, he shall transfer to the latter all of the books, records, accounts, and supplies in his office, except such of said books and papers as may be necessary to enable him to make up his portion of the records of the communication at which said successor shall be installed, and he shall make delivery to his successor of these papers so retained with the least possible delay.

6. Amend Section 7 by substituting for "\$1,800.00," "\$2,400.00."

7. Amend Section 8 by substituting for "\$1,200.00," "\$1,500.00."

8. Amend Section 66 by striking out the words, "which fact shall be entered of record," and substituting therefor the following: "and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge. After such examination the Master may, if there is no objection made, declare the brother proficient. If objection is made a vote shall be taken. The Secretary shall make a record that the examination was had and the action of the lodge upon the same."

9. Insert in Section 81 after the words, "neglect to send in their returns," the following, to-wit: "complete as provided by Section 57."

10. Amend Section 123 of the law, by inserting therein after the words "and the fact should be recorded," the following, to-wit: "and a new petition must be presented before the lodge can act further upon the matter, and such new petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition, but such new petition may be presented to the lodge at any time after the objection is removed."

11. Add to Section 131-A the following: "Nothing outside of our esoteric work as authorized and our monitorial work as published by this Grand Lodge shall be given or be permitted to be given in the conferring of degrees, at funerals, or in any work of the lodge."

12. Amend Section 146-A by inserting therein after the words, "shall prove himself to be a Mason in good standing," the following, to-wit: "in some lodge under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge;" and by inserting therein after the words, "show that he is a member of said lodge in good standing," the following, to-wit: "Such diplomas and certificates as are authorized by the law of the Grand Jurisdiction whence the visitor comes may be accepted as filling the requirements of this section in that respect."

13. Add to Section 151 as 151-A the following, to-wit: "Where two or more lodges have concurrent territorial jurisdiction, and a member of one such lodge desires to prefer charges against a member of another of such lodges, he should file his charges in his own lodge, which lodge will, if the charges are accepted, forward them to the accused brother's lodge. The first lodge may not try the brother upon such charges unless

the lodge in which the accused brother holds membership waives or refuses or fails for sixty days to try him."

14. Add to Section 199 the following: "The sentence of a lodge shall have immediate effect, and can be stayed pending appeal only by order of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master should not stay the punishment imposed by a lodge unless gross irregularity has been practiced in the trial."

On motion of Past Grand Master Davidson the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to M. W. Henry Gibbons for his faithful and earnest labors in behalf of the Craft during the year, and to the officers and members of the Omaha lodges for their hospitality and services rendered at this session.

Past Grand Master Mercer submitted the following report, and it was accepted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMULGATION OF THE
WORK.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Promulgation of the work, to which was referred the report of the Grand Custodian, would recommend that the same be published in full in our proceedings, for the information of the Craft.

Your committee commends the work of the Grand Custodian in his efforts to secure greater uniformity of work, and for peace and harmony among the brethren.

Thanks were also extended to Past Grand Master and Past Grand Treasurer Burnham for his services during the year, and for donating his salary as Grand Treasurer to the Nebraska Masonic Home.

At eleven o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 5th, 1912, no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed.

JAMES R. CAIN, JR.
Grand Master.

Attest:


Grand Secretary.

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ALFRED J. LATEY.....	Nebraska,	1..May	5, 1911
ELBERT T. DUKE.....	Nebraska,	" 1..May	5, 1911
THOMAS G. MAGRANE.....	Nebraska,	" 1..May	25, 1911
WILLIAM HOGEBOOM.....	Nebraska,	" 1..Aug.	6, 1911
THOMAS R. WARD.....	Nebraska,	" 1..Sept.	10, 1911
JOSEPH ROSENBERG.....	Nebraska,	" 1..Sept.	21, 1911
CHARLES F. MANDERSON..	Nebraska,	" 1..Sept.	28, 1911
S. ROPER CRICKMORE.....	Nebraska,	" 1..Dec.	30, 1911
WILLIAM H. SMITH.....	Nebraska,	" 1..Jan.	6, 1911
HENRY P. GRAHAM.....	Nebraska,	" 1..Mar.	25, 1912
FRED NEW.....	Western Star,	" 2..Oct.	15, 1910
AUGUSTUS GEREHARDT....	Western Star,	" 2..Oct.	9, 1911
J. AUSTIN HAGGARD.....	Western Star,	" 2..April	19, 1910
GEORGE M. MORDOCK.....	Western Star,	" 2..Dec.	21, 1911
JOHN H. SCHWARTZ.....	Western Star,	" 2..Jan.	3, 1912
JOHN T. SMITH.....	Western Star,	" 2..Feb.	3, 1912
JOHN M. WILSON.....	Capitol,	" 3..Nov.	23, 1907
LOUIS BRASH.....	Capitol,	" 3..May	29, 1911
J. DOUGLAS GILMER.....	Capitol,	" 3..June	23, 1911
DAVID ZIMMER.....	Capitol,	" 3..July	5, 1911
JAMES W. THOMPSON.....	Capitol,	" 3..Sept.	23, 1911
WILLIAM H. McINNICH....	Nemaha Valley,	" 4..April	17, 1911
BENJAMIN F. McINNICH....	Nemaha Valley,	" 4..Dec.	6, 1911
JOHN D. SIMPSON.....	Plattsmouth,	" 6..April	24, 1911
ERASTUS H. BOOTH.....	Plattsmouth,	" 6..Dec.	16, 1911
JOHN W. HOLT.....	Falls City,	" 9..June	16, 1911
CLARENCE GILLESPIE.....	Falls City,	" 9..Mar.	13, 1912
AUSTIN W. BEALES.....	Solomon,	" 10..Jan.	20, 1912
HENRY E. PALMER.....	Covert,	" 11..April	2, 1911
JACOB E. MARKEL.....	Covert,	" 11..June	20, 1911
GUSTAVE ANDERSON.....	Covert,	" 11..Oct.	2, 1911
HARRY B. WADE.....	Covert,	" 11..Oct.	18, 1911
FRANK W. BANDHAUER....	Covert,	" 11..Dec.	28, 1911
ALBERT A. GIBSON.....	Covert,	" 11..Mar.	22, 1912
SAMUEL KATZ.....	Covert,	" 11..Mar.	27, 1911
ANDREW J. HOWARD.....	Fremont,	" 15..Aug.	24, 1911
OSCAR C. STEELE.....	Fremont,	" 15..Sept.	14, 1911
SETH F. STILES.....	Fremont,	" 15..Sept.	20, 1911
PETER D. DENNY.....	Fremont,	" 15..Jan.	9, 1912
CRAWFORD GALWAY.....	Fremont,	" 15..Feb.	29, 1912
PALMER BLAKE.....	Tecumseh,	" 17..Jan.	29, 1912
THOMAS D. AIKEN.....	Tecumseh,	" 17..Feb.	3, 1912

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JOHN H. WESTCOTT.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..April 1, 1910
ISAAC M. RAYMOND.....	Lincoln,	" 19..April 17, 1910
LEANDER S. CALLAHAN....	Lincoln,	" 19..April 23, 1910
ALBERT E. DAVISSON.....	Lincoln,	" 19..April 13, 1911
SAMUEL J. ALEXANDER....	Lincoln,	" 19..April 23, 1911
ORAL H. MORRIS.....	Lincoln,	" 19..May 6, 1911
ANDREW J. MINOR.....	Lincoln,	" 19..May 10, 1911
OTERO C. REYNOLDS.....	Lincoln,	" 19..May 16, 1911
WILLARD H. COFFIN.....	Lincoln,	" 19..Aug. 1, 1911
JESSE W. HEDGES.....	Lincoln,	" 19..Oct. 17, 1911
ALONZO D. WILKINSON....	Lincoln,	" 19..Dec. 5, 1911
JOHN SWARTZ.....	Washington,	" 21..April 7, 1906
RODNEY BEECHER.....	Washington,	" 21..Aug. 4, 1907
JOHN H. HEBDON.....	Washington,	" 21..Mar. 26, 1912
FRANK J. GOODRIDGE.....	Pawnee,	" 23..June 12, 1911
RUSSELL M. TROUT.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Mar. 13, 1911
FRANK J. KIMBALL.....	St. Johns,	" 25..April 12, 1911
JARED AYER.....	St. Johns,	" 25..April 17, 1911
CHARLES G. DYBALL.....	St. Johns,	" 25..April 17, 1911
GEORGE E. STRATMAN....	St. Johns,	" 25..May 11, 1911
WILLIAM H. RIGGS.....	St. Johns,	" 25..May 26, 1911
RUDOLPH F. SWOBODA....	St. Johns,	" 25..June 18, 1911
ABRAHAM K. LUCAS.....	St. Johns,	" 25..July 30, 1911
JOHN W. KERCHEVAL.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Aug. 5, 1911
JAMES L. KRONE.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Jan. 10, 1912
FRANK CUBER.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Jan. 25, 1912
RALPH T. FREDERICKSEN.	St. Johns,	" 25..Jan. 30, 1912
CHARLES P. LEONARD.....	Beatrice,	" 26..May 7, 1911
JOSEPH L. WEBB.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Feb. 2, 1912
WILLIAM N. SPELLMAN....	Beatrice,	" 26..May 14, 1911
ANDREW J. NICKEL.....	Beatrice,	" 26..July 31, 1911
JOSEPH E. COBBEY.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Aug. 6, 1911
HOMER B. HOLIDAY.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Aug. 22, 1911
JOSEPH E. WATSON.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Nov. 10, 1911
CHRISTIAN RUPP.....	Jordan,	" 27..Nov. 10, 1911
THOMAS M. FRANSE.....	Jordan,	" 27..May 10, 1911
SAMUEL MILLER.....	Jordan,	" 27..May 12, 1911
WILLIAM A. BROKAW.....	Blue River,	" 30..June 13, 1911
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL...	Tekamah,	" 31 May 2, 1911
JAMES P. LATTA.....	Tekamah,	" 31..Sept. 11, 1911
RICHARD J. SHARP.....	Ashlar,	" 33..Mar. 20, 1912
LEAVITT J. ROLLIN.....	Ashlar,	" 33..May 5, 1912

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FREDERICK P. WELSH.....	Ashlar,	33..	June 4, 1911
HENRY D. BOYDEN.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	Jan. 25, 1912
SYLVESTER D. KELLY.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	Mar. 3, 1912
HARRY WESTVEER.....	Acacia,	" 34..	Dec. 20, 1911
ANDREW McLEISH.....	Acacia,	" 34..	Jan. 17, 1912
JOHN A. CARTER.....	Fairbury,	" 35..	May 31, 1911
JOHN P. FINLEY.....	Lone Tree,	" 36..	Oct. 28, 1910
JOHN B. FOSS.....	Crete,	" 37..	Mar. 30, 1912
JOSEPH V. HILL.....	Oliver,	" 38..	Nov. 3, 1911
HARRY L. PARSONS.....	Papillion,	" 39..	Aug. —, 1911
WILLIAM F. GARDINER....	Juanita,	" 42..	June 13, 1911
ARTHUR C. PAST.....	Hebron,	" 43..	Jan. 12, 1912
LUCIUS A. NOYES.....	Harvard,	" 44..	May 11, 1911
JOHN T. FLEMING.....	Harvard,	" 44..	July 1, 1911
ISAAC A. ARNOLD.....	Rob Morris,	" 46..	Jan. 1, 1912
ANDREW J. McDONALD....	Rob Morris,	" 46..	Feb. 5, 1912
MARION J. BOYDSTON....	Fairmont,	" 48..	Jan. 26, 1912
JOHN B. BRAZELTON.....	Fairmont,	" 48..	Mar. 24, 1912
ANDREW I. MAGEE.....	Hastings,	" 50..	July 14, 1911
ROBERT W. OLIVER.....	Hastings,	" 50..	Oct. 16, 1911
EDWARD D. DAVIS.....	Hastings,	" 50..	Feb. 11, 1912
HENRY S. BROWN.....	Hastings,	" 50..	Mar. 13, 1912
ALEXANDER S. RITCHIE...	Fidelity,	" 51..	Nov. 2, 1911
JOHN F. RUSSELL.....	Fidelity,	" 51..	Jan. 14, 1912
HENRY OSTERMAN.....	Hiram,	" 52..	Feb. 9, 1912
CORYDON A. WHITFORD....	Hiram,	" 52..	Mar. 27, 1912
ROBERT M. COCHRANE.....	Charity,	" 53..	Oct. 25, 1911
JOEL J. PENNINGTON.....	Lancaster,	" 54..	July 2, 1911
FRANK C. BURKE.....	Lancaster,	" 54..	July 17, 1911
LIBERTY B. SHINN.....	Lancaster,	" 54..	Aug. 4, 1911
SABIN M. GRAY.....	Lancaster,	" 54..	Oct. 2, 1911
LUTHER P. TUCKER.....	Lancaster,	" 54..	Oct. 16, 1911
LEVI M. HUPERT.....	Lancaster,	" 54..	Nov. 10, 1911
SUMNER W. BURNHAM.....	Lancaster,	" 54..	Jan. 29, 1912
ROBERT B. GRAHAM.....	Lancaster,	" 54..	Feb. 8, 1912
ROBERT A. HAMILL.....	Lancaster,	" 54..	Feb. 8, 1912
ADAM SCHAUPP	Lancaster,	" 54..	Feb. 19, 1912
WILLIAM H. HAGEY	Mosaic,	" 55..	Oct. 8, 1911
ROBERT C. BYRNES	York,	" 56..	May 18, 1911
THOMAS M. O'NEAL.....	York,	" 56..	May 23, 1911
BENJAMIN F. BLODGETT... York,		" 56..	June 15, 1911
NATHAN V. HARLAN.....	York,	" 56..	June 19, 1911

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PETER REIMER	York,	56..	July 2, 1911
WALTER F. REYNOLDS.....	York,	56..	Feb. 24, 1912
DENNIS B. LAKE.....	Mt. Moriah,	57..	May 11, 1911
JONAS WELCH	Lebanon,	58..	Sept. 17, 1911
CHARLES H. DAVIS.....	Lebanon,	58..	Mar. 19, 1912
OBADIAH DOOLEY	Wahoo,	59..	Oct. 8, 1911
ARTHUR A. NIELSEN	Melrose,	60..	July 4, 1911
WILLIAM CROPP	Melrose,	60..	Dec. 19, 1911
WILLIAM H. BANWELL ...	Melrose,	60..	Mar. 31, 1912
DAVID MOONEY	Thistle,	61..	Mar. 1, 1912
WILLIAM D. SHELMADINE..	Osceola,	65..	May 14, 1911
WILLIAM BARNES	Edgar,	67..	Feb. 29, 1912
GEORGE F. BOYD	Trowel,	71..	July 7, 1911
ROBERT WILSON	Trowel,	71..	Jan. 29, 1912
THOMAS W. LYMAN.....	Hooper,	72..	July 3, 1911
CHARLES H. YOUNG.....	Friend,	73..	Oct. 28, 1911
WILLIAM MERRILL	Geneva,	79..	Apr. 20, 1911
THEODORE L. WILLIAMS..	Geneva,	79..	June 24, 1911
SOLOMON HARBAUGH	Geneva,	79..	Sept. 3, 1911
JOSEPH E. ONG.....	Geneva,	79..	Nov. 4, 1911
DANIEL STEVENS	Fairfield,	84..	Aug. 30, 1911
JOHN SCHWYN	Doniphan,	86..	Aug. 13, 1911
JACOB BLANKENFELD	Ionic,	87..	May 15, 1911
JAMES ASHLEY	Star,	88..	May 12, 1911
CYRUS H. GILMORE	Cedar River,	89..	Nov. 7, 1911
SANFORD L. STURTEVANT..	Cedar River,	89..	Dec. 8, 1911
RAY A. ALEXANDER	Oakland,	91..	June 12, 1911
THEODORE UEHLING	Oakland,	91..	Feb. 13, 1912
DEVILLO B. EVANS	Hubbell,	92..	Feb. 21, 1912
JEFFERSON L. DAVIS.....	Beaver City,	93..	Oct. 6, 1911
LUCIUS KINSMAN	Beaver City,	93..	Mar. 15, 1912
JOB HIATT	Bennett,	94..	Mar. 24, 1912
JOHN DARR	Garfield,	95..	Apr. 23, 1911
ADRIAN GILLETT.....	Garfield,	95..	May 4, 1911
GEORGE MORTIMER.....	Shelton,	99..	Sept. 10, 1911
EDWIN L. SMITH.....	Shelton,	99..	Feb. 28, 1912
ABRAM J. DEAL.....	Ponca,	101..	May 29, 1911
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON.....	Waterloo,	102..	Apr. 7, 1911
CHAUNCEY P. COY.....	Waterloo,	102..	June 10, 1911
HARVEY D. COE.....	Ord,	103..	June 1908
ANDREW M. FINLEY.....	Ord,	103..	Aug. 26, 1908
JOSEPH O. KEIR	Wymore,	104..	Apr. 9, 1911

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JOSEPH SUITER	DeWitt,	No.111..Nov. 4, 1911
ALFRED T. WILLIAMS	DeWitt,	" 111..Dec. 24, 1911
GILBERT MUIR	DeWitt,	" 111..Mar. 16, 1912
HOWARD WHITNEY	Springfield,	" 112..Dec. 16, 1911
GEORGE W. MUNGER.....	Wisner,	" 114..Aug. 21, 1911
ROMAINE H. PALMER.....	Harlan,	" 116..May 14, 1911
WILLIAM EMERSON	North Bend,	" 119..Mar. 16, 1912
DANIEL HARRINGTON	Wayne,	" 120..Mar. 16, 1912
JOSEPH M. STANLEY.....	Superior,	" 121..Apr. 18, 1911
JAMES PAUL MARQUETTE.....	Auburn,	" 124..May 2, 1911
GEORGE H. HARTSOUGH, SR.	Minden,	" 127..Mar. 2, 1912
JOHN FERGUSON	Guide Rock,	" 128..Sept. 5, 1911
JOHN LARKEY	Guide Rock,	" 128..Feb. 18, 1912
CHARLES LUDDEN	Tuscan,	" 130..Apr. 13, 1911
FRANK W. FARNSWORTH.....	Scribner,	" 132..Sept. 25, 1911
ROY A. DIXON.....	McCook,	" 135..July 11, 1910
STEPHEN D. BOLLES, SR.....	McCook,	" 135..May 2, 1911
BURRIS H. STEWART.....	McCook,	" 135..July 13, 1911
GEORGE F. DICKSON.....	Clay Centre,	" 139..July 5, 1911
JACOB C. KAPSER	Clay Centre,	" 139..Nov. 14, 1911
ALBERT CAUFFMAN.....	Kenesaw,	" 144..Feb. 28, 1912
CLARENCE A. HILSABECK.....	Jachin,	" 146..May 29, 1911
WINFIELD S. DEISHER.....	Jachin,	" 146..Dec. 17, 1911
JAMES M. SCOTT	Emmet Crawford,	" 148..July 3, 1911
JOHN C. FLEMING	Cambridge,	" 150..Oct. 16, 1911
AXTEL R. RUDD	Lily,	" 154..Sept. 7, 1911
C. DANA SAYRS	Samaritan,	" 158..July 23, 1911
OLIVER TEDROW	Samaritan,	" 158..July 29, 1911
ASHBEL S. ISHAM.....	Samaritan,	" 158..Dec. 11, 1911
JOHN PATTERSON	Zeredatha,	" 160..Nov. 3, 1911
CHARLES H. LIVINGSTON.....	Trestle Board,	" 162..Sept. 4, 1911
ROBERT A. MILLER.....	Unity,	" 163..Jan. 7, 1912
ADONIRAM J. ALDEN.....	Atkinson,	" 164..May 6, 1911
FRANK E. SIMAR	Atkinson,	" 164..May 7, 1911
ORA E. MOULTON.....	Atkinson,	" 164..Feb. 9, 1912
WILLIAM L. ANTRIM.....	Curtis,	" 168..Dec. 14, 1906
NICHOLAS JACQUOT	Merna,	" 171..June 27, 1911
ROBERT SHEPHARD	Grafton,	" 172..May 29, 1911
JOHN W. WRIGHT	Temple,	" 175..Jan. 26, 1912
ALEXANDER KOHN	Gladstone,	" 176..Aug. 27, 1911
JAMES MILLER	Prudence,	" 179..May 2, 1911

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EDGAR E. POLSLEY	Bee Hive,	No.184..June 21, 1911
FRED BRANDT	Bee Hive,	" 184..Oct. 2, 1911
SAMUEL R. MESSNER	Boaz,	" 185..July 15, 1911
EDWARD A. RUBY	Boaz,	" 185..Feb. 10, 1912
JAMES APPLEGATE	Granite,	" 189..Dec. 31, 1911
HORACE H. FUHWILER	Amethyst,	" 190..Jan. 31, 1912
URI TOLBERT	Crystal,	" 191..Apr. 18, 1911
DOMINICK BRAY	Minnekadusa,	" 192..Dec. 2, 1911
GEORGE C. HERMAN	Level,	" 196..Dec. 23, 1911
CLARK B. WHIPPLE	Scotts Bluff,	" 201..Apr. 4, 1911
RUDOLPH H. WIESE	Golden Sheaf,	" 202..Aug. 15, 1911
FREDERICK SUDMAN	Golden Fleece,	" 205..Mar. 25, 1912
JOSHUA ROBERTSON	Naphthall,	" 206..June 3, 1911
FRANCIS E. MAHAN	Parian,	" 207..Aug. 28, 1911
WILLIAM HOLWAY	Parian,	" 207..Oct. 22, 1911
HERBERT H. SWARTS	Canopy,	" 209..July 25, 1911
ALDEN P. HULL	East Lincoln,	" 210..Dec. 24, 1911
FRED H. BESSEY	Square & Compass,	" 213..Jan. 22, 1912
WILLIAM E. CASE	Occidental,	" 215..Oct. 29, 1911
FRANCIS M. LOWE	Pallsade,	" 216..Apr. 1, 1911
CHARLES C. ROSS	Cable,	" 225..Sept. 14, 1911
HENRY A. BOLT	Grace,	" 226..Oct. 22, 1911
MATTHEW YOUNG	North Star,	" 227..Oct. 24, 1911
SAMUEL DARWIN	North Star,	" 227..Nov. 25, 1911
FRANK M. MCGEE	Delta,	" 230..Mar. 1, 1912
WILBURN MORTON	Mt. Hermon,	" 231..Aug. 8, 1911
WILLIAM A. LEACH	John S. Bowen,	" 232..Aug. 31, 1911
FRANK S. CLARK	George Armstrong	" 241..July 19, 1911
ANDREW J. SIMONTON	Tyrlan,	" 243..July 22, 1911
JOHN F. JAMES	Tyrlan,	" 243..Sept. 20, 1911
EDSON L. INGALLS	Hampton,	" 245..Feb. 27, 1912
CHARLES SHIELDS	Hildreth,	" 252..Jan. 7, 1912
FREDERICK W. WIGGERS	Beemer,	" 253..June 16, 1911
CHARLES H. PATCH	Bassett,	" 254..Feb. 15, 1912
WILLIAM P. MITCHELL	Bradshaw,	" 255..May 24, 1911
FRANKLIN J. BURCHAM	Hickman,	" 256..Apr. 7, 1911
LOUIS McCLINTOCK	Holbrook,	" 257..Aug. 31, 1911
HENRY CRABTREE	Endeavor,	" 262..Mar. 2, 1912
WILLIAM E. ANFIN	Olive Branch,	" 274..July 26, 1911
Rhadamanthus H. Scofield	Antelope,	" 276..Nov. 22, 1911

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan.....	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong.....	1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler, Omaha, 559 South 26th Ave.....	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas.....	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish.....	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel, Omaha, 1902 Dodge Street.....	1869-70
William E. Hill, Los Angeles, Cal., 2220 East 4th St., Station B.....	1871-72
Martin Dunham, Omaha, 818 South 33d Street.....	1873
*Frank Welch.....	1874
*Alfred G. Hastings.....	1875
George H. Thummel, Omaha, 404 South 38th Ave.....	1876
*George W. Lininger.....	1877
Edward K. Valentine, Chicago, Illinois, 103 E. 51st St.....	1878
*Rolland H. Oakley.....	1879
*James A. Tulleys.....	1880
James R. Cain, Sr., Falls City.....	1881
Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City.....	1882
Samuel W. Hayes, Norfolk.....	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 97 Bell Avenue.....	1884
Manoah B. Reese, Lincoln.....	1885
*Charles K. Coutant.....	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., Winder Bldg., Treasury Dept.....	1887
George B. France, York.....	1888
John J. Mercer, Omaha, 2811 Hickory Street.....	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney.....	1890
*Bradner D. Slaughter.....	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh.....	1892
James P. A. Black, Hastings.....	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.....	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln.....	1895
Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.....	1896
John B. Dinsmore, Sutton.....	1897
Frank H. Young, Broken Bow.....	1898
William W. Keysor, Kirkwood, Missouri.....	1899
Albert W. Crites, Chadron.....	1900
Robert E. Evans, Dakota City.....	1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers, Fairmont.....	1902
Frank E. Bullard, North Platte.....	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk.....	1904
*Melville R. Hopewell.....	1905
Zuingle M. Baird, Hartington.....	1906
Ornan J. King, Lincoln, 1126 N Street.....	1907
William A. DeBord, Omaha, 520 First National Bank Bldg.....	1908
Michael Dowling, Omaha, 1322 South 31st Street.....	1909
Harry A. Cheney, Creighton.....	1910
Henry Gibbons, Kearney.....	1911

*Deceased.

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

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama.....	George A. Beauchamp..	Montgomery.
Alberta.....	George Macdonald.....	Calgary.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskruge....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia..	Wm. A. DeWolf Smith..	New Westminster. [isco.
California.....	John Whicher.....	412 Hewes Bldg., San Fran-
Canada.....	Ralph L. Gunn.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado.....	Charles H. Jacobson....	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	Frank W. Havens.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Antonio Castro, Q.....	San Jose.
Cuba.....	Carlos G. Charles Y. Hunter.....	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware.....	Virginus V. Harrison..	Wilmington.
District Columbia.	Arvine W. Johnston....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt.....	Athanase C. Garafollo..	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England.....	Edward Letchworth....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	William A. Wollhin....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Theophilus W. Randall..	Boise.
Illinois.....	Isaac Cutter.....	Camp Point.
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Newton R. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Henry E. Flavelle, Dep'y	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	George Cook.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Thomas W. Davis.....	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Michigan.....	Lou B. Winsor.....	Reed City.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Frederic G. Speed.....	Vicksburg.
Missouri.....	John R. Parson.....	510 Pine St., St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges, Jr..	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	1608 Capitol Ave., Omaha.
Nevada.....	Edward D. Vanderlleth.	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	Ritchie's Bldg., St John.
New Hampshire.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Benjamin F. Wakefield.	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque [St., Sydney.
New South Wales..	Arthur H. Bray.....	Masonic Hall, 283 Castlereagh.
New York.....	Edward M. L. Ehlers....	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand.....	Malcolm Niccol.....	Panama St., Wellington.
North Carolina.....	John C. Drewry.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	Thomas Mowbray.....	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Jacob H. Bromwell....	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	William M. Anderson....	Masonic Temple, Oklahoma City.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson.....	388 Yamhill St., Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Is.	W. P. Dbull.....	Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	Will H. Whyte.....	Montreal, P. O. Box 3207.
Queensland.....	Charles H. Harley.....	231 Elizabeth St., Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	S. Penrose Williams....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan.....	John M. Shaw.....	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotland.....	David Reid.....	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia..	Charles R. J. Glover....	Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew....	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania.....	John Hamilton.....	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	John B. Garrett.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	John Watson.....	Waco.
Utah.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington. [St. Melbourne.
Victoria.....	Charles J. Barrow.....	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins
Virginia.....	George W. Carrington..	Richmond.
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson.....	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia.....	John M. Collins.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	William L. Kuykendall..	Saratoga.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Alpha Morgan, 148.....	Broken Bow.....	July 25, 1903
Alberta.....	Homer R. Hatfield, 56.....	Grand Island.....	Aug. 4, 1908
Arizona.....	Charles E. Gallagher, 251	Wausa.....	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas.....	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.....	Norfolk.....	Mar. 6, 1878
Brit. Columbia.	Thomas M. Davis, 93.....	Beaver City.....	Apr. 10, 1908
Canada.....	Orin A. H. Bruce, 100.....	Creighton.....	Oct. 11, 1910
Colorado.....	Charles J. Phelps, 34.....	Schuylcr.....	Oct. 8, 1890
Connecticut.....	Samuel P. Davidson, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	Oct. 10, 1889
Cuba.....	Charles W. Kraft, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware.....	Carroll D. Evans, 58.....	Columbus.....	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. Columbia.	Albert W. Jefferts, 1.....	Omaha.....	June 12, 1912
Egypt.....	Harry A. Cheney, 100.....	Creighton.....	Sept. 12, 1907
England.....	Frank E. Bullard, 32.....	North Platte.....	Feb. 18, 1908
Florida.....	Julius Beckman, 15.....	Fremont.....	Sept. 27, 1899
Georgia.....	Edwin F. Warren, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	Mar. 31, 1883
Idaho.....	Fred A. Howe, 119.....	North Bend.....	Nov. 2, 1909
Illinois.....	George H. Thummel, 33.....	Omaha.....	Mar. 14, 1892
Indiana.....	Harry P. Deuel, 11.....	Omaha.....	Nov. 8, 1890
Ireland.....	Henry Gibbons, 46.....	Kearney.....	June 10, 1811
Kansas.....	James P. A. Black, 60.....	Hastings.....	Nov. 21, 1893
Louisiana.....	Robert E. Evans, 5.....	Dakota City.....	Aug. 9, 1904
Maine.....	Thos. K. Sudborough, 25	Omaha.....	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba.....	Elias W. Beghtol, 146.....	Holdrege.....	May 7, 1903
Maryland.....	Chas. L. Fahnestock, 135	McCook.....	Mar. 8, 1911
Michigan.....	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1.....	Omaha.....	Jan. 1, 1903
Minnesota.....	George A. Beecher, 268.....	Kearney.....	Mar. 17, 1904
Mississippi.....	John M. Burks, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Dec. 31, 1869
Missouri.....	George B. France, 56.....	York.....	June 25, 1888
Montana.....	John J. Mercer, 3.....	Omaha.....	Oct. 19, 1899
Nevada.....	John E. Dinsmore, 49.....	Sutton.....	Sept. 6, 1899
New Brunswick	Addison S. Tibbets, 54.....	Lincoln.....	July 16, 1900
New Hampshire	Frederic L. Temple, 61.....	Lexington.....	Oct. 11, 1910
New Jersey.....	James R. Cain, Sr., 9.....	Falls City.....	Sept. 24, 1878
New So. Wales.	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78	Albion.....	July 26, 1905
New York.....	William A. DeBord, 3.....	Omaha.....	Jan. 31, 1907
New Zealand.....	Frank E. Ward, 31.....	Tekamah.....	July 22, 1905
North Carolina.	Walter M. Hopewell, 31.....	Tekamah.....	June 8, 1911
North Dakota.....	John A. Ehrhardt, 41.....	Stanton.....	Aug. 1, 1890
Nova Scotia.....	Henry H. Wilson, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 26, 1892
Ohio.....	George W. Little, 240.....	Lyons.....	June 23, 1905
Oklahoma.....	Zuingle M. Baird, 155.....	Hartington.....	Aug. 19, 1909
Oregon.....	William T. Bourke, 268.....	Omaha.....	May 18, 1909
P. Edward Is..	Charles E. Burnham, 166	Norfolk.....	Oct. 21, 1902
Quebec.....	James Tyler, 19.....	Lincoln.....	July 26, 1901
Queensland.....	Velosco V. Leonard, 6.....	Plattsmouth.....	Mar. 31, 1909
Rhode Island...	Michael Dowling, 119.....	Omaha.....	July 30, 1903
Saskatchewan.	Claude L. Talbot, 184.....	South Omaha.....	July 3, 1908
South Australia	*Samuel S. Whiting.....	Lincoln.....	.....
Sotuh Carolina.	James R. Cain, Jr., 105.....	Stella.....	July 12, 1907
South Dakota...	Manoah B. Reese, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Mar. 30, 1885
Tennessee.....	Francis E. White, 6.....	Omaha.....	Mar. 12, 1900
Texas.....	Martin Dunham, 3.....	Omaha.....	Feb. 22, 1876
Utah.....	Robert E. French, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 4, 1888
Vermont.....	Frank H. Young, 207.....	Broken Bow.....	Oct. 21, 1899
Victoria.....	John S. Bishop, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 19, 1904
Virginia.....	John S. Davission, 136.....	Long Pine.....	July 14, 1900
Washington.....	Andrew H. Vicle, 55.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 10, 1910
West. Australia	Ornan J. King, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 26, 1904
West Virginia..	Frank M. Knight, 183.....	Alliance.....	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin.....	Albert W. Crites, 158.....	Chadron.....	Aug. 3, 1904

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NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery.....	July 30, 1909
Alberta.....	Percy Taylor.....	High River.....	Jan. 13, 1908
Arizona.....	Alonzo Bailey.....	Globe.....	June 6, 1892
Arkansas.....	Lewis C. Hall.....	Dardanelle.....	Feb. 15, 1911
Brit. Columbia.....	Edward B. Paul.....	Victoria.....	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada.....	Frederick W. Harcourt	Toronto.....	April 15, 1907
Colorado.....	Edward P. Hufferd....	Colorado Springs..	Aug. 12, 1905
Connecticut.....	Reuben H. Tucker.....	Ansonia.....	Dec. 4, 1894
Cuba.....	Manuel S. Castellanos..	Havana.....	
		Santidad del Puerto	Feb. 4, 1904
Delaware.....	Harry J. Guthrie.....	Wilmington.....	Oct. 17, 1904
Dist. Columbia.....	William T. Hastings..	Washington, 905 B	
		St. N. E.....	Aug. 26, 1907
Egypt.....	Michael Bey Saleh.....	Cairo.....	April 3, 1905
Florida.....	William M. Cannon.....	Palatka.....	April 11, 1910
Georgia.....	Isaac R. Bush.....	Camilla.....	Oct. 11, 1910
Idaho.....	Richard K. Lessey.....	Albion.....	Feb. 10, 1908
Illinois.....	Albert Jampolls.....	Chicago.....	Dec. 1, 1906
Indiana.....	Omar B. Smith.....	Rochester.....	Sept. 16, 1908
Ireland.....	John Gordon.....	Dublin.....	June 28, 1899
Kansas.....	William I. Stuart.....	Troy.....	Oct. 23, 1911
Louisiana.....	Adolph G. Ricks.....	New Orleans.....	Sept. 17, 1901
Maine.....	Edwin A. Porter.....	Pittsfield.....	Aug. 9, 1902
Manitoba.....	Richard Dennis Foley..	Winnipeg, 232	
		Spence St.....	Nov. 13, 1890
Maryland.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore.....	
		Masonic Temple	Mar. 25, 1893
Michigan.....	Frank W. Richey.....	Dowagiac.....	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota.....	Alfred G. Pinkham.....	St. Paul.....	April 7, 1906
Mississippi.....	James F. McCool.....	Kosciusko.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Missouri.....	Charles F. Vogel.....	St. Louis, 624 Chest-	
		nut St.....	April 4, 1892
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	Mar. 18, 1892
Nevada.....	Pearl E. Keller.....	Tonopha.....	Nov. 22, 1910
New Brunswick.....	William Wedderburn..	Hampton.....	Jan. 1, 1873
New Hampshire.....	Arthur S. Bunton.....	Manchester.....	Feb. 10, 1908
New Jersey.....	Theodore B. Townley..	Elizabeth.....	Sept. 14, 1908
New So. Wales.....	Frederick A. Banks....	Glebe Point, Sydney	Aug. 25, 1905
New York.....	Thomas Leary.....	Ossining, 160 Main	
		St.....	Mar. 17, 1911
New Zealand.....	Oliver Nicholson.....	Auckland.....	Feb. 14, 1903
North Carolina.....	Will X. Coley.....	Raleigh.....	July 20, 1908
North Dakota.....	James B. Coolidge.....	Leeds.....	June 15, 1911
Nova Scotia.....	Marston Gullod.....	Parrsborough.....	July 16, 1902
Ohio.....	Horace A. Irvin.....	Dayton.....	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma.....	DeForest D. Leach.....	Oklahoma City.....	Aug. 3, 1909
Oregon.....	Phil Metschan.....	Portland.....	May 22, 1893
P. Edward Is.....	James D. Stewart.....	Georgetown.....	Mar. 23, 1910
Quebec.....	William M. LeMesur-	Montreal, 53 Com-	
	ier.....	mon St.....	Oct. 31, 1889
Queensland.....	Ernest W. Bick.....	Brisbane.....	May 10, 1909
Rhode Island.....	Henry C. Dexter.....	Pawtucket.....	May 21, 1909
Saskatchewan.....	Alfred F. Fugl.....	Lloydminster.....	July 6, 1908
South Australia.....	Frank Ernest Had-	Adelaide.....	June 9, 1910
	dick.....	Charleston.....	Feb. 20, 1892
South Carolina.....	Augustine T. Smythe..	Sioux Falls.....	Aug. 6, 1908
South Dakota.....	Marshall R. Brown.....	McWinnville.....	April 19, 1899
Tennessee.....	Isaac J. Thurman.....	San Antonio.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Texas.....	James D. Grenshaw....	Ogden.....	Feb. 20, 1892
Utah.....	Abbot R. Haywood.....	Arlington.....	Aug. 9, 1907
Vermont.....	Edward C. Woodworth..	Melbourne, Collins	
Victoria.....	Francis W. W. Morton..	St.....	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia.....	Sol Cutchins.....	Richmond.....	April 20, 1901
Washington.....	Archibald W. Frater..	Seattle.....	April 13, 1900
West. Australia.....	Thomas William Pais-	Bunbury.....	July 19, 1902
	ley.....	Sistersville.....	June 17, 1910
West Virginia.....	Charles E. Bailey.....	Marinette.....	Dec. 23, 1904
Wisconsin.....	Frank E. Noyes.....		

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- Acacia, 34.
 Adams, U. D., (extinct)
 Adoniram, 159.
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131)
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U. D., (236)
 Alliance, 183.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anchor, 142, (extinct)
 Anselmo, 258.
 Antelope, 276.
 Arapahoe, 109, (extinct)
 Arcana, 195.
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U. D., (extinct)
 Ashland, 18, (extinct)
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.
 Bancroft, 145.
 Bannack City, U. D., (ext.)
 Barneston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Bassett, 254.
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U. D., (179)
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U. D., (230)
 Bee, 259.
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Belgrade, U. D., (269)
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241)
 Benkelman, U. D., (180)
 Beemer, 253.
 Bennet, 94.
 Blazing Star, 200.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue River, 30.
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85)
 Blue Valley, 64.
 Boaz, 185.
 Bradshaw, 255.
 Brainard, 115, (extinct)
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (223)
 Burchard, U. D., (137)
 Burnett, U. D., (166)
 Butte, U. D., (233)
 Cable, 225.
 Cambridge, 150.
 Canopy, 209.
 Capitol, 3.
 Carleton, U. D., (199).
 Cedar, U. D., (13).
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215).
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143).
 Cedar River, 89.
 Cement, 211.
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D., (229)
 Chadron, U. D., (158).
 Chapman, U. D., (239)
 Charity, 53.
 Clay Centre, 139.
 Columbus, U. D., (ext.)
 Columbus, U. D., (58)
 Columbus, 8, (extinct)
 Comet, 229.
 Compass and Square, 212.
 Composite, 81.
 Corinthian, 83.
 Corner-stone, 247.
 Covert, 11.
 Crab Orchard, U. D., (238)
 Crawford, U. D., (181)
 Creighton, 100.
 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Crystal, 191.
 Cubit, 237.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Cuming City, U. D., (21)
 Curtis, 168.
 Custer, U. D., (148)
 Dakota, (5)
 Danbury, U. D., (185)
 Davenport, U. D., (154)
 Decatur, 7, (extinct)
 Delta, 230.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Doric, 118.
 Douglas, U. D., (237)
 East Lincoln, 210.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elwood, 167.
 Eminence, 223.
 Emmet Crawford, 148.
 Endeavor, 262.
 Euclid, 97.
 Eureka, 16, (extinct)
 Evening Star, 49.
 Evergreen, 153.
 Ewing, U. D., (156)
 Exeter, U. D., (extinct)
 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
 Falls City, 9.
 Fidelity, 51.
 Firth, U. D., (66, ext.)
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct)
 Franklin, 264.
 Frank Welch, 75.
 Fraternity, 235.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Friendship, 239.
 Garfield, 95.
 Gauge, 208.
 Gavel, 199.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, U. D., (125)
 George Armstrong, 241.
 George Washington, 250.
 George W. Lininger, 268.
 Gibbon, (see 46)
 Gibbon, U. D., (189)
 Giddings, 2.
 Gilead, 233.
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.
 Gothenburg, 249.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Granite, 189.
 Grant, U. D., (34)
 Grant, U. D., (186)
 Greenwood, U. D., (163)
 Gresham, U. D., (197)
 Guide Rock, 128.
 Hamilton, U. D., (68)
 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
 Harmony, U. D., (extinct)
 Harmony, U. D., (extinct)
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hermon, U. D., (231)
 Hesperia, 178, (extinct)
 Hickman, 256.
 Highland, 194.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29)
 Hiram, 52.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, U. D., (146)
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Huntley, 270.
 Hyannis, U. D., (234)
 Idaho, U. D., (extinct)
 Imperial, U. D., (198)
 Incense, 182.
 Indianola, 123, (extinct)
 Ionic, 87.
 Israel, 187.
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct)
 Jachin, 146.
 James A. Tulleys, 267.
 Jasper, 122, (extinct)
 Jephth, U. D., (264)
 Jewel, 149.
 John S. Bowen, 232.
 Johnson, U. D., (141, ext.)
 Joppa, 76.
 Jordan, 27.
 Juniata, 42.
 Justice, 180.
 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.
 Lafayette, 24, (extinct)
 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Laurel, 248.
 Lebanon, 58.

- Lee P. Gillette, 272.
 Leigh, U.'D.', (193)
 Level, 196.
 Liberty, U.'D.', (152)
 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln 19.
 Litchfield, 278.
 Livingstone, 66, (extinct)
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Loup Fork, U.'D.', (8, ext.)
- Mackey, U.'D.', (242)
 Macoy, 22, (extinct)
 Magic City, U.'D.', (184)
 Magnolia, 220.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridian, 188.
 Merna, 171.
 Minden, 127.
 Minnekadusa, 192.
 Mitchell, 263.
 Monitor, U.'D.', (extinct)
 Morning Star, 197.
 Morrill, U.'D.', (271)
 Mosaic, 55.
 Mount Hermon, 231.
 Mount Moriah, 57.
 Mount Nebo, 125.
 Mount Zion, 161.
 Mystic Tie, 166.
- Napthali, 206.
 Nebraska, 1.
 Nebraska City, 12, (extinct)
 Nehawka, 246.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha Valley, 4.
 Norfolk, U.'D.', (55)
 North Bend, 119.
 Northern Light, 41.
 North Loup, U.'D.', (142, ex)
 North Star, 227.
- Oakland, 91.
 Oasis, 271.
 Occidental, 215.
 Odell, U.'D.', (122, ext.)
 Ogalalla, 159.
 Ohio, U.'D.', (182)
 Olive Branch, 274.
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Orion, 242, (extinct)
 Ornan, 261.
 Osceola, 65.
 Overton, U.'D.', (267)
 Oxford, U.'D.', (138)
- Palestine, U.'D.', (extinct)
- Palisade, 216.
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct)
 Papillion, 39.
 Parallel, 152.
 Parian, 207.
 Pawnee, 23.
 Pawnee City, U.'D.', (23)
 Peru, U.'D.', (extinct)
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.
 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumb, 186, (extinct)
 Plumblin, 214.
 Pomegranate, 110.
 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
 Prudence, 179.
 Purity, 198.
 Pythagoras, 156.
- Ramah, 275.
 Rawalt, 138.
 Relief, 219.
 Republican, 98.
 Reynolds, U.'D.', (160)
 Rising, U.'D.', (81)
 Rising Star, U.'D.', (20 ext.)
 Riverside, 269.
 Riverton, 63.
 Robert Burns, 173.
 Robert W. Furnas, 265.
 Rob Morris, 46.
 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct)
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (trans-
 ferred)
 Roman Eagle, 203.
- Saint Johns, 25.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47, (extinct)
 Saline, U.'D.', (73)
 Saline, U.'D.', (101)
 Saline, U.'D.', (118)
 Samaritan, 158.
 Scotia, U.'D.', (191)
 Scotts Bluff, 201.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seward, U.'D.', (38)
 Shelby, U.'D.', (161)
 Shelton, 99.
 Shickley, U.'D.', (178, ext.)
 Signet, 193.
 Siloam, 147.
 Silver, 266.
 Silver Cord, 224.
 Silver Creek, U.'D.', (ext.)
 Sincerity, 244.
 Sioux, 277.
 Solar, 134.
 Solomon, 10.
 Springfield, 112.
- Springview, 260.
 Square, 151.
 Square and Compass, 213.
 Stanton, U.'D.', (41)
 Star, 88.
 Steele City, 107, (extinct)
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, U.'D.', (196)
 Stromsburg, 126.
 Summit, 7, (transferred)
 Summit, 141, (extinct)
 Superior, 121.
 Syracuse, U.'D.', (57)
- Table Rock, 108.
 Talmage, U.'D.', (162)
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Temple, U.'D.', (5)
 Temple, 175.
 Thistle, 61.
 Tobias, U.'D.', (149)
 Trenton, U.'D.', (extinct)
 Trestle Board, 162.
 Trilumular, U.'D.', (210)
 Trowel, 71.
 Tuscan, 130.
 Tyre, 85.
 Tyrian, 243.
- Ulysses, U.'D.', (187)
 Unity, 163.
 Upright, 137.
 Utica, 96.
- Valentine, U.'D.', (113)
 Valley, 157.
 Valparaiso, U.'D.', (151)
- Waco, 80, (extinct)
 Wahoo, 59.
 Wallace, 279.
 Washington, 21.
 Waterloo, 102.
 Wauneta, 217.
 Wausa, 251.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, U.'D.', (97)
 Western, 140.
 Western Star, 2.
 Wilcox, U.'D.', (226)
 Winside, U.'D.', (235)
 Winter Creek, U.'D.', (265)
 Wisner, 114.
 Wood Lake, 221.
 Wymore, 104.
 Wyoming, 28, (transferred)
- York, 56.
- Zeredatha, U.'D.', (92)
 Zeredatha, 160.
 Zion, 234.

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- Adams, 214.
 Ainsworth, 224.
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, 236.
 Alliance, 183.
 Alma, 116.
 Anselmo, 258.
 Ansley, 176.
 Arcadia, 208.
 Arlington, 52.
 Arnold, 225.
 Ashland, 110.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.
 Bancroft, 145.
 Barneston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Bassett, 254.
 Battle Creek, 244.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Crossing, 179.
 Bee, 259.
 Beemer, 253.
 Belgrade, 269.
 Benkelman, 180.
 Bennett, 94.
 Bertrand, 275.
 Blair, 21.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Bloomington, 76.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue Springs, 85.
 Bradshaw, 255.
 Brock, 162.
 Broken Bow, 148.
 Brownville, 4.
 Burchard, 137.
 Burwell, 200.
 Butte, 233.
 Callaway, 207.
 Cambridge, 150.
 Carleton, 199.
 Cedar Bluffs, 215.
 Cedar Rapids, 143.
 Central City, 36.
 Ceresco, 229.
 Chadron, 158.
 Chapman, 239.
 Chappell, 205.
 Clarks, 134.
 Clay Centre, 139.
 Coleridge, 219.
 Columbus, 58.
 Cook, 231.
 Cortland, 194.
 Cozad, 188.
 Craig, 241.
 Crawford, 181.
 Creighton, 100.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Curtis, 168.
 Dakota City, 5.
 Danbury, 185.
 Davenport, 154.
 David City, 51.
 Decatur, 88.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Diller, 206.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Dorchester, 118.
 Douglas, 237.
 Dunbar, 272.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elgin, 276.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elmwood, 209.
 Elwood, 167.
 Emerson, 220.
 Ewing, 156.
 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Falls City, 9.
 Filley, 175.
 Fort Calhoun, 10.
 Franklin, 264.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Fullerton, 89.
 Gandy, 190.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, 125.
 Gering, 201.
 Gibbon, 189.
 Giltner, 223.
 Gordon, 195.
 Gothenburg, 249.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grand Island, 33.
 Greenwood, 163.
 Gresham, 197.
 Guide Rock, 128.
 Hampton, 245.
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 Harrison, 277.
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Havelock, 250.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
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 Hickman, 256.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, 146.
 Hooper, 72.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Huntley, 270.
 Hyannis, 234.
 Imperial, 198.
 Indianola, 262.
 Juniata, 42.
 Kearney, 46.
 Kenesaw, 144.
 Kennard, 232.
 Laurel, 248.
 Leigh, 193.
 Lexington, 61.
 Liberty, 152.
 Lincoln, 19, 54, 210.
 Litchfield, 278.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Loup City, 106.
 Lyons, 240.
 Madison, 113.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.
 Merna, 171.
 Milford, 30.
 Miller, 213.
 Minden, 127.
 Mitchell, 263.
 Morrill, 271.
 Nebraska City, 2.
 Nehawka, 246.
 Neligh, 71.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha City, 29.
 Niobrara, 87.
 Norfolk, 55.
 North Bend, 119.
 North Platte, 32.
 Oak, 243.
 Oakland, 91.
 Ogalalla, 159.
 Ohlawa, 182.
 Omaha, 1, 3, 11, 25, 268.
 O'Neill, 95.
 Ord, 103.
 Orleans, 60.
 Osceola, 65.
 Osmond, 247.
 Overton, 267.
 Oxford, 138.
 Palisade, 216.
 Papillion, 39.
 Pawnee City, 23.
 Pender, 203.
 Peru, 14.
 Phillips, 62.
 Pierce, 153.
 Plainview, 204.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Ponca, 101.
 Randolph, 202.
 Red Cloud, 53.
 Republican City, 98.
 Reynolds, 160.
 Rising City, 81.
 Riverton, 63.
 Rulo, 13.
 Rushville, 169.
 Saint Edward, 230.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Schuyler, 34.

- Scotia, 191.
 Scottsbluff, 265.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seward, 38.
 Shelby, 161.
 Shelton, 99.
 Sidney, 75.
 Silver Creek, 266.
 South Omaha, 184.
 Spencer, 261.
 Springfield, 112.
 Springview, 260.
 Stanton, 41.
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, 196.
 Stratton, 173.
 Stromsburg, 126.
 Stuart, 147.
 Sumner, 212.
 Superior, 121.
 Surprise, 130.
 Sutton, 49.
 Syracuse, 57.
 Table Rock, 108.
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Tilden, 166.
 Tobias, 149.
 Ulysses, 187.
 University Place, 227.
 Utica, 96.
 Valentine, 192.
 Valparaiso, 151.
 Wahoo, 59.
 Wakefield, 83.
 Wallace, 279.
 Walthill, 174.
 Waterloo, 102.
 Wauneta, 217.
 Wausa, 251.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, 97.
 Western, 140.
 West Point, 27.
 Wilber, 64.
 Wilcox, 226.
 Wilsonville, 157.
 Winside, 235.
 Wisner, 114.
 Wood Lake, 221.
 Wood River, 211.
 Wymore, 104.
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 Boone, 78, 143, 230.
 Box Butte, 183.
 Boyd, 233, 261.
 Brown, 136, 224.
 Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189, 213.
 Burt, 31, 88, 91, 240, 241.
 Butler, 51, 81, 130, 187.
 Cass, 6, 97, 163, 209, 246.
 Cedar, 155, 202, 219, 248.
 Chase, 198, 217.
 Cherry, 192, 221.
 Cheyenne, 75.
 Clay, 44, 49, 67, 84, 139.
 Colfax, 34, 193.
 Cuming, 27, 114, 145, 253.
 Custer, 148, 170, 171, 176,
 207, 225, 258.
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 Dawes, 153, 181.
 Dawson, 61, 188, 212, 249, 267.
 Deuel, 205.
 Dixon, 83, 101, 220, 236.
 Dodge, 15, 72, 119, 132.
 Douglas, 1, 3, 11, 25, 102,
 184, 268.
 Dundy, 180.
 Fillmore, 48, 79, 172, 182.
 Franklin, 63, 76, 252, 264.
 Frontier, 168, 196.
 Furnas, 93, 138, 150, 157, 257.
 Gage, 26, 85, 104, 152, 165,
 175, 194, 214.
 Garfield, 200.
 Gosper, 167.
 Grant, 234.
 Greeley, 191.
 Hall, 33, 86, 211.
 Hamilton, 62, 68, 223, 245.
 Harlan, 60, 98, 116, 270.
 Hitchcock, 173, 174, 216.
 Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.
 Howard, 82.
 Jefferson, 35, 160, 206.
 Johnson, 17, 70, 90, 231.
 Kearney, 127, 226.
 Keith, 159.
 Keya Paha, 260.
 Knox, 87, 100, 218, 251, 273.
 Lancaster, 19, 54, 94, 210,
 227, 250, 256.
 Lincoln, 32, 279.
 Logan, 190.
 Madison, 55, 113, 166, 244.
 Merrick, 36, 134, 239, 266.
 Nance, 89, 125, 269.
 Nemaha, 4, 14, 29, 124, 162.
 Nuckolls, 77, 117, 121, 243.
 Otoe, 2, 57, 237, 272.
 Pawnee, 23, 108, 137.
 Phelps, 146, 275.
 Pierce, 153, 204, 247.
 Platte, 58.
 Polk, 65, 126, 161.
 Red Willow, 135, 185, 228,
 262.
 Richardson, 9, 13, 40, 105.
 Rock, 254.
 Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 118,
 140, 149.
 Sarpy, 39, 112.
 Saunders, 59, 110, 151, 215,
 229.
 Scotts Bluff, 201, 263, 265,
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 Seward, 30, 38, 96, 179, 259.
 Sheridan, 169, 177, 195.
 Sherman, 106, 278.
 Sioux, 277.
 Stanton, 41.
 Thayer, 43, 74, 92, 154, 199.
 Thurston, 203, 274.
 Valley, 103, 208, 232.
 Washington, 10, 21, 52, 222.
 Wayne, 120, 235.
 Webster, 53, 128, 129.
 York, 56, 197, 255.

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	CREATED	CHARTERED
	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday.....	Feb. —, 55...	Oct. 3, 55
	" 2	Nebraska City..	Otoe	Friday on or before○.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56
	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Jan. 9, 57...	June 3, 57
	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before○...	Dec. 15, 57...	June 2, 58
5	" 5	Dakota City....	Dakota	Saturday on or before○.....	Jan. 18, 58...	June 2, 58
	" 6	Plattsmouth ...	Cass	First and third Mondays...	Jan. 18, 58...	June 2, 58
	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson	Second and fourth Mondays.	Oct. 4, 64...	June 23, 65
	" 10	Fort Calhoun...	Washington	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 15, 65...	June 22, 66
	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
10	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	Monday on or before○.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Saturday on or before○.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Saturdays...	Dec. 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
15	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday.....	Feb. 24, 68...	June 25, 68
	" 23	Pawnee City....	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays...	Jan. 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays.	Mar. 23, 70...	June 22, 70
	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Dec. 25, 69...	June 23, 70
20	" 29	Nemaha City....	Nemaha	Friday on or before○.....	Nov. 8, 69...	June 23, 70
	" 30	Milford	Seward	Thursday on or before○.....	Apr. 25, 70...	June 23, 70
	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays.	Aug. 19, 69...	June 23, 70
	" 32	North Platte...	Lincoln	Second Tuesday.....	Jan. 15, 70...	June 23, 70
	" 33	Grand Island...	Hall	Second Thursday.....	Aug. 11, 70...	June 22, 71
25	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Thursday.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays...	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
	" 36	Central City...	Merrick	First and third Saturdays..	Aug. 9, 71...	June 19, 72

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	CREATED	CHARTERED	
	Crete,	No. 37	Crete	Saline	First Friday	Jan. 8, 72	June 19, 72
	Oliver,	" 38	Seward	Seward	Saturday on or before○	July 25, 71	June 18, 73
30	Papillion,	" 39	Papillion	Sary	First and third Saturdays	Nov. 18, 72	June 18, 73
	Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Thursday on or before○	Dec. 16, 72	June 18, 73
	Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Friday on or before○	Jan. 20, 73	June 18, 73
	Juniata,	" 42	Juniata	Adams	Monday on or before○	Feb. 21, 73	June 18, 73
	Hebron,	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Mar. 10, 73	June 18, 73
35	Harvard,	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Mar. 25, 73	June 18, 73
	Rob Morris,	" 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Feb. 21, 73	June 26, 74
	Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Tuesday on or before○	Dec. 4, 73	June 26, 74
	Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton	Clay	Second and fourth Thursdays	Dec. 22, 73	June 26, 74
	Hastings,	" 50	Hastings	Adams	First Tuesday	Jan. 3, 74	June 26, 74
40	Fidelity,	" 51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday	Jan. 19, 74	June 26, 74
	Hiram,	" 52	Arlington	Washington	Thursday on or before○	Feb. 26, 74	June 26, 74
	Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud	Webster	First and third Fridays	Mar. 2, 74	June 26, 74
	Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Apr. 20, 74	June 26, 74
	Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Oct. 1, 74	June 23, 75
45	York,	" 56	York	York	Last Friday	Oct. 1, 74	June 23, 75
	Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	Nov. 7, 74	June 23, 75
	Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Dec. 7, 74	June 23, 75
	Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Jan. 20, 75	June 23, 75
	Melrose,	" 60	Orleans	Harlan	Saturday on or before○*	Mar. 10, 75	June 24, 75
50	Thistle,	" 61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	May 8, 75	June 21, 76
	Keystone,	" 62	Phillips	Hamilton	Saturday on or before○	Jan. 1, 76	June 21, 76
	Riverton,	" 63	Riverton	Franklin	Monday on or before○	Dec. 22, 75	June 21, 76
	Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber	Saline	Tuesday on or before○*	Oct. 6, 76	June 20, 77
	Osceola,	" 65	Osceola	Polk	Second and fourth Saturdays	Nov. 23, 76	June 20, 77
55	Edgar,	" 67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	Feb. 27, 77	June 20, 77

*And two weeks thereafter.

	Aurora	68	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesdays	Feb. 10, 76	June 19, 78
	Sterling	70	Sterling	Johnson	Tuesday on or before○	July 16, 77	June 19, 78
	Trowel	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Jan. 28, 78	June 19, 78
	Hooper	72	Hooper	Dodge	Saturday on or before○	Mar. 19, 78	June 25, 79
60	Friend	73	Friend	Saline	Thursday on or before○	May 4, 78	June 25, 79
	Alexandria	74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Mondays	Dec. 26, 78	June 25, 79
	Frank Welch	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Dec. 26, 78	June 25, 79
	Joppa	76	Bloomington	Franklin	Friday on or before○	Mar. 29, 79	June 25, 79
	Nelson	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	Thursday on or before○	Mar. 15, 79	June 23, 80
65	Albion	78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Aug. 1, 79	June 23, 80
	Geneva	79	Geneva	Fillmore	Friday on or before○*	Nov. 24, 79	June 23, 80
	Composite	81	Rising City	Butler	Tuesday on or before○	Mar. 20, 80	June 22, 81
	Saint Paul	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	April 15, 80	June 22, 81
	Corinthian	83	Wakefield	Dixon	Friday on or before○	April 22, 80	June 22, 81
70	Fairfield	84	Fairfield	Clay	First and Third Mondays	Sept. 3, 80	June 22, 81
	Tyre	85	Blue Springs	Gage	Tuesday on or before○	Sept. 16, 80	June 22, 81
	Doniphan	86	Doniphan	Hall	Saturday on or before○	Jan. 7, 81	June 22, 81
	Ionic	87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before○	Jan. 24, 81	June 20, 82
	Star	88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Sept. 17, 81	June 20, 82
75	Cedar River	89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Mondays	Jan. 19, 82	June 20, 82
	Elk Creek	90	Elk Creek	Johnson	Wednesday on or before○	Feb. 11, 82	June 20, 82
	Oakland	91	Oakland	Burt	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Feb. 7, 82	June 19, 83
	Hubbell	92	Hubbell	Thayer	Second and fourth Saturdays	April 29, 82	June 19, 83
	Beaver City	93	Beaver City	Furnas	Saturday on or before○	May 3, 82	June 19, 83
80	Bennet	94	Bennet	Lancaster	Tuesday on or before○	May 5, 82	June 19, 83
	Garfield	95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	June 28, 82	June 19, 83
	Utica	96	Utica	Seward	Wednesday on or before○	July 14, 82	June 19, 83
	Euclid	97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	July 21, 82	June 19, 83
	Republican	98	Republican City	Harlan	Wednesday on or before○	July 27, 82	June 19, 83
85	Shelton	99	Shelton	Buffalo	Friday on or before○	July 28, 82	June 19, 83
	Creighton	100	Creighton	Knox	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 19, 82	June 19, 83
	Ponca	101	Ponca	Dixon	Friday on or before○	Sept. 1, 82	June 19, 83
	Waterloo	102	Waterloo	Douglas	Tuesday on or before○	Sept. 7, 82	June 19, 83
	Ord	103	Ord	Valley	Wednesday on or before○	Sept. 14, 82	June 19, 83

*And two weeks thereafter.

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	CREATED	CHARTERED
90 Wymore,	No. 104 Wymore	Gage	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Nov. 10, 82...	June 19, 83
Stella,	" 105 Stella	Richardson	Wednesday on or before○...	Dec. 4, 82...	June 19, 83
Porter,	" 106 Loup City.....	Sherman	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Dec. 9, 82...	June 19, 83
Table Rock,	" 108 Table Rock.....	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Jan. 24, 83...	June 19, 83
Pomegranate,	" 110 Ashland	Saunders	First Friday.....	Feb. 13, 83...	June 19, 83
95 DeWitt,	" 111 DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before○.....	Feb. 28, 83...	June 19, 83
Springfield,	" 112 Springfield	Sarpy	Second and fourth Saturdays	Mar. 30, 83...	June 19, 83
Globe,	" 113 Madison	Madison	Tuesday on or before○.....	Feb. 16, 82...	June 24, 84
Wisner,	" 114 Wisner	Cuming	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Feb. 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Harlan,	" 116 Alma	Harlan	Friday on or before○*.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
100 Hardy,	" 117 Hardy	Nuckolls	Thursday on or before○.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
Doric,	" 118 Dorchester	Saline	Saturday on or before○.....	Aug. 2, 83...	June 24, 84
North Bend,	" 119 North Bend.....	Dodge	Second Tuesday.....	Sept. 5, 83...	June 24, 84
Wayne,	" 120 Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Fridays..	Sept. 26, 83...	June 24, 84
Superior,	" 121 Superior	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before○...	Nov. 22, 83...	June 24, 84
105 Auburn,	" 124 Auburn	Nemaha	Monday on or before○.....	Dec. 25, 83...	June 24, 84
Mount Nebo,	" 125 Genoa	Nance	Second and fourth Saturdays	Jan. 1, 84...	June 24, 84
Stromsburg,	" 126 Stromsburg	Polk	Saturday on or before○.....	Jan. 16, 84...	June 24, 84
Minden,	" 127 Minden	Kearney	Wednesday on or before○...	Jan. 22, 84...	June 24, 84
Guide Rock,	" 128 Guide Rock.....	Webster	Thursday on or before○.....	Jan. 28, 84...	June 24, 84
110 Blue Hill,	" 129 Blue Hill.....	Webster	Friday on or before○.....	Feb. 13, 84...	June 24, 84
Tuscan,	" 130 Surprise	Buffalo	Thursday on or before○.....	Feb. 20, 84...	June 24, 85
Scribner,	" 132 Scribner	Butler	First Wednesday.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
Elm Creek,	" 133 Elm Creek.....	Dodge	First Tuesday.....	Aug. 8, 84...	June 24, 85
Solar,	" 134 Clarks	Merrick	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 8, 84...	June 24, 85
115 McCook,	" 135 McCook	Red Willow....	First and third Tuesdays....	Oct. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Long Pine,	" 136 Long Pine.....	Brown	First Saturday.....	Oct. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Upright,	" 137 Burchard	Pawnee	Wednesday on or before○*..	Nov. 14, 84...	June 24, 85

*And two weeks thereafter.

		No. 138	Oxford	Furnas	Saturday on or before○.....	Nov. 15, 84...	June 24, 85
		" 139	Clay Centre.....	Clay	First and third Saturdays...	Dec. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
120	Western,	" 140	Western	Saline	First and third Wednesdays	Dec. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids...	Boone	Third Wednesday.....	Jan. 24, 85...	June 24, 85
	Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw	Adams	Friday on or before○.....	Jan. 28, 85...	June 24, 85
	Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Feb. 25, 85...	June 24, 85
	Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday.....	Mar. 31, 85...	June 17, 86
125	Siloam,	" 147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or after○.....	April 30, 85...	June 17, 86
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow...	Custer	Saturday on or before○.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
	Jewel,	" 149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Aug. 15, 85...	June 17, 86
	Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge	Furnas	Tuesday on or before○*....	Aug. 10, 85...	June 17, 86
	Square,	" 151	Valparaiso	Saunders	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Sept. 7, 85...	June 17, 86
130	Parallel,	" 152	Liberty	Gage	Thursday on or before○.....	Nov. 20, 85...	June 17, 86
	Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce	Pierce	Tuesday on or before○*....	Nov. 27, 85...	June 17, 86
	Lily,	" 154	Davenport	Thayer	Friday on or before○.....	Nov. 28, 85...	June 17, 86
	Hartington,	" 155	Hartington	Cedar	Wednesday on or before○...	Jan. 26, 86...	June 17, 86
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing	Holt	Saturday on or before○f....	Oct. 24, 86...	June 16, 87
135	Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Saturday on or before○.....	Feb. 22, 86...	June 16, 87
	Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron	Dawes	First and third Thursdays...	Mar. 17, 86...	June 16, 87
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Ogalalla	Keith	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 14, 86...	June 16, 87
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays...	Aug. 21, 86...	June 16, 87
	Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby	Polk	Monday on or before○*....	Aug. 25, 86...	June 16, 87
140	Trestle Board,	" 162	Brock	Nemaha	Saturday on or before○.....	Oct. 9, 86...	June 16, 87
	Unity,	" 163	Greenwood	Cass	Friday on or before○*....	Dec. 18, 86...	June 16, 87
	Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesdays.	Aug. 19, 86...	June 21, 88
	Barneston,	" 165	Barneston	Gage	Tuesday on or before○*....	Aug. 20, 86...	June 21, 88
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden	Madison	Thursday on or before○.....	Feb. 18, 87...	June 21, 88
145	Elwood,	" 167	Elwood	Gosper	Saturday on or before○.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Curtis,	" 168	Curtis	Frontier	First and third Mondays....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Amity,	" 169	Rushville	Sheridan	Third Saturday.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88
	Mason City,	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 1, 87...	June 21, 88
	Merna,	" 171	Merna	Custer	Saturday on or after○.....	Aug. 2, 87...	June 21, 88
150	Grafton,	" 172	Grafton	Fillmore	Wednesday on or before○*..	Oct. 18, 87...	June 21, 88
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Stratton	Hitchcock	First and third Saturdays...	Nov. 15, 87...	June 21, 88
	Culbertson,	" 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays.	Nov. 16, 87...	June 21, 88

†And Thursday on or before quarter moon. *And two weeks thereafter.

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	Temple,	No. 175	Filley	Gage	First and third Saturdays...	Dec. 9, 87...	June 21, 88
	Gladstone,	" 176	Ansley	Custer	Saturday after○.....	Feb. 18, 88...	June 21, 88
155	Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs....	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays.	Feb. 20, 88...	June 21, 88
	Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Crossing.	Seward	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 24, 88...	June 20, 89
	Justice,	" 180	Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before○.....	Oct. 8, 88...	June 20, 89
	Faith,	" 181	Crawford	Dawes	First and third Thursdays..	Dec. 13, 88...	June 20, 89
	Incense,	" 182	Ohiowa	Fillmore	Friday on or before○.....	Dec. 21, 88...	June 20, 89
160	Alliance,	" 183	Alliance	Box Butte	Thursday on or before○.....	Jan. 18, 89...	June 20, 89
	Bee Hive,	" 184	South Omaha...	Douglas	First Thursday.....	Jan. 22, 89...	June 20, 89
	Boaz,	" 185	Danbury	Red Willow....	Wednesday on or before○...	Jan. 24, 89...	June 20, 89
	Israel,	" 187	Ulysses	Butler	Tuesday on or before○.....	Feb. 2, 89...	June 20, 89
	Meridian,	" 188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Saturday.....	Feb. 4, 89...	June 20, 89
165	Granite,	" 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Thursday.....	Feb. 18, 89...	June 20, 89
	Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy	Logan	Second and fourth Saturdays	Aug. 5, 89...	June 20, 90
	Crystal,	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	Saturday on or before○...	Aug. 7, 89...	June 20, 90
	Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday.....	Aug. 15, 89...	June 20, 90
	Signet,	" 193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before○.....	Sept. 3, 89...	June 20, 90
170	Highland,	" 194	Cortland	Gage	First Monday.....	Sept. 21, 89...	June 20, 90
	Arcana,	" 195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays...	Oct. 17, 89...	June 20, 90
	Level,	" 196	Stockville	Frontier	Saturday on or before○.....	Nov. 1, 89...	June 20, 90
	Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham	York	Friday on or before○.....	Dec. 16, 89...	June 20, 90
	Purity,	" 198	Imperial	Chase	Friday on or before○.....	Dec. 24, 89...	June 20, 90
175	Gavel,	" 199	Carleton	Thayer	Tuesday on or before○.....	July 20, 89...	June 18, 91
	Blazing Star,	" 200	Burwell	Garfield	Thursday on or after○.....	Aug. 5, 90..	June 18, 91
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff....	First and third Saturdays..	Aug. 8, 90...	June 18, 91
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph	Cedar	Monday on or before○.....	Aug. 29, 90...	June 18, 91
	Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender	Thurston	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 30, 90...	June 18, 91
180	Plainview,	" 204	Plainview	Pierce	Tuesday on or before○*....	Sept. 1, 90...	June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	Thursday on or before○.....	Sept. 2, 90...	June 18, 91

*And two weeks thereafter.

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	Napthall,	No. 206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Dec. 31, 90...	June 18, 91
	Parian,	" 207	Callaway	Custer	Thursday on or before○.....	Jan. 31, 91...	June 18, 91
	Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia	Valley	Tuesday after○*.....	Aug. 24, 91...	June 16, 92
185	Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before○.....	Sept. 4, 91...	June 16, 92
	East Lincoln,	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	Second Thursday†.....	Nov. 5, 91...	June 16, 92
	Cement,	" 211	Wood River.....	Hall	Thursday on or before○.....	Nov. 27, 91...	June 16, 92
	Compass & Square,	" 212	Sumner	Dawson	Tuesday on or before○.....	Dec. 12, 91...	June 16, 92
	Square & Compass,	" 213	Miller	Buffalo	Friday on or before○.....	Dec. 14, 91...	June 16, 92
190	Plumblin,	" 214	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before○.....	Nov. 17, 91...	June 15, 93
	Occidental,	" 215	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders	Wednesday on or before○...	July 16, 92...	June 15, 93
	Palisade,	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	Tuesday on or before○.....	July 18, 92...	June 15, 93
	Wauneta,	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays...	Dec. 7, 92...	June 15, 93
	Bloomfield,	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	Tuesday on or before○.....	Jan. 18, 93...	June 15, 93
195	Relief,	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday.....	Jan. 19, 93...	June 15, 93
	Magnolia,	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before○...	Jan. 21, 93...	June 15, 93
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry	Saturday on or before○.....	Sept. 22, 92...	June 21, 94
	Landmark,	" 222	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before○.....	Mar. 1, 93...	June 21, 94
	Eminence,	" 223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Sept. 26, 93...	June 21, 94
200	Silver Cord,	" 224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Saturday.....	Oct. 17, 93...	June 21, 94
	Cable,	" 225	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays...	Nov. 17, 93...	June 21, 94
	Grace,	" 226	Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before○*.....	Jan. 20, 93...	June 13, 95
	North Star,.	" 227	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday†.....	July 28, 94...	June 13, 95
	Bartley,	" 228	Bartley	Red Willow.....	Wednesday on or before○...	Nov. 23, 94...	June 13, 95
205	Comet,	" 229	Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before○*.....	Dec. 5, 94...	June 13, 95
	Delta,	" 230	Saint Edward...	Boone	First and third Saturdays...	Dec. 11, 94...	June 13, 95
	Mount Hermon,	" 231	Cook	Johnson	Wednesday on or before○...	Dec. 19, 94...	June 13, 95
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	Kennard	Washington	Third Saturday.....	Feb. 6, 95...	June 13, 95
	Gilead,	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays..	Nov. 22, 94...	June 10, 96
210	Zion,	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before○...	July 19, 95...	June 10, 96
	Fraternity	" 235	Winside	Wayne	Wednesday on or before○...	Aug. 2, 95...	June 10, 96
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 3, 95...	June 10, 96
	Cubit,	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before○.....	Aug. 9, 95...	June 10, 96
	Friendship,	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays..	Oct. 7, 95...	June 10, 96
215	Pilot,	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday.....	Nov. 29, 95...	June 10, 96
	George Armstrong,	" 243	Craig	Burt	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Aug. 24, 98...	June 17, 97
	Tyrian,	" 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays.	Aug. 1, 95...	June 8, 99

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Sincerity, No. 244	Battle Creek....	Madison	Second Tuesday.....	Feb. 18, 99...	June 8, 99
	Hampton, " 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays.	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
220	Nehawka, " 246	Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before○...	Jan. 2, 00...	June 7, 00
	Corner-stone, " 247	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before○.....	Jan. 3, 00...	June 7, 00
	Laurel, " 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Feb. 12, 00...	June 7, 00
	Gothenburg, " 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Wednesday on or before○...	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
	George Washington, " 250	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
225	Wausa, " 251	Wausa	Knox	Wednesday on or before○...	Nov. 18, 00...	June 6, 01
	Hildreth, " 252	Hildreth	Franklin	Wednesday on or before○*	July 2, 01...	June 5, 02
	Beemer, " 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and third Wednesdays.	Jan. 1, 02...	June 5, 02
	Bassett, " 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Oct. 8, 02...	June 4, 03
	Bradshaw, " 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Monday.....	June 17, 03...	June 9, 04
230	Hickman, " 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before○.....	Dec. 7, 03...	June 9, 04
	Holbrook, " 257	Holbrook	Furnas	First and third Saturdays...	Jan. 11, 04...	June 9, 04
	Anselmo, " 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before○...	Dec. 10, 04...	June 7, 05
	Bee, " 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before○.....	Feb. 11, 05...	June 7, 05
	Springview, " 260	Springview	Keya Paha.....	Last Saturday.....	Feb. 27, 06...	June 5, 07
235	Ornan, " 261	Spencer	Boyd	First and third Mondays....	Mar. 5, 06...	June 5, 07
	Endeavor, " 262	Indianola	Red Willow....	Thursday on or before○.....	June 28, 06...	June 5, 07
	Mitchell, " 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff....	Second and fourth Mondays.	July 5, 06...	June 5, 07
	Franklin, " 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays.	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
	Robert W. Furnas, " 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff....	Second and fourth Mondays.	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
240	Silver, " 266	Silver Creek....	Merrick	Thursday on or before○.....	June 14, 07...	June 10, 08
	James A. Tulleys, " 267	Overton	Dawson	Saturday on or before○.....	Dec. 26, 07...	June 10, 08
	George W. Lininger, " 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday.....	Feb. 26, 08...	June 10, 08
	Riverside, " 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before○*.....	Jan. 19, 08...	June 9, 09
	Huntley, " 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Nov. 17, 08...	June 9, 09
245	Oasis, " 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff ...	Saturday on or before○.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
	Lee P. Gillette, " 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before○.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
	Crofton, " 273	Crofton	Knox	Thursday on or before○.....	July 10, 09...	June 8, 10
	Olive Branch, " 274	Walthill	Thurston	Monday on or before○.....	Sept. 20, 09...	June 8, 10
	Ramah, " 275	Bertrand	Phelps	Thursday on or before○.....	Nov. 8, 09...	June 8, 10
250	Antelope, " 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays....	Jan. 12, 10...	June 8, 10
	Sioux, " 277	Harrison	Sioux	First and third Tuesdays....	June 10, 10...	June 6, 11
	Litchfield, " 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before○.....	Dec. 19, 10...	June 6, 11
	Wallace, " 279	Wallace	Lincoln	Tuesday on or before○.....	Feb. 25, 11...	June 4, 12

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WITH INSTALLED OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1913.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Nebraska,	No. 1	William S. Rowe.....	Edward S. Thompson..	Edgar L. Hoag.....	William C. McLean.
Western Star,	" 2	John S. Clinkenbeard..	Oliver Stevenson.....	Clyde L. Farthing.....	Milton R. Thorp.
Capitol,	" 3	Homer E. Race.....	Harry P. Van Arsdale..	William P. Wherry....	Herbert G. Hoerner.
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	John A. Anderson.....	John S. Furnas.....	Marion Baker.....	William M. Kauffman.
5 Omadi,	" 5	Harry H. Adair.....	George W. McBeath....	James Allaway, Jr....	John H. Ream.
Plattsmouth,	" 6	William A. Robertson..	*George W. Thomas....	Nelson Jean.....	Michael Archer.
Falls City,	" 9	Edwin G. Whitford....	R. Cooper Bailey.....	Arthur F. Kottman....	Amos E. Gantt.
Solomon,	" 10	David W. Marr.....	Parke G. Beales.....	Lee Smith.....	Fred H. Frahm.
Covert,	" 11	William Cosh.....	George R. Porter.....	Charles S. McGill.....	Frank W. Boyer.
10 Orient,	" 13	John C. Shepherd.....	John J. Tackett.....	Peter Frederick.....	John A. Hinkle.
Peru,	" 14	James A. Vance.....	James F. Majors.....	Charles E. Weeks.....	Abner L. Carlisle.
Fremont,	" 15	Fred S. Davis.....	Fred C. Laird.....	Seymour S. Sidner....	Harry E. Dunlap.
Tecumseh,	" 17	Frank L. Brundage....	Reuben F. Reynolds...	Louie L. Fuller.....	Leo B. Heskett.
Lincoln,	" 19	Silas A. Beeman.....	William Pieper.....	John Wright.....	Walter A. Leese.
15 Washington,	" 21	Charles E. Gaydou....	George Bruse.....	George C. McQuarrie..	Edward C. Jackson.
Pawnee,	" 23	Earl B. Brooks.....	Harry D. Flory.....	E. Vester Vinsant....	Joseph B. Brooks.
St. Johns,	" 25	J. Theodore Brammann.	Thomas Johnson.....	Alfred M. Longwell...	Carl E. Herring.
Beatrice,	" 26	Harry W. Schafer.....	Burt L. Spellman.....	Fred D. Stone.....	Wilbur S. Bourne.
Jordan,	" 27	Herman Zeplin.....	Charles Nitz.....	Joseph F. Zaijerk....	John H. Thompson.
20 Hope,	" 29	William E. Seid.....	John I. Dressler.....	Frank Woodward.....	Benjamin T. Skeen.
Blue River,	" 30	Henry J. Matzke.....	Harry J. Wertman....	*Wilhelm C. Kline....	John A. Cocklin.
Tekamah,	" 31	Emsley C. Houston....	Burt C. Enyart.....	William E. Pratt.....	Frank W. Palen.
Platte Valley	" 32	Charles F. Chapman....	Arthur Boyd.....	Claude P. Faulkner...	Frank E. Bullard.
Ashlar,	" 33	James H. Miller.....	Claude A. Huss.....	Oscar R. Kirsche.....	Robert R. Watson.
Acacia,	" 34	John T. Sumner.....	Andrew K. McLeish...	George M. Bing.....	Venzel Maly.
25 Fairbury,	" 35	James L. Hutchison...	Charles L. Bitzer.....	Ernest D. Beardsley...	Elbert W. Mason.
Lone Tree,	" 36	Albert Grier.....	Anton Jensen.....	William M. Welsh.....	Joseph E. Benton.
Crete,	" 37	Lucius H. Dennison....	Robert Manning.....	*Edward W. Marcellus..	Jared J. Atwater.

*Elected; no report of installation.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Oliver,	No. 38 Charles K. Porter	William Rosborough . . .	Barclay M. Hickman . . .	Smith D. Atkins.
30	Papillion,	" 39 Campbell D. Brown	Horace D. Patterson . . .	Oswald H. Margaret . . .	Joseph G. Pflug.
	Humboldt,	" 40 Thomas H. Gillan	Hugh E. Boyd	Kersey J. Cardy	J. Frank Snethen.
	Northern Light,	" 41 Theodore H. Namur	William T. McFarland . . .	Clinton Chase	Virgil L. Horton.
	Juniata,	" 42 Farmer Saddler	John J. Coats	Charles W. Hall	William E. Cadwalader.
	Hebron,	" 43 Walter H. Rhodes	* <i>Frank H. Gaylord</i>	Charles S. Keith	Charles E. Day.
35	Harvard,	" 44 William T. Ayton	Frederick E. Turner	Everett W. Swartz	Griffith J. Thomas.
	Rob Morris,	" 46 George Burgert	Max H. Brigham	Daniel Quinton	James D. Hawthorne.
	Fairmont,	" 48 Charles H. Little	James A. Rose	Soren C. Sorenson	Joseph Burns.
	Evening Star,	" 49 Robert Beattie	Nathaniel G. Bender	Arthur W. Burlingame . . .	Albertis H. Lewis.
	Hastings,	" 50 Wm. J. Rinderspacher	Fred B. Remer	Harry L. F. Proffitt	Robert R. Damerell.
40	Fidelity,	" 51 Thomas J. Hinds	John M. Zentz	Edgar D. Banghart	Alex E. Etting.
	Hiram,	" 52 Ernest Wager	Clyde M. Carrington	Jasper A. Dixon	James C. Badger.
	Charity,	" 53 Walter B. Saunders	Albert U. Kaley	George W. Hutchison	Edwin S. Garber.
	Lancaster,	" 54 Daniel H. McClenahan	Roy V. Pepperberg	V. Addison Matthews	Robert O. Wolf.
	Mosaic,	" 55 Richard C. Simmons	Harry S. Thorpe	Pearl H. Davis	George H. Burton.
45	York,	" 56 Wilbur G. Liggett	Ira C. Freet	James R. McCloud	Irin A. Baker.
	Mt. Moriah,	" 57 Edward V. Peshek	Charles Peshek	William N. Hunter	Dennison P. West.
	Lebanon,	" 58 Carroll D. Evans	Edgar Howard	George W. Phillips	William R. Newmarker.
	Wahoo,	" 59 Robert F. McCreery	Carl P. Hultin	* <i>Charles Lindall</i>	Charles A. Swanson.
	Melrose,	" 60 Joseph N. Campbell	Daniel J. Lideen	Alfred E. Pettygrove	Herbert L. Stein.
50	Thistle,	" 61 Frederic L. Temple	Frederick J. Kutz	David H. Moulds	Samuel C. Mullin.
	Keystone,	" 62 George Dixon	William Arnold	William Silvernail	Alexander S. Gilbert.
	Riverton,	" 63 Rolland C. Shetler	Edward T. Rasmussen	Jerome L. Whaley	Frank E. Britton.
	Blue Valley,	" 64 Porter F. Dodson	Jesse I. Moore	Joseph L. Grimm	Emil E. Dunder.
	Osceola,	" 65 William Campbell	Clair L. Le Mar	George R. McCoy	Frederick H. Ball.
55	Edgar,	" 67 Butler Hart	David J. Reynish	Howard Musick	Fred A. Voorhees.
	Aurora,	" 68 George H. Murphy	Albert E. Fisher	Alvin O. Hartquest	Harvey K. Bald.
	Sterling,	" 70 Warren A. White	William F. Denton	H. Paul Lebrack	Arthur W. Melville.
	Trowel,	" 71 Willis W. Cole	Robert G. Kryger	* <i>George C. Kummerer</i>	Sidney D. Thornton, Jr.

*Elected; no report of installation.

		No. 72	Fred'k W. Blankenfeld.	Fred H. Maryott.....	Frederick W. King....	John W. Peitz.
60	Hooper,	" 73	Oliver L. Jewitt.....	Malcolm L. McFarlane.	George E. Larson.....	Andros W. Hoyt.
	Alexandria,	" 74	William C. Beer.....	Henry C. Woltemath...	Fred A. Jacques.....	Benjamin L. Terry.
	Frank Welch,	" 75	Herman Schroeder....	Fred G. Griffith.....	Robert W. Devoe.....	Leslie Neubauer.
	Joppa,	" 76	James B. Sumner, Sr....	Stanley D. Long.....	William H. Rutledge..	William T. Britton.
	Nelson,	" 77	Charles R. Imler.....	William W. Hawley...	Valorous A. Thomas..	Jacob Ritterbush.
65	Albion,	" 78	James E. DeLancy....	William B. Burgess....	Roy Burt.....	Wallace W. Ladd
	Geneva,	" 79	Charles J. Warner.....	Merton U. Hadsell....	George E. Leonard....	Waldo E. Propst.
	ComPOSITE,	" 81	Emory Thomas.....	Edward Arnold.....	John F. Ayres.....	Luther J. Saylor.
	St. Paul,	" 82	C. Lee Pickett.....	Benjamin C. Clinton...	William Harvey.....	Frank E. Pope.
	Corinthian,	" 83	Charles S. Grabin.....	B. Guy Hunter.....	Erayneus E. Larson...	David C. Leamer.
70	Fairfield,	" 84	Felix W. Hill.....	Thomas J. Fowler, Jr..	Samuel M. Williams..	David B. Massie.
	Tyre,	" 85	Gilbert F. Sandritter..	Ezra L. Fishburn.....	Clarence E. Casebeer..	Robert N. Scott.
	Doniphan,	" 86	Willie G. Smith.....	Isaac T. Ward.....	James W. Black.....	Henry E. Funk.
	Ionic,	" 87	William H. Brown.....	George W. Draper.....	Charles Nelson.....	George L. Adam.
	Star,	" 88	Robert C. Langley....	Edwin A. Hanson.....	Michael Skalovsky...	John G. Maryott.
75	Cedar River,	" 89	Malcy W. Piercy.....	Joseph A. Storch.....	Clyde M. Reynolds....	William F. Prowett.
	Elk Creek,	" 90	Edwin R. Merwin.....	Godfrey C. Straidter..	Elra J. Gibbs.....	Charles C. Bouham.
	Oakland,	" 91	William E. Minier....	Andrew R. Holt.....	John E. Wallace.....	Albert P. Hedman.
	Hubbell,	" 92	Samuel Patten.....	Oscar D. Gooden.....	J. E. Conklin.....	Ario P. Wilcox.
	Beaver City,	" 93	Willis H. Martin.....	Frank A. Brewster....	William H. McBride..	Fletcher N. Merwin.
80	Bennet,	" 94	Henry F. May.....	Guy B. McKee.....	Nuvatus B. Tiffany....	D. Otis Verity.
	Garfield,	" 95	Robert R. Dickson....	Robert S. Hilliard....	Claud P. Hancock....	James C. Harnish.
	Utica,	" 96	John E. McLain.....	Bert Birket.....	Ernest McNeil.....	Robert C. Hunter.
	Euclid,	" 97	Stephen W. Orton....	Ralph Graham.....	Clark S. Newlon.....	Henry T. Wilson.
	Republican,	" 98	Wallace L. Washburn..	Andrew McFarlane....	Leonard L. Johnson..	Alexander D. McMillan.
85	Shelton,	" 99	Henry H. Stedman....	William C. Bentley....	Lawrence E. Treat....	Guy L. Bastian.
	Creighton,	" 100	Leroy L. Seeley.....	Samuel J. G. Irwin....	Harry W. Woodworth..	Roscoe R. Demmer.
	Ponca,	" 101	Albert D. Townsend...	Arthur H. Logan.....	Frank Bauer.....	Marion I. Mellon.
	Waterloo,	" 102	Albert C. Hedberg....	Charles U. Streitz....	Louis C. Bull.....	Elmer L. Linquest.
	Ord,	" 103	Peter Anderson.....	Herman G. Barkmeier..	Ed F. Beranik.....	Rudolph Sorensen.
90	Wymore,	" 104	Floyd N. High.....	George T. Stephenson..	John S. Jones.....	Jesse S. Newton.
	Stella,	" 105	James Bowen.....	John M. Goodloe.....	Alfred Shallenberger..	Edward W. James.
	Porter,	" 106	Arthur M. Bennett....	Otto E. Longacre.....	Arthur B. Young.....	William J. Root.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Table Rock, No. 108	Rosco C. Zink.....	George A. Cotton.....	John N. Phillips.....	Louis C. Schurr.
	Pomegranate, " 110	Jesse B. Parks.....	Hubert Ray Reasoner.	Chilton B. Laughlin...	Louis A. Albers.
95	DeWitt, " 111	Jacob E. Carey.....	George E. Green.....	John N. Hole.....	Thomas U. Whiffen.
	Springfield, " 112	John C. Geib.....	Lewis C. Johnson.....	William J. Armstrong.	David McCoull.
	Globe, " 113	William L. Dowling...	Frank A. Peterson....	Euclair Sweet.....	Isaac B. Lonneker.
	Wisner, " 114	George W. Mooney....	C. Henry Hoff.....	Newton J. Hill.....	Clark B. Evans.
	Harlan, " 116	William Everson.....	John S. Shaffer.....	Arthur H. Reed.....	Philetus P. Bentley.
100	Hardy, " 117	William E. Gillilan...	*James C. Gavin.....	*Fred Fair.....	James H. Fair.
	Doric, " 118	William Freidell.....	Russell Freidell.....	Claude Byers.....	J. Frank Longanecker.
	North Bend, " 119	John R. Tapster.....	Charles A. Millar.....	Charles K. Watson....	Asa J. Farnham.
	Wayne, " 120	Lambert W. Roe.....	Harvey S. Ringland...	Gilbert J. Green.....	J. Murray Cherry.
	Superior, " 121	Clarence E. Stine.....	James Frank Nelson...	William F. Kehoe....	Marcellus L. Pierce.
105	Auburn, " 124	Alexander R. Peery....	Edward Grant.....	Fred'k. G. Bosshammer.	Joseph N. Simmons.
	Mount Nebo, " 125	Benjamin Person.....	E. Alfred Lundberg...	William E. Reitzel...	C. John Elm.
	Stromsburg, " 126	John C. Malster.....	John W. Lanham.....	Benoni S. Keck.....	James D. Edwards.
	Minden, " 127	Charles A. Chappell...	Clinton H. Tarkington.	Frank B. Blackburn...	Galusha L. Godfrey.
	Guide Rock, " 128	Hugh S. Reed.....	Isaac B. Colvin.....	Dana L. Burr.....	Earl B. Crary.
110	Blue Hill, " 129	Dean W. Fay.....	Andrew D. McNeer....	Henry Stumpenhorst..	Albert L. Graham.
	Tuscan, " 130	William Kunzman.....	Don Severn.....	Earl M. Bolen.....	Amasa S. Chapman.
	Scribner, " 132	Harold Christy.....	Richard A. B. Lane....	Fred Dietz.....	Waldmar G. Henatsch.
	Elm Creek, " 133	George Witmer.....	Edward Asy.....	Henry Strieff.....	John H. Richards.
	Solar, " 134	Mads M. Kokjer.....	Albert M. Johnson.....	George R. Campbell...	William R. Morse.
115	McCook, " 135	Clarence B. Gray.....	Fred A. Munden.....	Harford N. Rosebush...	Daniel J. O'Brien.
	Long Pine, " 136	James D. Rose.....	Charles M. Robinson...	Frank H. Storm.....	John S. Davisson.
	Upright, " 137	Carl A. Yarpe.....	Joseph R. Rauh.....	Paul B. Neilson.....	Andrew D. Barclay.
	Rawalt, " 138	Charles P. Hamilton...	James W. Anderson....	*George W. Blossom....	Neal A. Pettygrove.
	Clay Center, " 139	Earl Fryar.....	Arthur S. Kyne.....	Mervin Patterson....	Charles C. Blanchard.
120	Western, " 140	Charles F. Summers...	David E. Lloyd.....	Edward Timmel.....	Horace B. Wilkinson.
	Crescent, " 143	Stanley Maly.....	Sidney M. Wilson.....	Henry O. Halbersleben.	William A. Gibson.
	Kenesaw, " 144	Allan S. Howard.....	Herman R. Coplin.....	John W. Gearhart....	Liberty M. Robinson.

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	Bancroft,	No. 145	John J. Kiefer.....	Charles S. Stewart....	Ralph E. Mack.....	Herbert M. Bassinger.
125	Jachin,	" 146	Ed J. Pierce.....	Royal G. Phelps.....	George D. Galloway...	Lutannis T. Johnson.
	Siloam,	" 147	William N. Coats.....	John Shaal.....	Leonard Roberts.....	Horace Shank.
	Emmet Crawford	" 148	Chalmers H. England..	James McMillan.....	Eugene S. Holcomb....	George B. Mair.
	Jewel,	" 149	Sidney L. Mumau.....	Arnold C. Blattspieler..	Edward J. Mort.....	Richard G. Drysdale.
	Cambridge,	" 150	James H. Hammond....	Phillip J. McManus....	Stennet L. Barber....	Chester A. Perry.
	Square,	" 151	William G. Johnson....	William C. Elmelund...	William A. Jamison...	William Bays.
130	Parallel,	" 152	William B. Beck.....	George Sutter.....	Claude A. Knouse....	Nelson H. Olmsted.
	Evergreen,	" 153	Arthur Oelke.....	Niels M. Nelson.....	Ora S. Spillman.....	William B. Chilvers
	Lily,	" 154	Albert N. Long.....	I. Good Beam.....	William W. Miller....	Melvin M. Jennings.
	Hartington,	" 155	Glen W. Darling.....	Elmer F. Robinson....	Lloyd Lynde.....	Robert O. Bartlett.
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Andrew J. Davis.....	William D. Baxter....	Ross D. Sigler.....	Ralph O. Anderson.
135	Valley,	" 157	Claude Fleming.....	George M. Cady.....	William E. Harding...	Edward J. Hamilton.
	Samaritan,	" 158	Robinson B. McFadon..	Ernest G. Trager....	Edwin D. Crites.....	John H. Morgan.
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Leroy A. DeVoe.....	Archibald L. Searle...	Thomas I. Dutch.....	Hale M. Hunt.
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Hiram Filley.....	*Harry D. Hazlett.....	Joseph A. Mosher.....	Jerome E. Beachler.
	Mount Zion,	" 161	Milton J. Arner.....	Clark W. Moon.....	John S. Hill.....	Henry Burritt.
140	Trestle Board,	" 162	Elsy F. Horn.....	Edward B. Souders...	David N. Chiles.....	Almon C. DePue.
	Unity,	" 163	Edwin Metcalf.....	William C. Boucher...	Frank J. Hoffman....	Laurence H. Daft.
	Atkinson,	" 164	William Dickerson....	Harry A. Snyder.....	Gilbert E. Morgan...	Alexander Searl.
	Barneston,	" 165	John A. Anderson....	Hugh A. Spencer.....	Frederick M. Hauer...	Frank E. Bowers.
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Benjamin H. Mills....	Adolph N. Snider....	John D. Askwith.....	John F. Newhall.
145	Elwood,	" 167	Charles A. Yeoman....	George Burt.....	Charlie Smith.....	Hiram A. Willard.
	Curtis,	" 168	Charles S. Adams.....	Frank C. Thorne.....	Charles H. Taylor....	Henry E. Langevin.
	Amity,	" 169	Alden C. Plantz.....	Joseph Bell.....	Edmund Stamper....	Zadok T. Daniel.
	Mason City,	" 170	Robert B. Walker....	Arthur C. Rumery....	Charles D. Lamb.....	Edwin G. Burrows.
	Merna,	" 171	Ernest M. Coleman....	Henning C. Johnson...	H. Albert Brandenburg.	John S. Lyons.
150	Crafton,	" 172	Leslie L. Miles.....	Oscar W. Johnson....	Xerxes C. Cole.....	Christian Garrett.
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Francis M. Pfrimmer..	Columbus C. Vennum..	Frank Miliken.....	F. George Burchelle.
	Culbertson,	" 174	Arvene C. Eisenhart...	James S. Ferrier.....	Henry Kleven.....	George G. Eisenhart.
	Temple,	" 175	Ausmer C. Tilton....	Peter H. N. Anderson..	Fred Cornelius.....	Thomas E. Wilkinson.
	Gladstone,	" 176	James H. Kerr.....	N. Dwight Ford.....	Chas. H. F. Steinmeier.	Earl O. Morris.
155	Hay Springs,	" 177	William Waterman....	Russell E. Montgomery.	Milton B. McDowell...	William R. Bowman.
	Prudence,	" 179	James R. Barnes.....	Ernest E. Beecher....	Joe M. Roberts.....	Charles M. Warner.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	No. 180	Claude B. Walthall.....	John F. Hagerman.....	Will C. Isreal.....	Christopher A. Ratcliffe
	" 181	Orville R. Ivins.....	Benjamin Itzkovitch...	Samuel A. Oliver.....	Clyde J. Hornsby.
	" 182	William G. McFarland	George W. Phelps.....	John M. Claussen.....	Fred Wolter.
160	" 183	James H. H. Hewett...	Karl J. Stern.....	George B. McGill.....	Leon H. Mosher.
	" 184	Halbert H. Roberts....	Frank E. Ames.....	William B. Tagg.....	Charles MacAdam.
	" 185	Loyal T. Parker.....	William H. Harris.....	Marion J. Walters....	James W. Nutt.
	" 187	†Anson B. Andrew.....	†Edward Northway.....	†Joseph H. Blair.....	†John Burky.
	" 188	Charles H. Sandquist..	George S. Doty.....	Joseph H. Sayer.....	John T. Buckley.
165	" 189	George R. Little.....	Oscar K. Campbell.....	William C. Ogilvie....	James G. Walker.
	" 190	Allen C. Kirby.....	John F. Newburn.....	James Philpot.....	Guy C. Peckham.
	" 191	Obadiah B. Bundy.....	Frank Miller.....	John C. Poppe.....	Stephen T. Grobosky.
	" 192	Walter W. Wells.....	Charles H. Cornell.....	James C. Quigley.....	Thomas C. Hornby.
	" 193	Jacob A. Kibler.....	Charles D. Eby.....	Reuben H. Goodge....	Herman P. Buhman.
170	" 194	Malven E. Darnell....	John S. Bonebright...	Fred E. Roelfs.....	John F. Bunte.
	" 195	Dwight H. Griswold...	Lynn S. Thompson.....	Fay C. Hill.....	Rupert O. Bard.
	" 196	Howard F. Wilmeth....	George J. Dold.....	Alfred G. Williams...	Luke H. Cheney.
	" 197	Frank O. Steffen.....	James E. Hart.....	William S. Robinson...	Samuel A. Tobey.
	" 198	Frank H. McLain.....	*James E. Burke.....	Lew E. Bartholomew..	*Joseph F. McLain.
175	" 199	Nath'l C. Eastabrooks	Harvey J. Miller.....	E. Preston Bailey....	James H. Bryant.
	" 200	William C. Johns.....	William C. Parsons...	William Banks.....	Robert W. Hanna.
	" 201	James P. Westervelt..	Charles B. Sands.....	Warren R. Woolfenden.	Enos S. De La Matter.
	" 202	George I. Reed.....	William R. Cain.....	Hartwell H. Hamblin.	Walter H. Weber.
	" 203	Wilbur A. Racely.....	Charles S. Hughes.....	George J. Adams.....	William F. Wenke.
180	" 204	Martin Sorenson.....	Fred W. Ebinger.....	Arthur Still.....	Abel Buckingham.
	" 205	William E. Roubdebush	Lewis R. Barlow.....	Grosvenor G. LaSelle.	Guy C. Neumann.
	" 206	William A. Snyder.....	Arthur E. Price.....	Harry K. Shutt.....	Ora J. Mayborn.
	" 207	Mark E. Schneringer..	Charles Humphreys...	John S. Smith.....	Henry H. Andrews.
	" 208	Walter Sorensen.....	Samuel H. Guye.....	E. Clyde Baird.....	Charles H. Downing.
185	" 209	James Berry.....	Walter G. Box.....	C. Willard Clapp.....	William N. Minford.
	" 210	George C. Lamb.....	A. Otis Strickler.....	Willis N. Watson.....	Rollin H. George.

†From last report of officers installed. *Elected; no report of installation.

	Cement,	No. 211	A. Shuford Wiseman...	John J. Carter.....	Robert R. Ellis.....	Charles E. Towne.
	Compass & Square,	212	Roy W. Johnson.....	Beryl E. Irvin.....	Jacob C. Hotham....	Gustav Hald.
	Square & Cumpass,	213	Charles M. Houston...	Claude R. Watson....	Ross Brown.....	Lester M. Hall.
190	Plumblin,	" 214	George H. Kretzer....	Harvy Y. Francis....	Daniel E. Tracy.....	John E. Killen.
	Occidental,	" 215	Walter A. Harmon....	Ulysses S. Sampson...	Andrew G. Allender..	Robert J. Fleming.
	Palisade,	" 216	Hugh B. Ashmore....	Frank L. Chase.....	Oliver W. Willis.....	George R. Ashmore.
	Wauneta,	" 217	James W. Shrigley....	Anton Deininger.....	James A. Dick.....	Eugene W. Sampson.
	Bloomfield,	" 218	Henry C. Peterson....	Anson R. Settell.....	William H. Spencer....	Joachim J. Barge.
195	Relief,	" 219	George H. Peck.....	Florando E. Poellet...	Alfred R. Linkhart...	Franz T. Miller.
	Magnolia,	" 220	Morris H. Evans.....	Julius H. Bonderson...	Glen I. Smith.....	George H. Haase.
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Oscar W. McDaniel...	Harry A. Lyons.....	Charles J. Kreycik....	Henry Lausen.
	Landmark,	" 222	Elzy King.....	G. Otis Yowell.....	Carl Hansen.....	Roland G. Allen.
	Eminence,	" 223	Charles S. Fry.....	Charles W. Wagner....	I. Clyde York.....	Frank W. Mather.
200	Silver Cord,	" 224	Walter H. Williams...	Coe J. Baldwin.....	Robert M. Herre.....	Hans Rohwer.
	Cable,	" 225	William T. Watkins...	Alfred G. Stockall....	Rolly C. Leach.....	William C. Beltz.
	Grace,	" 226	Ira M. Rhoades.....	Arell L. Marsteller...	Fred Ingram.....	Ivan L. Marsteller.
	North Star,	" 227	Isaac D. Ames.....	Thomas A. Butcher....	William L. Prewitt...	George H. Barber.
	Bartley,	" 228	Alfred H. McElroy....	Roy E. Walkington...	Edward E. Smith.....	Carl M. Ketler.
205	Comet,	" 229	John Malmgren.....	Frank T. Wright.....	Otto Eliason.....	Ray R. Turney.
	Delta,	" 230	Thomas B. Wood.....	John T. Burn.....	John W. Currier.....	Alfred Powell.
	Mount Hermon,	" 231	Lewis Richards.....	Ellis L. Darnbaugh...	Hurley F. Cannon....	William Whalen.
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	John Blaco.....	Clyde C. Cook.....	Edward E. Cashman...	Alfred L. Cook.
	Gilead,	" 233	Perry F. Trimble....	Daniel R. Francis.....	John R. Beatty.....	Charles E. Yocum.
210	Zion,	" 234	William H. Prettyman.	Charles W. Kreamer...	Alfred M. Gustafson...	Albert H. Carter.
	Fraternity,	" 235	Gilbert E. French....	Gustav A. Mittelstadt..	Frank S. Tracy.....	Isador D. Whaley.
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Elmer Surber.....	Charles S. Wilson....	Henry C. Heckt.....	Vernon W. McDonald.
	Cubit,	" 237	Allen H. Hostetter...	Smith H. Carpenter...	Elmer E. Scott.....	Luther F. Hamilton.
	Friendship,	" 239	Adolph J. Frimann...	William B. Knight....	Elza Ury.....	Perry J. Frimann.
215	Pilot,	" 240	Andrew R. Hanson....	Eugene S. Everett....	Charles M. Viles.....	Charles McMonies.
	Geo. Armstrong,	" 241	Ai L. McPherson....	William T. Minier....	Guy Hollenbeck.....	John T. Davis.
	Tyrian,	" 243	Grover G. Scroggin...	William H. Nelson....	Glenny J. Beavers....	Vincent P. Britts.
	Sincerity,	" 244	Frank E. Martin.....	Henry G. Whitney....	Warren R. Hall.....	John B. Dufphey.
	Hampton,	" 245	Leroy Cox.....	William C. Paschke...	Grant Newman.....	Stephen C. Houghton.
220	Nehawka,	" 246	James M. Palmer.....	Joseph W. Ranning....	A. Lewis Anderson....	David D. Adams.
	Cornerstone,	" 247	Henry E. Dally.....	Jesse R. Long.....	William A. Schultz...	Boyd S. Leedom.
	Laurel,	" 248	Nelson Utter.....	Newel F. Simpson....	Thomas J. Dempster...	Joseph F. Guss.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Milan S. Moore.....	Clifford T. Winters....	Parker M. Whitehead..	Willis M. Stebbins.
	Geo. Washington " 250	Archibald Adams.....	Frank L. Wilcox.....	Frank B. Young.
225	Wausa, " 251	Peter H. Peterson.....	Robert W. McConnell..	William Berridge.
	Hildreth, " 252	Herman S. Kirkbride..	Albertus Anderson....	Winfield S. Marr.
	Beemer, " 253	George W. Vanauker..	George Heilman.....	Edwin Albright.
	Bassett, " 254	Frank L. Hutton.....	Hubert W. Bartlett....	Charles G. Ammon.
	Bradshaw, " 255	George V. Dorsey.....	Luther L. Goodridge...	Emile C. Roggy.
230	Hickman, " 256	Aaron J. Vail.....	DeWitt C. Swiggart...	John T. Weatherhogg.
	Holbrook, " 257	Frank Purvis.....	Sherman Ball.....	Stephen A. Wolfe.
	Anselmo, " 258	Daniel T. Kepler.....	Charles G. Sanders...	Chalmers G. Empfield.
	Bee, " 259	James Kudrna.....	Arthur Craige.....	Frank Tomandl.
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REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge:

Herewith we submit our annual report on correspondence. We have reviewed all proceedings of other Grand Lodges received before sending our manuscript to the printer. Statistics will be found in a table appended, and are so placed to be more convenient for reference than if mingled with the body of the report.

CHARLES J. PHELPS,
For the Committee.

ALABAMA, 1911.

December 5th, at the Masonic Temple in the city of Montgomery, the ninety-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Lawrence H. Lee, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and thirty-three chartered lodges in attendance.

The General Grand High Priest, Brother Nathan Kingsley, was present and welcomed as a distinguished visitor.

In opening his address the Grand Master pays a high tribute to our fraternity, likening it unto an ideal republic, and saying:

It was upon precisely this idea of our ideal republic that Washington and his associates, (all of them Masons) founded our government. Perhaps no better masonic document was ever penned than the declaration of independence and the Federal Constitution.

Here, then, exists an ideal republic within that conglomerate mass constituting the nation, composed of a body of men representing equity, fraternity and equality. A living germ within an outer structure, numbering between two and three million men.

He reports the instituting of thirteen lodges under dispensations; the granting of several dispensations to lodges to continue work until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, when the lodges, under their law, had forfeited their rights by failure to hold a communication for six months; and where the charters were lost by fire, and in one case where the charter had been destroyed by mice; to remove to other locations; to sell or mortgage property; and for other purposes.

He had convened the Grand Lodge on several occasions to lay cornerstones for public buildings, and he had appointed a great number of District Lecturers, as also officers to fill vacancies. He had with great pleasure visited many of his lodges. He pays loving tribute to the memory of their illustrious and fraternal dead, including a Past Grand Master and their Grand Treasurer.

He speaks in praise of their Masonic Home Committee, under whose supervision the Home building had been erected. And he thus speaks of an interesting matter:

The Grand Chapter O. E. S., as we all know, hold their meetings with the various subordinate chapters of the state. I am advised that there is a movement on foot to establish a central meeting point where meetings may be had regularly each year. It is a fact greatly appreciated by the Grand Lodge that they have manifested a great interest in the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, and have manifested this interest in a material way. Their interest in this institution, and the fact that Montgomery is as nearly central as is practicable, points Montgomery out as a logical meeting place, should they determine upon an abandonment of their migratory system of meeting. I, therefore, recommend that the Grand Lodge tender to them the use of the Grand Lodge Hall, for their annual meetings, without cost to them.

He and their Grand Secretary, Brother George A. Beauchamp, as delegates, attended the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and enrolled the Grand Lodge of Alabama as a member of that organization. He says that the occasion was a delightful one from any standpoint.

Twelve lodges under dispensations were granted charters, and nine were continued U. D. .

The Grand Lodge during its session laid the corner-stone of their Masonic Home near the city of Montgomery, with interesting ceremonies; the music was furnished by the Boys Band of the Alabama Industrial School, and an eloquent address was delivered by M. W. .

Brother Ben M. Jacobs. In addition to the list of articles usually deposited in the corner-stone casket, we find: "List of Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and present Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S.," and other lists pertaining to the Order of the Eastern Star.

W. Brother William Y. Titcomb again presents the report on correspondence, covering 248 pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives favorable fraternal consideration. We extract the following ruling and comment, under Georgia:

"78. Question. Is it un-Masonic to use the name of Jesus Christ in a Masonic prayer?

Ruled: That it is not. Masonry does not conflict with the duty we owe to God. The form of prayer is a matter between he who prays and Him to whom the prayer is offered. If my prayer must have the name of Jesus in it to constitute it prayer, and if it is my duty to pray to God, then to compel me to eliminate the name of Jesus from my prayer would interfere with a duty I owe to God. Masonry requires no such sacrifice from Christian Masons. The Christian Mason has no right to require his Hebrew, Mohammedan or Unitarian brother to broaden his prayer and use the name of Jesus, and they no right to require the Christian Mason to eliminate what he conceives to be the most important and vital element of prayer, 'in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ.' "

With all due respect, our comment on "78" is, that the Lodge prayer should be such as all the Brethren can unite in, be they Christians, Jews, or Mohammedans. If the "form of prayer is a matter between him who prays and Him to whom the prayer is offered," then the Christian member has a perfect right to mentally add, "For Christ's sake."

M. W. Daniel A. Greene, Birmingham, is Grand Master.

R. W. George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, is Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA, 1911.

May 31st in the Masonic Hall, in the town of Banff, the sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by W. M. J. J. Dunlop, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a large number of permanent members and representatives from the subordinate lodges in attendance. The writer well remembers a day spent at Banff, its famous hot springs and the wonderful mountain scenery of the region.

The Grand Master's predecessor had visited every lodge during the year of his administration, and he had planned to do likewise, but the time he had set apart for that work was spent, he says, in a sick room; yet before the close of the year he managed to visit most of them. The year had been a quiet one; a few decisions and routine work. He had, however, instituted nine lodges under dispensation. To

conduct funeral ceremonies for a deceased Entered Apprentice, and again for a Fellow Craft, he had issued special dispensations. In speaking of these dispensations he says:

I am aware many will disagree with me in this, but I hold an E. A. or F. C. are brother Masons, not entitled to all the privileges of a M. W., but a brother Mason just the same, and surely you would not withhold from him the last sad rites of our fraternity.

It always appears to me that this idea of excluding E. A. and F. C. from all the privileges of Masonry, originated in some jurisdiction where they charge separately for each degree as it is conferred, and this withholding Masonic privileges was the gentle art of applying the thumb screws to make the victim come forward with the cash and incidentally get his degrees.

The Grand Secretary reports the issuing of charters and the constituting of five new lodges.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Thomas McNabb, Lethbridge, is Grand Master.

M. W. George Macdonald, Calgary, is Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA, 1911.

February 14th, at the Masonic Hall in the city of Tucson, the twenty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Frank Thomas, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from sixteen of their nineteen chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master pays appropriate tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead of that and other Grand Jurisdictions. He reports the institution of one lodge under dispensation; one decision; the exchange of representatives with several Grand Lodges; the laying of a corner-stone of a Jewish Temple in the city of Tucson, and the dedication of a new Masonic Hall in Bisbee, and he says that their lodges are prosperous.

The Grand Lodge granted a charter to the lodge under dispensation. It received with appropriate ceremony the Grand Representatives of several Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge appropriated funds to assist in the erection of a monument over the grave of one of their deceased Past Grand Masters. The following amendment to their constitution was unanimously adopted:

"Any member of a lodge who is in good standing and whose dues are paid, who desires to affiliate with another lodge, may apply for and receive from the Secretary of his lodge a duly attested certificate of his standing in the lodge. By presenting such certificate with his petition, a member may apply for affiliation with another lodge. If such applicant be elected to affiliate with a lodge he can become a

member thereof only by filing with the Secretary at a stated meeting a Dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member."

Among their rules and regulations we find the following:

Hereafter, when a petition for the degrees, or an application for affiliation in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall be received, the Master, when appointing the Committee on Investigation, shall not announce the names of said Committee in open Lodge; but shall privately inform the Secretary as to the names of the said Committee. When this Committee makes its report, it shall be to the Master, and he to the Lodge, and after the vote has been taken, said report shall be destroyed.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Henry A. Morgan, Willcox, is Grand Master.
V. W. George J. Roskruge, Tucson, is Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1911.

November 21st, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Little Rock, the seventieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. F. G. Lindsey, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and sixty-three of their subordinate lodges in attendance.

They met, the Grand Master said, amid most pleasant and prosperous conditions. "Abundant harvests have given us plenty and to spare, and our glorious republic is enjoying a gracious season of peace and good will toward all mankind and every nation on earth." Death had not entered the official ranks of the Grand Lodge, but had invaded "the tyled recesses and homes of many of the Subordinate Lodges."

He reported fourteen decisions, none of which is of more than local interest. He had instituted three lodges under dispensations; exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges; granted dispensations for the laying of seven corner-stones for public buildings; visited schools of instruction, and gave faithful service to the Craft throughout the state. He highly commends their Masonic Home, which he visited, and says:

I am sure I never enjoyed a visit in my life more than I did my stay in the Home. I had the pleasure of addressing the children in the Chapel Hall on Sunday evening on the duties and possibilities of life and the great future that lies out before them. It filled my whole soul with joy to meet these happy boys and girls who were so well contented with their lot, and I was made to realize as never before the greatness and goodness of this glorious Order that is good enough, big enough, great enough and grand enough to provide a home of pleasantness, cleanliness and godliness for the helpless orphan children, such as the Masonic Orphans Home is today. I wish every true and loyal

Mason in Arkansas could see this Home as it is and as I saw it. I cannot describe to you what I saw, but if you could see it you would be constrained to say, "Well done."

And he urges the providing of homes for widows, and for aged and indigent Masons and their wives.

Among the matters before the Grand Lodge were petitions for new lodges, removal of lodges, and appeals from decisions in trials in the subordinate lodges. Appeals for aid, sanctioned by the Grand Master, constituted a subject for consideration, involving nine lodges, from which they were sent out.

A very interesting report is made by the Trustees of the Masonic Orphans' Home, showing a noble work in that institution, from which we extract a single paragraph:

From the report of the Superintendent and Matron you will find that at the end of our second year we had received sixty children in the Home. Two boys were permitted to go home on a visit and never returned. One boy was sent to the State Reform School, and a mother was permitted to borrow her baby, leaving fifty-six children now on the roll. Of these, two girls and one boy, having finished the school course as far as we have been able to provide, are attending the Batesville High School.

We extract the following from a committee report:

Again we beg to commend the different Grand Jurisdictions upon the American Continent for their continued efforts to promote the cause of temperance. Nearly every Grand Jurisdiction has passed and strengthened the edicts for the sale and use of intoxicating liquor by all of the members of the Fraternity by making it more difficult for one who is directly or indirectly connected with the Fraternity to become a member thereof and thereby enjoy the rights and benefits of Masonry.

So far as we are now able to say there is only one Grand Jurisdiction in the United States that leaves this matter entirely within the hands of Subordinate Lodges.

Brother George T. Black presents the report on correspondence, covering 144 pages and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking jurisdictions, but Nebraska is not favored. It is an ably written review and will meet the approval of all those who read such productions.

M. W. Mark P. Olney, Mena, is Grand Master.

R. W. Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, is Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1911.

June 22d, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Victoria, the fortieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by

M. W. Edward B. Paul, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and a very large number of permanent members and representatives from the lodges, two hundred and twenty-five in all, in attendance.

The year has been one of unparalleled prosperity in the province, says the Grand Master, and he declares that Freemasonry had made proportional progress. Great increase in numbers, and finances of the lodges in a flourishing condition are found, and he further says:

Today our gracious Sovereign, His Majesty King George V. and his august Consort have been solemnly crowned in Westminster Abbey. I would, therefore, suggest that an address be sent by cable to His Royal Highness, The Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, praying him to convey to Their Majesties the hearty and loyal congratulations of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia on this auspicious occasion.

He pays tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead of that and other Grand Lodges. He reports several decisions, but they are of no more than local importance; two newly chartered lodges had been constituted, and he had visited many of his lodges.

R. W. Francis J. Burd, their Deputy Grand Master, also submitted an address reporting the visitation of a very large number of their subordinate lodges, as did also their several District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Lodge of Portugal sought recognition without avail, and the Grand Orient of Italy sent an invitation for a representative to attend a Masonic Congress to be held at Rome, assuring the Grand Lodge of British Columbia that "only the legitimate delegates of regular and recognized bodies would be allowed to take part in the discussions," but as the general idea of what constitutes a "regular" and recognizable Masonic body differs materially from that prevailing among Anglo-Saxon Masons, British Columbia did not accept.

Their Grand Chaplain, V. W. Brother the Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, again delivered a very interesting address upon the theme, "Solomon Built Him an House."

R. W. W. A. De Wolf Smith presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and forty-four pages, reviewing quite fully all proceedings reaching his table, some for two years. He agrees with Brother Titcomb that "it is nobody else's business if a strong Lodge chooses to extend aid to a feeble Church or to a profane in distress." In some respects, he insists, "the lodge is, and ought to be, sovereign."

He does not take to the idea of building Masonic Homes. We think he is prejudiced in the matter, for he expresses his dissent on every opportunity offered, and says that his reading has convinced him that a "Home" is the most expensive and least satisfactory method of distributing Masonic relief that has yet been devised.

Under Colorado, 1910, writing of the celebration of their Grand Lodge's semi-centennial and of Past Grand Master Teller's

historical address, he lets go the following: "M.'W.'.Brother Henry M. Teller referred to the occasion and incidentally explained the use of the term 'York Masons.' As Mr. Dooley says, his explanation is interesting but not conclusive, and is chiefly remarkable for the number of mis-statements it contains." We do not like the tone of this sneer. It is uncalled for. Brother Teller spoke of the York Rite incidentally, not dogmatically. His statements in the United States senate, of which he was an honored member for many years, always commanded the closest attention and highest commendation.

Brother De Wolf Smith is a faultfinder. Mackey, he says, as an authority, is of very little weight; he derides everything south of the international line; is astonished that some of us in the United States will not affiliate with negroes in the lodges, but he agrees with one A. G. Pitts, whose abominable tirade against Masonry in this country he published as a part of his report and review in 1909.

Under New York we find him saying:

The Brethren in New York have no false modesty, nor do they hesitate to keep their left hands well-informed as to their right hands' proceedings. After the children from the Home had visited Grand Lodge and had entertained the members in various ways, a Brother got up and requested permission to donate certain sums of money to the Home on behalf of different people and of himself. One may be sure the permission was not hard to obtain, and the opportunity for a little advertising was too good to be passed:

"The scene after this announcement beggars description. Scores of Brethren were on their feet at once. District after District, Lodge after Lodge, and individual after individual, asked the privilege to contribute."

Why does he stop with the words, "asked the privilege to contribute," and why not quote the concluding words, "until the sum of \$10,065.00 had been subscribed"?

M.'W.'.Francis J. Burd, Vancouver, is Grand Master.

V.'W.'.W. A. De Wolf Smith, New Westminster, is Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA, 1911.

October 10th, at Golden Gate Hall in the city of San Francisco, the sixty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.'W.'.Dana Reid Weller, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from nearly all their subordinate lodges in attendance.

Opening his address, the Grand Master pays tribute to the memory of two deceased Past Grand Masters, and to others of the fraternal dead. He had visited and discusses the Masonic Homes and reports good conditions therein under efficient managements. Special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held to lay corner-stones and

to dedicate Masonic Temples and lodge rooms. He had visited many of his lodges and reports thriving conditions.

The Grand Secretary reports that twelve lodges, to which charters had been granted at the last communication, were duly constituted.

One of their Boards of Relief says in their report :

"Brethren, throughout the United States, who may read this report : In the name of Humanity, don't send your consumptives and otherwise hopeless invalids to the Pacific Coast, unless they have sufficient means to take care of themselves. It is not doing them a kindness, and it is positively unjust to the Craft in the West. It is hard enough for a well man to get a position, but for an invalid it is impossible.

"The large corporations and business houses require their employees to pass a physical examination before accepting them—and rest assured the physicians who make those examinations are honest and give their employers the benefit of the doubt. Forty years of age is also the limit."

Perhaps conditions are best shown in their Grand Lecturer's report ; he says :

The year which has just passed has been a most successful one Masonically. Many new Temples have been completed by the Lodges and several have the same under course of construction. Some Lodges are now arranging for the purchase of lots and the adoption of plans, all of which shows that most of the Lodges are in good financial condition. Nothing seems to create more interest in a Lodge than the building and completion of a new home. It seems to put new life and energy in the officers and members and a greater desire to perfect themselves in the work. Most of the Lodges have had a great many candidates this year and the general condition of the work throughout the jurisdiction has greatly improved. I have visited every district in the State and held schools of instruction, day and night sessions.

The following is a rule governing admission to their Masonic Homes :

"16. In consideration of his or her admission into and maintenance in the Home, each applicant shall, before his or her admission, execute a deed of conveyance to the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home of California of all of his or her property, real, personal and mixed, then owned or that may thereafter come into the ownership or possession of such applicant, or to which he or she may become entitled ; any life insurance, pension, or income from an organization of any kind paying benefits that he or she may be in, or that may come into his or her possession, or which he or she may become entitled to. Any income accruing from such property may be expended for his or her benefit, but the principal shall be the exclusive property of the Association."

Their Grand Orator, Brother Albert G. Burnett, delivered a very entertaining address, which was so well received that it was ordered that 5,000 copies be printed and distributed to lodges by the Grand Secretary.

A constitutional amendment proposed, to make saloonkeepers ineligible to membership, was defeated.

There is a report on correspondence by Brother Edward H. Hart, covering a review of the usual American and foreign jurisdictions.

M. W. Alonzo J. Monroe, Eureka, is Grand Master.

V. W. John Whicher, San Francisco, is Grand Secretary.

COLORADO, 1911.

September 19th, in Masonic Temple, Denver, the fifty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Albert B. McGaffey, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and nineteen of their one hundred and twenty-three chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master tells of an active year; he had been present at over two hundred Masonic meetings; had made forty-eight visitations; laid ten corner-stones; installed the officers of thirteen lodges; constituted three lodges, and dedicated four Masonic halls. To do all this he had traveled, he says, over the greater part of the state by rail, wagon, and auto, and enjoyed every moment of it. Conditions are good, the membership increasing, and finances are satisfactory.

No death had occurred either among the present or past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge. The total number of lodges constituted during the year was five. One new lodge had been instituted by the Grand Master and he had exchanged courtesies with other Grand Jurisdictions in the matter of waivers over candidates for the degrees, and he had granted a good many special dispensations for the usual purposes. As to decisions, he says that he had answered a great many questions, but had made no ruling in regard to fundamental law that could be dignified by calling it a decision.

There is a report of a special Committee on Washington Memorial, heartily endorsing that enterprise, and the Grand Lodge elected a representative to the Memorial Association.

An amendment to their law requires of a visitor, not vouched for, documentary evidence before he shall be entitled to an examination. The Grand Lodge, to aid in entertaining Masons at the coming Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, to meet at Denver in August, 1913, appropriated \$2,500.00.

Two distinguished visitors, Past Grand Masters, one William B. Melish, of Ohio, the other William H. Norris, of Iowa, were welcomed, and an interchange of speeches followed.

M. W. Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf submits his twenty-seventh annual report on correspondence, covering two hundred and twenty-one pages and ably reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives generous space and kindly fraternal

treatment. Grand Master Dowling's address and Grand Orator Epperson's oration are liberally quoted from. From his conclusion we extract:

Masonic Clubs, Grottoes and other attachments to the Lodge, are being formed in some Jurisdictions, while in others they are discountenanced as detracting from the interest and effort that should be devoted to the work of the Lodge. There has doubtless, in many instances, been too close application to the work of conferring degrees and not enough time devoted to the social feature, which is an important part of the purpose of the Fraternity. Brethren have thus grown restive, and have sought through the organization of clubs to supply that in which they felt their Lodges were deficient. It is a question which requires careful consideration, and one in which there is much diversity of opinion. There is a distinction between Masonic clubs and organizations of Master Masons formed upon plans similar to the Shrine. The former are for social purposes and intellectual improvement, while the latter are for fun and enjoyment, pure and simple. We are not sufficiently informed to speak intelligently as to the influence of the latter, good or bad, upon the prosperity of the Lodge.

M. W. H. W. Woodward, Leadville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, is Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1912.

January 17th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Hartford, the one hundred and twenty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Randolph B. Chapman, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from all of their one hundred and ten lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master speaks of a prosperous year; death had not touched the official ranks of the Grand Lodge, but they mourn the loss of Past Grand Master Samuel Bassett, who died during the year. The Deputy Grand Master had visited nearly all the lodges in the state and the Grand Master had visited many; he also visited the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia at its one hundredth annual, and attended other celebrations in several Grand Jurisdictions. He laid six corner-stones for as many Masonic and public buildings; granted nineteen special dispensations; exchanged representatives with other Grand Lodges, and courtesies in the matter of release of jurisdiction over candidates. Two decisions only does he report. He speaks with commendable pride of their Masonic Home. He was present at the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 21st and 22d, 1911.

The Deputy Grand Master in his report thus speaks of an occasion:

At the Masonic Home at Wallingford on Saturday, Sept. 23, occurred the annual field day for the Masons of this jurisdiction, known

as Grand Master's Day. The weather was perfect, the attendance large, the finely arranged program was executed in a most pleasing manner and satisfaction and enjoyment were evident. It was my privilege and pleasure to be present and participate in the enjoyment of the day.

The Grand Secretary's annual report is quite full. He is not wholly adverse to the chain letter plan, if honestly conducted for a worthy purpose, as to raise funds for the McKinley Memorial. He speaks a good word for their Grand Lodge library, of which he has been an enthusiastic friend from the first. He says of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico:

This Grand Lodge is of regular origin, having been established by the Grand Lodge of Cuba with which we have long been in fraternal relations. It requires a belief in a Supreme Being, has the three Great Lights on its altar, and except for its language and some differences in ritual, is the same as any American Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge recognized and entered into fraternal relations with that Grand Lodge, and with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

R. W. Frank W. Havens, the Grand Secretary, submits his fourth annual report on correspondence, covering 64 pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives favorable fraternal treatment.

M. W. Justin Holden, Norwich, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frank W. Havens, Hartford, is Grand Secretary.

COSTA RICA, 1910.

An annual communication was held January 28th, 1910, to install the officers. The pamphlet contains proceedings for 1907, 1908, and 1909. Enterprise is shown in issuing proceedings printed in English. The six subordinate lodges have a total membership of 199. Quarterly communications are held.

M. W. Ramon Castro F., San Jose, is Grand Master.

R. W. Emilio de Mezerville, San Jose, is Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE, 1911.

October 4th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Wilmington, the one hundred and sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. G. Layton Grier, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and many permanent members and representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays tribute to the memory of their deceased Grand Chaplain, V. W. Lewis H. Jackson. No special communication of the Grand Lodge had been held during the year. He reports much correspondence with other Grand Jurisdictions, per-

taining to the conferring of degrees upon candidates, moving from one to another jurisdiction after their election and before all the degrees had been conferred.

He did considerable visiting in other Grand Jurisdictions, and visited every subordinate lodge in his own. He granted a few special dispensations, and he rendered a good many decisions, but none of more than local interest. He says that the feeling throughout the lodges in general is in favor of establishing a Masonic Home.

The requests for recognition from the Grand Lodges of Valle de Mexico and Porto Rico received consideration, but final action was laid over for another year. Among the amendments to their law the following will be of interest:

Fourth, That a per-capita tax of one dollar be and is hereby levied to be payable on the first day of July, 1912. The payment of said tax shall be made to the Grand Secretary as in manner and form prescribed by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge for the levying and paying of Grand Lodge dues; and the Grand Treasurer shall pay the same to the proposed Masonic Home Corporation.

M. W. Brother Harry J. Guthrie presents the report on correspondence, covering eighty pages; Nebraska, 1910, receives generous fraternal consideration.

Under British Columbia, and in speaking of Brother De Wolf Smith, he is pleased to say:

In commenting on Grand Master Mode's reference to the Masonic Home, hear him: "The Grand Master was bitten by the Masonic Home bacillus, and the complaint was aggravated by a visit he made to the Masonic Home of New Jersey. He thinks, of course, that Delaware should not be behind any other Grand Lodge in advertising itself."

Oh, for the gift to see ourselves as the other fellows see us. We are discovered, consternation reigns behind the scenes. All avenues of escape are closed. Further resistance is useless. Curtain down amid great applause. The chief discoverer, a bold scribe, wandering hopelessly in the realm of motive.

M. W. Enoch Moore, Wilmington, is Grand Master.

R. W. Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington, is Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1911.

December 20th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Washington, the one hundred and first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. J. Claude Keiper, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers and representatives from all their twenty-nine chartered lodges in attendance.

"The year which has just closed," says the Grand Master, in opening his address, "has been one fraught with great interest, characterized

by remarkable activity, and marked by happenings so momentous as to be far beyond the ordinary and the usual."

To the memory of the dead he pays a fraternal tribute. He reports the exchange of representatives with several Grand Lodges, including Italy and Mexico. One decision, holding that the loss of the third finger on the left hand does not disqualify the candidate for degrees; another, that a resolution that the Secretary should not notify any petitioner for the degrees to be on hand to get the Entered Apprentice degree until a ballot has been taken and he shall have been duly elected to receive it, infringe upon the prerogative of the Master. He granted several special dispensations, principally to confer degrees in less than constitutional time, in cases like the following:

June 30, 1911, to Temple Lodge, No. 32, to confer the Fellow Craft's and Master Mason's degrees upon Brothers Adolphus Andrews, Cary Travers Grayson, and Arthur Leroy Bristol, officers of the United States Navy, and Brother Wilbur Keblinger, an official of the United States Government, whose duties require frequent and continued absences from Washington.

He gives much space to communications in the matter of the proposed Washington Memorial Temple to be built at Alexandria, Va., under the auspices of Washington-Alexandria Lodge of that city.

He gives extended account of the laying of several corner-stones, and of the Grand Visitation of his lodges, accompanied, as is customary in that jurisdiction, by his associate officers. And he discusses quite fully all matters of interest to the brethren in the District.

A work of great interest, in building a Masonic Home, is carried on jointly by the Eastern Star and the Masonic Fraternity.

The Grand Lodge enthusiastically celebrated its centennial on February 10th, 1911. We extract:

The celebration closed with a banquet at the New Willard Hotel on Monday evening, February 20. There were gathered around the board on this occasion the President of the United States, the Grand Lodge officers and many of its Past Grand Masters, our visiting Grand Masters and other distinguished brethren from abroad, the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, one of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the Masters of our several lodges, and the presiding officers of all appendant Masonic bodies of this jurisdiction.

Masonic fairs are a feature peculiar to that jurisdiction, and we quote:

At a special communication held October 14, 1911, the Grand Lodge voted to participate with the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in holding a fair in the spring of 1912 for the two-fold object of reducing the indebtedness on the new Masonic Temple and completing

the building of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. The division of the proceeds agreed upon is two-thirds to the Temple and one-third to the Home if more than \$50,000, or three-fifths to the Temple and two-fifths to the home if \$50,000 or less.

Pursuant to the direction of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master named Brothers William F. Gude, Maurice D. Rosenberg, Charles J. James, Luther F. Speer and William A. Harries as a committee to act with a like committee from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in making arrangements for the selection of a permanent committee or board of control for the management of the fair. The Grand Chapter committee is composed of Mesdames Lucy M. Feldman, M. Ella Espey and Nora H. Henry, and Brothers Angus Lamond and Delos W. Thayer.

M. W. Brother George W. Baird presents his twelfth annual report on correspondence, covering 148 pages and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-eight Grand Lodges; Nebraska, 1911, receives favorable fraternal consideration. He speaks of Peru:

A private letter from a prominent Mason in Peru intimates that the active workers in the Scottish Rite in Lima are not averse to the rehabilitation of the Grand Lodge, but are determined not to surrender jurisdiction over the first three degrees. It must not be forgotten that after a Grand Master (Mr. Christian Dam) removed the great light from the altar of the Grand Lodge, some years ago, other Grand Lodges interdicted the Grand Lodge of Peru, and though that great light was promptly replaced, the Grand Lodge of Peru waned and became inert, while the Consistory of the A. A. S. R. continued its activities, notwithstanding the slings and arrows of the industrious Jesuits in that priest-ridden Republic, and it may be that they will become a menace to the newly rehabilitated Grand Lodge of Peru. Added to this there are some few American Grand Lodges which are withholding recognition from the Grand Lodge of Peru.

M. W. Ben W. Murch, Washington, is Grand Master.

R. W. Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, is Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA, 1912.

January 16th, in the city of Jacksonville, the eighty-third annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Albert W. Gilchrist, Grand Master, with all the principal Grand Officers and representatives from most of their chartered lodges in attendance.

Three Grand Lodge Officers had died during the year, and to their memory the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute in opening his address. He reports the constituting of six newly chartered lodges, each by the District Deputy Grand Master in whose district the lodge was situated; the instituting of eight lodges under dispensation; the laying of five corner-stones; the granting of a good many special dispensations, and fifteen decisions.

Their Grand Lodge was represented by Past Grand Master Pasco at the organization of the Washington National Masonic Association, and is a member of that organization. Certificates of honorary membership in the association, beautifully designed and engraved on parchment, are presented, under the seal of the lodge, to all who contribute the sum of not less than ten dollars to the memorial fund.

From the report of a special Committee on Grand Master's Address we extract :

We congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the efficiency, competency and capable manner in which the duties of this office have been performed by our M. W. Grand Master. Although he is at this time charged with and is performing the duties of governor of the great state of Florida, he has in addition to those duties capably, promptly and efficiently performed the duties of Grand Master of Masons in this state.

It is a wise provision that decisions in the lodge may be appealed from, as witness the following :

In the matter of M. G. Roberts vs. Ashmore Lodge, we find the evidence is insufficient to support a conviction of the offense charged. In this case it is evident that the brethren were largely influenced by the existence of a letter, the contents of which appears to have been communicated to the Lodge, but which was not authenticated or offered in evidence. We recommend that the decision of Ashmore Lodge be reversed and the case remanded for a new trial.

Ten lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and three were continued under dispensation.

M. W. Brother Silas B. Wright again presents the report on correspondence, covering 226 pages. It is a very valuable contribution to the literature of our order. He has been ten years in service as correspondent. He says :

We hold that it is one of the most important duties of the correspondent writer to notice and comment upon the differences in jurisprudence and customs of Grand Lodges, not as a criticism, but as information, that we all may be kept as near together as possible and the Landmarks may not be infringed. Such comments as may appear are not intended to, and we hope will not offend.

He thus speaks of Pennsylvania :

In Pennsylvania the decisions of the Grand Masters are not subject to review by the Grand Lodge and the same condition exists in Virginia and Massachusetts. In these jurisdictions the edict of the Grand Master is sure-enough law.

And again :

The reason why Masonry is greater on this continent than in Europe is that we do purely Masonic work, and are not concerned in

plots or conspiracies against the governments, as has been the case with many so-called Masonic bodies across the water. Still, we are told that it is time for us to become "an active force" and "work for personal liberty," etc. Should we leave the beaten path and become a political body, as has been done in some parts of Europe, we would again invite an "anti-Masonic crusade" which would be even more far reaching in effect than that of some seventy years ago.

M. W. Albert W. Gilchrist, Tallahassee, is Grand Master.

R. W. Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, is Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1911.

October 31st, in the City Auditorium, in Macon, the one hundred and twenty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George M. Napier, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from nearly all of their six hundred lodges in attendance.

"Freemasonry today," says the Grand Master, in opening his address, "is at high tide. The Great Order, like an ever-flowing sea, with its tide rising, rising, goes forward in the broad sweep of its swelling prosperity." He reports eight decisions, of local importance only; issued numerous special dispensations, and eighteen to constitute new lodges, and made many visits to his lodges. The following pleasing incident is recorded:

Brother J. A. Martin, a member of Hahira Lodge, No. 346, went to the City of New York early in October, taking his two little girls with him. In New York he was seized with a very dangerous illness, and as he was sent to the hospital, the Children's Court remanded the two little girls to the Gerry Society. The Society notified the brethren at Hahira, and they, in turn, wired the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York to take charge of the children and send them home at the expense of the Hahira Lodge. The children were accompanied by Miss Hattie Pope, a daughter of the Grand Secretary. She was met in Atlanta by the grandfather of the children, but your Grand Master, being apprised of her coming, requested that in his absence some of the brethren of Atlanta would meet her and show her fraternal courtesy and assistance. This was done, and after delivering her young charges safely to the grandfather, she returned to her home city.

Their Masonic Home has thirty-six residents—twenty-eight children and eight old people.

The Grand Master pays tribute to the memory of our Revolutionary patriots, and recites most interesting historical events in their lives.

The following shows a very sensible plan:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, and one member from each congressional district, to take into consideration the building of a Grand Lodge

Temple, the approximate cost of the same, the best manner of raising sufficient funds to build the same, and to report the result of their findings to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Body.

Sixteen lodges under dispensation were granted charters. Very much business of local interest was carefully considered and harmoniously dispatched.

Brother A. Q. Moody submits the report on correspondence, his eleventh, covering 132 pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges, five of which were for two years each, Nebraska's being for 1909 and 1910. Our Grand Orators, Brothers Jefferis, 1909, and Epperson, 1910, are praised and liberally quoted. He writes a very entertaining review.

M. W. George M. Napier, Decatur, is Grand Master.

R. W. William A. Wolihin, Macon, is Grand Secretary.

IDAHO, 1911.

September 12th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Boise, the forty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Byron S. Defenbach, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a large number of permanent members and representatives from the subordinate lodges in attendance.

With reminiscence of the early days of Masonry and the establishment of their Grand Lodge, the Grand Master opens his address. Death had not invaded the official ranks of the Grand Lodge during the year.

"Domestic invasion," *i. e.*, one lodge trespassing upon the territory of another in the state, as he puts it, and "foreign invasion," where a lodge in another jurisdiction was involved, he discusses in a decision:

"A bona fide resident of Idaho, while on a temporary visit to another state, petitions a lodge and is made a Mason: What is his status?"

"Ans. He is not a Mason in Idaho, nor can any lodge in this jurisdiction recognize him as such in any way. He cannot be permitted to visit an Idaho lodge, nor would a dimit from the eastern Jurisdiction be recognized in this state. He can only be 'healed' by permission of the Idaho lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided and then only with the approval of this Grand Lodge. See Code and Digest, Page 26, Sec. 6."

Another decision of interest holds:

A member may object to the admission of a proposed visitor, without reason; if he gives a reason, the Master may decide as to its validity. Code and Digest, page 113. If he objects without giving a reason, he is within his rights, and the visitor cannot enter. Under the provisions of Sec. 69, page 91, the Master could exclude a member,

and during the latter's absence could admit a visitor, but the power thus exercised would be extremely arbitrary. The objecting member must be present in person; he cannot file his objection and then remain away.

He did a great deal of visiting among his lodges, officially visiting forty of their fifty-eight. He pays a high compliment in the following:

I desire to recommend to your grateful and courteous recognition the work that is being done by the order known as the Eastern Star. In many communities, this order, composed largely of our wives, daughters, mothers and sisters, has been of inestimable assistance to our own fraternity. I consider it a matter of congratulation that so many of our good ladies have signified their approval of our great order by allying themselves with this somewhat kindred organization.

They have and, of course, use an "Official Key" to the work, and the Grand Master makes a lame excuse for the flagrant violation of obligations and the law from a time whence the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. And their reviewer takes this writer to task for plainly saying that "Innovation is accomplishing its legitimate results, to the great detriment of the membership in Idaho." Well, in the first place each lodge is authorized to violate the obligation of each and every member. Could anything be more detrimental to the membership?

Nine newly chartered lodges had been constituted. The cornerstone of a Masonic Temple and the corner-stones of two public school houses had been laid by proxy of the Grand Master, and in like manner he had dedicated the Masonic hall in their new Masonic Temple.

The Grand Lodge was banqueted on the joint invitation of two local lodges and the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Five lodges under dispensation were granted charters. A committee was appointed to present, at the next annual communication, plans for the establishing of a Masonic Home. A large number of lodges, delinquent in the matter of having the annual proceedings read in open lodge, and reported to the Grand Secretary, were recommended for a fine of five dollars each for such delinquency, but we do not find any record of the recommendation being adopted.

Brother George E. Knepper presents his tenth annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-four pages and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives generous treatment.

Under British Columbia, and in speaking of Brother De Wolf Smith's report on correspondence, we find him saying:

The report throughout is an able one and puts our brother in a class of the leading Masonic writers, but for all that it does not follow that we agree with everything he says—in fact he is somewhat like the parrot that "talked too much."

Under District of Columbia, we find the following :

The attendance upon divine service above alluded to proved a success in every particular. "Fully 3,500 Master Masons were in attendance," "the largest number of Masons ever known to have assembled in the District of Columbia." Between five and six thousand people, attracted by the knowledge of the acceptance of the Bishop's invitation, were in attendance. According to the Bishop, it was "one of the most notable and memorable occasions in the history of the Cathedral." Summing up the whole matter, the Grand Master thinks that the day upon which the Masonic craft of the District of Columbia attended divine service at Mount St. Albans will long live as a most memorable day in the minds of the many thousands who were present.

M. W. Frank C. Bowman, Idaho Falls, is Grand Master.

R. W. Theophilus W. Randall, Boise, is Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS, 1911.

October 10th, at Medinah Temple, in the city of Chicago, the seventy-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Albert B. Ashley, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, many permanent members, and representatives from seven hundred and sixty-one chartered lodges, in all, 1,095 members in attendance.

Opening his annual "report," as they in Illinois label it, the Grand Master paid loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, chief of whom was their Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother John Corson Smith, who died at his home in Chicago December 31st, 1910. In civil life he had been honored by the state and nation; in Freemasonry, he was a conspicuous figure; he was a great traveler around the world, and had an extensive acquaintance among Masons; and his departure will be mourned by his brethren.

The Grand Master reports ten lodges constituted and twenty instituted under dispensation during the year. He had laid nineteen cornerstones for as many public buildings, and had dedicated several, among which was the Orphans' Home at La Grange.

Schools of instruction, five in number, had been held at different points in the state, conducted by the Board of Grand Examiners, and he says that a large and attentive representation was present at each of these daily sessions of each school. He speaks encouragingly of their Homes. He attended the second annual meeting of Grand Masters, February 22d, 1911, at Alexandria, Va., composing the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, which is engaged in collecting funds to erect and maintain a suitable Masonic memorial to George Washington in the form of a Temple in the city of Alexandria.

So that he might have time to look after, visit, and encourage the weaker lodges, he declined many invitations to attend social functions. He recommended an amendment cutting down lodge representation to

one, instead of three. A Grand Lodge with a membership of more than a thousand proves an unwieldy body.

What do you think of the following? "Mrs. Inez J. Bender, the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter O. E. S., invited me to deliver the address of welcome at its thirty-seventh annual communication which was held in Chicago, October 3, 4, and 5, 1911. I gladly accepted."

Twenty-two lodges under dispensations were granted charters. A proposed amendment to by-laws prescribes a form of receipts for dues on one side of a card, and on the other side the certificate of the Grand Secretary, attested by a *fac simile* of the Grand Lodge seal, and the signature of the Grand Secretary both printed thereon, and the card to be used as documentary evidence by visitors. The device is so easily duplicated that the work of the impostor will, it seems to this writer, be made easy.

One lodge received the petition of, and conferred the degree upon a candidate who had lost the fore finger of his right hand close to the knuckle joint. This coming to the notice of the Grand Lodge, the charter was arrested for the period of thirty days from the date of the Grand Lodge's action, and the Master of said lodge was deposed from his office for the term of forty-five days. The committee recommending, say :

The punishment here suggested is thus tempered for the reason that we are of the opinion that the violation of law here involved was not in a spirit of contumacy but was the result of negligence which cannot be excused or palliated.

R. W. Rev. William W. Wilson, Grand Orator, delivered a very entertaining and instructive historical address.

M. W. Brother Owen Scott presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and thirty-three pages. Nebraska, 1911, receives favorable fraternal consideration; our Grand Secretary's Masonic Home summary is copied, and our Grand Orator Brown's address is praised. Speaking of reviews that contain no criticisms he says:

Such a review devoid of comment or criticism has much the flavor of a juicy steak without salt or other seasoning. Dignified comment and brotherly criticism have nothing in them of the "quarrelsome spirit" or "fulsome flattery praise." Correspondents can be faithful to their own brethren without descending to the level of mere flatterers.

Under British Columbia, he thus speaks:

Brother Smith expresses concern over the limitation in our special charter regarding the amount of property that can be held by the grand lodge and its constituent lodges. He recommends "disincorporating" as the easiest way out of the difficulty. There was a better plan. A committee prepared a bill and secured its passage through the Illinois legis-

lature removing all limitations and allowing all fraternal organizations to hold all the property necessary to carry out their aims and purposes. This wins over "disincorporating" by several laps.

We agree with Brother Smith; the time may come when another craze against Freemasonry may reach into state legislatures. Massachusetts was once situated as Illinois is, with a charter from the state with like limitations as to the amount of property, real and personal. A legislature had been elected adverse to the order and it was freely intimated that the Grand Lodge would be further restricted, but a wise Grand Lodge sent a committee to the legislature with the charter and surrendered the same, and adopted the wiser plan of holding their property through trustees.

Of another matter he then speaks:

The exclusion of the Eastern Star from masonic halls is explained as follows: "In British Columbia the lodge rooms are restricted to masonic uses." It takes a pretty strict construction of the law to exclude the Eastern Star and admit chapters, commanderies and consistories. One is as much masonic as the other, except R. A. masons.

M. W. Delmar D. Darrah, Bloomington, is Grand Master.

R. W. Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, is Grand Secretary.

Iowa, 1911.

June 13th, in Greene's Opera House, in Cedar Rapids, the sixty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Frederick W. Craig, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from four hundred and sixty-two of the five hundred and twenty lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays fitting tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, among whom are numbered two of their Past Grand Masters, David W. Clements and Willard L. Eaton.

He reports two lodges constituted during the year; the dedication of three lodge halls; three corner-stones laid; and the appointment of M. W. Brother William F. Cleveland as their Grand Historian. He reports but few decisions, and granted a few special dispensations, he says, and he does not report them. He granted a dispensation for one new lodge. He discusses life membership in lodges, which he strongly opposes. As to honorary membership he says: "There appears to be nothing in the law to prevent giving such honor to a brother who is a member of another lodge, and oftentimes that is a most pleasant way to pay honor."

The Grand Master thus speaks of reports on correspondence:

One splendid thing lies in a good Report on Fraternal Correspondence in this: That no good, live Mason can read it without giving more value to his Masonry and feeling proud of the great work which our

institution is doing for the good of humanity. There is much matter of general Masonic interest presented, and taken as a whole it contains more real information than Masonic journals. The moral is, read the report; take the advance copy home, read it, let other brothers read it, read extracts from it to the lodge. All will get good from the report.

He visited much among his lodges, is not opposed to Masonic clubs, and has a good word for their Board of Custodians of the Work. He speaks pleasantly of his visit to the Grand Chapter O. E. S.

Very full reports are those made by R. W. Newton R. Parvin, both as Grand Secretary and as Grand Librarian.

From the report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address, in regard to the Grand Secretary's report, we find the following:

Your committee beg leave to make special mention and recommendation with relation to that part of the report under head of "Black Cloth Volume, 1910-11." We especially approve and recommend that the custom heretofore established of causing to be bound one hundred copies of the Proceedings every two years in black cloth to be distributed to state and national libraries and to public institutions at home and abroad be continued, and that the necessary appropriation be made, and that the same be referred to the Finance Committee for that purpose.

The lodge under dispensation was granted a charter. A special committee discusses the subject of the recognition of Grand Lodges in a very interesting paper, and recommends as a basis for recognition the following:

First. That it is the judgment and conclusion of this Grand Lodge that Grand Lodge authority and legitimacy is derived from the consent and action of subordinate lodges.

Second. That the legitimacy of a subordinate lodge depends upon its being able to trace its lineage from the parent Grand Lodge of England or the British Isles.

The Grand Master having held that lodges might admit members to "honorary membership," the matter came before the Committee on Jurisprudence, which declares, and the Grand Lodge approves:

The Constitution of this Grand Lodge provides that: "The subordinate lodges shall be composed of those named in their charters and all who are members at the date of granting the same, and such as they shall admit by regular affiliation, or shall raise to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and retaining membership therein."

The membership of a subordinate lodge is thus clearly defined by the Constitution, by stating expressly the kinds of membership that shall compose a lodge, and to permit any other kind of membership, as that which is merely honorary, is to add another kind, and the language of the law is against it. To specify what membership shall compose a lodge is to just as specifically exclude all other kinds of membership.

R. W. Brother Louis Block presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and thirty-six pages. Nebraska, 1910, is generously accorded five pages; our Grand Master's address is quoted. "Uncle Bob" favorably mentioned and quoted, while our Grand Orator, Brother Epperson's address is declared "a masterpiece of Masonic eloquence," and he is also liberally quoted.

Of the duty of a reviewer, he says:

It is the duty of the Fraternal Correspondent to try to picture to his brethren by means of extract, quotation, and comment, not only what is being said and done by the leaders of the order, but also the mighty movements that are being carried on by the harmonious workings of the Masonic masses, guided and inspired by that splendid leadership. This we have tried to do.

We have quoted largely from the inspired utterances of our Masonic prophets, believing that these truly great men had a right to be heard in their own words, words worthy of being sown broadcast on account of the beautiful flowers of love and life which they cause to spring up everywhere.

M. W. Louis Block, Davenport, is Grand Master.

R. W. Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, is Grand Secretary.

IRELAND, 1911.

On St. John's Day, December, in the city of Dublin, Sir Charles A. Cameron, C. B., M. D., Deputy Grand Master, delivered an address, which we are told was a most valuable one.

From the report of the Deputy Grand Secretary we extract what will interest our Nebraska brethren:

A very appropriate appointment was that of Bro. Henry Gibbons, as our Representative at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He was initiated in Lodge 891, Enniskillen, so far back as 1863, and although the greater part of the interval was passed by him in the U. S. A., yet he never ceased to take a warm interest in the fortunes of his Mother Constitution. A few months after his appointment as representative he was elected by a large majority M. W. Grand Master of the G. L. of Nebraska, a distinction not often attained in the States by an old Irish Mason.

His Grace, The Duke of Abercorn, K. G., is Grand Master.

Right Hon. Lord Plunket, G. C. M. G., is Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1912.

February 21st, in Representative Hall, in the State Capitol, Topeka, the fifty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Alex. A. Sharp, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from three hundred and three of the subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their dead, among whom are numbered four Past Grand Officers. He reports an exchange of representatives with Grand Lodges; the constituting of four newly chartered lodges; the instituting of seven under dispensations; the granting of several special dispensations; the visiting of lodges; the laying of several corner-stones; and the dedication of Masonic Temples.

One of their approved decisions holds:

The lectures of the several degrees, being a part thereof, must be given during the communication at which the brother is obligated. If two or more candidates are obligated at the same communication, they can receive the lecture and charge together. The second section of the second degree is the only portion of the "work" which can be conferred upon more than one candidate at the same time.

It was also decided that a lodge cannot maintain a Masonic club out of the lodge funds.

He highly commends the District Deputy plan, says it has relieved the Grand Master of much unnecessary correspondence, and at the same time kept him in touch with local conditions. He explains the reception of visitors to a lodge, showing that a Grand Master, or Past Grand Master, passes through lines toward the "East," and is saluted with the Private Grand Honors. In Nebraska he would be received with the Public Grand Honors only.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Hutchinson, to lay the corner-stone of a municipal building, and from the record we extract:

The importance of this Communication was greatly enhanced by virtue of the acceptance of Bro. William Howard Taft, President of the United States, of an invitation to act as Grand Orator, and deliver an address as provided for in the ceremony. Promptly at 5 o'clock the Grand Lodge, accompanied by the President and hundreds of members from all parts of the State, as well as several thousand other citizens, assembled at the site of the building, after which the regular ceremony was performed in accordance with ancient custom. The address of Bro. Taft was of unusual interest, not only to the members of the Craft, but to the citizens in general. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Grand Lodge, after accompanying the President to his headquarters, was closed in ample form.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge resolved:

First. That the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas respectfully declines to enter into fraternal relations with, or recognize either of the bodies entitled as follows, to-wit:

The Grand Lodge, F. A. M., of New Leon, Mexico;

The Grand Lodge, F. A. M., of the Federal District, Orient of Mexico;

The Grand Lodge Cosmos of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Second. The Grand Lodge of Kansas hereby reaffirms its recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Mexico as the only regular, legitimate, sovereign and independent Grand Lodge of Symbolic Masonry in the Republic of Mexico.

The Grand Lodge extended recognition, and entered into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Chile.

The seven lodges under dispensations were all chartered.

The Grand Secretary asked to be authorized to decline to certify various forms of membership certificates, in all cases requested, but the Grand Lodge, we think, properly left the matter to the sound discretion of the aforesaid Grand Secretary, as also the responsibility.

M. W. Brother Matthew M. Miller presents his tenth annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-eight pages, and reviewing all proceedings that had reached him. Nebraska, 1911, receives extended and favorable notice.

We gladly give place to what he says in the following:

We have found no more fascinating side line study of Masonry than that contained in the records of the Masons who formulated the plans and performed the pioneer work which made the union of the Colonies possible and the war of the American Revolution a success.

A like study of Washington's attendance and work as Master or visitor in military lodges, together with his confidence, reliance and dependence upon the generals, governors, committees of safety and other leaders, who were Masons, during the Revolutionary struggle, will demonstrate the intense interest, activity and energy displayed by "Washington the Mason" for Masonry, an interest retained by him to the end of his life.

M. W. William E. Hutchison, Garden City, is Grand Master.

R. W. Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, is Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY, 1911.

October 17th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Louisville, the one hundred and eleventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Robert R. Burnam, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from a great many of their subordinate lodges in attendance.

In members, finance, and harmony the year's growth had been better than the average, says the Grand Master in opening his address. He had granted nine dispensations to form new lodges, and with five left over from the preceding year, fourteen under dispensation were upon the hands of the Grand Lodge under review. He had been diligent and visited twenty-seven of his lodges, and he was present at the conference of Grand Masters to perfect the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association on February 22d, at Alexandria, Va., and he

highly commends the work undertaken. He had exchanged fraternal courtesies with other Grand Lodges, and submits interesting correspondence with the Grand Master of Porto Rico, with a view to establishing fraternal relations between the two Grand Lodges. He had issued a few special dispensations for the usual purposes, had laid a few corner-stones, and dedicated two Masonic Halls.

He reports a good many decisions, all of which embody familiar rules, and none of special importance outside of Kentucky.

Their Homes, the Widows' and Orphans', and the Old Masons', receive his special attention and praise.

Nine of the fourteen lodges under dispensations were granted charters, and the others were continued U. D. D.

From the report of the Committee on Our Homes, we extract:

Brethren, in conclusion, we fraternally recommend and urge that as far as possible you visit our Masonic Homes, and whenever and wherever opportunity offers, make it known to the good brethren who have this work of love under their watchcare, that we appreciate the honest efforts made for the good of all who live in our Masonic Homes, by the board of directors governing and all officers under their control, the faithful teachers, matrons and superintendents. If we will, we believe all of us will better understand the strange, warm feeling that wells up in the heart when we clasp the hand of brethren who have been often tried and never found wanting.

From the report of the Committee on Proceedings of Other Grand Lodges, we extract:

The application of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, asking that it be extended fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, has also been referred to the committee. The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico is a lineal descendant of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, which has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; its practices, as this committee is advised, are regular, and the ancient customs of the fraternity are recognized and observed. Your committee, therefore, recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That fraternal recognition be and is hereby extended to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

M. W. Brother William W. Clarke again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the other Grand Lodges; Nebraska, 1910, gets favorable fraternal consideration, with quotations from the address of our Grand Master Dowling.

On a question of interest he thus speaks:

Of course, every Grand Lodge has the right to prescribe the terms under which visitors may be admitted into its lodges, provided the ancient rule is not, by its provision, practically abrogated; but, we would be much gratified to see a relaxation of the stringency of laws on this subject so far as they effect non-affiliates.

We believe that the order is not benefited by construing the act of a lodge in granting a demit into a judgment of expulsion. As members of the Masonic Order, as Masons, non-affiliates have some ancient, common law rights that ought to be respected, the ignoring of which does violence to the history of the order.

And in his conclusion we find him saying:

It is true, of course, that every member of a lodge has the right, indeed the right is inalienable, to object to the presence of any visitor at any meeting of his lodge at which he may be present. This ancient right we are not questioning. We are only contending that the legally performed acts of every regular Masonic lodge be recognized by every other lodge and by all Grand Lodges. If it be not done, Masonry ceases to be a Universal Brotherhood, and is reduced to a system of petty societies, each bounded by its own jurisdictional lines. We are making a plea for an order composed of Masons wherever dispersed round the globe, and all members of one and the same order.

M. W. Dave Jackson, Louisville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Henry B. Grant, Louisville, is Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1912.

February 5th, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of New Orleans, the one hundredth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Master, M. W. John S. Thibaut, opened the Grand Lodge in ample form, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and thirty-one lodges in attendance.

At Tulane Theatre, on the first day of the session, Centennial Ceremonies were conducted; an historical address, appropriate to the occasion, was delivered by the Grand Master. From it we extract a paragraph:

In 1806 a fourth York Rite Lodge under the title of Louisiana 101 was organized under charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, her first Worshipful Master being Edward Livingston, the American statesman, United States Senator from Louisiana, Secretary of State in Jackson's Cabinet, and subsequently Minister to France. He was a distinguished jurist, and as Secretary of State exercised the strongest influence on the administration of Jackson, whose state papers, including the Nullification Act, are said to have been written by him. His Masonic qualities were no less.

The Grand Lodge was organized the same year that the state was admitted into the Union. Other addresses, a banquet, toasts, and more speeches enlivened the occasion.

In his address the Grand Master reports having instituted five new lodges under dispensation, and he granted a goodly number of special dispensation for the usual purposes; he rendered six decisions.

in one of which he ruled that a Masonic lodge could not allow the use of its lodge room to the Order of the Eastern Star without a special dispensation from the Grand Master. He visited much among his lodges, and laid corner-stones for public buildings, and two for new Masonic Temples. He makes a labored argument against Masonic Homes, but he is longing for the day when France's Grand Lodge—he doesn't say which—shall be taken by the hand and welcomed into the universal family.

Eight new lodges had received charters and were constituted during the year. Five were granted charters, and the others continued U. D.

Brother Herman C. Duncan again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-nine Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, received favorable fraternal consideration.

We approve the following, recommended by Brother Duncan and adopted by the Grand Lodge, as worthy of the attention of Masons:

WHEREAS, certain Lodges on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, whose Masonic character was and is unquestioned, formed a Grand Lodge in Queensland, surrendering their warrants to the Mother Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, we are unable to recognize the said Grand Lodge for the reason that its Lodges do not make a majority of the Lodges of the Province, while the Masonic character of members of said Lodges has been in no wise impaired; therefore,

Resolved, That the Lodges of our Register are hereby permitted to receive as visitors the members of such Lodges, and to affiliate them upon presentation of proper demits.

M. W. E. H. Addington, New Orleans, is Grand Master.

R. W. Richard Lambert, New Orleans, is Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1911.

May 2d, in Corinthian Hall, in the city of Portland, the ninety-second annual communication assembled. Owing to a fire at Bangor which burned the Grand Master's dwelling he was not present until the afternoon session, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. Elmer P. Spofford, Deputy Grand Master, with all the remaining Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and eighty-five of the two hundred and three subordinate lodges in attendance. The address of the Grand Master, M. W. Ashley A. Smith, was read by the Deputy Grand Master.

The return of a vessel from a long voyage, with the ship's log, as a simile of his year "on the sea of time," in charge of the Craft, to moor at the old pier, the familiar old hall and Grand East of their Grand Lodge, engages the eloquent pen of the Grand Master. And he speaks in reminiscence of the early days of their Grand Lodge, and its leaders, saying truly: "To call the roll would be to waken many cherished

memories and to summons many venerable and honored personalities before us." He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their illustrious dead past Grand Officers. He reports the granting of a good many special dispensations; the exchange of representatives with Grand Lodges; the constituting of two newly chartered lodges; an interesting dedication of a Masonic Hall; and the laying of the corner-stone of their new Masonic Temple in the city of Portland. One is delighted with his use of the English language. In speaking of the last named event he starts out thus:

Beneath a bending arch of blue, as if in benediction of approval upon the purpose and labor of the hour, the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple of Portland was laid according to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity, at two o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, August 29, 1910.

The Grand Lecturer and the twenty-five District Deputy Grand Masters submitted interesting reports which were referred to the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity, and the latter reported:

We find that nearly all the lodges are in a highly prosperous condition; dues are better collected and the character and ability of applicants is being more closely scrutinized. The reports of the District Deputies show these important officers have been faithful in the discharge of their duties. We may safely say Masoury is in a highly prosperous condition, not only in our own jurisdiction, but throughout the entire civilized world.

We believe this to be due in a large measure to the high character of our members, and the fact that masonic charity can neither be bought nor sold.

M'.W'.Brother Albro E. Chase again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixteen pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-five Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives generous treatment; our Grand Master Dowling's address and other matters in our proceedings are liberally quoted.

Under Kentucky we find the following:

We wonder when the Grand Lodge will welcome and accord the Grand Honors to the Great Inchoonee of the Improved Order of Red Men. They so welcomed and honored some one introduced as the Imperial Potentate of the A. A. O. N. M. S. of North America. He addressed the Grand Lodge too. Did he discuss the best method of feeding camels so that the flow of milk would increase? Did he explain why the sands that must be crossed by the candidate are made so hot? Perhaps he explained the great motive for the organization of the body he represented and urged the members of the Grand Lodge to hasten their ways and take the "higher degrees" to the end that the "Arab patrol" might capture them.

Under Wyoming we read:

And this leads us to enquire the necessity for the Grand Master to visit lodges. Cannot the craft be depended upon to transact their business, confer degrees, and care for the interest of Masonry in their respective localities without the presence of the Grand Master? Do the lodges act any differently in the presence of the Grand Master than they do in his absence? If true masonic spirit prevails in a lodge, it is capable to care for its own affairs and it ought so to do. If the masonic lodge is not in good repute in its locality, then it needs to be cut out.

M. W. Ashley A. Smith, Bangor, is Grand Master.

R. W. Stephen Berry, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA, 1911.

June 14th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Winnipeg, the thirty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George W. Baker, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from sixty-six of their seventy-one chartered lodges in attendance.

Fraternal tribute is paid to the memory of the dead by the Grand Master in opening his address. He reports visiting a good many of his lodges. He dwells with enthusiasm upon the language of our ritual and its teaching, as well its origin and history. He had laid the cornerstone of a Collegiate Institute, opening a special communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose, and had consecrated a new lodge. He granted some dispensations, and discusses at considerable length English authors of note. He argues for and against the display of metallic emblems, as ornaments of dress. Altogether his address is quite in keeping with a homily.

Their nine District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports showing a quite thorough inspection and instruction of the lodges.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. James A. Ovas, in his report deals more explicitly with the business of the year, showing, among other things, that five newly chartered lodges had been constituted, and that three had been instituted under dispensations; that by-laws and amendments thereto had been approved, and that an exchange of representatives with other Grand Lodges had been made. An interesting report of their Librarian is recorded.

They have a Board of General Purposes which considers all, or nearly all, matters coming before the Grand Body, and submits recommendations. We quote a single paragraph from their report:

Your Board, in conformity with the expressed wish of Grand Lodge, gave authority to purchase the necessary regalia for our Grand Lodge Officers, at a cost of about six hundred dollars (\$600.00), and would recommend for the approval of Grand Lodge that all such regalia, excepting that worn by the M. W. the Grand Master, shall remain in the custody of the Grand Secretary, and be worn only by the several Grand Lodge Officers entitled thereto when such are called upon to act in an official capacity.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence several amendments to their constitution were adopted.

Four lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and one was continued under dispensation.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. John Wemyss, Neepawa, is Grand Master.

R. W. James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, is Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1911.

November 21st, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, the one hundred and twenty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. Herman D. Bellmeyer, as Senior Grand Warden, who then ordered the Grand Marshal, together with the Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Director of Ceremonies, to proceed to the apartment of the M. W. Grand Master, and inform him that the Grand Lodge of Maryland was now opened, and awaited his pleasure.

M. W. Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock was escorted into the Grand Lodge. His entrance was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given, and the Grand Master was conducted to the East. Representatives of other Grand Lodges were received in like manner.

In the Grand Master's address fraternal tribute is paid to the memory of the dead, and special and extended mention is made of their deceased Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother James Rawlings Brewer.

From an address we take the following:

"When the Temple at Jerusalem was completed King Solomon gave a feast to the artificers employed in its construction. On unveiling the throne, it was found that a blacksmith had usurped the seat of honor on the right of the King's place, not yet awarded; whereupon the people clamored and the guard rushed to cut him down. 'Let him speak', commanded King Solomon. 'Thou hast, O King, invited all craftsmen but me; yet how could these builders have raised the Temple without the tools I fashioned?' 'True,' decreed King Solomon, 'the seat is his of right. All honor to the Iron-Worker.'"

And we quote further, that our "Brother Bob" may be entertained:

"King Solomon, the Mighty, sent forth to West and East,
And called the artificers all to share a royal feast;
Each builder was invited, whate'er his rank or name;
Who'er the Temple helped to raise was greeted with acclaim.

"Ho! be the curtain lifted! The kingly throne unveil!
Tis done! But why the tumult that swells the morning gale?
Lo! in the place of honor, prepared the King to greet,
A blacksmith sat, with fearless mien, next to the royal seat!

"Forth rushed the guard in anger, to cut the usurper down,
While from the throng rose curses, blended with many a frown;
Then interposed King Solomon, 'Now let the smith be heard.'
Deep silence filled the chamber, and the crowd said ne'er a word.

"Then spoke the smith: 'O Monarch, all craftsmen share the feast:
No welcome greets my coming, yet I am not the least;
For how could these proud builders have raised the lofty pile,
But for the tools I fashioned?' The King said with a smile:

"True, true, the seat of honor is this bold man's by right:
Then rise, you noble craftsmen, and join with me tonight
In heaping well earned praises on this our manly guest—
Of all who toil and labor the blacksmith is the best."

An address by Past Grand Master John M. Carter is a most interesting account of Maryland Masons in the war of the Revolution. And we extract a matter of interest:

The first monument erected to the memory of the Father of his Country is in Baltimore. It is a pure Doric column of marble one hundred and sixty feet high standing upon a square base twenty feet high and surmounted by a statue of Washington sixteen feet high, representing him in the act of resigning his commission as Commander in chief of the army in the Senate Chamber at Annapolis, December 23, 1783.

R. W. Brother Edward T. Schultz, one of the oldest—we think the oldest—reviewers in America, again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-one pages and reviewing fifty-four American Grand Lodges, and eight from beyond seas. Nebraska, 1911, receives courteous treatment.

We find in his conclusion that the report under review is his twenty-fifth for the Grand Lodge, and that he has written thirty-five reports on correspondence for the Grand Chapter.

M. W. Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, is Grand Master.

R. W. George Cook, Baltimore, is Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1911.

Quarterly communications held March 8th, June 14th, September 13th, and December 13th, several special communications, and a stated communication on St. John the Evangelist's Day, make up the proceedings contained in the pamphlet under review. At a special held January 24th in the city of Everett, a new Masonic building for Palestine Lodge was dedicated. The quarterlies were all held at the Masonic Temple in Boston. On March 8th, amendments to the constitution regulating the reception and election of candidates and one defining the powers of the Board of Relief were adopted. At a special communication held at

Beverly, May 20th, the corner-stone of a federal building was laid. At a special communication at Charlton, on May 25th, the Masonic Home at that place was dedicated, with elaborate ceremonies, and an oration was delivered. A Masonic Temple at Amherst was dedicated at a special communication on June 8th. Routine business marked the June quarterly.

At the December quarterly, the Grand Master delivered the annual address. In opening he pays tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, specially mentioning the passing of three of their Past Grand Masters during the year, M. W. Brothers Sanford, Nickerson, and Samuel Crocker Lawrence. He speaks of special communications, and of special warrants and dispensations. He had visited extensively among his lodges. He dwells upon the subject of their Masonic Home, and the liberal donations made to it, especially that of the Lodge of St. Andrew, adding one thousand dollars to its fund, making it ten thousand dollars. It will be remembered that this Lodge of St. Andrew is the lodge from which sprang the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the first sovereign independent Grand Lodge in the United States.

A marble bust of their late Past Grand Master Lawrence was presented in the following language by R. W. William B. Lawrence:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

For nearly half a century Samuel C. Lawrence served this Grand Lodge in various capacities with unselfish devotion. Of the value of those services, it is not my purpose at this time to speak, but merely to say to you that as long as health lasted he had in his heart a warm regard for this Grand Lodge, and that feeling was, I believe, reciprocated.

In token of the remembrance of him, his widow, Caroline R. Lawrence, wishes to present to this Grand Body a memorial marble bust of him executed in Italy by Franklin Simmons, and, Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, permit me to express the hope that the time will never come when this Grand Lodge will cease to be served by men of character and ability who will do their best to work for the credit of themselves and the honor of the Fraternity.

At their stated annual communication always held on St. John's Day, December 27th, at which the Grand Feast is held and the Grand Officers are installed, the usual flow of eloquence was indulged in.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Everett C. Benton, Boston, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas W. Davis, Boston, is Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1911.

May 23d, in the Auditorium in the city of Port Huron, at high twelve, the sixty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. G. Roscoe Swift, Grand Master,

with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and four of their four hundred and nineteen chartered lodges in attendance.

An address of welcome to Port Huron was delivered by one of its citizens, Past Grand Master William T. Mitchell, whose age at the time was ninety-four years. As he stepped to the front, "he was greeted with tremendous applause, upon which the Grand Master called up the lodge and received him with the Grand Honors."

Some of the leading features of Freemasonry engage the attention of the Grand Master, in opening his address. He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, and specially mentions their late Past Grand Master William B. Wilson, who died during the year. He reports the granting of new or duplicate charters to four lodges that had lost the originals by fire or otherwise; the granting of a great many special dispensations for the usual purposes; the institution of three new lodges under dispensation, and the constitution of two under charters; he dedicated a good many Masonic Halls, and laid a good many corner-stones. From his decisions we extract:

The change in Article XIII, Section 1, relative to the "qualifications" of the candidate, has called for no end of questions. They have been invariably answered in one way to all. "It is now left to the constituent Lodge to decide as to the physical qualifications of a candidate, one arm, one leg, one eye, or no eyes, hands or feet," all are under the same Masonic scrutiny.

Palestine Lodge No. 357, of Detroit, having a membership of 1,650, and which during the year 1910 conferred 487 degrees and raised 147 Master Masons, conceived a plan of forming a new lodge within her membership, and to remain a part of the old lodge, having a full set of officers; the new lodge to work the candidates elected in the old lodge, but the Grand Master and Grand Lodge refused to grant the request.

Their Pine Grove Lodge No. 11, at Port Huron, crossed the river to bury a brother and member of their lodge, at Sarnia, in Canada, but only a mile from Port Huron. The deceased was a highly respected brother, a poor man, having two or three daughters, living in Sarnia. He was buried on Sunday, the second day after his death, at the request of the daughters. He before his death had requested the lodge to bury him. The Grand Master of Canada caused his Grand Secretary to write to the Grand Master, through the Grand Secretary of Michigan, complaining of Pine Grove Lodge and alleging that its burial of their brother was a grievous trespass and invasion of Canada. From June 19th, 1910, to January 28th, 1911, a correspondence was maintained over the matter. From the standpoint of the Canadian Grand Master nothing so alarming had occurred since the "Fenian scare" some fifty years ago. He issued an edict, ordained and decreed that fraternal relations between the two lodges cease, and that Masons from Michigan be not received as visitors in any Canadian lodge.

The Grand Master of Michigan did not regard the action of his Pine Grove Lodge as a very serious matter, nor do we think it should have been so regarded. He said he could not find it in his heart to discipline them. But the matter was amicably settled, and the former fraternal relations restored. The committee having the matter in charge among other things says:

Masonically, your committee feel that the brethren of Pine Grove lodge were endeavoring to perform their whole Masonic duty as they saw it, and your committee believe that it was for this reason that our Most Worshipful Grand Master said that he could not find it in his heart to discipline them. We feel that, from a Masonic standpoint, looking only to the spirit of brotherly love and relief which pervades all true Masonic hearts and without reference to the technical legal questions involved, no criticism should be offered.

The Grand Master attended and assisted in the organization of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 22d, 1911. And on that occasion in the old lodge room, the third degree was conferred upon a candidate elected in that lodge, by a degree team, which accompanied the Grand Master of Michigan, from one of his Michigan lodges.

Extensive amendments of their Grand Lodge standing resolutions and by-laws occupied much of the attention and time of the Grand Lodge.

The representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan near that of Belgium submits a very interesting communication, in which he speaks of a lodge at Antwerp. We extract briefly:

It may interest you to know that the W. Lodge "Anglo Belge," of Antwerp, consisting of English-speaking brethren and working the ritual of the Grand Lodge of England, has been honored quite recently by the visit of a number of brethren—eleven in all, among them the W. Master, three Past Masters, one Warden, one Deacon—of the Lodge "Cannogate Kilwinning," No. 2, of Edinburgh.

This lodge was founded in 1677 and is, next to Mother Kilwinning, the oldest lodge in Scotland—the celebrated poet, Robert Burns, once had his seat in it, which still exists.

R. W. Lou B. Winsor presents the report on correspondence, his eighth annual, covering 304 pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges; Nebraska, 1910, is reviewed. Grand Master Dowling's address is liberally quoted, Grand Orator Epperson's address is declared eloquent, and the writer's report on correspondence receives mention.

The following under South Dakota will be of interest:

"Your committee further recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Master enter into correspondence for the purpose of establishing Masonic relations and exchanging Grand Representatives with the following Grand Bodies, to-wit:

The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes—Berlin.
 The National Grand Lodge of Germany.
 The Grand Lodge Royal York of Prussia.
 The Grand Lodge of Hamburg.
 The Grand Lodge of Saxony.
 The Grand Lodge of the Sun, in Bayreuth.
 The Grand Lodge Eclectic Union, at Frankfort-on-the-Main.
 The Grand Lodge of Concord at Darmstadt.
 The Grand Lodge of Denmark.
 The Grand Lodge of Sweden.”

M. W. James E. Dillon, East Tawas, is Grand Master.

M. W. Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, is Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1912.

January 17th, in the Masonic Temple in the city of St. Paul, the fifty-ninth annual communication was opened by M. W. Elmer A. Kling, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from two hundred and twenty-four of the two hundred and fifty-three subordinate lodges in attendance.

From the address of the Grand Master we learn that death had not touched the official ranks of the Grand Lodge, nor taken any of its permanent members during the year.

He reports the laying of three corner-stones, the first for a Federal building at Austin, followed in the evening by a banquet served by the ladies of the Eastern Star; the second was for a new school house at Spring Valley, and here, too, the Eastern Star served the brethren with a banquet. At Fairbault the corner-stone of a new Federal building was laid, followed by another banquet graciously furnished and served by the Eastern Star.

From the decisions of the Grand Master we extract:

A candidate who was in early boyhood club-footed in one foot, who by reason of a surgical operation walks nearly perfect, whose feet in walking occupy the same position as any normal man, has full control of his feet and whose only defect is a shortage of the leg between the knee and ankle and a slight halt in walking and who is otherwise physically well and robust is not disqualified from petitioning for the degrees of Masonry.

It is within the implied powers of a Worshipful Master, in the exercise of sound discretion, and in the interests of harmony, to issue a summons to the members of his Lodge to consider a matter that had been previously acted upon by the Lodge.

Where in the trial of a brother for un-Masonic conduct the defense makes objections to the proceedings on account of the committee of investigation having employed a stenographer to take and transcribe the testimony of witnesses for the use of the committee, who was not a Mason, all of the committee being present at the taking of the testimony and the accused being represented by counsel, the objection should have been overruled, and the testimony as taken admitted. While it is not the correct practice, it is a matter that does not go into the question of

the guilt or innocence of the accused; nor does the objection made, in any way show that the substantial rights of the accused have been in any way impaired, nor that a different result would have been reached had the testimony been transcribed by one who was a Mason.

He reports the instituting of two lodges under dispensations, and the granting of nineteen special dispensations for the usual purposes, and he visited a few of his lodges.

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine. A well considered address was delivered by Brother Alex G. McKnight, Grand Orator.

Brother Irving Todd again submits the report on correspondence, covering 76 pages and reviewing ably the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges.

M. W. Owen Morris, St. Paul, is Grand Master.

R. W. John Fishel, St. Paul, is Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1911.

February 21st, the ninety-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Walter M. Conner, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers except one, and a large number of permanent members and representatives from the lodges in attendance.

Loving fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead is paid by the Grand Master in opening his address. He reports the granting of a good many special dispensations; the constituting of ten lodges under charter; the instituting of one lodge under dispensation; the exchange of representatives with other Grand Lodges, and he had visited as much as time would permit. He had dedicated a new lodge temple at Lexington, Mississippi, and laid five corner-stones, and reports a few decisions made. He speaks highly of their Masonic Home, and says that during the year a memorial hospital had been built and furnished by their Past Grand Master Harry Howard, and a cottage for the boys built with a donation from the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi. He reports that the ladies of the Eastern Star, through their local chapters, had done much during the year toward helping to care for children in the Home.

He highly approves schools of instruction conducted by their Grand Lecturer, and had visited them with great pleasure. He says that Masonry had been greatly revived wherever the schools of instruction had been held. The Grand Lecturer and many of their thirty District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports of their labors among the lodges.

A very full report of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Fred-eric Speed, exhibits all the more important transactions of the year in that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge by a rising vote adopted a resolution of thanks to the Board of Managers of the Masonic Home and Dr. Sarah Castle for their careful, cheerful, and unremitting attention in the management of the Home.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to five lodges under dispensations, and continued one under dispensation.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence is long, covering many cases coming up from the lodges; and the Committee on Complaints and Appeals likewise had a number of perplexing questions to solve.

M. W. Brother Harry T. Howard submits the report on correspondence, covering ninety-one pages. Nebraska, 1910, receives fraternal consideration, mostly devoted to quotations from the report of our Grand Custodian, which, Brother Howard says, shows a fine quality of gray matter.

M. W. John S. Brooks, Lula, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frederic Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, is Acting Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI, 1911.

September 26th, at Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of St. Louis, the ninety-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Clay C. Bigger, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and sixteen of their six hundred and eleven subordinate lodges in attendance.

We quote:

Prior to the opening of the regular session of the Grand Lodge, the children from the Masonic Home marched on the stage and rendered a most enjoyable program, accompanied by P. B. Eversden, Grand Organist, and Moolah Orchestra.

Some four pages are devoted to the discussion of Freemasonry as a moral institution, in the opening of the Grand Master's address. His opening words: "Upon the ever revolving wheels of time another year has passed and is now behind us," reminds us of a passage in one of De Quincey's books, where the following is recorded: "Resting not day or night, any more than the mighty wheels of day and night themselves, whose moments, like restless spokes, are glimmering forever as they revolve."

He reports the exchange of representatives with Grand Lodges, and the appointment, soon after his installation, of a District Deputy Grand Master for each of their fifty-eight districts in the state. He had instituted eight lodges under dispensation; had granted quite a good many special dispensations; laid seven corner-stones for as many public buildings, one of which was a "magnificent Masonic Temple" at

Kansas City. Together with his Grand Officers and some Past Grand Officers, he visited the Grand Lodge of Kansas during its session in Kansas City, Kansas; he visited many of the District Lodges of Instruction, and in other lodges called "State Lodges of Instruction." He speaks of a gathering of more than five thousand Masons at the laying of a corner-stone for a new building at their Masonic Home, and adds:

This was followed by eloquent addresses by R. W. Bros. Alexander G. Cochran and Bert S. Lee; M. W. Bros. D. M. Wilson, W. F. Kuhn, E. F. Allen and A. M. Dockery; Bro. Alphonso C. Stewart, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the A. & A. S. R. of Missouri; and Sister Ethel Stansbury, Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

It was an inspiring demonstration, one long to be remembered. It emphasized the loyalty of the Brethren to this great charity, which is their pride.

From his decisions we glean that under their law a newly raised Master Mason cannot vote on an application for degrees until he has passed a satisfactory examination on the first section of the degree of Master Mason; that "a non-affiliated Master Mason is not entitled to any Masonic privileges except the mere right to petition for affiliation."

He speaks of the *instituting* of lodges under dispensation as lodges "constituted," and of the constituting of four lodges under charters; the Grand Secretary says they "were set to work under the law."

The Grand Secretary reports that he had, by most strenuous and persistent efforts, secured annual reports and Grand Lodge dues from every one of the 611 lodges in the state. From his report we learn that twenty-six of the special dispensations granted by the Grand Master were to ballot out of time.

The per capita tax for their Masonic Home for the year amounted to \$38,926.80.

Two Grand Orators, R. W. Brothers Fred S. Hudson and Percy A. Budd, delivered each an interesting oration.

The Committee on Necrology, in their report, mention with appropriate remarks the death of our late Past Grand Masters Coutant and Hopewell.

All but one of their eight lodges under dispensation were granted charters, but were admonished to be more careful in keeping their records than they had heretofore been.

M. W. Brother Charles C. Woods presents the report on fraternal correspondence, covering 123 pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. He disposes of reports on correspondence in his own peculiar way. Under Nova Scotia:

This is a well-written document and deals pleasantly with Missouri, but smiles broadly at the idea of a Dispensation for a public

installation in a church! We might smile with even greater breadth at some Decisions from his Grand Jurisdiction, but we refrain.

Under Oregon:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a well-written report covering 149 pages, in which the work of our Jurisdiction is approved in pleasant terms.

Under Nebraska:

The Report on Correspondence, covering 101 pages, is well written and deals kindly with Missouri.

But when he runs across some things really worth the while he is most profuse in praise.

M. W. Arch A. Johnson, Springfield, is Grand Master.

R. W. John R. Parson, St. Louis, is Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1911.

September 20th, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Missoula, the forty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James W. Speer, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from sixty-six of the seventy subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master paid loving tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead, two of whom were Past Grand Masters.

He reports some correspondence over the initiation and passing of a candidate who had been rejected by the lodge in his home town in Montana, but who, on a visit in South Dakota, petitioned a lodge there, without informing the latter lodge of his rejection. Doubtless he was not asked and could not be presumed to know the law in his case, nor should he be stopped from receiving his "third" if in fact he was not required to state whether he had been so rejected. The Grand Master had issued proxies to perform Masonic services where he was unable to attend in person, on several occasions; had exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges; had himself or by proxy constituted seven newly chartered lodges; instituted six lodges under dispensation; visited several lodges, and had, accompanied by associate officers, visited their Masonic Home.

From the report of the Grand Secretary it appears that monthly reports from lodge secretaries are quite generally received.

A report from the Trustees of the Masonic Home shows good conditions at that institution, but one trustee submits recommendations cal-

culated to make of it what used to be called a "work-house" in New England.

Recognition of the Grand Lodges of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, The Three Globes, Hamburg, Eclectic Union, Royal York, National Grand Lodge of Germany and the Grand Lodge of Saxony, was accorded.

The following were submitted and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee and by the latter opposed, and voted down in Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That any Master Mason in good standing who has paid dues to any one lodge within this jurisdiction for a period of thirty (30) years, shall become a "life member" and shall be relieved from further payment of dues.

Resolved, That any Master Mason in good standing within this jurisdiction, may become a "life member" upon the payment, in advance, of twenty-five (25) years' dues; that fifty dollars (\$50.00) of this sum shall be paid to the Grand Secretary and shall form part of an "Endowment Fund" of the Grand Lodge; and, that the balance shall form part of an "Endowment Fund" of the subordinate lodge.

Five of the six lodges under dispensations were granted charters, and the remaining lodge was continued U. D. .

M. W. Brother H. S. Hepner presents his third annual report on correspondence, covering 146 pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges. Under Nebraska, 1910, he quotes liberally from our Grand Master Dowling's address and from our Grand Secretary's report, and approves our Grand Orator Epperson's oration, from which he declined to "clip any portion," for fear it might mar its beauty.

He says of Masonic Homes:

Homes and asylums are springing up everywhere; the founts of charity are gushing forth human love and affection and each brother is becoming his brother's keeper. In these labors of humanity many of the jurisdictions find willing, loyal and helpful aid in the Order of the Eastern Star; Grand Masters and members no longer look down upon "Female Masoury," but accept the offerings of these mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of Masons with unstinted expressions of appreciation.

He is keeping tab on things Mexican, which are usually in a disturbed condition:

"We regret to announce that affairs in the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico are in a very disturbed condition, the Mexican members of the same, having been disappointed in securing control of the offices, openly rebelled and seceded, and have set up a Grand Lodge of their own. Brother W. H. Seamon writes us that there is some hope of a compromise. At present writing, matters are in a very bad state, which we most sincerely regret, as we were instrumental in securing recognition from our Grand Lodge."

M. W. William M. Montgomery, Anaconda, is Grand Master.
 R. W. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, is Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1911.

June 13th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Reno, the forty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James C. Doughty, Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers and representatives from all but one of their twenty-five chartered lodges in attendance.

One special communication of the Grand Lodge had been held for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a court house, and another for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to their late Grand Secretary, V. W. Chauncey Norman Noteware, who died October 22d, 1910.

In opening his address the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their deceased Grand Secretary, and his portrait adorns a page, accompanying a memorial written by V. W. Brother Vanderlieth.

The Grand Master reports the exchange of courtesies with other Grand Lodges in the matter of conferring degrees. He visited a goodly number of his lodges, and brings good report of conditions throughout the state among his brethren.

Among his recommendations we find the following:

I recommend that when the Grand Representative of another Grand Lodge near this Grand Lodge, has not been in attendance on the sessions of this Grand Lodge for the period of three years or more, that his name be dropped from the list, that the Grand Master of that Grand Jurisdiction be notified, and that a brother be recommended for the vacancy.

As there are several Past Grand Masters living whose half-tones have never been printed in our Proceedings, I recommend that the same be done as a mark of our esteem and appreciation of the faithful services they have rendered to the Craft. It has been the custom to print these after their death, but I believe that the living are as much entitled to that reward as the dead.

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine.

An excellent report on correspondence, covering 179 pages, is the work of V. W. Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary.

M. W. Herman Davis, Reno, is Grand Master.

V. W. Edward D. Vanderlieth, Carson City, is Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1910.

August 23d, at Freemasons Hall in the city of Saint John, the forty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge

was opened by M. W. Henry Seabury Bridges, Grand Master, with nearly all the Grand Officers and representatives from twenty-two of their thirty-eight subordinate lodges in attendance.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge to bury a Past Grand Master, and another, a lodge of sorrow, had been held in memory of King Edward VII., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England from 1874 until his accession in 1901.

In his address the Grand Master recounts fully his official doings during the year; he had visited many of his lodges and furnishes an entertaining account of the conditions he found. He installed officers and assisted in the work of conferring degrees. The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer make a good showing.

Three of their five District Deputy Grand Masters made reports of having visited and instructed the lodges in their respective jurisdictions. The transactions of the Grand Lodge were few and routine. There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Henry S. Bridges, Saint John, is Grand Master.

R. W. J. Twining Hartt, Saint John, is Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1911.

May 17th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Concord, the one hundred and twenty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edwin F. Jones, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from fifty-seven of their eighty chartered lodges in attendance.

Two special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held, one on July 27th, 1910, to lay the corner-stone of a building erected by the Rochester Masonic Building Association, and one on April 18th, 1911, to attend the funeral of their late Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother John McLane. They have a semi-annual communication, at which the work on the several degrees is exemplified.

At the annual, the Grand Master delivered his address, in which he assures us that "the year has been, Masonically, one of plenty, health and peace." He reports quite fully his official acts; pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, among whom were four District Deputy Grand Masters, one Past Grand Master, and a Past Grand Lecturer, whose portraits adorn the pages of the proceedings. He had exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges, and courtesies in waiving jurisdiction over candidates for the degrees; and he had granted several special dispensations, one of which was to authorize a lodge to appear in Masonic clothing in public, at the decennial memorial services of a commandery of Knights Templar, at a cemetery, it being the fiftieth anniversary of the death of their first Eminent Commander.

Of their Masonic Home he says:

I look upon the Home as being the one great practical exemplification in New Hampshire of the principles of our Order. Relief for the needy is there described in deeds, not in words. The Home should be enlarged; its present capacity is well nigh filled. There are just and ample demands for additional accommodations. A hospital should be provided at once.

The District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer, severally submitted quite full reports, as also did the several committees of the Grand Lodge, and the routine business was conducted harmoniously.

M. W. Brother Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary, presents his fifth annual report on correspondence. He regards our Masonic Home as a "stock affair," not at all up to theirs in New Hampshire, and he brags about it. He reminds us of the boy who said his pa's barn was higher and bigger than the moon.

Under Wisconsin, and speaking of its reviewer, Past Grand Master Swain, he says:

He regrets that so many jurisdictions are requiring documentary evidence as a prerequisite for visitation—thinks that if all Lodges were supplied annually with a reliable list of regular Lodges the necessity for documentary evidence would not appear. Wisconsin will not do anything wrong if it requires the one and possesses the other. The two will make a splendid combination on the side of safety.

M. W. Charles H. Wiggin, Concord, is Grand Master.

M. W. Harry M. Cheney, Concord, is Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1911.

April 19th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Trenton, the one hundred and twenty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Allton H. Sherman, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and eighty of the one hundred and ninety chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master reports at considerable length his official acts during the year. The conditions he says are very prosperous. Two Past Grand Masters had died during the year, and appropriate tributes are paid to their memory. He had visited the Grand Lodge of Delaware during its annual communication, and expresses his regrets that he was unable to visit any of the others to which he had been invited. He was present at, and assisted in the organization of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, at Alexandria, Va. In his own state he had visited a large number of the lodges; he had exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges; exchanged courtesies in the matter of waivers of jurisdiction over candidates; had officiated at the laying of five cornerstones; had constituted four newly chartered lodges; had instituted

one under dispensation; and had been very active in the discharge of his official duties throughout the year.

To a remarkable degree does peace and harmony prevail throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, as is shown by the reports of their several District Deputy Grand Masters.

A very full report of their Masonic Home Committee exhibits a successful administration of the affairs of that important institution. In addition they have a Grand Lodge Charity Fund, aggregating \$6,172.68.

This Grand Lodge upon recommendation of its Committee on Dispensations and Warrants, granted one and refused three applications for dispensations for new lodges.

The following report of the Committee on Ritual will be of interest in those jurisdictions contemplating such action:

Your Committee on Ritual, to whom was referred the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master relative to the examination of one raised to the Degree of Master Mason as to his acquaintance with the ceremonies of the degree before he is permitted to sign the Constitution, respectfully report that while we are in sympathy with the purpose of this recommendation, we are not prepared at this moment to suggest a proper method to render it effective.

We are not convinced that membership, under our present regulations, can be arrested for want of this desirable and apparently important qualification; nor that the signing of any written declaration is a necessary preliminary to the enjoyment of full membership. Nor is your Committee prepared, at this time, to furnish the forms which would be required to carry it into practice.

R. W. Brother Robert W. Shirrefs again presents the report on correspondence, covering 182 pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six English-speaking Grand Lodges, the eight German Grand Lodges, the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, and the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina. Nebraska, 1910, receives favorable fraternal treatment. Of our Grand Master Dowling he says:

M. W. Brother Dowling had reached the frankly stated conclusion in regard to the continued existence of "weak Lodges" that he believed "the time has now arrived when action should be taken looking towards the elimination of every lodge in the state that can offer no good and valid reason for its existence." And some day some Grand Master will rise up and pass his name to posterity as a real benefactor of the Craft, who after careful examination and temperate setting forth of the facts, does purge his jurisdiction of "weak" lodges. It will be the only effective way to discourage injudicious petitions for lodges in unsuitable places, and remove the temptation of his successors to amiably grant dispensations to erect unnecessary lodges.

M. W. Leslie A. Burrill, Trenton, is Grand Master.

M. W. Benjamin F. Wakefield, Trenton, is Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO, 1911.

October 16th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Albuquerque, the thirty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edward L. Medler, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from twenty-five of their thirty-eight chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master congratulates his brethren upon the prospect of early statehood; meantime the Craft were enjoying a fair share of prosperity and an increase in membership commensurate with the growth of the communities in the territory. He pays appropriate tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, among whom were two Past Grand Masters. He had appointed District Deputy Grand Masters; installed lodge officers; granted dispensations to a considerable number, refusing some; by proxy he had constituted one new lodge; he instituted four under dispensation, and had laid three corner-stones for as many public buildings.

Title had been acquired by the Grand Lodge to the old home of their deceased Brother Kit Carson for the purpose of a Masonic Home. With a total membership of less than three thousand the Grand Lodge has made a most commendable record in thus establishing a Home.

An inspiring address was delivered by Brother Joseph A. Miller at the dedication services of Temple Lodge, setting forth the common purposes incident to the occasion.

Two lodges under dispensation were granted charters, one conditionally, upon an amendment of its by-laws to conform to the laws of the Grand Lodge.

Upon an important matter we are glad to find their rule to be: "That Subordinate Lodges can sublet their halls to legitimate Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Commanderies of Knights Templar, and Scottish Rite bodies acknowledging the authority of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., without dispensation, but that the Grand Master's dispensation should be required for all other organizations desiring to sublet."

Their Grand Lecturer, in his report, speaks of spending eleven days, "from nine o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night," instructing the members of one lodge, and he says that he has no doubt that this lodge in the future will be in a position to give the work. With another, a new lodge, he spent six days.

M. W. Brother James H. Wroth presents the report on correspondence, covering 215 pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska's did not reach him.

He agrees with Brother Howard, under West Virginia, in the following:

"It seems that our brethren of Nebraska do not grant demits except for the purpose of joining another Masonic Lodge. This law is evidently aimed to prevent non-affiliation, but whatever the reason for

the law, it is in my opinion radically wrong in principle. I can see no just reason why one who of his own free will offered himself as a candidate for Freemasonry should not be permitted of his own free will to voluntarily withdraw from it. This keeping a brother in a Lodge against his will in order to collect dues, and if he fails to pay the same suspending him therefor, thus placing a badge of dishonor upon his Masonic name and character, is not, according to my notions, the bedrock principles and teachings of Freemasonry."

M. W. William B. Walton, Silver City, is Grand Master.

R. W. Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, is Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1911.

The first communication for the Masonic year was a special one, assembled in the town hall of Sydney, August 23d, 1910, for the installation of its officers, the Grand Master of Victoria, M. W. Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael, acting as Installing Officer. The new Grand Master, His Excellency, the Right Honorable Lord Chelmsford, Governor of the Province, was with much pomp duly installed, and addressed in an appropriate speech by the installing officer, to which he responded. We extract a brief paragraph:

And now Brethren may I express to you all my deep appreciation of the honor which you have conferred upon me in placing me in this chair. I am the fifth Governor of New South Wales since the inauguration of this Grand Lodge who has sat in this Chair. (Applause.) First of all you had M. W. Brother Lord Carrington. (Applause.) Then came Lord Jersey. (Applause.) Next Sir Robert Duff. (Applause.) And last but not least Sir Harry Rawson. (Loud and prolonged applause.) Therefore, I find myself in good company when I find myself in this chair. But Brethren you will quite understand that it must necessarily be with some trepidation that I follow such distinguished predecessors.

He referred to his brethren officials from other provinces and Grand Lodges, who in turn replied, making in all a most enjoyable, entertaining, and instructive session.

At the first quarterly communication, held on September 14th, 1910, the routine business was taken up on the report of the Board of General Purposes, a paper outlining needed action and legislation. At this communication an interesting report from the Grand Inspector of Workings was considered, as also reports from the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the standing committees.

At the December quarterly communication the Grand Master's address, Grand Visitations to lodges, the installation of lodge officers and the dedication of two more Masonic Temples became matters of record. The report of the Board of General Purposes, and that of the Grand Inspector of Workings, commanded much attention.

At a special communication, held on June 13th, and at a quarterly

following on the next day, the Deputy Grand Master, in an address, shows great activity on his part, and his report shows that two new lodges have been opened during the quarter; that during the year eight of their lodges had been visited by Grand Officers.

His Excellency Lord Chelmsford is Grand Master.
R. W. Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, is Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1911.

May 2d, in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, in the city of New York, the one hundred and thirtieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Master, with a very large attendance of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, permanent members, and representatives from chartered lodges.

The Grand Master in opening his address pays tribute to the exalted standard of Masonry, and pleads with his brethren to ever maintain "and make of it an expansive, unselfish brotherhood."

"In Memoriam" he pays tribute to the memory of the illustrious dead, mentioning first our late Brother King Edward VII, because his death occurred on the first day after the Grand Master's installation into office. Twenty-four pages are occupied in obituary matter. He reports a great number of special dispensations; numerous ceremonies on occasions of visitations made by him, accompanied by some of his associate officers, to the subordinate lodges, and the institution of eight new lodges under dispensation. In speaking of their Home he glories in the interest taken in it among the lodges, saying, "Not only have the Masters visited the Home and rendered a report to their lodges, but in many instances delegations have accompanied them, so that the purposes of the Home, its life, its interests and its morale, are subjects familiar to the rank and file of the Craft." He reports his action in sanctioning the use of a fund in the erection of a Memorial Chapel at the Utica Home, in honor of their late M. W. Brother Frank Hurd Robinson.

The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund are engaged in building a new hall in New York City, to be nineteen stories high, costing more than a million dollars, a description of which, and the purpose for which it is designed, affords interesting reading to one interested in current Masonic doings.

A decision upon the question arising from the right to blackball is of more than ordinary interest:

A petitioner for membership was formally rejected. The Master is informed that this was due to personal objection. He fears that for some reason he will be again rejected, and asks whether there is some part of the Constitution to cover the case. This is not, and cannot be governed by the Constitution, nor is it subject to dispensation by the

Grand Master. It is controlled by the Landmarks, which declare that the ballot for candidates is always strictly secret and inviolable. It is the privilege of a member of a Lodge to cast a black ball against a candidate to whom he objects. Harmony in the Lodge demands that the candidate must be unanimously approved. While the Master highly favors the petitioner, and no suggestion is made against his character or fitness, it must be remembered that any other member of the Lodge having a different opinion must be left equally free to exercise his will as to the ballot.

The case differs from those in which members have made open threat to obstruct business of the Lodge by preventing generally the acceptance of applicants for membership.

The report on correspondence is the joint product of three members of the committee, Brothers William Sherer, Emil Frenkel, and Emanuel Loewenstein, who say in opening:

Again we submit our work to you, and, as heretofore, we endeavored to cull from all these Proceedings that which we deemed of interest to our brethren of New York, reviewing, and *reviewing* only, the doings of other Grand Lodges, and all without comment or expression of personal views. Neither in quarrelsome spirit, finding fault with others, nor in fulsome flattery praise, to keep up the "Mutual Admiration Society" of the so-called round table, but, without display or boast, have we tried to report and reproduce for the benefit and instruction of the brethren of our own jurisdiction. We hold that we are chroniclers, *not* critics.

Nebraska, 1910, receives fraternal consideration.

M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Brooklyn, is Grand Master.
M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York City, is Grand Secretary

NEW ZEALAND, 1911.

May 10th, at Christchurch, in the Choral Hall, the twenty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Christopher J. W. Griffiths, Grand Master, with a very large attendance of officers, Past Grand Officers, and representatives from the subordinate lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master speaks of their condition, saying:

This being the twenty-first annual communication of Grand Lodge, we may look back over the years that have passed, and note with pride and satisfaction what the Grand Lodge has accomplished. Twenty years ago the total number of Lodges in the Dominion was 147, of which 85 were under the E. C., 15 under the I. C., and 47 under the S. C. Now we have 183 Lodges of our own, whilst under other Constitutions there are 40 English, 4 Irish, and 12 Scotch. During that twenty years we have assisted the widow and the orphan, the poor and the distressed to the extent of over £20,000. We now number nearly 12,000 members, and possess accumulated funds to the amount

of between £24,000 and £25,000. Without being ostentatious, we may fairly say that these facts are matters for fraternal congratulation.

He had visited extensively, and praises their District Deputy Grand Masters for like service during the year.

The Grand Lodge unanimously conferred the rank of Past Grand Master upon their Brother Frederick Charles Binns, whose zealous services for the Craft merited, his brethren thought, the high distinction. The reports of Provincial Grand Masters of the several districts are entertaining, and attest the good conditions prevailing.

M. W. Brother Alfred H. Burton presents the report on correspondence, covering 114 pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives favorable fraternal treatment. We extract a brief paragraph:

One hundred and two pages of the Proceedings—being nearly half the book—are devoted by Bro. Charles J. Phelps, the Reviewer, to Foreign Correspondence. Under New Zealand, he quotes, with approval, our Bro. Niccol's dignified rebuke of Bro. De Wolf Smith's attitude in supporting the withholding of recognition by British Columbia of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

M. W. Christopher J. W. Griffiths, Blenheim, is Grand Master.
M. W. Malcolm Niccol, Wellington, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1912.

January 9th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Raleigh, the one hundred and twenty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. William B. McKoy, Deputy Grand Master, with all Grand Officers, except the Grand Master and the Grand Chaplain, and representatives from most of the subordinate lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master, M. W. Richard N. Hackett, pays tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead, among whom are numbered two Past Grand Masters, and others who had been prominent in carrying on the work in that Grand Jurisdiction. The Craft, he says, is in a very flourishing condition in his state. From his decisions we extract the following:

Whenever a petition is received it must be balloted upon. When it is balloted upon and a candidate is rejected, another ballot may be taken for fear a mistake has been made. In no case can more than two ballots be taken, nor can another ballot be taken on the same petition at any subsequent time. The petitioner must wait one year before he can petition again. The ballot is secret and sacred. The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon have no right to disclose how the ballot stood if rejected. No man has a right to question the ballot nor to ask anyone how he voted on the ballot. No man has a right to tell how he voted.

Of their Home he says:

The Masonic and Eastern Star Home is being built under the care and attention of the Building Committee appointed for that purpose by the Board of Directors. We have had a hard time getting the necessary funds, and our successors are going to do so, but I cannot believe that the Masons of North Carolina, realizing as I do that one of the greatest charities which can be established anywhere is in taking care of the aged, infirm and indigent, will ever let this matter drop or hesitate to furnish sufficient funds for the work to go on until its completion.

He also speaks of their Oxford Orphan Asylum as having had a year of splendid success, and he has a good word for the Order of the Eastern Star.

They have the system of District Deputy Grand Masters, whose labors he highly praises.

The Grand Secretary complains—a common thing—of lodge secretaries, for their neglect to forward returns on time, 180 of whom were delinquent, notwithstanding his urgent request, before the time arrived, that they perform that duty.

Six new lodges under dispensation had been instituted during the year.

A very interesting address by Brother Henry A. Grady, Grand Orator, upon the theme, "God and Immortality in Masonry," finds a place in the published proceedings. Their Grand Historian, Brother Marshal De Lancey Haywood, submitted a most entertaining paper on "The Masonic Revolutionary Patriots of North Carolina." From it we quote but a single paragraph:

To write a complete history of Freemasonry in the Revolution would be almost equivalent to writing a history of the war itself. From the immortal Washington, commander-in-chief, and his principal Generals (Arnold alas! not excepted) down to many worthy privates in the regiments under them; from John Paul Jones, the greatest of our fighters on the ocean, down to the hardy seamen who manned his guns; from Grand Masters Benjamin Franklin, Peyton Randolph, and other great leaders in the Continental Congress, down to less famous participants in the councils of the young republic—in all grades of civil society, in all ranks of military and naval life—a knowledge of Masonry could be found.

M. W. Richard A. Hackett, Grand Master, we find presiding at sessions subsequent to the opening.

We quote from the record: "The Communication of the Grand Lodge was made more interesting by the unveiling of the marble bust of the first Grand Master, Samuel Johnston. The exercises were held in the Temple. The bust was placed in a niche in the rotunda of the Capitol and then unveiled."

Brother John A. Collins presents a very interesting report on cor-

respondence, covering 118 pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Lodges. We quote:

The condition of the Craft generally is that of universal peace and material prosperity. The benefactions of Grand Lodges and their Subordinate Lodges are such proportions as to challenge the credulity of those who have no knowledge of it.

It is a matter of common knowledge in every Grand Jurisdiction that moral requirements for admission to the Fraternity are higher and more exacting today than they have ever been in the past.

It is noted with satisfaction that in those Grand Lodges which have authorized the printing of official rituals that plan has not proved satisfactory; it makes no better ritualists, and the evidence is that many of these volumes are lost every year, and after diligent search cannot be found. This plan of teaching the ritual is losing favor, and it is to be hoped that it will soon be entirely discontinued.

M. W. William B. McKoy, Wilmington, is Grand Master.

R. W. John C. Drewry, Raleigh, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1911.

June 27th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Grand Forks, the twenty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John J. Hull, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, and representatives from eighty-eight of the one hundred and one subordinate lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master speaks of the growth and prosperity of our order in opening his address. To the memory of the dead, among whom is mentioned their late R. W. Almond L. Woods, Grand Lecturer and Auditor, he pays fitting fraternal tribute. He reports only two decisions, and they are of local importance only. He issued few special dispensations, refusing to authorize the conferring of degrees out of time in most cases where permission was sought. But he did:

On July 12th, I issued a Dispensation to Tuscan Lodge, No. 44, of Bottineau, N. D., to hold an open air lodge on Park Island, in Lake Metigoshe; and to confer the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason Degrees.

I received a very pressing invitation to be present at this meeting but owing to circumstances which I could not control, to my great regret, I was unable to attend.

Under the direction of the Grand Lodge, at its last annual communication, he divided the jurisdiction into fourteen districts, and appointed a District Deputy Grand Master for each. Their duties are declared to be: "To visit all lodges, observe the accuracy of the secret work and of the opening and closing of Lodges, inspect the methods of keeping Lodge records, advise with officers and members, and do those things which will promote peace and harmony among brethren and contribute to the highest welfare of our order."

The reports of these officers show a faithful attention to duty and good conditions throughout the Grand Jurisdiction generally, but with some exceptions.

The Grand Master reports the instituting of five lodges under dispensation, and he had constituted three under charters, and installed their officers. He also laid several corner-stones for public buildings.

He was present and assisted in the organization of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association on February 22d, 1911, and gives an entertaining account of the occasion. The Grand Master recommends that his Grand Lodge appropriate of its funds for the support and maintenance of the association. The matter in Grand Lodge received consideration and it was resolved:

Your committee expresses its belief that a Masonic Memorial to Washington, united in by the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, is a worthy project; but because of the fact that there is yet no definite information as to the extent to which the older grand jurisdictions will participate, your committee recommends that the matter of participation by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota be referred to the incoming Grand Master and the Finance Committee for the ensuing year, with the purpose of making further inquiry into the development of this memorial project.

If it shall appear to the incoming Grand Master that participation by the various Grand Jurisdictions is general, then an amount may be paid into the treasury of the association on behalf of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, which shall meet with the approval of the Grand Master and the Finance Committee, not, however, to exceed the sum of \$100.00, as recommended by the Grand Master.

Your committee further recommends that a fixed sum be paid, if it appears wise to the Grand Master and the Finance Committee, and that no annual standing appropriation be made, unless so decided by further action of this Grand Lodge.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Robert Morrison, Pembina, is Grand Master.

R. W. Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, is Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1911.

June 21st, the adjourned communication at which the business was transacted, assembled in Freemasons' Hall in the city of Halifax, M. W. William M. Black, Grand Master, presiding. His address pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead, making special and extended mention of their deceased Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Duncan Cameron Fraser, who at the time of his death was Lieutenant-Governor of the Province. His year was a very busy one. He granted many special dispensations for the usual purposes. From his decisions we extract:

June 17th, 1910.—In answer to question, "Can a Dimitted member

of a Subordinate Lodge return to full membership in his own Lodge by simply depositing his Dimit with his Lodge and signing the by-laws of the same, or must he be proposed and balloted for in the usual way as on his first joining?"

Answer: Must regain membership by petitioning and passing the ballot.

Oct. 20, 1910.—In answer to question from Mechanic's Lodge, No. 78, in re Life Membership.

Held: It is a question for the Lodge to deal with in its by-laws. They can make a by-law for such membership, providing it is not contrary to the Constitution or the Ancient Landmarks.

Nov. 17, 1910.—In re Virgin, No. 3, I ruled that in the case referred to the word EASE means that during that period the members can move about the room and talk, but that the DOORS still remain CLOSE TYLED and no person can enter or leave until the Lodge is called to order, and then must enter or leave in form.

Question: A candidate was duly elected to take his degrees in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, but before he could do so he was ordered away to another branch of the bank and a request made that he be permitted to take all his degrees in another Lodge in the jurisdiction.

Held: He must take the E. A. in the Lodge which elected him, the remaining degrees, by waiver of jurisdiction obtained through the Grand Secretary's office.

He made no official visits to his lodges, because in the preceding year he had visited every lodge in the jurisdiction.

An interesting report from the Board of Trustees of their Masonic Home finds place in the proceedings, as also one from the Superintendent. The District Deputy Grand Masters also submit reports of their labors in their several fields, and from a committee having their reports under consideration we have the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters beg to report that they have carefully examined the various reports submitted to them and desire to congratulate those who have reported for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties, and recommend that the reports be published in the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

A revision of the constitution was adopted.

R. W. Thomas Mowbray, Grand Secretary, submits the report on correspondence, covering 172 pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1910, among them. Under California, and in speaking of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he says:

From the report of this committee it is very evident they are of opinion that regular Grand Lodges do not exercise enough care in granting recognition and with that view we most heartily concur, for certainly the time has arrived when some uniform system should be adopted in entering into fraternal relations. As it is today some regular Grand Lodges recognize Grand Bodies which their Sister Grand Lodges with which fraternal relations are held refuse to do. This

certainly does not seem Masonic or at all consistent; and the sooner some common ground is arrived at by and under which recognition would be granted, or refused, the better for all concerned, the party applying as well as the Grand Lodge applied to.

His report is a valuable contribution to our literature.

M. W. Augustus J. Wolff, Lunenburg, is Grand Master.
R. W. Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, is Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1911.

October 18th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Dayton, the one hundred and second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. H. S. Kissell, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from five hundred and eight of its five hundred and twenty chartered lodges in attendance.

An address of welcome to the city by its mayor, a brother Mason, and another on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity, with responses, engaged the earnest attention of the members of the Grand Lodge at its opening session.

"Corruption in high places, unscrupulous business methods, unfair dealings between employer and employee, and the great moral and social evils, are not," the Grand Master says, "condoned as formerly," and he takes a hopeful view of conditions. He pays high tribute to the memory of their deceased Past Grand Master Joseph McKendree Goodspeed, who died June 11th, 1911, and makes honorable mention of the fraternal dead of the year, in their own and other Grand Jurisdictions. He reports the granting of a great many dispensations for new lodges and for other purposes; but he refused a number of requests to confer degrees out of time, to ballot at special meetings, to solicit funds to aid in the erection or the furnishing of Masonic halls or Temples, to hold Masonic Fairs, or to confer degrees upon those who cannot comply physically with the requirements of their Grand Lodge.

He had held special communications of the Grand Lodge to constitute three new lodges, to dedicate several lodge rooms, to lay the corner-stones for seven public buildings, and one to bury their late Past Grand Master Goodspeed. He had appointed twenty-five District Lecturers; exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges; paid fraternal visits to other jurisdictions, and visited many of his lodges.

We are glad to quote:

During the past year, or possibly a little more, over eighteen hundred men have been convicted in Adams County for selling their votes, and these men have been disfranchised. In this same county we have five active lodges. Of the eighteen hundred men who were convicted, not one is a Mason, and not a Mason was indicted by the Grand Jury investigat-

ing these cases. If Masonry could maintain this record it would be a mighty power aiding in the solution of the many great problems which confront us as a nation.

R. W. Jacob H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary, submits his twenty-third annual report and indulges a spirit of retrospection, speaking of the great growth of the Order in his Grand Jurisdiction.

M. W. Brother William B. Melish, on behalf of the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home, presented an interesting report of the Home for the year, and extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to visit it in a body, stating that a special train had been secured for that purpose. Of course the invitation was accepted.

By a special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the International Bureau of Masonic Affairs, with its office at Neuchatel, Switzerland, failed to obtain the recognition and financial support sought. The same committee submitted a report favorable to the Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and recommended that their Grand Lodge become a member of the association.

M. W. Brother Nelson Williams submits the report on foreign correspondence, covering 209 pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives extended notice. From his conclusion we extract:

The thing that has surprised us more than anything else in reviewing the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges is the almost recklessness with which Grand Masters set aside the fundamental rules of Freemasonry to enable Subordinate Bodies to rush through their candidates without regard to time. We cannot but believe that this is a serious mistake, and that it tends to cheapen the Fraternity in the eyes of those who reap the benefit from it. Much criticism has been offered against our Grand Lodge for making a Mason "at sight," but in some of the Jurisdictions reviewed the Grand Masters have granted Dispensations to confer all three of the degrees on one day, and this is not very far removed from making Masons "at sight." We notice also that in one of the Jurisdictions there was very strong criticism of the action of our Grand Master in making Bro. Taft a Mason at sight.

M. W. Thomas B. Guitteau, Toledo, is Grand Master.

R. W. Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, is Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA, 1911.

February 8th, in the Scottish Rite Temple, in the city of Guthrie, the third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George Ruddell, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, many permanent members, and representatives from three hundred and twenty-five subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master joyfully announces that

peace and harmony had reigned supreme among the Craft during the year past; that the membership had been largely increased; much wealth had been added to the institution; that it had been a wonderful year's work for the Grand Lodge, and the two departments which had overshadowed all others were the establishment of a Masonic Home, and the promulgation of the ritualistic work adopted at the preceding annual communication. Death had not entered the ranks of the Grand Lodge officers, either present or past.

The Grand Master had granted many special dispensations for the usual purposes. The year had been a very busy one, and he had been greatly assisted by his thirty-six District Deputy Grand Masters, most of whom had visited all the lodges in their districts, and he says he cannot speak too highly of the services rendered by them for the Grand Lodge.

He highly commends the work of establishing and maintaining the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, in the erection of a Memorial Temple at Alexandria, Virginia.

The following, explaining itself, was adopted:

T. M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Oklahoma:

"We, your committee appointed by the Deputy Grand Master to report upon the Grand Master's report in reference to the Mississippi-New Jersey incident, regarding negro lodges, most heartily sustain and endorse the position of our Grand Master, and recommend that the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma refuse fraternal relationship with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and in the future, refuse to affiliate with or recognize a member from that jurisdiction so long as the Grand Lodge of New Jersey adheres to its present position upon the negro question.

"We further recommend that the Grand Master of this Jurisdiction serve notice of this action upon the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey."

R. W. William H. Talmage, Grand Orator, delivered a very entertaining and instructive address, taking as his text, "Who is thy Brother?"

M. W. Brother Henry M. Furman, Inspector of their Masonic Home, a great friend and one of those most active in founding the institution, submits a most interesting report of conditions at the Home.

During the session of the Grand Lodge and while at refreshment the children of the Masonic Home, says the record, gave the members of the Grand Lodge a refreshing entertainment, consisting of drills, songs and recitals, all of which showed most careful training and some excellent ability in the children. Very much space is taken up in the proceedings with reports and matters pertaining to their Home.

The Grand Lodge declined to grant the request of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico for recognition. Thirteen lodges U. D. were granted charters.

Doctor S. M. Bond presents the report on foreign correspondence,

covering 88 pages and reviewing the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges. His diagnosis of Nebraska, 1909, is quite interesting, but he thinks that the patient will perhaps recover.

We have been unable to find anywhere in the proceedings under review any statistics, such as go to make up our table of statistics. The same fault was noticed in their last proceedings. We speak of it as a fault, for we so regard it, and one not found in any other English-speaking Grand Lodge with which we are acquainted.

M. W. Alexis Eddleman, Marietta, is Grand Master.

R. W. William M. Anderson, Oklahoma City, is Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1911.

June 14th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Portland, the sixty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles E. Wolverton, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and thirteen of their one hundred and twenty-four subordinate lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays fitting fraternal tribute to the illustrious dead; Past Grand Master John M. Hodson, for many years an able writer on correspondence, died October 9th, 1910, and M. W. Brother William F. Butcher, Past Grand Master, died November 17th, 1910; also their Past Grand Treasurer, Henry Roe, died on January 10th, 1911.

The Grand Master recommends a renewed recognition of what he believes to be the legitimate Grand Lodge of Mexico, the York Grand Lodge. He highly approves the enterprise of building the Memorial Temple at Alexandria, Va., by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. He reports the institution of five lodges under dispensations; the constituting of two under charter, and the granting of a good many special dispensations for the usual purposes.

Members of the Grand Lodge secured an enactment by the state legislature to punish fraudulent Masonic and other societies. Such legislation in several states is of great benefit to legitimate societies.

From the report of a special committee on Masonic Home we extract:

At the last Annual Communication we were instructed to take a vote of the Lodges on the question of adoption of the Masonic Home plan. This was done and the Grand Secretary's detailed report is herewith attached.

This report shows that thirty-five lodges voted in favor of the Home plan; forty-four against; one tied, and thirty-seven did not vote at all. Of those voting the majority is against the Home plan, consequently we understand that the Grand Jurisdiction does not desire, at this time, at least, to equip themselves with a Masonic Home.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to four lodges under dispensations, and duplicate charters to two lodges that had lost their originals.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we extract :

Your committee has considered the call for a Congress of the Representatives of all the regular and recognized Masonic Grand Bodies of the World issued in the name of "The Grand Orient of Italy" and recommend that the Grand Secretary be requested to acknowledge the invitation, with the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge, and advise the "Grand Orient of Italy" that this Grand Lodge finds it inexpedient to accredit representatives to the Congress.

Past Grand Master David P. Mason presents the report on correspondence, covering 149 pages and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking jurisdictions. We extract from his opening :

In the preparation of this report I will not attempt to discuss Masonic Jurisprudence or to find fault with the doings of my brethren whose acts I may be unable to endorse, but will merely review their proceedings and leave those who may read the report to draw their own conclusions.

That the Masonic order is making the most rapid strides in its history no one can deny and its prestige is more and more felt as the years go by. We are proud to say that the influence it exerts is for the betterment of those who come within its portals. I am sure that Masons possess higher ideals than they once did and those ideals will grow higher as the aims of the order are more thoroughly understood.

Nebraska, 1910, receives favorable fraternal consideration; our Grand Master Dowling's address is favorably mentioned, and other features are noted.

M. W. Thomas M. Baldwin, Prineville, is Grand Master.

R. W. James F. Robinson, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1910.

December 27th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Philadelphia, the annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. George W. Guthrie, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and two of their chartered lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master speaks of the year as one of peace and prosperity for the Fraternity in his Grand Jurisdiction. There had been, he says, some few acts of subordinate lodges which had to be corrected, but they did not seem to require any further penalty than a reprimand. A great and beneficent work had been done, he said, by schools of instruction established and held in their Philadelphia Masonic Temple, and in various parts of the state.

As to the qualifications of those elected to office, he says:

Appreciating the responsibility in this matter which rests upon the Grand Master, and fully conscious of the confusion, and sometimes serious injury, which often occurs from the fact that the Worshipful Master and Wardens are ignorant of matters which they should be required to know before their installation, I have determined to require the District Deputy Grand Masters to make arrangements for the instruction of the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of Lodges in their respective Districts, so that they may hereafter be able to certify, before installing the officers-elect of an old Lodge, as is done in the case of those of a new Lodge, that they are "well skilled in the noble science and the royal art."

He dwells upon what is known as the Thomas Carmick Manuscript, a document entitled "Constitution of the Holy St. John's Lodge," and of date 1727, as evidence of the existence of the lodge at that date. A document, too, which has received much consideration, and some criticism, at the hands of Masonic authors.

An interesting description of their Temple, published in a Masonic paper in Massachusetts in 1816, is reproduced in the proceedings under review.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of four newly chartered lodges during the year by himself and three by his deputies; the laying of several corner-stones for public buildings, and the granting of a goodly number of special dispensations.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence, prepared by Brother James M. Lamberton, covers 245 pages and reviews the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives favorable fraternal treatment, and our Grand Orator Epperson's oration is liberally quoted.

One of the regulations of their Grand Lodge provides:

Resolved, That no examination shall be gone into in any case unless the visitor shall have sent into the Lodge his name written by himself accompanied by a Lodge or Grand Lodge certificate if he hails from a Lodge within this State, or a Grand Lodge certificate from the proper Jurisdiction if he hails from a Lodge without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

M. W. George W. Guthrie, Philadelphia, is Grand Master.

R. W. William A. Sinn, Philadelphia, is Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1911.

June 28th, in Masonic Hall, in the town of Summerside, the thirty-sixth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William Stewart, Grand Master, with representatives from all but one of their fourteen chartered lodges in attendance.

From the Grand Master's address we extract some cheering words:

We have abundant cause of thankfulness to the "Giver of all good" for the continuance of prosperity with which He has blessed us. Our empire, (to which we are proud to belong), has in the historic event of last week—the coronation of our beloved King and Queen—given a demonstration of loyalty and devotion which has evoked the admiration and sympathy of the whole civilized world; our country is at peace with the world, and prosperity has crowned her enterprises. We rejoice at the prospect of arbitration between the different branches of the Anglo-Saxon world, and trust that this is the beginning of the fulfillment of the prophecy that nations shall learn war no more, and that peace on earth and good will to all mankind will prevail. Our beloved order has added another successful year to its history, and our membership has shown a satisfactory increase. Within our own jurisdiction the most fraternal and cordial relations exist between our lodges and our members, and on the whole we have many reasons to feel proud of the craft.

In his address, the Grand Master, who had visited in Mexico, gives an interesting and encouraging account of Masonic conditions in that country. He visited quite extensively among his lodges, exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges, and granted a few special dispensations.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Hector C. MacDonald, Charlottetown, is Grand Master.

R. W. W. P. Doull, Charlottetown, is Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1911.

February 8th, at the Masonic Temple in the city of Montreal, the forty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. J. Alex. Cameron, Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers, and representatives from a large number of their chartered lodges, in attendance.

An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held on May 20th, 1910, with services to the memory of their deceased royal brother, King Edward VII.

Special communications were held, one February 17th, 1910, and one April 13th, 1910, the first to conduct the funeral of their Deputy Grand Master William Ernest Middleton, and the latter to attend the funeral of their late Past Grand Master Alexander Allan Stevenson.

In his address the Grand Master pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead of that and other Grand Jurisdictions. He notes progress at home, and discusses conditions peculiar to their province, among other things saying:

The atmosphere of this Province, during the past twenty-four months, has been more than usually superheated with venomous and immoderate attacks upon Freemasonry; attacks which deliberately confound the Freemasonry practiced by ourselves and that spurious imita-

tion which derives its inspiration from the agnosticism or atheism of the Grand Orient of France. These attacks we bear in dignified silence—knowing that they are false; we may be temporarily ruffled and annoyed, but we comfort ourselves with the assurance that in due time our justification will be complete.

He reports an exchange of courtesies with the Grand Lodge of Maine, and of Grand Representatives with several American Grand Lodges. He had granted a goodly number of special dispensations, and dispensations for two new lodges, and he had visited among his lodges.

One spurious lodge in the city of Montreal, established under a warrant of another spurious body, known as the Grand Orient of France, creates a misunderstanding among non-Masons. An edict by Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers during his administration in 1897, and the action of the Grand Lodge reaffirming it recently, in some measure offsets the mischief aimed at the Fraternity.

R. W. J. G. Hindley, Grand Chaplain, delivered a very interesting address, from which we quote.

Masonry, at once severely ethical and broadly humanitarian, basically religious and thoroughly idealistic, is possessed of a liberating genius of tremendous significance. As a factor in intellectual enlightenment, in the liberation of man's social spirit, in the awakening of the moral and social conscience; as a protagonist of virtue, a disseminator of ideals, a defender of faith; she has a unique contribution, a distinct sphere, a distinctive mission, a manifest destiny in the troubled life of this twentieth century.

The business transacted by the Grand Lodge was routine.

Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers again presents an ably written report on correspondence, covering 141 pages. Nebraska, 1910, receives favorable fraternal consideration. We give place to what he says in the following:

A lot of nonsense has been written of late about the making of Brother Taft "a Mason at sight." That Grand Masters could thus make Masons in olden times there is not the shadow of a doubt. That they can do it today, if they wish to, is undoubtedly true, unless there be any modern legislation of their own Grand Lodge forbidding it. At any rate no other Grand Lodge has any cause of complaint when it is done. It might be different if there were the slightest possibility of the practice becoming a common one. This, as everybody knows is not so, and we cannot see who is the worse for Brother Taft's peculiar initiation, excepting perhaps himself, or what injury can come to the Craft by the making of a Mason at sight once or twice in a decade, even if Grand Masters can be found who care to exercise the undoubted prerogative so often.

M. W. Frank Charters, Montreal, is Grand Master.

R. W. Will H. Whyte, Montreal, is Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND, 1911.

An emergent communication was held July 25th, 1910, for the burial of one of New England's most illustrious Masons, and we quote from the record :

The R.'W.'Deputy Grand Master announces that the Grand Lodge has been called together in Emergent Communication for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of our Brother Henry Warren Rugg, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons. He stated further that Brother Rugg had expressed the wish that there should be no unnecessary display at his funeral. His wishes were that the officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, of which body he was the Most Eminent Grand Master, should perform the Knights Templar Funeral Service over his remains and that the officers of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island would render the Masonic Burial Office at the grave.

Memorials to the memory of Brother Rugg were presented, considered, and made of record at the semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge held November 21st, 1910.

The one hundred and twenty-first annual communication assembled in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Providence, May 15th, 1911. R.'W.'. Deputy Grand Master James B. Gay presided. In his address he pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their deceased Grand Master Henry W. Rugg, by whose death this Grand Lodge is for the second time in its history deprived of its Grand Master at its annual communication. Dispensations during the year had been issued for various purposes, several to attend church.

The District Deputy Grand Masters each submitted report of his labors among the lodges.

M.'W.'.William L. Chatterton, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits a brief report, from which we extract :

It is the province of such a committee to report to its Grand Lodge, succinctly and elaborately, the events transpiring in the great Masonic world, thereby disseminating to the craft throughout the jurisdiction, through the medium of the printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge, the decisions and acts of the various Grand Lodges, wherever located, in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and to convey as well the expression of the opinions of the local committee on such acts and decisions and to note generally matters of interest.

Many of these reports are scholarly, elaborate dissertations on Masonic procedure and jurisprudence and would seem to be of value to the Masonic student.

M.'W.'.James Bacon Gay, Providence, is Grand Master.

R.'W.'.S. Penrose Williams, Providence, is Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1911.

June 21st, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Regina, the fifth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. W. B. Tate, Grand Master, and adjourned, and we find that on the 28th day of June the Grand Lodge "resumed its session," as per adjournment, the Grand Master, M. W. Brother W. B. Tate, on the Throne.

He places a just estimate upon the advantages of the annual sessions of a Grand Lodge, saying in his opening: "We here assemble for the purpose of reviewing the work accomplished by our order during the year, legislating for its welfare and advancement, and promoting, through close personal and official associations, a better understanding on all questions requiring the best thought and consideration of the members of our Grand Body."

The year, he said, had been one of responsibilities, the greatest of his life, yet one of gratifying personal experiences. He reports that the Grand Lodge is in the continued enjoyment of peace and prosperity; of rapid growth and development along with that of the province. He pays loving tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead, with extended remarks upon the loss of their R. W. Brother A. H. Smith, District Deputy Grand Master, who died January 12th, 1911. He laid the corner-stone of a new Masonic Temple, on June 17th, and on Sunday the 19th preached at the city of Prince Albert. He continued the good work of providing lodges of instruction, and appointed District Deputy Grand Masters to conduct them. He had constituted twelve lodges to which the Grand Lodge had granted charters, and he visited many of his lodges. For thirteen new lodges he had issued dispensations, and granted a goodly number of special dispensations. He enters complaint as other Grand Lodges have done, of one particular Grand Lodge:

Complaints continue to reach us from Subordinate Lodges about the conduct of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in initiating residents within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, while temporarily in that country, without any inquiry being made in the country to which the man actually belongs as to whether or not he ought to be admitted. Because a man happens to be a native of Scotland our good Brethren are not justified in foisting these people upon us with the Hall Mark of Masons upon them, and in my opinion the time has arrived when this Grand Lodge should take strong grounds on the matter. It seems to me that the "Golden Rule" might be made to apply here.

Brother Arthur S. Gorrell submits his second annual report on correspondence, covering 232 pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges.

Under Nebraska, 1910, in regard to our Grand Lodge's very appropriate action relating to the Order of the Eastern Star, he hurls a most convincing argument in the following: "Ye gods!"

M. W. William Hopkins, Saskatoon, is Grand Master.
R. W. John M. Shaw, Regina, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1911.

December 12th, in the Masonic Temple, Charleston, the one hundred and thirty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James R. Johnson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from nearly all of their two hundred and thirty-seven subordinate lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his address, expresses gratitude that death had not invaded the official ranks of the Grand Lodge.

In reporting his decisions the Grand Master shows that he is in favor of modifying their strict rule, known by some as the "Perfect Youth" doctrine, whereby in some of their former decisions the loss of a joint from a little toe, in one case, and the loss of one joint of a little finger on the left hand, debarred the candidate, and is in favor of a more liberal rule: "That every candidate for initiation . . . must be a man, etc., having no maim or defect in his body or mind that may render him incapable of learning and practicing the Art, and who can comply literally with all the requirements as to initiation ceremonies, without artificial aid or friendly assistance." And he expresses the hope that "this Grand Lodge will in its wisdom, open the door to such material as is found morally fit, and who have been knocking at our portals for many years, debarred only by some trivial physical disqualification." He reports having visited "quite extensively throughout the state," and he favors the Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

He granted a great number of special dispensations; instituted eight new lodges under dispensation, and constituted three under charters. He upheld, in one of his decisions, a Master's ruling that a candidate who refused to remove a ring for sentimental reasons could not receive the Entered Apprentice degree.

The following from a special committee will be read with interest:

We have carefully examined the Foreign Correspondence written by Past Grand Master Brother J. L. Michie and note with real pleasure that the high standard which has characterized this department of our Grand Lodge proceedings in the past has been fully maintained in the present instance. In his review of the Grand Lodge proceedings Brother Michie has dug out a veritable mine of Masonic decisions and rulings that cannot fail to interest the student of Masonic Jurisprudence, and has culled, from the various addresses of Grand Masters, gems of oratory that are well worth careful perusal by every member of the Craft.

It is the opinion of this committee that our Annual Proceedings do not have a wide circulation outside the warrant officers of individual lodges; we are also of the opinion that if the proceedings could be placed in the hands of every member it would deepen the interest

in our institution, lessen the number of suspensions and strengthen the ties that bind us. Perhaps it would be a costly experiment, but we would like to see it tried for one year; and hereby recommend that a copy of this year's proceedings be sent to every member in good standing in this Jurisdiction.

M. W. Brother James L. Michie presents the report on correspondence, his second, covering 161 pages. He regards a ruling of our Grand Lodge, that a brother who wishes to demit from his lodge for religious or conscientious reasons and is not allowed to do so, as strange. The reason for that ruling is found in our Grand Lodge law, which forbids a demit for any reason except to join another lodge, or to form a lodge under dispensation. The writer thinks that perhaps in no other jurisdiction has such legislation been adopted. It may be urged that our rule is contrary to old custom, and is perhaps unwise.

From his conclusion we extract:

Among the incidents that furnish the Knights of the Round Table with material for their lances, the Taft episode and Mississippi's case of negrophobia, still occupy prominent places in the lists. The former has so many exponents and opponents that sometimes we feel wondering, like Jeremy Diddler, "which is who?" As to the latter, Oklahoma is the only jurisdiction that has caught the infection, and she, poor young thing, has a worse case than her elder sister, Mississippi. While severing fraternal relations with New Jersey, Mississippi says that New Jersey Masons are as good as her own, they can visit her Lodges any time, and, if they like, they can join her Lodges by demit. But Oklahoma adopts the "holier than thou" slogan. No New Jersey Mason can visit any of her Lodges; in fact, Oklahoma Masons are prohibited from holding any Masonic intercourse whatever with their brethren of New Jersey. Comment is useless here; we can only exclaim with the astonished Irishman, "Is this the so-called twentieth century?" And right here it is somewhat amusing to note that our mother Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of England, has sanctioned both negro Masonry and the making of a Mason at sight, in the person of one man, namely, the Sultan of Zanzibar, who belongs to the Negroid race, and who was made a Mason at sight in London about four years ago.

M. W. George S. Mower, Newberry, is Grand Master.

R. W. O. Frank Hart, Columbia, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1911.

June 13th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Chamberlain, the thirty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Samuel S. Lockhart, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from ninety-eight of their one hundred and twenty-eight chartered lodges in attendance.

On behalf of the home lodge, and the citizens, the Mayor, Brother Francis K. Berry, welcomed the Grand Lodge to their city, and the Grand Master responded.

In his address the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their dead, among whom three of their Past Grand Masters are numbered. He had exchanged representatives with fourteen Grand Lodges, ten of which are on the continent of Europe. He had issued one charter, and laid two corner-stones, one for a Masonic Temple and the other for a court house; granted many special dispensations, and reports a few decisions. In one of them he holds that "A particular lodge, and not the Grand Master, must be the judge of the moral, intellectual and physical qualifications of a candidate, the lodge being responsible, however, to the Grand Master for the abuse of this privilege."

The Grand Secretary in his annual report says:

The past year has shown a great gain in membership, and also in the number of new lodges. The country west of the Missouri River having been opened up to settlement two years ago, new towns were organized and have been in existence long enough to indicate permanency. Many of the pioneers who have made these settlements are members of the Order and being again permanently located have been desirous of securing a Masonic home, where they can commingle with the brethren. Consequently seven dispensations have been granted by the M. W. Grand Master and I have on file applications for organization papers from thirty lively growing towns, many of whom will make application for dispensation within the next few months.

Brother M. F. Montgomery, Grand Orator, delivered a very interesting address.

A very interesting and delightful event took place when word was received by the Grand Lodge that a committee from the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was in waiting. The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment and a committee composed of Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and other dignitaries of the Order of the Eastern Star were escorted into the ball, and appropriate courtesies were exchanged.

A resolution favorable to the enterprise of the Washington Memorial Temple at Alexandria, Virginia, was adopted. Eight lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

M. W. Brother Samuel A. Brown presents the report on correspondence, covering 149 pages. Nebraska, 1910, receives extended and favorable notice. He is in error in saying of this writer: "He cannot see much good to come from recognizing Grand Lodges located in Europe," for long before his statement was in print our Grand Lodge had recognized ten European Grand Lodges, none, however, in Southern Europe, for those are largely atheistic in their makeup and membership. Such recognition was upon the recommendation of your servant as a member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Charles L. Brockway, Chamberlain, is Grand Master.

R. W. George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, is Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE, 1911.

January 25th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Nashville, the ninety-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles H. Byrn, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and thirty-one of the four hundred and forty-four chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master's address covers thirty-seven pages, many of which are taken up in the published copies of his letters on subjects of interest. The Masonic Home receives much attention. It seems to be liberally supported, but the contributions urgently solicited from each lodge in the jurisdiction did not meet the Grand Master's expectations, for only five of the 444 responded. A Past Grand Master's death is mourned and tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead is paid. He reports the appointment of District Lecturers; the dedication of several Masonic Halls; the laying of a goodly number of corner-stones; the granting of a great number of special dispensations, and his refusal to grant many more.

The George Washington National Masonic Memorial project meets his approval. He visited a great number of his lodges, and rounded out a very busy year.

The Grand Lodge granted five petitions for lodges under dispensations and granted charters to five lodges under dispensation, and continued two U. D. S.

To make attendance of members and delegates interesting the Grand Lodge adopted the following:

The Grand Master may, at any time he deems best, order a roll-call of all or any part of the Lodges and Representatives, or other members, who are entitled to per diem; when each member shall answer for his Lodge or to his name, if not a Representative, unless he has previously been excused or is a member of one of the Standing Committees. If anyone fails to answer he shall forfeit his per diem for that day. If same has already been paid he shall refund the amount. Should he fail to refund, it shall be charged to his Lodge, which may collect from him as dues.

A very interesting report by the Superintendent, of good conditions at their Masonic Home, is published. There are in the Home:

Ladies	35
Boys	48
Girls	54
Superintendent's family.....	6
Teachers	3
Hired man.....	1

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We are glad to find the following:

Your Committee thinks it meet and proper that the Freemasons of the United States should erect a monument to George Washington, the Freemason, which shall testify to the world and to future generations the appreciation which one and a quarter million members of our great fraternity have for the Father of our Country, and for his membership and active work among Free and Accepted Masons.

We, therefore, recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Tennessee, approves the movement to erect at Alexandria, Va., a monument to George Washington, the Freemason, and commends it to the support of all Freemasons of this Grand Jurisdiction.

M. W. Brother Henry A. Chambers submitted the report of correspondence, covering seventy-eight pages, in which Nebraska, 1910, gets the fraction of one page. It is, however, a good report, made up, in greater part, of pretty well selected extracts.

M. W. John R. Rison, Paris, is Grand Master.

R. W. John B. Garrett, Nashville, is Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1911.

December 5th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Waco, the seventy-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Walter Acker, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from five hundred and twenty-one subordinate lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master graphically sets forth the meaning of the gathering at Grand Lodge:

And what means the gathering of these men and Masons? The work of another year in the field of Masonic endeavor has been finished and the results of our labors are to be reviewed; recollections of bygone days are to be recalled; experiences of former times are to be enjoyed once more; friends of other years are to be found and favored; the joys and sorrows of human experience shared with faithful brethren; fraternal greetings exchanged; the present considered and plans formulated for the future, the fruition of which may require the employment of many years.

He preaches a very good sermon in his opening, and in his tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead. He reports twenty-four lodges constituted during the year, and the instituting of twelve under dispensation; the laying of twenty-eight corner-stones for as many public buildings; the public installation of the officers of a great many lodges; the holding of memorial services, and the conferring of degrees out of time. Much of this work, however, was done under dispensation granted. But he refused a considerable number of dispensations, where in his opinion emergency did not arise, or some former ruling of the

Grand Lodge forbade. He had granted seven duplicate charters where the originals had been lost by fire; exchanged Grand Representatives; appointed a good many District Deputy Grand Masters, whose labors he highly approves; and reports a large number of decisions, dwelling, at considerable length, upon the reasons for his holdings, and the circumstances involved. He highly praises their Masonic Home, its work and its objects.

Two of their oldest Past Grand Masters, Brother Elgin and the elder Matthews, owing to the weakness of old age were unable to be present, but they were remembered in loving resolutions by their brethren.

Brother Jewel P. Lightfoot, Grand Orator, delivered an able and interesting address upon the subject, "The Lost Word," and received the thanks of his brethren therefor. The Grand Lodge granted charters to twenty new lodges that had existed under dispensations.

Much of the time of the session was given to the determining of cases appealed from the chartered lodges. In one case, a brother had been indefinitely suspended for alleged utterances during a heated political controversy. The Grand Lodge committee thought the evidence not sufficient, and quite properly reversed the decision. We wonder that any lodge should entertain charges involving words spoken under such circumstances.

M. W. Brother Thomas M. Matthews, Sr., again presented the report on correspondence, and in accordance with his custom, begins with a "Prologue," in the form of an extended extract from the address of Grand Master Banks of Georgia, complaining that: "In these days of 'greed and grab,' when the world seems to be 'money mad,' and the trusts and corporations are sapping the foundations of the government," and so forth, and so on to the end of a chapter of "howling calamity." And then he asks:

Now, brethren, we submit: Would it not be well, is it not our duty as Masons, to carry into and put into practice in our daily lives, in our business and our politics, the pure and noble principles which we profess? That as Masons we use our influence and our best effort in seeing that the positions of trust and honor are filled only by the ablest, most moral men—men of unquestioned honesty and integrity, who cannot be bought by the interests; men who, like Caesar's spouse, are above suspicion. If we will do this, what a power we could and would be in correcting and removing the evils and dangers which confront us. Will we do it? That's the question.

We are not of those who doubt that the average citizen is at all times ready to do his duty as a citizen.

Those who have visited Washington-Alexandria Lodge, over which Washington presided as its first Master, have, of course, gazed upon the oil painting portrait of him. Under Pennsylvania, 1910, Brother Matthews, speaking of the Grand Lodge, says:

A pleasing episode of the session was the presentation, by Bro. John Wanamaker, of an oil painting of Bro. George Washington, which is the only copy of the original, painted from life, by William Williams in 1794.

It will not be out of place to say that but for the fact that it was upon a commission of Washington's lodge, in Alexandria, Va., and that but for that request and the knowledge that the portrait was to be presented to his own lodge, Washington undoubtedly would have refused the sitting, as he did in numerous other instances. This as we are informed is "the only copy of the original in existence."

M. W. W. Sam P. Cochran, Dallas, is Grand Master.

R. W. W. John Watson, Waco, is Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1911.

June 14th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, the one hundred and eighteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. W. Henry L. Ballou, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from eighty-three of their one hundred and three chartered lodges, in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their deceased Grand Marshal, Brother Daniel S. Danforth, who died at his home in St. Albans, December 7th, 1910. He reports that the Fraternity is increasing in numbers, wealth, influence, and usefulness.

They have the District Deputy system and steadily carry out the design of that method. The deputies meet annually in the Masonic Temple, at Burlington, and are instructed by their Grand Lecturer preparatory to the work of visiting and instructing the lodges. The Grand Master attended this annual meeting, and some of their district meetings, or lodges of instruction.

The Grand Master attended the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and also a meeting of the Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, for the erection of a Masonic Temple under the auspices of the old Alexandria-Washington Lodge, of which Washington was first Master.

The report of the Grand Lecturer shows active and faithful performance of duty by that important officer, and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are full.

M. W. W. Brother Marsh O. Perkins writes a most instructive and entertaining review of the proceedings of Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, is graphically portrayed; our Grand Master Dowling is praised and liberally quoted; the zeal of our Grand Custodian, otherwise known as "Uncle Bob" French, is noted and some of his verses quoted; our Grand Orator Epperson's address is likewise commended, but the reviewer is in doubt as to a query received from a Past Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and asks: "Is it to be understood, that conditions are recognized, under which 'official' relations between Grand

Lodge and the 'twinklers' might be acknowledged?" We are glad to find his approval of some of our cherished views.

He pays just tribute to the memory of M.'W.'.Brother Rugg, of Rhode Island, saying:

No report on correspondence, but in the appendix is found a beautiful memorial to M.'W.'.Henry W. Rugg, who was elected Grand Master at this annual, and whose death since has caused a loss to Freemasonry of "one of its best and most steadfast defenders." He had been honored with Masonic preferment accorded to but few, and his other activities were fully "commensurate with his broad ideals of human brotherhood." His entire life may be said to have been a bright reflection of his own conception of the mission of Freemasonry: "It is to help the world to more of light and truth, to more of faith and love."

In speaking of "making Masons at sight," he quotes:

"Suffice it to say that the probability in our opinion is that anciently, that is before the day of Grand Masters, Masons were generally made in no other way; that the non-use of the prerogative to a Grand Master has been quite generally the custom; and that the non-use of this prerogative generally by Grand Masters does not vitiate it."

M.'W.'.Henry L. Ballou, Chester, is Grand Master.

R.'W.'.Henry H. Ross, Burlington, is Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA, 1911.

February 14th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Richmond, the one hundred and thirty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.'W.'.William B. McChesney, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from nearly all their subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master says that the year had been abundant in advantages to the Craft; a marked increase in membership; the contributions to charity larger than ever before; from every quarter came glad tidings of prosperity in the lodges, and interest in the ritual was growing.

The Grand Lodge had buried their Past Grand Master, Brother Silvanus J. Quinn, and their Grand Lecturer, Brother William T. Rea, to whose memory the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute.

He reports having visited much among his lodges; the exchange of representatives with Grand Lodges; the laying of a goodly number of corner-stones; the granting of several special dispensations; the instituting of two new lodges under dispensations; and the issuing of two duplicate charters to lodges which had lost their originals by fire. He reports fourteen decisions, and he speaks of good work carried on at their Masonic Home.

Of course he attended the preliminary meeting with their Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, for the purpose of forming a national association to erect "a memorial to Washington the Mason," and speaks enthusiastically of that undertaking.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to nine lodges, and continued two under dispensations. Some time and attention was given by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and in the Grand Lodge, to proposed amendments to their law. The following goes over:

Resolution to amend Section 225 of Methodical Digest.

An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, petitioning for advancement, must prove himself proficient in the first section of the degree from which he asks to be advanced, by examination, *either* in open Lodge on that degree, *or by a committee of three, appointed by the Worshipful Master.* If in open Lodge, the Master Masons Lodge shall then resume labor, and a ballot taken upon his Masonic proficiency. Unless there be a majority in his favor, his petition shall be rejected. If there be such majority in his favor, the ballot shall then be spread upon his moral qualifications, and if there be one negative ballot, the petition shall be rejected.

If the examination on Masonic proficiency be by a committee, the report of that committee shall be final, and, if favorable, the ballot shall then be spread on his moral qualifications as above.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show faithful attention to duty on their part.

M. W. Brother Joseph William Eggleston again presents the report on correspondence, one hundred and forty-seven pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives generous space and fraternal treatment; Grand Master Dowling and our Grand Custodian are liberally quoted.

Under Alabama, and of Brother Titcomb, he says:

Again we are surprised at Bro. T., one of the ablest of the scribes. He actually thought that this writer meant to say that autocratic and democratic were synonymous terms. They are antipodes, and the great beauty of Masonry is that in its comprehensiveness it fuses the two systems into one for our government. We get all the value; not only of both, but of all that may lie between, and thus illustrate our real universality, as does our geographical distribution over the civilized world. Our brotherhood is the only perfect democracy, and the rule of that democracy over its affairs by every year choosing one of its own members and making him their chosen autocrat is one of the greatest beauties in all Masonry.

We are glad to find him saying of reported decisions: "They are, when taken as a whole, as important to the Masonic Student as are Supreme Court decisions to the legal fraternity. Study and discussion of them in Foreign Correspondence reports has gone a long way already toward establishing a sort of recognized Masonic common law."

M. W. William B. McChesney, Stanton, is Grand Master.
R. W. George W. Carrington, Richmond, is Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1911.

June 13th, in the city of Spokane, the fifty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Jeremiah Neterer, Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers, many permanent members, fifteen of whom were Past Grand Masters, and representatives from one hundred and sixty-one of their one hundred and sixty-eight subordinate lodges, in attendance.

It had been a year of prosperity, "measured not only in increased members, but in standards of life and living," says the Grand Master in opening his address. He mourns the death of two Past Grand Masters who died during the year. He exchanged representatives with several Grand Lodges, and reports six decisions, none of which is of more than local interest. The District Deputy Grand Masters, his appointees, had reported their labors, and the Grand Master presents a summary thereof. He recommends the appointment of two Lecturers, or one Lecturer and one Deputy Lecturer. He had constituted three newly chartered lodges, instituted eight under dispensation, had laid a goodly number of corner-stones, and dedicated two new Masonic Temples.

He relates the following, which is worthy the space required for its insertion:

On the 15th of August, 1910, I received a letter from a mother residing in a distant state stating that she was a daughter of a Mason and her grandfather had at one time been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State, and that her father and grandfather had always told her that Masonry would respond to a voice in distress. She stated that her boy, a lad of seventeen, had left home to make his way, she being poor. She last heard from him in Seattle, but had not heard from him for more than six months, and could I help to find her boy? I referred the matter to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Brother Asa H. Hankerson, who took the matter up and found the boy in a most undesirable portion of the city and in a very unwholesome environment. Brother Hankerson persuaded the boy to seek other environment and obtained employment for him, and by sincere interest finally got the boy to face about and by arousing his dormant love for home and mother persuaded him to return to his mother.

I cannot too strongly express my appreciation of the very great patience that was exhibited and service that was rendered by the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden. It was a matter that took several months to accomplish. The expressions of gratitude from this poor mother in her letters are, I am sure, ample recompense to Brother Hankerson for the great service rendered her and the boy.

Many offers of land as donations for a Home are reported by the Committee on Masonic Home, and it resulted in the acceptance of the

offer from Puyallup of twenty acres of land within the city limits, and the description of the premises shows:

Twelve acres of this land is fine, rich bottom land, in a high state of cultivation. It is the same character of land as that on which the famous crop of berries for which Puyallup is noted, are grown. About eight acres lies on the hillside overlooking the Puyallup, Valley. This hillside is good orchard land and berry land. The view from the hillside is one of exceptional beauty. In the front is the City of Puyallup; to the east the City of Sumner, and to the west, in the distance, the City of Tacoma and Puget Sound. There are two electric lines, giving a good connection with Tacoma and Seattle, and about sixty trains a day on the steam railroads passing within sight of the place. Directly south of the place is the reservoir of the City Water Works of Puyallup, and the City Council of that city guarantee free water for lawn and domestic purposes, so long as the Home is maintained in Puyallup.

M. W. Brother Stephen B. Chadwick presents the report on correspondence, covering 147 pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives extended notice.

M. W. David S. Prescott, Spokane, is Grand Master.

R. W. Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, is Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1911.

November 15th, in Masonic Temple, Charleston, the forty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Wyndham Stokes, Grand Master, with all, except the Grand Tyler, of the Grand Officers, and representatives from all but four of their chartered lodges in attendance.

Death had not entered the ranks of the Grand Lodge Officers, nor Past Grand Officers, as recorded in the Grand Master's address. He had attended the centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was present at and assisted in the organization of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and was appointed a member of its executive committee; and he was present at the one hundred and twenty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and participated in the pleasures of the day.

He declined to recommend Morcomb's alleged Masonic play to the patronage of the lodges. In the following he runs counter to custom and tradition, and we are surprised to find him going out of his way to express views unheard of in our Fraternity:

I have issued several proxies for the laying of corner-stones of churches, but confess I have had my doubts about my power to do it. but, as the Grand Masters who have preceded me have done so, I have not felt justified in refusing these requests.

It will be remembered that Grand Master Showalter refused to issue a dispensation to a lodge to attend divine service, and I followed

in his footsteps in that particular, but the question as to whether or not we should lay a corner-stone of a church is a matter which presents considerable difficulties. We are supposed to lay the corner-stone of public buildings, and a church is not, in my opinion, such a public building for which we are justified in laying corner-stones. We are never asked, so far as I know, to lay the corner-stone of a Jewish synagogue, or a Catholic Church, but we lay the corner-stones of Methodist, Baptist and other churches. As I understand it, a public building is one in which every person has the same rights, and this is not true of a denominational church—an Episcopalian has no business in a Presbyterian Church, nor has a Baptist any right in a Methodist Church. Therefore, I should suggest that this Grand Lodge express its opinion in regard to the matter and settle this question for all time, my view being that a church is not such a public building as we are allowed by the landmarks of the Craft to supervise the laying of a corner-stone. If we cannot attend divine service, and the Grand Lodge has held we cannot, why should we lay the corner-stone of an edifice in which services are held?

The Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge do not agree, and so declare:

We do not agree with the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master that orthodox churches are not of that order or kind that should be classed as "public buildings," and consequently, it is doubtful whether the Masonic fraternity has the authority to lay the corner-stones thereof. From time immemorial it has been its custom to perform this ceremonial rite, which, coupled with the fact that church edifices are always open, at stated times, for all persons who desire to worship therein, we are of the opinion that such customs should not be abandoned.

He also recommended that the Order of the Eastern Star be refused the privilege of meeting in Masonic lodge rooms, and, of course, the Grand Lodge did not concur. The Grand Lodge declares that a chapter Past Master may attend a lodge of actual Past Masters, a step beyond what is allowable in Nebraska.

M. W. Brother Hiram R. Howard presents the report on correspondence, covering 176 pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives extended favorable notice, our Grand Master Cheney's address is quoted, our Grand Secretary's report and our Masonic Home given attention. He does not approve of Nebraska's doing away with the office of Grand Treasurer; thinks it is proposed "as an economic streak and is one of those fads that spring up in the minds of those who have no reverence for the traditions of the order."

Speaking of reviewers and reviews, he says:

After several years reviewing the proceedings of a Grand Lodge, a writer becomes familiar, personally acquainted as it were, with the leading characters and personages of it, knows its mode of transacting business and at times feels as if he were actually present participating

therein, while the correspondence writers—members of the guild—each seems an old personal friend with whom he is on terms of familiarity and intimacy.

M. W. John M. McConihay, Charleston, is Grand Master.

M. W. Hiram R. Howard, Point Pleasant, is Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1911.

June 13th, in the Masonic Building, in the city of Milwaukee, the sixty-seventh annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Ernest E. Gatchell, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from nearly all their subordinate lodges in attendance.

Peace and prosperity had held almost undisputed sway during the year, says the Grand Master in opening his address. He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead of that and other jurisdictions.

We are glad to find him saying that the correspondence with his office had been in no way burdensome, but rather a pleasure, and he adds that Masters should be encouraged rather than discouraged in seeking information on doubtful points.

From his decisions we extract:

Socials, to which the public is invited and an admission fee charged, should not be held in the Lodge room.

It is lawful for a Lodge to contribute of its funds to the establishing of a hospital to furnish a room in such hospital to be used by invalid Masons, or to do any act of charity.

A dimit should be granted a brother entitled to one, though it be known that he intends to present it to another Lodge and still reside in the jurisdiction of the Lodge granting the same.

He had granted numerous special dispensations for the usual purposes, and had opened special communications of the Grand Lodge on several occasions. He had instituted one new lodge under dispensation, and exchanged representatives with several Grand Lodges.

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and of local interest only.

M. W. Brother Albro Jenks again presents the report on correspondence, covering 138 pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives generous fraternal consideration. We find him saying:

Alabama gives cut rates to ministers of the gospel in conferring the degrees and in paying dues, they contributing just one-half as much as the rest of mankind. This policy has resulted in securing over eleven hundred of the elect as active members of their Lodges. This practice is also contrary to Wisconsin's way of doing things. Masonry is of such a nature that we would think the average minister

would be willing to pay twice the usual fee, if necessary, in order to receive the degrees.

And under Arizona :

The Grand Master reported having on one occasion attended "a joint installation of the Blue Lodge and the Chapter of the Eastern Star." This statement, we presume, is only an inaccurate use of language, and that no *joint* installation was held. That would involve the absurdity of the Chapter taking part and assisting in the installation of the officers of the Lodge, and the Lodge as a Lodge assisting in the installation of the officers of the Chapter. What was really meant, we think, was that both bodies installed their officers in the same hall during the same evening, the ceremonies of each being entirely separate and distinct and separated by an interval of time. Even then the body first installing should retire from the hall after its ceremony of installation is completed before the other enters. To have both bodies open and in session in the same hall, at the same time, is a rather too intimate inter-mixture of things Masonic with things non-Masonic.

M. W. Alexander E. Matheson, Janesville, is Grand Master.

R. W. William W. Perry, Milwaukee, is Grand Secretary.

WYOMING, 1911.

September 6th, in the city of Cheyenne, the thirty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Hugh Hynds, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from twenty-four of their twenty-five subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master announces that peace and good fellowship have marked the year; that their financial condition and membership continue to improve, and that they confidently look forward to the accomplishment of some Masonic undertaking which will prove of lasting benefit to the membership of their Grand Lodge and of their Grand Jurisdiction.

To the memory of the fraternal dead of that and other Grand Jurisdictions, he pays appropriate tribute. From his decisions we extract the following, as expressing the true rule:

Question. We have a trial coming on and visitors being present when the charges were presented, and having heard the charges, intend being present at the trial. Should they be barred?

Answer. In reply will state that I do not think any Mason outside the membership of the lodge should be present at the time of the trial of a member of your lodge, or as stated by an authority on Masonic law and jurisprudence, "A lodge should wash its dirty linen at home." I therefore give it as my opinion that no visitors should be present at a Masonic trial with the exception of a member of another lodge who may be called in as an attorney for either party.

He had issued dispensations, one to form a new lodge, and two or three to authorize balloting and conferring degrees out of time. He had laid corner-stones, two for school buildings and one for a Masonic Temple in the city of Laramie, and he had visited a good many of his lodges.

We are glad to quote the following:

At this stage of the proceedings, and during a lull in business, Past Grand Master C. N. Potter, on behalf of Past Grand Master E. F. Cheney, for the Grand Lodge, in a very eloquent and touching manner and speech, presented to W. L. Kuykendall, the Grand Secretary, a fine scarf pin and sleeve buttons, set with diamonds, to which the Grand Secretary with great emotion responded in feeling and fitting expression of appreciation and thanks for the tangible tokens of confidence and good will of the members of Grand Lodge.

The business of the Grand Lodge was principally routine, and not of special interest outside of that jurisdiction.

R. W. William L. Kuykendall, Grand Secretary, presents, for the twenty-sixth time, the report on correspondence. He submits some very wise conclusions upon the subject of the recognition of Masons and Masonic bodies. We extract:

The question of any regular Grand Lodge having recognized an individual Mason or man claiming to be such through official action before recognizing his Grand Lodge, has never been attempted but once within our knowledge. The result of such action is well known, and yet we find a few high in the councils of the Craft advocating the heresy that they are above Grand Lodges in having the right to recognize and fellowship with any man claiming to be a Mason who they may choose, irrespective of whether or not his Grand Lodge has been declared to be regular and has been recognized by their Grand Lodges or not, and who, if we mistake not, have in their travels in Europe, South America and elsewhere, visited Lodges which have not been recognized as regular by their Grand Lodges, even going so far as to fraternize with Masons and Lodges of the Grand Orient of France, which their Grand Lodges have declared non-intercourse with. On this see South Carolina and others in this report. If we as regular Masons are going to retrograde and go back to the go-as-you-please style of operative Masonry, when no Grand Lodges existed and chaos instead of a well formulated system of government with Sovereign Grand Lodges as the supreme power, then let us get there as quickly as possible, for that is what the heresy of such personal recognition of individual Masons and Lodges as first promulgated and advocated by Brother Upton means.

M. W. Harold Banner, Casper, is Grand Master.

R. W. William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, is Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGES.		Date	Number of Sub- ordinates	Number of Members.	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Dropped, sus- pended and expelled.	Died	Net gain	Loss
Alabama	1911	535	24361	1970	859	342	937	785	391	1058		
Alberta	1911	61	3823	380	467	15	106	33	15	840		
Arizona	1911	20	1912	143	50	5	57	28	29	105		
Arkansas	1911	552	19895	1280	483	195	573	656	386			
British Columbia	1911	56	5017	447	201	23	120	46	42	468		
California	1911	343	45336	2920	899	112	751	432	692	2161		
Canada	1910	404	46140	2780	597		810	791	457	2232		
Colorado	1911	123	14917	869	426	52	304	194	243	606		
Connecticut	1912	110	28684	1069	57	40	94	88	453	520		
Delaware	1911	22	3224	175	4	6	22	21	48	93		
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Florida	1912	206	10131	811	540	77	440	210	148	627		
Georgia	1911	618	35323									
Idaho	1911	58	3568	298	186	17	83	36	42	403		
Illinois	1911	816	108068	8391	1173	368	1912	758	1483	5801		
Indiana	1910	538	54710	3547	761	198	1020	439	784	2195		
Iowa	1911	520	44399	2862	672	255	980	439	621	1786		
Kansas	1912	394	37305	2554	700	150	912	272	491	1809		
Kentucky	1911	567	37356	2849	689	382	893	1038	492	1497		
Louisiana	1912	214	14547	1111	265	78	307	187	298	662		
Maine	1911	203	28781	1235	112	65	165	183	608	453		
Manitoba	1911	71	5619	511	216	22	200	94	38	468		
Maryland	1911	114	14168	482	52	17	74	49	117	311		
Massachusetts	1911	243	60844	3302	405	98	374	338	944	2165		
Michigan	1911	419	65708	3913	557	120	317	259	1006	2686		
Minnesota	1911	253	26543	1512	409	70	620	261	347	763		
Mississippi	1911	352	18147	7380	921	166	697	423	322	1025		
Missouri	1911	611	53218	3573	1001	331	1291	838	821	2132		
Montana	1911	70	6465	488	224	24	184	84	80	508		
Nebraska	1912	253	19269	1198	339	165	457	237	246	762		
Nevada	1911	25	1771	117	48	5	30	10	38	90		
New Brunswick	1910	38	2915	216	30	16	54	24	51	133		
New Hampshire	1911	80	10358	428	1	13	54	47	54	98		
New Jersey	1911	190	33094	2328	341	105	333	299	474	1670		
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North Dakota	1911	101	8006	642	144	24	319	103	70	427		
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Ohio	1911	524	82833	4871	757	894	894	1101	1195	3332		
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Utah	1911	15	1779	137	78	9	38	22	23	141		
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