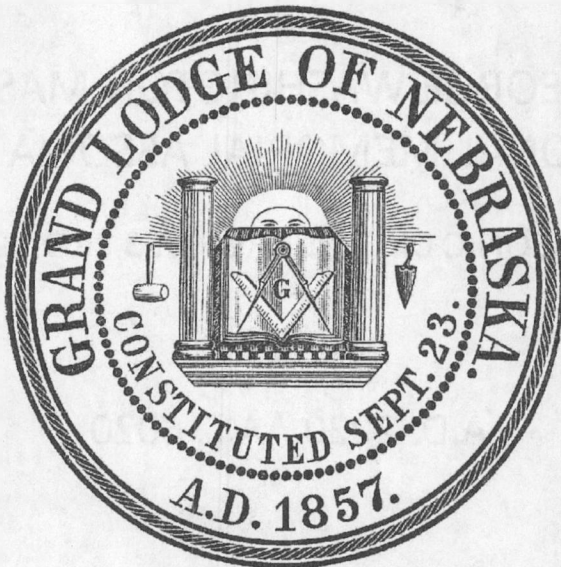


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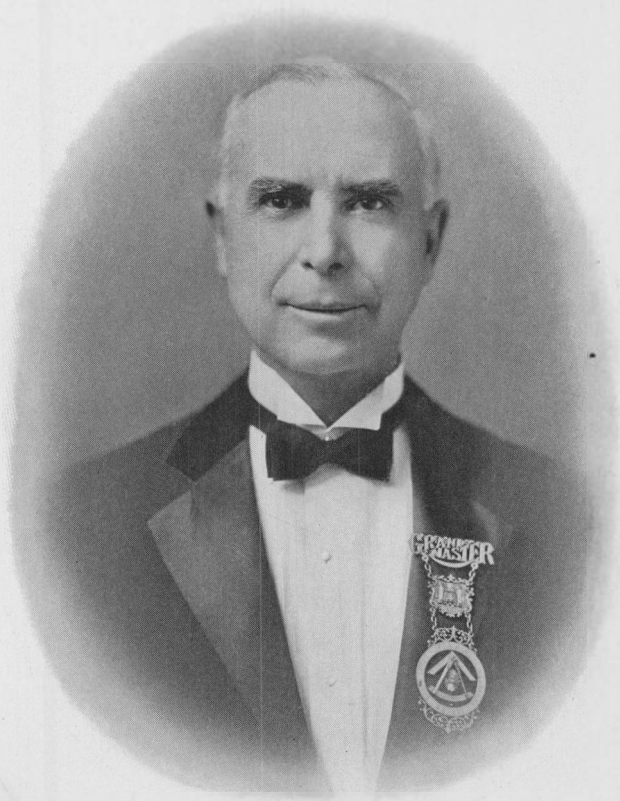
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GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SPECIAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT
AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE
AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA,
Held at Plattsmouth, Nebraska,
September 5th, 1925.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska was called, and opened at 3 P. M. in the parlor on the third floor of the new Infirmary building, by M. W. John Wright, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, for the purpose of dedicating the Infirmary of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

There were present:

M. W. John Wright.....Grand Master.
R. W. Edwin D. Crites.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Albert R. Davis.....Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Frank H. Woodland.....Grand Junior Warden.
M. W. Lewis E. Smith.....Grand Secretary.
V. W. Charles M. Shepherd.....Grand Chaplain.
W. Frank Wilcox.....as Grand Marshal.
W. Orville A. Andrews.....Grand Senior Deacon.
W. John R. Tapster.....Grand Junior Deacon.
W. John W. Disbrow.....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M. W. George H. Thummel.
M. W. Samuel S. Whiting.
M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg.
M. W. Lewis E. Smith.

PAST GRAND SECRETARY.

R. W. Francis E. White.

DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS.

W. William J. Birkoffer.
W. John B. Lichtenwallner.
W. Stanley P. Bostwick.
W. Lute M. Savage.
W. Vincent S. Ramsey.
W. Orville A. Andrews.
W. Francis A. Robey.

EMERITUS DEPUTY GRAND CUSTODIANS.

M. W. Samuel S. Whiting
W. Benjamin Wood.
W. Charles A. Eyre.

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MASONIC HOME.**

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George H. Thummel, 1st Vice-President.
Millard M. Robertson, 3rd Vice-President.
Francis E. White, Secretary.
Louis Berka.
Carroll D. Evans.
Joseph B. Fradenburg.
Luther M. Kuhns.
John B. Lichtenwallner.
O. Edwin Mickey.
James G. Mines.
Charles B. Nicodemus.
Lewis E. Smith.
John R. Webster.
Frank Wilcox.

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD.**

John Wright, Grand Master of Masons.
George N. R. Browne, Grand High Priest,
R. A. M.
Herbert A. Senter, Grand Commander,
K. T.

Harry S. Villars, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M.
 Frank C. Patton, Sov. Grand Inspector General, Scottish Rite Bodies.
 Mrs. Cassie Redfield, Worthy Grand Matron, O. E. S.

GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, GRAND OFFICERS.
 Mrs. Cassie Redfield, Worthy Grand Matron.
 Mr. James C. Robinson, Worthy Grand Patron.
 Mrs. Grace Anness, Associate Grand Matron.
 Miss Rose M. Owens, Grand Secretary.
 Mrs. Bessie M. Mickey, Grand Treasurer.
 Mrs. Nan Martin, Grand Chaplain.
 Mrs. Anna Miller, Grand Adah.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.
 Mrs. Carrie M. Spellman, Past Worthy Grand Matron.
 Mr. O. Edwin Mickey, Past Worthy Grand Patron.
 Mr. Lewis E. Smith, Past Worthy Grand Patron.

GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS.
 M.: E.: George N. R. Browne, Grand High Priest.
 R.: E.: Harry D. Cone, Deputy Grand High Priest.
 M.: E.: Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.
 R.: E.: Luther M. Kuhns, Grand Chaplain.
 R.: E.: Lute M. Savage, Grand Lecturer.
 E.: Harry S. Villars, Grand Captain of the Host.
 E.: Luther B. Hoyt, Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.
 M.: E.: Francis E. White.
 M.: E.: Carrol D. Evans.
 M.: E.: John R. Stine.
 M.: E.: Lewis E. Smith.
 M.: E.: James M. Robertson.

The M.: W.: Grand Master ordered the Grand Lodge to form in grand procession and proceed to the second floor of the building where he dedicated the Infirmary according to the ancient customs and usages of the Fraternity.

The members of the Grand Lodge, together with the brethren and friends who were assembled then retired to the assembly room where the following program was given:

MUSIC.

- Hear Thou My Prayer.....Godard
- Holy Spirit, Truth Divine.....Gottschalk
- Masonic Quartette.
- W.: Bro. William A. Robertson.....Presiding Plattsmouth.
- Overture.....Mt. Calvary Band Omaha.
- Invocation.....Bro. Frank E. Pfoutz Plattsmouth.
- Address.....W.: Bro. James M. Robertson President of the Board of Trustees.

GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

M.: I.: Harry S. Villars, Grand Master.
 R.: I.: Francis E. White, Grand Recorder.
 I.: Luther M. Kuhns, Grand Chaplain.
 I.: Lute M. Savage, Grand Lecturer.
 I.: Luther B. Hoyt, Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND MASTERS, GRAND COUNCIL, R. & S. M.

M.: I.: Carroll D. Evans.
 M.: I.: Herbert A. Senter.
 M.: I.: John T. Dysart.
 M.: I.: Lewis E. Smith.

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

R.: E.: Herbert A. Senter, Grand Commander.
 V.: E.: James M. Robertson, Deputy Grand Commander.
 E.: George T. Sprecher, Grand Generalissimo.
 E.: Lewis E. Smith, Grand Captain General.
 E.: George H. Thummel, Grand Treasurer.
 E.: Francis E. White, Grand Recorder.
 E.: Wyman S. Clapp, Inspector General.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS, K.: T.: OF NEBRASKA.

R.: E.: George H. Thummel.
 R.: E.: Francis E. White.
 R.: E.: Carrol D. Evans.
 R.: E.: Wyman S. Clapp.

SCOTTISH RITE BODIES, VALLEY OF OMAHA.

Frank C. Patton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General.
 Charles A. Patterson, 33°, General Secretary.

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER, NOBLES MYSTIC SHRINE.

James Edward Fitzgerald, III. Potentate.

Address.....W. Bro. James T. Begley
Representing the Masons of Plattsmouth.

Address.....Bro. Henry H. Wilson, Past Grand Master
Lincoln.

(The following address by M. W. Henry H. Wilson, who was unable to be present, was read by M. W. John Wright, Grand Master of Masons):

BENEFICENCE OF MODERN SCIENCE.

We have dedicated this beautiful and convenient building to the relief of human suffering. This infirmary is to be devoted to assuaging the pain, and, if may be, to curing the ills, of Masons and those whom some Mason has loved. These ceremonies are symbolical; they are the outward expression of those inward impulses that made this building possible.

While we, in form, dedicate this building to its noble purposes, in a far more important sense, we here dedicate the more than forty thousand Free Masons of Nebraska to the service of mankind.

The Great Book, that so often compresses the wisdom of the ages into a single sentence, tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Each of the more than forty thousand Masons of Nebraska annually contributes his mite to the maintenance of this Masonic Home, of which this Infirmary forms a part.

Who can doubt that the giving of these funds by these forty thousand Masons does them, in the aggregate, more good than is done by their benefactions to the few score who reside here. This giving warms the hearts and broadens the sympathies of forty thousand—their generosity relieves the want and suffering of a few score who receive it. Our enterprise here, therefore, is but another proof that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Ours is a public charity, although it is restricted to Masons and their dependent relatives. If we care for a part of those who would otherwise be a public charge, we are administering charity for the relief of a part of the public.

Under the law, this Home is exempt from taxation as a public charity because we administer a part of the charity that would otherwise have to be administered by the general public. Our resources are not sufficient to relieve all who might come if we imposed no restrictions. Inasmuch as we cannot relieve all who are suffering or in want, we are compelled to choose the recipients of our bounty. In this choice we naturally and properly have selected Masons and their dependent relatives. Again the Great Book tells us that, "He that careth not for his own, the same is worse than a heathen."

While our hospital facilities will usually be taxed to their utmost capacity, yet room will doubtless be found for others in case of sudden emergency. Our sympathy is as broad as the race and as universal as mankind, but for the present, our bounty must be limited by our resources.

We sometimes hear it said that all our progress, all our great inventions, benefit only the rich—that they only make the rich richer and the poor poorer. One who reasons thus simply exposes his own ignorance of the world about him. Preventive medicine and public hygiene have, in half a century, added many years to the life of the average man. It is said that the child born today, on

the average, will live twelve years longer than his grandfather. And all this lengthening of the span of life is due largely to the vigilance of the public in the care of the young of those too poor or too ignorant to care for their own.

If an unknown person should fall helpless on the streets of any considerable American city today, and be in need of medical or surgical aid, he would receive, without money and without price, what Queen Elizabeth of England at the end of the Sixteenth Century, could not have procured in exchange for her whole Kingdom.

Today the average man in America lives in a condition of physical comfort that was unknown to Kings and Emperors a few centuries ago. Those who, today, become residents of homes endowed by public or private generosity, are surrounded by physical comforts, not to say elegancies, that the rich were not accustomed to a few generations ago.

Never before were people generally, so willing to generously support all worthy enterprises whose object is to alleviate human suffering and distress. If "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father" is still "to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction," then America was never so profoundly religious as she is today.

It is one of the tragedies of modern times that the one American whose name is indissolubly connected with well directed charities on the largest scale ever known to the race, should be the object of such general criticism, not to say bitterness. Now he is even charged with an attempt to corrupt the church and destroy the faith of the fathers.

It would take a map of the whole civilized world to locate the charities carried on by the Rockefeller Foundation wherever human want and suffering are found.

The benefactor of this foundation has put hundreds of millions of people in debt to his generosity. Pestilence has been stayed; the causes of contagion have been identified and epidemics prevented by biological research promoted by his benefaction. Millions have been directly and indirectly his beneficiaries who will never learn even the name of their benefactor. In all this, the poor and the needy participate equally with the rich and the prosperous. Even the feelings engendered by the Great War do not limit the enterprises of this noble institution; friend and foe alike are the beneficiaries of its contributions to the welfare of the race. Last year this institution aided more than two hundred fifty young scientists in Germany who were prosecuting researches for the alleviation of human suffering. Eighty-eight medical institutions in sixteen European countries were by this one American foundation sustained in promoting research for the causes of human ills. All this is carried on for the physical well-being of the race.

Nearly every city in America contains a monument to the well directed generosity of another American citizen—an adopted citizen. The Carnegie library has become an American institution. These libraries are great fountains of knowledge at which all alike may drink; the poor equally with the rich. These great libraries have made the wisdom of the ages the common inheritance of the race. We are all joint heirs of this magnificent heritage which is limited only by our capacity to receive and enjoy. In this great inheritance, bequeathed by the past to the present, no one's share is diminished because another's share is enlarged. Here, fortunately, an increase in the number of

heirs does not lessen the share that each shall receive. So while one American has contributed to the physical well-being of the race, another has devoted his wealth to promote the intellectual and spiritual well-being of his fellowmen.

Then let us turn for a moment to our great public school system, supported by general taxation. This burden is borne by nearly all, but especially by those possessed of wealth. The property of the childless and the non-resident is taxed to support education available to all alike. The public education of this state, beginning with the Kindergarten and ending with the University, with its technical and professional schools, is available to the most humbly born child of the state, and all this at public expense.

The modern public school furnishes medical aid to those too poor to pay for it, or too ignorant to know the need of it. The public gives scientific feeding to those who are under-nourished. Many of the foremost men and women of America, who, by their achievements, are attracting the attention of the world, were born in the humblest homes. Had they been born five hundred years ago, the possibility of their ever rising out of the environment into which they were born, would have been small indeed. Today, hardships in early life are often the stepping stones by which men rise. Today, it is doubtful if there is much real merit that is lost either by humble birth or by adverse circumstances in early life. In our country, today is emphatically the day of the humbly born, if inspired by a desire to be a useful citizen and to leave the world a little better for his having lived in it.

In the face of all this, what blatant demagogue will dare to spread discontent and inflame class hatred by telling the ignorant that all our boasted progress, all our modern inventions are not for the poor or the unfortunate; that all these do is to make the rich richer and the poor poorer. He who deliberately spreads such false doctrine assumes a grave responsibility at the bar of enlightened justice.

The biologist, prosecuting his researches unobserved in his laboratory, is the benefactor of the whole race without distinction—the rich and the poor—the learned and the ignorant—the wise and the foolish—the virtuous and the vicious—all alike share in the triumphs of modern science and in the beneficence of modern invention.

He who deliberately leads the ignorant to think otherwise, is not a friend of his fellowmen. No greater social crime can be committed than to deliberately mislead the ignorant to their harm in order to promote the selfish interests of the false leader. The highwayman may despoil us of our goods; the swindler may cheat us out of our lands but greater wrongdoers than these are those who would deliberately destroy our power to see things as they are—who would purposely deprive us of the power to form just judgments of our fellow men.

I hope no resident of this Home will ever feel any humiliation in accepting its shelter and enjoying its privileges. They should remember that in every case either they, themselves, or someone who has loved them has contributed to its establishment and maintenance. It has many of the elements of a great mutual accident insurance company. One may be glad that no accident has befallen him, but if accident has happened, he feels no humiliation in accepting many hundreds of times the sum he has contributed to maintain the insurance. If misfortune befalls him he merely receives that which his own contribution

has helped to create. So here, forty thousand of Nebraska's noblest and best are annually contributing to maintain this institution in order that if adversity comes, as come it may to any of us, we, or our dependent relatives, may accept its kindly offices without chagrin or humiliation.

So let us say to those residing here, "Do not be cast down or humiliated—you are merely coming into your own—you are merely enjoying the privileges that either you yourself, or some Mason that has loved you, has provided for you."

Let us then, as the representatives of the greatest fraternity in this state, here dedicate anew its forty thousand members to this noble work, and pledge them anew to the proposition that no Mason, nor any dependent near relative, of a Mason, shall ever, in Nebraska, become a charge upon the generosity of the public at large.

An informal address M. W. John Wright, Grand Master of Masons
Benediction V. W. Bro. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain

Following the program the members of the Grand Lodge retired to the third floor parlor where the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Thus we record in a few pages a day that will go down in the annals of Masonic History in this Jurisdiction and that will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to attend the ceremonies. Approximately two thousand members of the Fraternity, Order of the Eastern Star, and friends, were present to witness the ceremonies and rejoice with the brethren that they had arrived at that period in their Masonic labors when they were really able to bind up the wounds of the afflicted and give loving care and comfort to those of our brethren and their families, who are no longer able to care for themselves.

LEWIS E. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

JOHN WRIGHT,
Grand Master.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
OF NEBRASKA
AT THE
Sixty-ninth Annual Communication,
Held in Omaha, June 8th, 9th and 10th, 1926.

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 the Masonic Temple, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 8th, A. D. 1926, A. L. 5926, at 9:30 A. M.

There were present:

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| M. W. John Wright..... | Grand Master. |
| R. W. Edwin D. Crites..... | Deputy Grand Master. |
| R. W. Albert R. Davis..... | Grand Senior Warden. |
| R. W. Frank H. Woodland..... | Grand Junior Warden. |
| M. W. Lewis E. Smith..... | Grand Secretary. |
| V. W. Charles M. Shepherd..... | Grand Chaplain. |
| W. C. Frank Reavis..... | Grand Orator. |
| M. W. Robert E. French..... | Grand Custodian. |
| W. Ira C. Freet..... | Grand Marshal. |
| W. Orville A. Andrews..... | Grand Senior Deacon. |
| W. John R. Tapster..... | Grand Junior Deacon. |
| W. John W. Disbrow..... | Grand Tyler. |

For one hour preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, Brother Harold H. Thom entertained the representatives and visitors from the various Lodges, with a group of fine selections on the pipe-organ.

Promptly at 9:30, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form by R. W. Edwin D. Crites, Deputy Grand Master, the Invocation being given by V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, as follows:

INVOCATION.

Almighty God, the hope and the strength of our hearts, we come to Thee this morning in the opening Session of this Grand Lodge to ask of Thee that guidance, without which our deliberations shall lose their value, pass away without the strength and without the fervor we shall need in the days to come. Grant to each one of us that come here together, a kind relationship to each other and to Thine Own Great Self.

We thank Thee for this Brotherhood, for its world reach, for the comfort it brings to our hearts, for the strength it brings to our minds. We thank Thee for the wide range of fellowship, and for the folks we love and for the folks that love us in the great spread of this organization so dear to the depths of our hearts. Bless all our brothers wherever they are dispersed throughout the world, and our home folks from whom we are separated for a while.

Grant that in the hours we remain here together we may come closer and closer, and the feeling towards each other and the bond that holds us to one another and to Thine own great heart of love, be made stronger.

We ask that guidance, we ask this fellowship for Thine own name sake. Amen.

Most Worshipful, John Wright, Grand Master, was then introduced, given the Grand Honors, and took his station in the Grand East.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of chartered Lodges. There being a constitutional number of Lodges represented the Grand Master declared the Sixty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, opened in ample form, directing the Grand Marshal to make due proclamation thereof.

The following telegrams were received and read, the Grand Master directing that suitable responses be sent by the Grand Secretary:

TELEGRAMS.

"South Dakota Grand Lodge, in Fifty-second Communication, returns to you our fraternal greetings and best wishes. May this friendly feeling between us ever prevail.

George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary."

"North Dakota sends greetings and best wishes for harmonious and profitable communication.

Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary."

"Your brethren and neighbors of the Grand Lodge of Iowa now assembled in Eighty-third Annual Communication express their fraternal affection and hearty good wishes as you gather to carry on the great purposes of Freemasonry in your jurisdiction.

Thomas W. Wellington, Grand Master."

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba in Annual Communication extends fraternal greetings and wishes you a pleasant and profitable communication.

JAMES A. OVAS, *Grand Secretary.*

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M.:W.:John Wright, Grand Master, directed the Grand Senior and Grand Junior Deacons to retire and escort all Past Grand Masters present, to the Grand Lodge. The following Past Grand Masters were introduced by the Grand Senior Deacon, according to their seniority:

George H. Thummel	Andrew H. Viele
Robert E. French	Frederic L. Temple
Samuel P. Davidson	Ambrose C. Epperson
Henry H. Wilson	John J. Tooley
Frank E. Bullard	Joseph B. Fradenburg
Charles E. Burnham	Lewis E. Smith
James R. Cain, Jr.	Charles A. Chappell
Samuel S. Whiting	Robert R. Dickson

Welcome by M.:W.:John Wright, Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge:

I don't know what I could say to you this morning more than to tell you that I am extremely happy that so many of you have been permitted to meet with us on this our sixty-ninth Annual Communication. Brethren, those things which you have performed in the past you have lived to this date to see, know and to realize the fruits of your labor. Brethren, we are delighted to have you with us. We appreciate your counsel and advice.

Response by Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of this Grand Lodge:

We appreciate the kindly and fraternal reception that you have now given us. We are here just beginning this Annual Communication which is, I hope, a mile stone that measures the progress that is being made by Nebraska Masons, an occasion of joy, of pleasure, of opportunity, and of duty.

We keenly feel and appreciate that we have certain duties to perform, perhaps a little distinct from the members at large, not because we have superior ability but because our constitution and laws seem to confer on the Past Grand Masters certain duties delegated to them and because they constitute a certain committee of this Grand Lodge. And Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of my brethren, I can only say we hope that we may well do whatever duties are conferred upon us.

At this time, it seems that the duties of those who are here are increased because of a situation that has made this Annual Communication one of unusual interest, coupled with a feeling of depression and sadness. During the past year the angel of death has visited the ranks of the Past Grand Masters twice, and has removed from our midst and from this Grand Lodge our former Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, who early in his middle life became identified with the Masons of Nebraska and has contributed much to what we now have in this Grand Jurisdiction that is good and ennobling. How well we recall the frankness with which he gave expression to those things he thought to be right, and upon many occasions he halted what appeared to be an unwise tendency of this Grand Lodge.

And, again, the angel of death removed from us our brother, Judge Robert E. Evans. "Fighting Bob" we called him affectionately. And he was a "Fighting Bob"; fighting for the things he knew to be right, always active in doing the duties he knew were his to do. And what a wonderful constituency our beloved brother had: Thousands of Masons in Nebraska, tens of thousands of citizens of Nebraska he served while on the district bench; hundreds of thousands he served in the halls of congress, and finally when Judge of the Supreme Court. But the constituency which he loved most were the Masons of the State of Nebraska. There will not be one hour in this Annual Communication, nor in the next one, nor in many to come, but that we will feel the presence of the wise acts, words and deeds of our beloved brother Evans. We miss him; and, brethren, very few among us there are whose departure will deprive the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska of greater strength than did his. Oh, may it be said in honor and memory of Brother Evans, that his influence and his work and acts and deeds were for good, not only for his generation but for all generations.

M. W. George H. Thummel, who was installed Grand Master on June 21st, 1876, at the age of 28 years, and is now Senior Past Grand Master, asked permission to address the brethren.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Fifty years ago at the session of the Grand Lodge in Lincoln, I was elected and installed as your Grand Master, and I invite you, one and all, to join with me in gratitude and thanksgiving for the wonderful prosperity which has come to us as a Nation, as a State, and as Masons since that time.

Fifty years ago in the City of Philadelphia we were celebrating the Centennial of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence; today we are celebrating in the same City, the Sesqui-Centennial.

Fifty years ago we had the Telegraph, but since then we have acquired the Telephone, the Electric Light with Electricity in all its wonderful phases, the Radio, the Automobile, Steel in its multiplied forms, Good Roads, Rural Free Delivery and Improved Farm Machinery of many kinds—these wonderful inventions, greater by far than the old Seven Wonders of the World that we used to read about when boys, have brought more comfort and happiness to the people of the United States, especially the farmers, than all the inventions of the ages.

And coming to Nebraska, what shall I say of her?

"Thou Brown Foundling of the treeless plains,
Whose baby bed was prowled round by the red man's stealthy tread,
And who grew strong through shifts and wants and pains,
Nursed by strong men with an empire in their brains."

Fifty years ago we were just emerging from the Grasshopper Scourge of 1875, to be met with a like visitation in 1876. The settlers in the eastern part of the State along the Missouri River, looked askance, and doubted whether one could ever make a living on the treeless plains in the central part of the State. No one dreamed of ever doing anything in the way of farming in the Western part of the State, the short-grass country, that was forever given over to the cattlemen.

We have passed all that—we have seen the years come and go—we have seen the Homesteader slowly succeed and the State prosper.

As I recall the times from '75 on, when we had drouths, grass hoppers, and hot winds, I do not wonder that out of all these discouragements came a strong, virile people. True, many became discouraged, gave up and went back home, but our pioneers were largely made up of the boys from the farms of the Great Mississippi Valley, who marched with Sherman to the Sea, participated in the Great Review at Washington, and came back men, with an ambition to make and do for themselves. Taking advantage of the Homestead Act, together with foreigners from other shores, they made homes for themselves and in spite of lean years and disappointments, stayed and conquered, and today these pioneers of the early days rejoice in the realization that they are part and parcel of one of the great States in the Union.

Chimney Rock, Court House Rock and Scottsbluff are grim sentinels of the North Platte River where it breaks through the Rocky Mountains and emerges into the broad valley that now constitutes the Great Irrigated District of Western Nebraska. These monuments, hoary with age and venerated by the Indians of long ago, were objects of interest and could be seen for miles up and down the river; at their base camped the hunters and trappers of a hundred years ago in their search for furs—the Great Pathfinder Fremont, looking for a route through the mountains—the Forty-niners with slow moving ox-teams in quest for the placer gold of California—the Oregon and Idaho Rush culminating in the Black Hills excitement of the late '70's; all this was followed with a gradual settlement and development of this wonderful valley and behold: a happy, prosperous people.

On this great elevated plain, upwards of 3000 feet above the sea is one of the greatest farming developments of our country—great crops of wheat, corn, alfalfa and sugar-beets; five great sugar factories, two more now in the building—and, instead of the round-up of the Texan Longhorns, are thousands of cattle and hogs fattened on its corn, alfalfa and tops of sugar-beets for the South Omaha markets. This part of the State is gradually but surely coming to its own, and will embrace the highest priced land in Nebraska. When one contrasts this with the plains covered with short-grass of fifty years ago, amazement and wonder fills one's heart, and one is left to exclaim, "Can these things be?"

This is an unusual event. It is given to few Grand Lodges to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of a Past Grand Master, and I feel it due to you, to this Grand Lodge, and to those illustrious Masons who formed the Grand Lodge and who have passed on, that mention be made hereof.

This is the first time in this jurisdiction that any Grand Master has lived fifty years after being installed as such, and certainly no one of the present Past Grand Masters will ever celebrate a like event, unless he lives to a very, very old age.

As I scan the record of fifty years ago, and note those who were present at that time, as far as my recollection of names and faces goes, there is but one Mason here today who was with us then, and that is Brother Frank White. Brother Newton R. Persinger from Central City, who introduced the first

resolution looking to the formation of a Masonic Home, passed away only last month; I had hoped that he might be with us today.

I was the Eleventh Grand Master, elected when I was a mere boy, only twenty-eight years old; you, Sir, are the 60th; 40 have passed away.

Fifty years ago we had 58 chartered Lodges; now 289.

Fifty years ago we had 2,761 Master Masons; now 40,937.

Fifty years ago our Grand Lodge expenses were \$3,750; now \$97,276.

We have five times as many lodges, 15 times as many Masons, 27 times the expense; but oh, Brethren, it is worth it.

In the years of our infancy, when we were struggling to build a State, we were long without doing good to anyone in the way of charity, excepting now and then contributing to the necessities of a Masonic tramp, but the time came when we could remember our obligations to help, aid and assist all worthy, distressed Brother Masons, and we gladly embraced the opportunity. We were slow in realizing what we wanted to do, but under the splendid leadership of Past Grand Master Lininger, our Grand Lodge established at Plattsmouth and at Fremont, our Homes. We are now able to do good to our brethren, their widows and orphans.

Brethren, I trust and know that this good work will go forward and increase and multiply more and more. You will find that as the years go by, the expense will be greatly increased and you will be called upon for larger contributions than ever before. The Brethren at Fremont are asking for a new Home; the splendid new Infirmary at Plattsmouth so greatly needed, will call for increased expense, and as you go there this afternoon, many of you for the first time, I know you will be greatly pleased and edified by what has been done there and will "gird your loins" for the future.

To you brethren who occupy the several stations in this Grand Lodge, I want to say, if the custom prevails, as no doubt it will, and you are each successively advanced, that the most important act that will be required of you, is the first act you will be called upon to perform, i.e., the appointment of your Grand Junior Deacon, for in seven years he will occupy the seat in the east as your Grand Master; so I trust you will thoughtfully and advisedly select the person you are going to name as Grand Junior Deacon, for as I have stated, it means more to the Craft than anything else you will be called upon to do. The laying of cornerstones, visitations, etc., are for a day, but the appointment of your Grand Junior Deacon means the appointment of a Grand Master, and the Craft have the right to demand that you name no one for personal reasons, that you give us the very best man you can select—a man of character, a man of standing, a man of influence, a God-fearing man—one that we will be proud to know as our Grand Master.

Brethren, ever since I was elected fifty years ago, I have tried as best I could to in some way recompense you for the honor that you then conferred upon me—it was the proudest moment of my life when I was installed as Grand Master, and I have ever felt in duty bound to do all that I could for the honor, glory and advancement of Masonry, and in the years that may still be mine it will be my pleasure to labor with you for the good of the Craft. Brethren, I thank you.

Following the remarks of M. W. George H. Thummel, M. W. John Wright, Grand Master, requested the Grand Senior Deacon to conduct our M. W. Brother in front of the Grand East. The M. W. Grand Master, in presenting a basket of fifty golden roses, as a memento of this Golden Anniversary of his installation as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, said:

When you made the request to say a few words after seating the brethren, I had no intimation of what you intended to say; had I known, I would have requested you to wait but a few moments, because, my dear Brother, while the part you have just taken is not on the printed program of this Grand Lodge, the very matter of which you have been telling us has been in the minds and hearts of many of the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction for many days. Brother Thummel, one of my first inclinations was to procure for you something of an intrinsic value which you might in days to come hold in your possession and show to your friends and brothers; but on more mature deliberation and consideration I said to myself this Brother has passed through all the materialistic stages of Masonry, therefore I abandoned that idea, and this morning we had brought to this temple just a little memento of God's free act, of God's free sunshine blended into colors most beautiful, and it was my intention before you said what you have, to have presented this to you. But my dear Brother, what you have said we all appreciate, we know what you have passed through and known to the youngest Entered Apprentice Mason in Nebraska today; we know that your labors and those of your co-workers have borne rich blessings to the Craft a thousand fold. Brother Thummel, God has given us the pleasure and profit of your companionship and your work. It is our desire that you be with us for many years to come, and that you may realize and know more fully than you ever have before the place you hold in the hearts and minds of Masons and brethren in this Jurisdiction, I present you with these flowers.

M. W. Brother Thummel expressed his appreciation to M. W. John Wright, and to the Grand Lodge.

It having been announced that M. W. Frank G. Mirick, Grand Master, and R. W. William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado, were in waiting, the M. W. Grand Master appointed Past Grand Masters Robert R. Dickson, Samuel S. Whiting and Charles A. Chappell, as a committee to escort these distinguished brethren to the Grand Lodge. After being received and welcomed, M. W. Frank G. Mirick, addressed the Grand Lodge in a very pleasing and interesting manner.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Senior Deacon to present M. E. Harry D. Cone, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska, R. E. James M. Robertson,

Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska, and President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, Ill. Brother Frank Cargill Patton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, A. & A. S. R., Brother George S. Dunlap, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, and W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. These brethren, being the presiding officers of the several Masonic Grand Bodies and Masonic Homes of Nebraska, were warmly welcomed by the Grand Master, and given seats of honor in the Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Quartette of Plattsmouth then entertained the brethren with several delightful numbers.

W. Brother Albert W. Jefferis, welcomed the Grand Officers, Members, and Guests of the Grand Lodge, to Omaha, for their Sixty-ninth Annual Communication.

R. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Senior Warden, gave the response to the address of welcome.

MEMORIAL TO PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M. W. John Wright, Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to attention. The Masonic Quartette of Plattsmouth sang "Now the Day is Over." The Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge, saying:

It is fitting that on this occasion this Grand Body should pause for a moment in its proceedings and devote a moment, a word, a thought of respect and honor to those who have, in the years gone by, had much to do with what has made Masonry that which it is today. Therefore brethren, at this time we will proceed with a memorial for the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction who have departed this life.

The Grand Master read the list of deceased Past Grand Masters and the year of their service; the Grand Chaplain, who was at the Altar, read the date of their death.

NAME AND YEARS OF SERVICE—	DATE OF DEATH
ROBERT C. JORDAN, 1857, 1858, 1859.....	Jan. 9, 1899
GEORGE ARMSTRONG, 1860, 1861, 1862.....	Nov. 12, 1896
DANIEL H. WHEELER, 1863, 1864.....	Nov. 27, 1912
ROBERT W. FURNAS, 1865, 1866.....	June 1, 1905
ORSAMUS H. IRISH, 1867, 1868.....	Jan. 27, 1883
HARRY P. DEUEL, 1869, 1870.....	Nov. 23, 1914
WILLIAM E. HILL, 1871, 1872.....	Sept. 29, 1917
MARTIN DUNHAM, 1873.....	Feb. 18, 1915
FRANK WELCH, 1874.....	Sept. 4, 1878

ALFRED G. HASTINGS, 1875.....	July 10, 1894
GEORGE W. LININGER, 1877.....	June 8, 1907
EDWARD K. VALENTINE, 1878.....	April 11, 1916
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY, 1879.....	Feb. 2, 1904
JAMES A. TULLEYS, 1880.....	Jan. 1, 1901
JAMES R. CAIN, SR., 1881.....	Nov. 24, 1920
EDWIN F. WARREN, 1882.....	July 9, 1923
SAMUEL W. HAYES, 1883.....	Nov. 13, 1913
MANOAH B. REESE, 1885.....	Sept. 28, 1917
CHARLES K. COUTANT, 1886.....	Aug. 23, 1910
MILTON J. HULL, 1887.....	Sept. 18, 1923
GEORGE B. FRANCE, 1888.....	Aug. 16, 1914
JOHN J. MERCER, 1889.....	Feb. 25, 1915
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER, 1891.....	Feb. 8, 1909
JAMES P. A. BLACK, 1893.....	Nov. 12, 1918
JOHN A. EHRHARDT, 1894.....	Nov. 24, 1925
CHARLES J. PHELPS, 1896.....	Aug. 4, 1915
JOHN B. DINSMORE, 1897.....	Oct. 6, 1915
FRANK H. YOUNG, 1898.....	Sept. 24, 1917
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR, 1899.....	Aug. 17, 1922
ALBERT W. CRITES, 1900.....	Aug. 23, 1915
ROBERT E. EVANS, 1901.....	July 8, 1925
NATHANIEL M. AYERS, 1902.....	Nov. 19, 1913
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL, 1905.....	May 2, 1911
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD, 1906.....	Dec. 16, 1916
WILLIAM A. DEBORD, 1908.....	May 17, 1916
MICHAEL DOWLING, 1909.....	May 5, 1921
HENRY GIBBONS, 1911.....	Aug. 22, 1923
ALPHA MORGAN, 1913.....	April 17, 1924
THOMAS M. DAVIS, 1914.....	Aug. 12, 1919
EDWARD M. WELLMAN, 1922.....	Aug. 31, 1922

MEMORIAL PRAYER BY GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Dear Lord, we thank Thee this morning for these men we have known. Some of us know more people that are living in heaven than we know that are living here. And we know lots of folks here, good folks, good Brothers, regal souls. We wait a moment Dear Lord to thank Thee for all the men that have gone and for those who are lingering still. We hope in our hearts that we may carry forward the burdens which they leave. Oh teach us how this greatest brotherhood of all time can do its best for the nation, and carry forward its great work. Dear Lord, our great motive today is brotherly love, and in this love of Brothers gone and love of Brothers here, may we let our hearts melt together in the finest touch that can come to human life.

We would like to know their names again, these brothers who have gone, we love them so; but they are better known to Thee, Thou architect of their houses not built with hands. Hear our message this morning from Nebraska and tell them that by the Grace of God and in the fellowship of the sweetest brotherhood that ever graced the world, we are coming on to meet them in the great company of the gone before. We ask it in Thy Name's sake. Amen.

The Masonic Quartette of Plattsmouth sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

M. W. John Wright, Grand Master, delivered the following:

ADDRESS

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

Brethren:

How swiftly passes time and how suddenly we find even the busiest year of our life drawing to a close. In accordance with the established custom we are assembled in this the sixty-ninth annual communication of our dearly beloved Grand Lodge. We are met to again acknowledge to the Supreme Architect of the universe the loving care and guidance which has directed all our affairs; to again mingle one with another and by precept and example to encourage the brotherhood of man, to again renew the vows and to again pledge our faith and allegiance to the performance of every obligation which we as Masons owe to all mankind.

The purpose of these few words is to render to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction a short synopsis of the stewardship, of the activities, and affairs, which have come under my supervision as Grand Master since our last annual communication. In rendering this account my first duty and obligation is to express my sincere appreciation of the honor that has been conferred upon me, and to give due credit to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction for their hearty co-operation and assistance on every occasion. I want to at this time especially mention the co-operation and assistance of Most Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Smith, our Grand Secretary, who has on numerous occasions rendered invaluable service to this office, also to express a deep appreciation of the valuable services and assistance rendered by Very Worshipful Brother Charles M. Shepherd, our Grand Chaplain, Most Worshipful Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Henry H. Wilson, Past Grand Master, Worshipful Ira C. Freet, Grand Marshal, and Worshipful Orville A. Andrews, Grand Senior Deacon, who by their help and assistance and their practically constant attendance at all Grand Lodge functions have materially assisted in making whatever of success has been accomplished during the past year, and many other brethren who have been a source of strength and inspiration on occasions too numerous to here give personal mention.

Early in my Masonic career I conceived a great respect and a loving regard for the men who were in the early days instrumental in providing for this Grand Jurisdiction a substantial and lasting institution. Their wisdom, valor, and foresight have been emphasized on many occasions during the past year and it has been my pleasure to recommend to many of the brethren the continuance of the examples they have left for us. In this respect I feel that words of mine are inadequate and that the sentiment is more beautifully expressed by O. Lawrence Hawthorne in his little poem of "Make Me a Man!"

Lord, give me the strength of the Pioneer
 And the faith of his hardy soul!
 Provide me with courage to persevere;
 Make me fight till I reach my goal.

Let weaklings indulge in a sheltered life
 Where they curse when their luck goes bad,
 But fit me for battle with storm and strife;
 Give me brawn like my fathers had!

I want to be known as a man who wins,
 As a fellow with nerve and pluck
 Who finishes everything he begins,
 And as one who can whip his luck!

He who would fill the office of Grand Master with any degree of satisfaction to himself and profit to the Craft, I feel must need have use of the spirit expressed in this poem. To administer justice without favoritism and decide impartially are not at all times easy things to do but when the fundamental principles of Masonry are known and the desire to preserve the reputation of the Fraternity is seriously considered, then and then only does the light shine in and that which appeared difficult and disagreeable is made to shine out clearly and duty then becomes a pleasure. It is in this spirit that I welcome you to the sixty-ninth annual communication to transact the business which will be placed before you. This is your Grand Lodge, and whatever may be done here will be the consensus of opinion of the majority and as such will become the will and pleasure of us all.

Considering the large membership which has now attained to a number of 40,000 there has been, in my estimation, a minimum of difficulties and differences. Numerous inquiries mostly of an unimportant nature have consumed much of the time and interpretation of the law has been a frequent occupation. This is caused mostly by two things; one, the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries do not care to interpret the law for the brethren of their lodge feeling that it is better to have a line from the Grand Master on how and what construction should be placed on a certain paragraph; the other cause is that our law as published in the edition of 1922 has become somewhat obsolete in that there have been many amendments and changes and these have not always been readily accessible to the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the lodge. A codifying of the law would help materially. There has however, on the part of practically every inquirer been an expressed desire to strictly comply with the law and as a consequence it has been a great pleasure to render whatever of service to the brethren was possible in all cases.

The duties of Grand Master are numerous and it is my only regret that I have not been able to devote to the brethren even more of the time which of right is theirs. To help aid and assist in the great work of preserving that peace and harmony which is so essentially necessary to the healthy growth of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has been my one ambition during the past year and if any error has been committed it has been on the side of advising the brethren to exercise the spirit of toleration and the great tenet of brotherly love and forgiveness and to extend to men who are Masons the greater exercise of those principles herein mentioned.

Therefore, brethren it is in the spirit of the foregoing that I again say welcome to you and godspeed to the deliberations of this assembly.

NECROLOGY.

On July 8, 1925 the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction suffered a great loss in the departure from this life of our beloved friend and brother, Most Worshipful Robert Emory Evans, Past Grand Master, whose life had been devoted to Masonry. The word of his death came as a great shock to all. To hear that one who had been so active and so devoted for more than a quarter of a century to everything appertaining to the welfare of our Fraternity, had been called to the Grand Lodge on high seemed for a time to cast a gloom over the outlook for the rest of the year. It is given to but few to perform in so able a manner the many duties incident to the very active life which our brother led, to gain the confidence, love and respect of all of the brethren, and we miss his genial countenance and his timely advice.

The family of our deceased brother desiring the interment of his remains to be in Graceland Cemetery of Sioux City, Iowa, permission was obtained from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa to hold Masonic services in that Jurisdiction on Saturday, July 11, 1925.

Accordingly on July 11, 1925, an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was opened in ample form in the lodge room of Omadi Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., of Dakota City, Nebraska, with practically all of the Grand Lodge officers in their stations and places. From there we went to Graceland Cemetery of Sioux City, Iowa, where the remains of our Brother were laid to rest with the usual and time honored ceremonies of the Order in the presence of a large assembly of friends and admirers, brethren of the Craft and relatives of our deceased brother. After which the procession was again reformed and returned to Dakota City, where the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Thus in a few words is chronicled the passing from the activities of this life to eternal rest of one whose place among us is now vacant and for whom we sincerely mourn.

Again on November 1, 1925, word of the death of our Most Worshipful Brother John Adam Ehrhardt was received. While our brother had been known to be in a critical condition in the Home at Plattsmouth, it was not thought that his demise was so near at hand. Again words seem inadequate to portray even in a small way the life and actions of one who had taken so great a part in Masonry in this Jurisdiction, ever alert, active and aggressive, he was one of those characters of whom it can truly be said was a pioneer.

On November 4, 1925, it not being my privilege to attend on the occasion of the funeral of our departed Brother, I issued my proxy to Most Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Smith, to open an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of conducting funeral services. In accordance with the request of our departed Brother, Most Worshipful Brother Andrew H. Viele, Past Grand Master was Master of Ceremonies, and was invited to preside. The Grand Lodge then formed in procession and proceeded to the Scottish Rite Cathedral where funeral services were conducted by Most Worshipful Brother Andrew H. Viele, Past Grand Master and Brother John F. Poucher, acting as Grand Chaplain, who delivered the eulogy on the life and services of our departed Brother.

Following these services the Grand Lodge was formed in procession and returned to the Masonic Temple where the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The following day the remains of our departed brother were taken to Stanton, Nebraska, where after services at the Methodist Episcopal church he was laid to rest beside his wife, by Northern Light Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., of Stanton, Nebraska, assisted by Most Worshipful Brother Andrew H. Viele, Past Grand Master.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

On July 29, 1925, I received a petition signed by twenty-nine Master Masons residing in and around the vicinity of Bladen, Nebraska, requesting that they be permitted to establish a Lodge U. D. Knowing the importance and the numerous details incident to forming a Lodge U. D. and desiring to have first hand information I proceeded to Bladen, Nebraska, and also to Blue Hill and after carefully checking over the advantages and disadvantages and being convinced that it was for the best of the Fraternity, on the eleventh day of January, 1926, I issued dispensation to form a Lodge U. D. at Bladen, Nebraska, with Brother John R. Hall as Master, Brother Ralph E. Lidgard as Senior Warden and Brother William E. J. Denton as Junior Warden.

Being unable to be present in person at the instituting of this lodge on January 19, 1926, I issued my proxy to Most Worshipful Brother Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master, who proceeded to Bladen and instituted Bladen Lodge U. D. in a most satisfactory and impressive manner.

From all reports received from the brethren of this lodge all indications are that they will become a thriving lodge and accomplish great good in the community. Their report is in the hands of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations and it is for the brethren assembled here to decide whether a charter should be issued or not.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

On November 18, 1925, I was in receipt of application for the instituting of a Lodge U. D. at Haigler, Nebraska.

Having some little personal information as to financial conditions and territory surrounding the same and after viewing the strength of lodges at Imperial, Wauneta and Benkleman and taking all matters in connection with same into consideration, on January 22, 1926, I informed the brethren applying for the same that in my opinion that it was not for the best interests of Masonry to institute a Lodge U. D. at Haigler.

CONSTITUTING NEW LODGES.

Charters having been granted to the following lodges U. D. at the last annual communication of our Grand Lodge, on the following dates they were constituted with the able assistance of Most Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Smith, Very Worshipful Brother Charles M. Shepherd, R. W. Frank H. Woodland, W. Orville A. Andrews, W. John R. Tapster, Most Worshipful Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Masters and others, Alpha Lodge No. 316, A. F. & A. M., South Sioux City, Nebraska, on July 1, 1925, Mid-West

Lodge No. 317, A. F. & A. M., of Hastings, Nebraska, on July 8, 1925, Palmer Lodge No. 315, A. F. & A. M., of Palmer, Nebraska, on July 9, 1925.

From information received at various times during the year from the brethren of the above named lodges, I am convinced that no mistake was made in granting these charters. They are all working harmoniously and industriously. Their reports of their year's work are in the hands of the Grand Secretary and all of them seem to have made a very creditable showing.

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE GRAND MASTER.

On assuming the duties of Grand Master there was little that Most Worshipful Brother Robert R. Dickson passed on to be completed, matters mostly of an unimportant nature such as the reinstating of brethren who had been suspended for non-payment of dues for a period of more than three years and other minor details. However, there was one matter referred to the incoming Grand Master in which I have not felt like assuming the authority or the responsibility, feeling that it is a matter for the Grand Lodge itself to take whatever action seems best in the premises and that is the subject of the Tuberculosis Sanatoria Committee of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

The committee of three as recommended by our Most Worshipful Brother Robert R. Dickson, Past Grand Master, to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master seems to be a matter for which, as before stated, the Grand Lodge should assume the responsibility, for investigation, and action.

I have received much correspondence from the above named association and in view of the fact that our Jurisdiction is at the present time reasonably well loaded down with financing our Homes and Infirmary, I feel that it might be well to consider the taking care of our own patients with the facilities we have at hand rather than to enter into any agreement with an organization outside of our own Jurisdiction.

CORNER STONES LAID.

It has been my privilege to respond to invitations extended to lay Corner Stones of various buildings during the past year:

July 18, 1925, First Baptist Church at Alexandria, Nebraska.

August 12, 1925, Franklin County Court House, Franklin, Nebraska.

September 15, 1925, New Agricultural Display Building, Geneva, Nebraska.

October 2, 1925, Minden Grade School, Minden, Nebraska.

March 20, 1926, Normal Training School Building, Kearney, Nebraska.

April 22, 1926, High School Building, Rising City, Nebraska.

May 8, 1926, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha, Nebraska.

On all of these occasions I was accompanied by Very Worshipful Brother Charles M. Shepherd, except at Rising City, on April 22, 1926, and owe to Brother Shepherd a debt of gratitude for the services he has performed. Most Worshipful Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master, has been present on each and every occasion and has rendered valuable assistance. On all of these occasions I have had the very able and helpful assistance of Worshipful Brother Ira C. Freet and Worshipful Brother Orville A. Andrews, as well as many of the other Grand Lodge officers.

All of these occasions have been the means of bringing a great many of the brethren from surrounding towns and villages to attend these ceremonies and I feel that for the added interest and prominence given our Fraternity they are well worth the effort expended in making them of such a nature and of as much importance as is possible without greatly inconveniencing the officers of the Grand Lodge.

MASONIC EDUCATION.

It has been my pleasure to accompany our Very Worshipful Brother Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, on several of his appointments when delivering his very wonderful lecture, which is a part of the educational program of this Grand Lodge. Our Brother Shepherd is to be commended for the very able manner in which he presents this lecture to the brethren and for the great amount of enthusiasm that it produces. However, I feel that it is asking a great deal of Brother Shepherd to continue the arduous task. He really needs help from a source which would make it possible to place this work before a greater number of the lodges in this Jurisdiction. When we stop to think of the immense amount of work connected in the compiling of this lecture and the great task of covering great distances to present it to the brethren, we begin to realize the enormous undertaking that it is for one man. My best judgment would be, from what I have observed, that the Masonic Service Association of which this Grand Lodge was a member a few years ago, are the people best adapted to assisting this Grand Jurisdiction in putting over a campaign of education along Masonic lines.

If this Grand body should see fit to enlist the services of the Masonic Service Association together with that of our Brother Shepherd, I feel that an inestimable benefit would accrue to our membership. This however, is a matter for the brethren here to decide, and unless other help is afforded I would recommend a much greater appropriation and that the chairman of our educational committee be authorized to secure able assistance in placing before the brethren a more comprehensive educational program.

VISITATIONS.

Without going into detail and omitting dates signifying same by name and number of lodge, I was privileged to accept invitations to officially visit the following named lodges: Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Laurel Lodge No. 248, Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Gladstone Lodge No. 176, Incense Lodge No. 182, York Lodge No. 56, Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, North Bend Lodge No. 119, Utica Lodge No. 96, Highland Lodge No. 194, Fairmont Lodge No. 48, Crete Lodge No. 37, Minden Lodge No. 127, George Washington Lodge No. 250, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Geneva Lodge No. 79, Liberty Lodge No. 300, Occidental Lodge No. 215, Omaha Lodge No. 288, Tuscan Lodge No. 130, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Cotner Lodge No. 297, Grand Chapter O. E. S. at Hastings, Neb., May 10, 1926, Electa Chapter O. E. S. at Lincoln, Neb., May 15, 1926, Fairmont Lodge No. 48 and Oliver Lodge No. 38. Other visits at social occasions almost equal in number to the above list but are not regarded as official visits.

My first official visitation was a reception held in my honor by Lincoln Lodge No. 19, A. F. O. & A. M. O., of Lincoln, Nebraska, of which I have been privileged to be a member since 1906, Worshipful Master in 1914, and Secretary since 1915.

The feeling which one has on occasions of this kind is hard to describe, one mingled with joy and new found responsibilities. This will be an occasion long remembered and one which furnished incentive and inspiration to take up the duties of the office of Grand Master with added interest and courage.

The reception tendered the Grand Master by other lodges that I was privileged to visit was fine in spirit and I trust beneficial to the lodges. These were occasions of regular and special communications of lodges, at many of them, the Master Mason degree was conferred, and frequently I took the Worshipful Master's place and conferred either one or both sections of the degree.

Other unofficial visitations consisted of accepting invitations to attend Masonic picnics, meetings of Masonic Societies and anniversaries of lodges of which no mention will be made here, but there were almost as many of them as of official visitations.

On September 8th and 9th, 1925, in company with Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith, our Grand Secretary, I attended the biennial meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, held at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. A most interesting meeting was held and many items of interest were introduced, particularly that of impostors gaining admission into lodges through the use of lost, stolen or discarded receipts for dues, and the value to be derived from the proper use of the monthly bulletin issued by this association, especially when the relief boards of the respective lodges keep a cross index card system of the information contained therein from month to month. If all of our lodges would use this bulletin in the manner indicated and keep the card index system up to date, imposition would be next thing to impossible. By following directions given each month on the back page of this bulletin which contains valuable suggestions as to how to proceed in case of extending relief, many brethren who are worthy would more readily receive relief and those who were not would be quite readily detected as imposters.

In company with Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith, our Grand Secretary, I accepted an invitation to attend the annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Missouri, held in St. Joseph, on October 27, 28, 29, 1925. This was a memorable occasion and one which made positive in our minds the Fraternal relations which exist between the brethren of Missouri and the brethren of Nebraska.

I also accepted an invitation to be present at the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held in Omaha, Nebraska, on December 16, 1925. This communication was characterized by most beautiful opening and closing exercises and memorial services which could be well made a part of the opening and closing of the Grand Lodge and of our memorial services.

The climax of all visitations and communications attended during the year was on February 22 and 23, 1926, when I was privileged to attend the

annual communication of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, held at Alexandria, Virginia.

There were represented, at this meeting, by Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and representatives, more than forty states. Most Worshipful Brother Louis A Watres, Past Grand Master, of the state of Pennsylvania and President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, presided, the meeting being called to order in the lodge room of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M., of Alexandria, Virginia.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Reverend Brother W. J. Morton of Alexandria, Virginia.

The regular business of the association was then taken up. The progress which had been made was described in detail with figures of financial receipts and expenditures and the enlarged program was explained.

It is the policy and one which has never varied that no money is expended or any appropriation made until the money is in the treasury of the Association. The final estimate of the cost of this magnificent temple when completed now stands at approximately Four Million Dollars, and in the words of Most Worshipful Brother Watres in his report: "The temple we are now erecting will not only house the invaluable relics that have been owned and so religiously cared for by Alexandria-Washington Lodge but will represent the soul of Freemasonry and will be the mecca for Masons all over the civilized world. It will not only be a memorial to Washington, the Mason, but a striking monument to the Fraternity we love. It will not only be National in character but international—indeed world wide."

As many of you brethren know, this temple is being financed by each individual Mason throughout the United States by the contribution of One Dollar each.

Many states have already subscribed their 100% and the state of New Hampshire stands highest in percentage by having subscribed to the extent of 186.4%.

As your representative to this meeting I was there without any contributions for the past year and a total contribution to our credit of 20.4%. I feel that the brethren of this Jurisdiction have not fully appreciated or realized their opportunity of assisting in so marvelous an undertaking. If this were but a local enterprise and one which was to reflect the efforts of industry and pride of just a small portion of the Masonic population, then I would not feel that we had neglected our duty, but since it is so broad in its scope, so almost universal in its importance I feel that the brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction should realize their opportunity gladly, and willingly contribute as a freewill offering to the great cause the amount as requested, One Dollar each.

This magnificent temple is located on Shooters Hill and every foot of ground surrounding it is of historical value to every Mason. The area of the temple is approximately 166 feet by 185 feet, and will rise to a height of 400 feet. When completed it will not have in its structure a foot of structural steel or any timber but will be composed entirely of concrete and granite. The structure stands on a foundation consisting of poured concrete with reinforcing, the thinnest portion of which is four feet six inches and the thickest part nine

feet in thickness, and is a continuous slab of concrete, not only under the walls but under the entire temple. Therefore, as you will see by this short description, the temple is being erected to stand the ravages of time and will be a lasting monument.

No journey within several hundred miles of this temple should ever be taken by a brother of the Craft, without bearing in mind that a visit to this temple will pay him many times over for the time, trouble and expense entailed in reaching it. The inspiration received in viewing this grand structure and the invaluable relics which will be stored there cannot help but make one feel that our part in this great project has been much too small.

It is needless to go into detail of the courtesy and hospitality shown visiting brethren by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. Nothing was too trivial and nothing too great to afford every possible means of extending that truly fraternal reception and all for the pride which they take in having had as their Worshipful Master, our friend and brother General George Washington.

The impression made upon me and the inspiration I received on the occasion of my visit to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association meeting was so great that as your Grand Master I extended an invitation to Most Worshipful Brother Watres, the President, and Most Worshipful Brother J. Claud Keiper to meet with us at our annual communication and to give them or their representative an opportunity of telling you in a much better manner than I can possibly do, the intent and purpose of this memorial and the finer details regarding it and I trust that we will be favored with their presence and that this body will give to them a few minutes time in which to bring to you in part at least the spirit of this magnificent undertaking.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

Request for and approval of amendments to by-laws of the following named lodges have passed through this office during the past year. Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Palmer Lodge No. 315, Auburn Lodge No. 124, Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Aurora Lodge No. 68, Fidelity Lodge No. 51, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, Unity Lodge No. 163, Creighton Lodge No. 100, Oasis Lodge No. 271, Falls City Lodge No. 9, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Solomon Lodge No. 10, Zion Lodge No. 234 and Amethyst Lodge No. 190.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year numerous dispensations have been granted and denied, those granted mostly for election of officers and installing out of time, for which the regular fee was collected, for moving to better and more commodious quarters and in the case of Minatare Lodge No. 295, to confer degrees out of time, on account of the Brother being in the Geological Survey service and leaving the United States. Without going into detail, all dispensations granted are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary and if any Brother has one in which he is particularly interested our Grand Secretary will be pleased to furnish him with any information.

PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

This part of the work, as you brethren all know, is as it should be, under the direction of our Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. French, Grand

Custodian, whose many years of service to this Grand Jurisdiction have eminently qualified him for this work. There is such an infinite amount of detail connected with this work all of which has to be done in a careful and considerate manner that it is surprising to know the vast amount of energy that must be expended in caring for the duties of his office. True it is, that under the present system all reports of examinations of schools and Certificates of Proficiency are sent to the Grand Master for his inspection and he forwards the results of the finding of the Grand Custodian to the lodges or to the individual brethren. That inestimable benefit accrues to the lodges, which, under the present plan take their examination under the Deputy Custodians goes without saying, and the matter of suggestion or recommendation on this, I am leaving to the report of our Most Worshipful Brother French, feeling that experiences of mine or even reactions received during the year do not qualify me to enter into any extended discussion or argument as to the best plan to pursue in the future. Just as a personal opinion I feel that there are so many other matters demanding the attention of the Grand Master, that if some arrangement could be made whereby the reports of examinations of Schools and of individual brethren for Certificates of Proficiency could be cared for without passing through the office of the Grand Master, it would be a more ideal procedure.

I am heartily in favor of these Schools of Instruction and if any recommendation were to be made it would be that every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction should be examined every year as to their proficiency. This for the reason that under our present plan of rotation in office from Junior Steward to Worshipful Master seldom do we find the same Master in charge of his lodge for more than one year. Individual certificates also, in my opinion, should be renewed each year, for the reason that ours is a work which if neglected or permitted to go without checking, readily allows minor changes to get into the minds of the brethren who perhaps a year ago had it practically letter perfect. However, as before stated, I am leaving this part of our work for any recommendations to come from one who is best qualified to make them.

OUR HOMES.

Perhaps one of the most satisfying subjects which comes under the observation of the Grand Master is the manner of conducting our Homes at Fremont and Plattsmouth. Would that every brother in this Grand Jurisdiction could fully realize the importance of these undertakings and the great benefit they are to those who of necessity or desire avail themselves of the opportunity of having in their declining days a real home and the younger members of the relatives of Masonic Brethren a home with all of the best surroundings and environment which it is possible to have. These Homes are the high lights of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction and the Infirmary is the crowning feature of all our charities. Provision has been made and I trust all the brethren assembled will journey with us and see the care of those whose physical condition has become so weakened that of their own strength they can not readily care for themselves. And those of us who are in the strength and prime of manhood should view the Infirmary to better understand the broad and bounteous provisions of True Masonic Charity.

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.

Shortly after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in 1925, a meeting was called at Fremont to transfer the management of the Childrens Homes, from the Committee that had been managing them, to the new Joint Committee, six of whom were appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and six of whom were appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska. The meeting was attended by the newly appointed Board of Managers, Mrs. Cassie H. Redfield, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother James C. Robinson, Worthy Grand Patron and Miss Rose M. Owens, Grand Secretary, Order of the Eastern Star, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, several sisters and brothers who were interested in the management of the Homes, and myself. The Joint Committee proceeded to organize and elected the following officers: Brother Oliver E. Mickey, President; Brother Millard M. Robertson, Vice-President; Mrs. Harriett E. Willetts, Vice-President and Miss Pearl E. Albertson, Secretary-Treasurer. Representing the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, Brothers Charles E. Burnham, Frank C. Patton, Benjamin F. Pitman, Millard M. Robertson, Edwin C. Yont, Oliver E. Mickey. Representing the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Sisters Hattie M. Scott, Pearl E. Albertson, Lou A. Conklin, Harriett E. Willetts, Carrie M. Spellman, and Ethel Thorpe.

The utmost harmony prevailed and the welfare of the Home seemed to be the first consideration of everyone present. Subsequent developments have proven the wisdom of this change in the management of the Homes. The three Homes are being managed in a very economical and business like manner, and I believe that this was a move in the right direction.

According to the direction of this Grand Lodge, I deeded to the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, our 36 acres as joint tenants; they in turn conveying to the Grand Lodge, by deed, their 20 acres, so that the entire 56 acres at Fremont, is now held in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Nebraska, as joint tenants. A bill of sale was also given to the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Nebraska; they in turn giving the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, a bill of sale for all personal property, so that all personal property now used for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont is owned jointly by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Nebraska.

REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED AND APPOINTED.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near other Jurisdictions have been appointed as follows:

Brother Edward Vreeland, near the Grand Lodge of New York, commissioned June 18th, 1925.

Brother Herbert A. Denny, near the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, commissioned September 10th, 1925.

Brother B. Frank Thomas, near the Grand Lodge of Ohio, commissioned September 30th, 1925.

Brother James A. Richan, near the Grand Lodge of Maine, commissioned November 25th, 1925.

Brother Earl T. Pyle, near the Grand Lodge of Kansas, commissioned December 15th, 1925.

Brother William Grant Hay, near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, commissioned January 6th, 1926.

Brother John James, near the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, commissioned May 13th, 1926.

Brother John Ferguson, near the United Grand Lodge of England, commissioned May 20th, 1926.

I recommended the following brethren as representatives of other jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Brother Edgar F. Snively, representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, commissioned August 21st, 1925.

Brother David C. Spangler, representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, commissioned December 7th, 1925.

Brother Charles A. Eyre, representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, commissioned November 18th, 1925.

Brother Frank Wilcox, representative of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, commissioned August 25th, 1925.

PETITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

Petitions for reinstatement for brethren who have been suspended for non-payment of dues for over three years have been acted upon to about the number of thirty.

The assistance of the Committee on Reinstatements has been very much appreciated and in practically all cases their recommendations have been followed.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

During the past year numerous requests to have degrees conferred by other Jurisdictions have been acted upon, requests made for work to be done and in the great majority of cases excepting where all three degrees have been requested in some Jurisdictions which do not perform these services, have been granted. I feel that this Jurisdiction should take some action whereby we refuse to request any Jurisdiction to confer all three degrees for us. It appears to me that candidates who wait until such time as they are about to leave the Jurisdiction before petitioning for the degrees should establish a Masonic residence in some other state and petition for their degrees there, or petition our lodges far enough in advance to be elected and receive at least the first degree.

EXTENDING THE TIME FOR PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS.

Very few requests have come to this office requesting extension of time for proficiency examination as required by Section 66 of the law and not having other information I take it that the lodges are in the main part complying with this section of our law.

DISCIPLINE.

On July 11, 1925, information came from the Worshipful Master of Highland Lodge No. 194, A. F. & A. M., of Cortland, Nebraska, that a brother of the above named lodge had plead guilty and paid the fine for violation of the eighteenth amendment, whereupon I ordered trial. The date was set for August 5, 1925, the brother was found guilty, and a sentence of indefinite suspension was imposed. Feeling that this was sufficient, sentence of the lodge was permitted to stand.

On March 31, 1926, information came to this office of a brother Master Mason of Purity Lodge No. 198, A. F. & A. M., having received sentence in the County Court for the crime of adultery. On which, order for his trial by the lodge was ordered, and on April 23, 1926, the brother was expelled.

Information came to this office from F. Coddington, Secretary of Amicable Lodge No. 289, A. F. & A. M., of Smithland, Iowa, of the un-masonic conduct of a Master Mason member of Juniata Lodge No. 42, whereupon trial was ordered and the brother was by the brethren present declared not guilty. This case is in my mind of sufficient importance to merit the passing of it on to the incoming Grand Master for final disposition.

Charity Lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M., Red Cloud, Nebraska, had a case wherein a brother Master Mason was arrested by federal officers and served a sentence for violation of the drug and narcotic act. This case was continued from Most Worshipful Brother Robert R. Dickson's administration. Trial was ordered and at the time it was held the brother with his attorney put in his appearance. A continuance was secured at that meeting, evidence having been submitted both to the lodge and to the Grand Master showing that somewhat unethical measures had been used in his being trapped and convicted and error in his plea of guilty. Retrial was ordered, these facts were substantiated, the brother having absolutely discontinued the use of narcotics, associated himself with the church and attempting to lead the right kind of a life and on this showing the lodge suspended sentence. This information was conveyed to this office and in view of all the facts and circumstances surrounding the case I made no further order. Any brother desiring to question judgment of the lodge and the Grand Master in this case are privileged to see the files. This is one instance in which I felt that a greater injustice would be done the brother by appealing his case to this Grand Body.

Another case which has come to the attention of this office is that of a Brother Master Mason of Landmark Lodge No. 222, A. F. & A. M., of Herman, Nebraska. Charges of un-masonic conduct were filed by Akron Lodge No. 74, A. F. & A. M., of Akron, Colorado, and forwarded to Landmark Lodge No. 222, they writing this office to find out whether it would be better to have the brother tried in Colorado or in his own lodge. On April 2, 1926, I issued order that Landmark Lodge No. 222, receive these charges and specifications as attested and sworn to and proceed to try the brother. To date no report has been made, insufficient time having elapsed. In all probability this will, of necessity, have to be completed during the coming year.

INFIRMARY.

On August 7, 1925, agreeable to action taken by the Board of Trustees at their meeting held in Omaha on August 5, 1925, I approved the rules and regu-

lations adopted by said Board in conformity with resolution found on page 356, proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1923. On August 7, 1925, I accepted an invitation from the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home to dedicate the Infirmary at Plattsmouth and set the date for September 5, 1925 at the hour of 3:30 P. M. On the day and at the hour appointed an occasional communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form with practically all the Grand Lodge officers in their stations and places. In the presence of one of the largest congregations of Masons and Masonic organizations which it has been my pleasure to witness congregated together at the same time, the impressive ceremony of dedication to the service of Masonry and humanity in this Grand Jurisdiction was performed.

Most Worshipful Brother Henry H. Wilson, as orator delivered a most instructive and inspiring address on the great place in Masonry which this institution is destined to fill and the great benefit to be derived from this expression of truly Masonic charity. This will be an occasion long remembered in the history of Masonic charitable institutions in this Jurisdiction. Many were the words of compliment for those who had been instrumental in its founding and building, in furnishing and equipping the commodious quarters and providing modern facilities for the satisfaction of every physical need. The inspiration received by those privileged to attend which as before stated represented practically every Masonic organization in the state, will go far towards placing information at hand in every organization interested in this great work and any funds or contributions needed for the same will the more readily be available on account of the services performed on this day.

That we are proud of our Homes at Fremont and the Home for the aged at Plattsmouth goes without saying but the work laid out by the Infirmary is one which will have an even more far reaching effect for good than any other line of endeavor Masons have attempted in this Jurisdiction. It has been my pleasure to receive favorable comment regarding this Infirmary from many who have visited there and have viewed with admiration the great possibilities of the same.

DECISIONS.

Numerous inquiries addressed to this office have been answered, but none which I can consider as being strictly termed a decision. In answering these inquiries the consulting of the law generally determined what the nature of the answer should be and while many of them might border on a decision I more frequently used the policy of recommending certain action and quoting the section of the law in which the same could be found. If any brother in the Jurisdiction has any difference of opinion relative to any of these recommendations, as such, they are at liberty to present same to this body or to the incoming Grand Master for his interpretation.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1.

Numerous recommendations relative to proposed and suggested amendments to the law might well be made but I feel that since there are numerous additions, amendments and sub-amendments already to the law that the most practical and beneficial recommendation I can make at this time is that the

incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to recodify the law and submit their findings to the Grand Lodge at the next annual communication for approval.

In view of the numerous requests for interpretation and the seeming inability of the brethren in the jurisdiction to locate the particular section or paragraph of the law which applies to the case they have in hand I believe that to recodify at this time is the best solution of practically ninety-five per cent of all difficulties and misunderstandings relative to the interpretation of our law as it is at present.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2.

Examination as to proficiency of every subordinate lodge each year, also re-examination of individual certified brethren.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3.

My experience relative to Masonic Trials conducted by subordinate lodges against offending brethren has fully convinced me that the establishment of a trial commission as used by many other Grand Jurisdictions would meet with a favorable reception both by the subordinate lodges and by the brethren against whom charges have been preferred, for the reason that in many of our lodges the brethren are so intimately and closely associated with the offending party in social and business relationships that to vote to deprive him of his Masonic affiliation comes as a rather arduous task and enmities and disagreeable relationships among the brethren are frequently caused by the taking of sides for or against the accused brother. Also the accused on some occasions feels that he has been done an injustice in that for the reason that he was not what is known as a popular and a good fellow, envy and malice enter into the sentiment against him and he feels that he has been what is commonly known as "rail-roaded" out of his lodge. Therefore, I recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to draft suitable procedure and submit for approval or rejection at our next annual communication.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4.

On account of numerous embarrassments caused to brethren taking demits from their lodges and placing them in other lodges being deprived for a time of their Masonic affiliation there being a space of from thirty to sixty days in which the brother is not a member of a lodge and because also in many instances a brother receives a demit and carries it around for a number of years before presenting it, it is my opinion that demits should not be granted but a certificate of good standing should be issued to the Brother desiring to petition for affiliation in another lodge and on his election the demit from his lodge then be granted, issued through the office of the Grand Secretary.

The benefit attached to this procedure as used in many other jurisdictions is so evident that further discussion will not here be made but I recommend that our procedure be amended to comply with the above method.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5.

It has long been a contention of the brethren of this Jurisdiction that the present form of receipt for dues is unwieldy and not at all convenient or durable,

becoming easily lost or mutilated. Therefore, I recommend a card form of receipts consecutively numbered, containing all of the information contained in our present receipt as being more satisfactory.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6.

I recommend the enlisting of the services of the Masonic Service Association to assist in outlining and preparing a comprehensive educational program in connection with our own committee on the same either by paying for a part of their work which we can use or again entering into membership with the above named association.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7.

On account of the geographical location and the numerous requests for waivers of Jurisdiction by and between the lodges at Waterloo, Ashland, Wahoo and Valley, I would recommend that these lodges be given concurrent jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8.

It having been my privilege to be the Secretary of a subordinate lodge for a number of years and from the fact that the Secretary is one of the most permanent officers of the lodge, is frequently called upon for information and advice, and is generally the mainstay of the Worshipful Master, I believe that great benefit would be derived if this Grand Lodge made provision for securing the attendance at all Grand Lodge communications of all of the Secretaries of our subordinate lodges, and to that end would recommend that some action be taken to provide the payment of mileage and per diem for their attendance at these communications and that an association of Secretaries be formed as in many Jurisdictions. The benefits attached to this are evident enough to make it unnecessary to go into further detail at this time.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9.

I recommend that all dues for the current year become delinquent on July 1.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10.

In view of the fact that lodges usually work to better advantage and more harmoniously where they are housed in their own buildings, especially if they are in the greater part paid for, I think it would be well if this Grand Lodge could formulate some plan whereby the smaller and less financially able lodges could be financed in such a way as to make it possible for them to own their own homes.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 11.

That a suitable jewel of office be purchased for the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, and Grand Junior Warden, at a cost not to exceed \$60.00 each.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion it is unnecessary to remind you that the past year's experience which has been most pleasant and profitable, has served to remind me that there are numerous other recommendations which might well be given but which perhaps will serve to no good purpose for the reason that as stated in

the very beginning of this address, the foundation has been well laid and the superstructure erected thereon is even in its present form and condition most creditable. The great spirit of Masonry seems to have touched the hearts of men who have become associated with us and there is apparently at the present time a sincere desire of the great majority of the brethren to comply with the moral and the civil code and a great respect for constituted authority.

Early in the year there were quite a number of lodges wherein it seemed to be that considerable discord was prevalent mostly on account of their inability to receive favorable action on the petitions of candidates for the degrees of Masonry. After analyzing the situation and entering into personal conversation with many of the brethren of some of these lodges, I became convinced that the principal trouble was that in many instances matters of a personal nature were being taken into the lodge room, the brethren having apparently forgotten for the time being that these things have no part in Masonry. Also that business and actions taken in the lodge room were on the same night or on the following day being broadcasted to brethren who had not been in attendance and in some cases to those who were not even Masons.

My action in the above may not have been all that could have been done, however, it appears from reports I have received on the same lodges that much better conditions prevail. The recommendation I made to practically all of the lodges in this condition was that their first interest is to those who are Masons. Undue interest in the election or rejection of candidates only serves to incite greater activity on the part of any brother who is not living up to his obligation. I urged them to harmonize their differences rather than to accentuate the matters which were causing the trouble, for it is supposed that when a rejection or an objection is filed, the brother has a good and sufficient reason and to try by force or otherwise to extort the same is contrary to our law. I am firmly convinced that the unanimous ballot and the right of objection should never be changed. It is the one thing that has through the years past been the cause of the continued confidence of the brethren in one another and to change it would be to weaken the organization.

You will note by the returns that our membership has probably received a little less growth during the past year than it has for a few years, but this is not a bad sign for the reason that following the recommendation of our Most Worshipful Brother Robert R. Dickson, all secretaries have been notified to collect all delinquent dues, remitting those who through force of circumstance or for any valid reason could not pay their dues but suspending those who could pay and failed to do so. This order alone in some of the lodges caused a loss in membership of as high as seventy but there is satisfaction in knowing that it is now principally a paid membership and if the secretaries and Worshipful Masters will follow up the procedure that has been in force the last two years the Grand Lodge report will show a minimum of outstanding dues.

That there is the greatest harmony prevailing in the Jurisdiction can be certified by the fact that to my knowledge at this communication there is nothing before the Grievance Committee. We are most fortunate in this because while in settling disputes as between lodges and the Grand Lodge or as between lodges and brethren, action taken by this Grand Lodge is final,

yet there is always that question to be argued which of necessity leaves some dissatisfaction, therefore, I feel that this Grand Jurisdiction can feel very much complimented.

Finally, my brethren, let us all see to it that we continue to practice by precept and example, the great tenets of our Masonic profession, let us resolve here and now as never before to stand to and abide by, to help, aid and assist every worthy cause, let us resolve that no aim is too lofty but that by the practicing of these virtues we may attain to our highest ideals, let us be known as God fearing and God serving men, loyal and obedient to the laws of the land in which we live and true and faithful to our better selves.

May our deliberations here be in accordance with the foregoing spirit and may we in practice emulate the great example of those who laid the firm foundation of this our Order and the land in which we live.

JOHN WRIGHT,
Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

I submit herewith my annual report as Grand Secretary:

Before presenting the details of the office, I desire to mention the very fraternal relations that have existed between the Grand Master and other Grand Officers, and this office, during the year. In addition to this, I would be very remiss indeed if I did not voice my appreciation of the hearty co-operation which I have received from the Secretaries of all the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. It has been my endeavor to assist the brethren in every way that I could, and make this office the real Masonic center of Nebraska.

VOTES ON AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

On the proposed Amendment to Article II of the Constitution there have been 136 votes received at this office in favor of the Amendment; 106 lodges voting against it, and 47 lodges not voting. A majority of the lodges not having voted in favor of the Amendment, the matter cannot be passed upon by the Grand Lodge.

GRIEVANCES.

There have been no matters appealed to the Grand Lodge up to the time of writing this report. One application for restoration has been received and referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances for the consideration of the Committee.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Applications for charters, with reports, statement of work, records, and other papers, have been received from Grand Island Lodge U. D. S., and Bladen Lodge, U. D. S., and have been referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations for their consideration.

CHARTERS FOR LODGES.

Immediately following the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in 1925, temporary charters were prepared for Palmer Lodge No. 315, Alpha Lodge No. 316, and Mid-West Lodge No. 317. As soon as these Lodges had been constituted, parchment charters and three bond paper copies of each, were prepared, and delivered to the proper officers of each Lodge.

DEGREES CONFERRED BY THE LODGES.

While there have been fewer degrees conferred this year than for several years previously, the lodges seem to be in a very healthy condition. Every lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction, with the exception of twenty-three, initiated one or more candidates. Only eight lodges failed to confer any one of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

VISITATIONS.

During the year it was my privilege to accompany M. W. John Wright, Grand Master, to the sixteenth biennial meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, held in Chicago, September 8th and 9th, 1925, and the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, October 28th, 1925.

Being in Denver on private business, at the time of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, September 15th, 1925, I was privileged to attend one day of the session.

On all of the occasions named, I was royally entertained by the brethren.

Owing to other engagements, and pressure of work in the office, I was able to attend only a part of our Grand Lodge functions this year. Was present at the constituting of Alpha Lodge No. 316, South Sioux City, Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings, and the laying of corner-stones at Franklin, Rising City, and the new Masonic Temple of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha. In addition to the above, I was present on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo.

SURETY BONDS FOR TREASURERS AND SECRETARIES OF LODGES.

Two hundred and eighteen lodges have been bonded under a blanket bond, in an amount of \$252,300.00. By reason of writing over \$100,000.00 in bonds, a rate of 20 cents per hundred was procured. Twenty-six lodges were excused by the Grand Master from bonding their officers this year, for the reason that they already had surety bonds in force when the law was enacted by the Grand Lodge, and it would cause the lodges a material loss to cancel and have new bonds written. Forty-five lodges have not applied for bonds and therefore are not bonded.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Debit.

Amount on hand May 20th, 1925.....	\$ 31,623.58
Interest on daily balances.....	603.44
Affiliation fee, Palmer Lodge, U. D.	10.00
Special Dispensations.....	220.00
Charter for Mid-West Lodge No. 317.....	75.00

Dues from suspended member, Jasper Lodge No. 122, ext.	14.00
U. S. Government bonds, (General Fund) sold.....	12,156.95
Profit on U. S. Government bonds sold.....	14.65
Interest on Government bonds, General Fund.....	499.25
Gift to Annuities & Gifts Acct., W. Brother David C. Hilton....	2,500.00
Interest War Relief Fund.....	637.51
Fee for Dispensation, Bladen Lodge, U. D.....	25.00
Supplies sold to Grand Commandery.....	10.70
Rebate premium, surety bond of Grand Secretary.....	5.00
Dues on 40,287 members, (less 17 U. D. and 27 exempt) net number collected on 40,243 at \$2.00 each.....	80,486.00
Fees on 1,675 initiations at \$5.00 each.....	8,375.00
Fees on 1,671 initiations at \$5.00 each, Building & Improvement Fund.....	8,355.00
Fees on 2 old initiations at \$10.00 each, Building & Improvement Fund.....	20.00
Fees on 49 affiliations.....	490.00
Supplies sold to lodges.....	2,062.39
Surety bonds for Treasurers and Secretaries of subordinate lodges, \$252,300.00 at 20 cents per hundred.....	504.60
Penalties assessed in 1925.....	59.20
Over-payments received from 8 lodges when making returns, later returned to the lodges.....	46.50
Charter fee, Grand Island Lodge, U. D.....	75.00
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GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Credit.

Paid for surety bonds for Treasurers and Secretaries of lodges...\$	504.60
Robert E. French.....	1,800.00
Francis E. White.....	1,236.65
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	2,091.00
Grand Master's expense.....	1,550.00
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	600.00
Grand Master's expense, for Grand Lodge Officers attending Grand Lodge functions.....	370.00
Promulgation of the Work.....	932.00
Postage.....	454.49
Blanks.....	292.88
Stationery.....	175.17
Janitor.....	50.00
Incidental expenses.....	167.86
Telephone.....	69.60
Grand Custodian's expense.....	300.00
Grand Chaplain's expense.....	75.00
Lewis E. Smith.....	2,400.00
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, maintenance.....	13,000.00
Clerk hire for Francis E. White.....	336.65

Stenographer and expense, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	1,500.00
Expense, Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts.....	6.00
Expense, Committee on Masonic Education.....	1,500.00
First payment, annuity Brother David C. Hilton.....	32.23
Supplies for sale to lodges.....	1,686.81
Per capita tax, The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	30,182.25
Francis E. White, Secretary Home Board, interest War Relief bonds.....	637.51
Palmer Lodge No. 315, affiliation fee not payable, returned.....	10.00
Anselmo Lodge No. 258, special dispensation fee returned, order of Grand Lodge.....	10.00
Bassett Lodge No. 254, special dispensation fee returned, order of Grand Lodge.....	10.00
Delta Lodge No. 230, initiation fee returned, order of Grand Lodge.....	5.00
Furniture and fixtures, adding machine and stand.....	208.25
Furniture and fixtures, typewriter.....	86.00
Furniture and fixtures, desk and chair.....	32.50
Building and Improvement Fund, transferred to separate account.....	333.97
Build. & Imp. Fund, per capita and fees, separate acct.....	28,986.50
General Relief.....	6,799.75
Real estate mortgage purchased for Annuities and Gifts account...	2,500.00
Pay-roll, 1925 session.....	4,877.02
Grand Tyler, 1925 session.....	15.00
Grand Organist, 1925 session.....	10.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	200.00
Masonic Relief Association of Omaha.....	300.00
Auditing accounts of the Grand Lodge, 1925.....	25.00
Reporting and transcribing Grand Lodge record, 1925.....	65.65
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	25.00
Steel engraving Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master, proceedings, 1925.....	94.20
Lewis E. Smith, expenses attending meeting of Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada.....	57.36
Lewis E. Smith, expenses attending Grand Lodge of Missouri.....	17.02
Floral piece, funeral of Past Grand Master Evans.....	20.40
Floral piece, funeral of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt.....	20.00
Floral piece, funeral of Mrs. Minnie Crites.....	5.00
Repairing furniture and cleaning rug in Grand Master's office....	33.00
Premium on fire insurance for 3 years, on furniture, fixtures and supplies.....	80.75
Rent of Grand Lodge office to March 31st, 1926.....	1,000.00
Parchment sheets for charters.....	12.98
Printing charter for Palmer Lodge No. 315.....	17.50
Printing charter for Alpha Lodge No. 316.....	22.50
Printing charter for Mid-West Lodge No. 317.....	23.50
Printing Proceedings and reports of Grand Officers, and advance copies, 1925.....	1,482.10

Surety bond for excess funds Norfolk National Bank.	43.75
300 copies, Lists of Regular Lodges, and mailing.	114.82
Northern Light Lodge No. 41, return over-paid in making returns	4.00
Harvard Lodge No. 44, return over-paid in making returns.	2.00
Western Lodge No. 140, return over-paid in making returns.	10.00
Siloam Lodge No. 147, return over-paid in making returns.	2.00
Amethyst Lodge No. 190, return over-paid in making returns.	2.00
Litchfield Lodge No. 278, return over-paid in making returns.	2.00
Wallace Lodge No. 279, return over-paid in making returns.	4.50
Alpha Lodge No. 316, return over-paid in making returns.	20.00
Balance, cash on hand.	39,327.05
Total.	<u>\$148,868.77</u>

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

May 20, 1925, Balance on hand.	\$ 35,932.76
Interest on Government bonds.	1,530.00
Interest on daily balances.	20.27
Grand Lodge per capita, 40,243 members, net, at 50c.	20,121.50
Grand Lodge, 1,671 initiations at \$5.00.	8,355.00
Grand Lodge, 49 affiliations at \$10.00.	490.00
Grand Lodge, two former initiations at \$10.00.	20.00
Government bonds, (\$36,000.00 par value) cost.	\$ 35,598.79
Cash on hand.	30,870.74
	<u>\$ 66,469.53</u> \$ 66,469.53

INVENTORY.

Government bonds, (\$36,000.00 par value) cost.	\$ 35,598.79
Cash, Norfolk National Bank.	30,870.74
Total.	<u>\$ 66,469.53</u>

TRIAL BALANCE, MAY 20, 1926.

Government bonds, (36,000.00 par value) cost.	\$ 35,598.79
Cash, Norfolk National Bank.	30,870.74

Inventory. \$ 66,469.53 \$ 66,469.53

Immediately following the Grand Lodge communication in 1925, the Committee appointed to turn over to me the securities of the Grand Lodge delivered \$36,000.00, par value, un-registered Government bonds, as listed on pages 741 and 742, Proceedings of 1925, belonging to the Building & Improvement Fund. At my suggestion, the Grand Master directed that these bonds be registered. On July 30th, 1925, registered bonds were received, par value of \$36,000.00, as listed below:

No. 280613—4¼% Gold Bond of 1928, (3rd).	\$ 1,000.00
No. 24669—4¼% Gold Bond of 1927-42, (2nd).	5,000.00
No. 41063—4¼% Gold Bond of 1933-38, (4th).	10,000.00
No. 41064—4¼% Gold Bond of 1933-38, (4th).	10,000.00
No. 41065—4¼% Gold Bond of 1933-38, (4th).	10,000.00
Cost—\$35,598.79	<u>\$ 36,000.00</u>

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand May 20, 1925.....		\$ 6,799.75
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	\$ 6,799.75	
May 20, 1926, 10% on dues March 31, 1925, 40,243 members net, at \$1.50 each.....		6,036.45
May 20, 1926, 10% on fees March 31st, 1926, 1,675 initiations at \$5.00 each.....		837.50
May 20, 1926, Balance on hand.....	6,873.95	
	<u>\$ 13,673.70</u>	<u>\$ 13,673.70</u>

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

To balance on hand May 20, 1925.....	\$ 988.65	
Amount purchased during the year.....	1,686.81	
Sold to Grand Commandery, K. T.....		10.77
Sold to Lodges, year ending March 1, 1926.....		2,062.30
To balance on hand May 20, 1926.....		602.39
	<u>\$ 2,675.46</u>	<u>\$ 2,675.46</u>

TRIAL BALANCE GRAND LODGE GENERAL LEDGER.

May 20th, 1926.

Inventory.....		\$326,643.41
Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$151,600.00	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,830.57	
U. S. Government bonds.....	10,000.00	
Supplies.....	602.37	
Cash.....	39,327.05	
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00	
Stock in the Nebraska Eastern Star Home.....	1,000.00	
Monell library.....	2,281.04	
Grand Lodge library.....	1,553.68	
George W. Lininger collection.....	89.65	
Childrens Homes at Fremont.....	122,000.00	
Masonic Service Annuities & Gifts.....		2,500.00
Masonic Service Annuities & Gifts mortgage.....	2,500.00	
General Relief.....		6,873.95
	<u>\$336,017.36</u>	<u>\$336,017.36</u>

INVENTORY.

Assets.

Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$151,600.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,830.57
U. S. Government bonds.....	10,000.00
Supplies.....	602.37
Cash.....	39,327.05
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00
Stock in the Nebraska Eastern Star Home.....	1,000.00
Monell library.....	2,281.04
Grand Lodge library.....	1,553.68

George W. Lininger collection	89.65	
Childrens Homes at Fremont	122,000.00	
Masonic Service Annuities & Gifts, mortgage	2,500.00	336,017.36

Liabilities.

Masonic Service Annuities & Gifts	\$ 2,500.00	
General Relief	6,873.95	\$ 9,373.95

Net assets as shown by ledger \$326,643.41

During the year \$13,000.00 was paid out of the general fund for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Formerly, all money sent to Fremont for maintenance or buildings, has been charged against the Home and carried on the ledger as an asset. Believing that only the real assets of the Grand Lodge should be carried as such, I have charged this item of \$13,000.00 to profit and loss, making an apparent decrease in the assets of the Grand Lodge, of \$4,253.24. If this item had been carried as an asset, as heretofore, the apparent increase would have been \$8,746.76. For the purpose of book-keeping, and having a permanent record of all items, the ledger shows net assets of \$326,643.41. As a matter of fact, the liquid assets of the Grand Lodge are as follows:

Cash	\$ 39,327.05
Liberty bonds	10,000.00
Real estate mortgage, Masonic Service, Annuities & Gifts	2,500.00
Supplies for sale to lodges	602.37
Furniture and fixtures	4,830.57

Total \$ 57,259.79

From this amount should be deducted a reasonable depreciation on the furniture and fixtures, which would give the real net assets of the Grand Lodge.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

During the year the Infirmary at the Nebraska Masonic Home has been completed. This is a step forward in Masonic charity in our Grand Jurisdiction. We are now able to take care of many of our brethren or members of their families, whom heretofore we were unable to accommodate. It is not necessary to go into detail as to the care of those of our brethren who are residing with us at Plattsmouth. Everything possible has been done by the Board of Trustees for the care and comfort of our residents, and the Superintendent of the Home, the Matron, and employees, vie with each other in their efforts to contribute to the welfare and happiness of all who are at the Home and the Infirmary.

A pamphlet has been mailed to all Lodges, Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Councils of Royal and Select Masters, Commanderies of Knights Templar, Scottish Rite Bodies, and Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, in this Grand Jurisdiction, which fully outlines the money received and expended, the number of residents received during the year, and every detail in which the brethren are interested; therefore I think it unnecessary to encumber this report with this information.

It is impossible to compare the cost with years gone by, as the Infirmary has doubled our capacity for taking care of our brethren. There is the same number of annuitants as last year.

The Childrens Homes at Fremont are very much over-crowded, and there is a waiting list, so that it is not at all improbable that the Committee will ask the Grand Lodge to appropriate from the Building & Improvement Fund an amount sufficient to build at least one new cottage in the very near future.

ENDOWMENTS, BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS OF \$100.00
OR MORE.

September 2, 1910, Samuel Johnson, Canopy Lodge No. 209.....	\$ 1,000.00
January 24, 1911, Miss Laura MacColl, for her brother.....	1,000.00
April, 1912, Henry E. Palmer, Covert Lodge No. 11.....	500.00
September 27, 1912, Thomas Wilkinson, Washington Lodge No. 21.	1,000.00
February 27, 1913, Frank G. Recknor, Atkinson Lodge No. 164....	250.00
February 10, 1915, Edwin J. Carter, Temple Lodge No. 175.....	2,700.00
September 16, 1916, Past Grand Master William E. Hill, Western Star Lodge No. 2.....	1,000.00
December 5, 1917, Liberty Class, Hastings Consistory, A. A. S. R., Hastings (Liberty bond).....	100.00
December 5, 1917, Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 (Liberty bond).....	100.00
May 1, 1918, Orin A. H. Bruce, Creighton Lodge No. 100.....	270.00
March 7, 1919, George Tilden, Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	500.00
May 5, 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Houghton, Hampton Lodge No. 245.....	100.00
June 6, 1921, Northern Light Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., Stanton.....	300.00
1922, Mrs. Matilda J. Kolls, wife of member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33.	100.00
July 27, 1923, Past Grand Master Henry Gibbons, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46.....	1,000.00
March 18, 1924, James R. Lochry, Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	1,000.00
April 24, 1924, Past Grand Commander Thomas G. Rees, McCook Lodge No. 135.....	1,178.03
April 12, 1925, George Willing, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148....	500.00
February 13, 1926, Past Grand Commander Lewis M. Keene, mem- ber of Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M.....	5,000.00
Total.....	\$17,598.03

STOCK ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

Millard M. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha.....	1 share
John Bauer, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth.....	1 share
Hartington Lodge No. 155, Hartington.....	1 share
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte.....	1 share
Wilbur W. and Eva D. Day, Lincoln.....	1 share
The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.....	1,000 shares
The Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska.....	3 shares
The Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska.....	75 shares
The Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska.....	100 shares

Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings.....	1 share
The Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska.....	12 shares
Total.....	1,196 shares

The 1,000 shares issued to the Grand Lodge, the 87 shares issued to the Grand Chapter, and the 100 shares issued to the Grand Commandery, were for the amounts pledged and paid to help build the Infirmary. Part of the stock issued during the year had been paid for previously.

RETURNS.

Returns from all lodges have been received, the cards have been made, the changes entered, and all have been checked and counted.

Lodges Nos. 98, 219, and 315 report carrying no insurance. All other lodges report carrying insurance on buildings, if owned, or personal property.

The following lodges do not report whether they have any delinquent dues or not: Nos. 32, 81, 157, 158, 165, 172, 226, 229, 278, 279, and 310.

The following lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 10, 11, 33, 39, 44, 49, 50, 56, 58, 62, 64, 82, 95, 100, 104, 106, 119, 126, 128, 158, 168, 174, 180, 182, 188, 194, 217, 253, 275, 295, 304, 305, 306, 307 and 317, a total of thirty-five, ten more than last year. Of these thirty-five, the following had no delinquent dues for 1925: Nos. 11, 33, 39, 58, 82, 95, 100, 106, 119, 180, 188, 217, 253, 275, 304, 305 and 307.

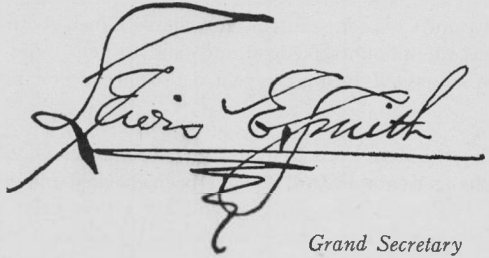
The number of delinquent members is reported to be 3,314 as compared to 3,429 for the previous year. The amount delinquent is \$27,943.94 as compared with \$29,012.99, for 1925, \$25,153.22 for 1924, \$20,565.17 for 1923, and \$16,730.01 for 1922.

The average for each delinquent this year is \$8.43 which is three cents less than for 1925.

The following lodges report no suspended members on hand: Nos. 241, 245, 264, 272, 275, 276, 295, 306, 307, 308, 312, 313, 315, 316, and 317.

Number of chartered lodges.....	289
Number of lodges under dispensation.....	2
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Number initiated during the year.....	1,675
Number passed during the year.....	1,602
Number raised during the year.....	1,641
Number affiliated during the year.....	408
Number reinstated during the year.....	140
Number gained by other causes.....	133
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Total gross increase.....	2,322
Number demitted during the year.....	597
Number deceased during the year.....	459
Number suspended during the year.....	609
Number expelled during the year.....	6
Number lost by other causes.....	1
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Total loss.....	1,672

Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1926.....	650
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1925.....	40,287
Number of Master Masons on the rolls March 31st, 1926.....	40,937



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lewis Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line. Below the line, there is a small, stylized flourish or mark.

Grand Secretary

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31st, 1926.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926	No. of Lodge	
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		GAIN				Total	LOSS						
			No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926	No. April 1, 1925	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission		By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
																				Total Loss
Nebraska.....	1	33	77	32	21	18	117	1459	34	20	10	10	1523	15	13	18	46	1477	1	
Western Star.....	2	7	31	5	11	8	49	273	9	2	2	2	286	1	2	8	11	275	2	
Capitol.....	3	22	66	24	22	17	175	1111	25	4	5	5	1145	9	8	17	35	1110	3	
Nemaha Valley...	4	1	9	1	3	3	27	61	1	1	1	1	62	2	3	3	5	57	4	
Omadi.....	5	2	21	2	6	9	38	121	4	1	1	1	127	4	3	9	16	111	5	
Plattsmouth.....	6	14	29	17	6	28	204	16	2	2	2	2	222	1	2	2	3	219	6	
Falls City.....	9	8	38	6	11	13	55	291	9	3	1	1	304	3	3	13	19	285	9	
Solomon.....	10	17	8	18	11	1	3	46	8	8	8	8	54	1	1	1	2	52	10	
Covert.....	11	33	86	31	32	11	179	1320	34	11	2	2	1367	10	16	11	37	1330	11	
Orient.....	13	1	4	2	1	1	7	66	2	2	2	2	68	1	1	1	2	66	13	
Peru.....	14	7	7	7	3	16	102	102	7	1	1	1	110	4	2	2	6	104	14	
Fremont.....	15	18	16	14	2	6	27	547	14	6	6	6	567	5	7	6	18	549	15	
Tecumseh.....	17	7	27	2	5	31	151	151	3	2	2	2	156	3	3	3	6	150	17	
Lincoln.....	19	33	77	33	23	74	202	1232	30	4	7	7	1273	26	11	74	111	1162	19	
Washington.....	21	6	5	5	6	2	18	135	3	3	3	3	138	3	3	2	8	130	21	
Pawnee.....	23	18	11	18	4	1	25	123	18	3	1	1	145	4	1	1	6	139	23	
St. Johns.....	25	25	100	24	21	9	186	1312	27	5	2	2	1346	13	24	9	46	1300	25	
Beatrice.....	26	10	48	12	15	17	125	331	14	2	2	2	347	7	2	17	26	321	26	
Jordan.....	27	8	3	3	3	11	86	2	1	1	1	1	89	1	1	1	2	87	27	
Hope.....	29	10	4	4	4	21	41	41	1	1	1	1	43	1	1	1	1	42	29	
Blue River.....	30	7	5	7	3	13	98	98	5	1	1	1	105	1	1	1	1	104	30	
Tekamah.....	31	7	6	5	5	6	173	173	4	2	2	2	179	1	5	5	6	173	31	
Platte Valley.....	32	15	45	16	19	3	43	360	17	4	4	4	381	5	2	3	10	371	32	
Ashlar.....	33	38	53	33	20	3	59	704	34	3	2	2	743	8	5	3	16	727	33	
Acacia.....	34	3	13	4	5	25	122	122	5	5	5	5	127	5	1	1	6	121	34	
Fairbury.....	35	8	35	7	8	3	39	250	9	2	2	2	261	7	4	3	14	247	35	
Lone Tree.....	36	6	8	4	7	3	21	250	5	3	2	2	260	6	5	5	11	249	36	
Crete.....	37	11	13	15	7	26	179	179	13	1	1	1	194	5	3	3	8	186	37	
Oliver.....	38	12	20	12	4	32	175	175	15	2	2	2	192	1	2	2	3	189	38	
Papillion.....	39	3	14	3	2	18	97	97	5	1	1	1	103	2	2	2	2	101	39	
Humboldt.....	40	1	10	1	2	9	102	102	1	1	1	1	104	1	1	1	1	104	40	
Northern Light...	41	2	5	2	4	1	21	102	1	3	1	1	107	2	1	1	3	104	41	
Juniata.....	42	2	11	3	2	1	22	50	2	2	2	2	54	1	2	1	4	50	42	
Hebron.....	43	5	13	7	3	2	36	107	8	8	8	8	115	3	2	2	5	110	43	
Harvard.....	44	2	8	4	2	9	87	87	3	1	1	1	91	1	2	2	3	88	44	
Rob Morris.....	46	15	41	16	10	13	67	371	20	2	2	2	393	3	7	13	23	370	46	
Fairmont.....	48	2	13	3	2	30	87	87	2	2	2	2	89	2	2	2	89	89	48	
Evening Star.....	49	2	7	3	1	1	14	136	3	1	1	1	140	6	1	1	8	132	49	
Hastings.....	50	20	45	23	10	23	59	532	26	1	1	1	559	14	9	23	46	513	50	
Fidelity.....	51	8	16	9	3	29	168	168	9	9	9	9	177	1	4	4	5	172	51	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31ST, 1926.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. of Lodge				
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. on April 1, 1925	GAIN				LOSS						
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. on April 1, 1925	By Raising		By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death		By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Hiram	52	2	10	2	7	23	85	2	1	88	2	1	151	5	3	5	8	83	52			
Charity	53	4	19	2	8	32	147	2	2	151	2	2	999	14	8	46	68	143	53			
Lancaster	54	35	81	36	18	46	150	959	32	6	2	314	5	3	3	8	931	54				
Mosaic	55	8	30	11	3	3	45	295	16	2	1	356	4	7	1	8	306	55				
York	56	15	9	14	4	1	21	331	13	12	103	2	1	103	103	103	57	57				
Mt. Moriah	57	4	18	4	4	15	100	2	1	247	6	2	247	6	2	8	239	58				
Lebanon	58	10	22	9	7	23	238	7	2	19	3	242	2	1	3	239	59					
Wahoo	59	22	12	19	6	17	220	19	3	99	6	1	167	4	4	8	159	61				
Melrose	60	5	9	5	2	10	92	6	3	70	1	1	70	1	1	1	69	62				
Thistle	61	3	10	3	6	4	24	164	3	1	62	1	1	62	1	16	81	64				
Keystone	62	1	7	1	3	10	69	1	1	62	1	1	62	1	1	7	127	65				
Riverton	63	5	6	5	3	11	56	5	1	128	3	1	128	4	2	6	122	67				
Blue Valley	64	3	4	3	2	9	22	89	3	4	1	97	2	5	9	16	81	64				
Osceola	65	7	6	10	4	1	17	124	10	134	5	1	134	5	1	1	7	127	65			
Edgar	67	2	5	2	1	4	125	3	109	194	1	3	194	1	3	4	8	186	68			
Aurora	68	1	19	6	4	44	192	2	2	88	2	3	88	2	3	3	3	85	70			
Sterling	70	2	17	1	3	20	86	2	126	2	3	126	2	3	5	121	71					
Trowel	71	2	14	3	7	25	123	3	118	2	2	118	2	2	4	114	72					
Hooper	72	7	11	7	6	106	7	1	109	4	1	109	4	1	1	6	103	73				
Friend	73	2	6	3	1	10	109	109	63	4	1	63	1	1	1	1	62	74				
Alexandria	74	4	5	4	7	59	4	2	308	8	2	308	8	2	7	17	291	75				
Frank Welch	75	6	15	8	5	7	44	297	9	2	3	67	3	1	2	6	61	76				
Joppa	76	5	8	4	5	2	13	62	2	3	104	3	1	104	3	1	4	100	77			
Nelson	77	2	9	1	2	21	100	3	1	145	4	1	145	4	1	5	140	78				
Albion	78	7	12	12	6	17	132	11	2	201	2	1	201	2	1	3	198	79				
Geneva	79	11	14	10	10	24	196	4	1	70	1	3	70	1	3	1	69	81				
Composite	81	3	5	3	4	19	62	4	3	230	9	1	230	9	1	1	11	219	82			
St. Paul	82	12	13	16	3	1	31	208	19	3	71	4	13	71	4	4	4	67	83			
Corinthian	83	2	9	2	4	13	71	71	2	93	1	1	93	1	1	5	7	86	84			
Fairfield	84	2	14	3	2	5	29	91	2	55	1	2	55	1	2	3	52	85				
Tyre	85	3	16	1	1	21	51	3	1	50	1	1	50	1	1	4	5	45	86			
Doniphan	86	1	8	4	4	20	49	4	1	120	4	1	120	4	1	1	1	119	87			
Ionic	87	8	30	6	7	16	116	4	1	95	4	1	95	3	3	3	3	92	88			
Star	88	2	10	3	1	9	89	4	1	130	3	2	130	3	2	4	9	121	89			
Cedar River	89	5	11	3	2	4	30	125	3	2	55	1	2	55	1	2	3	52	90			
Elk Creek	90	7	8	5	2	13	50	4	1	136	2	2	136	2	2	4	4	132	91			
Oakland	91	3	6	6	3	4	130	6	1	32	3	3	32	3	3	3	3	29	92			
Hubbell	92	1	8	2	3	8	30	2	1	135	1	3	135	1	3	4	4	131	93			
Beaver City	93	2	8	5	6	31	132	2	1	79	2	2	79	2	2	4	8	71	94			
Bennett	94	1	7	1	1	4	20	75	2	1	1	79	2	2	4	8	71	94				

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Garfield	95	1	8	1	1	28	84	1					85	2	1				3	82	95
Utica	96	5	7	6	2	2	7	100	6				106	3	2				7	99	96
Euclid	97	3	9	3	1	14	104	3	2				109	1	2				3	106	97
Republican	98	5	10	3	5	3	10	71	2				73		1	3			4	69	98
Shelton	99	3	18	3	1		9	80	4				84	2					2	82	99
Creighton	100	5	17	5	6	8	32	102	4	1	4		111	2	2				12	99	100
Ponca	101	8	9	10	6	2	23	76	7	1			84	1	2				3	81	101
Waterloo	102	5	12	4	2	2	21	104	4	1	1		110	3		2			5	105	102
Ord	103	5	19	2	3	1	41	125	3	2			130	1		1			2	128	103
Wymore	104	4	9	8	5	5	42	179	12	3			194	5	1	5			11	183	104
Stella	105	4	10		1		9	74	1	2			77							77	105
Porter	106	3	7	3	1		10	75	6	1	1		83	2	1				3	80	106
Table Rock	108	2	1	2	5		12	79	1				80	5					5	75	108
Pomegranate	110	7	5	7	4		10	176	7	2			185		4				4	181	110
DeWitt	111	4	12	6	3		22	86	7				93	5	1				6	87	111
Springfield	112	2	19		3		20	107	3				110	1					1	109	112
Globe	113	2	8	5	5		10	79	3	1			83	4	2				6	77	113
Wisner	114	2	11	1	1		16	109	4	1			114	1	2				3	111	114
Harlan	116	1	9		5		15	95					95	2	3				5	90	116
Hardy	117	2	6	2			8	62	2	1			65	1	1				2	63	117
Doric	118	1	8		1		9	51					51	1	2				3	48	118
North Bend	119	4	4	4	3		9	117	3				120	2	2				4	116	119
Wayne	120	2	13	5	3		11	189	6	4			199	2	1				3	196	120
Superior	121	7	15	3	2	1	22	188	5	2			195	2		1			3	192	121
Auburn	124	5	7	6	1		16	134	5	3			142	1	3				4	138	124
Mt. Nebo	125	6	10	7	4	2	38	94	8				102	1	1	2			4	98	125
Stromsburg	126	5	2	7	3		11	120	9		1		130	2	2				4	126	126
Minden	127	1	8	1	7		15	92		3			95	4	4				8	87	127
Guide Rock	128	2	7	2		1	5	42	2				44	1	1	1			3	41	128
Blue Hill	129	1	7	1			23	77	1	1			79	1					1	78	129
Tuscan	130	3	3	3	3	1	3	73	1				74	3	1				4	70	130
Scribner	132	2	3	5	3	1	7	73	6				79		1				1	78	132
Elm Creek	133	4	9	5	2	1	14	62	5	3			70		1				1	69	133
Solar	134	2	7	1	1		12	78		1			79	1	2				3	76	134
McCook	135	4	27	3	1	44	240	240	3	5	1		249	3	3	1			7	242	135
Long Pine	136	3	10	3	2	2	18	87	4				91	2	1	2			5	86	136
Upright	137	4	10	3			5	77	3				80	1	2		1		4	76	137
Rawalt	138	2	1	3	1		18	95	2	1			98	3					3	95	138
Clay Center	139	1	4			1	16	79	3	5			87	2		1			3	84	139
Western	140	2	3	2			15	70	4				74	2	1				3	71	140

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		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. Passed		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. Suspended		No. April 1, 1925				By Demission		By Death		By Suspension		By Expulsion	
		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. Passed		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926		No. Suspended		No. April 1, 1925				By Demission		By Death		By Suspension		By Expulsion	
Crescent.....	143	11	12	8	5	9	103	6	1	110	3	2	5	105	143						
Kenesaw.....	144	2	12	2	2	3	17	90	3	93	3	3	6	87	144						
Bancroft.....	145	19	2	4	27	74	2	76	3	76	3	3	3	73	145						
Jachin.....	146	1	14	2	4	38	156	5	2	163	3	3	3	160	146						
Siloam.....	147	1	10	1	14	42	2	44	1	44	1	1	1	43	147						
EmmetCrawford	148	8	26	3	6	2	20	203	5	1	1	210	5	3	2	10	200	148			
Jewel.....	149	3	3	2	1	9	43	2	1	46	3	3	4	46	149						
Cambridge.....	150	9	13	3	2	7	101	3	1	106	1	1	2	104	150						
Square.....	151	1	14	1	4	17	73	1	1	76	1	1	1	76	151						
Parallel.....	152	4	10	5	7	26	51	4	55	55	1	1	1	54	152						
Evergreen.....	153	1	2	1	2	2	19	70	3	73	3	1	2	6	67	153					
Lily.....	154	5	6	4	2	9	86	6	1	93	5	1	5	88	154						
Hartington.....	155	13	21	10	4	17	96	9	2	110	1	1	1	109	155						
Pythagoras.....	156	20	1	7	1	14	73	1	74	74	1	2	1	70	156						
Valley.....	157	4	9	4	3	15	80	2	82	82	1	1	1	81	157						
Samaritan.....	158	8	14	8	9	3	22	242	8	5	1	256	3	3	6	250	158				
Ogalalla.....	159	13	24	15	9	13	134	16	3	154	5	4	9	145	159						
Zeredatha.....	160	3	1	15	46	1	48	1	48	48	1	1	1	47	160						
Mt. Zion.....	161	4	5	4	3	6	15	80	1	82	1	6	6	76	161						
Trestle Board	162	3	2	4	1	5	93	4	2	99	1	1	1	98	162						
Unity.....	163	6	11	5	5	8	95	4	99	99	1	1	1	98	163						
Atkinson.....	164	4	11	2	8	64	2	66	1	66	1	1	1	65	164						
Barneston.....	165	6	1	11	52	1	53	1	53	53	1	1	1	53	165						
Mystic Tie.....	166	2	6	2	8	75	2	78	1	78	3	3	3	75	166						
Elwood.....	167	3	7	1	3	12	74	2	76	76	1	1	1	75	167						
Curtis.....	168	3	11	3	13	113	1	114	1	114	1	1	1	113	168						
Amity.....	169	3	15	3	3	7	84	4	2	91	1	1	1	90	169						
Mason City.....	170	5	6	4	10	4	16	83	1	85	2	4	6	79	170						
Merna.....	171	18	1	2	20	110	1	2	4	117	1	1	2	115	171						
Grafton.....	172	2	12	2	15	58	2	60	2	60	2	2	2	58	172						
Robert Burns	173	11	1	1	13	51	2	3	56	56	1	1	1	56	173						
Culbertson.....	174	5	11	1	1	11	57	1	58	58	1	1	2	56	174						
Temple.....	175	8	1	4	20	66	2	1	69	69	1	1	2	67	175						
Gladstone.....	176	6	11	5	1	12	137	5	1	146	1	1	2	144	176						
Hay Springs.....	177	1	4	1	7	88	2	1	91	91	1	3	4	87	177						
Prudence.....	179	5	12	4	1	6	26	81	4	88	3	6	1	81	179						
Justice.....	180	4	9	4	11	14	114	6	120	120	3	1	4	116	180						
Faith.....	181	3	17	6	5	4	50	158	13	174	2	1	7	167	181						
Incense.....	182	1	9	1	1	2	14	53	3	57	2	2	4	53	182						
Alliance.....	183	12	44	15	15	13	62	320	14	335	8	3	13	311	183						

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Bee Hive.....	184	17	20	15	9	34	533	15	1	1	550	5	7	12	538	184					
Boaz.....	185	2	8	1	3	1	83	2	2	85	1	1	2	83	185						
Israel.....	187	3	3	2	2	25	61	2	1	64	3	1	4	60	187						
Meridian.....	188	6	8	6	3	10	130	9	3	142	5	5	5	137	188						
Granite.....	189	6	9	5	2	18	97	5	1	103	3	3	3	100	189						
Amethyst.....	190	1	10	1	2	1	67	1	1	68	1	1	1	67	190						
Crystal.....	191	7	15	6	7	3	11	96	4	1	102	3	1	3	95	191					
Minnekadusa.....	192	6	19	4	4	8	30	142	4	1	148	1	8	9	139	192					
Signet.....	193	5	13	6	4	8	15	97	6	1	104	1	8	9	95	193					
Highland.....	194	1	7	3	2	11	56	56	1	2	56	1	2	3	53	194					
Arcana.....	195	6	12	5	4	10	128	4	1	132	3	3	6	126	195						
Level.....	196	2	6	1	2	7	33	1	1	34	2	2	2	32	196						
Morning Star.....	197	4	5	4	3	2	9	76	5	1	81	2	2	4	77	197					
Purity.....	198	4	14	4	5	10	88	2	3	93	1	1	2	91	198						
Gavel.....	199	2	2	6	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	199						
Blazing Star.....	200	5	4	7	2	7	123	6	1	130	2	1	3	127	200						
Scotts Bluff.....	201	5	18	9	1	17	93	8	1	111	113	2	5	7	106	201					
Golden Sheaf.....	202	5	22	3	5	19	136	2	1	139	2	1	2	137	202						
Roman Eagle.....	203	3	19	3	4	32	60	3	3	66	1	2	3	63	203						
Plainview.....	204	1	6	1	2	2	11	110	3	1	114	4	2	6	108	204					
Golden Fleece.....	205	8	9	5	3	5	103	7	3	113	1	1	1	112	205						
Napthali.....	206	4	4	4	3	14	84	2	1	86	1	1	1	85	206						
Parian.....	207	4	5	5	2	2	7	99	2	1	103	2	2	6	97	207					
Gauge.....	208	2	11	2	2	22	61	1	2	64	1	1	1	63	208						
Canopy.....	209	1	8	1	5	11	156	2	1	159	2	4	6	153	209						
East Lincoln.....	210	28	35	23	11	8	55	669	24	13	710	11	5	24	686	210					
Cement.....	211	9	4	9	2	7	97	11	2	110	2	1	5	105	211						
Compass & Square.....	212	6	11	7	3	2	23	78	7	1	85	2	2	2	83	212					
Plumbline.....	214	2	2	1	4	15	72	1	1	74	2	1	7	67	214						
Occidental.....	215	5	4	4	1	2	12	95	4	1	99	1	2	3	96	215					
Palisade.....	216	1	7	2	2	18	81	81	1	1	81	1	1	81	216						
Wauwata.....	217	1	3	2	3	18	56	1	1	58	1	1	1	58	217						
Bloomfield.....	218	6	20	2	3	3	20	138	4	1	143	4	2	9	134	218					
Relief.....	219	4	9	5	1	3	4	73	4	1	78	1	3	4	74	219					
Magnolia.....	220	4	5	4	1	8	98	4	1	102	2	2	4	98	220						
Wood Lake.....	221	1	7	1	2	3	74	2	1	77	1	1	1	77	221						
Landmark.....	222	3	3	3	2	6	128	1	1	129	2	2	4	125	222						
Eminence.....	223	5	7	4	3	3	69	6	4	79	3	1	4	75	223						
Silver Cord.....	224	8	12	5	1	9	109	6	1	117	1	1	2	115	224						
Cable.....	225	4	8	3	3	1	4	103	1	1	104	1	1	2	102	225					

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			Total Loss
Grace	226	11	3	10	2	11	39	11					50							50	226
North Star	227	13	18	16	5	6	21	273	15		2		290	7	4	6			17	273	227
Bartley	228	3	2	2		1	7	70	3	1	1		75		1				2	73	228
Comet	229	5	6	5	4	2	12	84	5	1	1		91	2		2			4	87	229
Delta	230	1	12	1	2	2	5	71	1	1			73	2		2			4	69	230
Mt. Herman	231	1	4	1	3		7	71	3				74		1				1	73	231
John S. Bowen	232	8	4	8	1	1	10	60	9		2		71		2	1			3	68	232
Gilead	233	2	18	6	7	1	11	53	4				57		1	1			2	55	233
Zion	234	2	10	2	4	4	10	116	2		1		119	2	1	4			7	112	234
Fraternity	235	8	5	10	2		9	58	9	1	1		69	3	1				4	65	235
Golden Rule	236	5	16	4	8	1	7	49	2	2			53	2	1	1			4	49	236
Cubit	237	3	2	2	1	1	8	77	1	1			79		3	1			4	75	237
Friendship	239	9	4	7	6	3	7	73	4		2		79			3			3	76	239
Pilot	240	3	5	1	3		12	101	2				103	1					1	102	240
George Armstrong	241		10	1	2			86	1				87	1					1	86	241
Tyrian	243		6		1		7	39					39							39	243
Sincerity	244	1	5		2		8	27					27		1				1	26	244
Hampton	245	10	17	5	2			85	3				88	1					1	87	245
Nehawka	246	3	1	3		3	4	101	4		1		106	1		3			4	102	246
Corner-stone	247	8	18	8	2	7	26	71	7				78	1	1	7			9	69	247
Laurel	248	7	21	1	2	6	18	124	3	2	1		130	1	3	6			10	120	248
Gothenburg	249	6	8	4	2		1	112	2				114	4	1				5	109	249
George Washing'n	250	22	16	17	1	2	34	227	17		6		250	4	4	2			10	240	250
Wausa	251	3	5	5	3	1	6	72	5	1			78	1	1	1			3	75	251
Hildreth	252	3	6	2	2	5	13	61					61	2		5			7	54	252
Beemer	253	1	4	1			6	64	1	1			66		1				1	65	253
Bassett	254				1		10	71	1	1			73							73	254
Bradshaw	255		4	2	2	1	4	47	2				49	2	1	1			4	45	255
Hickman	256	2	3	4	2		2	65	2				67	1					1	66	256
Holbrook	257		5				3	77					77	1	1	1			3	74	257
Anselmo	258	13	15	10	8	5	10	116	9		1		126		2	5			7	119	258
Bee	259		2	1			6	32	2				34	3					3	31	259
Ornan	261	10	13	11	4		1	85	11	1			97	1	3				4	93	261
Endeavor	262	3	5	3		2	6	52	5	1			58	1	1	2			4	54	262
Mitchell	263	1	8	1			12	148	1		1		150	3					3	147	263
Franklin	264	3	4	2				93	2	2			97	2	1				3	94	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	1	16	4	1		8	174	6	4	1		185	2	2				4	181	265
Silver	266	2	7	2	1	1	4	59	2				61			1			1	60	266
James A. Tulleys	267	5	3	6	3		2	79	3	2			84	3					3	81	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	5	6	4	4	8	9	305	3	7			315	6	5	8			19	296	268

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			By Raising	By Admission		Reinstatement	Other Causes		Total	By Demission		By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss						
Riverside.....	269	2	5	2	1	2	56	2	1	59	1	1	37	1	1	1	58	269				
Huntley.....	270			1		6	34	3		37							37	270				
Oasis.....	271	10	12	9	6	5	107	8	1	116							116	271				
Lee P. Gillette....	272	1	5	2	1		92	3		95		2					2	93	272			
Crofton.....	273	3	8	3	1	4	90	4		94	2						2	92	273			
Olive Branch.....	274	3	9	2	10	7	79	1	2	82	2	1					3	79	274			
Ramah.....	275	2	2	1			47	2		49								49	275			
Antelope.....	276	2	3	2	7		42	2		44	1	2					3	41	276			
Sioux.....	277					2	51			51								51	277			
Litchfield.....	278	1	5	2	1	3	69	1	1	71	1	3					4	67	278			
Wallace.....	279					1	46			46					1		1	45	279			
Swastika.....	280	4	7	4	2	3	76	3		79	3	2	3	1			9	70	280			
Florence.....	281	20	15	16	4	4	355	17	5	377	2	2	4		1	9	368	281				
Mullen.....	282	3	5	3		2	73	3	1	77	3						3	74	282			
Exeter.....	283	2	3	2	3	1	57	8		65	4						4	61	283			
Seneca.....	284	2	7	3	5	4	93	3		96	1	2					3	93	284			
Camp Clarke.....	285	3	16	4	4	1	135	6		141	4	1					5	136	285			
Oshkosh.....	286	5	13	3	3	1	102	4	1	107								107	286			
Union.....	287		3	1	1		62	1	1	64		2	1				3	61	287			
Omaha.....	288	24	24	19	5	18	621	21	4	646	2	4	18				24	622	288			
Lotus.....	289	11	13	10	4	5	156	7	1	164	1	1					2	162	289			
John J. Mercer...	290	19	6	16	4	6	247	14	12	273	1	1					2	271	290			
Diamond.....	291	4	6	1	2	4	49	6	2	57								57	291			
Wolbach.....	292	2	2	1	2	1	71			71	2						2	69	292			
Monument.....	293	12	2	12	1	1	63	14		77								77	293			
Kimball.....	294	5	2	5	2	3	111	5	3	119	4	3					7	112	294			
Minatare.....	295	6	5	6	3		63	4		67	1	1					2	65	295			
Cowles.....	296	5	3	5	2	1	36	3	1	40		1					1	39	296			
Cotner.....	297	5	10	4	4	5	105	2	1	108	4	1	5				10	98	297			
Chester.....	298	1	1	1	1	3	39	1	6	46		3					3	43	298			
Sutherland.....	299	6	7	9	2	1	57	8		65		1					1	64	299			
Liberty.....	300	7	8	6	3	6	293	7	4	307	7	3	6				16	291	300			
Bayard.....	301	1	5	2	3	2	71	5		76								76	301			
Mizpah.....	302	39	17	44	17	11	502	49	16	569	4	2	11				17	552	302			
Right Angle.....	303	33	15	31	6	5	281	29	6	316	2	2	5				9	307	303			
Ruskin.....	304	5	4	2	2	4	36	6	1	43								43	304			
Newman Grove....	305	1	1	6	2	1	55	5		60	1						1	59	305			
Golden Rod.....	306	3		4	1		48	3		51	3						3	48	306			
William E. Hill...	307	4	1	3			53	3		56								56	307			
Perkins.....	308	2	2	3			45	4		49								49	308			

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31st, 1926.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS												
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1926	No. April 1, 1925	GAIN				Total	LOSS					No on Rolls, March 31, 1926	
									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes		Total Loss
Winnebago.	309	2	4	2	3	2	2	58	2	...	...	...	60	1	...	2	...	...	3	5
Victory.....	310	6	6	3	5	...	1	98	3	...	...	...	101	2	1	...	...	...	3	9
Polk.....	311	...	2	...	1	3	3	43	2	3	...	...	48	1	1	3	...	...	5	4
Oak Leaf...	312	3	1	3	2	...	...	35	2	1	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Potter.....	313	9	4	6	2	...	...	61	6	2	...	...	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Craftsmen..	314	18	6	15	5	1	1	65	11	10	...	...	86	...	...	1	...	...	1	8
Palmer.....	315	4	4	2	2	...	...	2	1	1	22	26	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Alpha.....	316	6	3	5	...	...	...	5	5	2	45	57	57	2	...	...	...	...	2	4
Mid-West..	317	14	5	16	3	...	...	10	13	6	65	94	94	1	...	...	...	...	1	5
Gr'd Island.	U. D.	30	8	22	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	22	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bladen.....	U. D.	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Extinct.....	...	...	72	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals.....	...	1675	369	1602	1094	615	5250	40287	1641	408	140	133	42609	597	459	609	6	1	1672	4093

TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

As the past year is drawing to a close,
 With its sunshine and shadow, its joy and its woes,
 May we some burdened load made lighter,
 May we some darkened path made brighter,
 May we some heart freed from pain,
 May all our work, not have been in vain.

The cycles of time again betoken that this is the hour and the place that according to the law, usage, and custom, the Grand Custodian shall make his annual report as to what he has done in the last year, in his efforts to comply with the instructions of the Grand Lodge and your will and pleasure. Of course you are aware that the Grand Lodge changed the duties of the Grand Custodian and instead of holding formal schools of instructions himself, he was put in charge of directing and controlling the promulgation of the work through the Assistant Custodians. In order that you may get a fair conception of what the Custodian's duties are at the present, we will define them for you.

First, to assign all regular schools of instruction to the lodges that are entitled to them the current year.

Second, subdivide these assignments to the Assistant Custodians, transmitting to each Assistant Custodian, the lodges assigned him with the request that he date the same between September 21st and March 21st, giving each lodge two days and if possible, six sessions, which cannot always be done by reason of the schedule. After which he returns the assignments dated, then the Grand Custodian transmits them to the lodges, with a return card acknowledging the receipt of the same and the rules that will be expected for them to comply with on the dates as assigned. On or about August 1st, all formal notices are transmitted to the lodges where the schools are to be held.

We assigned schools to the following lodges:

23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 36, 39, 49, 52, 60, 61, 64, 65, 67, 71, 74, 76, 81, 84, 88, 89, 90, 91, 99, 100, 103, 104, 110, 113, 117, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 134, 135, 137, 145, 148, 154, 158, 164, 166, 167, 174, 180, 183, 190, 193, 198, 200, 202, 204, 208, 211, 212, 215, 218, 223, 234, 236, 239, 241, 243, 245, 252, 253, 255, 257, 261, 266, 269, 270, 274, 276, 292, 294, 298, 300, 304, 311, 316, 323.

CANCELLATIONS.

Out of the above number, there were four cancellations, namely, Nos. 9, 97, 108 and 118, made by order of the Grand Master, for after the Grand Master has approved of the assignments, we do not think it our prerogative to cancel his order. Again, after the lodges have accepted their dates, they oftentimes wait until a few days before the time assigned is up, and then call for a change of dates. This makes it pretty hard on the Assistant Custodian, who perhaps had arranged his schedule for the week, then when they call for a change, he is left out on the road and has to return home, for he cannot re-date any other lodge under those conditions. When lodges receive their formal notices, they should bring it before their lodge at a regular meeting and settle the matter then and there, and unless there is some good reason why they cannot meet the original date, they had not ought to ask for a change.

There are a good many things we might say, and we would think it would be for the best, but we have learned that our opinion is not approved and that every brother has a mind and opinion of his own. I might take up a whole page on questions, that is in the letter of the work and the letter of the law, and there will be no two that would agree. As far as I am concerned, I am well satisfied and convinced that Ancient Craft Masonry is founded on the Ancient Wisdom Religion, which rests upon three eternal postulates, namely preparation, probation, and progression. I say it openly and without any fear of positive contradiction with proof, that it is not in the power of man or body of men to confer the mysteries of masonry upon any one in the tiled precincts of a lodge, for how can you communicate to another what you do not know yourself? Neither do I care to enter into any controversy with anyone as to what their belief may be, for if he is a free man and a free mason, I suppose he has a right to believe as he pleases, at least that is the position that I take.

There was a time when I gave many opinions, mostly those that I had read from what I supposed to be good authority, but I have found out much better, and I am now at the present time studiously practicing and demonstrating the 44th symbol, Silence and Circumspection. But just so long as you take the letter of the work for its spiritual meaning, it is my opinion that you will be groping in the darkness for a long while, for to undertake to explain a meta-physical science on a material basis will never bring you from darkness to light. It may be said by some that Uncle Bob has come to the house at the end of the road and is quietly musing in its shadow. Well, I may truthfully say that I get more information in correct meditation than I used to get in constant study by reading. There are but few, and few indeed, fewer than you would suppose, that can analyze the true definition of Free Masonry as a Science of Morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. And oftimes in my recourse, there are many matters that I never receive by book or pen, or tongue of man. You may say that my expressions are too deep—again, that I shoot right over your head. Well, if you think that the mysteries of Masonry can be given to anyone who has not stood the Ancient tests of preparation, probation, and progression, then you see it from a different standpoint than I do. I have learned through experience, acquaintance, and association, to be a law to myself, and of course that will not be accepted by the Master nor the craftsmen. If I have to sacrifice a principle of right, truth, and justice to maintain the favor of a false friend, through false doctrine and prejudicial sentiment, there's where we part our ways. For what time that I remain here, principle is going to be my Guide-on. So my good brethren, we will not have any arguments, or controversies, or persuasions, or undue influences practiced in our studies of Ancient Craft Masonry, for its basis is the truth. It has stood the test of time, and there is no question but what it will always stand as eternal as the Rock of Ages.

By the recommendation of Grand Master Dickson and the action of the Grand Lodge in approving the same, it took the Grand Custodian off the road and put him in an office. There were several reasons why this had to be done or I would have to retire. This puts the work in the shape of directing and controlling the assignment of schools all under the jurisdiction of the Grand Custodian. Now if you will refer to your law, you will find that all the duties

of the Grand Custodian are under the immediate direction and control of the Grand Master. So, I am not at liberty to make any proposition without the knowledge, consent, and approval of the Grand Master. Generally speaking, Grand Masters are busy men, and it seems like an imposition to ask them to direct some one who has spent their life in the work, when they are in their first year. However, you make the law, and there is but one thing for the Grand Custodian to do and that is to obey it.

After an Assistant Custodian has perfected the school according to the dates, he makes out a formal report of about 150 items and transmits the said report to the Grand Master through the office of the Grand Custodian, who takes up each report and analyzes it and calls the attention by a letter to the Master of the lodge from where the report came, to all discrepancies, derelictions, and irregularities, citing him to the law, usage and custom. This goes through the office of the Grand Master, and he transmits it to the Brother named. Now take into consideration, that say about two-thirds of the lodges in the state have a new set of officers every year, many of them inexperienced, are not proficient in the work nor efficient in the law, and you will readily see that we have something to do to present these irregularities in a way that will not offend the Brethren. For they have a perfect right to claim protection by reason of not being efficient men and it being their first year. We do not aim to play the role of a Martinette, or threaten them with the enforcement of the law, but we aim to present all matters in a fraternal way, as a brother, to a brother, from a brother. We have received quite a few letters thanking us for our admonitions and citations to enable them to get in line and keep in line. We have received only one letter out of all the reports, where a Brother seemed to think that we did not treat his lodge the way they should have been treated. In less than two weeks, he presented my letter to the Custodian that conducted the school and this Brother kindly informed him that my report was made on his report and that it was correct. Then he, as a perfect gentleman and mason, kindly begged pardon, and so the matter was ended.

There is much communication that comes through the office of the Grand Custodian asking for opinion and advice, but we do not feel that we are at liberty to give any opinions about anything other than the plain letter of the plain esoteric work, for my opinion and the Grand Master's might widely differ, and he could at once set the opinion of the Grand Custodian to one side and politely and firmly inform me to mind my own business. And after fifty-four years, I find that he who minds his own business is never out of a job.

There are a great many things that I think that the Craft should be informed on for their own practical good, for their protection, welfare, and promotion of the principles of masonry and the preservation of its reputation pure and unsullied. This of course, is all outside of the esoteric work. We had a project in view since we have gone off the road to help the Craft along these lines, but we found that when we undertook to put it in force, that it was objectionable, and so, we abandoned it. I have carefully investigated the methods and systems in all the jurisdictions of the United States, and I find, generally speaking, that the work of the Custodians is under the immediate direction and control of a Board of Custodians, men who are letter-perfect in

the proficiency of the esoteric work, men of experience who have traveled over the state in most all of the lodges and understand conditions better than anyone can who has not had the same opportunity that they have had. This is called a Board of Custodians, from three to five in number.

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES.

By referring to the Grand Custodian's report of 1925, you will find that I expressed myself that I did not think it was necessary to re-examine certified lodges more than once in every three years, and I have tried to maintain that proposition during the year. Last year, at a meeting of the Custodians, most the entire number, on the day before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, there was a resolution offered, as I remember along about the following lines: That all certified brethren should be required to re-petition their lodges, be re-recommended, and be re-examined each and every year, and as I understood it, (subject to correction) lodges came under the same rule. After the closing of the Grand Lodge, I took up the matter intending to explain the situation to the Assistant Custodians, but after conclusion, I did not do it, for the following reasons:

First, the custodians are not a legislative, executive, or judicial body, neither have they a voice or vote in the Grand Lodge unless they represent their own lodge. I am not opposing the proposition in any way whatever, but there are certain things to be considered, among which is first, the additional expense of examining all of the brethren and all of the lodges. Do you want to add an additional expense to that which is already incurred in the promulgation of the work, which is between four and five thousand dollars? There can be no question but what this resolution would tend to keep the proficiency of the work and the efficiency of the law on a higher plane than it is under the present method.

If so, enact such legislation as you may see proper in the premises and so far as the Custodian is concerned, it will be carried out to the letter.

NEW CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO LODGES SINCE JUNE, 1925.

St. Johns Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Nebraska.
 Auburn Lodge No. 124, A. F. & A. M., Auburn, Nebraska.
 Liberty Lodge No. 300, A. F. & A. M., Lincoln, Nebraska.
 Right Angle Lodge No. 303, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Nebraska.

LODGES RE-CERTIFIED SINCE JUNE, 1925.

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., Plattsmouth, Nebraska.
 Hastings Lodge No. 50, A. F. & A. M., Hastings, Nebraska.
 Wahoo Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., Wahoo, Nebraska.
 Gothenburg Lodge No. 249, A. F. & A. M., Gothenburg, Nebraska.

NEW CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO BRETHREN SINCE JUNE, 1925.

Robert D. Craft, No. 158, Chadron.
 John Brittian, No. 25, Omaha.
 Clarence J. Balsler, No. 25, Omaha.
 Byron S. Peterson, No. 25, Omaha.
 Allen W. Alfreds, No. 25, Omaha.
 Charles B. Redfern, No. 162, Brock.

George McBetterton, No. 58, Columbus.
 Elmer Norstrom, No. 303, Omaha.
 Mynor H. Long, No. 302, Omaha.
 William C. Steffensmeyer, No. 314, Lincoln.
 Chauncey W. Smith, No. 54, Lincoln.
 Alvin O. Gronquist, No. 54, Lincoln.
 William Kiewitt, No. 163, Greenwood.
 Jesse T. Turner, No. 54, Lincoln.

Note carefully that every lodge in Omaha, including South Omaha, is a certified lodge. Every lodge in Lincoln proper, is a certified lodge. Generally speaking, these are the largest lodges in the state and do not cost the Grand Lodge one penny to keep them in line with the proficiency of the work, as required by Section 8 Chapter II of the law. Some of the oldest lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, you may well say back to the date of the organization of the Grand Lodge, have never complied with this law. It is just for this reason that I say your method is wrong, and it won't hurt me one bit if you say I am wrong and you are right. Yet, I do not wish to be understood to say that they cannot do suitable and impressive work, but not correct with the letter of the law.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS.

One of the Assistant Custodians, Brother Harry R. Belville, of No. 146, Holdrege, by reason of disability of his health, could not perfect and complete his assignments, and with the permission of the Grand Master, we appointed Brother William D. Edson, of No. 53, Red Cloud, who was a duly certified man, and proficient in the work, to fill the vacancy caused by Brother Belville's disability.

NEW CUSTODIANS.

There have been two Custodians recommended by the Grand Custodian and duly commissioned by the Grand Master, namely, Brother William D. Edson of Charity Lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M., Red Cloud, Nebraska, and Brother Francis B. Rodwell, of Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, A. F. & A. M., of Ainsworth, Nebraska. Both of these brethren were certified brethren and had much experience in the letter of the work before they were commissioned Assistant Custodians, and I have no doubt but what they will prove themselves worthy of the confidence reposed in them by the Grand Master.

SECTION 63—WHO MAY BE INSTALLED.

I do not see wherein we have improved the matter by placing the Past Masters degree under the immediate direction and control of the Grand Custodian. There are many times when it is almost impossible for the Master Elect to attend the Grand Lodge in Omaha and be properly inducted into the Oriental Chair, by reason of the long distance that he would have to travel, the time it would take, and the expense, and sometimes he is employed where it is impossible to let him off. In all such cases, there is but one thing to do and that is the best you can.

It is the opinion of the Grand Custodian that there are many Virtual Past Master's Degrees conferred on the Master Elect instead of the Actual Past Master's Degree. I always secure a list of the Masters Elect who did not

receive the degree in Omaha and take up the matter with them, as soon as I possibly can on my arrival home, citing them to the law and what they will have to do. Should they be in the vicinity of an Assistant Custodian, who is proficient in the work, I always name the brother and try and get them to have him come and confer the degree or to go to him and have the degree conferred where he resides. About the only thing that I have been able to do is to get a certificate of when and where and by whom the Degree was conferred. There are Grand Jurisdictions who do not require this qualification, and I do not see wherein we can improve conditions from what they have been for many years, for there are many who cannot come to Omaha and have to take whatever they can get. If you know of any improvement that can be made, we will be pleased to have you name the same. If it were possible for the Master Elect, being a Warden, to represent his lodge, he could come to Omaha and get the degree, mileage and per diem, and get in touch and tune with the transactions of the Grand Lodge this year and the year to come. We are well aware that it is the Master's right to represent his lodge, therefore, we can't do anything else but submit to the law.

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED TO THE
FOLLOWING LODGES:

Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway.
 Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City.
 Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island.
 Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Stromsburg.
 DeWitt Lodge No. 111, DeWitt.
 Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln.
 Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln.
 Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron.
 Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings.
 Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus.
 North Star Lodge No. 227, University Place.
 Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk.
 Gladstone Lodge No. 176, Ansley.
 Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud.
 Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha.
 Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood.
 Granite Lodge No. 189, Gibbon.
 Gothenburg Lodge No. 249, Gothenburg.
 Lotus Lodge No. 189, Ravenna.
 Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper.
 Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley.
 William E. Hill, Lodge No. 207, Otoe.
 Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler.
 Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta.
 Bartley Lodge No. 228, Bartley.
 North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend.
 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth.
 Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha.

Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha.
 Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton.
 Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha.
 Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo.
 Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln.
 Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272, Dunbar.
 Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna.
 East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln.
 Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.
 Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, South Omaha.
 Trestleboard Lodge No. 162, Brock.
 George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha.
 St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha.
 Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha.
 Auburn Lodge No. 124, Auburn.
 Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln.

Total number of proficiency certificates issued, 77, of which there has been 34 re-certified from two to four times.

THE BANNER SCHOOL.

The banner school held in the Grand Jurisdiction in the last year was held in Samaritan lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M., Chadron, Nebraska, by Brother Lute M. Savage, Assistant Custodian. This school was 100% in every respect, namely, official attendance, nine sessions, all officers present, 29 lodges represented, and a total attendance of 300. Surely No. 158 is a bunch of good Samaritans and have manifested that zeal and interest in the cause of Masonry that puts them at the top of the ladder. Such lodges are a credit to themselves and of great benefit to Masonry in proving their fidelity to obligation and obedience to constituted authority. This is in no way meant for any fulsome flattery, but the report of the school proves all that we have said to be true.

EXAMINATIONS FOR LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

By order of the Grand Master and in compliance with Article XII. of the Constitution, we formally examined the petitioners for a lodge Under Dispensation at the town of Bladen, County of Webster, and found all of the petitioners have complied with the letter of the law and confer the degrees in a most suitable and impressive manner, according to the letter of the work of this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Master made an examination of the Hall, as well as other matters, in person, and knows himself just what the conditions are.

PUBLIC FUNCTIONS.

We haven't attended any public functions, or rather Grand Lodge functions, during the year, for as we understood the action of the Grand Lodge, it clearly defined that the Grand Custodian was to remain at home, and as there are no official duties for the Grand Custodian in any Grand Lodge function, we deemed it advisable in the line of economy to not expend one dollar for anything except for the purpose it was appropriated, namely the promulgation of the

work. The Grand Lodge officers all have official duties in Public Functions, generally speaking, and we do not think it courteous to step in their way, but to permit them to perform their duties according to their official obligation.

We find much apathetic indifference and inertia in the attendance of both officers and members in our reports from the Assistant Custodians. In one of the reviews, we have read this year, it is said that only 15% of the masonic membership attends lodge. If I may be permitted to give my own idea as to why this indifference prevails, it would be because those who profess to be Free-Masons do not understand esoteric masonry. One of the writers that we have read, namely William Hutchinson, says the mysteries of Masonry is Nature in operation under Divine law. If we understood what these mysteries are in esoteric Masonry, we would not find them in ritual, rite, or legend, but they would be based on what may be termed the three postulates of the Ancient Wisdom Religion, namely preparation, probation, and progression. When we understand these three foundation stones, upon which Ancient Craft Masonry rests, we would know what we come here to do and how to do it, and that there is nothing lost in the realm of the real. And then we could truly say that the mission of Masonry has been fulfilled in making us wiser, better, and happier men. But let it be understood, that this is purely the work of the individual, as has been said. We are but what we know, and we only know what we are. Many years ago, an old veteran Mason made the remark to me that Masons were not made in lodges by receiving degrees, that they were born. This being true, how many of the Craft are on the wrong road? They are simply following blind leaders and all go in the ditch together.

The mysteries of Masonry cannot be told,
 In ritual, rites, or legends of old.
 But down on the level where the Master trod,
 It points out the way that leads us to God.

I do not feel that I would be doing my duty if I did not make the remark about the vacant chairs of those I have walked and worked with in this Grand Lodge for many years. And I never more fully realized the truth that some day the wind will blow so cold, colder than it ever blew before. It will chill the blood in my veins, it will close my eyes, and seal my lips, some day.

It has been my custom to always close up my reports with the subject matter of observations on the way. I have seen many in the last year through correspondence, but not so many by experience and association, and as I have no proof that what I have said for twenty-five years along these lines has been of any practical good, I have concluded to economize this year by not mentioning anything under that head, and will close by speaking of the absent ones.

As the shades of the twilight flit o'er the setting sun, so the shades of sadness fill my heart for the loved ones that have gone. As we look around and see the vacant chairs of the missing ones, those who have labored with us in this Grand Lodge in the affairs of Masonry and to promote its welfare and interest, we miss those of M.:W.: John A. Ehrhardt, Past Grand Master, and M.:W.: Robert E. Evans, Past Grand Master. Fifty-two years ago, I was present at and assisted in the conferring of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry on Brother Ehrhardt. Twenty-four years ago, I served as Custodian under

Brother Evans, and it is but natural to presume that in all this time our associations were the most pleasant, and now that they have crossed the silent river, passed between the veil and turned a bend of life's road, that is beyond our mortal ken, we can but think of the days that have gone by. It makes our hearts sad and brings a tear to our eye.

There is a silent call,
It comes to one, it comes to all,
The day and hour we do not know,
But when it comes, we all must go.

CREDIT.

May 9, 1925, Balance in Peters National Bank.....	\$ 52.97
May 9, 1925, Grand Lodge appropriation.....	600.00
	\$652.97

DEBIT.

Transportation.....	\$ 10.07
Printing and Supply Account.....	42.45
Maintenance.....	15.75
Telegrams.....	.93
Telephone.....	25.01
Taxi.....	1.25
Postage.....	28.76
Stenographer.....	111.90
Savage.....	12.35
Miscellaneous.....	.93
	\$249.10
Balance in Peters National Bank, Omaha.....	\$103.87
Balance in hands of Grand Lodge not drawn.....	300.00
	\$652.97

ADDENDA.

It will be observed that the expense account of the Grand Custodian is not nearly so much as it was before the Grand Lodge directed him to take up a different line of work as we did by order of the Grand Lodge last year. This is because that we do not expend any of the appropriation in traveling or for maintenance. The question has been raised as to whether the Grand Custodian charges maintenance when he is at home and not on the road. I wish to emphatically say, NO, I NEVER HAVE AND NEVER WILL. My maintenance is paid out of my own salary account and not out of the expense account. Such are my views and I never had any others. It leaves the expense account quite low, and should I be engaged in the work next year, I shall pay my stenographer more than I have in the last two years, for virtually she has to do most all the work on account of my eyesight and other disability.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME IN CHARGE OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

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

The following report for the year ending May 20th, 1926, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

Securities on hand last report.....\$125,100.00

Purchased or renewed during the year:

No. 301, Frederick C. Schott.....	4,500.00	
No. 302, John Wortman.....	6,500.00	
No. 303, Margaret P. Dedlow.....	7,000.00	
No. 304, Emil Nygren.....	2,000.00	
No. 305, John P. Kayl, renewed.....	3,600.00	
No. 306, Ernest J. Smith.....	5,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4194, Peters Trust Co.....	5,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4203, Peters Trust Co.....	3,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4207, Peters Trust Co.....	1,500.00	

Total.....\$163,200.00

Securities renewed or paid off:

No. 268, John P. Kayl, renewal.....\$	3,600.00	
No. 278, William Grabowski.....	5,000.00	
No. 275, W. A. Summers.....	3,000.00	
No. 269, Ernest J. Smith.....	4,000.00	
No. 270, Inez Wilcox.....	5,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4194, Peters Trust Co....	5,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit, No. 1440, First Trust Co....	1,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4203, Peters Trust Co....	3,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4207, Peters Trust Co....	1,500.00	
Certificate of Deposit, No. 4193, Peters Trust Co....	7,000.00	38,100.00

Total securities on hand.....\$125,100.00

Loan No. 271, Cornish, was due April 1st, 1926. The borrower has arranged for a new loan, and promises to take care of the loan and interest in full in the very near future.

The following interest coupons are past due:

No. 285, Wolff, January 1, 1926.....	\$ 75.00
No. 290, Goebel, April 1, 1926.....	233.75

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

Mortgages owned by the Orphans Educational Fund, May 20th, 1926.

No.	Borrower	Property Located In	Amount
241—	First Liberty Bond.....		\$ 5,000.00
271—	Cornish..... 80	acres Burt County.....	4,000.00
276—	Morrison..... 80	acres Cedar County.....	5,000.00
277—	Oliver..... 160	acres Valley County.....	4,500.00
282—	Albertson..... 180	acres Knox County.....	4,500.00
283—	Schluter..... 80	acres Thurston County....	2,500.00

285—Wolff.....	80	acres Johnson County.....	3,000.00
287—Lux.....	162	acres Dodge County.....	4,000.00
288—Hoeck.....	160	acres Dixon County.....	5,000.00
289—Coppie.....	160	acres Thurston County.....	6,000.00
290—Goebel.....	160	acres Cedar County.....	8,500.00
291—Cox.....	160	acres Antelope County.....	5,000.00
292—Goll.....	40	acres Burt County.....	1,000.00
294—Kaiser.....	160	acres Cedar County.....	6,000.00
295—Wineberger.....	158.45	acres Madison County....	3,000.00
296—Whitehorn.....	160	acres Cedar County.....	6,500.00
297—Foley.....	99.93	acres Washington County.	6,500.00
298—Sandoe.....	320	acres Boyd County.....	5,000.00
299—Pehrson.....	160	acres Cedar County.....	6,500.00
300—DeWitt.....	80	acres Douglas County.....	5,000.00
301—Schutt.....	160	acres Pierce County.....	4,500.00
302—Wortman.....	159½	acres Buffalo County.....	6,500.00
303—Dedlow.....	160	acres Pierce County.....	7,000.00
304—Nygren, real estate bonds		Cedar County.....	2,000.00
305—Kayl.....	80	acres Dixon County.....	3,600.00
306—Smith.....	67	acres Dakota County.....	5,000.00

Total securities on hand.....\$125,100.00

Cash on hand.....7,938.83

Total assets May 20, 1926.....\$133,038.83

Total assets May 20, 1925.....125,677.92

Net increase for the year.....\$ 7,360.91

CASH.

In Omaha National Bank, last report.....	\$ 577.92	
Interest on Government bonds.....	212.50	
Interest on mortgages and daily balances.....	7,205.24	
Securities paid off.....	34,500.00	
Accrued interest on mortgages purchased.....		56.83
Mortgages purchased.....		25,000.00
Certificates of deposit purchased.....		9,500.00
Cash in the Omaha National Bank.....		7,938.83
	<u>\$ 42,495.66</u>	<u>\$ 42,495.66</u>

INVENTORY.

Bills receivable.....	\$120,100.00
U. S. Government bonds.....	5,000.00
Cash Omaha National Bank.....	7,938.83
Total.....	<u>\$133,038.83</u>

TRIAL BALANCE, MAY 20TH, 1926.

Bills receivable.....	\$120,100.00	
U. S. Government bonds.....	5,000.00	
Cash.....	7,938.83	
Inventory.....		133,038.83
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	\$133,038.83	\$133,038.83

LEWIS E. SMITH,

*Secretary, Board of Trustees,
The Nebraska Masonic Home.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME IN CHARGE OF THE WAR RELIEF FUND.

May 20, 1925, Balance on hand.....	\$ 31,736.49	
Interest on Government bonds.....	1,360.00	
Interest on daily balances.....	33.79	
Paid for relief, member of Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	\$ 400.00	
Paid accrued interest on Government bonds purchased.....	41.31	
Balance May 20th, 1926.....	32,688.97	
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	\$ 33,130.28	\$ 33,130.28

INVENTORY.

Government Bonds, (par value \$32,000.00).....	\$ 31,697.25	
Cash, Peters National Bank.....	991.72	
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		\$ 32,688.97

TRIAL BALANCE, MAY 20, 1926.

Government bonds, (par value \$32,000.00).....	\$ 31,697.25	
Cash, Peters National Bank.....	991.72	
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Inventory.....	\$ 32,688.97	\$ 32,688.97

WAR RELIEF FUND GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Bond numbers— 34505, par value.....	\$10,000.00
34506, par value.....	10,000.00
36810, par value.....	5,000.00
425880, par value.....	1,000.00
425881, par value.....	1,000.00
425882, par value.....	1,000.00
425883, par value.....	1,000.00
351566, par value.....	500.00
1606668, par value.....	100.00
1606669, par value.....	100.00
1649540, par value.....	100.00
1649541, par value.....	100.00

1649542, par value.....	100.00
249503, par value.....	1,000.00
249504, par value.....	1,000.00
Par value.....	<u>\$32,000.00</u>
Cost—\$31,697.25.	

LEWIS E. SMITH,
*Secretary, Board of Trustees,
 The Nebraska Masonic Home.*

REPORT OF EXAMINATION.
 GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M., OMAHA, NEBRASKA.
 Year Ended May 20, 1926.

Omaha, Nebraska, May 20, 1926.

Auditing Committee,
 Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,
 Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your instructions, we have made an audit of the books and records of the Grand Secretary at Omaha, Nebraska, for the year ended May 20, 1926, and herewith submit our report thereon.

Attached to and forming part of this report are the following statements, which reflect the financial condition of the following funds of the Grand Lodge as of May 20, 1926: General Fund, Building & Improvement Fund, Orphans' Educational Fund, and War Relief Fund.

- Exhibit A—General Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 20, 1926.
- Schedule A-1—General Fund, Surplus Analysis, May 20, 1926.
- Exhibit B—Building & Improvement Fund, Resources & Liabilities May 20, 1926.
- Schedule B-1—Building & Improvement Fund, Receipts and Disbursements Year Ended May 20, 1926.
- Schedule B-2—Building & Improvement Fund, Surplus Analysis, May 20, 1926.
- Exhibit C—Orphans Educational Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 20, 1926.
- Schedule C-1—Orphans Educational Fund, Receipts & Disbursements, Year Ended May 20, 1926.
- Schedule C-2—Orphans Educational Fund, Surplus Analysis, May 20, 1926.
- Exhibit D—War Relief Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 20, 1926.
- Schedule D-1—War Relief Fund, Receipts & Disbursements, Year Ended May 20, 1926.
- Schedule D-2—War Relief Fund, Surplus Analysis, May 20, 1926.

The Cash in Banks was reconciled with certificates secured from the depositories. The cancelled vouchers were examined and all Receipts and Disbursements were traced to the Ledger Accounts.

All securities were examined and found in order.

It was noted that the books and records were kept with neatness and care. Every courtesy and facility was accorded our representative during the course of the work, for which we wish to express our appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GILCHRIST CO.,
Certified Public Accountant.

Exhibit A:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.:
Omaha, Nebraska.
GENERAL FUND
RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.
May 20, 1926.

RESOURCES.

Cash.....		\$ 39,327.05
Liberty Bonds.....		10,000.00
Mortgages (For Service Annuities Fund).....		2,500.00
Supplies (Held for Sale).....		602.37
Stocks:		
O. E. S. Home.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Masonic Home.....	151,600.00	
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		152,600.00
Real Estate & Buildings:		
Children's Home, Fremont.....		122,000.00
Fixtures:		
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,830.57	
Grand Lodge Jewels.....	233.00	
Monell Library.....	2,281.04	
Grand Lodge Library.....	1,553.68	
Geo. W. Lininger Collection.....	89.65	
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		8,987.94
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		\$336,017.36

LIABILITIES.

Funds & Reserves:		
General Relief Fund.....	\$6,873.95	
Service Annuities.....	2,500.00	
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		\$ 9,373.95
Inventory (Surplus).....		326,643.41
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		\$336,017.36

Schedule A-1:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
 Omaha, Nebraska.
 GENERAL FUND
 SURPLUS ANALYSIS.
 May 20, 1926.

Surplus, May 21, 1925..... \$330,896.65

Add:

Interest:

On Bank Balances..... \$603.44
 On Liberty Bonds..... 499.25

\$ 1,102.69

Dues..... 80,540.00
 Dues from Suspended Member..... 14.00
 Initiation Fees..... 8,375.00
 Charter Fees..... 150.00
 Dispensation..... 25.00
 Special Dispensations..... 220.00
 Affiliation Fee..... 10.00
 Exemptions..... 33.75
 Penalties..... 59.20
 Profit from Sale of Liberty Bonds..... 14.65

90,544.29

\$421,440.94

Deduct:

Payments to Building Fund..... 20,135.00
 Payments to Nebraska Masonic Home..... 30,202.50
 Refund of Special Dispensation Fees..... 20.00
 Refund of Initiation Fees..... 5.00
 Refund of Affiliation Fee..... 10.00
 Exemptions from Dues..... 54.00
 General Relief..... 6,873.95
 Salaries and Grand Masters Expense..... 10,484.30
 Promulgation of the Work..... 932.00
 Postage..... 454.49
 Printing and Stationery..... 582.87
 Janitor..... 50.00
 Telephone..... 69.60
 Expense of Grand Custodian..... 300.00
 Expense of Special Committees..... 3,206.00
 Payroll for 1925..... 4,877.02
 Relief Association of Omaha..... 300.00
 Office Rent..... 1,000.00
 Advance Copies, 1925 Proceedings..... 1,482.10
 Insurance and Bond Premiums..... 144.50

Miscellaneous Expense.....	581.97	
Service Annuities Paid.....	25.28	
Interest Accrued on Mortgages.....	6.95	
Payments to Masonic Eastern Star Home.....	13,000.00	94,797.53

Surplus, May 20, 1926..... \$326,643.41

Exhibit B: GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.
BUILDING & IMPROVEMENT FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.
May 20, 1926.

RESOURCES.

Cash.....	\$ 30,870.74
Liberty Bonds.....	35,598.79
	<u>\$ 66,469.53</u>

LIABILITIES.

Inventory (Surplus)..... \$ 66,469.53

Schedule B-1: GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.
BUILDING & IMPROVEMENT FUND.
RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.
Year Ended May 20, 1926.

Cash on Hand, May 20, 1925..... \$ 333.97

Add Receipts:

Interest Received:

On Bank Balances.....	\$ 20.27
On Liberty Bonds.....	1,530.00

\$ 1,550.27

Dues.....	20,135.00
Less Exemptions.....	13.50

20,121.50

Initiations:

1671 at \$ 5.00 each.....	8,355.00
2 at \$10.00 each.....	20.00

8,375.00

Affiliations..... 490.00

30,536.77

Cash on Hand, May 20, 1926..... \$ 30,870.74

Schedule B-2:

SURPLUS ANALYSIS

May 20, 1926.

Surplus, May 20, 1925.....\$ 35,932.76

Add:

Receipts (Schedule B-1)..... 30,536.77

Surplus, May 20, 1926.....\$ 66,469.53

Exhibit C:

GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M.
Omaha, Nebraska.
ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.
May 20, 1926.

RESOURCES.

Cash.....\$ 7,938.83

Liberty Bonds..... 5,000.00

Mortgages..... 120,100.00

\$133,038.83

LIABILITIES.

Inventory (Surplus).....\$133,038.83

Schedule C-1:

GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M.
Omaha, Nebraska.
ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.
RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.
Year Ended May 20, 1926.

Cash on Hand, May 20, 1925.....\$ 577.92

Add Receipts:

Interest:

On Mortgages.....\$ 7,205.24

On Liberty Bonds..... 212.50

\$ 7,417.74

Mortgages Paid..... 17,000.00

Certificates of Deposit Paid..... 17,500.00

41,917.74

\$ 42,495.66

Disbursements:

Accrued Interest on Mortgages Purchased.....	56.83
Mortgages Purchased.....	25,000.00
Certificates of Deposit Purchased.....	9,500.00

 34,556.83

Cash on Hand, May 20, 1926..... \$ 7,938.83

Schedule C-2:

SURPLUS ANALYSIS

May 20, 1926.

Surplus, May 20, 1925..... \$125,677.92

Add:

Interest Received (Net)..... 7,360.91

 Surplus, May 20, 1926..... \$133,038.83

Exhibit D:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.:

Omaha, Nebraska.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.

May 20, 1926.

RESOURCES.

Cash..... \$ 991.72

Liberty Bonds..... 31,697.25

 \$ 32,688.97

LIABILITIES.

Inventory (Surplus)..... \$ 32,688.97

Schedule D-1:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.:

Omaha, Nebraska.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Ended May 20, 1926.

Cash on Hand, May 20, 1925..... \$ 2,054.88

Add Receipts:

Interest:

On Bank Balances..... \$ 33.79

On Liberty Bonds..... 1,360.00

 1,393.79

 3,448.67

Disbursements:

Liberty Bonds Purchased.....	2,015.64
Accrued Interest.....	41.31
Relief Paid.....	400.00

2,456.95

Cash on Hand, May 20, 1926.....\$ 991.72

Schedule D-2:

SURPLUS ANALYSIS.

May 20, 1926.

Surplus, May 20, 1925.....\$ 31,736.49

Add:

Interest Received (Net)..... 1,352.48

33,088.97

Deduct:

Relief Paid..... 400.00

Surplus, May 20, 1926.....\$ 32,688.97

The address of the Grand Master, the reports of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in charge of the Orphans Educational Fund, and of the War Relief Fund, and of the Certified Public Accountant, were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers for segregation and reference to the proper Committees.

M. W. John Wright, Grand Master, made an announcement in regard to the trip to Plattsmouth to be taken that afternoon.

Brother James A. Noble, 288, made several announcements regarding the method of transportation, where luncheon and dinner would be served, and other details of the trip.

At 12:30 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

TRIP TO PLATTSMOUTH.

The Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Members of the Grand Lodge, and Visitors, some of whom were accompanied by their ladies, to the number of approximately 550, were taken by a fleet of 150 or more automobiles, furnished by the brethren of the Omaha Lodges, to Plattsmouth, for the purpose of inspecting the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Infirmary. The cars

were placed in parade formation, and escorted by a detachment of motorcycle policemen to the outskirts of the city, where the drive was continued over the boulevard through old historic Bellevue, where the first settlement was made in Nebraska, through Fort Crook, arriving at Plattsmouth about 1:45. Upon arrival at the Nebraska Masonic Home, a very fine luncheon, which had been prepared and furnished by Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, and the 11 Omaha Lodges, was served to all visitors. The afternoon was spent in inspecting the Home and the Infirmary, and visiting with the residents, and many of the brethren enjoyed a rest on the spacious lawn, under the shade of "the old apple tree." About 5 o'clock, P. M., the procession of automobiles was again formed, and the brethren were taken to the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Children, in Omaha, where a very fine picnic supper, furnished by the 11 Omaha Lodges, was served.

The visitors were taken to the Masonic Temple for the evening session, to be held at 8 P. M.

This proved to be a most delightful occasion and the brethren were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the many courtesies that had been shown them; and those who had not before visited the Home and the Infirmary, were delighted to know that the Masons of Nebraska own and maintain such a Home, and probably the finest equipped Infirmary in the middle west.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 8th, 1926.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

M. W. John Wright, Grand Master introduced W. Brother C. Frank Reavis, Grand Orator, who made the following preliminary remarks:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I wish at this time to express my sincere appreciation to the Grand Master for the compliment paid me by appointing me to this position, and to express my pleasure at being permitted to participate in the program tonight. I have always wanted to be identified and associated with the Grand Lodge of my native state, but I have been compelled to spend so much of my time away that this is the first time the privilege has been given me, and I appreciate it very highly indeed.

Brethren, I am going to proceed on the theory of the old proverb that a long speech makes short listeners. I have no intention of burdening you with a lengthy address on this hot evening. I remember in the golden days when by force of necessity and a religious mother I was compelled to attend church, I devoted more attention to the number of leaves that the Pastor had read than to his sermon, and I have no doubt that many of you will concern yourselves more tonight with the quantity of this manuscript than with its quality.

ORATION.

Those things which were true in the beginning will remain true unto the end. The world moves and the old order changeth, but the principles, founded upon the eternal verities and which operate in obedience to natural law, are immutable, unchanging and unchangeable.

Never once have they been out of harmony with the order of the Universe for they are the causes of which that order is the result. If at times, to these minds of ours, they seem destructive, be assured that it is more apparent than real, more temporary than permanent. It is because self-centered, impatient man refuses to abide the event and to await the results of the long future.

This seems to be the age of intolerance, an iconoclast age that seeks to destroy all the shrines at which man has worshipped; an age of "after me the deluge;" an age of individualism that proclaims its standard the only standard and not content to be obedient to it, commands all others to accept it as well; an age in which class and group seek special privilege always intolerant of the view point of the other, in which youth, adventurous and daring, flouts the mature, and where those of the passing generation consign the rising one to the devil and his habitation.

An age in which nation distrusts nation, where the national aspirations of one, in many instances covetous and imperialistic, engender hatreds, enmities and misunderstandings among the others that seem to menace the peace of the world. But beneath all such superficial indications the same eternal principles secretly and slowly move toward the correct solution. Disobedience to these principles brings its certain punishment, and from the bitter school of experience, after human kind has again learned its lesson, will come an age of better understanding and more just, at least more charitable judgment, under which the individual will be permitted to live his own life in his own way provided he does not infringe the rights of the others, and nations will go forward to their destinies always according to others the same independence and similar privileges.

This is an era of transition following which the great good will come. I have every confidence in the judgment of the Almighty when he entrusted the destiny of this planet to man. True, for a time, it seemed that that confidence had been misplaced but the brooding years are patient and the one far off divine event towards which the race blindly and with halting, stumbling steps progresses is neither defeated nor postponed.

The difficulty of the hour is the lack of understanding. The signs of the times which point clearly to sectional bitterness in this nation of ours, have their origin, not alone in diversity of interests and clash of selfish purposes, but in inability to secure sufficient information to grasp the others' view point. If we were permitted to place one-half of our citizens in the seats of the other

half, there to remain until they understood the problems, the aspirations, the vexations and anxieties of those whose places they occupied, we would be able to settle all of our domestic difficulties without the aid of legislation. If the farmer could for six months live the life of the laborer who purchases his product; if the eastern manufacturer could manage a farm for one season; if labor could be charged with the executive responsibility of the plant in which he works; if these divergent and clashing interests could be given information of the others sufficient to form sane and just opinions, this intolerance of class against class, this sectional bitterness which I, at least, view with alarm, would be largely dissipated.

We, as individuals sit in judgment on our fellows; we demand the right to dictate the manner of their lives. We complain and criticize if their conduct does not comport with our standards; we have fashioned a garment pleasing to us, which we insist that men of all statures shall wear. Our road is not only the best road but it is the only safe road and we complacently direct all of our associates along its pleasant and peaceful way. It does not concern us except to excite us to indignation that they may have other roads of their own, more pleasing and more profitable to them. We have no sympathy with those whose heredity, environment and circumstance differing from ours have directed them in other ways. We are intolerant of all ways save our own, of all conduct not in harmony with that of our adoption. Such an attitude is provincial and is dictated entirely by a lack of understanding. No one ever asked for the privilege of being born into this world, he just found himself here, blessed or cursed by inheritances from a long line of ancestors. One is the victim of evil impulses that came in with his first garments, he did not ask for them any more than he asked for his life. Another finds correct conduct the easiest way. It would be as difficult for him to be other than good as it would be for the one to be anything but bad. Yet we demand that they wear the same garments of morality and have not the slightest sympathy for the unfortunate if through the curse of heredity he falls below the standard of the naturally good man.

Let me show you two men who have reached the summit of morality, one of whom has garments immaculate and face serene, while the other is covered with the dust and the blood of the struggle he has had. To which of these will you accord the greater praise?

Selfishness, always a hard taskmaster, demanding of its servants the commission of many offenses against individual rights and the rules of organized society, seems to have come into its own. Its dominance is apparent in all walks of life, from the affairs of the most unimportant individual to substantially all international relationships. If one were to judge the future by the present, it would be quite hopeless, but there is one thing the ages have shown and that is that the heart of humanity is sound. Otherwise, civilization would not have progressed, otherwise mankind would have retrograded to the elemental. Given that condition, that is to say, assume the love of fair play, the insistence on the observance and protection of individual rights as a controlling impulse of humanity then, by so assuming, you predict a result not in harmony with the recklessness and selfishness and indifference that lies upon the surface but only upon the surface of the present.

Do these observations seem out of harmony and inappropriate to the hour? I do not seek to speak of Masonry concretely, I prefer to speak of those things to which Masonry should give some attention if it is to foreclose its greatest possibility. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," was not restricted to a given group when it was uttered nor should we as Masons so restrict it now. It is not enough that this ancient order of ours whose membership comprises the elect in intelligence, character and influence, should contribute to the happiness and welfare of its members, for speaking generally, it fails if it does not enlarge that contribution to the fullest extent of its possibility.

Brethren cannot dwell together in unity when indifferent to individual rights. Groups, classes, sections, nations cannot permit intolerance and selfishness to inspire their conduct and expect anything else than irritation and controversies as a result. Treaties and league covenants will continue scraps of paper and though the heart cries out "Peace" as its most passionate hope, there is no peace so long as the causes which produce war are permitted to function.

I cannot accept the conclusion that we have justified our existence as an order by a service restricted to membership. The potentialities of Masonry with its selected personnel, with its far flung line stretching across the civilized world, are incalculable if utilized to full capacity.

I do not judge success by accomplishment but rather by contrasting accomplishment with possibility. One with inferior mental equipment who employs it to the utmost though his accomplishments be relatively small, is a greater success than is one with rare mental attainments who achieves greatly, though less than he would have, had he used his talents to their greatest possibilities. One who plays a poor hand well though he loses, justifies his life more than one who plays a good hand indifferently though he wins.

Once each year the President of the United States advises Congress regarding the state of the union. Why should that duty devolve alone upon the President? Why should Congress only receive such advice? Why not give to the great mass of people information regarding the state of the union? Why should our citizens be permitted to grow provincial by learning nothing save their own problems and by fostering no interest except the happenings in their restricted environment?

But a short time ago I delivered an address at a bankers banquet in New York. I love New York. I am as proud of it as is any of its inhabitants. I am glad that that wonderful city is an American city though it is largely populated with foreign blood. It is said there are more Bohemians in New York than in Prague; more Italians than in Rome; more Hebrews than in all of Jerusalem. To me it is one of the loveliest cities in all the world. I have watched its sunsets behind the palisades with the river in its reflection rivaling the glory of a sky that softened from scarlet to orange, faded into purple and deepened into night. I have seen its towering buildings shadowy and ghost-like in the blue mist that drifts in from the sea just before the night falls; I have seen the great arches of its bridges in the distance like the walls of a cathedral and the soft glow through their openings like the stained-glass windows of a church. I have listened to the roar of its traffic, and the clash and

clamor of that great city. At the entrance to the subway in the Grand Central station I stood long watching the never-ending flow of nervous, restless people. Good people, wicked people, rich people, poor people, happy people, wretched, miserable people. Shy eyes that fell from yours upon the clash of glances, impersonal eyes that saw you only as an object, eyes that caught yours and held them in their hard glance, as hard as sin. It was not a stream of faces that flowed by me, it was life in all of its aspects, contacts and manifestations.

The stream of life, why does it hurry so? Why is it indifferent to our pleas for a longer voyage? We seek to dam its current with our feeble hands and it sweeps them away. We entreat it to withhold its progress for a time but our calling is drowned by the ever increasing sound of the eternal sea.

These things I told them that night at the banquet.

I had visited their great grain exchange with all of its turmoil and excitement and I sympathized with their pride in it. Yet way out in the quiet places the farmer rises when the gray dawn is breaking and labors under a pitiless sun until, stumbling with weariness, he returns to his home only when the new cut stars are glowing in a twilight sky. The real grain exchange is there. Should the producer cease from his labors for one season the bats and owls would flap drearily in their beautiful building.

Their great textile mills that reach far up into New England are possible only because the husbandmen of the South and the far West, provide the raw material. Without their labor, looms and spindles would be silent and the dust and rust of idleness would gather.

No industrial district in all the world compares with that on the water front from New York to Philadelphia; yet their fires would die, labor would be idle and "the glory that once was Greece" would depart were it not for the miner who works through the day far beneath the surface of the earth by the light of his cap flare, mining the coal which provides the energy for industry.

Mighty New York, provincial New York, taking that monstrous city for granted and giving no account to those who make it what it is. The wonderful thing is not New York, the wonderful thing is the great country and the great people that make New York necessary. It would be well for the state of the union could Nebraska be impressed upon New York and New York upon Nebraska.

Frequently things which appear inconsequential and unrelated have exercised the most far reaching influence upon the destiny of the race. Victor Hugo relates that a peasant's misunderstanding of a question won the battle of Waterloo for the English, accomplished the downfall of one of the most stupendous figures of all times whose growing power had disturbed the equilibrium of the world and threatened the progress of mankind. In this connection let me introduce the despised flivver and invest it, if possible, with a new dignity. I have had the good fortune to motor over a large part of this continent and I have, whenever possible, visited the public or tourists' camps. It is not surprising that you find there many men of rare intelligence, capable of stating the problems of their vocations and applying a sane and justifiable remedy. At one camp in the Yellowstone district, I saw cars from twenty-six

states. About a great fire the men had gathered. The miner was telling of his hills, of the metal solidifying as the world cooled waiting patiently through the centuries for the hand of its master to fashion it for man's greater use. He told the farmers and the skilled laborer of his anxieties and perplexities who in turn related theirs to him. Thus through the instrumentality of good roads and cheap cars men were gathering new information, a new view point and learning something of the lives of the other half. It is only by such contacts and the information derived therefrom that sympathetic understandings so necessary to our unity and solidarity as a nation are possible. In cataloguing those things which are instrumental in this beneficent result do not overlook the flivver.

I would not be misunderstood. I do not advocate any of the fads and foibles that self-constituted authorities are so busily promoting these days. I have had too much experience to take professional reformers seriously or those mis-guided individuals who in response to some moral yearning arrogate the right to uplift humanity. I have little sympathy or patience with those who assault given conditions in the abstract and remain indifferent to the causes which produce them. I would not doctor symptoms or turn the hose on the offensive smoke. I would prefer to expend my efforts in treating the disease and attempting to put out the fire. I merely suggest that in some way our nationals be informed, believing that we can then trust their judgment; otherwise a representative republic will prove the ghastliest governmental mistake of the ages.

I would not, had I the power, assume the right to dictate what our citizenship should do with America. This country is their country, to do with just as they please so long as they do not employ force and violence. They may turn it over to socialism or bolshevism if they desire. They may constitute it an absolute monarchy or place a dictator in power, if they please. The constitution of the nation provides ready means for such purpose. There will never be a revolution in the United States because under our system every general election contains within it all possible ends that revolution may attain. I was on the inaugural stand during the inauguration of the late President Harding. A grave, dignified senator of nearly forty years of service said to me as he looked at the notables about us, "The Government of the United States is on this stand." "No," I replied, pointing to the listening multitude, "The Government of the United States is out there." Some time after he told me that he had not understood what I had meant at first, but had eventually caught my meaning. "I was taking myself too seriously," was his comment.

I do not advocate as a remedy any of the proposed legislation restricting the right of any individual to advocate any governmental doctrine he pleases. He has a right to propose a change in our governmental system if he so desires. He has a constitutional right to freely utter the faith that is in him. If his doctrine is good, a discussion will disclose its virtues; if it is bad let it be brought into the light that we may expose its evils and discard it as we would do if we are capable of self-government. I advocate only that every possible avenue of information be opened to our people as a condition precedent to sane and correct conclusions. You may not agree with my position but I do not shrink from your opposition. I may unwittingly advocate something out of harmony

with your beliefs or inconsistent with the traditions and purposes of Masonry, but I shall risk that also. You may be indifferent to my suggestions and ignore them. That I should deplore. I invite your criticism, if necessary, but not your indifference. We have a great and powerful organization that is working but half-time. We have depths that have not been sounded and potentialities that are unused. For many years the thought has been in my mind that we were not playing our hand to its fullest possibilities. Generally speaking, there is a lodge of Masons in every community in this land of ours. Its personnel is of the highest. We meet at frequent intervals in the closest relationship, locally as well as nationally. Why should we not adopt some plan by which the Masonic organizations could contribute greatly to the state of the union by being one of the means through which a better understanding may come to contending groups and sections?

The matter is too pretentious to be worked out in a short address, even if I were capable. I have certain definite ideas regarding it, however, that are the result of some thought and consideration. The will to do this thing is all that I now advocate, the details may well be left until later.

The voice of the demagogue is heard in the land, not with the idea of remedying conditions but rather to exploit them to his own advantage. Why should those who have information and who are without personal or selfish interest, remain silent?

It would be unwise, perhaps fatally unwise, to enter the domain of politics. No one who loves the order would countenance such proposal. I personally would oppose it with all the zeal of which I am capable. It would be a perversion of Masonic purpose to advocate or oppose any specific public measure and thereby bring upon itself the certain penalties which would inevitably follow such a course. The distressing conditions which confront certain types of industry and concerning which there is much agitation and public acclaim, are in my opinion, economic in character rather than legislative. I have always, in my own mind, restricted the functions of a representative republic to the equal protection of all its citizens in legitimately and lawfully working out their own salvation. I believe it to be a prostitution of our government to require it to work out their salvation for them. This nation has nothing of its own to give. Whatsoever gift it makes to one it must of necessity take from another. It cannot be just and generous at the same time for the act which constitutes generosity creates injustice. Consequently I am not proposing nor considering injecting Masonry into any such activities. But if the electorate could be even reasonably informed as to actual conditions, to which end I should like to see Masonry contribute, the sound hearts and the clear heads within America would find justifiable remedies and apply them. This thing I believe and presume to suggest as one of the responsibilities our tremendous power places upon us.

I doubt very much if there is a single normal man who has not asked himself the question, "What is it all about?" The nearer he gets to the end of his journey the more insistent and the more perplexing that question becomes. No right thinking man cares to think that his life is the result of mere chance, of mere accident. All of us try to believe that some purpose and some necessity lies behind our creation. What that purpose is, none of us know.

We blindly trust the leadership of a superior power in accomplishing the purpose of our creation. There is no one who does not harbor in his heart a desire for advancement, a desire for improvement, yet none of us have the slightest indication as to what we are advancing. Somewhere off through the ages the "one divine far off event" will be accomplished by the contributions of man, yet none of us know what our contributions are or the end to which we contribute.

I have long since reached the conclusion that life is not its own justification. If all you and I do is just live, we might as well not have lived at all. The only justifications for life are the accomplishments of life, and the only accomplishments of real and enduring value, are those which contribute to the advancement of mankind.

You can look back through the mist of the years at the advancing ranks of the race that are always changing because the individual is dropping out, but they never change because another always steps in; the important thing is, not what happens to the individual but that the ranks of the race are advancing.

A number of years ago, in company with a little freckle-faced red-haired lad, I went to Washington. One afternoon I told him I was called before one of the departments and asked him if he could get along without me until I came back. With all the confidence of youth he replied that he could get along a good deal better without me than he could with me. I said to him, "You have been very much interested in the statues in the squares and circles of this beautiful city; I want you to find me the statue that was erected to the man who made the most money, and when I come back tonight, to tell me about it."

Seated about the dinner-table that evening I said, "Son, how about the statue?" He said, "I couldn't find it; where is it?" I replied, "It is not in this beautiful capital of ours, it isn't anywhere in this sad, old world, for the man whose memory has been perpetuated in marble is the man who gave most to the world, not the man who took the most from it."

We speak with pride of the antiquity of Masonry. It is a golden cord that attaches us intimately with a remote past. But it is more than that in its promise for the future. Abating nothing of my love for this ancient craft, I am conscious that we cannot fix our eyes upon the past without walking backward into the future. This troubled, restless world requires of us those things we have to give. Our obligations of yesterday have been fulfilled. Now "the light streams on the path ahead and no where else."

Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to W. Brother C. Frank Reavis, for his matchless oration and that he be requested to furnish a copy of same to the Grand Secretary, for publication in the Proceedings. Motion prevailed.

At 9:30 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 9th, 1926.

At nine o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

The following committees were announced by M. W. John Wright, Grand Master, and entered upon the discharge of their duties:

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

- W. Bernard N. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- W. Charles H. Marley, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- M. W. Andrew H. Viele, Mosaic Lodge No. 55.

BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.

- W. John R. Webster, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
- W. Frank Wilcox, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- Bro. Luther M. Kuhns, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Long Pine Lodge No. 136.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

- W. Alfred G. Hunt, Ashlar Lodge No. 33.
- W. Charles E. Sharpe, Hastings Lodge No. 50.
- W. Henry J. Walker, Franklin Lodge No. 264.
- W. Walter H. Justin, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290.
- W. Tyler Edgcombe, Geneva Lodge No. 79.

CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

- W. Ralph O. Canaday, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285.
- W. Lester R. Stonecker, Mizpah Lodge No. 302.
- W. Tracy F. Tyler, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126.

CONSOLIDATION OF MASONIC CHARITIES.

- M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Minden Lodge No. 127.
- M. W. James R. Cain, Jr., Stella Lodge No. 105.
- M. W. Andrew H. Viele, Mosaic Lodge No. 55.

CREDENTIALS.

- W. Arthur B. Carpenter, Mosaic Lodge No. 55.
- W. Arthur F. Kottman, Falls City Lodge No. 9.
- W. Orville Chatt, Tekamah Lodge No. 31.
- W. George W. Pillers, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
- W. S. Martin Hult, Wahoo Lodge No. 59.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

- W. Benjamin F. Thomas, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- W. Thomas F. Rhoys, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
- W. Joseph H. Randolph, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184.

FINANCE.

- W. C. Ray Macy, Beatrice Lodge No. 26.
- W. William D. Cave, Cotner Lodge No. 297.
- W. David Northup, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- W. Clendenen W. Mitchell, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.
- W. Theodore F. Goold, Ogallala Lodge No. 159.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

- M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Long Pine Lodge No. 136.
- M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Minden Lodge No. 127.
- W. Frank L. Haycock, Parian Lodge No. 207.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

- V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
- W. Mark J. Lipman, Bassett Lodge No. 254.
- W. Harry Rasmussen, Western Star Lodge No. 2.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

- W. George C. Mason, Liberty Lodge No. 300.
- W. Robert D. Hodgman, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
- W. Henry H. Andrews, Parian Lodge No. 207.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S LIBRARY.

- M. W. Charles E. Burnham, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166.
- W. George Burgert, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46.
- W. John B. Lichtenwallner, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

- W. John E. Long, Fremont Lodge No. 15.
- W. Oliver C. Hudson, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
- W. Albert V. Ducker, Charity Lodge No. 53.
- W. William D. McPatry, Ashlar Lodge No. 33.
- W. William O. Larson, Composite Lodge No. 81.

GRIEVANCES.

- W. Archie M. Smith, Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203.
- W. Marius Christensen, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.
- W. William H. Smails, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
- W. Doc L. Redfern, Liberty Lodge No. 300.
- W. Thomas J. Lawson, Long Pine Lodge No. 136.

JURISPRUDENCE.

- M. W. Robert R. Dickson, Chairman, Garfield Lodge No. 95. All Past Grand Masters present.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.

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

- W. O. Edwin Mickey, Osceola Lodge No. 65—1928.
- M. W. Charles E. Burnham, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166—1928.
- W. Benjamin F. Pitman, Samaritan Lodge No. 158—1927.

- W. Millard M. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3—1927.
 Bro. Frank C. Patton, Covert Lodge No. 11—1926.
 W. Edwin C. Yont, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162—1926.

MASONIC EDUCATION.

- V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
 M. W. Ambrose C. Epperson, Clay Center Lodge No. 139.
 W. Ralph O. Canaday, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285.
 W. N. Dwight Ford, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148.
 W. Edwin H. Gerhart, Newman Grove Lodge No. 305.

PAY-ROLL.

- W. Frank L. Haycock, Parian Lodge No. 207.
 W. Joel C. Mead, Western Lodge No. 140.
 W. H. Alva Bowman, Corinthian Lodge No. 83.
 W. Ellis E. Good, Peru Lodge No. 14.
 W. Carl M. Anderson, Mason City Lodge No. 170.

PROMOTION OF THE WORLD'S PEACE.

- M. W. Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
 W. John R. Webster, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
 M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh Lodge No. 17.

RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.

- W. O. Edwin Mickey, Osceola Lodge No. 65.
 W. Millard M. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
 M. W. Charles E. Burnham, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166.
 W. Benjamin F. Pitman, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.
 W. John B. Lichtenwallner, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.

RETURNS.

- W. John B. Lichtenwallner, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.
 W. Omer R. Frey, Jachin Lodge No. 146.
 W. Fred Wolter, Incense Lodge No. 182.
 W. William M. Nielsen, Covert Lodge No. 11.
 W. Robert M. Packard, Oakland Lodge No. 91.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- W. Edward B. Papez, Albion Lodge No. 78.
 W. Edward W. Cross, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.
 W. Layton E. Bossard, Papillion Lodge No. 39.
 W. Roy C. Strong, Alliance Lodge No. 183.
 W. Roy T. Cummings, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46.

COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATION NO. 10

- of Grand Master Robert R. Dickson.
 W. Carroll D. Evans, Sr., Lebanon Lodge No. 58.
 W. Edgar F. Snavely, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
 W. Frank Wilcox, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.

COMMITTEE TO ENTERTAIN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

- R. W. Frank H. Woodland, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
 W. Millard M. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
 W. Carroll D. Evans, Sr., Lebanon Lodge No. 58.
 Bro. Fred B. Dale, Capitol Lodge No. 3.

M. W. John Wright, Grand Master, announced that he had received a letter from Past Grand Master Harry A. Cheney, of Creighton, Nebraska, advising him that his mother had just passed away, and that it would be impossible for him to attend Grand Lodge. It was ordered that the sincere sympathy of the Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. Brother Cheney, in his bereavement.

It was announced that M. W. William W. Martin, Grand Master, and M. W. Frank R. Jesse, Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and M. W. J. Claude Keiper, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, were in waiting. The Grand Master appointed Past Grand Masters Robert R. Dickson, Samuel S. Whiting, and Henry H. Wilson, a committee to escort these distinguished visitors into, and present them to the Grand Lodge. M. W. Brothers William W. Martin, and Frank R. Jesse, entertained the Grand Lodge for a few minutes, with their usual flow of "Missouri wit." M. W. Brother J. Claude Keiper, then gave an extended address relative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, of which Association he is the Secretary. The Grand Lodge gave close attention to his remarks, and from the sentiment expressed it may be expected that Nebraska will take her place with the other jurisdictions in raising the quota for this magnificent Masonic edifice.

W. Brother Benjamin F. Thomas, 1, presented the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers and it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully report and recommend, that the Address of M. W. John Wright, Grand Master, under its designated heads, be referred as follows:

To the Grand Lodge:

All matters relating to The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

All decisions; also recommendations, except Nos. 6 and 11.

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

Necrology.

To the Committee on Grievances:

All matters relating to discipline.

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

Grand Master's recommendation No. 6.

To the Committee on Finance:

Grand Master's recommendation No. 11.

To the Board of Masonic Service Annuities & Gifts:

Annuities and gifts.

To the Committee on Codification of the Law:

All amendments to the law.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

All matters relating to lodges under dispensation.

Your Committee desire to highly commend the splendid Address of our Grand Master. His long experience in Masonic work enables him to give to the Craft by practical example, many of its profound teachings—that Masonry is not theory, but practice; not history, but life; not organization, but helpfulness; our glory is not numerical strength, but quality of life and service. We stand for more than initiation. The measure of our success is not shut up by what we learn from relics, but by the approximation of the great Truths taught by the Greater and the Lesser Lights. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in true Masonic love. He has greatly endeared himself to our Fraternity by his example and teachings.

We recommend that all other matters not specifically mentioned, or referred, be approved.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

We, your Committee, desire to commend the report of our Grand Secretary. We are favorably impressed with the accurate and business-like methods of that Officer in compiling the business pertaining to his office, and congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the excellent showing which appears from his admirable report. The statistical tables contained in the report show favorable growth and afford encouragement for the future.

We recommend the careful perusal of his report by each member of this Grand Body.

We recommend that so much of the report as relates to finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That all other recommendations be approved.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Your Committee has read with great interest the report of our Grand Custodian. It covers many pages of printed matter, proving that while our venerable Brother French, who has given many years of labor to the duties of his office, is now far beyond the meridian of life; yet, he retains a youthful vigor, a clearness of intellect, a strength and vitality which are truly wonderful, and upon which he is to be heartily congratulated; and manifests a willingness to toil, which is truly commendable.

His report indicates that he keeps in touch with all the affairs of our Grand Body; that he is thoroughly familiar with all Masonic law; and that everything must be brought within, and kept within the provisions of the law.

Appreciating as we do his long services and faithful devotion to duty, we can only wish that years of strength may yet be his, that perennial spring may gladden all his days, and that his faithful pen may annually record the success of his work as Grand Custodian.

LONG LIVE UNCLE BOB!

M. W. Brother Charles E. Burnham, Past Grand Master, moved that the pay-roll for this annual communication of the Grand Lodge, be based on three day's attendance and mileage. Motion prevailed.

W. Brother Alfred G. Hunt, 33, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, and it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

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

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of Grand Island Lodge, U. D., Grand Island, Nebraska, and Bladen Lodge, U. D., of Bladen, Nebraska, beg leave to report:

We have carefully examined all records and papers submitted to us relative thereto, and we recommend that charters be granted by the Grand Lodge in the following names and numbers:

Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island, Nebraska.

Bladen Lodge No. 319, Bladen, Nebraska.

W. Brother John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, for the Committee on Returns, presented the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

We, your Committee on Returns, beg leave to submit the following report:

Reports have been received from all lodges in the Jurisdiction, and all Grand Lodge dues are paid.

The returns show a membership of 40,937, a net gain of 650, one-tenth of one per cent less gain than last year, when there was an increase of 702 members.

A comparative analysis of annual returns for a period of years, shows a very rapid and decisive decrease in membership gains during the past four years, a condition to which we desire to call the attention of our Grand Lodge in as emphatic a way as possible, as we consider the question a rather important one.

Going back for a number of years in the history of our Grand Jurisdiction, we find that from the year 1900 (when there were 12,361 members) until the present time, there has been an average annual gain in membership of about

eight and one-half per cent. This would therefore indicate what we might rightly consider as an average steady and desired growth.

The largest gain in the history of our Grand Lodge was in 1921-22, when there was a net increase in our rolls of 3841 members, a gain of twelve per cent.

Now, in a period of only four short years, we have rapidly dropped from the highest point in our history, until this year we show a gain of only one and six-tenths per cent, the lowest record in all the history of this Grand Lodge, and a considerable number of points below what we may rightfully consider a steady and satisfactory growth.

We do not wish to convey the idea, however, that there is any great and impending cause for alarm in this data. The increase this year of 650 members on our rolls is indeed indicative of a fair growth under present conditions. And yet, this comparison, showing a marked falling-off in our activities, may indicate the wisdom of a careful study of conditions as they relate to the future best interests and welfare and growth of Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction, and a stimulation of effort to increased activities, especially in a considerable number of Lodges that are apparently in a "near dormant" state.

In this connection, it may be interesting to note conditions as they exist in our neighboring Jurisdictions, with reference to their gains in membership. In Colorado, we find from their last returns, there was a gain of three per cent. In Kansas, two and one-half per cent. In Iowa about two per cent. In South Dakota one and seven-tenths per cent. In the "coast states," New York and California, the gains were five and seven per cent, respectively. So that, present economic conditions in this middle-western country undoubtedly play an important part in the apparent retarded growth of Masonry these years.

The returns show that there were 1641 raisings in the lodges during the year, compared to 1723 raisings reported last year.

One of our Lodges with a membership of less than six hundred members, reports 49 raisings. Four Lodges had from 30 to 35 raisings. Seven Lodges, from 20 to 30 raisings. Twenty-six Lodges, from 10 to 20. Sixty-five Lodges, from 5 to 10 raisings. So that, in 102 Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, activities were in excellent condition.

On the other hand, 24 lodges did not have any raisings, and in 8 lodges, there was not the conferring of any degree whatever. In a word nearly ten per cent of the lodges are practically in a dormant condition, so far as conferring degrees is concerned. We believe this is a condition that will receive the careful consideration of our Grand Lodge Officers.

It is not, supposedly, a function of this committee, to make any comments or suggestions extraneous to the subject of returns. And, yet, in a close comparative study of returns of this and former years, we are inclined to the opinion, that the large increase of fees adopted by many Lodges, resolves itself into a question of "cause and effect," as relating to the remarkable diminution in our growth as disclosed by these returns.

In 1922, when the Infirmary project was decided upon, and in order to finance the same, our Grand Lodge slightly increased the Grand Lodge dues, and a fee of \$15.00 required for each initiation, instead of \$5.00, as formerly, many lodges increased their fees double and treble the amount of increase asked by the Grand Lodge. Dues were in many instances also increased in the same

proportion. The returns for that year, 1922, had shown an increase in membership of nearly 8%. The following year, 1923, the increase dropped to 3½%. In 1924, it was 2½%. And in 1925, one and seven-tenths per cent. This year one and six-tenths per cent.

While it is a truth that Masonry was never intended for the "masses," it is also true that it was not intended exclusively for the wealthy. The question therefore is, whether a large number of men, especially of young men, of limited means, but worthy to become Masons, are not deterred from petitioning for the degrees, because, in addition to enormous increase costs of home expenses, the larger fees charged for Masonic degrees places our Order in the class of luxuries not to be thought of under present conditions.

The "Watchword of Masonry" since its inception in our state has been "onward and forward." In the early pioneer settlements of our state, as we remember them, first, came the building of the Home. Then the School House. Then the Church. And then came a Masonic Lodge. Masonry in Nebraska, in just twenty-five years, has gained nearly 250% in membership. It has ever kept pace with, and been an important factor in the wonderful onward progress and development of our state all these years. If now, therefore, it should come to a practical standstill in membership, a "stale-mate," so to speak, it would be a most discouraging and undesirable condition in the estimation of all the Craft. The question of fees and dues may be important as bearing on this matter, but is entirely in the hands of the subordinate lodges, the Grand Lodge merely designating the minimum to be charged.

The question of dues is also an important one. The returns show that there were 609 suspensions during the year, and it seems a safe conclusion that nearly all were for non-payment of dues. This is an increase of nearly 60% over last year's suspensions. It is gratifying to note however, a diminution in the amount of delinquent dues, which during the past years has been steadily increasing. The question of ever increasing demands for our benevolences will undoubtedly be called to our attention by other committees. Our Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont are about "capacity full," the residents in the Infirmary are rapidly increasing, and there are increasing demands from indigent Brethren and their dependents throughout the state. This all affects the question of Grand Lodge dues in the future, and we feel sure there will be a hearty response from the Masons in the state, as all are interested in the proper care and relief of the unfortunate among our craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

There has been a marked improvement in the accuracy of Lodge returns this year. And yet there is still room for much improvement. Much correspondence through our Grand Secretary's office has been occasioned by inaccuracies between Lodge rosters and the Card indexes in our archives, and, as this always happens during the "busy month" of the year, our Grand Secretary is put to a great amount of inconvenience at the time when he is busy in getting statistical tables ready and in the hands of the printer.

A large amount of extra correspondence also is required from the fact that a few secretaries fail to properly understand some requirements of our Grand Lodge laws, and especially with reference to four important matters, viz:

- (1.) Grand Lodge dues for members, are based on the lodge rolls March 31st, of the previous year. So that, suspensions, demissions, deaths, etc.,

during the current year cannot be deducted. Neither do lodges pay Grand Lodge dues on initiations, admissions or restorations during the current year.

(2.) Affiliations on demits from lodges, in or out of the state, if demits are more than one year old, are required to pay a fee of \$10.00 into the Grand Lodge funds.

(3.) For all initiations during the year, lodges must remit to the Grand Lodge a fee of \$10.00.

(4.) Both copies of returns must be sent to the Grand Secretary's office. The duplicate is later returned to the Lodges.

The law of our Grand Lodge provides a fine of one cent per member for each day the returns of lodges do not reach the Grand Secretary's office after April 10th. The following lodges are subject to this fine in the following amounts:

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge.	No. of Members.	Date Rec'd	Amts.
92	Hubbell.....	30	April 19th.....	\$ 2.70
157	Valley.....	80	April 16th.....	4.80
161	Mt. Zion.....	80	April 14th.....	3.20
173	Robert Burns.....	51	April 15th.....	2.55
217	Wauneta.....	56	April 20th.....	5.60
229	Comet.....	84	April 15th.....	4.20
231	Mt. Hermon.....	71	April 16th.....	4.26
244	Sincerity.....	27	April 20th.....	2.70
259	Bee.....	32	April 15th.....	1.60
287	Union.....	62	April 16th.....	3.72
308	Perkins.....	45	April 14th.....	1.80
Total.....				\$37.13

V. W. Brother Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, presented, the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

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

As we enter on this sacred service, we feel the inadequacy of all that we may say. No words can fully express the emotions which surge in the tides of stricken hearts, nor completely portray the story of human sorrow, the losses of brotherhood, the bereft households, the bewildered children, the sorely wounded women; the full message of the Vacant Chair can never be voiced.

But MEMORY, gracious far reaching Memory, comes to its solemn hour of service here, and cannot be silenced. Today in loving recognition of our comrades, gone a little while before, we tarry together along the shores of recollection, to remeasure the exalted qualities set forth in their noblest living; to recall their sustaining faith, their uplifting hopes, and to determine the source of the inspiring influences, which so fortified them for the toilsome battles they waged, aye—for the victories they achieved.

Unforgotten Heroes. They did not serve "to be seen of men," but for love of human kind; and in justice, and in love, we need to bear evidence before the world, that not one, of the far dispersed of our fraternity has been forgotten. So we come with laurel for our heroes of unrecorded valor. Only God's great day shall bring full revelation of how deep souled, were many in our humble ranks, toiling through hard hot hours with songs upon their lips, single-handed, in majestic loneliness flinging their best strength against entrenched wrong, bearing without whimper the hampering of disease; smiling faced, dividing with others, the hope and cheer of which they, themselves, had so great a need—on their dear dust, we reverently lay these leaves of recollection.

"It takes great love to stir a human heart
 To live beyond the others and apart,
 A love that is not shallow, is not small,
 Is not for one, or two, but for them all,
 Love that can wound love, for its higher need;
 Love that can leave love, though the heart may bleed;
 Love that can lose love, family and friend;
 Yet steadfastly live, loving, to the end.
 A love that asks no answer, that can live
 Moved by one burning, deathless force—to give,
 Love, strength and courage—courage, strength and love;
 The heroes of all time are built thereof."

The House that Never Goes Down. As we reread the history of these lives, a radiant truth, comes to us through the quickened memories of this hour; it is this, that exalted character, is impregnable; imperishable. Beyond perishing, passing, material accumulations, there is to be seen the rare store which they gathered, and builded into the house eternal,—gentleness, truth, honor, beauty, goodness, they upreared in walls of enduring splendor.

The dust of time, shall pass away, revealing the larger work of their hands, which shall stand unshaken, when time shall be no more, for the structure their hearts lifted was founded upon the Rock.

The Guiding Hand. We are rejoicing too that our Father's power was their accepted strength. Recently one of our people was entering the shadow across the Valley, when, holding the hand of the woman nearest to him in life, he said, "Wife repeat with me our Lord's Prayer." Together they voiced the wondrous words "Our Father," "Thy will be done" "thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory forever," and with a smile on his face, he entered the "forever land." Ah! That is it—"Our Father"—for all of us. God, is the solution of the mysteries of life, His presence, our portion in the darkest hour, the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, His voice echoes above every thundering storm—His will, our strength by every rushing wave.

"So whether on the hill-tops high and fair
 I dwell; or in the sunless valleys where
 The shadows lie—what matter? He is there.
 And more than this: Where'er the pathway lead,
 He gives to me no helpless, broken reed,
 But His own hand, sufficient to my need.
 So where he leads me, I can safely go.
 And in the blest hereafter I shall know
 Why in his wisdom he hath led me so."

Whither they have Gone. There is a mighty comfort also in this, that whither they have gone, we too are traveling. An unchanging faith is ours that the parting on the road is not to oblivion, that the light, which shown on their faces that last day, was not the fading light of time, but the dawning light of immortality; that the melody in their whispered words of farewell was not the approaching discord of night, but the echoing harmony of a new glad morning, whose entrancing symphonies shall soon be ours, as well as theirs. That their upreached hands were not toward unresponsive emptiness, but toward clasping palms with joyous welcome, sweeter there, than even here.

"There safe from every mortal ill,
 Waits every wasted wish of man;
 The hopes that time could ne'er fulfill
 And only death and nature can.
 There Peace will touch the eyes of Grief
 And Mercy soothe the heart of pain;
 And every bud, and flower, and leaf,
 That withered here, will bloom again."

We have lost during the past year the inspiring presence and leadership of two distinguished Past Grand Masters. M. W. Robert Emory Evans, and M. W. John Adam Ehrhardt. M. W. Robert Emory Evans was born July 15th, 1856, at Coalmont, Pennsylvania, served as Grand Master from June 7th, 1901 until June 5th, 1902. Died July 8th, 1925 at Lincoln, Nebraska. When our Brother, Judge Evans died, there went out a great light; there was lost to the jurisprudence of our state, one who was the very embodiment of justice; to the Nation, a law-maker and citizen of unblemished purity of character; to the Church of Christ, a faithful member; to the Masonic fraternity, a Brother beloved. He was honest, candid and fair in every field of his activity, no breath of suspicion ever assailed his integrity, or dimmed the brightness of his honor; no Brother will be more missed in the councils of Masonry, than this valiant disputant for right.

M. W. John Adam Ehrhardt was born December 6th, 1848 at Erbach, Hessedarmstadt, Germany. He was M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska from June 22nd, 1894 to June 13th, 1895. He died at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, November 1st, 1925. Brother Ehrhardt came to America with his parents in 1854. This great rugged soul became early in life a fervent lover of the land of his adoption and its institutions. Born in another land, he was yet an American indeed, of unflinching patriotism, and unabated loyalty. When only 16 years of age, moved by the lofty spirit which ever animated him, he offered his services to the Government, then another short service, then three years in the regular army. When speech for the Republic was "golden" his voice was never silent, nor misunderstood, a noble, pioneer patriot.

For half a century he was closely and honorably identified with the interest of our state, and his history during that period is woven inseparably with the history of Masonry and its forward movements.

With unchanging sympathy for the bereaved folks of other jurisdictions whose kinsmen have been transferred during the year, we write their names among our own:

M. W. Felix G. Lindsey. Past Grand Master, Arkansas.
 M. W. Ernest Leneve Foster. Past Grand Master, Colorado.
 M. W. George Massey Jones. Past Grand Master, Delaware.

M. W. Charles H. Maull.....	Past Grand Master, Delaware.
M. W. George C. Williams.....	Past Grand Master, Delaware.
M. W. Reginald Harry Cooper.....	Past Grand Master, Florida.
M. W. Silas B. Wright.....	Past Grand Master, Florida.
M. W. James W. Taylor.....	Past Grand Master, Georgia.
M. W. Arthur E. Wood.....	Past Grand Master, Illinois.
M. W. Mason Jenks Niblack.....	Past Grand Master, Indiana.
M. W. Thomas Arthur.....	Past Grand Master, Iowa.
M. W. William Hutchinson.....	Past Grand Master, Iowa.
M. W. James H. McCall.....	Past Grand Master, Kansas.
M. W. William Ingram Stuart.....	Past Grand Master, Kansas.
M. W. Earl Worthington Weathers.....	Past Grand Master, Kentucky.
R. W. Adolph Gustav Ricks.....	Grand Treasurer, Louisiana.
M. W. William Andrews Clark.....	Past Grand Master, Montana.
R. W. Cornelius Hedges, Jr.....	Grand Secretary, Montana.
R. W. Richard Lockey.....	Past Grand Treasurer, Montana.
R. W. Henry Martin Parchen.....	Past Grand Treasurer, Montana.
M. W. John E. Cameron.....	Grand Master, North Carolina.
R. W. Evarts Cornelius Stevens.....	Grand Treasurer, North Dakota.
M. W. J. Murray Lawson.....	Past Grand Master, Nova Scotia.
M. W. Joel Cave Glore.....	Past Grand Master, Ohio.
M. W. Horace A. Irwin.....	Past Grand Master, and Grand Treasurer, Ohio.
R. W. John Wilberforce Cram.....	Past Registrar, Saskatchewan.
R. W. John Milton Shaw.....	Past Grand Secretary, Saska- tchewan.
M. W. George A. Johnston.....	Past Grand Master, South Dakota.
R. W. John Lewis Turner.....	Past Honorary Grand Master, South Dakota.
M. W. George E. Seay.....	Past Grand Master, Tennessee.
M. W. William Hamilton Nichols.....	Past Grand Master, Texas.
M. W. Sol. Cutchins.....	Past Grand Master, Virginia.
M. W. Richard Thomas Walker Duke, Jr.....	Past Grand Master, Virginia.
M. W. Archibald Wanless Frater.....	Past Grand Master, Washington.
M. W. Alvin Thomas Webb.....	Past Grand Master, Wisconsin.
R. W. John W. Morgareidge.....	Grand Tyler, Wyoming.
M. W. Edward F. Stable.....	Past Grand Master, Wyoming.

Brother Luther M. Kuhns, 3, for the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, presented the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.

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

At the Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, June 10th, 1925, a report of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts was presented to the Grand Lodge and adopted. In addition, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for incidental expenses of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, and also that \$5,000.00 be set aside for the purpose of a reserve to be drawn upon from time to time by said Board as contracts under the special gift agreement require."

The rules presented and proposed for the conduct of the Board were also adopted by the Grand Lodge to put into operation its activities.

The plan of organization of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts is the realization of the dream of Worshipful Brother, Dr. David C. Hilton of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. To him belongs the credit for the conception, organization, and plan of this Board. With much thought and great care he worked out the whole plan as submitted to the Grand Lodge and adopted. Dr. Hilton is justly entitled to this recognition which we fraternally accord. To show his confidence in the work he had fathered, Dr. Hilton gave the sum of \$2,500.00 to the Grand Lodge to start the work of the Board of Masonic Annuities and Gifts. On the annuity he established the Grand Lodge is paying Dr. Hilton 4% interest for a certain number of years. After careful investigation the Board invested this money in a first mortgage loan on 160 acres in Cedar County, Nebraska, for ten years at 5% interest.

To date this is the only annuity or gift that the Board has received, apart from the amounts set aside by the Grand Lodge for the operation and the purpose of reserve.

The attention of the Grand Lodge is called to the features of the work of this Board. Its purpose is to solicit and receive bequests, devises, residuary estates and other gifts for this Grand Lodge, and for educational, charitable, or other institutions or activities operated by it, or in connection with it; to conduct the affairs relative to special gift agreements and annuity service bonds to be issued thereunder; and to take, hold, and convey title to funds and property in the name of a corporation, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to disburse funds without a specific appropriation by the Grand Lodge.

The attention of the Grand Lodge is especially called to the work of this Board in the hope that encouragement upon the part of the brethren may be given, and a large and increasing number of brethren may be interested in the Grand Lodge plan of annuities and gifts. Though in its infancy, this work promises to become one of the greatest of the many objects engaging the consideration and the fostering care of the Grand Lodge. Any member of the Grand Lodge who is interested might talk with any member of the committee, and secure such information as it is possible, at the present time to give.

Your Board recommends that the Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for incidental expenses of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, and also re-appropriate \$1,000.00 to be set aside for the purpose of a reserve to be drawn upon from time to time by said Board, as contracts under the special gift agreement require.

Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, presented the report of the Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace, and it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF WORLD'S PEACE.

*To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of
Nebraska:*

It is with renewed hope that your committee records the most notable step in the promotion of World Peace taken by America in this generation.

With the advice and consent of the Senate, we have adhered to the Permanent Court of International Justice; a tribunal owing its origin largely to the heart and brain of America. Our nation is the forty-ninth, to adopt this most promising instrument for the preservation of World Peace. This Court has handed down more decisions in the first four years of its existence, than our National Supreme Court did in its first eight years.

The commission appointed in 1924 to promote the gradual codification of international law, is proceeding with its work, and a resolution is now pending in Congress requesting the President to call an international conference to promote the same object.

The Geneva Protocol of October 2nd, 1924, outlawing war, was postponed if not abandoned, by the overthrow of the governments that negotiated it, both in London and Paris, before it could be ratified. It remains however, as an expression of the aspirations of modern civilization.

The most significant event of the last year is the initialing at Locarno, October 16th, 1925, and the signing at London, December 1st, 1925, of five treaties, between the chief nations of Europe, providing for the peaceful settlement of all disputes that may arise between them. These are, perhaps, the most far reaching treaties ever negotiated. They are however, to go into effect, only upon the admission of Germany into the League of Nations, an event which was temporarily delayed by an *impasse*, which promises to be overcome by next September.

Yesterday's dispatches announced the withdrawal from the League of Nations of Brazil, whose representative caused the impasse, and prevented the admission of Germany. The temporary absence of Brazil may open the way to the admission of Germany, and thus put the Locarno Pact into effect. It is however, significant that the crisis did not disturb the accord of the nations that negotiated these treaties, and the "Spirit of Locarno," still prevails among them.

The last twelve months have, on the whole, been the most encouraging in the world's history, to those who believe in the ultimate triumph of reason over force as an agency of World Peace.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel announced that the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association would hold their semi-annual meeting and dinner in the dining room, 3rd floor Masonic Temple, and invited the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and Distinguished Guests, to be present.

At 12 o'clock, M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 9th, 1926.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at two o'clock P. M., with officers and members present as at the preceding session.

M. W. John Wright, Grand Master, announced that the hour set for the election of officers had arrived, and appointed the Deputy Grand Custodians to act as tellers. The following officers were elected:

Bro. Edwin D. Crites, 158.....	Grand Master.
Bro. Albert R. Davis, 120.....	Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. Frank H. Woodland, 25.....	Grand Senior Warden.
Bro. Ira C. Freet, 56.....	Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Bro. Charles M. Shepherd, 54.....	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. C. Petrus Peterson, 19.....	Grand Orator.
Bro. Robert E. French, 46.....	Grand Custodian.
Bro. Orville A. Andrews, 19.....	Grand Marshal.
Bro. John R. Tapster, 119.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. J. Dean Ringer, 184.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. John W. Disbrow, 11.....	Grand Tyler.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, 285; Lester R. Slonecker, 302; Frank H. Woodland, 25; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Mark J. Lipman, 254; Arthur B. Carpenter, 55; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Lewis E. Smith, 136; Frank L. Haycock, 207; Charles A. Chappell, 127; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, Chairman, (5 years); Millard M. Robertson, 3, (4 years); Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (3 years); Charles E. Burnham, 166, (2 years); Edwin C. Yont, 162, (1 year); Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; John R. Webster, 3; Committee on Promotion of World's Peace.

Brothers Bernard N. Robertson, 3; Charles H. Marley, 1; Andrew H. Viele, 55; Committee on Applications for Reinstatement.

Brothers John Wright, 19; Henry H. Andrews, 207; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Ralph O. Canaday, 285; Edwin H. Gerhart, 305, John R. Tapster, 119; Committee on Masonic Education.

Brothers Edwin C. Yont, 162, (1929); Frank C. Patton, 11, (1929); John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, (1928); Charles E. Burnham, 166, (1928); Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1927); Millard M. Robertson, 3, (1927); Committee representing the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Brothers Luther M. Kuhns, 3, (4 years); John R. Webster, 3, (3 years); Samuel S. Whiting, 54, 2 (years); Frank Wilcox, 1, (1 year); Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.

W. Brother Arthur B. Carpenter, 55, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, and it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

Your Committee on Credentials report that all lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are represented at this Annual Communication, except the following: Nos. 13, 63, 86, 99, 100, 117, 149, 174, 177, 211, 231, 234, 235, 244, 275, 278, 292, and 307. Of these Nos 13, 177, and 275, were not represented at the last Annual Communication.

The following were present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W. John Wright..... Grand Master.
- R. W. Edwin D. Crites..... Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. Albert R. Davis..... Grand Senior Warden.
- R. W. Frank H. Woodland..... Grand Junior Warden.
- M. W. Lewis E. Smith..... Grand Secretary.
- R. W. Francis E. White..... Grand Secretary Emeritus.
- V. W. Charles M. Shepherd..... Grand Chaplain.
- W. C. Frank Reavis..... Grand Orator.
- M. W. Robert E. French..... Grand Custodian.
- W. Ira C. Freet..... Grand Marshal
- W. Orville A. Andrews..... Grand Senior Deacon
- W. John R. Tapster..... Grand Junior Deacon.
- W. John W. Disbrow..... Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Masters: M. W. Brothers George H. Thummel, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, Henry H. Wilson, Frank E. Bullard, Charles E. Burnham, James R. Cain, Jr., Samuel S. Whiting, Andrew H. Viele, Frederic L. Temple, Ambrose C. Epperson, John J. Tooley, Joseph B. Fradenburg, Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, and Robert R. Dickson.

Deputy Grand Custodians: Brothers Ensign J. Rix, Robert B. Walker, Andrew H. Viele, Earl M. Bolen, Ira C. Freet, Jesse Lowther, Lute M. Savage, Orville A. Andrews, Francis A. Robey, Lamont L. Stephens, John B. Lichtenwallner, William J. Birkoffer, Alfred G. Hunt, Stanley P. Bostwick, William D. Edson, Francis B. Rodwell and George Stevens; also Emeritus Grand Custodians: M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, W. Frank L. Haycock, and W. Charles A. Eyre.

Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: Brothers O. Edwin Mickey, Alabama; Earl M. Bolen, Alberta; John Finch, British Columbia; John R. Webster, Canada; Edgar F. Snavely, Colorado; Samuel P. Davidson, Connecticut; Carroll D. Evans, Delaware; Albert W. Jefferis, District of Columbia; Francis E. White, England; Ambrose C. Epperson, Florida; Frank H. Woodland, Georgia; George H. Thummel, Illinois; Ira C. Freet, Ireland; John Wright, Manitoba; Frank Wilcox, Mexico; Lewis E. Smith, Michigan; Lamont L. Stephens, Mississippi; Samuel S. Whiting, Missouri; Charles S. McGill, Montana; Frank L. Haycock, Nevada; Frederic L. Temple, New Hampshire; Albert R. Davis, New York;

Henry H. Andrews, North Dakota; Henry H. Wilson, Nova Scotia; Charles A. Eyre, Oregon; John J. Tooley, Philippine Islands; Charles E. Burnham, Prince Edward Island; Charles M. Shepherd, Puerto Rico; Edwin D. Crites, Quebec; Robert B. Walker, Queensland; John R. Tapster, Rhode Island; William Cosh, Scotland; Joseph B. Fradenburg, South Australia; James R. Cain, Jr., South Carolina; Charles A. Chappell, South Dakota; Robert R. Dickson, Texas; Robert E. French, Utah; John S. Davisson, Virginia; Andrew H. Viele, Washington; Orville A. Andrews, Wisconsin.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska No.	1 Jonathan A. Frye. . . .	Herman E. Reimers. . . .	* <i>Frank Wilcox</i>
Western Star. . . .	" 2	John M. Scott.	* <i>Henry W. Carson</i>
Capitol.	" 3 * <i>Lute M. Savage.</i>	* <i>Lute M. Savage.</i>	* <i>Lute M. Savage</i>
Nemaha Valley "	" 4	George L. Kennedy.	
Omadi.	" 5	Lloyd D. Bridenbaugh	
Plattsmouth. . . .	" 6 Oliver Hudson.	Willis R. Holmes.	Raymond C. Cook
Falls City.	" 9 Arthur F. Kottman. . . .	* <i>William B. Wanner.</i>	
Solomon.	" 10 Milton R. Cady.	* <i>Milton R. Cady.</i>	Albert A. Sewerkrabbe
Covert.	" 11	Robert W. Craig.	Floyd H. Hoyt
Orient.	" 13		
Peru.	" 14 Ellis E. Good.	George W. Brown.	* <i>Spencer W. Hacker</i>
Fremont.	" 15 John E. Long.	J. Frank Gardner.	* <i>John E. Long</i>
Tecumseh.	" 17 E. B. Vanlanningham	* <i>Thomas T. Buckley.</i>	
Lincoln.	" 19 Charles E. Reilly.	John M. Bennett.	* <i>Charles E. Reilly</i>
Washington. . . .	" 21 Ernest A. Schmidt. . . .	Sam Stevens.	John A. Carrigan
Pawnee.	" 23	Clyde P. Barton.	
Saint Johns. . . .	" 25 Thomas F. Rhoy.	Jacob L. Kaley.	Carl A. Fried
Beatrice.	" 26 Albert W. King.	Homer A. Reeves.	
Jordan.	" 27		Walter Crabtree
Hope.	" 29 * <i>Carl Skeen.</i>		
Blue River.	" 30	John H. Danekas.	
Tekamah.	" 31 Orville Chatt.	J. Bryan Corbin.	Carl L. Holland
Platte Valley. . . .	" 32 Edward W. Cross.	Carl R. Greisen.	* <i>Samuel Goozee</i>
Ashlar.	" 33 William D. McPatry. . . .	* <i>Fred G. Christensen.</i>	* <i>Jess D. Whitmore</i>
Acacia.	" 34 * <i>Lewis J. Michaelson.</i>	William P. McIntosh.	
Fairbury.	" 35	Arthur J. Denny.	
Lone Tree.	" 36 Walter R. Raecke.	Guy W. Anderson.	* <i>Grant S. Moe</i>
Crete.	" 37 James A. Bromwell. . . .	Claude R. Davenport	Chauncey C. Lillibridge
Oliver.	" 38	Ray M. White.	
Papillion.	" 39 Layton E. Bossard.		
Humboldt.	" 40 * <i>Chris M. Hecht.</i>	Chris M. Hecht.	
Northern Light	" 41	Richard J. Strahle.	
Juniata.	" 42	Neal R. Sergeant.	Edgar A. Buskirk
Hebron.	" 43	Clarence E. Stauber.	
Harvard.	" 44 * <i>Ira F. Fishback.</i>	Ira F. Fishback.	
Rob Morris.	" 46	John Floyd Martin.	
Fairmont.	" 48 Martin H. Diffenbaugh	Ernest T. Parnell.	
Evening Star. . . .	" 49	Rueben F. Blacketer	
Hastings.	" 50 Charles E. Sharpe.	Guy L. Adcock.	* <i>Hubert F. Favinger</i>
Fidelity.	" 51 Egbert G. Watson.	* <i>John Harper.</i>	
Hiram.	" 52 Vernon G. Wager.		
Charity.	" 53 Albert V. Ducker.	Marion Bloom.	* <i>William D. Edson</i>
Lancaster.	" 54 George W. Pillers.	George A. Yates.	Jess T. Turner
Mosaic.	" 55 * <i>Alfred A. Barnes.</i>	Lloyd C. Rouse.	Alfred A. Barnes
York.	" 56	Dan A. Wright.	
Mount Moriah	" 57 Roy Wiles.	Ferdinand H. Reuter.	Clarence L. France
Lebanon.	" 58 * <i>Charles Wurdeman.</i>		
Wahoo.	" 59 S. Martin Hult.	* <i>Nile O. Walther.</i>	Ira M. Thompson
Melrose.	" 60 George W. Littrell.	A. Henning Littrell.	
Thistle.	" 61 * <i>Thomas M. Hewitt.</i>		
Keystone.	" 62 Arthur J. Peterson.		
Riverton.	" 63		
Blue Valley.	" 64	Edward H. Houser.	

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Osceola.....	" 65	* <i>Oliver E. Mickey</i>	* <i>Oliver E. Mickey</i>
Edgar.....	" 67 * <i>Charles H. Merrill</i>	Charles H. Merrill....	* <i>Charles H. Merrill</i>
Aurora.....	" 68 * <i>Alvin O. Harquest</i>		
Sterling.....	" 70 Donald A. Koehler....	Leslie E. Yeast.....	John R. Thompson
Trowel.....	" 71	Daniel R. Springer....	
Hooper.....	" 72 Henry E. Schemmel....	William A. Lallman....	
Friend.....	" 73 * <i>Paul M. Rogers</i>	Earl A. Wintermute....	Paul M. Rogers
Alexandria.....	" 74 * <i>Ben L. Terry</i>		* <i>Ray N. Sinn</i>
Frank Welch...	" 75 Marius Christensen....	Earl W. Ledbetter....	
Joppa.....	" 76 George Farrington....		
Nelson.....	" 77 * <i>Lee Sage</i>		
Albion.....	" 78 * <i>Lonnie E. Cummins</i>	Lonnie E. Cummins....	Roger I. Blatter
Geneva.....	" 79 Tyler Edgcombe.....	Henry R. Celler.....	
Composite.....	" 81	Frank G. Oesterreicher	
Saint Paul.....	" 82 * <i>Harold T. Jackson</i>	* <i>Harold T. Jackson</i>	F. Edward Thompson
Corinthian.....	" 83 H. Alva Bowman.....	V. H. Robert Hanson	
Fairfield.....	" 84	Harmie L. Trobough....	
Tyre.....	" 85 * <i>John M. Falwell</i>		
Doniphan.....	" 86		
Ionic.....	" 87 * <i>George L. Adams</i>		
Star.....	" 88 * <i>E. Dudley Beck</i>	* <i>James A. Sears</i>	
Cedar River.....	" 89 * <i>Merrill B. Carman</i>	Frank R. Newman....	William M. Calhoun
Elk Creek.....	" 90 Edwin Halderstadt....		* <i>Frank A. Anderson</i>
Oakland.....	" 91 Robert M. Packard....	* <i>Robert M. Packard</i>	* <i>Robert M. Packard</i>
Hubbell.....	" 92 Earl Creswell.....		Harold M. Smith
Beaver City...	" 93 * <i>William B. Whitney</i>		
Bennett.....	" 94 * <i>Henry F. May</i>		Albert J. Kiplin
Garfield.....	" 95 David H. Clauson....	Ross E. Harris.....	
Utica.....	" 96 Robert R. Pollock....	Alfred J. White.....	
Euclid.....	" 97 Frank E. Wood.....	Henry A. Crozier....	
Republican.....	" 98 * <i>Vernon D. Bush</i>		Vernon D. Bush
Shelton.....	" 99		
Creighton.....	" 100		
Ponca.....	" 101 Stewart M. Gilliland....		
Waterloo.....	" 102 * <i>James C. Robinson</i>	George Todd.....	
Ord.....	" 103	John L. W. Nelson....	
Wymore.....	" 104 * <i>Francis G. Pennington</i>	Francis G. Pennington	* <i>Francis G. Pennington</i>
Stella.....	" 105 * <i>James Bowen</i>		
Porter.....	" 106 * <i>Lamont L. Stephens</i>	Ira Daddow.....	
Table Rock.....	" 108	James Plihal.....	
Pomegranate...	" 110 J. Lloyd Wilson.....	Frank T. Graham.....	
DeWitt.....	" 111 Sylvester Shumard....	John D. Quackenbush	
Springfield.....	" 112 Lester M. Ball.....	Joseph M. Elwell, Jr.	
Globe.....	" 113	Thomas D. Grimes....	
Wisner.....	" 114	Willard H. Eaton....	
Harlan.....	" 116 Mark J. McKenzie....		
Hardy.....	" 117		
Doric.....	" 118 * <i>George Mookberry</i>		
North Bend...	" 119 Frank E. Lehmer....		* <i>Burlingame Walker</i>
Wayne.....	" 120 Burrett W. Wright....	* <i>James C. Mines</i>	John T. Bressler
Superior.....	" 121 Lewis P. Gregory....		* <i>Floyd A. Lyman</i>
Auburn.....	" 124 * <i>Paul R. Lorange</i>	* <i>Hans Hemmingsen</i>	* <i>Ernest R. Reynolds</i>
Mount Nebo...	" 125 Axel E. Johnson.....	Wesley M. Winell....	John J. Reimers
Stromsburg...	" 126 L. Vance Sharp.....	* <i>Tracy F. Tyler</i>	

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Minden.....	" 127	Raymond D. Lent.....	
Guide Rock.....	" 128 *Clarence M. Taylor..	Clarence M. Taylor..	
Blue Hill.....	" 129	Carl O. Goll.....	
Tuscan.....	" 130 Allen W. Gubser.....		
Scribner.....	" 132 Guy L. Thompson.....	Clarence Ranslem....	
Elm Creek.....	" 133 *Ralph S. Buchtel.....		
Solar.....	" 134 August E. Nordgren..	Fred Philbrook.....	
McCook.....	" 135 *Glenn Hegenberger..	Glenn Hegenberger...	
Long Pine.....	" 136 *Thomas M. Hutchinson	Thos. M. Hutchinson	*Thos. M. Hutchinson
Upright.....	" 137 *Louis C. Borden.....		
Rawalt.....	" 138 Alfred H. Nissen.....		
Clay Centre.....	" 139 S. Wayne Moger.....	John W. Ablott.....	*S. Wayne Moger
Western.....	" 140	William B. Winter.....	
Crescent.....	" 143	Ernest T. Anderson..	
Kenesaw.....	" 144	Earl D. Weeks.....	
Bancroft.....	" 145	John F. Craft.....	
Jachin.....	" 146 Omer R. Frey.....		
Siloam.....	" 147 Dennis A. Criss.....	*Levi C. Reichard....	*James A. Rice
Emmet Crawford	" 148 Ray S. Kuns.....	Joe E. Kiker.....	
Jewel.....	" 149		
Cambridge.....	" 150	Bradford B. Schwab..	
Square.....	" 151	Franklin L. Spradling	
Parallel.....	" 152 *Glenn G. Geer.....	Glenn G. Geer.....	
Evergreen.....	" 153	Emil H. Grunwald....	
Lily.....	" 154	Guy H. Portwood....	
Hartington.....	" 155 *Rudolph H. Jenny....	William McClelland..	
Pythagoras.....	" 156 Charles B. Peshek....		
Valley.....	" 157 Ardrea L. Wilburn....	Guy R. Johnson.....	
Samaritan.....	" 158 Clendenen W. Mitchell	*Benjamin F. Pitman..	*Glen O. Pope
Ogalalla.....	" 159 Theodore F. Goold..		
Zeredatha.....	" 160		Russell Shoebothan
Mount Zion.....	" 161 *Everett Funkhouser..		
Trestle Board..	" 162 Charles Payne.....	*Edwin C. Yont.....	Woodford S. Butterfield
Unity.....	" 163	Adelbert E. Leesley..	
Atkinson.....	" 164	Boyd W. Planck.....	
Barneston.....	" 165 Seth S. Ratliff.....	*George H. Hower.....	
Mystic Tie.....	" 166 George W. Irving....		
Elwood.....	" 167	Ludwig W. Ganger....	
Curtis.....	" 168 *Merrill C. Smith....		
Amity.....	" 169		Charles T. Gammon
Mason City.....	" 170 *William D. Redmond..		
Merna.....	" 171 Edwin J. Olson.....		
Grafton.....	" 172	George C. Pflug.....	
Robert Burns..	" 173	Walter L. Best.....	
Culbertson.....	" 174		
Temple.....	" 175 *William J. Jobman....		*Walter E. Erickson
Gladstone.....	" 176 *Wilber B. Alexander..	Wilber B. Alexander..	*Wilber B. Alexander
Hay Springs....	" 177		
Prudence.....	" 179		Charles M. Warner
Justice.....	" 180	Franklin S. Knepper..	
Faith.....	" 181 Orville R. Ivins.....	Walter O. Barnes....	*William H. Pittam
Incense.....	" 182 Fred Wolters.....		
Alliance.....	" 183 *John R. Snyder.....		
Bee Hive.....	" 184 Joseph H. Randolph..	Wm. G. Melchiorsen..	William F. Kunold

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Boaz.....	" 185 * <i>Otto Puelz</i>		
Israel.....	" 187 James M. Stephens		
Meridian.....	" 188	E. Louis Stiteler.....	
Granite.....	" 189		* <i>George W. Cadner</i>
Amethyst.....	" 190 Raleigh B. Joy	George W. Brown.....	
Crystal.....	" 191 John V. Maddox.....		
Minnekadusa..	" 192 Roy E. Syfert.....	Ivan E. Beckwith.....	
Signet.....	" 193 * <i>William A. Vlack</i>		
Highland.....	" 194	Frank A. Sowers.....	
Arcana.....	" 195 * <i>Dwight P. Griswold</i>		
Level.....	" 196 George J. Dold		
Morning Star..	" 197 * <i>Samuel A. Tobey</i>		Gordon A. Hartman
Purity.....	" 198	Archie L. Smith.....	
Gavel.....	" 199	Russell C. Smith.....	
Blazing Star...	" 200	Eugene E. Clark.....	George E. Jenks
Scotts Bluff...	" 201 David J. Williams		
Golden Sheaf..	" 202		* <i>Howard A. Willey</i>
Roman Eagle..	" 203 Archie M. Smith.....		
Plainview.....	" 204	Walter L. Mote.....	
Golden Fleece.	" 205 * <i>Guy C. Neumann</i>		
Napthali.....	" 206	Thomas H. Waggoner	Charles E. Waggoner
Parian.....	" 207 * <i>Frank L. Haycock</i>	* <i>Henry H. Andrews</i>	
Gauge.....	" 208 Walter H. Woodey.....		
Canopy.....	" 209 Edward M. Juniper.....	Ralph L. Keckler.....	Charles L. Ayers
East Lincoln..	" 210 * <i>Harry O. Griffin</i>	Harry O. Griffin.....	* <i>Lorenzen P. Ronne</i>
Cement.....	" 211		
Compass&Square	" 212	* <i>George F. Brown</i>	
Plumbline.....	" 214 Joseph B. Steidley.....		Alain Fauquet
Occidental.....	" 215		
Palisade.....	" 216 Solomon H. Blum.....		
Wauneta.....	" 217	William M. Frasier.....	
Bloomfield....	" 218		Thomas C. Baker
Relief.....	" 219	Franz T. Miller.....	
Magnolia.....	" 220 John W. Church.....	* <i>George H. Haase</i>	
Wood Lake.....	" 221 George F. Kreycik.....		
Landmark.....	" 222	Claude E. Clements.....	Theodore R. Swanson
Eminence.....	" 223	Martin F. Brock.....	
Silver Cord....	" 224 Francis B. Rodwell.....	Alva D. Kirkpatrick.....	
Cable.....	" 225 * <i>A Fred Ervin</i>	A. Fred Ervin.....	* <i>John Finch</i>
Grace.....	" 226	Alvin J. Cook.....	
North Star....	" 227 Roy W. Deal.....	* <i>George L. Carter</i>	
Bartley.....	" 228	Samuel A. Moore.....	
Comet.....	" 229 * <i>Charles A. Neff</i>	Raymond Williamson.....	
Delta.....	" 230 * <i>Elmer Devore</i>	Elmer Devore.....	* <i>Elmer Devore</i>
Mount Hermon	" 231		
John S. Bowen	" 232 Oliver W. Marshall.....	Fred N. Paulsen.....	Lillard S. Jensen
Gilead.....	" 233	Charles J. Tomek.....	
Zion.....	" 234		
Fraternity.....	" 235		
Golden Rule...	" 236 * <i>Oliver W. Money</i>	Oliver W. Money.....	
Cubit.....	" 237 * <i>Lloyd Ferguson</i>		
Friendship....	" 239 * <i>Adolph J. Frimann</i>		
Pilot.....	" 240 Ulysses G. Brink.....	Alfred B. Lyon.....	Fred G. Ingham
Geo. Armstrong	" 241 Charles M. Thompson		

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Tyrian.....	" 243		Clyde Washington
Sincerity.....	" 244		
Hampton.....	" 245 Andrew W. Christensen		
Nehawka.....	" 246	Roy G. Kratz	
Corner-stone..	" 247 *Paul Eichberger	Paul Eichberger	
Laurel.....	" 248	*Joseph H. Artman	
Gothenburg...	" 249 *Homer C. Lontzenheiser	Homer C. Lontzenheiser	*Homer C. Lontzenheiser
Geo. Washington	" 250 William J. Hinkle	Theodore W. Smith	
Wausa.....	" 251 *David S. Hult	David S. Hult	
Hildreth.....	" 252	Bernard J. Peterson	
Beemer.....	" 253	Theron G. Fried	
Bassett.....	" 254 *William E. Preble		
Bradshaw.....	" 255 Josiah Lichtenberger		
Hickman.....	" 256	*Cyrus Black	
Holbrook.....	" 257 Jacob C. Van Cleave		
Anselmo.....	" 258 Miles M. Kepler		
Bee.....	" 259 Frank W. Opencensky	Vladimir Sobotka	
Ornan.....	" 261 *William D. Spicknall	*William D. Spicknall	*William D. Spicknall
Endeavor.....	" 262 Arthur C. Crabtree		
Mitchell.....	" 263 *William A. McKune		William A. McKune
Franklin.....	" 264	Edward L. Beck	
Rob't W. Furnas	" 265 Lonnie R. Vickery		
Silver.....	" 266	Floyd Buchanan	
J. A. Tulleys..	" 267 Jesse H. Lamb	Jacob V. Daul	John C. Haley
Geo. W. Lininger	" 268 *William McCormack	Frederick S. Stott	Walter C. Johnson
Riverside.....	" 269	Vernon Haun	
Huntley.....	" 270 Marshall H. Richman		
Oasis.....	" 271	James S. Tarr	
Lee P. Gillette.	" 272	Robert E. Ganz	
Crofton.....	" 273	John Mormann	
Olive Branch..	" 274 *George F. McMullen	George F. McMullen	*Sam U. G. Shaw
Ramah.....	" 275		
Antelope.....	" 276	Alva D. Nicholas	
Sioux.....	" 277	Wayne C. Unitt	
Litchfield.....	" 278		
Wallace.....	" 279 Charles R. Crozier	Howard G. Spencer	Clarence A. Webb
Swastika.....	" 280 *William R. Kidder	William R. Kidder	
Florence.....	" 281 *Robert H. Sulton	Roy S. Cogdill	*Robert H. Sutton
Mullen.....	" 282 *Thomas L. McCulley	Thomas L. McCulley	*Frank Tschander
Exeter.....	" 283	Lee R. Harrold	Joseph Crooker
Seneca.....	" 284		Conrad Olson
Camp Clarke..	" 285 *J. Harold Jones	J. Harold Jones	*Ralph O. Canaday
Oshkosh.....	" 286 *George E. Thompson	George E. Thompson	*George E. Thompson
Union.....	" 287 *Burt Stikwell	George E. Brandt	
Omaha.....	" 288 Richard C. Johnson	James A. Noble	Lloyd A. Barnes
Lotus.....	" 289	Wallace R. Ball	
John J. Mercer	" 290	*Earl W. Dean	Earl Spencer
Diamond.....	" 291	Roy Knapp	
Wolbach.....	" 292		
Monument.....	" 293	Ralph A. Murdoch	
Kimball.....	" 294		Wilber N. Orcutt
Minatare.....	" 295		Donald W. Swindell
Cowles.....	" 296 *Stanley D. Long	William H. Thompson	
Cotner.....	" 297 William D. Cave	Claud L. Ackerman	Frank H. Kipplin

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Chester.....	" 298	William C. Rhea.....
Sutherland.....	" 299	Clement L. Pierson.....
Liberty.....	" 300	*James F. Thompson... Frank E. Melker.....	*James F. Thompson
Bayard.....	" 301	*Earl C. Heyl.....	.....
Mizpah.....	" 302	D. Bradley Malkson.....	William S. Purnell.....
Right Angle.....	" 303	Louis L. Murphy.....	.....
Ruskin.....	" 304	Elmer J. Wortman.....	*Elmer J. Wortman
Newman Grove	" 305	Frank Jansen.....	Arthur Still..... Roy S. Huston
Golden Rod.....	" 306	*William G. Melton.....	*William G. Melton
William E. Hill	" 307	.....	.....
Perkins.....	" 308	Barney A. Dudden.....	Urv V. Dobbs..... Walter V. Romine
Winnebago.....	" 309	.....	Simon P. Doran.....
Victory.....	" 310	George W. Stroup.....	Adolf C. Janzen.....
Polk.....	" 311	.....	Theodore Larson.....
Oak Leaf.....	" 312	*Glenn Long.....	Glenn Long.....
Potter.....	" 313	.....	Alfred Arnell.....
Craftsmen.....	" 314	.....	Claude D. Stowell.....
Palmer.....	" 315	David E. Crites.....	Henry H. Golden.....
Alpha.....	" 316	Sherman W. McKinley
Mid-West.....	" 317	Arthur A. Smith.....	Ellsworth W. Stevens *Ellsworth W. Stevens

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W. Brother Bernard N. Robertson, 3, presented the report of the Advisory Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, and it was adopted.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

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

We your Advisory Committee on Applications for Reinstatement beg leave to report, that there have been quite a number of applications for reinstatement referred to the Committee, and in our endeavors to arrive at the facts, we have been very materially assisted by the advice and suggestions of the Grand Master. In each instance, we have endeavored to deal fairly with the suspended Brother, and at the same time, guard, as best we could, the interests of the Grand Lodge. There have been several cases where many years have elapsed since the Brother was suspended by his Lodge. As a rule, Brothers in this condition seem to exert every effort to obtain their reinstatement in the Fraternity.

Past Grand Master Robert R. Dickson, presented the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence fraternally make the following report relating to the several subjects in the Grand Master's Address, which have been referred to us through the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

We have carefully considered the Grand Master's recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Recommendations Nos. 6 and 11 were not referred to this Committee.

No. 1. Recommendation No. 1 was unanimously approved.

No. 2. Recommendation No. 2 was not approved, for the reason that in the opinion of the Committee, there are many Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction that do not require annual examinations. The Committee recommends that the present system of examinations be continued, under the supervision of the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian.

No. 3. Recommendation No. 3 was unanimously approved.

No. 4. Recommendation No. 4, was considered and the following action taken: We recommend that a committee consisting of Past Grand Masters Henry H. Wilson, Samuel S. Whiting, and John Wright, be appointed to consider the subject, and report their conclusions at the meeting of the Committee on Jurisprudence to be held in June, 1927.

No. 5. Recommendation No. 5 was approved.

No. 7. Recommendation No. 7 was approved.

No. 8. Recommendation No. 8 was not approved.

No. 9. Recommendation No. 9 was not approved.

No. 10. Recommendation No. 10 was not approved.

The vote on Recommendations Nos. 8, 9 and 10, that they be not approved, was unanimous.

Your Committee unanimously recommend the setting aside at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, one evening to be devoted to a round table talk by the members. The committee to be organized by the members, and to be presided over by a chairman of their selection.

Each recommendation was voted on separately. The report of the Committee, excepting recommendation No. 8 was adopted. The report of the Committee on recommendation No. 8 was not adopted. At the conclusion of the report, the entire report was adopted as a whole, excepting the Committee's report on recommendation No. 8, which was not adopted.

W. Brother Henry H. Andrews, 207, for the Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, presented the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Brother George C. Mason, who handled all of the funds, and who has left no report of collections and disbursements, I am unable to make any financial report other than that Parian Lodge No. 207 at Callaway, has met its quota of 100% asked for, that all moneys I sent to the Chairman has been receipted for by the Committee in Washington, so must have reached its destination, and I recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee, that he have the books and accounts of the

present Committee and all former Memorial Committees thoroughly audited, and a copy in detail be filed with the Grand Secretary, so the Committee can have as it were a clean bill of health, that in the future, a new rule be required that all collections sent to the Committee be forwarded to destination through the Grand Secretary's office, and the accounts be audited annually, and copy be filed with the Grand Secretary, thus giving the Grand Secretary a complete record, and available at all times.

W. Brother Carroll D. Evans, Sr., 58, presented the report of the Committee to Consider Recommendation No. 10 of Grand Master Dickson:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION NO. 10 OF GRAND MASTER ROBERT R. DICKSON.

Your Committee appointed to consider Recommendation No. 10 of Grand Master Dickson, reading as follows:

"I recommend that the incoming Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee of three to report at the next annual communication a system of managing all the funds in which the Grand Lodge is interested, separating as nearly as it can be done, the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge from the usual routine duties of the Grand Secretary, creating, if it can be done, a department of finance. Our funds have grown to be so large, and are in so many different accounts, that they should be cared for in a department by itself."

Your Committee have given this matter a great deal of consideration. It will be recalled by those who have been attending Grand Lodge for several years, that at the annual communication held in June, 1912, the office of Grand Treasurer was abolished, and from that time, all the finances of the Grand Lodge have been handled by the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Grand Master. The wisdom of this legislation is apparent from the increase in our funds, and the fact that no money of any fund has been lost nor in any way been jeopardized during that period. In other words, your Committee believe that the funds of the Grand Lodge are absolutely safeguarded in every way, and there is no possibility of loss of any of the funds.

Your Committee has gone over the books of the Grand Lodge, and in order to give the brethren a fair idea of the financial condition, and the manner in which the finances of the Grand Lodge are managed, this report, of necessity, will be rather lengthy.

First, we want to call attention to the fact that all money belonging to the Grand Lodge, is divided into four principal accounts, viz., Orphans Educational Fund, War Relief Fund, Building and Improvement Fund, and General Fund. In addition to this, last year there was established a Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, which in time may become quite a factor in the financial affairs of this Grand Lodge.

The Orphans Educational Fund was originally collected from the early lodges, prior to 1875. Practically all of the money now on hand in this fund, is interest. The Orphans Educational Fund was, by vote of the Grand Lodge, June 6th, 1911, transferred to the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, to manage and invest.

The War Relief Fund was collected during the world war as an emergency fund, and later, when it was not used, was made a permanent fund to care for soldiers and sailors of the world war. Calls on this fund are just beginning to develop, and it is predicted by the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, that a large part of this fund will be needed for the purpose for which it was collected, within the next ten years. This fund was on June 5th, 1924, transferred to the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, to manage and invest.

These two funds, therefore, may be taken out of consideration, as they will be managed by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home until such time as the Grand Lodge decides to assume the management, which would have to be by the action of this Grand Lodge.

Regarding the General Fund: Beginning on April 1st, of each year, the lodges make their annual returns, and within approximately six weeks, the General Fund receives a trifle over One Hundred Thousand Dollars. Of the \$2.00 per capita collected, 75 cents goes to the maintenance of The Nebraska Masonic Home, and as soon as the lodges have completed making their returns, this money is transferred to the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home. 50 cents of the per capita collected, together with \$5.00 of the initiation fee, and the \$10.00 affiliation fee, is, as soon as the lodges have finished making their returns, transferred to the Building and Improvement Fund. This sum last year amounted to practically \$30,000.00 for the Nebraska Masonic Home, and nearly \$30,000.00 for the Building and Improvement Fund, leaving, as you will note, by the report of the Grand Secretary, slightly less than \$40,000.00 in the General Fund. At this annual communication of the Grand Lodge, there will be allowed \$6,873.95 to the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. The pay-roll for this session will run approximately \$4,900.00, which will leave the General Fund about \$27,000.00. This money will be needed for the running expenses of the Grand Lodge, buying supplies for sale and issue, etc. Last year, \$13,000.00 was paid out of the General Fund, for the maintenance of the Childrens Homes at Fremont. So that at the end of the year, the General Fund will probably be depleted.

There is on hand in the Building and Improvement Fund at the present time, in cash, \$30,870.74; \$36,000.00 par value Government bonds, costing \$35,598.79, making the total assets, \$66,469.53. This fund is collected yearly to be used for buildings, either at Plattsmouth or Fremont. In 1923, \$50,000 was appropriated out of this fund to start building the Infirmary at Plattsmouth. In 1924, an additional \$50,000.00 was appropriated to finish building the Infirmary, which at that time practically depleted the fund. Since that time the fund has been built up to the figures stated above. Buildings are badly needed at Fremont, and no doubt an appropriation will be asked for in the very near future, from this fund, to build one or more cottages at Fremont. As this fund is not permanent, and is liable to be called upon at any communication of the Grand Lodge, for large appropriations, it should be kept in liquid form. At the present time, no one has any authority to invest these funds, excepting the Grand Lodge. We would therefore recommend that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens be authorized, when they believe it to be for the best interest of the Grand Lodge, to invest the surplus money in this fund, in Government bonds, registered in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

After careful inquiry and examination, your Committee believe that the present system of managing the funds of the Grand Lodge is eminently satisfactory, and can suggest but one improvement, which we have recommended in the care of the funds of the Building and Improvement Fund.

We therefore recommend that Recommendation No. 10 of Grand Master Dickson, be not adopted, and move the adoption of this report.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, moved as an amendment, that "Investment might be made in registered or coupon Government bonds, that the Grand Master be authorized to decide which should be purchased."

The amendment was adopted, after which the report, as amended, was adopted.

W. Brother John E. Long, 15, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

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

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office, after examining the cases in which the records are kept and the equipment of the office of our Grand Secretary, find that the filing cases used in filing the membership cards are badly crowded, and that there is no suitable place to keep the duplicate charters: the latter being thrown together in a wooden case.

We respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase an additional filing case for the membership cards, similar in design to those now in use, and a suitable filing case for the duplicate charters. The combined cost of the two cases not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars.

There are a number of wood cuts and miscellaneous articles in the vault, at present, for which there is no proper receptacle. We recommend the erection of shelves, or a wooden case, where they can be kept in order.

We are informed by our Grand Secretary that one of the typewriters is badly worn; that he can secure a new L. C. Smith typewriter at a wholesale price of about \$80.00, with an allowance of \$40.00 for the old machine, making the net cost of a new machine approximately \$40.00. We respectfully recommend this exchange of machines.

We find that the walls and ceilings of the rooms occupied by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, are badly soiled and stained. We recommend that this Grand Lodge respectfully request the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha, from whom they rent, to suitably redecorate these offices, and that in the rooms mentioned, the windows be weather stripped.

W. Brother C. Ray Macy, 26, presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

We, Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit for your consideration the following report and recommendations.

We have examined the books and records, of the Grand Secretary and find them neatly and accurately kept. A detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of all moneys handled by the Grand Secretary will be found in the printed reports of the Grand Lodge officers which you all have and gives all information you may desire. We recommend a careful study of this statement.

According to the custom of several years standing the Grand Secretary has had his books audited by a firm of certified Public Accountants whose report is printed in full in the report of the Grand Lodge officers.

Their report agrees with the report of the Grand Secretary, and with the findings of this committee. This audit is of great assistance to the Finance Committee and we recommend a continuance of this system.

Following is a brief summary of the Grand Lodge General Fund:

Balance on hand, May 20th, 1925.....	\$ 31,623.58
Receipts from all sources during year.....	117,245.19
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Total.....	\$148,868.77
Disbursements.....	109,541.72
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Balance on hand June 1, 1926.....\$ 39,327.05

The Expense Report of Past Grand Master Robert R. Dickson was examined and found correct, showing balance of \$118.01, receipts in excess of expenses for which his check was attached, and same handed to Grand Secretary by this Committee.

The Expense report of the Grand Chaplain was examined and found correct showing a balance on hand of \$13.53.

The Expense report of the Committee on Masonic Education was examined and found correct.

The Expense Report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans was examined and found correct with balance on hand of \$116.11.

The Report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans was examined and found correct with balance on hand of \$9,216.94, interest on daily balances omitted from report but will be credited to this account later.

The report of Committee on Childrens Homes was examined and found to be correct, showing an overdraft on the Osceola Bank of \$25.71 for which amount we recommend drawing warrant on the General Fund.

Agreeable to the Recommendation No. 11 of Most Worshipful Grand Master Wright, we recommend that suitable Jewels be purchased for the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden at a cost not to exceed \$60.00 each.

The Expense report of the Grand Custodian was examined and found to be correct.

We recommend the return to Ogalalla Lodge No. 159, the fee of \$10.00 covering special dispensation to elect and install a Senior Warden.

We recommend the return to Solomon Lodge No. 10, the fee of \$10.00 covering special dispensation to elect and install a secretary.

Both of the above were cases over which the Lodge had no control.

We recommend the return to Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha, Nebraska, the \$15.00 initiation fee remitted in returns of 1925, on a member (Johnny N. Shanks) as same was also remitted in returns of 1924.

We recommend the purchase of an Omaha City Directory for use in the Library at a cost of \$12.00, to be paid for out of Library appropriation.

We find about 700 only of 1200 copies of the Regular Bound Proceedings of 1925 were sent out or used. As printing charges are high and storage space limited we recommend contracting for 1,000 volumes only of the regular bound Proceedings, also eliminating the purchase of advance copies of the Proceedings. This does not affect the printing of Officers' reports and will result in a saving of over \$200.00 in the printing of this year's Proceedings.

We recommend, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, and the Grand Junior Warden acting collectively, be empowered and authorized to invest the surplus money in the Building and Improvement Fund, in Government Bonds registered in the name of the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We find there is \$30,870.74 in the above fund deposited in the Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk, Nebraska.

We recommend the following appropriations for the year ending June-1927:

Pay-roll.....	\$5,055.42
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	6,873.95
Printing Grand Officers reports, proceedings, etc.....	1,200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	2,500.00
Grand Lodge office rent, heat, and light to March 31, 1927.....	1,000.00
Expenses Grand Chaplain.....	150.00
Grand Master Expense.....	2,000.00
Grand Master Clerk Hire.....	600.00
Grand Secretary Salary.....	2,400.00
Grand Secretary Clerk Hire.....	2,500.00
Grand Custodian Salary.....	1,800.00
Grand Custodian Expense.....	600.00
Expenses, Deputy Grand Custodians.....	1,000.00
Grand Tyler Session 1926.....	15.00
Organist.....	10.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	300.00
For the support of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont.....	15,000.00
Membership in the Masonic Relief Association of the U. S. and Canada.....	210.00
Library—Purchasing and binding.....	50.00
For expenses of Grand Lodge Officers attending Grand Lodge Func- tion under supervision of Grand Master.....	600.00
Masonic Relief and Employment Bureau.....	300.00
Grand Secretary's Surety Bond and Blanket Bond for Secretary and Treasurer of subordinate Lodges.....	700.00
Incidental Expenses Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts..	100.00

For the purpose of a reserve to be drawn from time to time by said Board as contracts under special agreement may require 1,000.00
 For Certified Public Accountant 25.00
 Stenographer and Expenses of Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans 1,500.00
 Committee on Masonic Education 2,000.00
 For Salary of the Grand Secretary Emeritus 1,200.00
 Incidental Expenses including Grand Lodge Office Janitor, Telephone, Postage, Telephone calls, Telegrams, Express charges, Stationery, Blanks, etc. 1,400.00

To properly take care of the Incidental Expenses outlined in the foregoing paragraph, we recommend a contingent fund of \$400.00 to be deposited in a Bank in name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Expense Account. A warrant to be drawn quarterly for actual expenses of preceding three months and deposited in this fund. This we believe will be a great help to the Grand Secretary in taking care of these small accounts.

We recommend an appropriation of \$1,000.00 for preliminary expenses of Joint Committee with the Eastern Star for new building at the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children, same to be taken from the Building and Improvement Fund.

We recommend an appropriation of \$250.00 for the purchase of new equipment for the Grand Lodge office, to conform with the report of the Grand Lodge Office Committee.

We recommend 75% of the interest accrued on the Orphans' Educational Fund (a total of \$5,520.00) be appropriated and used if necessary for use in Maintenance of Fremont Homes or relief and care of Orphans.

This to conform to recommendation presented by Brother O. Edwin Mickey and adopted.

We recommend an appropriation of \$100.00 for the purchase of a suitable jewel for the retiring Grand Master.

W. Brother Archie M. Smith, 203, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

We, Your Committee on Grievances, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have carefully considered the petition of an expelled member of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, for restoration, together with the recommendation of said Lodge for such restoration, and we recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that the expelled Brother be restored to membership.

Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell, presented the report of the Committee on Consolidation of Masonic Charities.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Consolidation of Masonic Charities reports that it has met with the joint committee on this subject appointed by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska, and your committee submits herewith as a part of this report the report adopted by the joint committee.

We recommend the approval of the report of the joint committee and the enactment of proper legislation to carry the same into effect.

Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell, presented the report of the Joint Committee on Consolidation of Masonic Charities. After discussion, W. Brother Lester R. Slonecker, 302, moved an amendment, which was adopted. The report as amended was then adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONSOLIDATION OF MASONIC CHARITIES.

To the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska:

Your joint committee appointed by the several Grand Bodies on the subject of the Consolidation of Masonic Charities, believe that Masonic Charities should not in any way be competitive with each other and should not be under divided or uncertain authority and responsibility.

We further believe it most expedient and advisable that our Masonic Charities be under the control and direction of one head, and that head should be, without question, the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We further believe that a Masonic Charitable Institution or any other continuous charitable work should not be established without the authority and the sanction of the Grand Lodge, nor should the term "Masonic," or the use of any other language indicating Masonic activities, be employed in connection with any charitable institution or continuous charitable work without the authority and the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

We therefore recommend the enactment of legislation by our respective Grand Bodies carrying into effect these views, and suggest the enactment of the following, the necessary changes of names of subordinate bodies to be made by the respective Grand Bodies:

"That hereafter, no Lodge or Lodges shall establish a Masonic charitable institution, or undertake a continuing Masonic charitable work, or become obligated for continuing contributions for charitable purposes, nor shall any Lodge or Lodges, or person or persons, use the word "Masonic," or other term indicating Masonic activities, regarding any such institution or work, which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of

the Grand Lodge so to do: Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Masonic Home for Children at Omaha commonly known as the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Boys, and provided further, that this section shall not be construed in any way as an assumption of any responsibility for said Home by this Grand Lodge.

M. W. John Wright, Grand Master, introduced R. W. William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado, who addressed the Grand Lodge in a very pleasing manner, relating some of the early history of their Grand Lodge, which was so intimately connected with ours.

The Grand Secretary called attention to the following amendments to the law which had been presented at the preceding session of the Grand Lodge, and laid over until this year:

Amendment to Section 9, Chapter 3, found on pages 826 and 827, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1925. It was moved that the amendment be indefinitely postponed. Motion carried.

Amendment to Section 123 of the law, found on page 832 Proceedings of 1925. It was moved that this amendment to Section 123, be indefinitely postponed. Motion carried.

To enact Section 57-A of the law, as found on page 834, Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1925. It was moved that the enactment of this section of the law be indefinitely postponed. Motion carried.

V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION.

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

Next to life and its continuance the most extraordinary gift of God to man, is ability to know. Recognizing, that the true end of intellect is the increase of its store, and that each man must be a constant student if he would in any large measure fill his place in the Divine Plan, Masonry has always encouraged the searcher after truth.

As we consider the great leaders of our loved Fraternity, we are impressed with this, that they have always given their noblest efforts, for the attainment of knowledge, and for its widest and most helpful diffusion among the brethren of the Craft.

Such efforts were never more needed than now, as we come to give increasing acknowledgement to the part which God, and God-directed men, have ever had, and shall ever have, in individual, national, and world advancement.

Preserving our Inheritance. The preservation and enlargement of the inheritance which has come to us from the fathers is our sacred duty; carelessness or indifference from within, and the attack of ignorance from without, still imperil this heritage.

Persistent attempts are being made to ignore, or belittle the founders of the Republic, and to assign motives to them, which were never in their thoughts.

The men of the colonies, and from Europe who gathered about Washington and his compeers, were not statesmen for self gain, nor soldiers of fortune, but mighty souls who had imbibed the never dying ideals which always inspire, and exalt human life, and which know no bounds of clime or coast.

Masonry must save from oblivion, neglect, or forgetfulness, the names and services of these heroic brethren, with the institutions they founded. Firmly, let us resolve that we, and ours, will not lose sight of the backlying principles for which our fathers and mothers contended, which controlled their lives, and which must direct our years of service.

Let us give, sternly, quickly, whatever toil may be required, to clear away the home gathered, or imported, rubbish which obscures, defiles, or weakens the great foundation stones, on which the nation is established; we refer to Justice, Liberty, The Sanctity of the Home, The Sacredness of Life, and Equality Before the Law.

Our Schools. That we may bear honors part in training, and building America's tomorrow, let us determine, that we will scrutinize with care, the mental pabulum set before the girls and boys in our schools.

There must be no room there, for any histories which do not deal fairly by the nation's past; nor for instruction that undermines our children's fidelity to the Constitution of the United States, their faith in its institutions, or their love for the Flag floating over them. Scholars, whether home, or foreign born, should learn there, America's history, America's glory, and America's responsibility.

The Relays of Duty. We are here too, born of a great past, to bear a brave part in a glorious today, not impoverished but enriched by our responsibility for the crowding forward of this wonderful empire. Privileged to leave the nation a better nation, even than when it came to us, a sweeter, safer, Homeland, for those into whose keeping we shall soon resign it. It is not enough to have received, a sacred obligation rests upon us to "carry on", not in diminution, but in enlargement, the inheritance in ideals as well as in material blessings, which was handed down to us by the heroic sires, who lifted it out of dreams into virile splendid reality, remembering that each generation holds for the preceding one, and the next, the advancing lines of human progress. We shall set the lines farther on in the roadway of progress, or prove ourselves unworthy sons of noble sires.

The Scope of Masonic Education. Let us not forget that there are three radiations in Masonic education:

First, WITHIN; it has rightfully, its beginning in the individual acquirement, as the Masonic student journeys out into that wondrous field of symbolism, and fact, where thinkers and lovers have planned for his coming. Here he may continue to move, with increasing humility, with deepening awe, but with rich return for every hour of toil, and with promise of enlarging harvests, and unending fertility. How fully we believe in sharing our gathered store, is proven by eager efforts on the part of brethren everywhere to pass it on to others.

For Others: The second radiation then, is toward our brethren. We would have been deprived of very much of the store of knowledge which is now our treasured possession, had others withheld the rich result of their intellectual and moral activity, and the fact that they gave so freely to us, is a cogent reason why we should courageously, and generously, pass on to our comrades, whatever we receive, sending it forward, enriched and amplified by consideration and enlargement; remembering always, that while in the material world that only is reflected which is not absorbed, in the higher realm we only pass on in larger beauty that which we absorb.

We ought never to fail in attendant faithfulness to our Lodges; this is written in the book on the altar—"That we are not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." Great word that, ASSEMBLING. You will find its interpretation in some great machine shop, where the parts are brought together to complete the engine, according to the master's plan; not one part must be missing, there is no unimportant member—finally, it stands perfected. Oh, yes! One thing more—turn on its power. Now it will bear to have tremendous burdens rolled upon its splendid strength. Now, it belongs to the State, the Nation, the World.

For the World: The third radiation, inevitably carried us beyond the Lodge room walls, to aid in lighting and lifting a weary waiting world; it is Masonry—first mastering, then entorching revealed truth.

Thinking on to majestic conclusions in the seclusion of the Lodge room, with the fairest association of brotherhood, is not enough. Our fathers planned, delved, and outlined, then went forth in fellowship with whoever would assist, to champion a great cause, to build a nation, to sweeten a world.

Our task is plain, Masonic education ought to lead to every hovel of poverty, to the lifting of every halted life, to the guiding of every bewildered child, to a rugged and steady front on every battle line where right is assailed.

The Work of the Past Year. Following the plans of a year ago, we have worked in the very productive and inspiring field of early Masonic and American history, with rare exceptions the work has been received with deep interest.

In the semi-public meetings, Teachers and Scholars, have given fine hearing, and most generous commendation. The two surpassing studies—"Masonry and the Development of the American Commonwealth" and "Masonry and the Spirit of '76," which we secured from the Grand Lodge of New York, have been amplified by adding some very valuable results of recent research and study. About two thousand pages of important literature have been distributed.

A large number of the Lodges observed the anniversary of George Washington's birthday with patriotic or educational rallies. The program prepared by the committee being quite generally used in whole or in part.

We have held seventy-eight meetings. Delegations of considerable size from other Lodges attended a number of these, which brings the number of Lodges reached at one hundred and seven.

The Coming Year. We have in preparation a third illustrated study—"Masonry and the Expansion of the Republic," which will consider the period of the Constitution and its adoption, The Louisiana Purchase, The Florida

Purchase, The War with Tripoli, The Lewis and Clark Expedition, The War of 1812, and the Monroe Doctrine. This study is already in demand among our own folks, and the brethren of other jurisdictions.

We are planning also to publish the first two studies in bulletin form for wider circulation and use.

We shall urge a still larger observance of Washington's Birthday anniversary.

The brethren have been helpfully kind and appreciative during the year, for which our hearts are thankful.

V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, read the following report in regard to Recommendation No. 6 of Grand Master Wright, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATION NO. 6 OF
GRAND MASTER WRIGHT.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Education, to whom Recommendation No. 6 of Grand Master Wright was referred, respectfully recommend that we do not now take membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States and Canada, or arrange for any part of its work, but that the recommendation remain over for further consideration of this Grand Body at its regular 1927 Communication.

M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, (Uncle Bob) at this time asked for the privilege of the floor, inviting M. W. George H. Thummel, Past Grand Master, to the East, and asking R. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master-elect, to stand with them. He then presented R. W. Brother Crites with his Past Grand Master's jewel, as a token of the love and respect he had for Brother Crites' father, M. W. Albert W. Crites, who when serving as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, had appointed "Uncle Bob" as Grand Custodian. He stated that he had served in the office continuously for 25 years and 4 months, and as a slight appreciation, he desired to have Past Grand Master Thummel, Dean of living Past Grand Masters, pin the jewel on the Grand Master-elect, believing that he was bestowing this token, which he had worn for so many years, on the worthy successor of a noble sire.

The Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge to attention, and the Grand Chaplain led in singing one verse of "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

Brother Crites very feelingly accepted the gift, and expressed his delight in having an opportunity to reappoint "Uncle Bob" as Grand Custodian, who had received his first

appointment from his father, and who had faithfully and conscientiously served the Grand Lodge for so many years.

At 5:30 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, June 10th, 1926.

At 9 o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the previous session.

W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, 207, for the Committee on Pay-roll, reported that the amount due for mileage and per diem was \$5,055.42, and it was ordered paid.

W. Brother Ralph O. Canaday, 285, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, and it was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

To the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

We, Your Committee on Codification of the Law herewith respectfully submit the following report:

1. Pursuant to the Grand Master's recommendation No. 5, we recommend that Section 84 of the Law of 1922 be amended to read as follows: "The receipt for dues, adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction shall contain all the information contained in the form of receipt found on page 102 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1913, except that all receipts shall be printed on cards of convenient size to fit in the ordinary card case. Said receipts shall be consecutively numbered, and all blank receipts for dues be procured through the office of the Grand Secretary," and that the original Section 84 be repealed.

2. Pursuant to the Grand Master's recommendation No. 7, as approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we recommend that Section 97 of the Law of 1922 be amended to read as follows:

How Measured. A Lodge chartered or under dispensation has, for all purposes, exclusive territorial jurisdiction half way in an air line to each surrounding chartered Lodge. Such distance to be measured from the corporate limits of the cities or towns in which the Lodges are located; and in case the residence of a petitioner is within a recognized town or village, whose townsite has been regularly laid out and platted, whether incorporated or not, such petitioner shall be considered as within the jurisdiction of the Lodge nearest the limits of such town or village plat. Provided, that Tyre Lodge No. 85, and Wymore Lodge No. 104, and all Lodges in cities where there are two or more, shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Provided further that all Lodges located in the city of Omaha, and the towns of Florence, Benson and Dundee shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners for the mysteries of Freemasonry who reside within the corporate limits of the above named

city and towns. Provided further that Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Liberty Lodge No. 300, North Star Lodge No. 227, George Washington Lodge No. 250, and Cotner Lodge No. 297, and Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named Lodges. Provided further that Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, of South Omaha shall retain the same exclusive jurisdiction as heretofore, notwithstanding any consolidation of the cities of Omaha and South Omaha. Provided further that Victory Lodge No. 310, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Wahoo Lodge No. 59 and Pomegranite Lodge No. 110 shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named Lodges," and that the original Section No. 97 be repealed.

W. Brother Lorenzen P. Ronne, 210, moved that all receipts for dues issued by the Lodges for the year 1926 be on the old form; that we recommend that all Lodges use the new form of receipts beginning January 1st, 1927; that all receipts of the old form that the Lodges have on hand at that time, be destroyed; that when the supply of receipts on hand in any Lodge is exhausted, that the new form of receipts be purchased, and that all old forms of receipts in the Grand Secretary's office, and stock of this form in possession of the printer, be destroyed. Motion prevailed.

W. Brother Lorenzen P. Ronne, 210, presented the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that we have examined the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1925, and have checked the deliberations of this session, and find there is no unfinished business claiming the attention of the Grand Lodge.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, read the following resolutions which had been presented and adopted at the recent Grand Chapter session of the Order of the Eastern Star held at Hastings on May 12th, 1926:

RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED: That this Grand Chapter recommend the erection of an additional house at Fremont for the use of the Masonic-Eastern Star Homes and that the maximum sum of \$15,000 be pledged to be appropriated as its one-half share of the cost of the same.

Be it further resolved that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter be instructed to transmit this resolution to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. at its annual communication in June, 1926.

RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED: That the incoming Worthy Grand Matron appoint a Committee of three to confer with a like Committee from the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and a like Committee from The Nebraska-Eastern Star Home, a corporation, to consider amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of "The Nebraska Eastern Star Home" so that the said corporation may be used in the conduct and management of the Homes at Fremont.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Nebraska Eastern Star Home corporation be requested to appoint a Committee of three for this purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter be instructed to transmit this resolution to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. at its annual communication in June, 1926.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, in conformity with the foregoing resolutions, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee of three to confer with a like committee from the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, and a like Committee from "The Nebraska Eastern Star Home," which is the corporation that managed the Home at Fremont until a year ago, to consider amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of "The Nebraska Eastern Star Home," so that the said corporation may be used in the conduct and management of the Homes at Fremont.

The report of said Committees to be considered at the communication of the Grand Lodge in 1927.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, presented the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.

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

Your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans pursuant to their defined duties, met at the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Sunday A. M., at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of visiting and inspecting. The Committee made a careful inspection of the Home and the Infirmary, calling upon and visiting with all of the Residents, and found not only all of them happy and contented, but each and every one were loud in their praise of Superintendent Evers and Matron Lawton; and the Board of Trustees are to be congratulated upon securing and retaining the services of these two worthy and loyal employees.

The grounds at this season of the year are ideal, and with the planting of shrubbery that has taken place during the past year will add greatly to the beauty of the place, and bring further contentment to those who are privileged to enjoy the benefits of the Home.

In the new Infirmary, we now have a place in which to take care of unfortunate Brother Masons and their immediate relatives who are stricken with illness, a much needed addition to our Masonic Charities.

Not only is the building planned so as to be comfortable and efficient, but the furnishings are in keeping with a modern up-to-date Infirmary. The first and second floors are completely furnished, and at the present time the first floor is filled to its capacity and the second floor will be in demand at once; the furniture for the third floor has all been pledged and can be called for as necessity arises.

At the present time there are 48 residents at the Home, 15 of whom are occupying the Infirmary, these are chronic cases, practically all of them incurable and their care is intrusted to 3 nurses; with Dr. Westover in charge as the physician, and his kindness, sympathy, and willingness to give to each unfortunate his medical services and attention whenever needed, is very highly spoken of by all patients.

We found the combined ages of all residents to be 3,577 years or an average age of $74\frac{1}{2}$ years, there is one in the 30's, 2 in the 40's, 1 in the 50's, 6 in the 60's, 20 in the 70's, 16 in the 80's, and 2 in the 90's; the oldest being 92 years of age.

There have been admitted to the Home since June 1925, 26 residents, and 9 have died during this time and 1 has left the Home.

Two new applicants were admitted at the Board meeting of June 5th of this year. This will increase the number to 50 and the prospects are that there will be many more applications in the near future.

We cannot refrain from bringing to the attention of the Grand Lodge the wonderful donations of money, furniture, instruments, linens, pictures, and works of art, made by Lodges, Masonic Bodies, Eastern Star Chapters, the Grand Chapter O.E.S., and individual Masons and members of the Eastern Star; and without any endeavor to individualize each gift and donor we certainly want to congratulate the Trustees upon the co-operation they have received in providing for the efficient operation of this much needed addition to Masonic helpfulness.

It is nearly twenty years since the Grand Lodge commenced to dispense relief at times other than at its annual sessions.

Of those first active in this phase of our benevolences, but three persons are yet with us, Brother Francis E. White, who was the Secretary of the Committee of the first Committee of the Orphans Educational Fund and Past Grand Master Samuel S. Whiting and Past Grand Master Ornan J. King. Of the other members, P.G.M. Albert W. Crites, P.G.M. Thomas M. Davis, P.G.M. Frank H. Young, P.G.M. Alpha Morgan, P.G.M. John A. Ehrhardt, and P.G.M. Robert E. Evans, all have passed to their reward, but the memory of them will linger long.

To the past go more dead faces,
 Every year;
 And the loved leave vacant places,
 Every year;
 Everywhere the sad eyes meet us,
 In the evening's dusk they greet us,
 And to come to them entreat us,
 Every year.

The shores of life are shifting,
 Every year;
 And we are seaward drifting,
 Every year;
 Old places, changing, fret us,
 And the living more forget us,
 There are fewer to regret us,
 Every year.

But the truer life draws nigher,
 Every year;
 And its Morning-Star climbs higher,
 Every year;
 Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
 And the heavy burden lighter,
 And the Dawn Immortal brighter,
 Every year.

Claims for relief during the past year have been numerous and have necessitated a great amount of investigation. We have endeavored to be sure that no worthy Mason or his widow or orphan should suffer from the necessities of life. We have denied a few applicants, some of whom we found were persistent seekers for assistance.

The following is a statement of our financial operations:

Balance on hand as per last report Grand Lodge 1925.....	\$ 7,003.98
10% fees and dues, from last Grand Lodge.....	6,799.75
Returned from War Relief Fund.....	200.00
Paid by Hastings Lodge No. 50.....	50.00
Paid by Bee Hive Lodge No. 184.....	35.00
Interest from Custer State Bank.....	38.13
	\$14,126.86

EXPENDITURES.

Capital Lodge No. 3—Member wife and child, continued.....	\$ 75.00
Capital Lodge No. 3—Member and wife, closed.....	90.00
Lincoln Lodge No. 19—Widow and 2 children, continued.....	90.00
Pawnee Lodge No. 23—Widow of member, continued.....	120.00
St. Johns Lodge No. 25—Widow and Daughter of member, closed.....	133.33
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32—Widow and 4 children, continued....	120.00
Payments ordered by Grand Masters as well as court costs in matter of J—— W——, which with a payment of \$29.00 which will appear in next years report will close the matter.....	407.79
Hastings Lodge No. 50—Hospital bill of member, closed.....	200.00
Hastings Lodge No. 50—Member, wife and 2 children, continued..	365.00
Mosaic Lodge No. 55—Member, closed.....	185.00
Lebanon Lodge No. 58—Member, closed.....	323.75
Wahoo Lodge No. 59—Clothing for daughter of member, continued..	55.55
Trowel Lodge No. 71—One-half care of member, Masonic Home paying same amount. Member now in home and case closed..	135.00
Ionic Lodge No. 87—Widow and 3 children, continued if necessary..	64.50
Bennett Lodge No. 94—Member, closed.....	50.00
Euclid Lodge No. 97—2 children of deceased member, continued...	120.00

Wymore Lodge No. 104—Member, wife and daughter, continued..	180.00
Wymore Lodge No. 104—Member, closed.....	90.00
Cambridge Lodge No. 150, 2 children of deceased member, continued.....	60.00
Atkinson Lodge No. 164—Widow and 4 children, continued.....	360.00
Hay Springs Lodge No. 177—Part funeral and hospital member...	125.00
Culbertson Lodge No. 174—Member now in Infirmary, closed....	30.00
Bee Hive No. 184—One-half care widow, Masonic Home paying same amount, continued.....	175.00
Bee Hive Lodge No. 184—Member in Fitzsimmons Hospital War Relief and case closed for present.....	115.00
Signet Lodge No. 193—Widow of Member, continued.....	240.00
Arcana Lodge No. 195—Wife and 4 children, continued.....	180.00
Cubit Lodge No. 237—Widow and 5 children, continued.....	200.00
Crofton Lodge No. 273—Widow and 4 children, continued.....	140.00
Seneca Lodge No. 284—Widow and child of member, continued...	60.00
Minatare Lodge No. 295—Member in Fitzsimmons Hospital, case discontinued for present.....	105.00
Widow of Past Grand Master, continued.....	315.00

Total expended.....	4,909.92
Balance on hand.....	9,216.94

\$14,126.86

Bank balance shows.....	\$9,262.94
Less check No. 16 outstanding.....	\$30.00
Less check No. 33 outstanding.....	16.00 46.00

\$9,216.94

Because of increased call for relief and to provide for care of Children at Fremont, we ask that the 75% of interest on Orphans Educational Fund for last year be appropriated to the Committee for use if they find it necessary. The amount available is \$5,520.00 and we ask that this be referred to the Committee on Finance.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65 presented the report of the Committee on the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE IN CHARGE WITH
A LIKE COMMITTEE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER O.E.S.
OF "THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR
CHILDREN.

Almost a year has elapsed since "The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children" has become a reality. Until that time it was only in a measure what many had hoped for, for years. If a good beginning presages success then I feel sure that we can confidentially hope for a continuation of the good work and expect still greater results.

Almost without exception we have found only manifestations of good will and encouragement from the Members of the Masonic Order and Eastern Star. If careful preparation, fervent prayers and boundless faith can make a success of the work then we can predict a splendid future for "The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children."

I wish to speak of the word H O M E. I want the Brethren of the Craft to know and understand that we are conducting a HOME and not an Orphanage or an Institution. This denotes the high ideals of the Members of our Order and is an added incentive to those who are laboring toward its successful management.

No greater human institution can exist than that one typified by Father, Mother, Child—the Trinity upon which is based all symbolism and faith that gives the urge to higher and better things and leads humanity ever onward and upward. The highest Tenet of Masonry is that "Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man, but I am convinced that to complete this thought and principle that the "Motherhood of Man" must be added if the world is to realize its fondest hopes, and that this TRINITY must be the Lode-star to guide Humanity to the Peace and Good Will for which we all earnestly hope.

Our three Homes have been filled during the year and the necessity for another building is apparent. The Joint Committee has delayed preparations for another building, thinking that it would be better to rent a building for a while if necessary, but with the applications coming in for admission to the Homes I feel that steps should be taken to erect another building and I recommend that this Grand Lodge take action to that end. The Grand Chapter O.E.S. has already taken action by recommending such action and has promised an appropriation of \$15,000.00 and has appropriated \$1,000.00 for the necessary preliminary expenses. I recommend that this Grand Lodge do likewise.

It is the opinion of the Joint Committee that in the near future a Superintendent should be employed to take active management of the Homes. This has also been delayed so as to give time for reflection and study as well as time to consider the requirements.

Rules and Regulations for the management of the Homes are also in process of making. This has not been hurried because it seemed necessary that those in charge should have an opportunity to study the needs and to familiarize themselves with the problems to be solved.

A system of accounting has been formulated and seems to meet the requirements, but there is need of a further guidance of expenditures which is being studied but in my opinion can not be put into effect until a Superintendent has been placed in charge.

New forms of application for admission to the Homes are under way but these require time and study to meet the requirements that should be made, and to include the results of study and experience.

I have never been fully satisfied with the results of the work with the Boys at Fremont. I have felt that we have not supplied them with activities during the summer that were good and necessary. The Joint Committee have just made arrangements to employ a young man who has had agricultural work at the State University to take charge of the Boys during this summer to keep them employed and also to supervise them.

In this manner we will be enabled to beautify the grounds and assist in the gardening.

On May 1st, 1925, there were 35 children in the Homes at Fremont, 12 boys in the Boys' Home, 12 girls in the Girls' Home, and 5 boys and 6 girls in the Children's Home.

Up to June 5th since the above date there have been admitted 13 boys, 4 of whom were admitted upon Eastern Star membership, and 9 upon Masonic membership; and 12 girls, 4 on Eastern Star membership, 6 upon Masonic membership and 2 from membership of Sesostris Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Lincoln, a total of 25 admitted.

During this time 7 girls have left the Homes, 6 from Masonic membership and 1 from Eastern Star membership, and 3 boys all from Masonic membership, making a total of 10 leaving, and a net gain of 15 during the year. There are now in the Homes 27 boys, 22 from Masonic Lodges, and 5 from the Eastern Star, and 23 girls, 17 from Masonic Lodges, 4 from the Eastern Star and 2 from the Shrine, making a total of 50 now in the Homes. Of these there are 18 boys in the Boys' Home under the supervision of Mrs. Dora S. Forbes as Matron, 16 girls in the Girls' Home under the supervision of Mrs. Ellen C. Smith as Matron, and 9 boys and 7 girls in the Children's Home under the supervision of Mrs. Elena M. Brown as Matron.

Of the 10 children leaving the Home, 1 boy and 2 girls graduated from High School and 1 girl has graduated since the date taken for this report and is not included in those leaving. The other 7 children were returned to parents who had made arrangements to care for them.

The girls graduating from High School for some time past, have all joined the Eastern Star and have been initiated at the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star at their annual communication.

This has been an inspiring sight and signifies and typifies the interest taken by the members of the Eastern Star in the children.

Each year the Worthy Grand Matron of the O.E.S. issues a letter to all Chapters of the O.E.S. inviting donations of fruits, jellies, and other good things to eat and the response has been wonderful. A detailed report of these donations will be found in the report of the Joint Committee now ready for distribution and which will be sent to all Lodges and also all Chapters of the O.E.S. This donation has also included the Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic Home for Boys in Omaha, and were all generously remembered.

Last year the Grand Chapter O.E.S. and the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. adopted the report of the Joint Committee as to the management and ownership of the Homes at Fremont. In this report the following appears: "In making the foregoing recommendations, which involve the substitution of a Board of Managers directly appointed by and accountable to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, for the corporation to-wit: The Nebraska Eastern Star Home, now in charge of a portion of the work pertaining to the management of the Home, we wish to express our conviction that such corporation has carried on the work faithfully and as well as the rather complicated system with which they have been compelled to cope, has permitted. It is our understanding that gifts and bequests have been made to such corporation for the benefit of the Home, some of these bequests having been received and others known to be

contained in wills, the makers of which are still with us. Your Committees have not had the time nor opportunity to go into this situation in detail. It is important that nothing be done, so far as the future status of such corporation is concerned, that will militate against the interest of the Home and the children under its care. We assume that the stockholders of such corporation having the same interest at heart as have the members of these Committees and the members of the Grand Bodies to which we are reporting will take such action in the premises in the future as will conserve all the benefits, present and prospective, to the Children's Home at Fremont, that the gifts and bequests, actual or tentative, above referred to, will suggest."

At the time of the report of the Joint Committee it was manifestly impossible to make the agreement between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter as to equal ownership and control of the Homes at Fremont and take into consideration the Corporation of the Eastern Star which had been managing the Homes. It seemed too great a task to attempt at that time to use the Corporation to start the arrangement because it entailed too much labor. The Masonic Grand Lodge has found that the highest efficiency of "The Nebraska Masonic Home" has come because it had corporate powers. It has been my earnest hope that the Homes at Fremont should grow and prosper and ever be remembered to the highest degree by the members of the Masonic Order and the Eastern Star. I have been watching the growth of the Homes in other Jurisdictions and I have been amazed to find the generous sums of money and property that have been bequeathed to them. I am of the opinion that our Homes at Fremont will be and should be remembered in the near future by such gifts, but as I view the situation I am of the opinion that the present Joint Committee would have no power or authority to accept such bequests.

This creates an embarrassing situation. The membership of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. and the Order of the Eastern Star in Nebraska is now close to 80,000 and we can not escape the working of the Law of Averages and we must prepare to meet the demands of the future. Careful study impels me to say that we should neglect nothing that will assist us in building up a reserve fund to maintain our Homes and to meet the certain growth in the future and we should give this matter our serious attention and care.

I have been consulting eminent Attorneys and am of the opinion that the Articles of Incorporation of the Nebraska Eastern Star Home should be amended so as to make of it a "Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children." This can be done and leave the title of the real estate as it now stands in the name of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Corporation simply running and managing the Homes. The Management can be arranged so that the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter shall have the equal representation in the management as each now have and this can be accomplished and arranged no matter who may hold or own or control a majority of the stock of the corporation. It is this matter that has not been clearly understood or rather not realized that has been a matter of earnest consideration, but now seems to have been clarified.

I have been connected with the work with the children from the beginning. Pardon me if I say that I have truly endeavored to further the interests of the Homes with as little of selfishness as was possible for me to do. Patient study

and careful thought have been given as to the best means of promoting the interests of the Homes and the care of the Children. I am about to close my active labors in this work and I cannot do so without saying to you that next to the agreement of management as between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter that this arrangement of the Corporation is the most needful thing to be done. The Eastern Star Corporation must of necessity be kept in existence to hold the bequests that we already have and should be used in the management of the Homes.

The Grand Chapter O.E.S. has recommended to the Corporation that this be done and have requested the Corporation to appoint a committee to meet with a Committee from the Grand Chapter O.E.S. to this end and have transmitted a request to this Grand Lodge requesting like action as to a like committee to be appointed by this Grand Lodge.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN AUDIT REPORT.

April 30, 1926.

As per instructions received we have examined the books of financial record of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, covering the period from July 1, 1925 to April 30, 1926, and submit herewith the results of our investigations in the following Schedules:

Schedule 1—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.

Schedule 2—Detailed Statement of Disbursements.

Schedule 3—Expenditures for Homes.

Schedule 4—Statement Showing Cost of Food per Person per Meal for Period from January 1, 1926 to April 30, 1926.

The disbursements in payment of April accounts were made during the early part of May and have been included in this report.

The Bank Balance was verified as of May 22, 1926.

Capital Expenditures have been shown under that caption in our statement of disbursements.

Schedule 4 is submitted for the four months period only, since records of the persons served were not started until January 1.

In our opinion all receipts for the period from July 1, 1925 to April 30, 1926, have been accounted for and all disbursements sufficiently vouched.

Respectfully submitted,

McCONNELL, MOELLER & GREENFIELD.

By G. L. GREENFIELD,

Certified Public Accountant.

Schedule 1.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JULY 1, 1925 TO APRIL 30, 1926.

RECEIPTS.

From Grand Chapter O.E.S.	\$13,000.00
From Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.	13,000.00
From Parents.....	1,289.89

From Chapters O. E. S.....	423.85	
From Masonic Lodges and Other Masonic Bodies.....	343.10	
From Kensingtons.....	110.00	
From Interest Received.....	34.17	
From Individuals.....	101.94	
From Donation of Insurance Premium.....	16.60	
From Miscellaneous Sources.....	85.00	
From Sale of Live Stock and Poultry.....	467.16	
From Sale of Milk and Dairy Products.....	25.18	
		\$28,896.89
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Schedule 2.....		25,960.35
		\$ 2,936.54
Balance on Hand.....		Schedule 2.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

DISBURSEMENTS.

JULY 1, 1925 TO APRIL 30, 1926.

PETTY CASH FUNDS.

Matron—Children's Home.....	\$ 150.00	
Matron—Boys' Home.....	150.00	
Matron—Girls' Home.....	150.00	
		\$ 450.00

ADMINISTRATION.

Salaries.....	\$ 500.00	
Printing, Stationery and Office Supplies.....	162.78	
Postage.....	25.00	
Telegraph and Telephone.....	2.60	
Miscellaneous.....	181.25	
		\$ 871.63

GENERAL MAINTENANCE.

Heat.....	\$1,377.80	
Insurance.....	506.35	
Auto Expenses.....	248.36	
Care of Grounds.....	1,367.43	
		\$ 2,499.94

HOSPITAL.

Labor.....	\$ 18.55	
Telephone.....	7.50	
Laundry.....	14.08	
Miscellaneous.....	16.55	
Light.....	5.00	
Ice.....	2.10	
		\$ 63.78

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

Silo for Farm.....	\$1,190.56
Machinery and Tools—Farm.....	389.17

Bridge.....	59.01
Humidifiers—Boys' Home.....	216.80
Humidifiers—Girls' Home.....	216.80
Improvements—Children's Home.....	647.85
Improvements—Boys' Home.....	1,054.20
Improvements—Girls' Home.....	736.50
	<u>\$ 4,510.89</u>

FARM.

Salaries—Superintendent.....	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Labor.....	55.35
Light and Power.....	42.79
Telephone.....	33.65
Repairs—Replacements.....	108.36
Miscellaneous.....	97.97
Repairs—Buildings.....	3.06
Truck Expense.....	235.90
Feed.....	433.38
Seed.....	106.30
Supplies.....	33.73
Poultry and Live Stock Purchased.....	101.80
	<u>\$ 2,252.29</u>

MAINTENANCE OF HOMES.

Schedule 3.....	<u>\$15,311.82</u>
Total Expenditures.....	\$25,960.35

Schedule 4.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT SHOWING COST OF FOOD PER PERSON PER MEAL.
JANUARY 1, 1926 TO APRIL 30, 1926.

CHILDREN'S HOME.

Children Served.....	4,603
Employees Served.....	761
Visitors Served.....	94
Total Served.....	<u>5,458</u>
Cost of Food Purchased.....	\$ 298.22
Cost per Person per Meal.....	.053

BOYS' HOME.

Boys Served.....	5,915
Employees Served.....	891
Visitors Served.....	75
Total Served.....	<u>6,881</u>
Cost of Food Purchased.....	\$ 501.36
Cost per Person per Meal.....	.073

GIRLS' HOME.

Girls Served.....	5,059
Employees Served.....	453
Visitors Served.....	55
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Total Served.....	5,567
Cost of Food Purchased.....	\$ 490.92
Cost per Person per Meal.....	.088

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.
EXPENDITURES FOR HOMES.
JULY 1, 1925 TO APRIL 30, 1926.

	CHILDREN'S HOME		BOYS' HOME		GIRLS' HOME		Total	
	Amount	Cost per Child per Day	Amount	Cost per Child per Day	Amount	Cost per Child per Day		
1 Food.....	\$ 835.07	\$.225	\$ 1,356.63	\$.280	\$ 1,071.86	\$.310	\$ 3,263.56	1
2 Clothing.....	643.21	.173	803.58	.166	1,056.89	.305	2,503.68	2
3 Doctors and Medicine.....	393.14	.106	262.47	.054	396.19	.114	1,051.80	3
4 Amusement.....	209.57	.057	273.78	.057	226.95	.066	710.30	4
5 Salaries.....	1,076.25	.290	1,192.50	.246	710.00	.205	2,978.75	5
6 Miscellaneous Labor.....	174.89	.047	124.78	.026	34.39	.010	334.06	6
7 Gas.....	143.00	.039	171.93	.036	253.90	.073	568.83	7
8 Light and Power.....	113.59	.031	132.38	.027	132.13	.038	378.10	8
9 Water.....	31.05	.008	41.50	.009	35.27	.010	107.82	9
10 Telephone.....	39.20	.011	43.15	.009	43.50	.013	125.85	10
11 Ice.....	56.75	.015	129.90	.027	82.80	.024	269.45	11
12 Repairs and Replacements.....	106.40	.028	94.43	.020	474.51	.137	675.34	12
13 Laundry Supplies.....	118.30	.032	136.64	.028	100.50	.029	355.44	13
14 Laundress.....	203.65	.055	209.52	.043	181.54	.052	594.71	14
15 Laundry Repairs.....	9.63	.003	3.15	.001	4.74	.001	17.52	15
16 School Expense and Supplies.....	21.52	.006	54.64	.011	67.80	.020	143.96	16
17 Allowances.....	62.20	.017	101.30	.021	88.30	.026	251.80	17
18 Miscellaneous.....	249.09	.067	279.55	.058	299.92	.087	828.56	18
19 Postage.....	8.00	.002	10.25	.002	14.60	.004	32.85	19
20 Repairs—Buildings.....	36.05	.010	50.74	.010	32.65	.009	119.44	20
Totals.....	\$ 4,530.56	\$ 1.222	\$ 5,472.82	\$ 1.131	\$ 5,308.44	\$ 1.533	\$ 15,311.82	
Number of Child Days.....	3,709		4,841		3,463			

W. Brother Jonathan A. Frye, 1, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Most Worshipful Grand Master: I move that this Grand Lodge now establish the rule of presenting to the retiring Grand Master a suitable jewel, of gold and of proper and approved design, and at a cost of not exceeding one hundred dollars per jewel;

That the incoming Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Very Worshipful Brother Charles M. Shepherd be authorized and empowered to select and approve the design for such jewels and to procure the jewel for retiring Grand Master Wright and present same to him when ready, and that thereafter the Grand Secretary procure a jewel of the approved design and have it ready for presentation during the annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell, presented the following new section of the law:

To the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

The following is proposed as a new section to the law, and as provided by the report as approved by the Committee on Consolidation of Masonic Charities:

Section 88A. That hereafter, no Lodge or Lodges shall establish a Masonic charitable institution, or undertake a continuing Masonic charitable work, or become obligated for continuing contributions for charitable purposes, nor shall any Lodge or Lodges, or person or persons, use the word "Masonic," or other term indicating Masonic activities, regarding any such institution or work, which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do; Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Masonic Home for Children at Omaha, commonly known as the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Boys; and Provided further that this section shall not in any way be construed as an assumption of any responsibility for said Home by this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Brother Chappell asked for unanimous consent for immediate consideration of the foregoing amendment, which was granted, and the amendment was adopted.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED, that this Grand Lodge recommend the erection of an additional house at Fremont, for the use of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home, and the Joint Committee be requested to have plans and other data to be presented at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1927.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the cost of maintenance of the Homes at Fremont have been carried as an asset of the Grand Lodge, and,

WHEREAS, the Homes and ground at Fremont are now owned equally by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Grand Chapter, O.E.S.

RESOLVED, that the Grand Secretary be hereby instructed to reduce the item of assets at Fremont in the Childrens Homes to the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00). Any amount above this sum to be charged to profit and loss.

W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, 207, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, stated that the review of other Proceedings had been completed, and moved that it be accepted and printed in the Proceedings. Motion prevailed.

M. W. George H. Thummel, Past Grand Master, moved that the appointments of the incoming Grand Master, be approved. Motion carried.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, requested the privilege of the floor, stating that he had been connected with the Children's Homes at Fremont for 13 years; had been Trustee of the Nebraska Masonic Home for more than 10 years, and had served 8 years as Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. He stated that on account of his health, it was necessary that he be given a vacation, and had therefore decided to retire from active duty in the relief work of the Grand Lodge. He called the attention of the brethren, briefly, to the enormous growth of our relief work, and the burden that falls upon the shoulders of any Brother who assumes the responsibility of discharging this important trust for the Grand Lodge, and asked the Grand Lodge and the brethren, to give their undivided support and assistance to the brethren who would succeed him in this important branch of our activities.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, told the Grand Lodge of the very earnest and efficient work which Brother Mickey had been doing for so many years, and the immense burden which he had been compelled to carry. M. W. Brother Thummel expressed the regret of the brethren that it was necessary for Brother Mickey to retire from this work, but appreciated the fact that if we were going to have the counsel of this Brother in the years to come, that this was necessary, and moved that the very appreciative thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, for his many years of faithful and efficient service. Motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell, offered the following resolution, which was seconded, and carried by a unanimous rising vote:

I move you that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Lodges and brethren of Omaha for the trip to Plattsmouth and for all their hospitality to us, and also to the Lodge at Plattsmouth and brethren of that Lodge and ladies there, to the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Boys of Omaha, and to everyone that contributed in so large measure to our entertainment on our visit to the Home last Tuesday afternoon; also to the brethren of the male quartette from Plattsmouth whose music we enjoyed so much, and to everyone who has contributed to the success and the pleasure of this occasion.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham, assisted by Past Grand Master Samuel S. Whiting, acting as Grand Marshal, installed all of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the exception of the Grand Orator, who was unable to be present.

Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

At this time I would like to move that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Most Worshipful Past Grand Master John Wright for the courteous and efficient manner in which he has presided over this communication, and for his faithful and efficient services to the Craft during the year he has served us as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska.

Remarks by M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master:

I do not think any mere vote of thanks is adequate under the circumstances. Brother Wright has served as our Grand Master for the past year without the hope of fee or reward and without receiving anything unless it be the approval of the Fraternity throughout the State. I live away off in northwestern Nebraska, Brother Wright lives at Lincoln, but I have been close enough to him to know that during the past year he has gotten as much done as any Grand Master in the past and accomplished it with ease and good feeling that has never been surpassed, and I think it would be unfit to send him away from here without, at least, the Grand Honors for the last time. I don't know whether it is according to ritual or not, but Brother Wright is entitled to go home today with the Grand Honors, and I ask you to give them to him.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge arose as one man, and gave M. W. Brother John Wright the Grand Honors.

Remarks by Past Grand Master John Wright:

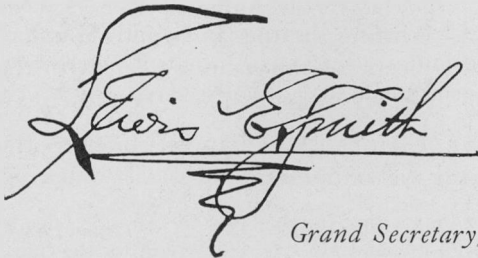
Brethren, all I can say to you is, thank you, because the words "thank you" mean so much. It is like the word "good," and when we attempt to enlarge it by saying "very good" and then "excellent," we never change it at all. If I thank you and have it in my heart, I thank you; and if I am good, and you are good, there is nothing better. This entire year has been one composed of doing just the best I could, giving you the best I had, trying to practice the principles and examples which we have all been taught and which, if we use reasonable minds, are so easy to understand. Brethren, I do thank you.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to Brother Charles B. Scott, for his very efficient service in reporting the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Motion carried.

At 11:30 o'clock A. M., no further business appearing, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

ATTEST:

EDWIN D. CRITES,
Grand Master.



Lewis Smith

Grand Secretary.

ADDENDA TO THE LAW.

Being Amendments to the Law adopted since the publication of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, edition of 1922.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS.—The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Francis E. White as Grand Secretary Emeritus, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of a subordinate lodge.

1925—815.

ARTICLE XI. THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND GRAND WARDENS.

1. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties at all communications of the Grand Lodge, and, in his absence, to preside therein; and, in the event of the death of the Grand Master, or of his permanent absence from the state, or of his inability from any cause to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden, in the order of their rank, shall succeed to the office of Grand Master, and, upon being installed by any Past Grand Master, shall thereupon assume the duties of Grand Master and be entitled to all of the rights and prerogatives of a Grand Master.

1925—816.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW.

Section 7, lines 23-27, page 20, of the law, edition of 1922.

He shall give a surety bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of \$10,000.00, to be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the premium paid by the Grand Lodge. Said coverage may be included in a blanket bond, also covering secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges.

1925—832.

Section 9 of the law, strike therefrom in line 10, the words: "Childrens Homes," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

1925—834.

Sec. 9-A.—Each member of a standing committee of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not vote, by virtue of such appointment, in the Grand Lodge.

1923—366.

Sec. 15.—RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.—The Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master (one to be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and one to be appointed each year thereafter for five years). Said committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider, and report upon all applications for relief from the

Relief Fund of this Grand Lodge and appropriations from the Orphans Educations Fund interest. It shall be the duty of the committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application.

1923—370.

Sec. 16.—The Committee on Joint Board of Managers of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children shall consist of six members to be appointed by the Grand Master, 2 for 1 year, 2 for 2 years, and 2 for 3 years, and 2 for 3 years each year thereafter. Said committee in conjunction with six members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, shall have the control and management of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, Nebraska. They shall select their own officers and organize their own committees. They shall adopt rules for their government, and of their employees, and of the children in the Home, and submit the same to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, which rules shall not go into effect until approved by the Grand Master, and the Worthy Grand Matron, and any amendments to said rules shall go into effect only after receiving the approval of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron.

That on or before March 1st of each year, they shall make a full and detailed report to the two Grand Bodies embodying a complete financial report and the number of children cared for, the dates of admission and dismissal of each child, and the per capita expense of caring for the children in the Home, which report shall be presented annually to the two Grand Bodies, and printed in such numbers and be so distributed as the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron shall from time to time determine.

That the duty and responsibility of passing on applications to the Home of all children claiming Masonic relationship, shall be continued in the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of the Grand Lodge; a like duty and responsibility of passing upon applications with relationship to the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, shall be vested in a corresponding committee of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and the Board of Managers shall be required to accept children recommended by said committees, so far as the capacity of the cottages at the Home will permit.

That the name of the Home shall be The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and such name shall be used in all publications of these Grand Bodies and their Board of Managers, and wherever else the name of such Home may be used. That the expense involved in the conduct of the Home and the upkeep of the buildings, shall be shared equally by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter; that in arriving at such expense, donations or contributions to the Home or the Board of Managers for the benefit of the Home be not considered; that at their meetings in 1925, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge appropriate for the benefit of the Home, sums estimated to be sufficient for the current year, the same to be available as required upon written order of the President and Secretary elected by said Board of Managers, and the affairs of the Board of Managers shall be so arranged that requisitions upon the Grand Bodies may be made quarterly, and that the Board of Managers report to the

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Chapter, and to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Lodge.

That all recommendations for additional cottages or other capital investments shall be submitted in writing by the Board of Managers and the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, with detailed explanations for such recommendations to the Worthy Grand Matron and to the Grand Master sixty days before the convening of the first Grand Body to meet thereafter, so that joint recommendations thereon to the respective Grand Bodies may be submitted in the discretion of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron, said recommendations to include the respective share each Grand Body shall assume in the expense involved.

1925—833.

Sec. 16-A.—The Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master, which Board shall have full control of receiving, investing, managing, and disbursing the funds arising from annuities and gifts that shall be received by it to the uses of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The title to all funds and property shall be taken, held, and conveyed in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, all subject to the control of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacation.

The management of the funds shall be under the general direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacations. Provided, further, that the said Board shall have general power to disburse said funds without a specific appropriation from the Grand Lodge.

1923—369.

Sec. 30.—ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—\$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the Orphans Educational Endowment Fund and shall never be depleted below the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Seventy-five per cent of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and it so far as necessary shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

1923—370.

Sec 31-A.—WAR RELIEF FUND.—\$30,000.00, the result of the resolution of June 5th, A. L. 5918, and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the WAR RELIEF FUND, and except by direct action of the Grand Lodge and for the purpose expressed in the resolution of June 6th, A. L. 5923, with reference thereto, no part of the principal of said fund shall be used.

The annual interest earned by said fund in any year may be expended for the purpose set forth in the resolution of June 6th, A. L. 5923, with reference thereto, and shall be disbursed on order of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, as are other relief funds.

The fund with its increase from time to time shall by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

1924—585.

Sec. 32.—INVESTIGATIONS AND PAYMENTS.—All applications for relief from this fund shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans; said fund, when the amount thereof is ascertained each year, shall be transferred to said committee to be disbursed by it.

1923—370.

Sec. 47-A.—No person shall be elected or appointed to any office who has not complied with Section 66 of the law.

1925—833.

Sec. 59-A.—All secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges shall be bonded by a surety bond of an approved corporate surety bonding company, in amounts sufficient to cover their respective needs. Each lodge shall determine the amount of coverage requested by it, and said amounts shall be certified to the Grand Secretary, annually, and he shall obtain a blanket bond covering all of said amounts, together with the bond required of the Grand Secretary. The cost of said blanket bond shall be pro rated among, and collected from the several lodges according to the amount of the coverage required by said lodges.

1925—832.

Sec. 60.—TIME: DISPENSATION.—The officers shall be installed during the month of June, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. Installation at other times, except by dispensation, is irregular, and any Master permitting it is subject to Masonic discipline. The fee for dispensation to elect or install, or both, at any other than the prescribed time shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00), which must accompany the petition, which petition must be under the seal of the requesting lodge.

1924—605.

Sec. 60-A.—No officer shall hold over another year on account of failure to install his successor. But where an officer-elect is not installed within time, the lodge shall proceed under dispensation to install. In the event the officer declines installation, the lodge shall proceed to elect and install under dispensation. In the event the Master-elect is not installed, the duly installed Warden, according to rank, shall discharge all of the duties of the office of Master until the Master is elected and installed.

1924—605.

Sec. 63.—WHO MAY BE INSTALLED.—No Master shall be installed until he shall have been duly qualified by actually receiving the degree of Past Master, which shall be conferred, under the direction of the Grand Custodian, by a convocation of not less than three actual Past Masters, and none but such Past Masters can be present at such convocation, nor shall such installation be had until a certificate is presented to the installing officer showing the Master-elect to have so received the degree of Past Master. Chapter Past Masters, as such, are excluded from participation. The degree

of Past Master shall not be conferred upon any Master-elect while under charges. Arrearages for dues shall not prevent the installation of an officer-elect. 1924—609.

Sec. 66.—MASTER MASONS' EXAMINATIONS.—All those hereafter initiated, passed, and raised shall become proficient in each degree, 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, the Master shall put the question: "Is the Brother proficient?" and the question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present. The Secretary shall make a record that the examination was had and the action of the lodge upon the same.

Examination of all those hereafter raised to the degree of a Master Mason shall be had not later than ninety days following the conferring of said degree, but the lodge may for good cause shown extend the time, but not for more than six months after the degree is conferred; provided, that the Grand Master may extend the time for good cause shown. 1923—370.

An unaffiliated Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge as to his proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being found proficient, this fact should be certified to the lodge electing him to membership. 1924—605.

Provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section. 1925—833.

Sec. 66-A.—REFUSING EXAMINATION.—A Brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 66 renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, a diploma, nor to hold an office in a lodge, until he has complied with said section. 1923—370.

Sec. 69-D.—Every Master Mason is entitled to a diploma of the form provided in this Grand Jurisdiction from the lodge of which he is a member, upon his making request therefor, unless having been made a Master Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction after June 7th, 1923, he has failed to comply with the provisions of Section 66. Said diploma is to be granted without charge therefor, and regardless of whether he became a member of said lodge by affiliation, or by taking the degrees therein. 1923—370.

Sec. 75.—ATTENDING CHURCH: MASONIC CLOTHING.—Members of a lodge may attend church services in procession without dispensation. But Masonic clothing should be worn only when the lodge is at work or upon some Masonic occasion. 1924—610.

Sec. 76-B.—A lodge may hold a meeting on St. John's Day, to which the Order of the Eastern Star and members of Masonic and Eastern Star

families may be admitted, in like manner as they are admitted to a public installation of officers of the lodge.

1924—606.

Section 77.—(New paragraph).—Pall-bearers who are not Master Masons should not have a place in the part of the procession formed by the lodge of Freemasons. None but Master Masons should be in line between the Tyler and the Master.

1925—831.

Sec. 80.—(First paragraph.) ASSESSMENT.—Chartered lodges shall have discretionary power to assess dues upon members who are Master Masons in good standing, and their by-laws shall designate the amount so assessed and the time for its payment. All such dues, and special assessments, shall be uniform upon the members. All lodges in fixing the dues of their members shall include the amount of Grand Lodge dues with the lodge dues. A Brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted, and shall be required to pay in full all special assessments.

1924—606.

Sec. 81.—(First two paragraphs.) Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge, on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, except those exempt from the payment of dues as provided for in Section 84 (which is now repealed), the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00), seventy-five cents of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by said returns. Provided, that this shall not apply to any Master Mason holding a demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation. By the phrase "good standing" is meant, one who has not been unaffiliated for more than one year, or who has made application, been rejected, and renewed his application as often as once in each six months.

The additional funds for each initiation and affiliation fee, together with the sum of fifty cents, from the Two Dollars, (\$2.00) Grand Lodge dues, shall be placed into a fund to be known as the Building and Improvement Fund. These increases to apply only on those initiated or affiliated on and after July 15th, 1922. Each lodge shall at the same time pay to the Grand Lodge for all supplies purchased from the Grand Lodge during the preceding year. Returns in duplicate and the amount due the Grand Lodge may be sent in at any time between March 31st and April 5th, and the Grand Secretary shall add as a penalty one cent per day for each member on the rolls as shown in the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to all lodges that neglect to send in their returns complete as provided by Section 57, and pay their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge by the tenth of April.

1923—369. 1924—603. 1925—830.

Sec. 84.—The receipt for dues, adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction shall contain all the information contained in the form of receipt found on page 102 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1913, except that all receipts shall be printed on cards of convenient size to fit in the ordinary card case. Said receipts shall be consecutively numbered, and all blank receipts for dues be procured through the office of the Grand Secretary.

1926—113.

Section 88A.—That hereafter, no Lodge or Lodges shall establish a Masonic charitable institution, or undertake a continuing Masonic charitable work, or become obligated for continuing contributions for charitable purposes, nor shall any Lodge or Lodges, or person or persons, use the word "Masonic," or other term indicating Masonic activities, regarding any such institution or work, which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do; Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Masonic Home for Children at Omaha, commonly known as the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Boys; and Provided further that this section shall not in any way be construed as an assumption of any responsibility for said Home by this Grand Lodge.

1926—127.

Sec. 89-A.—(Second paragraph.) No lodge shall send circular letters, copies of resolutions, or other communications of a similar character to other lodges without the consent or approval of the Grand Master, but his consent to or approval of all proper communications of such character between lodges shall not be withheld because he may disagree with the views expressed therein.

1923—369.

Sec. 97.—HOW MEASURED.—A Lodge chartered or under dispensation has, for all purposes, exclusive territorial jurisdiction half way in an air line to each surrounding chartered Lodge. Such distance to be measured from the corporate limits of the cities or towns in which the Lodges are located; and in case the residence of a petitioner is within a recognized town or village, whose townsite has been regularly laid out and platted, whether incorporated or not, such petitioner shall be considered as within the jurisdiction of the Lodge nearest the limits of such town or village plat. Provided, that Tyre Lodge No. 85, and Wymore Lodge No. 104, and all Lodges in cities where there are two or more, shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Provided further that all Lodges located in the city of Omaha, and the towns of Florence, Benson and Dundee shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners for the mysteries of Freemasonry who reside within the corporate limits of the above named city and towns. Provided further that Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Liberty Lodge No. 300, North Star Lodge No. 227, George Washington Lodge No. 250, Cotner Lodge No. 297, and Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named Lodges. Provided further that Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, of South Omaha shall retain the same exclusive jurisdiction as heretofore, notwithstanding any consolidation of the cities of Omaha and South Omaha. Provided further that Victory

Lodge No. 310, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Wahoo Lodge No. 59 and Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named Lodges.

1926—113.

Sec. 99.—(New paragraph.) The conferring of a degree, or degrees, in violation of this section is irregular but not void, and any lodge so conferring any such degree shall not proceed with the degrees but shall immediately certify its action to the lodge having jurisdiction over the petitioner, or if no lodge has such jurisdiction, then to the Grand Secretary, and the total fees collected, less the amount due the Grand Lodge, shall be paid to the lodge having jurisdiction, or in the event no lodge has jurisdiction shall be paid to the Grand Lodge and placed in the Building and Improvement Fund. The lodge conferring the degrees without jurisdiction shall also pay to the Grand Lodge, as a penalty, double the amount of prescribed fees, and at the option of the Grand Master, its charter may be arrested.

1924—608.

Provided the Grand Master is hereby vested with power to remit the penalty or any portion of the penalty provided by the section, upon a clear showing by the lodge that in receiving the petition and subsequent action thereunder, the lodge made diligent investigation and acted in good faith throughout, and without any knowledge or any reason to believe it did not have jurisdiction, and the Grand Master is empowered to make such investigation as he deems necessary to a correct determination of the question.

1925—831.

Sec. 103.—PETITIONS TO ADJOINING GRAND JURISDICTIONS.—Whenever citizens of Nebraska who are desirous of petitioning for the degrees shall reside nearer some subordinate lodge in any adjoining Grand Jurisdiction, and shall wish to petition such lodge for the degrees, they shall be allowed to do so without first obtaining permission of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction: Provided, that this regulation shall take effect and be in force only upon, and after, receipt of official information from such adjoining Grand Jurisdiction that similar permission is given residents thereof to apply for the degrees in neighboring lodges located in Nebraska; Provided further, that the lodge in the adjoining Jurisdiction shall immediately notify the lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction in whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides, and shall take no further action for thirty days after such notification, and if the petitioner has been rejected by a Nebraska lodge no further procedure may be had in the lodge in the adjoining Grand Jurisdiction without the consent, lawfully given, of the Nebraska lodge having jurisdiction. A Nebraska lodge receiving a like petition from a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction shall proceed in like manner.

1924—610.

Sec. 108.—NO WITHDRAWAL.—After a petition has been read and formally accepted by a lodge, it cannot be withdrawn. And upon such acceptance the petitioner becomes and thereafter, unless a regular waiver is made, remains the material of the lodge. Provided, however, that this shall not apply to the petition of one who is found ineligible because of physical defects or who is found not to be within the jurisdiction of the lodge.

1923—370.

Sec. 115.—**ESSENTIALS.**—It is not necessary for an Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason to petition his lodge in writing for advancement, unless he has been rejected, or a period of five years has elapsed since taking the preceding degree, in which event, the petition for advancement must set out the dates of receiving the preceding degree, or degrees, and shall follow the usual course, or unless he has been elected and received either of said degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction. But he must be examined in open lodge and show a thorough knowledge of at least the first section of the lecture of the preceding degree. The fees to be charged for the succeeding degrees shall be the fees in force at the time the petition for advancement is received by the lodge. An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of degrees.

If he has received any of these degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction, and desires to be advanced, he must petition the lodge having jurisdiction for advancement, setting forth the facts of his petition to the lodge without jurisdiction and its action thereon. The petition shall take its regular course and upon favorable action thereon in the lodge having jurisdiction, the irregularity in the conferring of the degrees by the lodge without jurisdiction to be healed and the work thereafter to proceed in the lodge in the regular manner.

1923—369. 1924—608.

Sec. 119-A.—A ballot should be spread only for one candidate and not for several collectively. The ballot can not be divided and but one ballot box can be used in voting on a petition. The ballot shall not be spread on a petition for initiation until the questionnaire provided by the Grand Lodge has been filled out in full, signed and returned, and if not done within four months, the petitioner shall be declared rejected without ballot.

1924—606. 1925—831.

Sec. 121.—(New paragraph.) It is unlawful to discuss a petition for affiliation or for the degrees after the ballot thereon, but pertinent and judicious inquiry as to the qualifications of the candidate before ballot is proper.

1924—609.

Sec. 138.—**HOW OBTAINED.**—Any Brother desiring a demit must apply therefor in writing, stating that it is wanted for the purpose of enabling him to join another lodge of Freemasons, and said Brother need not state with what lodge he intends to affiliate.

Such petition must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, and if, after opportunity is given, no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if the Brother is clear on the books, and has complied with Section 66 of the law, the Master shall order that a demit be issued, and the Secretary shall make a record of such action. A demit may be issued to any Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason who shall have permanently removed from the jurisdiction of the lodge in which he received the degree or degrees, if an application for such demit shall be made within two years after the degrees of an Entered Apprentice Mason, or of a Fellow Craft Mason, as the case may be, shall have been received, provided no charges are pending against him or objections filed to his advancement.

1925—833.

Sec. 146-A.—VISITORS—CERTIFICATES—RECEIPTS.—No lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor unless a Master Mason, known as such in the lodge, shall vouch for the visitor as a Master Mason in good standing, or until the visitor, after strict examination, shall prove himself to be a Mason in good standing in some lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, or under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge; and no such visitor shall be examined until he produces to the Worshipful Master of the lodge, or to the committee of examination appointed by him, a certificate under the seal of his lodge, authenticated by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction whence the visitor comes, which certificate must show that he is a member of said lodge in good standing. 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. And the Master and committee must be satisfied that the lodge giving the certificate is a regular lodge, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or of a regular Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. And unless such certificate is dated within one year prior to the date of such examination, the visiting Brother must also present some receipt or documentary evidence from his lodge, bearing a date not to exceed twelve months prior to the date of such examination, showing that he remains a member of said lodge in good standing.

No lodge shall permit a Brother holding membership in a lodge outside of this Grand Jurisdiction to visit a Nebraska lodge, who does not exhibit a proper diploma or receipt for dues dated within one year prior to such visitation.

1924—607.

Sec. 148-o.—To apply to any Scottish or York Rite Body for the degrees therein or to solicit such a petition from another until after the lapse of one year from the time said petitioner has been made a Master Mason, and shall have attended at least six meetings of a Master Mason's lodge or lodges, and shall have complied with the provisions of Section 66 of the Grand Lodge law as to proficiency.

1923—370.

Sec. 180.—ACCUSER AND ACCUSED.—The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any Masonic trial. The status, rights, and privileges of a Mason under charges are not affected until conviction. No affidavit shall be received in evidence over objection.

1924—607.

Sec. 184.—EXAMINATIONS.—The testimony of witnesses who are Masons in good standing may be taken in open lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the Master. Other witnesses shall be examined by such committee. In either case the accused and the accuser, in person or by attorney, who must be a Master Mason in good standing, shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire.

1924—607.

Sec. 191.—ENUMERATED.—When any Mason, after due trial, shall be found guilty of a Masonic offense, one of the penalties herein provided, adequate to the offense, and in the discretion of the lodge, shall be inflicted. Such penalties in the order of their severity are: Expulsion, indefinite suspension, definite suspension, reprimand, and censure.

1923—369.

Sec. 210-A.—The record of a Brother's suspension for non-payment of dues can not be changed, vacated, or annulled by the lodge suspending him, after the Brother's death. But when the action of the lodge was illegal, the sentence of suspension may be declared null and void by the Grand Master, provided, that if the so-called suspension occurred more than one year prior to the decease of said Brother, and no attempt has been made by himself or his relations for restoration to good standing in that length of time, he shall be deemed to have had full knowledge thereof, and to have concurred therein, and the action of the lodge shall not be changed, but shall be final.

1925—830.

Amend Section 210-A by changing its number to 210-B.

1925—830.

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PETER H. DEARMONT.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..April 23, 1925
LUTHER L. KOUNTZE.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..April 9, 1925
PERRY R. COOK.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..May 18, 1925
ALBERT L. BARTH.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..May 22, 1925
LOUIS P. DEUTSCH.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..July 11, 1925
FRANK WATERMAN.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Aug. 9, 1925
CHARLES E. COBBEY.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Sept. 11, 1925
FRANK DEWEY.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Sept. 24, 1925
FRED DREWS.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Sept. 4, 1925
ROBERT HUNTER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Dec. 11, 1925
GEORGE T. PRINCE.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Dec. 17, 1925
HORACE H. GOSCH.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Dec. 17, 1925
IRA A. STEVENS.....	Nebraska,	No. 1..Feb. 10, 1926
WILLIAM R. GRAHAM.....	Western Star,	No. 2..April 22, 1925
WILLIAM F. N. HAUSER.....	Western Star,	No. 2..Dec. 23, 1925
JOHN H. BUTLER.....	Capitol,	No. 3..May 23, 1925
SAMUEL B. MCDOWELL.....	Capitol.....	No. 3..Oct. 8, 1925
WILL M. WOOD.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Oct. 24, 1925
CHARLES A. ASKWITH.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Nov. 28, 1925
STUKELY A. COLLINS.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Jan. 26, 1926
ROBERT L. HYDE.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Feb. 22, 1926
LEWIS M. RHEEM.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Feb. 24, 1926
CHARLES E. BARBER.....	Capitol,	No. 3..Mar. 6, 1926
DON FORBES.....	Omadi,	No. 5..June 9, 1925
ROBERT E. EVANS.....	Omadi,	No. 5..July 8, 1925
GEORGE H. HARRIS.....	Omadi,	No. 5..Mar. 21, 1925
CLARENCE L. BEAL.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..June 30, 1925
WILLIAM H. NEWELL.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6..Aug. 30, 1925
WILLIAM JENKINS.....	Falls City,	No. 9..July 10, 1925
JOHN W. MYERS, SR.....	Falls City,	No. 9..June 28, 1925
WILLIAM B. HINTON.....	Falls City,	No. 9..Mar. 14, 1926
PARKE G. BEALES.....	Solomon,	No. 10..July 7, 1925
ROBERT A. REED.....	Covert,	No. 11..April 2, 1925
CARL H. NELSON.....	Covert,	No. 11..April 3, 1925
OTO J. STARAL.....	Covert,	No. 11..April 11, 1925
GEORGE A. GERLISKY.....	Covert,	No. 11..April 12, 1925

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FRANK J. BARR.....	Covert,	No. 11.. April 23, 1925
ALEXANDER C. REED.....	Covert,	No. 11.. May 8, 1925
OLIVER H. HOLMES.....	Covert,	No. 11.. June 4, 1925
ALFRED HALD.....	Covert,	No. 11.. July 10, 1925
JOHN M. STAFFORD.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Sept. 27, 1925
JULIUS A. WIIG.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Oct. 8, 1925
WILLIAM H. GOULD, JR.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Oct. 20, 1925
HENRY M. SIMPSON.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Oct. 27, 1925
CHARLES JONAS JOHNSON.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Oct. 29, 1925
CHARLES G. HUNT.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Dec. 1, 1925
OSCAR H. PETERSON.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Feb. 1, 1926
FRANK F. PORTER.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Mar. 27, 1926
AMRO M. COTTERELL.....	Orient,	No. 13.. Feb. 19, 1926
ORSA P. ROOT.....	Peru,	No. 14.. Dec. 25, 1925
L. WILLARD REDFERN.....	Peru,	No. 14.. June 7, 1925
HENRY G. BREITENFELD.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. June 9, 1925
JOHN H. A. THOMAS.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Sept. 9, 1925
WILLIAM G. JARMIN.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Sept. 21, 1925
ROBERT G. WRIGHT.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Oct. 3, 1925
CHARLES MARTIN.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Nov. 9, 1925
MYRON H. FELT.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Nov. 25, 1925
CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Dec. 24, 1925
ROBERT P. FARIS.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17.. Sept. 29, 1925
HARVEY T. WARD.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17.. Feb. 5, 1926
HENRY ROSACRANS.....	Tecumseh	No. 17..
FRED WILLIAMS.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.. April 24, 1915
EDWARD I. BOHANAN.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.. April 7, 1925
RANSOM S. PROUDFIT.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.. May 4, 1925
JOHN M. DOYLE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.. July 1, 1925
BURTON E. MOORE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.. July 15, 1925
ANDREW SIPP.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.. Aug. 1, 1925
WILLIAM D. J. STECKLEBERG.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.. Sept. 29, 1925
KINDRICK H. LEFLER.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.. Nov. 22, 1925
GRANVILLE W. MILLER.....	Lincoln,	No. 19..
JOHN S. STANTON.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.. July 11, 1925
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WILLIAM E. FARNHAM.....	Washington,	No. 21..June 22, 1925
JOHN H. BROSS.....	Washington,	No. 21..Sept. 20, 1925
DANIEL LIMING.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..Oct. 8, 1925
JOHN T. DAILEY.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..April 4, 1925
FREDERICK H. MILLENER.....	St. Johns	No. 25..April 28, 1925
WILLIAM J. SISSON.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..May 6, 1925
HARRY E. RYAN.....	St. Johns	No. 25..May 13, 1925
WILLIAM H. AHMANSON.....	St. Johns	No. 25..May 22, 1925
NIELS BLIGAARD.....	St. Johns	No. 25..June 1, 1925
CARL J. GEROCK.....	St. Johns	No. 25..Aug. 1, 1925
ELLSWORTH A. WILLIS.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 27, 1925
JESSE H. ALEXANDER.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Aug. 20, 1925
JAMES E. MERRIAM.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Aug. 28, 1925
ELBERT E. GRATES.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Sept. 16, 1925
LOUIS M. COHEN.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Sept. 29, 1925
GEORGE B. DYBALL.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Oct. 3, 1925
CARL L. CARLSON.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Oct. 17, 1925
GUSTAVE A. MONSON.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Nov. 1, 1925
THOMAS F. RUSSELL.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Nov. 14, 1925
THEODORE D. ETTLINGER.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Nov. 22, 1925
FRED BRODEGAARD.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Dec. 9, 1925
ROBERT H. WALTERS.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Dec. 20, 1925
LIONEL E. WALKER.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Dec. 31, 1925
WILLIAM S. BALDUFF.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 16, 1926
CHARLES H. LEAR.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 29, 1926
GEORGE A. OCHSENBEIN.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Feb. 24, 1926
JOSEPH G. HART.....	St. Johns,	No. 25..Mar. 27, 1926
SAMUEL D. KILPATRICK.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..July 19, 1925
MARTIN L. KORS.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Aug. 11, 1925
FRANK D. SHARRAR.....	Jordan,	No. 27..Mar. 1, 1926
THOMAS H. BISHOP.....	Blue River,	No. 30..Mar. 24, 1926
WILLIAM E. PRATT.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..May 1, 1925
ROBERT B. SKINNER.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..May 20, 1925
WILLIAM R. LANGFORD.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..Aug. 29, 1925
ED LATTA.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..Oct. 6, 1925

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WESLEY W. MASON.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..Nov. 3, 1925
JAMES R. HOWARD.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..April 22, 1925
GEORGE C. DONEHOWER.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Feb. 1, 1926
FLOYD C. MAURER.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Oct. 28, 1925
FRED C. MILLER.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Jan. 11, 1926
JOHN W. DAVIS.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Feb. 8, 1926
WILLIAM WAGNER.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Jan. 26, 1926
JACOB LEROY ROSSEAU.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Dec. 13, 1925
VENZEL MALY.....	Acacia,	No. 34..Sept. 1, 1925
SETH W. DODGE.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Aug. 2, 1925
CLARENCE G. HENNEY.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Oct. 27, 1925
J. PLATO TURNER.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Feb. 1, 1926
WILLIAM M. GREEN.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Feb. 13, 1926
NEWTON R. PERSINGER.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..May 2, 1925
JOHN PATTERSON.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..Oct. 6, 1925
PAUL C. NIELSEN.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..Jan. 19, 1926
JAMES G. HOLDEN.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..Feb. 23, 1926
THOMAS LUCAS.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..Mar. 17, 1926
EDWARD G. CAMPBELL.....	Crete,	No. 37..May 25, 1925
FLOYD D. MAIR.....	Crete,	No. 37..July 1, 1925
WILLIAM L. LOVELL.....	Crete,	No. 37..Feb. 16, 1926
MARTIN HULSHIGER.....	Oliver,	No. 38..April 13, 1925
THOMAS CORR.....	Oliver,	No. 38..May 4, 1925
CHARLES MCLEOD.....	Northern Light,	No. 41..Aug. 11, 1925
JOHN A. EHRHARDT.....	Northern Light,	No. 41..Nov. 1, 1925
JOSEPH ORMOND.....	Northern Light,	No. 41..Dec. 6, 1925
EDWIN L. KENT.....	Northern Light,	No. 41..Dec. 13, 1925
WILLIAM C. TARR.....	Hebron,	No. 43..Sept. 30, 1925
LAWRENCE R. HOUCK.....	Hebron,	No. 43..Oct. 8, 1925
EDWARD H. BROCK.....	Hebron,	No. 43..Mar. 14, 1925
FRED A. HASELOH.....	Harvard,	No. 44..April 16, 1925
GRIFFITH J. THOMAS.....	Harvard,	No. 44..Feb. 28, 1926
CHARLES K. LAWHEAD.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..April 9, 1925
COE KILGORE.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..May 18, 1925
EDGAR S. KENTNER.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Aug. ..., 1925
ALEX H. MCKELVEY.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Jan. 10, 1925

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EDWARD J. SCOTT.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Jan. 27, 1926
W. F. SMITH.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Mar. 13, 1926
THOMAS R. ROSS.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Feb. ..., 1926
GEORGE HONEY.....	Evening Star,	No. 49..July 20, 1925
JAMES L. BLUE.....	Hastings,	No. 50..April 16, 1925
ALFRED M. WIMMERMARK.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Oct. ..., 1923
GRIFFITH J. EVANS.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Aug. 22, 1925
CLARENCE P. YAGER.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Aug. 24, 1925
KENNETH K. LEITCH.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Oct. 18, 1925
DANIEL ECKLEY.....	Hastings,	No. 50..July 2, 1924
JOSEPH MYER.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Jan. 15, 1926
LEMUEL TIBBETTS.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Feb. 11, 1926
ALEXANDER H. CRAMER.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Feb. 17, 1926
HAMILTON J. HALL.....	Fidelity,	No. 51..June 5, 1925
WILLIAM J. FULMER.....	Fidelity,	No. 51..Aug. 24, 1925
PAUL A. COSANDIER.....	Fidelity,	No. 51..Dec. 3, 1925
GEORGE H. ZEILINGER.....	Fidelity,	No. 51..Feb. 11, 1926
EDWARD PAULSEN.....	Hiram,	No. 52.. 1925
NEWTON W. PRESTON.....	Hiram,	No. 52..Nov. 12, 1925
NATHAN P. BOUCK.....	Hiram,	No. 52..Jan. 21, 1925
GLEN L. JOHNSON.....	Hiram,	No. 52..May 12, 1925
CHARLES D. COLE.....	Hiram,	No. 52.. 1925
ALONZO D. WONDERLY.....	Charity,	No. 53..Jan. 22, 1926
JOHN GILBERT.....	Charity,	No. 53..Feb. 5, 1926
CHARLES H. COULSON.....	Charity,	No. 53..Oct. 12, 1925
OLIVER PAUL SLONIGER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..April ..., 1925
JULIUS C. HARPHAM.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..May 1, 1925
ROBERT R. BOYCE.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Nov. 20, 1925
LIONEL C. BURR.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Nov. 24, 1925
JOHN R. MOYER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Dec. 19, 1925
FLOYD L. LAFFERTY.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Jan. 15, 1926
ZENIS L. MELICK.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Jan. 25, 1926
WILLIAM H. COLLETT.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Feb. 26, 1926
PHIL B. ALLEN.....	York,	No. 56..April 29, 1925
SAMUEL A. MORRISON.....	York,	No. 56..May 13, 1925
THOMAS PRICE.....	York,	No. 56..Nov. 15, 1925

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GEORGE L. DOWNER.....	York,	No. 56..Feb. 17, 1926
BENJAMIN F. MINCKS.....	York,	No. 56..Mar. 17, 1926
EDWIN R. STINSON.....	York,	No. 56..Mar. 12, 1926
BURNARD KING.....	York,	No. 56..Mar. 31, 1926
JOHN GROSSNICKLAUS.....	Lebanon,	No. 58..Sept. 22, 1925
JOHN J. SULLIVAN.....	Lebanon,	No. 58..Feb. 17, 1926
GLENN A. EYER.....	Wahoo,	No. 59..Oct. 1, 1925
STEPHEN H. HODGE.....	Melrose,	No. 60..May 10, 1925
ELBERT B. SMITH.....	Thistle,	No. 61..May 26, 1925
HANS L. JACOBSON.....	Thistle,	No. 61..July 7, 1925
GLENN T. MCFARREN.....	Thistle,	No. 61..Jan. 17, 1926
OSCAR W. HEINZ.....	Thistle,	No. 61..Oct. 25, 1925
HENRY W. PARCHEN.....	Keystone,	No. 62..Aug. 26, 1925
JACOB S. SHACKLETON.....	Blue Valley,	No. 64..July 31, 1925
OTTON KUBICEK.....	Blue Valley,	No. 64..Sept. 28, 1925
PORTER T. DODSON.....	Blue Valley,	No. 64..Nov. 14, 1925
JOHN V. ALLEN.....	Blue Valley,	No. 64..April 6, 1925
ADOLPH F. ZAJICEK.....	Blue Valley,	No. 64.. 1919
EVERETT R. RUTTER.....	Osceola,	No. 65..Feb. 18, 1926
CHARLES H. WARREN.....	Edgar,	No. 67..July 21, 1925
EDWARD P. KING.....	Edgar,	No. 67..Aug. 23, 1925
JOHN J. MCCONAUGHEY.....	Aurora,	No. 68..April 15, 1925
WILLIAM I. FARLEY.....	Aurora,	No. 68..Jan. 4, 1926
WILLIAM H. ALLEN.....	Aurora,	No. 68..Mar. 11, 1926
CHARLES H. SNIDER.....	Trowel,	No. 71..Mar. 10, 1926
PHILANDER D. THOMPSON.....	Trowel,	No. 71..Dec. 7, 1925
WILLIS W. COLE.....	Trowel,	No. 71..Jan. 14, 1926
JOEL WARNER.....	Hooper,	No. 72..June 12, 1925
TANDY WIGLESWORTH.....	Hooper,	No. 72..Aug. 26, 1925
HERBERT R. BUSSE.....	Friend,	No. 73..June ..., 1925
GEORGE A. BIRDSALL.....	Alexandria,	No. 74..Dec. 17, 1925
RAY E. WITHAM.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75..May 1, 1925
ESBON J. CLOSMAN.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75..Sept. 21, 1925
JAMES F. OWENS.....	Joppa,	No. 76..June 2, 1925
JOSEPH R. BUFFINGTON.....	Nelson,	No. 77..June 15, 1925
HENRY P. BULL.....	Albion,	No. 78..Nov. 1, 1925

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CHARLES COLSON.....	Geneva,	No. 79..July 20, 1925
SAMUEL F. KEENEY.....	St. Paul,	No. 82..Jan. 29, 1926
WILLIAM E. FULLER.....	Fairfield,	No. 84..Dec. 7, 1925
FRANCIS W. LEWIS.....	Tyre,	No. 85..Dec. 7, 1925
ALONZO HARPSTER.....	Tyre,	No. 85..Dec. 18, 1925
GEORGE C. HUMPHREY.....	Doniphan,	No. 86..June 22, 1925
EDWARD L. BERTRAND.....	Ionic,	No. 87..Aug. 7, 1925
JOHN G. ASHLEY.....	Star,	No. 88..June 16, 1925
JOHN B. WALKER.....	Star,	No. 88..July 8, 1925
CHARLES E. BARLOW.....	Star,	No. 88..Nov. 2, 1925
F. MARTIN JONES.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..May 2, 1925
JOSHUA M. BABB.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..Dec. 10, 1925
CORNELIUS S. COOK.....	Elk Creek,	No. 90..May 5, 1925
HENRY N. LIBBY.....	Elk Creek,	No. 90..Jan. 1, 1926
CHARLES O. LARSON.....	Oakland,	No. 91..Feb. 9, 1926
ALLEN R. PRESTON.....	Oakland,	No. 91..Mar. 31, 1926
OSCAR W. HARRIS.....	Beaver City,	No. 93..May 20, 1925
JAMES D. PHILLIPS.....	Beaver City,	No. 93..Jan. 24, 1926
EDWIN E. MOORE.....	Beaver City,	No. 93..Mar. 15, 1926
ROBERT O. JOHNSON.....	Bennett,	No. 94..April 22, 1925
JOHN HIGGINBOTTOM.....	Bennett,	No. 94..Jan. 13, 1926
ALVIN H. CORBETT.....	Garfield,	No. 95..Sept. 1, 1925
GILBERT J. JONES.....	Utica,	No. 96..April 26, 1925
ELMER NELSON.....	Utica,	No. 96..Jan. 27, 1926
S. W. ORTON.....	Euclid,	No. 97..July 24, 1925
JOHN W. WILKINSON.....	Euclid,	No. 97..April 17, 1925
ANDREW B. JOHNSTON.....	Republican,	No. 98..Dec. 8, 1925
GEORGE H. HANKS.....	Creighton,	No. 100..Feb. 26, 1926
JOEL SCOTT ADAMS.....	Creighton,	No. 100..April 21, 1925
JAMES A. BROWN.....	Ponca,	No. 101..Jan. 16, 1926
JOHN McMULLEN.....	Wymore,	No. 104..Sept. 11, 1925
ROY F. CAMPBELL.....	Porter,	No. 106..Mar. 23, 1926
ROY V. BOOHER.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..Dec. 12, 1925
G. LLOYD EMERSON.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..Dec. 28, 1925
CLARENCE E. GRAHAM.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..Dec. 25, 1925
GEORGE E. VORSE.....	Pomegranate,	No. 110..Feb. 7, 1926

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WILLIAM H. LEACOCK.....	Dewitt,	No. 111.. Aug. 12, 1925
STEPHEN JONES.....	Globe,	No. 113.. Aug. .., 1925
ROBERT G. MOSSMAN.....	Globe,	No. 113.. Dec. 14, 1925
FRED SCHREIBER.....	Wisner,	No. 114.. Aug. 5, 1925
PETER HANSEN.....	Wisner,	No. 114.. Nov. 24, 1925
CHARLES W. ACHEN.....	Harlan,	No. 116.. Nov. 14, 1925
ERASTUS N. NEAL.....	Harlan,	No. 116.. Nov. 27, 1925
JOHN EVERSON.....	Harlan,	No. 116.. June 2, 1925
THOMAS H. POWELL.....	Hardy,	No. 117.. June 30, 1925
CHARLES A. HELM.....	Doric,	No. 118.. Oct. 31, 1925
ROBERT M. EARP.....	Doric,	No. 118.. Dec. 10, 1925
JOHN CUSACK.....	North Bend,	No. 119.. June 10, 1925
HARRY H. FERTIG.....	North Bend,	No. 119.. Oct. 22, 1925
ERNEST BERNSCHEIN.....	Wayne,	No. 120.. Oct. 25, 1925
GEORGE MCCOY.....	Auburn,	No. 124.. May 14, 1925
JOHN C. BOUSFIELD.....	Auburn,	No. 124.. Oct. 8, 1925
GEORGE T. DUSTIN.....	Auburn,	No. 124.. Jan. 1, 1926
CONRAD FLEMING.....	Mount Nebo,	No. 125.. Oct. 6, 1925
CARL V. NELSON.....	Stromsburg,	No. 126.. Jan. 29, 1926
JOHN W. LANHAM.....	Stromsburg,	No. 126.. Feb. 17, 1926
MCLEOD W. CHAPPELL.....	Minden,	No. 127.. Aug. 12, 1925
CHRISTIAN PETERSEN.....	Minden,	No. 127.. Feb. 19, 1926
ALFRED M. AABEL.....	Minden,	No. 127.. Mar. 1, 1926
F. M. HAWKINS.....	Minden,	No. 127.. Mar. 6, 1926
HAROLD B. STANLEY.....	Guide Rock,	No. 128.. Jan. 28, 1926
FRANK A. NOBLE.....	Solar,	No. 134.. Sept. 8, 1925
EDWARD C. DOXEY.....	Solar,	No. 134.. Dec. 4, 1925
HUGH BROWN.....	McCook,	No. 135.. April 20, 1925
JUSTIN A. WILCOX.....	McCook,	No. 135.. Oct. 16, 1925
JOSEPH S. LOWLEY.....	McCook,	No. 135.. Dec. 17, 1925
ROBERT S. HALL.....	Long Pine,	No. 136.. Sept. 20, 1925
THOMAS LIVINGSTON.....	Upright,	No. 137.. Sept. 5, 1925
MARTIN V. SISCO.....	Upright,	No. 137.. Dec. 10, 1925
THOMAS J. CHIDESTER.....	Western,	No. 140.. April 19, 1925
FREDERICK M. TULLY.....	Crescent,	No. 143.. Dec. 5, 1925
HENRY L. ROBISON.....	Crescent,	No. 143.. Jan. 22, 1926

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JOHN JOHNSON.....	Emmet Crawford, No. 148..	Aug. 6, 1925
ALVIN BURK.....	Emmet Crawford, No. 148..	Dec. 24, 1925
HORACE W. GEORGE.....	Emmet Crawford, No. 148..	Feb. 7, 1926
JAMES SELBY.....	Cambridge, No. 150..	May 19, 1925
GEORGE W. OLMSTED.....	Parallel, No. 152..	April 27, 1925
CHARLES GATES.....	Evergreen, No. 153..	Jan. 27, 1926
JOSEPH N. KAY.....	Pythagoras, No. 156..	Dec. 10, 1925
JOHN BURK WOOD.....	Pythagoras, No. 156..	Feb. 17, 1926
JOSEPH SPARKS.....	Samaritan, No. 158..	June 7, 1925
ERNEST M. SLATTERY.....	Samaritan, No. 158..	Oct. 13, 1925
ALBERT M. WRIGHT.....	Samaritan, No. 158..	Feb. 6, 1926
S. GUST JOLLENSTEN.....	Ogalalla, No. 159..	June 1, 1925
JAMES K. ALLEN.....	Ogalalla, No. 159..	Nov. 19, 1925
HENRY E. GOODALL.....	Ogalalla, No. 159..	Nov. 29, 1925
CHARLES E. VANDIVER.....	Ogalalla, No. 159..	Mar. 26, 1926
ORA A. VANDEVORT.....	Trestle Board, No. 162..	April 12, 1925
JOHN W. McDONALD.....	Mystic Tie, No. 166..	May 17, 1925
THOMAS T. McDONALD.....	Mystic Tie, No. 166..	May 18, 1925
HENRY ZINNECKER.....	Mystic Tie, No. 166..	June 2, 1925
HENRY E. LANGEVIN.....	Curtis, No. 168..	Feb. 11, 1926
CLARENCE R. SAWYER.....	Amity, No. 169..	July 7, 1925
ARTHUR C. RUMERY.....	Mason City, No. 170..	Aug. 25, 1925
THOMAS S. GAITHER.....	Mason City, No. 170..	Feb. 24, 1926
DENTON V. JOYNER.....	Merna, No. 171..	May 3, 1925
JAMES M. VEACH.....	Temple, No. 175..	Aug. 10, 1925
CHARLES G. ARMOUR.....	Gladstone, No. 176..	June 20, 1925
EDWIN A. JACKSON.....	Hay Springs, No. 177..	June 4, 1925
HENRY F. MARTIN.....	Hay Springs No. 177..	Jan. 9, 1926
AI SCRIBNER.....	Hay Springs, No. 177..	Mar. 16, 1926
BERT M. WILLIAMSON.....	Justice, No. 180..	Oct. 6, 1925
JAMES ROBB CHURCH.....	Faith, No. 181..	Aug. 28, 1923
FRANK F. BADGLEY.....	Alliance, No. 183..	Oct. 23, 1925
JOHN W. McDONALD.....	Alliance, No. 183..	June 3, 1925
MINOR MORRIS.....	Alliance, No. 183..	Mar. 22, 1926
HUGH J. CASSIDY.....	Bee Hive, No. 184..	Aug. 12, 1925
GEORGE F. FRENCH.....	Bee Hive, No. 184..	Dec. 12, 1925

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ALFRED GREEN.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184..Feb. 7, 1926
WILLIAM KERR.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184..Feb. 12, 1926
JOHN M. NOE.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184..July 27, 1925
JAMES PHINNEY.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184..Jan. 21, 1926
JOHN FITZROBERTS.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184..May 17, 1925
JESSIE E. MCCARTY.....	Boaz,	No. 185..Sept. 2, 1925
OSBORNE RADFORD.....	Israel,	No. 187..June 16, 1925
HAYWOOD WOODRUFF.....	Israel,	No. 187..Aug. 24, 1925
JOHN J. BOOTH.....	Israel,	No. 187..Sept. 24, 1925
FRANK J. COMSTOCK.....	Granite,	No. 189..Nov. 15, 1925
J. WESLEY OVERSTREET.....	Granite,	No. 189..Dec. 9, 1925
FRANK S. BURT.....	Granite,	No. 189..Dec. 29, 1925
LEVI L. COUNTS.....	Amethyst,	No. 190..Oct. 11, 1925
GUS E. LAMBERT.....	Crystal,	No. 191..Mar. 5, 1926
HAROLD ROSCOE ANDERSON.....	Minnekadusa,	No. 192..June 4, 1925
WILLIAM C. LUCKE.....	Highland,	No. 194..Dec. 21, 1925
JOSEPH KOCER.....	Arcana	No. 195..Mar. 8, 1926
WELLINGTON THOMPSON.....	Arcana,	No. 195..Mar. 29, 1926
WILLIAM MCGAUGHEY.....	Arcana,	No. 195..Mar. 31, 1926
JOHN A. MCCORMICK.....	Level,	No. 196..April 10, 1925
HOWARD H. WILMETH.....	Level,	No. 196..Oct. 6, 1925
CHARLES E. GILTNER.....	Purity,	No. 198..Nov. 22, 1925
THOMAS H. DORAN.....	Blazing Star,	No. 200..Aug. 25, 1925
JOHN D. KUNKLE.....	Scotts Bluff,	No. 201..May 6, 1925
WILLIAM E. GARDNER.....	Scotts Bluff,	No. 201..Sept. 28, 1925
WILLIAM H. PACKARD.....	Scotts Bluff,	No. 201..Oct. 22, 1925
JAMES H. WOLFENDEN.....	Scotts Bluff,	No. 201..Jan. 26, 1926
MARTIN H. LINDSTROM.....	Scotts Bluff,	No. 201..Mar. 22, 1926
JOHN W. CHAMBERS.....	Roman Eagle,	No. 203..Sept. 6, 1925
SIDNEY M. YOUNG.....	Roman Eagle,	No. 203..Feb. 25, 1926
ABEL BUCKINGHAM.....	Plainview,	No. 204..Nov. 1, 1925
EDWIN N. PHINNEY.....	Plainview,	No. 204..Nov. 5, 1925
ANDY HANSEN.....	Plainview,	No. 204..Feb. 22, 1926
SOLOMON S. KRAKE.....	Plainview,	No. 204..Feb. 28, 1926
ELWOOD G. LIMPRECHT.....	Naphthali,	No. 206..June 14, 1925
JAMES B. DUNN.....	Parian,	No. 207..Nov. 25, 1919

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JOHN JOHNSTON	Parian,	No. 207.. July 2, 1912
WILLIS E. WHITNEY	Canopy,	No. 209.. April 12, 1925
CHARLES S. ALDRICH	Canopy,	No. 209.. May 3, 1925
ALBERT J. BOX	Canopy	No. 209.. Nov. 4, 1925
GEORGE W. DUNKLE	Canopy,	No. 209.. Jan. 6, 1926
WILBER F. STONE	East Lincoln,	No. 210.. July 1, 1925
MELVIN T. HARMER	East Lincoln,	No. 210.. Aug. 19, 1925
DAVID H. TRUELL	East Lincoln,	No. 210.. Aug. 24, 1925
JACOB P. DICKSON	East Lincoln,	No. 210.. Nov. 3, 1925
GEORGE RUFF	East Lincoln,	No. 210.. Nov. 20, 1925
JOSEPH F. ROSS	Cement,	No. 211.. Sept. 14, 1925
NATHANIEL C. SHAW	Plumblin,	No. 214.. Oct. 14, 1925
FRED H. HEAVRIN	Bloomfield,	No. 218.. July 11, 1925
LEO J. GALL	Bloomfield,	No. 218.. May 24, 1925
FRANKLIN G. ROSS	Magnolia,	No. 220.. April 11, 1925
GUY INMAN	Magnolia,	No. 220.. Aug. 2, 1925
HENRY A. MEIER	Landmark,	No. 222.. May 18, 1925
EDWARD E. GAYLORD	Landmark,	No. 222.. Dec. 6, 1925
WILLIAM F. BOBST	Eminence,	No. 223.. July 6, 1925
THEODORE H. STRENGER	Silver Cord,	No. 224.. Mar. 16, 1926
ALEXANDER DELOSH	Cable,	No. 225.. Oct. 11, 1925
ROSS A. RICH	North Star,	No. 227.. Sept. 1, 1925
ALBERT W. WELLS	North Star,	No. 227.. Sept. 11, 1925
ROSCOE E. WARD	North Star,	No. 227.. Aug. 28, 1925
JOHN GERE WALKER	North Star,	No. 227.. Mar. 12, 1926
EDWARD E. SMITH	Bartley,	No. 228.. Oct. 1, 1925
JOHN J. BURESS	Mount Hermon,	No. 231.. Mar. 6, 1926
GABRIEL R. STEWART	John S. Bowen,	No. 232.. Aug. 28, 1925
JAY VESTAL	John S. Bowen,	No. 232.. Feb. 18, 1926
HENRY A. OLERICH	Gilead,	No. 233.. July 25, 1925
JAMES W. BOLINGER	Zion,	No. 234.. Nov. 18, 1925
ARTHUR T. CHAPIN	Fraternity,	No. 235.. April 13, 1925
VERNON W. McDONALD	Golden Rule,	No. 236.. Mar. 28, 1926
JOHN T. MARSHALL	Cubit,	No. 237.. Sept. 27, 1925
CHARLES A. HOLBROOK	Cubit,	No. 237.. June 2, 1925
ENOCH G. KING	Cubit,	No. 237.. Mar. 22, 1926

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HOWARD MILLER.....	Sincerity,	No. 244..Feb. 6, 1926
EDWIN B. RODGERS.....	Corner-stone,	No. 247..July 28, 1925
CARL W. UTTER.....	Laurel,	No. 248..July 21, 1925
JAMES C. HAY.....	Laurel,	No. 248..Oct. 12, 1925
CHESTER W. TOLLES.....	Laurel,	No. 248..Dec. 6, 1925
CARL J. VELTE.....	Gothenburg,	No. 249..Dec. 26, 1925
CHARLES F. BALLARD.....	George Washington,	No. 250..Aug. 17, 1925
FRANK J. BOEHME.....	George Washington,	No. 250..Sept. 13, 1925
DAVIS H. GRAHAM.....	George Washington,	No. 250..July 20, 1925
PRINT LATHAM.....	George Washington,	No. 250..Jan. 15, 1926
WILLIAM E. DELOZIER.....	Wausa,	No. 251..Oct. 12, 1925
MINER C. MEAD.....	Beemer,	No. 253..Jan. 19, 1926
JOHN HENRY HARDY.....	Bradshaw,	No. 255..June 4, 1925
JOHN F. SAXSON.....	Holbrook,	No. 257..Oct. 1, 1924
JAMES LINDLY.....	Anselmo,	No. 258..Sept. 8, 1925
RAY H. STEVENS.....	Anselmo,	No. 258..Dec. 28, 1925
PERRY SKELTON.....	Ornan,	No. 261..Dec. 24, 1925
BENJAMIN F. ELLSWORTH.....	Ornan,	No. 261..July 9, 1925
CHARLES F. BENTON.....	Ornan,	No. 261..Jan. 10, 1926
WILLIAM A. MCCOOL.....	Endeavor,	No. 262..Mar. 17, 1926
WILLEY HERBERT MILLER.....	Franklin,	No. 264..June 15, 1925
GRANT L. SHUMWAY.....	Robert W. Furnas,	No. 265..Nov. 7, 1925
OLSON J. SHUMWAY.....	Robert W. Furnas,	No. 265..Feb. 16, 1926
MILTON C. PETERS.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268..June 30, 1925
JOSIAH E. CRAMER.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268..July 7, 1925
GEORGE W. SUMNER.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268..July 17, 1925
WILLIAM T. BOURKE.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268..Aug. 15, 1925
HARRY S. BLACK.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268..Aug. 29, 1925
FRANCIS B. WESTCOTT.....	Lee P. Gillette,	No. 272..June 10, 1925
WILBER W. ANNESS.....	Lee P. Gillette,	No. 272..Nov. 2, 1925
RAY H. CAMP.....	Olive Branch,	No. 274..April 22, 1925
WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL.....	Antelope,	No. 276..June 18, 1925
GEORGE COUPLAND.....	Antelope,	No. 276..Mar. 11, 1926
WILLIAM A. COSLER.....	Swastika,	No. 280..Nov. 5, 1925
JOY S. BROMWICH.....	Swastika,	No. 280..Feb. 18, 1926
WELLS R. SHEELOR.....	Florence,	No. 281..April 21, 1925

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At Rest

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF DEATH
HOWARD BECKER.....	Florence,	No. 281.. Jan. 22, 1926
CHARLES C. CLARY.....	Seneca,	No. 284.. Dec. 27, 1925
ROBERT E. SAYERS.....	Seneca,	No. 284.. Jan. 5, 1926
CLYDE SPANOGLA.....	Camp Clarke,	No. 285.. Feb. 22, 1926
EVERET C. MULTER.....	Union,	No. 287.. June 14, 1925
ERNEST W. JACK.....	Union,	No. 287.. Dec. 10, 1925
IRA A. UNDERHILL.....	Omaha,	No. 288.. May 14, 1925
CORNELIUS G. KINGSLEY.....	Omaha,	No. 288.. May 22, 1925
CHARLES W. HINZIE.....	Omaha,	No. 288.. Feb. 25, 1926
JAMES F. OGLESBY.....	Omaha,	No. 288.. Mar. 6, 1926
FRANK HOWARD.....	Lotus,	No. 289.. Aug. 7, 1925
ERNEST C. HODDER.....	John J. Mercer,	No. 290.. May 25, 1925
LYLE B. LACKEY.....	Minatare,	No. 295.. Mar. 28, 1926
GEORGE A. WELLS.....	Cowles,	No. 296.. July 16, 1925
CHARLES W. JESTER.....	Cotner,	No. 297.. April 1, 1925
BERT A. POWELL.....	Liberty,	No. 300.. July 20, 1925
RUPERT F. CHANDLER.....	Liberty,	No. 300.. Nov. 28, 1925
RAYMOND E. MATTISON.....	Liberty,	No. 300.. Dec. 25, 1925
C. RYNER CARSON.....	Mizpah,	No. 302.. Sept. 24, 1925
WALLACE R. WILLIAMS.....	Mizpah,	No. 302.. Dec. 19, 1925
HARRY J. KING.....	Right Angle,	No. 303.. Nov. 1, 1925
SAMUEL E. MATHSON.....	Right Angle,	No. 303.. Jan. 11, 1926
JOHN C. WESTON.....	Victory,	No. 310.. Oct. 2, 1925
CLAUD CURNUTT.....	Polk,	No. 311.. May 14, 1925
CHARLES E. KLINE.....	Alpha,	No. 316.. Dec. 16, 1925
LUFÉ C. HONE.....	Alpha,	No. 316.. Mar. 5, 1926

ROLL OF HONOR

Lodges Reporting No Delinquent Dues for the Year 1925.

Solomon Lodge No. 10, Fort Calhoun.
Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.
Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island.
Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion.
Harvard Lodge No. 44, Harvard.
Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton.
Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings.
York Lodge No. 56, York.
Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus.
Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips.
Blue Valley Lodge No. 64, Wilber.
Saint Paul Lodge No. 82, Saint Paul.
Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill.
Creighton Lodge No. 100, Creighton.
Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore.
Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City.
North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend.
Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Stromsburg.
Guide Rock Lodge No. 128, Guide Rock.
Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron.
Curtis Lodge No. 168, Curtis.
Culbertson Lodge No. 174, Culbertson.
Justice Lodge No. 180, Benkelman.
Incense Lodge No. 182, Ohioa.
Meridian Lodge No. 188, Cozad.
Highland Lodge No. 194, Cortland.
Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta.
Beemer Lodge No. 253, Beemer.
Ramah Lodge No. 275, Bertrand.
Minatare Lodge No. 295, Minatare.
Ruskin Lodge No. 304, Ruskin.
Newman Grove Lodge No. 305, Newman Grove.
Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole.
William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, Otoe.
Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings.

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Francis E. White, 54 Years.	1871-72-74-75-76-77-78-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88- 89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03- 04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Samuel P. Davidson, 44 Years.	1875-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94- 96-97-98-99-00-01-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-12-13- 14-15-16-17-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
George H. Thummel, 42 Years.	1872-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-85-89-90-94-97-98-99- 00-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Robert E. French, 42 Years.	1885-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00- 01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Henry H. Wilson, 31 Years.	1888-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04- 05-06-07-08-10-12-13-14-15-16-17-19-23-25-26.
Frank E. Bullard, 30 Years.	1877-78-79-80-81-82-90-91-92-95-96-97-98-99-00-01- 02-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-11-14-15-21-23-26.
John Finch, 28 Years.	1898-99-00-01-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Charles E. Burnham, 27 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Benjamin F. Pitman, 27 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Samuel S. Whiting, 26 Years.	1901-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Harry A. Cheney, 25 Years.	1897-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-22-23-24-25.
Edwin C. Yont, 25 Years.	1897-98-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-26.
James R. Cain, Jr., 25 Years.	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Frank L. Haycock, 24 Years.	1892-93-94-95-96-97-99-00-04-06-07-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Lewis E. Smith, 24 Years.	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
George C. Mason, 22 Years.	1902-03-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-24-25.
Henry H. Andrews, 22 Years	1898-99-00-01-03-08-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20- 21-22-23-24-25-26.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan.....	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong.....	1860-61-62
*Daniel H. Wheeler.....	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas.....	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish.....	1867-68
*Harry P. Deuel.....	1869-70
*William E. Hill.....	1871-72
*Martin Dunham.....	1873
*Frank Welch.....	1874
*Alfred G. Hastings.....	1875
George H. Thummel, Omaha, 404 South 38th Avenue.....	1876
*George W. Lininger.....	1877
*Edward K. Valentine.....	1878
*Rolland H. Oakley.....	1879
*James A. Tulleys.....	1880
*James R. Cain, Sr.....	1881
*Edwin F. Warren.....	1882
*Samuel W. Hayes.....	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 710 Prospect Avenue.....	1884
*Manoah B. Reese.....	1885
*Charles K. Coutant.....	1886
*Milton J. Hull.....	1887
*George B. France.....	1888
*John J. Mercer.....	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney.....	1890
*Bradner D. Slaughter.....	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh.....	1892
*James P. A. Black.....	1893
*John A. Ehrhardt.....	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln.....	1895
*Charles J. Phelps.....	1896
*John B. Dinsmore.....	1897
*Frank H. Young.....	1898
*William W. Keysor.....	1899
*Albert W. Crites.....	1900
*Robert E. Evans.....	1901
*Nathaniel M. Ayers.....	1902
Frank E. Bullard, 292 Central Ave., Highland Park, Ill.....	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk.....	1904
*Melville R. Hopewell.....	1905
*Zuingle M. Baird.....	1906
Ornan J. King, Lincoln, 1126 N Street.....	1907
*William A. DeBord.....	1908
*Michael Dowling.....	1909
Harry A. Cheney, Creighton.....	1910
*Henry Gibbons.....	1911
James R. Cain, Jr., Omaha, 1039 South 30th Avenue.....	1912

*Alpha Morgan.....	1913
*Thomas M. Davis.....	1914
Samuel S. Whiting, Lincoln, First National Bank Bldg.....	1915
Andrew H. Viele, Norfolk, 400 South Eighth Street.....	1916
Frederic L. Temple, North Platte.....	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson, Omaha, Federal Bldg.....	1918
John J. Tooley, Anselmo.....	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg, Omaha, 601 Keeline Bldg.....	1920
Lewis E. Smith, Masonic Temple, Omaha.....	1921
*Edward M. Wellman.....	1922
Charles A. Chappell, Minden.....	1923
Robert R. Dickson, O'Neill.....	1924
John Wright, Lincoln, City Hall.....	1925

*Deceased.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

*George Armstrong.....	September 23d, 1857, to June 2d, 1858
*Robert W. Furnas.....	June 2d, 1858, to June 4th, 1862
*Robert C. Jordan.....	June 4th, 1862, to June 24th, 1863
*Stephen D. Bangs.....	June 24th, 1863, to June 24th, 1865
*J. Newton Wise.....	June 24th, 1865, to October 27th, 1869
*Robert W. Furnas.....	October 27th, 1869, to June 21st, 1872
*William R. Bowen.....	June 21st, 1872, to May 6th, 1899
*Frank H. Young, Acting.....	May 6th, 1899, to June 9th, 1899
Francis E. White.....	June 9th, 1899, to June 11th, 1925
Lewis E. Smith.....	June 11th, 1925, to date

*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.....	Stephen Y. Taylor.....	Calgary.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskruge.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	William A. DeWolf-Smith.....	New Westminster.
California.....	John Whicher.....	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada.....	William M. Logan.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado.....	William W. Cooper.....	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	George F. Bowden.....	Apartado Y, San Jose.
Cuba.....	Felix V. Preval Perez.....	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware.....	John F. Robinson.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Keiper.....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt.....	Abdel Maguid Younis.....	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England.....	Philip Colville Smith.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Francis F. Baker.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Curtis F. Pike.....	Masonic Temple, Boise.
Illinois.....	Owen Scott.....	Decatur.
Indiana.....	William H. Swintz.....	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Charles C. Hunt.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellerd.....	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Fred W. Hardwick.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	John A. Davilla.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Charles B. Davis.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	George Cook.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Frederick W. Hamilton.....	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico,(York Gr.Ldge)	C. I. Arnold.....	P. O. Box 1986, Mexico, D. F.
Michigan.....	Lou B. Winsor.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Edward L. Faucette.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Frank R. Jesse.....	Ninth and Locust Sts., St. Louis.
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Box 896, Helena.
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada.....	Edward D. Vanderlieth.....	437 S. Center St., Reno.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New South Wales.....	David Cunningham.....	Masonic Temple, Sydney.
New York.....	Robert J. Kenworthy.....	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand.....	George Barclay.....	P. O. Box 1144, Auckland.
North Carolina.....	William W. Willson.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Harry S. Johnson.....	224 Central Office Bldg., Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	William M. Anderson.....	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oregon.....	Darwin R. Cheney.....	Masonic Hdqts., Multnomah Hotel Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	P. O. Box 990, Manila.
Prince Edward Island.....	Ernest Kemp.....	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan.
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	P. O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Queensland.....	Charles H. Harley.....	Box 675, Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	S. Penrose Williams.....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan.....	William B. Tate.....	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.....	William H. Strutt.....	117 Macquarie St., Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	William B. Pearson.....	Waco.
Utah.....	Sam H. Goodwin.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	William Stewart.....	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Charles A. Nesbitt.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia.....	J. D. Stevenson.....	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia.....	George S. Laidley.....	Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Joseph M. Lowndes.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTM'T
Alabama.....	O. Edwin Mickey, 65.....	Osceola.....	May 1, 1924
Alberta.....	Earl M. Bolen, 130.....	Ulysses.....	May 2, 1924
Arizona.....	Charles E. Gallagher, 251.....	Coleridge.....	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas.....	Chester C. Wells, 1.....	Omaha.....	May 9, 1924
British Columbia..	John Finch, 225.....	Arnold.....	Oct. 15, 1920
Canada.....	John R. Webster, 3.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 21, 1918
Colorado.....	Edgar F. Snavelly, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Aug. 21, 1925
Connecticut.....	Samuel P. Davidson, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	Oct. 10, 1889
Costa Rica.....	Benoni J. Lane, 135.....	McCook.....	April 30, 1919
Cuba.....	Charles W. Kraft, 288.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware.....	Harry A. Evans, 58.....	Columbus.....	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. of Columbia..	Albert W. Jefferis, 1.....	Omaha.....	June 12, 1912
Egypt.....	Harry A. Cheney, 100.....	Creighton.....	Sept. 12, 1907
England.....	Francis E. White, 6.....	Omaha.....	Sept. 7, 1917
Florida.....	Ambrose C. Epperson, 139.....	Omaha.....	Sept. 20, 1912
Georgia.....	Frank H. Woodland, 25.....	Omaha.....	Oct. 26, 1923
Idaho.....	David C. Spangler, 41.....	Stanton.....	Dec. 7, 1925
Illinois.....	George H. Thummel, 33.....	Omaha.....	Jan. 1, 1915
Indiana.....	Earl B. Brooks, 23.....	Pawnee City.....	March 1, 1915
Ireland.....	Ira C. Freet, 56.....	York.....	Dec. 7, 1923
Kansas.....	Henry H. Heiler, 50.....	Hastings.....	April 10, 1919
Louisiana.....	Adam McMullen, 104.....	Beatrice.....	Dec. 18, 1915
Maine.....	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25.....	Omaha.....	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba.....	John Wright, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Nov. 25, 1921
Maryland.....	Charles L. Fahnestock, 135.....	Lincoln.....	March 8, 1911
Mexico.....	Frank Wilcox, 1.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 25, 1925
Michigan.....	Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 29, 1917
Minnesota.....	George A. Beecher, 268.....	Hastings.....	March 17, 1904
Mississippi.....	Lamont L. Stephens, 106.....	Loup City.....	May 1, 1924
Missouri.....	Samuel S. Whiting, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 10, 1914
Montana.....	Charles S. McGill, 11.....	Omaha.....	April 9, 1915
Nevada.....	Frank L. Haycock, 207.....	Callaway.....	Oct. 25, 1915
New Brunswick.....	James W. Wynkoop, 210.....	Lincoln.....	Aug. 30, 1917
New Hampshire.....	Frederic L. Temple, 61.....	North Platte.....	Oct. 11, 1910
New Jersey.....	Edwin G. Whitford, 9.....	Falls City.....	March 21, 1921
New So. Wales.....	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78.....	Albion.....	July 26, 1905
New York.....	Albert R. Davis, 120.....	Wayne.....	April 10, 1923
New Zealand.....	Frank E. Ward, 31.....	Tekamah.....	July 22, 1905
North Carolina.....	Walter M. Hopewell, 31.....	Tekamah.....	June 8, 1911
North Dakota.....	Henry H. Andrews, 207.....	Callaway.....	June 27, 1913
Nova Scotia.....	Henry H. Wilson, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 26, 1892
Ohio.....	George W. Little, 240.....	Lyons.....	June 23, 1905
Oklahoma.....	Louis P. Tonner, 153.....	Pierce.....	Jan. 13, 1917
Oregon.....	Charles A. Eyre, 268.....	Omaha.....	Nov. 18, 1925
Philippine Islands..	John J. Tooley, 258.....	Broken Bow.....	Oct. 10, 1913
P. Edward Island..	Charles E. Burnham, 166.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 21, 1902
Puerto Rico.....	Charles M. Shepherd, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Aug. 20, 1921
Quebec.....	Edwin D. Crites, 158.....	Chadron.....	April 20, 1920
Queensland.....	Robert B. Walker, 170.....	Mason City.....	April 4, 1923
Rhode Island.....	John R. Tapster, 119.....	North Bend.....	April 6, 1925
Saskatchewan.....	Claude L. Talbot, 184.....	Omaha, South Side.....	July 3, 1908
Scotland.....	William Cosh, 11.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 6, 1914
South Australia.....	Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3.....	Omaha.....	April 20, 1920
South Carolina.....	James R. Cain, Jr., 105.....	Omaha.....	July 12, 1907
South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell, 127.....	Minden.....	Aug. 26, 1918
Tennessee.....	Charles E. Allen, 188.....	Cozad.....	July 25, 1917
Texas.....	Robert R. Dickson, 95.....	O'Neill.....	May 3, 1915
Utah.....	Robert E. French, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 4, 1888
Vermont.....	Fred H. Barclay, 23.....	Pawnee City.....	Aug. 17, 1918
Victoria.....	John S. Bishop, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 19, 1904
Virginia.....	John S. Davison, 136.....	Omaha.....	July 14, 1900
Washington.....	Andrew H. Viele, 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.....	Orville A. Andrews, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Jan. 4, 1923

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMT
Alabama	Lawrence H. Lee	Montgomery	July 30, 1909
Alberta	Frank Barnhouse	Edmonton	May 2, 1921
Arizona	John Herbert Harper	Globe	July 27, 1923
Arkansas	Lewis C. Hall	Dardanelle	Feb. 15, 1911
British Columbia	Edward B. Paul	Victoria	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada	Henry T. Smith	Toronto	July 28, 1921
Colorado	Edward P. Hufferd	Colorado Springs	Aug. 12, 1905
Connecticut	Henry H. Brautigam	Bridgeport	Feb. 27, 1919
Costa Rica	Cecilio Nieto	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918
Cuba	Jose L. Hevia	Havana, Tejadillo, 1.	May 12, 1919
Delaware	George J. Middleton	Wilmington	Sept. 28, 1923
Dist. of Columbia	John Linn McGrew	Washington, 3168 18th St. N. W.	July 6, 1917
Egypt	Mahmoud Rasmi	Cairo, 3 Sharia Zaghlul	Nov. 3, 1924
England	John Ferguson	71 Lombard St., London	May 20, 1926
Florida	William M. Cannon	Palatka	April 11, 1910
Georgia	Wallace W. Bibb	Adairsville	Dec. 9, 1922
Idaho	Francis Jenkins	Moscow	Dec. 21, 1918
Illinois	Francis H. Bradley	Princeton	Sept. 5, 1922
Indiana	Omar B. Smith	Rochester	Sept. 16, 1908
Ireland	Wentworth A. King-Harman	Newcastle, Ballymahon	Nov. 14, 1924
Kansas	Earl T. Pyle	Clay Center	Dec. 15, 1925
Louisiana	Philip G. Ricks	New Orleans	July 8, 1926
Maine	James A. Richan	Rockland	Nov. 25, 1925
Manitoba	Henry E. Bletcher	Winnipeg	June 11, 1913
Maryland	William F. Broenning	Baltimore	July 25, 1919
Mexico	Herbert A. Denny	Box 281 Tampico Tamps, Mexico	Sept. 10, 1925
Michigan	Frank W. Richey	Dowagiac	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota	Alfred G. Pinkham	St. Paul	April 7, 1906
Mississippi	James Finis Hill	Meridian	June 20, 1919
Missouri	Olaf A. Lucas	Kansas City	Sept. 23, 1923
Montana	Henry M. Parchen	Helena	March 18, 1892
Nevada	Harry H. Atkinson	Carson	June 19, 1911
New Brunswick	LeBaron Wilson	St. John	March 7, 1921
New Hampshire	Justin O. Wellman	Amesbury, Mass.	March 15, 1916
New Jersey	Robert J. Hanna	Clifton	Oct. 25, 1916
New So. Wales	John James	209 Trafalgar St., Petersham	May 13, 1926
New York	Edward Vreeland	Richmond Hill	June 18, 1925
New Zealand	William Grant Hay	Box 108 Dunedin	Jan. 6, 1926
North Carolina	Joshua P. Pillsbury	Raleigh	Oct. 8, 1917
North Dakota	Theodore S. Henry	Valley City	Aug. 24, 1917
Nova Scotia	Marston Guillod	Halifax, 126 South St.	July 16, 1902
Ohio	B. Frank Thomas	Youngstown	Sept. 30, 1925
Oklahoma	Randall U. Livesay	Oklahoma City	July 31, 1916
Oregon	John K. Kollock	Portland, Corbett Bldg.	April 21, 1922
Philippine Islands	Newton C. Comfort	Manila	Nov. 14, 1913
P. Edward Island	James D. Stewart	Georgetown	July 5, 1915
Puerto Rico	Manuel del Valle Atiles	San Juan	July 5, 1915
Quebec	Alex J. McRobie	Westmount, 453 Claremont Ave.	March 23, 1910
Queensland	Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923
Rhode Island	Henry C. Dexter	Pawtucket	May 21, 1909
Saskatchewan	Duncan A. Kingsbury	Rouleau	Oct. 12, 1914
Scotland	Norman M. MacKean	Paisley	March 17, 1916
South Australia	Frank Ernest Haddrick	Adelaide	June 9, 1910
South Carolina	George W. Williams	York	May 2, 1924
South Dakota	Marshall R. Brown	Sioux Falls	Aug. 6, 1908
Tennessee	George S. Lannon, Jr.	Tulahoma	Jan. 21, 1922
Texas	James D. Greshaw	San Antonio	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah	Thomas W. Charlton	Salt Lake City	June 16, 1923
Vermont	Edward C. Woodworth	Arlington	Aug. 9, 1907
Victoria	Francis W. W. Morton	Melbourne, Collins St.	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia	Sol Cutchins	Richmond	April 20, 1901
Washington	Archibald W. Frater	Seattle	April 13, 1900
West Australia	Thomas W. Paisley	Bunbury	July 19, 1902
West Virginia	Charles E. Bailey	Sisterville	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin	Frank E. Noyes	Marinette	Dec. 23, 1904

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- Acacia, 34.
 Adams, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Adoniram, 159.
 Ainsworth, U.:D.:, (131).ext.
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U.:D.:, (236).
 Alliance, 183.
 Alpha, 316.
 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.)
 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U.:D.:, (179).
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U.:D.:, (230).
 Bee, 259.
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Beemer, 253.
 Belgrade, U.:D.:, (269).
 Bell Creek, U.:D.:, (241).
 Benkelman, U.:D.:, (180).
 Bennett, 94.
 Benson, U.:D.:, (290).
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 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.
 Camp Clarke, 285.
 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).
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 Columbus, U.:D.:, (ext.)
 Columbus, U.:D.:, (58).
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 Crawford, U.:D.:, (181).
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 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.
 Diamond, 291.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Doric, 118.
 Douglas, U.:D.:, (237).
 East Lincoln, 210.
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 Elk Creek, 90.
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 Elwood, 167.
 Eminence, 223.
 Emmet Crawford, 148.
 Endeavor, 262.
 Euclid, 97.
 Eureka, 16, (extinct).
 Evening Star, 49.
 Evergreen, 153.
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 Exeter, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Exeter, 283.
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 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
 Falls City, 9.
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct).
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 Firth, U.:D.:, 66, (extinct).
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 Genoa, U.:D.:, (125).
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 Gothenburg, 249.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grand Island, 318.
 Granite, 189.
 Grant, U.:D.:, (34).
 Grant, U.:D.:, (186).
 Greenwood, U.:D.:, (163).
 Gresham, U.:D.:, (197).
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 Hamilton, U.:D.:, (68).
 Hampton, 245.
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 Harmony, U.:D.:, (extinct).
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 Harvard, 44.
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 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hermon, U.:D.:, (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (extinct).
 Hickman, 256.
 Highland, 194.
 Hildreth, 252.
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 Hiram, 52.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, U.:D.:, (146).
 Hooper, 72.
 Hone, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
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 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).
 Jephtha, U.:D.:, (264).
 Jewel, 149.
 John J. Mercer, 290.
 John S. Bowen, 232.
 Johnson, U.:D.:, 141, (ext.)
 Joppa, 76.
 Jordan, 27.
 Juniata, 42.
 Justice, 180.
 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.
 Kimball, 294.
 Lafayette, 24, (extinct).
 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Laurel, 248.
 Lebanon, 58.
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- Leigh, U.:D.:., (193).
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 Litchfield, 278.
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 Mackey, U.:D.:., (242).
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 Magic City, U.:D.:., (184).
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 Oakland, 91.
 Oak Leaf, 312.
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 Odell, U.:D.:., 122, (extinct).
 Ogallala, 159.
 Ohiowa, U.:D.:., (182).
 Olive Branch, 274.
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 Orient, 13.
 Orion, 242, (extinct).
 Ornan, 261.
 Oshkosh, 286.
 Overton, U.:D.:., (267).
 Oxford, U.:D.:., (138).

 Pacific, U.:D.:., (310).
 Palestine, U.:D.:., (extinct).
 Palisade, 216.
 Palmer, 315.
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct).
 Papillion, 39.
 Parallel, 152.
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 Perkins, 308.
 Peru, U.:D.:., (extinct)
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.
 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumb, 186, (extinct).
 Plumblin, 214.
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 Pomegranate, 110.
 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
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 Prudence, 179.
 Purity, 198.
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 Ramah, 275.
 Rawalt, 138.
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 Reynolds, U.:D.:., (160).
 Right Angle, 303.
 Rising, U.:D.:., (81).
 Rising Star, U.:D.:., 20, (ext.)
 Riverside, 269.
 Riverton, 63.
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 Robert W. Furnas, 265.
 Rob Morris, 46.
 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct).
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).
 Roman Eagle, 203.
 Ruskin, 304.

 Saint Johns, 25.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47, (extinct).
 Saline, U.:D.:., (73).
 Saline, U.:D.:., (101).
 Saline, U.:D.:., (118).
 Samaritan, 158.
 Samuel W. Hayes, U.:D.:., (287).
 Scotia, U.:D.:., (191).
 Scotts Bluff, 201.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seneca, 284.
 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.
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 Solomon, 10.
 Springfield, 112.
 Square, 151.
 Square & Compass, 213, (ext.)
 Stanton, U.:D.:., (41).
 Star, 88.
 Steele City, 107, (extinct).
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, U.:D.:., (196).
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 Summit, 141, (extinct).
 Superior, 121.
 Sutherland, 299.
 Swastika, 280.
 Syracuse, U.:D.:., (57).

 Table Rock, 108.
 Talmage, U.:D.:., (162).
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Temple, U.:D.:., (5).
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 Thistle, 61.
 Tobias, U.:D.:., (149).
 Trenton, U.:D.:., (extinct).
 Trestle Board, 162.
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 Trowel, 71.
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 Valley, 157.
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 Wahoo, 59.
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 Washington, 21.
 Waterloo, 102.
 Wauneta, 217.
 Wausa, 251.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, U.:D.:., (97).
 Western, 140.
 Western Star, 2.
 Wilcox, U.:D.:., (226).
 William E. Hill, 307.
 Winnebago, 399.
 Winside, U.:D.:., (235).
 Winter Creek, U.:D.:., (265).
 Wisner, 114.
 Wolbach, 292.
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 Wymore, 104.
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 Ainsworth, 224.
 Albion, 78.
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 Allen, 236.
 Alliance, 183.
 Alma, 116.
 Anselmo, 258.
 Ansley, 176.
 Arapahoe, 293.
 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.
 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Crossing, 179.
 Bee, 259.
 Beemer, 253.
 Belgrade, 269.
 Benkelman, 180.
 Bennett, 94.
 Benson, (Omaha), 290.
 Bertrand, 275.
 Bethany, 297.
 Bladen, 319.
 Blair, 21.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Bloomington, 76.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue Springs, 85.
 Bradshaw, 255.
 Bridgeport, 285.
 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.
 Chester, 298.
 Clarks, 134.
 Clay Center, 139.
 Coleridge, 219.
 Columbus, 58.
 Cook, 231.
 Cortland, 194.
 Cowles, 296.
 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.
 Exeter, 283.
 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Falls City, 9.
 Filley, 175.
 Florence, (Omaha), 281.
 Fort Calhoun, 10.
 Franklin, 264.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Fullerton, 89.
 Gandy, 190.
 Geneva, 79.
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 Gothenburg, 249.
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 Grand Island, 33, 318.
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 Hall, 33, 86, 211, 318.
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WITH LOCATIONS, DATES OF REGULAR MEETINGS, OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1926-1927, ETC.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Herman E. Reimers.....	Frank Wilcox
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City..	Otoe.....	Third Friday.....	John M. Scott.....	Henry W. Carson
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Emil E. Schultz.....	Lute M. Savage
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	Wednesday on or before○	George L. Kennedy.....	Don Lawrence
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City....	Dakota.....	Saturday on or before○	Lloyd D. Bridenbaugh...	John H. Ream
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth....	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Willis R. Holmes.....	Leslie W. Niel
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson..	Second and fourth Mondays	Quinton V. Lively.....	Thomas L. Garvey
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun...	Washington..	Tuesday on or before○	Clemens B. Neuman.....	Paul S. Kruger
Covert,	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Wednesday.....	Robert W. Craig.....	George R. Porter
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson..	First and third Mondays...	Peter N. Frederick.....	John C. Shepherd
Peru,	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	Second Monday.....	George W. Brown.....	Horton W. Bedell
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	First Tuesday.....	J. Frank Gardner.....	Matthew A. Priestley
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	First and third Wednesdays	Harold S. Halsted.....	Leo B. Heskett
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Tuesday.....	John M. Bennett.....	John Wright
15 Washington,	" 21	Blair.....	Washington..	Second Tuesday.....	Ernest A. Schmidt.....	Raymond C. Hitchman
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City....	Pawnee.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Clyde T. Barton.....	John H. Tracy
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Jacob L. Kaley.....	Frank E. Underwood
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Homer A. Reeves.....	James B. High
Jordan,	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Alexander R. Krause.....	Peter Poellot
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City....	Nemaha.....	Friday on or before○	Carl Skeen.....	William E. Seid
Blue River,	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	First Thursday.....	John H. Danekas.....	Stanley A. Matzke
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	First and third Wednesdays	J. Bryan Corbin.....	William T. Poucher
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte...	Lincoln.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Carl R. Greisen.....	Aber J. Wessberg
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island...	Hall.....	Second Thursday.....	Fred G. Christensen...	Arthur A. Wilson
25 Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	First Tuesday.....	William McIntosh.....	Harry B. Chronister
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson....	First and third Mondays....	Arthur J. Denney.....	Charles H. McGee
Lone Tree,	" 36	Central City....	Merrick.....	First and third Wednesdays	Guy W. Anderson.....	Seward E. Cogswell
Crete,	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	First Friday.....	Claude R. Davenport...	Charles W. Keal
Oliver,	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	First Friday.....	Roy M. White.....	Thelbert H. Ramsay
30 Papillion,	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	First and third Saturdays...	Robert B. Armstrong...	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson..	Second and fourth Thursdays	Chris M. Hecht.....	J. Frank Snethen
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	Wednesday on or before○	Richard J. Strahle.....	Walter J. Fechner
Juniata,	" 42	Juniata.....	Adams.....	Monday on or before○	Neal R. Sergeant.....	Tim N. Cannon
Hebron,	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	First Thursday.....	Clarence E. Stauber...	John R. Sutton
35 Harvard,	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Ira F. Fishback.....	Carl H. Worley

Rob Morris,	No. 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	John F. Martin.....	Raymond H. Haase
Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Wednesday.....	Ernest T. Parnell.....	Myron Gibson
Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.	John R. Easley.....	Arthur W. Burlingame
Hastings,	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Guy L. Adcock.....	Walter A. Knicely
40 Fidelity,	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Clark E. Beede.....	Eldon B. Johnson
Hiram,	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Frederick W. Pfeiffer.....	Ernest Wager
Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	First and third Fridays.....	Marion Bloom.....	Benjamin F. Perry
Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	George A. Yates.....	Victor Seymour
Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Lloyd C. Rouse.....	Fred W. Muller
45 York,	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Dan A. Wright.....	John Muir
Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Ferdinand H. Reuter.....	William N. Hunter
Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Roy L. Motts.....	Carl H. Hoge
Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Ira M. Thompson.....	Nile O. Walther
Melrose,	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○*	A. Henning Lideen.....	C. Estas Williams
50 Thistle,	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	William H. Wisda.....	Hanford D. Smith
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Arthur J. Peterson.....	Scott E. Heinzman
Riverton,	" 63	Riverton.....	Franklin.....	Monday on or before○.....	Charles McClintock.....	Rolland C. Shetler
Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Edward H. Houser.....	Anton W. Fridrich
Osceola,	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First and third Fridays.....	Carl T. J. Frahm.....	Joel Hanson
55 Edgar,	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Charles H. Merrill.....	Clair S. Voorhees
Aurora,	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Albert L. Johnson.....	George E. Funk
Sterling,	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Donald A. Koehler.....	T. Glen Roberts
Trowel,	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Daniel R. Springer.....	John W. Lamson
Hooper,	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	William A. Lallman.....	William M. Zellers
60 Friend,	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Earl A. Wintermute.....	Malcolm L. McFarlane
Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Ray N. Sinn.....	Charles W. Beer
Frank Welch,	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	First Tuesday.....	Earl W. Ledbetter.....	Leslie Neubauer
Joppa,	" 76	Bloomington.....	Franklin.....	Friday on or before○.....	George Farrington.....	W. Iven Robinson
Nelson,	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Major F. Long.....	Homer D. Mercier
65 Albion,	" 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Lonnie E. Cummins.....	Arthur W. Lamb
Geneva,	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	Friday on or before○*	Henry R. Cellar.....	Percy C. Bedford
Composite,	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Frank G. Oesterreicher.....	Frederick C. Chalquist
Saint Paul,	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	Harold T. Jackson.....	Fred R. Haggart
Corinthian,	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before○.....	V. H. Robert Hanson.....	B. Guy Hunter
70 Fairfield,	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays.....	Harmie L. Trobough.....	George A. Fowler
Tyre,	" 85	Blue Springs.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Robert S. Rice.....	Gilbert F. Sandritter
Doniphan,	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	First Friday†.....	Charles H. Quigle.....	Fremont C. Glazier
Ionic,	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before○.....	George L. Adams.....	Everett T. Houston
Star,	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	Elver D. Beck.....	John G. Maryott
75 Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays.....	Frank R. Newman.....	Wesley L. Dunten

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Elk Creek,	No. 90	Elk Creek	Johnson	First Thursday	Edwin E. Halverstadt	Frank A. Anderson
Oakland,	" 91	Oakland	Burt	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Robert M. Packard	Nevin W. Hopkins
Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell	Thayer	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Earl D. Creswell	J. E. Conklin
Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City	Furnas	Monday on or before O	William B. Whitney	Harry B. Hall
80 Bennett,	" 94	Bennett	Lancaster	Tuesday on or before O	Francis W. Dickney	Henry F. May
Garfield,	" 95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	Ross E. Harris	Elmer Surber
Utica,	" 96	Utica	Seward	Wednesday on or before O	Alfred J. White	Fred H. Pieper
Euclid,	" 97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	Henry A. Crozier	Everett B. Taylor
Republican,	" 98	Republican City	Harlan	Wednesday on or before O	Vernon D. Bush	Leonard L. Johnson
85 Shelton,	" 99	Shelton	Buffalo	Friday on or before O	Ralph Soderstrom	Martin Slatery
Creighton,	" 100	Creighton	Knox	Tuesday on or before O	Charles C. Miller	Walter T. Philbrick
Ponca,	" 101	Ponca	Dixon	Thursday on or before O	Stewart M. Gilliland	Arthur H. Logan
Waterloo,	" 102	Waterloo	Douglas	First Tuesday	George Todd	Charles C. Peabody
Ord,	" 103	Ord	Valley	Wednesday on or before O	John L. W. Nelson	Frank T. Johnson
90 Wymore,	" 104	Wymore	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Francis G. Pennington	Leonard D. Densmore
Stella,	" 105	Stella	Richardson	First Thursday	William P. Sultzbaugh	Robert A. Tynan
Porter,	" 106	Loup City	Sherman	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Ira Daddow	Lamont L. Stephens
Table Rock,	" 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	James Plihal	Edward L. Dorland
Pomegranate,	" 110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Frank T. Graham	Howard F. Anderson
95 DeWitt,	" 111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before O	John D. Quackenbush	James M. Norton
Springfield,	" 112	Springfield	Sarpy	2nd Tuesday, 4th Saturday	Joseph M. Elwell, Jr.	Clifford R. Caley
Globe,	" 113	Madison	Madison	First Tuesday	Thomas D. Grimes	Preston S. Palmer
Wisner,	" 114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Willard H. Eaton	Neil D. Saville
Harlan,	" 116	Alma	Harlan	First and third Fridays	Mark J. McKenzie	H. Jay Egelston
100 Hardy,	" 117	Hardy	Nuckolls	Thursday on or before O	Jacob E. Hart	James H. Fair
Doric,	" 118	Dorchester	Saline	Monday on or before O	William Freidell	W. Russell Freidell
North Bend,	" 119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Frank E. Lehmer	John R. Tapster
Wayne,	" 120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Fridays	Linn B. McClure	J. Murray Cherry
Superior,	" 121	Superior	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before O	Daniel O. Ebersole	William F. Gingrich
105 Auburn,	" 124	Auburn	Nemaha	Monday on or before O	Paul R. Lorance	Fred'k G. Bosshammer
Mount Nebo,	" 125	Genoa	Nance	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Wesley M. Winell	William J. Kelly
Stromsburg,	" 126	Stromsburg	Polk	Second Tuesday	L. Vance Sharp	Arthur M. Woodhead
Minden,	" 127	Minden	Kearney	Wednesday on or before O	Raymond D. Lent	John H. Etzelmiller
Guide Rock,	" 128	Guide Rock	Webster	Thursday on or before O	Ira A. Pace	John H. Cray
110 Blue Hill,	" 129	Blue Hill	Webster	Second and fourth Thursdays	Carl O. Goll	Frank E. Britton

Tuscan.	No. 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Allen W. Gubser.....	Amasa S. Chapman
Scribner.	" 132	Dodge.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Clarence Ranslem.....	John Beaver
Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Ralph S. Buchtel.....	Edward D. Morrison
Solar.	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Fred B. Philbrook.....	Charles E. Souser, Jr.
115 McCook.	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Glenn G. Hegenberger.....	Jesse S. Chambers
Long Pine.	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	Second Monday.....	Thomas M. Hutchinson.....	Walter E. Patterson
Upright.	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○*	Louis C. Borden.....	Ellsworth E. Hart
Rawalt.	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Ralph J. Rhynalds.....	William J. Nissen
Clay Centre.	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	John W. Ablott.....	Louis O. Ticnor
120 Western.	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	William B. Winter.....	Frank H. Beer
Crescent.	" 143	Cedar Rapids.....	Boone.....	Third Wednesday.....	Ernest T. Anderson.....	James H. Watts
Kenesaw.	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before○.....	Earl D. Weeks.....	Niels Mikkelsen
Bancroft.	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	John F. Craft.....	Arthur A. Koepnick
Jachin.	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Louis W. Rabold.....	Earl Barnette.....
125 Siloam.	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or after○.....	Dennis A. Criss.....	Earl Margritz.....
Emmet Crawford.	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Joe C. Kiker.....	James W. Vockey
Jewel.	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Frank T. Dayton.....	Richard G. Drysdale
Cambridge.	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Bradford B. Schwab.....	Kenneth R. Newcomb
Square.	" 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	Second Tuesday.....	Franklin L. Spradling.....	William J. Butler
130 Parallel.	" 152	Liberty.....	Gage.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Glen G. Geer.....	Edward A. Cox
Evergreen.	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	Emil H. Grunwald.....	Edward B. Fanske
Lily.	" 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	Friday on or before○.....	Guy H. Portwood.....	Melvin M. Jennings
Hartington.	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	William McClelland.....	Rudolph H. Jenny
Pythagoras.	" 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	First Wednesday.....	Charles B. Peshek.....	Garry Benson
135 Valley.	" 157	Wilsonville.....	Furnas.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Guy R. Johnson.....	J. Edwin Loar
Samaritan.	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Robert D. Cresap.....	L. Edgar Sprague
Ogallala.	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Theodore F. Goold.....	Harry J. Antrim
Zeredatha.	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Sterling P. Hamm.....	George E. Reece
Mount Zion.	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Everett S. Funkhouser.....	Thomas A. Warren
140 Trestle Board.	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	First Saturday.....	Clair C. Christy.....	Almon C. DePue
Unity.	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	Friday on or before○*	Adelbert E. Leesley.....	Charles E. Calfee
Atkinson.	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Boyd W. Planck.....	Harry A. Snyder
Barneston.	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○*	John H. James.....	Alvin D. Spencer
Mystic Tie.	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	Fourth Thursday.....	George W. Irving.....	Earl L. Jenkins
145 Elwood.	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Ludwig W. Gauger.....	Charles A. Yeoman
Curtis.	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Merrill C. Smith.....	Harry R. Wilkinson
Amity.	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Charles W. Brown.....	George Greer
Mason City.	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	William D. Redmond.....	Ralph F. McCloughan
Merna.	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or after○.....	Edwin J. Olson.....	Lester J. Corlett
150 Grafton.	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	George C. Pflug.....	Cleveland King

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Robert Burns,	No. 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	Walter L. Best.....	Ralph E. Jones
Culbertson,	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	First and third Wednesdays..	Osborne P. Simon.....	Arvene G. Eisenhart
Temple,	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Tuesdays..	William J. Jobman.....	Walter E. Erickson
Gladstone,	" 176	Hansley.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or after○	W. Brent Alexander.....	Rosil C. Draper
155 Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	Boyd B. Morey.....	James E. Plummer
Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Crossing.	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before○	William H. Ritchie.....	Philip Maurer
Justice,	" 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	Friday on or before○	Frank Knepper.....	Victor Westermarck
Faith,	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays..	Walter O. Barnes.....	Harvey W. Taylor
Incense,	" 182	Ohioa.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Thursdays..	Fred Wolter.....	William H. Weiss
160 Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	Thursday on or before○	John R. Snyder.....	James H. H. Hewett
Bee Hive,	" 184	Omaha†.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	William G. Melchiorsen..	William N. Paxton
Boaz,	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	Wednesday on or before○	Earl E. Laidig.....	George B. Morgan
Israel,	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○	Edward Northway.....	Anson B. Andrew
Meridan,	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Tuesday.....	E. Lewis Stiteler.....	Gerald V. Inslie
165 Granite,	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	William C. Ogilvie.....	Ira A. Kirk
Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	Second and fourth Saturdays..	George W. Brown.....	Henry A. Tunnell
Crystal,	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	Thursday on or before○	John V. Maddox.....	Theodore J. Stoetzel
Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	Third Tuesday.....	Ivan E. Beckwith.....	Luke M. Bates
Signet,	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before○	Ernest M. Nelson.....	Oliver W. Fleming
170 Highland,	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	First Monday.....	Frank A. Sowers.....	Irvin H. Johnston
Arcana,	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Mondays..	Walter S. Glover.....	William A. Morey
Level,	" 196	Stockville.....	Frontier.....	Saturday on or before○	Alfred G. Williams.....	Charles R. Best
Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	Friday on or before○	James M. Fuller.....	Samuel A. Tobey
Purity,	" 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	Friday on or before○	Archie L. Smith.....	Herman W. Dettman
175 Gavel,	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	Tuesday on or before○	Russell C. Smith.....	James H. Bryant
Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	Thursday on or after○	Eugene E. Clark.....	Leonard H. Johnson
Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	First and third Fridays..	Clarence V. Brown.....	George Goldfain
Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before○	William M. Reese.....	Martin E. Aegerter
Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	First Tuesday†	Archie M. Smith.....	Verne M. Tyrrell
180 Plainview,	" 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	First Tuesday.....	Walter L. Mote.....	Martin Sorenson
Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	Thursday on or before○	Guy C. Neumann.....	Arthur J. Bracken
Napthali,	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays..	Thomas H. Waggoner.....	Harry K. Shutt
Parian,	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	First and third Thursdays..	Dota F. Sherrel.....	Henry H. Andrews
Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	Tuesday after○*	Walter N. Woody.....	Charles H. Downings
185 Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	Saturday on or before○	Ralph L. Keckler.....	John H. Rogge

*South Side Station.

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And first and third Tuesdays from October 1st to April 1st.

East Lincoln,	No. 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Harry O. Griffin	Lorenzen P. Ronne
Cement,	" 211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before○	Verne E. Rouse	Edward B. Persson
Compass & Square,	" 212	Sumner	Dawson	Tuesday on or before	George F. Brown	Beryl E. Irvin
Plumblin,	" 214	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before○	Joseph B. Steidley	John E. Killen
190 Occidental,	" 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	Tuesday on or before○	Leo H. Sholts	Oscar M. Fenstermacher
Palisade,	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	Tuesday on or before○	Hugh B. Ashmore	Stanton A. Troutman
Wauneta,	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	William M. Frasier	Ray E. Olmsted
Bloomfield,	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	First Tuesday	Thomas C. Baker	Cornelius T. Heckt
Relief,	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Frank T. Miller	George R. Stone
195 Magnolia,	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before○	John W. Church	George H. Haase
Wood Lake,	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Saturday	George F. Kreycik	Henry Lausen
Landmark,	" 222	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before○	Claude E. Clements	Harry L. Swan
Eminence,	" 223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Murlin F. Brock	Perry O. Marvel
Silver Cord,	" 224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	Alva D. Kirkpatrick	George A. Farman, Jr.
200 Cable,	" 225	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays	A. Fred Ervin	Charles M. Fisher
Grace,	" 226	Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before○*	Alvin J. Cook	Arthur E. Newton
North Star,	" 227	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Warren M. Traver	Leslie A. Thomas
Bartley,	" 228	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Samuel A. Moore	Daniel L. Mitchell
Comet,	" 229	Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before○*	Charles A. Neff	Emil J. Hendriksen
205 Delta,	" 230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Elmer C. Devore	Wesley A. Condreay
Mount Hermon,	" 231	Cook	Johnson	Tuesday on or before○	Eldo G. Tucker	Wayne H. McDermitt
John S. Bowen,	" 232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	Fred M. Paulsen	Elmer B. Jensen
Gilead,	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles J. Tomek	Stephen A. Richardson
Zion,	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before○	Charles E. Waite	Robin W. Bonfield
210 Fraternity,	" 235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Wednesday	Victor L. Siman	Irving F. Gaebler
Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before○*	Oliver W. Money	Morris S. Zook
Cubit,	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	Lloyd Ferguson	Nathaniel C. Newlin
Friendship,	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	Robert O. Jones	David E. Magnuson
Pilot,	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday	Alfred B. Lyon	John E. Buckley
215 George Armstrong,	" 241	Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesdays	Charles M. Thompson	John T. Davis
Tyrian,	" 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	Clyde Washington	Alden R. Eller
Sincerity,	" 244	Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday	Thomas L. White	Frank E. Martin
Hampton,	" 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Andrew N. Christiansen	George E. Plotts
Nehawka,	" 246	Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before○	Orin M. Pollard	Robert H. Chapman
220 Corner-stone,	" 247	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before○	Paul Eickberger	James Cizek
Laurel	" 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Clarence E. Marvin	Joseph H. Artman
Gothenburg,	" 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Homer C. Loutzenheiser	Clifford T. Winters
George Washington,	" 250	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	Theodore W. Smith	Frank B. Young
Wausa,	" 251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	David S. Hult	Ralph W. Berridge
225 Hildreth,	" 252	Hildreth	Franklin	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Bernard J. Peterson	George M. Myers

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Beemer,	No. 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and fourth Wednesdays	Theron G. Fried	Ernest L. Fried
Bassett,	" 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	John Abart	Sidney M. Solson
Bradshaw,	" 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	Josiah Lichtenberger	Emile C. Roggy
Hickman,	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before○	William F. Krull	Cyrus Black
230 Holbrook,	" 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays	Ernest H. Strickland	Albert Phillipson
Anselmo,	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before○	Miles M. Kepler	Chalmers G. Empfield
Bee,	" 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before○	Vladimir Sobotka	Vladislav Sobotka
Ornan,	" 261	Spencer	Boyd	First, third and fifth Mondays	Theodore Theman	William D. Spicknall
Endeavor	" 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before○	Arthur C. Crabtree	Archie G. Hatcher
235 Mitchell,	" 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Joseph L. Sandford	Oliver P. Burrows
Franklin,	" 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays	Ed. L. Beck	Paul Spence
Robert W. Furnas,	" 265	Scotts Bluff	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays	Fred D. Tallon	Charles O. Walters
Silver,	" 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	First Wednesday	Floyd Buchanan	Paul V. Hobert
James A. Tulleys,	" 267	Overton	Dawson	Fourth Monday	Jacob V. Daul	Joseph R. Wilson
240 George W. Lininger,	" 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Frederick S. Stott	William McCormack
Riverside,	" 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before○*	Vernon Haun	Adelbert W. Knight
Huntley,	" 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before○*	Marshall H. Richman	Elmer C. Combs
Oasis,	" 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Thursday on or before○	James S. Tarr	Elbert W. Berry
Lee P. Gillette,	" 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before○	Robert E. Ganz	Wilber H. Harpster
245 Crofton,	" 273	Crofton	Knox	Thursday on or before○	John Mormann	Charles Ruden
Olive Branch,	" 274	Walhill	Thurston	Second Monday	George F. McMullen	Alva L. Rousey
Ramah,	" 275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	William B. Meeker	William J. Ehlers
Antelope,	" 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Alva D. Nicholas	Arthur E. Bergman
Sioux,	" 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Philip H. Unitt	Wayne C. Unitt
250 Litchfield,	" 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before○	John W. Kuhn	Harvey I. Lang
Wallace,	" 279	Wallace	Lincoln	Tuesday on or before○	Howard G. Spencer	Charles R. Crozier
Swastika,	" 280	Sargent	Custer	Second Tuesday	William R. Kidder	Frank L. Hicks
Florence,	" 281	Omaha†	Douglas	First Monday	Roy S. Cogdill	Robert H. Sutton
Mullen,	" 282	Mullen	Hooker	Thursday on or before○	Thomas L. McCully	Arthur G. Humphrey
255 Exeter,	" 283	Exeter	Fillmore	Second and fourth Fridays	Lee R. Harrold	Joseph W. Crooker
Seneca,	" 284	Seneca	Thomas	Wednesday on or before○	Conrad Olsen	Edgar T. Lay
Camp Clarke,	" 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	Z. Harold Jones	George W. Irwin
Oshkosh,	" 286	Oshkosh	Garden	Wednesday on or after○	George E. Thompson	William A. Overman
Union,	" 287	Palmyra	Otoe	Wednesday on or before○	George E. Brandt	George Weatherhogg
260 Omaha,	" 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	James A. Noble	Edward L. Cain

†Florence Station.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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Lotus	No. 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Wallace R. Ball	Archie A. Meek
John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha†	Douglas	First Tuesday	Samuel D. Jones	Earl W. Dean
Diamond	" 291	Royal	Antelope	First Monday	Roy H. Knapp	Edward Hering
Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	George D. Meredith	Edwin L. Johnson
265 Monument	" 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Ralph A. Murdoch	Eugene L. Bellamy
Kimball	" 294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	Wilbur N. Orcutt	Irving S. Walker
Minatare	" 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Fridays	Clark G. Nichols	Howard M. Ford
Cowles	" 296	Cowles	Webster	First and third Wednesdays	Hiram W. Arnold	Horace G. Morse
Cotner	" 297	Bethany	Lancaster	First Friday	Claude L. Ackerman	Imon T. Hensley
270 Chester	" 298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	William C. Rhea	Ernest F. Woodard
Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	Clement L. Pierson	Harold P. Wiig
Liberty	" 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Frank E. Melker	Ralph S. Moseley
Bayard	" 301	Bayard	Morrill	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Earl C. Heyl	Alexander H. Keyes
Mizpah	" 302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	William S. Purnell	Lemuel E. Fitch
275 Right Angle	" 303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Ralph A. Newell	Paul F. Griswold
Ruskin	" 304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Elmer J. Wortman	Frank Hopkirk
Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second and fourth Mondays	Arthur Still	Alexis R. Gustavson
Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	William G. Melton	William H. Goettsche
William E. Hill	" 307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Samuel A. Naffziger	Lewis Ganzel
280 Perkins	" 308	Grant	Perkins	First Monday	Urv. V. Dobbs	Gerald W. Collier
Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	Simon P. Doran	Clinton I. Lennen
Victory	" 310	Valley	Douglas	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Adolph C. Janzen	H. Lee Gashill
Polk	" 311	Polk	Polk	First Friday	Theodore Larson	Joseph E. McDaniel
Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Thursday	Glenn A. Long	Clifford J. Hurlless
285 Potter	" 313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Alfred Arnell	Warren E. Cunningham
Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Claude D. Stowell	William A. Robbins
Palmer	" 315	Merrick	Merrick	Second and fourth Mondays	Henry H. Golden	W. Everett James
Alpha	" 316	South Sioux City	Dakota	Fourth Thursday	George J. Boucher	Mell A. Schmid
Mid-West	" 317	Hastings	Adams	Second Friday	Ellsworth W. Stevens	William J. Breckenridge
290 Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island	Hall	First Tuesday	Oscar V. McCracken	Murry C. Alexander
Bladen	" 319	Bladen	Webster	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	John R. Hall	Lloyd S. Easterly

†Benson Station.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.
 BY FRANK L. HAYCOCK.
 FOR THE COMMITTEE.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery.

December 1st, 1925.

105th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Duncan C. Carmichael, Grand Master.

The introduction to his address is a plea for further and better effort to make a high standard of right living, real character, and Masonry synonymous terms.

He compliments the management of the Masonic Home, calls attention to its capacity occupancy, and asks for further revenues adequate to the needs of the jurisdiction.

Under "recommendations," he asks that the Jurisprudence Committee prepare a resolution properly defining the use to which the "keeping the secrets" part of the Master Mason obligation may be put.

Under "decisions," is the following, which the Jurisprudence Committee pronounce correct in principle: "The Lodge granting a waiver, claiming the fees, is entitled to its regular fees." They differ from Nebraska law in this. We can not make a waiver contingent upon the payment of the fee or fees. When we waive, we waive everything.

The following amendment to the constitution, which we quote in part, was adopted by the Lodges and by the Grand Lodge:

No applicant for initiation whose petition may have been rejected by any Lodge shall be initiated in any other Lodge without the consent of a majority of the Lodge to which the applicant first petitioned be obtained for that purpose.

The word "majority" is what we wish to emphasize—it may be good law. In how many cases is a majority of the Lodge membership present at a regular meeting? The vote by Lodges on the amendment was 488 for, 87 against.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to welcome a delegation of high dignitaries of the Order of the Eastern Star; a short address by the Grand Matron was a feature of the occasion.

Brother Fred Wall again writes the review for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, this time under difficulties from a severe affliction. We are truly sorry. Of about one-third of the jurisdictions he is compelled to omit for the time Nebraska is one. What we read of the review is good.

M. W. OLIVER DAY STREET, Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA.

Phoenix.

February 10th, 1925.

43rd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Otis James Baughn, Grand Master.

We first notice and observe that *all* officers, members, and committees of Grand Lodge are listed with *all* given names in full.

Much of the Grand Master's address is occupied with a record of questions and decisions. In conscientious manner he takes time and space to clarify the law as he sees it.

He speaks of an enjoyable visit to Nogales, to meet with the Grand Master and members of the Pacific Grand Lodge of Mexico recently recognized.

No review of foreign correspondence is made or published. M.:W.: Brother Harry Arizona Drachman, P.G.M., for the committee, submits a short report, and recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Czecho Slovakia, which recommendation was adopted.

The Tubercular Home at Oracle is one of their principal institutions. but lack of adequate funds retards the work of the committee.

From the general regulations we observe that:

No fee for affiliation may be charged.

No Master may be installed until his ability to confer the degrees of Masonry according to ritual is in evidence.

Every Brother who has been raised to the degree of Master Mason, shall within six months after being raised be required to pass a satisfactory examination in the lecture of the Third Degree, either in open Lodge or before the regular Examining Committee otherwise he shall not be permitted to vote on any matter before the Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Master to see that this Regulation is strictly enforced.

M.:W.: CLEMENT H. COLMAN, Grand Master.

M.:W.: GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

Little Rock.

November 17th, 1925.

84th Annual Communication.

M.:W.: Brother Storm O. Whaley, Grand Master.

Among the leading observations in the Grand Master's address are chapters on the "Nation," "Eighteenth Amendment," and "Arkansas Masonic Standing."

With faith in the ultimate and underlying characteristics which have always saved America, stabilized by Masonic precepts, he optimistically notes an improvement in social conditions and the relegation of Bolshevist tendencies to the dark seas of Russia whence it came. He insists that the desire for intoxicants among the younger generation has begun to wane, the thrill of forbidden fruit dying away.

With sincere admiration, appreciation, and tribute he pays respect to eminent Arkansas Masons: Albert Pike, Charles E. Rosenbaum, Fay Hempstead (the Poet Laureate of Masonry and the dean of our American Grand Secretaries), Past Grand Master George Thornburgh, and John Q. Wolf.

No new decisions during the year are necessary.

Official acts are reported briefly, and he closes with admonition to the brethren to look well to the future in the present welfare of the young during the formative period, especially along educational lines.

We quote his argument for the DeMolay:

I, therefore, am strongly in favor of the DeMolay. I believe one of Masonry's greatest opportunities is among the near Apprentices. I fear your apprenticeship and mine began too late to make of us the finished workmen and conscientious Masters that we should be. Masonic scholars in all ages have been disappointed in the small part of Masonry that the average Mason ever grasps or understands, but the Mason is not to blame. For the first 21 years of his life he has been kept in total ignorance and darkness regarding its teachings. If he dares to show any boyish interest or curiosity he has been met with a wise shake of the head and a knowing smile and told to wait until he is 21 years of age before trying to learn anything about Freemasonry.

The truth is if we would turn the average boy of from 14 to 20 years of age loose in a Masonic library, he would absorb more of its history and teachings than the average Mason learns in four years of Lodge work. I am proud that my generation has given to the world the DeMolay. When a DeMolay knocks at the door of our preparation room, he will come not as one groping in ignorance, but one filled and saturated with the fundamental principles of Masonry.

It sounds convincing; and yet many, leaning on the aim and purpose of Masonry in its purity, will disagree.

The Masonic Orphans' Home and School appears to be in a flourishing and healthy condition, with 113 residents cared for; especially healthy, as we observe that for the sixteenth consecutive year there has been no death in the large family.

Arkansas publishes no review of sister Grand Lodges—Brother A. B. Little, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits a report with condensed references to matters of world-wide interest.

The Grand Orator delivers an address on "The Mission of Masonry." One section we quote:

The Mission of Masonry! He who would describe that Mission must be a poet, a musician and a seer—a master of melodies, echoes, and long, far-sounding cadences. Now, as always, it toils to make man better, to refine his thought and purify his sympathy, to broaden his outlook, to lift his altitude, to establish in amplitude and resoluteness his life in all its relations. All its great history, its vast accumulations of tradition, its simple faith and its solemn rites, its freedom and its friendship are dedicated to a high moral ideal, seeking to tame the tiger in man, and bring his wild passions into obedience to the will of God. It has no other mission than to exalt and ennoble humanity, to bring light out of darkness, beauty out of angularity; to make every hard won inheritance more secure, every sanctuary more sacred, every hope more radiant!

He may be right and qualified to speak. It is a splendid ideal anyway. We may remark that heretofore and up to now the resultant effect of that mission is not clearly discernible to much extent. The uplifting to an Utopian state must build upon deeper foundations than reformation of men's morals. We wish that Masonry could take as its slogan that simple phrase of our first republic builders, "Establish Justice." We can safely rest on our laurels as a great and efficient relief institution if we would make claims we can substantiate.

M. W. CLAUD L. HILL, Grand Master.

R. W. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco.

October 13th, 1925.

76th Annual Communication.

M. W. David J. Reese, Grand Master.

His message consumes eighty pages and is replete with evidence of conscientious effort and duty well performed. It is a heart to heart talk with his brethren on the many phases with which the Masonic brotherhood is confronted, and he is to be congratulated in lending in great measure mature and wise admonition to the benefit of the Grand Lodge personnel less informed.

He voices the almost universal belief that the tendency is towards making too many members and not enough Masons; but notes that the great heart of Masonry is still staunch and true and carrying on in laudable endeavor.

With the utmost friendliness, yet with determined criticism, his voice is raised to deplore as well as warn in matters altogether too flagrant in the conduct unbecoming Masons, in those who seem to think that membership in those so-called higher orders puts them beyond loyalty to the obligation of their mother lodge.

The official visit of himself and party to the Hawaiian lodges is reported, with a rather complete account of entertainment extended. There are eight lodges in the islands, with a membership of 1640.

The Committee on Message of the Grand Master designates it "as one of the most notable addresses ever presented to this Grand Lodge." The bouquet is well deserved.

The Committee on Grievances makes report on twenty-nine cases; the Grand Lodge concurring with their verdict in all instances.

On report of the Committee of General Policy and Purposes, the following are among the regulations adopted by Grand Lodge.

- (1) The issuing of a certificate by the Grand Lodge certifying to the fact that a brother is a Master of a lodge.
- (2) Recognition of the Grand Loge Nationale (France).
- (3) Refusal of recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

A motion made by the Grand Master was adopted, directing the Committee on Jurisprudence to submit to the next annual communication "some provision of law which will relieve the Grand Master of the burden of defining to Master of Lodges who are physically fit for the degrees of Masonry." A very laudable attempt to down Banquo's ghost.

An attempt by resolution, emanating from either ultra dry or ultra patriotic source, providing for summary conviction of prohibition violation, is downed for no gain on report of the Committee of General Policy; they clearly define the sensible thought in the following:

Your committee is of the opinion that the position of the Grand Lodge of California in support of the Constitution of the United States is too well known and too definitely determined to require reiteration at this session.

Indeed, Masonry puts upon its members an imposition to live obedient to the laws of the country in which they reside. Obviously one cannot support the Constitution as such if he is simply obedient to those sections which suit his individual tastes or purposes.

The second clause of the resolution denies the right of the Masonic trial and makes it obligatory upon the Lodge to punish upon the evidence provided by a court of law. It also definitely and in advance fixes the penalty. This, we feel sure, is contrary to our basic law.

This committee also turns down the proposal of the Master and Wardens Association of Los Angeles, that a candidate shall submit to a physical examination by a physician before ballot.

\$10,000.00 was appropriated for the Education Committee, and a per capita tax of ten cents was levied therefor.

Brother James Lewis Matthews is the author of the review of other Grand Lodges; his first report. He purposely refrains from obtruding personal opinion, almost, and entirely refrains from "visiting" with his fellow members of the Round Table. Nebraska, 1924, is adequately mentioned, with well chosen quotations from Brother Carman and Brother Webster.

M. W. ALBERT E. BOYNTON, Grand Master.

V. W. JOHN WHICHER, Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

In the Province of Ontario.

Hamilton.

July 15th, 1925.

70th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother William J. Drope, Grand Master.

His Worship, Mayor Thomas W. Jutten, welcomes the Grand Lodge to the city. The communication is held in the auditorium of the Memorial School.

Many distinguished Masons are present from within and without the jurisdiction and are given the opportunity to address the Grand Lodge. The speech makers indulge in pleasant personalities and enjoyable humor.

The Grand Master is unable to be present through illness, and his address is read by Deputy Grand Master Rowland. From his chapter on "Benevolence" we quote this paragraph:

Freemasonry is not a benevolent institution. It is not organized as such, and such is not its purpose. The obligation to relieve the needs of a Brother in distress is primarily the obligation of the individual member and of the lodge to which the Brother belongs. It is, moreover, a duty that can neither be evaded nor delegated. Grand Lodge is ready and will always be ready to assist where assistance is required.

Benevolence may not be our aim or purpose, but it must be admitted it is one thing we practice most efficiently.

In the next chapter, deploring the prevalence of Masonic offences and the reluctance and unwillingness on the part of some lodges in dealing with the accused, he points out:

Masonry is not a thing of to-day only, or of this locality alone. It is a great system and a world-wide organization. It is built upon a foundation of mutual confidence and respect. Its usefulness, its very existence depends upon the maintenance of a standard in its membership, and upon the ability of a foreign jurisdiction to receive with confidence and safety those whom we permit to carry our credentials.

Charity *does* cover a multitude of sins.

The Ku Klux Klan is dealt with in the same forcible denial of affiliation as is the case in practically all of our Grand Lodges this side of the border.

He gives us an interesting account of his visit to Ireland on the occasion of their Bi-Centenary celebration.

In conclusion he remarks:

Let us have no vain regrets for an ill spent past, but let us spend our to-days in such a manner that we may be prepared for the endless tomorrow, when it arrives.

Long service medals were presented to thirty-six Past Masters who had served their lodge as Master fifty years ago or more.

The reports of thirty-two District Deputy Grand Masters indicate efficient and conscientious effort. They being almost exclusively domestic we pass them with this brief mention.

Although a jurisdiction of over 100 thousand Masons, Ontario has never yet adopted the institutional plan for caring for her indigent, aged, or orphan charges. It is to be noted, however, that their Board of Benevolence, augmented by a system of inspection, is doing a wonderful work in the number of cases relieved and amount expended. It would indicate that the personal obligation for service is recognized in its fullness on the part of those upon whom the duties of administration fall. Good work, Ontario! !

In fourteen cases before the Board of Grievances and Appeals no single word indicates the nature of the offense under consideration when criminality is involved. We wish them to know that this has the approval of one humble observer. Crime, as it is, has too much space in the daily press without being augmented by *our* printed record.

The report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry is important for its guiding principles displayed by mature and erudite talent. It promulgates a domestic standard "with admonition due." It is primarily for local consumption and makes good reading, although not much of interest for review.

The Board on Fraternal Correspondence report (adopted) that negotiations with a view to recognition be continued with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico; also that negotiations be entered into with Denmark, France, and with such others as are officially recognized by the Grand Lodges of the British Isles.

The review of fraternal correspondence is by M. W. Brother William N. Ponton, I. (Immediate?) P. G. M.

We are rather glad that the space allotted him is not subject to our efforts, as we would find it difficult to duplicate his estimable work. It is, however, liberally embellished with quotation. Nebraska, 1924, is given over five pages which is all that could be desired.

M. W. JOHN A. ROWLAND, Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM M. LOGAN, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

Denver.

September 15th, 1925.

65th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother William N. Vaile, Grand Master.

A goodly contingent of Grand Representatives is welcomed by the Grand Master in short but fitting speech, and the response is by M. W. Brother Edward P. Hufferd, Nebraska's representative in Colorado.

Among the distinguished visitors presented appears the name of our good and M. W. Brother Samuel P. Davidson, Nebraska's Grand Master in 1892.

The Grand Master, in his address, expresses his sincere tribute of gratitude to those associate Grand officers who so ably extended their assistance during the year, especially during the more than five months the Grand Master was without the jurisdiction.

In masterly manner and with splendid rhetoric the Grand Master covers several important matters under the spotlight of Masonry.

He reiterates the policy of the Grand Lodge regarding new organizations "building upon Freemasonry," and is in accord with and recommends continuation of the action of the Grand Lodge and his predecessors in prohibiting recognition of the "Grotto" and the DeMolay.

With the good of Masonry in mind, he very bravely refuses a dispensation to form a new lodge in a community where, under other conditions, a new lodge could be stable and flourish. On investigation, he concludes that the lodge is desired as an adjunct to the Ku Klux Klan, that the petitioners are all members of the Klan, and that Masons in the vicinity, not members, are debarred from participation and in some cases ostracised socially.

This incident is followed with a rather long chapter on "Masonry and the Ku Klux Klan," occupying six pages. It is a dignified protest and argument against admixture of the two. We quote this from the beginning:

Even if the Ku Klux Klan were in fact what it claims to be, a kind of Masonry, more popular, less exclusive and particular, more active and militant, but nevertheless a kind of Masonry—even in that case, I say, the domination of Masonic Lodges by such outside but related influences could not be borne by the Craft with the maintenance of its dignity and self-respect. But it is my firm conviction that it is an entirely different institution of widely divergent purposes and practices.
and this from the conclusion:

We are building today a magnificent memorial to George Washington, the Mason. As the speculative descendants of the operative craftsmen who made beautiful and enduring monuments it is altogether appropriate that we should do this. It is also appropriate that we should do it as Americans, for George Washington, who led us to liberty, was also the president of the convention which framed that Constitution which guarantees freedom of speech and religion, and it was Washington who breathed into that great Charter the spirit of tolerance, of justice, of a common cause and a common unity which is expressed in the Preamble.

But on a spot about level with the top of that memorial which, when completed, will commemorate the Father of His Country, a grateful Nation has erected a memorial to one of her younger sons. It is an unmarked slab of pure marble in beautiful Arlington Cemetery. Beneath it sleeps a youth in the uniform of the Republic.

We do not know his name. It may be Smith or Cohen or O'Shaughnessy.

We do not know the color of his hair or his eyes. We do not know the shape of his nose.

We do not know the church in which he knelt, or the form in which his prayers ascended to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

But we do know the altar from which his soul ascended. It was the altar of his supreme sacrifice for "one flag and one country, with liberty and justice to all."

I recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

The Grand Lodge cautions Masons in this jurisdiction against organizations which tend to disturb the harmony either of Masonic Lodges or of the community generally.

Inasmuch as the Ku Klux Klan, by its practices, has become such an organization, all Master Masons are advised not to affiliate with it, and are urged to withdraw from it if already affiliated.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Brother Reuben W. Hershey, in his oration, admonishes the Craft to "Build with the Tools of Masonry." He hits straight from the shoulder thus:

There are altogether too many Masons of today who work only in "speculative" Masonry—or call it selfish Masonry, speculating on how much they can get out of it without bending a single effort to put anything into it. * * * How slender and brittle is the tie that unites them to that great body of earnest serious, thoughtful men, who believe in the fundamental principles of Masonry, who endeavor to carry them out in their own daily affairs and who honestly possess a vision of the day when the Brotherhood of Man shall be an accomplished fact!

In the following, in our opinion, is the most ingenious compliment from a jurisprudence committee to a Grand Master we have ever read. It is needless to say that it was adopted:

We recommend that that portion dealing with "Organizations building upon Freemasonry," all of which has heretofore been approved by this Grand Lodge, be now approved and continued.

As to that portion entitled, "Refusal of Dispensation to form a Lodge at Oak Creek," we call attention to the fact in the granting of dispensations for the organization of Lodges, the Grand Master is in error in assuming that he is "merely the agent of the Grand Lodge." Power to grant, or to refuse such dispensations, was exercised by Grand Masters solely in their discretion long before it was ever assumed by the Grand Lodge. As the exercise of such authority by the Grand Master expired with the next annual Grand Lodge session without action by anyone, such discretion was not reviewable.

This prerogative of the Grand Master has not been changed in any particular by our Constitutions; they merely confer a like power upon the Grand Lodge. If a Grand Master is in error as to his decision on such action, that error is corrected, not by disapproving his action, but by granting a dispensation direct, or leaving the petitioners to re-present their request to the incoming Grand Master. Inasmuch as no such dispensation has ever been granted by our Grand Lodge in its history, we do not think that precedent of more than half a century should be broken. We, therefore, recommend that the action of the Grand Master in this particular be approved, and that no such dispensation be granted by the Grand Lodge at this session.

We recommend that, in lieu of the resolution suggested near the close of the Grand Master's Address, you adopt the following:

"This Grand Lodge cautions Masons in this jurisdiction against any organization which tends to disrupt the harmony of the Craft."

It contains some wholesome pronouncement, and we think we discern a piece of spicy irony in substituting the word "disrupt" for the Grand Master's "disturb."

On the second day we note that our M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, was welcomed and received by the Grand Master.

The review of sister Grand Lodges is by W. Brother Stanley C. Warner, Chairman of the Committee. This from his foreword is good:

The loyalty spellbinders seem to have had their day and deem it no longer necessary to give vocal expression to that fealty to our Government which has always been one of the landmarks of our Order. Some lip loyalty may have been necessary during the disturbed conditions, but surely Masonry has not further need to assert from its housetops its allegiance to a government which its members a century and a half ago were so instrumental in creating.

His reviews are straight to the point, and he wastes not time nor space in visiting as most of us do. Nebraska, 1924, receives due notice.

M. W. FRANK G. MIRICK, Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM W. COOPER, Grand Secretary.

Oh! speed the moment on
When wrong shall cease,—and
liberty, and love,
And truth, and right, throughout
the earth be known
As in their home above.

—Whittier.

CONNECTICUT.

Hartford.

February 4th, 1925.

137th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Winthrop Buck, Grand Master.

His address of forty-nine pages may be properly termed a report. It seems to be a thorough account of his stewardship with no attempt at oratory or literary digression.

The few inquiries made have in no case evoked a decision, strictly speaking, and he compliments his Craft that they are studying the Grand Lodge regulations and answering their own questions.

The record of official visitations, both within and without the state, together with eight emergent communications, is evidence of whole hearted attendance upon the duties of the office.

The seven pages devoted to Masonic Service Association matters are entirely optimistic and complimentary, and his committee reports in conclusion "that we are making some progress towards the goal of a 'service that educates and an education that serves.'"

Thorough cordiality exists in Eastern Star relationship, and he throws the gauntlet down to all (Pennsylvania especially we surmise) in his emphatic "Let it be understood that in the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut we feel that the Order is a very commendable one and above all suspicion."

His chapter on "Observations and Recommendations" contains, other than domestic matters, observations on the encroachments of the Grand Orient of France concerning Pennsylvania especially, and assuring Pennsylvania of continued support.

He is moved to quote Brother Whited of California as expressing his thought on matters particularly requiring the attention of the Craft in the United States:

First—Masonic education and the desire to furnish to the newly raised Master Mason information and instruction as to the symbolism, the history and ultimate purpose of the fraternity; and

Second—Impressing upon the members of the fraternity that Masonry stands for law and order and that the individual as a Mason and a citizen must live up to this ideal.

The Grand Secretary states that he was enabled to begin mailing the 1924 proceedings May first. He must have struck a snag in 1925, as that copy does not reach us until July 7th. He strongly recommends imposing

a large fine upon the loser of a *ritual, for any cause whatever*. As a means of producing revenue the printed ritual may yet acquire merit, one redeeming feature at least.

A very forceful and wise admonition, one which should be construed literally and govern accordingly, comes from the Committee on Address:

That so much as relates to Masonic education and the duty of every member of the fraternity to stand for law and order be referred to the delegates here present and through them to their respective Lodges.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Venezuela.

Roll-call of Lodges was the *last* order of business preceding closing and prayer. *All* of the 120 Lodges in the Jurisdiction, excepting three previously excused, were found to be (still) represented. O Nebraska, my Nebraska! Your pay-roll committee make their report with reluctance if not guilt. *Let's go.*

M. W. Brother George A. Kies, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master, submits the review as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. 'Tis one of the best we read, with which nosegay Kies will have to be satisfied. He can file it along with his big bouquets. He can also, in his table of statistics, correct the date of Nebraska's Grand Lodge annual to "the first Tuesday after the 2nd day of June." (Please).

My typist says Kies is a poor speller, spells p--rogatives with two rs—she uses only one, and they are both wrong. She says pero—he says perro. Its probably the printer—"inexpedient" is what he rings in on me.

We thank him for inadvertently attributing Tom Penman's slam on our League of Nations Committee to Nevada, and as the writer is Nevada's representative, we must also demand apology and retraction. We imagine Vanderlieth will welcome this opportunity for a "come back," and tell Kies to fasten the fool notions and night shirts where they belong.

Nebraska, 1924, receives adequate mention and space, mostly informative. Some gentle criticism appears towards Brother Ehrhardt's "undue fear" of a trend to centralization through Masonic Service Association and Washington Memorial activity. He is evidently not with Connecticut in all her ways, as he agrees that the Masonic Service Association has yet to demonstrate its reason for existence.

M. W. WALTER T. ARNOLD, Grand Master.

M. W. GEORGE A. KIES, Grand Secretary.

In the long vista of the years to roll,
Let me not see my country's honor fade:
O! let me see our land retain its soul,
Her pride, her freedom, and not freedom's shade.
—Keats.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington.

October 7th, 1925.

120th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Charles D. Bird, Grand Master.

Among the permanent members present we note the names of twenty-three Past Grand Wardens.

The Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and New Jersey are among the distinguished visitors present.

The address of the Grand Master is a short document reviewing essentials only. The Washington Memorial, Masonic Service Association, and DeMolay are covered briefly, all with favorable comment.

He decides (approved by Jurisprudence and Grand Lodge) that the original charter of a lodge must be in the lodge room when lodge is in session. We contend that a certified copy is the safer plan as against conflagration.

Under an amendment to the Code, adopted, one section now reads as follows:

Before the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden or the Junior Warden elect of any Lodge shall be installed, he shall have at some time during the previous twelve months read the Constitution, Code and Standing Resolutions of the Grand Lodge; and the Committee named in section 38 of this article, before issuing its certificate of proficiency shall require such officer to make a declaration that he has complied with this By-Law.

This is an essential matter in the qualification of a Warden, and the instances of its adoption among our jurisdictions are altogether too few.

The following in the report of the Committee on Lodge of Instruction is rather surprising:

There is no standard form of catechism in this Grand Jurisdiction, and owing to the wide variation in method of instructing new candidates we wish to bring the attention of Committee on Work that a standard dialogue be established and instructions in this dialogue be given before the several subordinate lodges during the year.

We are pleased to report that the recommendation was adopted.

We quote the concluding paragraph from the report of the Masonic Service Committee:

Masonic education is needed. The educational matter disseminated by the Association is highly instructive and valuable. But it is of little value unless it can be effectively used. Do the Masons of Delaware want it? If so, then this Grand Lodge must take actions which will bring results.

It voices, we think, the consensus of opinion among those best informed.

M.:W.:Brother Thomas J. Day, for the committee, presents the review of proceedings. Sixty-seven jurisdictions are covered with brief and intelligent comment and quotation. Nebraska, 1925, is honored with liberal quotation from our Grand Master's address.

M.:W.:JAMES P. PIERCE, Grand Master.

R.:W.:JOHN F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.

December 16th, 1925.

115th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother Roe Fulkerson, Grand Master.

From the Grand Master's address we glean that the prime items of interest among them at present are the promotion of the United Masonic Temple project and the development of a better plan of Masonic education. It appears that due progress is being made in both.

The Grand Master has called a halt on promiscuous grants of dispensations so prevalent during the war period, and insists that necessity rather than convenience shall govern. He reports co-operation and a distinct return to orderly procedure.

In matters of jurisdiction, it appears from cases submitted and decided that a petitioner may have a legal residence and be a qualified voter in some state and yet gain a Masonic residence in the District. This seems logical in view of conditions in the District affecting the franchise.

Masonic clubs, in some jurisdictions frowned upon, find here a hearty welcome and the strong approval of this Grand Master. When the occasional objection to them is analyzed, it will be found that the contention is that the name "Masonic" should be confined to Masonry. It would be a charitable concession to those jealous of the name to have the Masonic club and forego the use of the term.

Without inferring in our observations that we discern a "General Grand Lodge" tendency in this jurisdiction, we yet see, as is but natural in the Grand Lodge at the Nation's Capitol, a distinct drift to Federal and National lines of thought and action. It is evidenced somewhat in their unqualified approval of all those activities which strive to gain national recognition and support. If there is not a 100% concurrence in these grand and worthy undertakings, so lavishly planned and with their appeal to sentiment, it may be that the well balanced Mason considers them of doubtful merit.

A rather unique method of promulgating the correct esoteric work, made possible of course by their limited territory, is a school of instruction by the Committee on Work and Lecture, held at the Temple every Saturday night for ten months of the year.

The demands of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home call for a raise in the per capita tax, as statements submitted show a deficit. A motion to increase to \$1.00 was by substitute deferred until the St. John's Day Communication on December 28th, at which meeting it was, on recommendation of a special committee, adopted.

M.:W.:Brother George W. Baird, P.G.M., for the committee, presents the report on correspondence, his twenty-fifth annual. It is one of the most able reviews we read, with free and constructive comment and little quotation. Nebraska, 1925, is reviewed in admirable style.

Speaking of changes in our laws, he comments: "We always shy at changes. What sad results we have suffered from the changes in the nation's constitution!"

He gives the present writer undue praise for his work of a year ago, and says I have picked out the salient points with the tact of a veteran. He must have visited Blarney Castle on one of his many voyages. But, thank you, Admiral.

M.:W.:SYDNEY R. JACOBS, Grand Master.

M.:W.:J. CLAUDE KEIPER, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

Macon.

October 27th, 1925.

139th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother James D. Hamrick, Grand Master.

The printed proceedings is the output of the Masonic Home Print Shop, and is a creditable piece of work.

For the first time in sixty-five years M. W. Brother James W. Taylor, Past Grand Master, fails to respond to roll call. He lies on a bed of sickness and passes to the Great Beyond the following fifteenth of December.

The Grand Master's address covers the usual administrative features incident to the office. He deals with "decisions" in a manner commendable and worth copying, thus:

I have had but few calls on questions that were necessary to be ruled upon. Most of these could have been answered by referring to the Masonic Manual and Code, as they were already covered by the Masonic Law.

However, it was my pleasure to interpret the law on many questions and refer the Lodge to the Section of the Manual and Code covering these questions.

I am submitting to the chairman on Jurisprudence all matters that should be brought to their attention.

There is no good reason why decisions on trivial matters should clutter up the record, especially if not approved by Jurisprudence and Grand Lodge.

He entirely approves and commends the work of Brother Charlie Bass, under whose direction is carried on the "Masonic Welfare" activities. It seems, with them, a very satisfactory method of educational propaganda.

W. Brother Raymund Daniel, Historian and Foreign Correspondent, comes in for a large share of honor where honor is due in the following:

As to Foreign Correspondent it would be time spent uselessly for me to comment on Brother Daniel's efficiency, when it is conceded by all well informed brethren that he is a nugget of gold wrapped in human flesh, whose value we cannot tell with our limited vocabulary. He is a most precious jewel set in the Masonic Brotherhood of Georgia Masonry.

He speaks highly of the possibilities of good to result from the Georgia Masonic Secretaries' Association, after having attended the second annual session. Victoria in Australia is the only other jurisdiction where such an organization has come under our observation.

Smoking in lodge rooms is a subject for his attention. In very plain language he deprecates the practice and recommends enactment of law in prohibition thereof.

The prosperous condition and well administered features of the Masonic Home, accommodating one hundred sixty-nine boys and girls, is largely due to the tireless work and devotion to the cause of the worthy brother, Charles L. Bass, Director of Masonic Welfare.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved all dispensations granted and all decisions made by the Grand Master.

W. Brother Raymund Daniel writes his tenth annual review for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Lest we appear not to be "beside thee in all thy ways, with our blame, with our praise." we forego comment on his introductory chapter on "Applicative Freemasonry."

After his very kind and gracious reception of our somewhat blunt criticism of a year ago, we rather regret we even risked offending so royal a gentleman. Better praise than his for our work we could not desire.

Nebraska, 1925, receives fraternal notice with complimentary quotations from our officers and committees.

M. W. W. S. RICHARDSON, Grand Master.

R. W. FRANK F. BAKER, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

Pocatello.

September 8th, 1925.

58th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Frank Knox, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is concise, dealing with official matters only, with no flights into the poetic. He reports having declined to lay the cornerstone of a new railroad depot.

Twenty-six decisions in answer to queries are submitted, and twenty-four are approved and adopted. One that met with disapproval was his tacit permission for a lodge to convene on Sunday for the installation of officers.

He rules, and the Grand Lodge approves (although the Committee on Jurisprudence does not), that a brother who has not complied with the following by-law shall not be entitled to a transfer (demit):

"That every candidate who receives the degree of Master Mason after October 1, 1923, shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination as to his proficiency therein within six months after the date of receiving said degree, and upon his failure to do so, he shall be automatically denied the right of lodge attendance until such examination is passed; *Provided, however*, that the Master may authorize his posting and examination after such date."

The following (approved) shows a remarkable deviation from accustomed procedure—most jurisdictions, whether right or wrong, treat an objection as sacredly as a black ball:

Ques. A petition is received by the Lodge, a committee appointed, and prior to the report of the committee an objection to the petitioner is filed with the Worshipful Master.

(a) Does the objection stop any further consideration of the petition?

(b) Is the committee required to complete its report as though no objection had been made?

Ans. Such objection to the Worshipful Master does not stop further consideration of the petition. It should properly be made to the committee and the committee should fully investigate. The committee must complete its report, and whether a favorable or unfavorable report is brought in the ballot on the petition must be spread.

And another that seems strange to us—Entered Apprentices may not be allowed the use of the Monitor to learn the lecture of the degree on the Apron and Working Tools.

He is moved to rule that a lodge may neither institute nor sponsor a chapter of DeMolay, and quotes Minnesota, 1924, in argument and confirmation.

The Grand Secretary is chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education. Although the activity in this line has not been extensive, the report shows great good accomplished whenever the program has been effected. No cost has attended its operation. They ask for an appropriation of \$200, to be expended on the approval of the Grand Master, and get it.

The review of foreign proceedings is by M. W. Brother John W. Shore, and we quote an observation from his opening remarks:

Throughout the jurisdictions there is a much more optimistic tone prevalent than in the reports of a year ago with regard to the affairs of the fraternity. The abnormal rush of applicants for the degrees has ceased, and the influx has steadied to proportions which indicate healthy growth. The diminution in new applications is everywhere a source of satisfaction to those who voice

the sentiments of the craft. The new material is being assimilated satisfactorily, and, with but few exceptions to prove the rule, is operating for and toward a perpetuation of true Masonic principles.

Nebraska, 1924, receives fraternal attention to the extent of five pages, principally complimentary quotation.

M. W. WILL H. GIBSON, Grand Master.

R. W. CURTIS F. PIKE, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago.

October 13th, 1925.

86th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Richard C. Davenport, Grand Master.

The following lines aptly preface the opening remarks of the Grand Master:

" Give to me, O God, the power to serve
My fellows and my age—the power to live—
The power to work—co-laborer with Thee!
And give me that honest pride which scorns
To take more than my honest share—the pride
To give my fellow man more than his due."

Another phase of that splendid passage by Francis Bacon on the "Power to do Good."

The Grand Master makes the text of his report brief and covers essentials only in well chosen words. He congratulates the craft on the generally good conditions, and notes a flourishing aspect in the number of new temples built and an eight thousand gain in membership.

Only one case of discipline has come to his notice for action; a remarkable record in so large a jurisdiction.

A recommendation worth considering, although a departure from usual jurisprudence, is that a brother is automatically suspended for non-payment of dues who fails to respond to a final notice. It would teach the brethren to keep the secretary posted on change in address, and it would go far to eradicate the delinquency evil.

On election of officers the Grand Master is given a second term.

A report on the Masonic Home gives evidence of a most gratifying condition and efficient administration.

The subject of the grand oration by R. W. Brother Charles S. Deneen is "The Reign of Law." We quote his opening paragraph:

A noted writer has observed that the greatest thing about a man is his philosophy of life; likewise, it may be said, that the greatest thing about a nation is its working philosophy of conduct. By this, the great nations of the past may be tested—the Jew by his religion, the Greek by his art and literature, and the Roman by his development of law and vast colonial expansion.

We observe no note of compromise and there is little to gratify the pessimist. It may be summarized in these words—Masons! stand by! stand up! fight!

In the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence (adopted) it is declared that the organization "United Low Twelve Clubs, Inc." is a clear violation of both the letter and spirit of the Code, and the Grand Lodge should place the stamp of its disapproval upon the enterprise.

M. W. Brother Elmer E. Beach, P. G. M., again reports for the committee in his usually efficient style. Nebraska, 1924, is reviewed briefly on essential points. Opinions and comments are almost entirely suppressed, and quotations well chosen.

M. W. RICHARD C. DAVENPORT, Grand Master.

M. W. OWEN SCOTT, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis.

May 26th, 1925.

108th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother J. Lee Dinwiddie, Grand Master.

Following the custom of recent years, there was an open meeting in the Grand Lodge Auditorium from nine to ten o'clock on the opening day. The Boys' Band of the Masonic Home furnished the music. Brother Robert C. Baltzell, Judge of the Federal Court, addressed the meeting on loyalty to the constitution. Mrs. Nettie Ransford, of the Order of the Eastern Star, presented a bouquet and made verbal application for initiation.

M. W. Brother Omar B. Smith, P. G. M., is in attendance at the communication, representing Nebraska.

M. W. Brother Frank E. Gavin, P. G. M., chairman, and eight associate members constitute the Pay-roll Committee.

The Grand Master's address occupies seventy-seven pages of the proceedings. From his reports of official acts, decisions, resume of grievances, and like matters, we would observe that it would all indicate a remarkably busy year on his part.

As an exception to the rule that no Masonic function, except funerals, may be held on Sunday, he gives the following decision:

It is therefore my opinion that it will not be in violation of any Masonic Law, or the spirit thereof, or Masonic principle, for a Masonic Lodge to hold suitable memorial services in its Lodge room, for those who have died within the last year prior thereto.

Therefore, believing such services to be for the good of Masonry, and not in violation of any Masonic Law or principle, as the Grand Master of Masons of Indiana, I grant to any Masonic Lodge desiring so to do, the privilege to hold proper memorial services for those members who have died within the last year, in their Lodge hall on Sunday.

And a very sensible decision, we term it.

Grand Lodge approves after Committee on Jurisprudence adds the words: "Provided, That such memorial services be held without opening the Lodge."

Concerning pall bearers, he is asked and replies:

In case of a Masonic funeral, when the family of a deceased brother requests that two or three intimate personal friends of the deceased, or the family, serve as pall bearers, is it within the power of the Master to grant such a request, when these persons are not Masons?

I answered as follows: Concerning pall bearers at the funeral of a Master Mason, conducted by a Masonic Lodge, permit me to say that the active pall bearers at a Masonic funeral must be Master Masons. See proceedings of Grand Lodge of 1897, pages 27, 28 and 32.

To say the least, if construed literally, this is not sensible law, or charitable or considerate to the family of the deceased brother or to his own expressed wish. We are moved to observe that Nebraska's law reconciles the presence

of active pall bearers who are not Masons at a Masonic funeral, and we quote the paragraph that applies from Section 77—"Pall bearers who are not Master Masons should not have a place in the part of the procession formed by the Lodge of Freemasons. None but Master Masons should be in line between the Tyler and the Master."

Answering the query as to regulation of elapsed time before petitioning for subsequent degrees, he says:

I answered that the Grand Lodge of Indiana has taken no action on this subject. I cannot see how a Grand Lodge could pass a law preventing a Master Mason from doing anything as long as he conducted himself as a man and a Mason. I think a Grand Lodge would have as much right to say that a newly made Master Mason could not join a church for one year after he was raised, as to say he could not petition for membership in the Royal Arch or Scottish Rite Bodies. I can not see how a Grand Lodge can assume control of a Master Mason, except as to his general behavior.

Committee on Jurisprudence approved, and Grand Lodge adopted above

Unless the visiting Lodge conformed to our own work and ritual, the following would not be permitted in Nebraska:

I granted permission to this Lodge to invite a Lodge from Louisville, Kentucky, to visit their Lodge and confer the Master Mason degree in their Lodge room.

Exercising his authority, the Grand Master "suspended the functions" of eight Lodges for periods of thirty or sixty days "for insubordination," two Lodges for inproficiency, and placed three on probation.

The opinions or decisions of the Grand Master are generally well supported by the Committee on Jurisprudence. The matter is all of interest, but we refrain from reporting in full. We may safely commend the original text to our readers interested in Masonic jurisprudence.

M. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay, P. G. M., presents his twelfth annual review. It is prefaced with statistical tables of Lodges and members of the United States of America and of Canada. His quotations are many—his comments are few.

Nebraska, 1924, receives fraternal notice, with his principal quotation from Uncle Bob's report.

M. W. ALBERT W. FUNKHOUSER, Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM H. SWINTZ, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Davenport.

June 9th, 1925.

82nd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Ernest R. Moore, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address touches on essentials only, with reports of official acts.

The Masonic Service Association is the subject of his principal chapter and he reviews it shortly but thoroughly. His recommendation is for termination of membership unless administration defects are corrected.

He praises the work of the Masonic Service Committee in Iowa, and urges expansion of the good work already accomplished.

The continuance of exchange of representatives with Canadian and British Grand Lodges is recommended.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Charles C. Hunt, who is also Grand Librarian, makes a full and excellent report, with praise and credit to Newton R. Parvin, deceased, whom he succeeds.

The Grand Lodge library with its added features is a truly remarkable institution, probably, in its class, not excelled in the world. Were it not that its fame has reached so far, we would be reluctant to leave the subject with this meager praise.

As fairly defining Iowa's attitude on recognition of other jurisdictions, we quote the following from the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Recognition:

To determine just what Grand Lodge organization is legitimate and what is not is a very perplexing question. There are approximately 140 Grand Lodge Jurisdictions in the world, of which about sixty are in North America, and that of the 140, all but about twenty-five trace their lineage either directly or indirectly from the Mother Grand Lodge of England, which was established in 1717. Their legitimacy is never challenged and is recognized throughout the Masonic world as regular.

This Grand Body has never gone to the extent of saying that Grand Bodies who do not trace their lineage to the Mother Grand Lodge of England should not be recognized by us, but do feel in substance that Grand Lodge authority and legitimacy should be derived from the action of subordinate Lodges and that the legitimacy of a subordinate Lodge should depend upon its being able to trace its title from the parent Grand Body of England.

The Grand Body known as the "Grand Orient of France," has in the past year invaded the jurisdictional rights of several Grand Bodies of the United States and this Committee feels that this Grand Body should sever our fraternal relations with said Grand Orient until such time as this matter is adjusted to the satisfaction of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The requirement of pedigree showing England the Mother is one of the best determining facts.

Louis Block, P.G.M., again supplies the Report on Foreign Correspondence. We find it difficult to quote from his excellent "Foreword" on "The Design of the Masonic Institution" without quoting it in full, which it well deserves. M. W. Brother Block will, we know, be content with this expression of our kind regard. He is the recipient of so many elegant bouquets from the esteemed elect, we hesitate to offer more than this our meager flower.

He has our thanks for the six pages given Nebraska, 1924, containing liberal quotations from Past Grand Master Chappell, from our Uncle Bob French, and from Brother Ehrhardt, all with complimentary comment. Of Uncle Bob he says:

Uncle Bob, being an ancient iron-worker, knows well how to strike telling hammer blows and make the metal ring in response, whenever he deals with vital Masonic subjects.

Our Grand Chaplain Shepherd and Brother John R. Webster are also accorded fraternal notice, with especial praise for Brother Shepherd's expression of Masonry's undying faith in the soul's immortality, taken from the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

M. W. THOMAS W. WELLINGTON, Grand Master.

R. W. CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Secretary.

IRELAND.

St. John's Day Communication.

Dublin.

December 28th, 1925.

200th Year.

M.:W.:Brother, The Earl of Donoughmore, Grand Master.

R.:W.:Brother, Colonel Claude Cane, Deputy Grand Master.

The latter addresses the Grand Lodge in fitting speech and voices congratulations to the Craft on the happy culmination in the recent Bi-Centenary celebration (June 4th, 1925), of the several years of storm and stress.

In connection with the foregoing we are in receipt of a letter from our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Ireland, R.:W.:Brother Col. King Harman, accompanied by booklets of the Thanksgiving Service and the Bi-Centenary Festival Banquet on that occasion, and we take this opportunity to return sincere thanks for same. They contain the story of the past two hundred years of Irish Masonry.

The Deputy Grand Master's chapter on "Masonry in Ireland" we quote in full for the merit therein contained:

Masonry generally has been anything but at a standstill in Ireland. It has been progressing not perhaps by the same leaps and bounds that it did for the few years after the war, but steadily and in the very best possible way. I really think that what I may call the hostile element in this country of ours is having its hostility considerably modified, if not weakened. I think there is a kindlier feeling over the whole of Ireland than there ever has been before, and I think that these Bi-Centenary Celebrations of ours have had a good deal to say to that. For instance, you heard *ad nauseam* the charges brought against us of irreligion and of a wish to subvert the powers that be. Now who, whether he agreed with us or not, could see that magnificent service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, where some 3,000 Masons gathered together to do homage to and to give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, and say we were irreligious? Who could see that representative gathering of men and statesmen who assembled on that occasion and say we were out to subvert the order of society? It is ridiculous, and I think that has been felt by, at any rate, the men of any weight in this new State of ours. I think that they see that Freemasonry is an asset to any State, instead of its being a danger or a disadvantage. A Society like ours, based on the principles of loyalty to God and to the State, is the very greatest asset which any State can have within its borders. We do not interfere in politics, but we are the strongest supporters of the State, and it is our bounden duty as Masons to support law and order as against anarchy and confusion. That is one of the first principles of Masonry, and any State possessing a strong Grand Lodge has, as I said, a most valuable asset within its borders.

His report on their Benevolent Institutions denotes a happy and prosperous condition.

Much of the published matter is occupied with the reports of the Provincial Grand Masters of the fifteen Provincial Grand Lodges; the subject matter is almost wholly domestic and furnishes little material to the reviewer. Enough is given us, however, to warrant the statement that Ireland has, in many ways, the most wonderful Grand Lodge in the world. Long may she live and prosper.

R.:W.:HENRY C. SHELLARD, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Topeka.

February 24th, 1926.

70th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Charles A. Loucks, Grand Master.

In his address he reports on "Standards" that objectionable features in connection with the esoteric work have been eliminated and the rather serious situation smoothed over, and this apparently without recourse to discipline.

As to the prevalence of promiscuous Lodge entertainments of a light and frivolous nature, he remarks that "Such entertainments cheapen the dignity of the Fraternity, and in my opinion, should be discouraged." He further comments:

It is my firm conviction that a fraternity of the antiquity and worth of ours will best serve communities, the state, the world, by refraining from the association with any enterprises, however excellent these may be, other than such as may properly be related to it and which, by association, will further commend Masonry to people everywhere.

From his address and report we opine that he has been a competent and conscientious Grand Master with duties well performed.

The report of the Grand Secretary is of more than the usual length and breadth. He covers very thoroughly subjects which are within his particular province, and in many respects clarifies matters for the Grand Lodge and for the brethren. Again, we pronounce him a "Splendid official."

To deliver the grand oration, the Grand Master introduced Brother Charles G. Dunlap, of the University of Kansas, who entertained the brethren with a very able address on Masonry in its many phases. Alluding to the incentive to progress and culture Masonry offers its votaries, he says this in part:

This means that Masonry has a supreme belief in education. This is one of its finest claims. It urges men to read, to learn something of the wonderful heritage of thoughts and ideas which have come down to us from the past. If we are progressive, we must be readers. History, literature, poetry, essays, fiction, art, science, the surprising growth and development of our complex modern life, these may be ours if we are progressive, in the truest way, and upholders of the highest Masonic ideals. In other words, Masonry would urge its adherents to make the most of this interesting world by learning its resources that we may add to the joy of living, and gain the unqualified pleasure which comes from knowing the best which has been said and done in the world. Masonry would have its followers to be men of enlightenment, who take advantage of the wonderful resources of modern times for the expansion and dissemination of knowledge.

There is more that deserves quoting.

A special committee, appointed at the last Annual, among other matters referred as follows to their report on physical qualifications:

We hold that it is not within the power or jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or any other Masonic Body to make changes or introduce innovations in the Landmarks of Masonry. The physical qualifications of a candidate for the Mysteries of Masonry is not a subject of legislation. We therefore recommend that no further consideration be given the matter.

If construed literally in this jurisdiction, we can see wherein they are in a class by themselves.

Kansas is divided into seventy-five Masonic districts, under the supervision of as many District Deputy Grand Masters. We observe no evidence of dissatisfaction for the plan.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Albert K. Wilson, who is also chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, writes the report and review of sister jurisdictions, among them Nebraska for 1925.

We certainly appreciate his kindly feeling for our retiring Grand Secretary, whom we hold in high regard. He has our thanks for complimentary reference to our work.

M. W. JOHN W. NEILSON, Grand Master.

R. W. ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville.

October 20th, 1925.

125th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Hugh M. Grundy, Grand Master.

From the Grand Master's address we gather that Kentucky Masonry has met with but little to disturb a peaceful progress. Both their Home institutions appear to be conducted efficiently, and the pride in them shown is justified. It is claimed for the Widows and Orphans' Home, built in 1869, that it is the first of its kind in the world.

The Eastern Star and DeMolay are both fully endorsed and commended.

In his only decision reported in the address, the Grand Master holds in the matter of a Grand Lodge assessment on the Lodges of \$20.00 per member, that the Lodges may by resolution assess their members. It would seem that, unless the amount was regularly assessed as dues, it would not come under the suspension feature of enforcement.

It is reported that the Lodges are largely remiss in the matter of enforcing discipline for infractions of the prohibitory law, as required by resolution adopted in 1924.

A happy occasion recorded is the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. This is a million dollar project and it appears that Kentucky Masons will see it through. The plans provide for twelve principal buildings and seven dormitories.

M. W. Brother William W. Clarke, P.G.M., correspondent, writes the review of Grand Lodges. He comments briefly and quotes extensively. Nebraska is omitted.

M. W. G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Grand Master.

R. W. FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans.

February 1st, 1926.

115th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Haney B. Conner, Grand Master.

He has occasion to refuse applications for dispensations for three new Lodges, holding that the proposed new Lodges would tend to weaken both the old and the new.

The Grand Master is called on for eighty-eight rulings and decisions, to set forth which requires thirty-four pages of the record. Many of them are on physical requirements; others merely cite and clarify the law.

He deprecates that charity is stretched to the breaking point in the neglect of Lodges to properly discipline offenders, and comments as follows:

I am more than ever convinced that the laxity of Masonic Lodges with law violators not only forms an injury to Freemasonry in the estimation of Masons and profanes, but is also an injury to society in condoning and failing to punish the offenders.

On June 24th, 1925, the new Home for Orphans at Alexandria was dedicated, and Louisiana thus begins a real charitable work.

The Grand Master, supported by precedent in Louisiana, approves the Masonic club idea. He openly condemns the use of the word "Masonic" in connection with advertising a Shrine-Grotto circus, and issues orders accordingly.

Although Louisiana has no law imposing elapsed time before application for the so-called "higher degrees," his opinion is that those of these Masonic bodies should not be permitted to solicit applications from a Master Mason until six months have elapsed; but remarks that voluntary application is desirable much sooner.

Under the "Right of Objection," the Grand Master states:

Our law is clear that no Mason can permanently stop an E. A. or F. C. by an objection, but that charges must be preferred and a trial had before he can be permanently stopped.

There are many Masonic jurists who will agree that the right of objection should be curtailed.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances have thirty-one cases under consideration, many of them for infraction of the prohibition law. In most all cases the report is adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence disapproves (and the Grand Lodge concurs in the report) the recommendation of the Grand Master for religious instruction in the public schools. The committee pertinently inquires: "What religion will you teach is the vital question?"

We note the death of Adolph G. Ricks, Grand Treasurer, who has been Nebraska's representative.

R. W. Brother John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary and chairman of the committee, presents the review on Foreign Correspondence. He confines the review to information and quotation, desisting entirely from comment. Nebraska, 1925, receives fraternal notice.

M. W. J. PAUL HALLER, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE.

Portland.

May 5th, 1925.

106th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother David E. Moulton, Grand Master.

Nebraska's seat among the representatives of other Grand Lodges is vacant, R. W. Brother Charles M. Farrar having died August 22d, 1924.

The opening prayer is by Rev. Ashley A. Smith, D.D., who officiates as one of their numerous Grand Chaplains as well as Maine's representative at the round table.

The Grand Master's address is short but sufficient, with no attempt at flight into literary realms. We quote the following extract as a matter of general interest, and also to manifest the pride of one native son in one's native state:

In 1883, M. W. Marquis F. King, then Grand Master, took pride in stating that Maine with its 19,466 Master Masons stood first in all the jurisdictions of the world in the proportion of Masons to population. At that time three per cent of the population in Maine were Master Masons. Nevada stood second with two and five-tenths per cent. Vermont, third with two and one-half per cent, Connecticut, fourth with two and three-quarters per cent, and New Hampshire, fifth with two and one-quarter per cent. Today with our 42,981 Masons in a population of 768,000 we have a percentage of five and six-tenths per cent, and still hold the proud position of first in this country and probably in the world. Vermont comes second with a percentage of five and two-tenths per cent, and the District of Columbia third with four and eight-tenths per cent, New Hampshire fourth with three and four-tenths per cent, while Nevada, originally second in percentage, is now fifth with three and ninety-eight hundredths per cent.

To gain and hold for more than forty years the distinction of having the highest percentage of Masons to population of all the jurisdictions in the world is a source of satisfaction to this Grand Lodge. It has even greater interest in connection with the history and traditions of our people. Such a percentage of Masons should have had, and undoubtedly has had, great influence in shaping the character of our citizenship. Men from Maine have always been noted for their ability, integrity, sobriety, strength of character, and general reliability. To hail from the State of Maine is a recommendation in itself. No small part of this well deserved reputation has been due to the influence and teachings, the precept and example of the many Master Masons in our state. From their ranks have come the greatest and noblest of our leaders from the day of our first Governor and Grand Master William King, down to our dearly beloved and esteemed M. W. Brother, Justice Albert M. Spear. Masonry in Maine has reason to be proud not only of its total membership, but of the truly Masonic lives and influence of the Craft.

Maine may well be accorded prestige in matters of Masonic jurisprudence. The sound counsel emanating from men like Josiah H. Drummond and Albro E. Chase will ever shine through Masonic annals with a brilliance not obscured. We therefore do not hesitate to quote this section from Brother Moulton's decisions as clarifying a mooted question, although he says that nothing worthy of being classed as a decision has been passed upon by him:

As to the propriety of a Lodge attending as such, the funeral service of a Brother where no Masonic services were performed, I decided that such action is not in accordance with Masonic usage. That while the provisions of the constitution as to public processions, if standing alone, would seem to permit a lodge to attend the funeral service of a Brother even though the Lodge did not perform the burial service, decisions heretofore approved by the Grand Lodge, seem to render such action improper, namely:

"It is contrary to the usages of the order and improper for the Fraternity to take part in their Masonic character in any public demonstration except to perform some Masonic labor." 1865, P. 117.

"It is not proper for a Lodge to appear as such in Masonic clothing at the funeral service of a deceased Brother whose body is not present." 1855, P. 148.

"It is not proper for a Lodge to appear as such at a public memorial service for a deceased Brother after the funeral and burial." 1915, P. 190.

It seems therefore to be contrary to the spirit, if not indeed to the letter of Masonic law, for a Masonic Lodge to attend as such the funeral of a Brother unless it conducts the burial service, in other words, "performs Masonic labor."

Here is some straight and wise comment from his chapter on "Dispensations:":

Article VI. of the Constitution was amended last year and fourteen days must now elapse between conferring degrees except that the Grand Master on being satisfied of the necessity therefor may issue a dispensation to permit degrees to be conferred in less than the required time. I have construed "necessity" in this case to mean what it says and have refused dispensations for the accommodation of Lodges or candidates except in cases where it was obviously impossible to confer the degrees in regular order.

No mere inconvenience to the candidate or even his temporary absence from the jurisdiction has seemed to warrant a dispensation. A reasonable regard for the dignity and prestige of the Order requires that candidates conform to its laws and regulations. To lightly set them aside for the convenience of individuals, however worthy, is unmasonic, savors of favoritism and cannot fail to belittle the institution in the eyes of the candidate himself.

Admitting that Maine is not doing as much charitable work as other jurisdictions, he discourses as follows—it emphasizes the prudence and economy so characteristic of the "down easter," and wisely takes into account the home-loving feature inherent in the New Englander, more common perhaps than in jurisdictions further west:

While the responsibility of our fraternity in dispensing charity is individual, and should be kept so and never entirely transferred to the Lodges or the Grand Lodge, it is difficult to adjust ancient usages to modern conditions. There has been a vast change since the days when our Lodges were small, the members closely in touch with each other, and Masonic relief easily given by Brother to Brother. Today with many Lodges counting their membership by hundreds, the calls for assistance have proportionally increased with no adequate means of distributing the burden. The faithful few attending the meetings should not be expected to bear the entire expense. The alternative seems to be to provide a fund to which all should contribute and from which the needy may secure assistance under proper conditions. It does not follow that this assistance need be, or can best be afforded, by the establishment of Masonic Homes. In fact there is grave question if Masonic relief cannot be more graciously and efficiently extended by assisting in maintaining the needy in their own homes. Many worthy cases are partially self-supporting, and much prefer assistance at home rather than to be a charge upon the Fraternity in any institution, however cordial their welcome thereto.

An interesting comparison of the cost of assistance rendered in this manner, with the expense of maintaining a Masonic Home is found in the report of one of the larger jurisdictions where one hundred and eighty persons were assisted in their own homes among friends and neighbors at an expense of \$100 per year per person, while it cost the same jurisdiction over \$500 per year for each person maintained in its Masonic Home, and these figures made no allowance whatever for the original cost of the home.

Believing that some plan is imperative for increasing the funds available for charitable work in our state, I recommend that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and report at our next communication.

We predict, however, that Maine will come to it and some day adopt the institutional method now well nigh universal, although we bid them God speed on the plan he contemplates and supports.

With no attempt at literary flight, he yet voices in convincing language that which we Masons love to read and which is to us purposeful literary effort of the highest order. He implies necessity for "power to do good," and Francis Bacon said: "Power to do good is the true and lawful end of aspiring; for good thoughts, though God accept them, yet towards men are little better than good dreams unless they be put in act."

Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Past Grand Master, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents the report on foreign relations and writes the review of Sister Grand Lodges.

The plea of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico for recognition was indefinitely postponed on his recommendation. Mexico is largely a question of the point of view. This writer gave reluctant consent to the recognition of the York Grand Lodge in order that apparent unanimity in our committee might be preserved. While convinced that the York Grand Lodge traces its title clear to legitimacy and conforms to our requirements of Masonic standing, it seems an indelicate matter to encroach upon a country having Spanish as official language with an English speaking Grand Lodge. In our opinion it does not just conform to the law of comity. For perhaps far better reasons, having in mind laxity in racial membership requirements and past record of political ulterior motives, we would withhold recognition from other principal bodies there. Brother Smith's argument, perhaps well supported by Biblical quotation, and principally shying at a choice because of a divided house, is with us beside the question. Our reading of the correspondence leads us to believe that their differences do not reach to hatred or even animosity. It is merely that united under one roof they are not congenial and it has been somewhat a matter of agreeing to disagree, and the matter of pleas for recognition governed by a just pride in prestige. We would rather see them divided as they are, and believe that more good can be accomplished so, than to see reconciliation attempted in a doubtful melting pot status.

A feature of the communication was the reception, as a special guest, of the Grand Master of Virginia, M. W. Brother Charles H. Callahan.

By resolution, adopted, Maine withdraws from the Masonic Service Association.

The review of Nebraska (1924) is highly complimentary to all our official family. It shows that our proceedings have held his interest throughout, as all the high spots are covered with care and intelligence. Hope to meet you some day, Brother Smith.

M. W. DAVID E. MOULTON, Grand Master.

R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary.

Life is joy, and love is power,
 Death all fetters doth unbind;
 Strength and wisdom only flower
 When we toil for all our kind.

—Lowell.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore.

November 17th, 1925.

139th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Warren S. Seipp, Grand Master.

The Semi-Annual Communication is held in May. The Grand Master reports the preliminary financial aspect of their future Masonic Home as encouraging—thus they fall in line on institutional relief. The committees on Grievances and on Dispensations and Charters report nothing to do.

The Grand Lodge of the Netherlands was recognized and York Grand Lodge of Mexico postponed without prejudice.

At the Annual, on recommendation of the Grand Master, Maryland voted to withdraw from the Masonic Service Association.

The minutes disclose little for review on matters of law and practically no new legislation.

The Report on Correspondence is by Rev. Brother Henry Branch, P.S.G.W., chairman. Nebraska, 1924, is given fraternal notice and kindly comment.

M. W. WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE COOK, Grand Secretary.

MEXICO.

York Grand Lodge.

Tampico.

April 9th, 1925.

65th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Marcus A. Loevy, Grand Master.

Commenting on the condition of Masonry in Europe observed in a recent visit, he despairs of finding more Masonic light in Germany on account of the hostile and unforgiving attitude displayed by German Masons towards what she is pleased to consider her enemy countries. In France, he finds what he terms an almost incredible state of affairs in their conception of the tenets and principles of Masonry, displayed in their presumptive questioning of the candidate on his most intimate and private opinions. He further brands it a farce and a profanation, and if we should quote all that he quotes from the copy of their ritual, you, dear reader, would characterize it in stronger terms.

There is more or less truth in his dissertation following:

All the Grand Jurisdictions now know that although they are sovereign and independent, yet they are also interdependent one with another. The exchanging of Representatives; the revision and observations on Fraternal Correspondence; the conferring of degrees one for the other; the acceptance of demits and certificates of membership; the relief given to worthy Brothers in distress; membership in the Masonic Relief Association; the universal acceptance of the observance and adherence to the Ancient Landmarks and customs of the Craft; are gradually bringing about a certain standard which unwritten is accepted as the Law.

This means a Democracy of Freemasonry.

We are demanding quality today in place of quantity.

Some steps have been taken towards a Masonic education program; but the committee reports no wonderful progress.

From the report of one of the District Deputy Grand Masters, we cull the following as indicating local relations:

There is a Mexican Lodge here working under the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico which has a large membership and, I am told, is working carefully and with attention to form and ritual. They are, however, like all Mexican Lodges, considerably tangled up in the politics of the State and our members have refrained from visiting them although often invited.

We find a liberal sprinkling of Spanish names among the membership in some of the districts and in other districts hardly any. We infer that in the cosmopolitan areas the material is sufficient without encouraging the native element.

It appears that there has been a net loss in membership for the year, principally through nonpayment of dues.

In Past Grand Master Sidney Ulfelder, who holds the office of Grand Lecturer, they have a forceful character of whom they may well be proud. He has been one of the shining lights who has guided this Grand Lodge into the paths of peace and truth. The following from his address we quote as coming from a man of eminence in the fraternity:

In my travels through the United States and Europe, one can but note the change in Masonry with the change in environment. In England Masonry still holds strictly to its customs, forms and usages as of old. The English Masonic student frowns upon the saddling of symbolic Masonry with the so-called higher degrees, thereby diverting the newly made Master Mason from the study, contemplation and proper digestion of the lessons in the first three degrees. Only the Chapter and Royal Arch come into a proper and just appreciation as the finishing touch to their Masonic career. All the rest is "bunk," as the Americans say. Can we properly understand the significance of Prof. Einstein's theory of relativity until we have grasped a complete knowledge of mathematics. Why bewilder us with more signs, grips, words and ceremonies until we have grasped a proper understanding of the three symbolic degrees? Why burden the temple with unnecessary ornamentation when it is a beautiful architectural structure as it now stands? Why tarnish it with its shrines, grottos and other blatant orders? They only distract the newly made Master Mason from a careful contemplation of the heartfelt lessons inculcated and a proper appreciation of the principles which he should apply in his daily walk through life. I bring this to your careful consideration because, day by day, it is becoming more apparent that real Masonry has suffered, not gained, by these additional degrees. Peace on earth, good will toward all men, the doctrine of love as against hate cannot be better expounded to-day than by Christ's sermon on the mount spoken centuries ago. The ten commandments which Moses gave the people of Israel are as true to-day as they were then and his efforts to lead them to believe in a One and only true God cannot be improved on. Why this rush to the shrine? Why this furore to wear a charm? Are they better men or Masons after they have it? No Brothers. Let us stop, look, listen, reflect, let us not only learn as we go, but remember what we have learned.

And there is more that is good.

A very able little review of a number of Sister Grand Lodges is presented (unsigned).

To those interested in the Mexican situation we commend a perusal of their review of New Mexico, one of the two American Grand Lodges that recognize the "Valle de Mexico." It is ably and forcefully written, and certainly credible; but too long to quote.

In this, our initial review of this Grand Lodge recently recognized by us, we take this opportunity of extending them a fraternal welcome and wishing them a happy future.

M. W. JOHN I. NEWELL, Grand Master.

R. W. C. I. ARNOLD, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Saint Paul.

January 21st, 1925.

72nd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother James D. Markham, Grand Master.

Five Past Grand Masters comprise a committee on "Ancient Landmarks." We wonder if their sittings are harmonious and in what way they function.

The Grand Master, in the introduction to his address, has occasion to remark upon the ills, incident to home and country, arising from negligence in the exercise of the franchise, particularly among men voters. He very justly admonishes his listeners:

We should awaken each other to our true responsibility in this regard, else some day we may find ourselves awakened by a more serious situation.

The address as a whole seems a careful review of domestic affairs ably handled. He makes what must be a very gratifying report on progress and construction of their new Masonic Home, situated on a fine farm of two hundred seventy acres within easy driving distance of the Twin Cities. The site was a gift to the Grand Lodge from the united lodges of Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother John Fishel, makes his eighteenth annual report as such. It is entirely a business document.

An example of real fraternal service in which they take a pardonable pride is the work of the Committee on Fraternal Work at Rochester. The service, both in extent and variety, extended to sojourners there is truly remarkable and commendable.

The report of the chairman on the George Washington Memorial shows contributions for the year of \$1,464.00, and previously reported \$19,590.00.

On the committee report the Grand Lodge sustained the action of the Grand Master in withdrawing from the Masonic Service Association, but continued the committee. Failure to organize and follow up the association program is responsible for this action, rather than a denial of benefits to be derived.

The grand oration is by W. Brother Charles H. Mayo. It is largely a scientific discourse on disease, in language fitted to the layman. It is also spiced with humor.

M. W. Brother Edmund A. Montgomery writes the review of Grand Lodge proceedings. Nebraska, 1924, is generously covered and quoted freely.

M. W. HAYDEN FRENCH, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Saint Paul.

January 20th, 1926.

73d Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Hayden French, Grand Master.

He makes his address brief and covers in few words the different subjects he has to report and present.

The continuance of the fraternal work at Rochester is heartily recommended.

We quote the following decision in answer to the query "Should a Lodge enter a resolution on its minutes requiring its members to attend church as a Lodge, annually or otherwise?" as showing Minnesota's attitude on this subject:

Attend church, if you wish to do so, as individuals, not as Masons. Form no procession; wear no regalia; observe due decorum; do not seek to attract attention; don't advertise.

Some of our Canadian and British brethren will consider this rather strange.

Only fair progress is reported in their new Masonic Home building plan. This is partly accounted for by the fact of their depending on voluntary contributions, and of course, for that reason, in a measure disappointing.

On the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, a new penal code is adopted by Grand Lodge.

The following are extracts from the adopted report of the Committee on Masonic Service Association:

We further report that to the best of our knowledge and belief the condition and status of the Masonic Service Association is now such that our Grand Jurisdiction should look forward to renewing its membership in the Association.

We further believe that it would be useless to renew our membership until such time as it is apparent that this Grand Jurisdiction is prepared to carry on the work of the Association and properly function under its plan and supervision.

To this end your Committee recommend that the Committee be continued with instructions to thoroughly go over this entire matter and formulate some plan and so report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Brother Edmund A. Montgomery, chairman of the committee. Nebraska, 1925, is given fraternal notice with liberal quotation.

M. W. ALBERT F. PRAY, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson.

February 24th, 1925.

107th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother George D. Riley, Grand Master.

With M. W. Brother George B. Power as Master of Ceremonies, the opening of Grand Lodge is preceded by a rather elaborate program. Beginning with invocation, this includes an address of welcome, address by Brother Whitfield, Governor of the State, and response for the Grand Lodge

by M. W. Brother Yawn, address by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and response; all reflecting characteristic southern oratory with bright sparks of humor, and interspersed with music.

The address of the Grand Master is a very able document and reviews thoroughly the features of the year in pleasing style, and contains much gentle admonition and instruction for the benefit of the craft.

He condemns lotteries and the chain letter evil. He admits a change of heart towards the Masonic Service Association, and now thoroughly approves of its aims and objects and recommends continuance of membership.

From his conclusion we quote as follows:

You have held high our principles and by precept and example taught faith in God, hope in immortality and charity toward all mankind. The past eloquently tells the present that all that now is, exists because every man in his own time and place did nobly his part. Let me beg of you, Brethren, that you carry out the Grand Commission of the Supreme Grand Master which expires only when the harvest of plenty fills all the granaries of want and the sullen sea of trouble shall cast its last wave on life's great shore.

The Grand Lecturer makes a formal report on lodge conditions in condensed form, and invokes the effort of the individual Mason to the end that the reputation of the Grand Lodge be preserved.

The Grand Secretary in his report is pleased to observe that ALL lodges have made their annual returns and paid their dues, a condition never before the case in the history of the Grand Lodge.

Under a provision of law, with certain technical requirements, queries from lodges may be submitted to the Law Committee, and the Grand Master has occasion to make but few decisions.

The report of this committee is rather extensive with no important items of general interest. Its principal function is to furnish clarity to the law.

Masonic Home matters indicate extensive activity and seem to be well superintended and administered. A farm is in connection with a large variety of agricultural features.

The night session of February twenty-fourth is devoted to the reception of distinguished visitors, with admirable short speeches and responses, and the election of officers.

The Grand Master relates how he was once introduced in a negro church in a Red Cross campaign—the preacher said:

Brethren and Sisters, this is the most extinguished white gentleman in this whole country. He is a man what have "arriv" at the ramparts of his own indignities, and is the peer of nobody. * * * Even if his skin is white, his heart is just as black as anybody.

Able speeches in nomination are made for the principal officers, who are mostly elected by acclamation, the election of the Junior Grand Warden alone requiring a ballot.

The Committee on Complaints and Appeals has a number of disagreeable cases to handle, largely arising from prohibition infringement. They hew to the line, and their decisions are almost wholly concurred in by Grand Lodge.

M. W. Brother Henry Clay Yawn, Past Grand Master, writes his seventh annual report for the Correspondence Committee, with a brief preface on outstanding subjects. We find no reference to Nebraska, 1924.

M. W. THOMAS Q. ELLIS, Grand Master.

M. W. EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

St. Joseph.

October 27th, 1925.

105th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Orestes Mitchell, Grand Master.

After singing America, M. W. Brother C. C. Woods, P.G.M., acting as Grand Chaplain, invoked divine blessing on the deliberations.

The preamble to the address of the Grand Master is occupied principally with plea and admonition for Masonic endeavor to be directed towards the duties of citizenship. We quote its concluding paragraph:

This is a government in which the people rule through the ballot box and the American citizen who neglects to qualify himself to cast an intelligent ballot, or who fails to cast his ballot, ceases to govern himself and becomes a serf, a man without a country.

The Grand Master's allusions to the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Memorial are both strongly favorable. He also boosts the DeMolay.

Twenty-four decisions are reported in full. He rules that one blind is not eligible to receive the degrees and that the loss of one leg does not disqualify, providing an artificial leg with a flexible knee joint is supplied. He rules against the use of the word "Masonic" in all cases of business activity, and strictly defines required residence.

R. W. Brother Harold L. Reader, Grand Orator, chose as his subject "Masonic Fundamentals." The brother is a minister of the Gospel, which to a degree qualifies him to speak intelligently, and he does. Belief in God, brotherhood, religious liberty and non-interference between Church and State, with last but not least the dissemination of truth, comprise the essentials to his subject. We quote:

Freemasonry believes that its chief duty is to disseminate the truth indeed, is that which makes men free. It matters not to what realm of life you turn; ah, it matters not if you run the whole gamut of life, you will find that in every age, in every clime, in every aspect of civilization, it is the truth that has made men free.

On the second day we note the presence as distinguished visitors of our own Grand Master, M. W. Brother John Wright, accompanied by our Worthy Grand Secretary, M. W. Lewis E. Smith.

A rather unique but commendable act is recorded in the adoption of a resolution to restore a Brother to good standing after his death who had been suspended for non-payment of dues. It was to make possible the admission of his widow to the Masonic Home.

The following resolution, whose sponsors were largely ministerial, was killed in committee—Jurisprudence reported "No action thereon:"

RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge of Missouri at its annual meeting, St. Joseph, Mo., this 28th day of October, 1925, places itself on record as being opposed to Sunday games, picnics and other amusements being fostered or promoted by the Blue Lodges of the State of Missouri.

Missouri is great enough to afford two Grand Orators and time to listen to them. This one, R. W. Brother John F. Caskey, is a preacher of the Gospel, he says, and we judge from his remarks that his associate Brother is a Baptist. He furnishes an illuminating address replete with humor and pathos.

The question of re-joining the Masonic Service Association, from which they had withdrawn, was laid over a year pending report of a special committee who shall attend the November, 1925, meeting of the association.

Missouri has a Masonic Service Association of their own, with a bureau of three hundred volunteer speakers. The committee is also engaged in collating Missouri history of Masonic nature.

The communication is closed with the presentation of a silver trowel and jewel to the Grand Master elect, historic gavels from Palestine to the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Master's jewel to the retiring Grand Master.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by R. W. Brother Arthur Mather, Grand Chaplain. He reviews the proceedings of forty-three Grand Lodges, and we regret to remark that for the second consecutive year Nebraska is omitted. He uses two hundred pages with much well selected quotation.

M. W. WILLIAM W. MARTIN, Grand Master.

M. W. FRANK R. JESSE, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

Missoula.

August 19th, 1925.

61st Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Harlon L. Hart, Grand Master.

A special communication was held on August 3rd to conduct the funeral service of R. W. Brother Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Grand Secretary, who died on July 31st, 1925.

The Grand Master's address is a thorough review of the features of the the year, and is interspersed with liberal comment on outstanding Masonic subjects. He makes but one official decision. His recommendations are many and generally approved by the Grand Lodge on committee reports. As a result of one recommendation, the following by-law, as an addition to the Penal Statutes, is adopted unanimously:

A member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction who shall have been convicted of a felony in any State or Federal Court shall be deemed suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry as of the date of the entry of the final judgment of his conviction. He shall not be re-instated to any of the rights and privileges of Masonry within one year from the date of his release from imprisonment pursuant to the judgment, and then only after his application for restoration to membership, reference of the application to, and report by, an investigating committee, and a unanimous ballot in his favor by the Lodge of which he was a member when suspended, if the Lodge be then in existence; if the Lodge be defunct, then he may be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry only by the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge in his favor. This section is retroactive as well as prospective in operation.

This will not be considered good Masonic law in many jurisdictions. A Mason should have the right to be tried by Masons, although we must admit that under some forms of Masonic trials charity for the accused tends to make miscarriage of justice altogether too prevalent.

The trustees of the Masonic Home report the receipt of \$25,000, a bequest in the will of the late Grand Master, M. W. Brother William A. Clark.

A very able address on "The Present Emergency in our Educational System" is delivered by Past Grand Master Edward C. Day. It is well worth reading; but on account of its length does not lend itself easily to quotation.

After considerable debate and talented remarks at length, the matter of the Montana School of Religion, brought before the Grand Lodge on the report of a special committee, culminated in the adoption of the following motion:

That the recommendation contained in the Grand Master's address with reference to the Montana School of Religion be deemed a most worthy cause and all Masons throughout the State of Montana in their Lodges are urged to do whatever they may be able to do to further the interests of the organization, because it tends to bring to the students of the University of Montana the true Protestant religion of Christianity.

There were attempted amendments, but it carried practically unanimously. As far as determining action or support by Grand Lodge is concerned, it seems much ado about nothing and were well ignored. In our America at least, attempts to link church and state, or Masonry and Christianity, can not prevail.

It seems that Montana has pledged \$1.00 per capita to the George Washington Memorial. The following is a part of the adopted report of a special committee on the subject:

Owing to the recent financial depression, we believe that it is not expedient or wise for this Grand Lodge Session to levy an extra assessment on the members of those subordinate Lodges which have not paid their full quota of one dollar a member.

We recommend that the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, which have not already done so, be urged to pay into this fund an amount equal to one dollar a member based upon the membership of June 30, 1925, and that the manner of raising the money, either by voluntary contributions or by special levy upon the members, be left to the discretion of the subordinate Lodges.

A special committee, reporting on the recommendation of the Grand Master for Masonic Districts and District Deputies, non-concur, and the Grand Lodge adopts the report. The chairman of the committee says that they want to see the Grand Master himself and not deputies, even if not more often than once in two or three years.

An attempt to legislate against the Masonic burial of a Brother who suicides is defeated, which leaves the action to the discretion of the Lodges.

The following report is adopted:

We most cordially endorse the stand taken by the M. W. Grand Master relative to the permissibility of Lodges attending divine services while wearing Masonic regalia. Our conclusion is that it should be plain and emphatic that Masonry does not permit such observance in Montana.

Generally speaking we concur; but what about attending divine service at a church when the occasion is the burial of a Brother Mason with Masonic honors.

After a lengthy debate on the subject of mileage and per diem, a resolution, limiting the four cents per mile to the ranking officer representing his Lodge, was lost. The three representatives from each Lodge, if present, continue to receive mileage. Nebraska will contend that the resolution was right; but we allow any designated representative present to cast three votes, unless the others are in attendance. Personally, we favor the proposal made in the debate, that if only one is to be paid mileage and per diem, it should be the Junior Warden. The value of the Master who is about to retire from office is questionable in most cases. It were better that his ultimate successor were favored with the opportunity of becoming acquainted with present and proposed legislation.

M. W. Brother H. S. Hepner, P.G.M., for the committee writes his seventeenth annual review of Sister jurisdictions, Nebraska, 1924, included. He quotes extensively from our Grand officers and from Brother Ehrhardt.

M. W. EDWARD W. SPOTTSWOOD, Grand Master.

R. W. LUTHER T. HAUBERG, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

Reno.

June 10th, 1925.

61st Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Edward A. Ducker, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is a simple review of official duties performed for the year. He does not talk over the heads of the brethren, but gets right down among them in homely style. Other than chapters on education and obedience to law there is little except of domestic nature. Decisions are few, and the only recommendation is for continuance of membership in the Masonic Service Association.

M. W. Brother David J. Reese, Grand Master of Masons of California, is in attendance and is elected to honorary membership with the rank of Past Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary, Brother Vanderlieth, has this to say in his report:

The world needs Fellowship, it needs Wisdom, it needs Truth. That the Craftsmen of Nevada are endowed with a deeper consciousness of these needs is evidenced by the record of the year.

We note the presence of M. W. Brother Harry H. Atkinson, representing Nebraska.

From the Grand Orator's bouquet we pluck the following flower:

I do not wish to be understood as saying that Masons, as such, are inherently superior to members of any other society or class of intelligent human beings, but tradition and history seem to teach us that those who have learned the lesson of life found written upon the milestones of the path leading easterly are keen to grasp and strong to uphold those virtues which have enabled countless thousands of our Brothers to discharge weighty and onerous duties, in every important avenue of life, with honor and respect to themselves, leaving a service record to humanity that will endure in fadeless lustre as long as history shall record human achievement.

A proposed amendment, seeking to make Lodge secretaries with a record of five years continuous service members of the Grand Lodge, failed to pass.

Brother Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary, in his further capacity as Commissioner of Review, submits the report on fraternal correspondence. His work is altogether refreshing and executed with admirable briefness and well selected quotation. Nebraska, 1924, is extended royal welcome. Of Past Grand Master Chappell he says:

Grand Master Chas. A. Chappell is a man of many words. He certainly in last year's address, and in this year's as well, spun out the thread of his verbosity, but with it all he dropped much of rare good sense. Here are words of truth that teach. They are food for thought for all of us:

M.:W.:CLARENCE L. YOUNG, Grand Master.

V.:W.:EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Saint John.

August 27th, 1925.

58th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother George D. Ellis, Grand Master.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at St. John on Sunday, May 17th, 1925, in pursuance to a summons by the Grand Master, for the purpose of attending divine service at Trinity Church. The sermon was preached by the Grand Chaplain.

At the annual communication, Nebraska is represented in the person of R.:W.:Brother LeBaron Wilson, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master's short address deals principally with official visitations. He reviews briefly outstanding events of England, Ireland, and Prince Edward Island, and alludes to the Order of the Eastern Star in the following:

Several Lodges of the Eastern Star exist in this province and each of them, I believe, meets in the local Lodge room. This Order is favorably received in Scotland, but has been sternly banned by the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The Sister Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia has likewise discouraged it. Grand Lodge may feel inclined to deal with this subject. The use of our Private Lodge rooms is greatly to be deprecated.

He speaks of "the most spectacular instance" of the closer alliance of the historic churches of Christendom in the recent visit to England of great dignitaries of the Eastern Church, and their cordial reception and participation in the ceremonies at English cathedrals. He remarks:

The attitude of the members of our Fraternity towards all these movements can be well expressed by a recent saying of Sir Oliver Lodge:

"Depend upon it, nothing is haphazard. Things are not left to chance. Everything is amenable to law and order. Everything points to a rational Plan, of which we know neither the beginning nor the end, but toward which we can help. In face of all that, shall we allow ourselves to squabble about trivialities! Or shall we realize that we are the heirs of all the ages, that the destiny of mankind is being partly entrusted to us, and that humanity has a future, a potential future, beyond our wildest dreams!"

If we all had the faith of Sir Oliver, humanity would sooner arrive at our destined future, and be not deterred by the trivialities and artificiality that beset our path.

The matters of a Masonic Home and a Grand Lecturer, recommended by the Grand Master, were both, on the report of the Board of General Purposes, deferred for financial reasons.

In the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations is this rather peculiar aspect (to us) of negro Masonry:

1. Peace and prosperity continue among the members of the Fraternity in the British Empire; and we are still in friendly correspondence with all English-speaking Grand Lodges throughout the world that are recognized by us as regular.

2. This does not include the several Grand Lodges of Prince Hall Masons in the United States, which are unrecognized by us, not because this Grand Lodge has decided that they are illegitimate in origin, but because we must defer to the American doctrine of territorial jurisdiction that forbids us to recognize two Grand Lodges in one state. If it should come to pass, in the course of events, that our white brothers and our black brothers agree to let each group have an organization of its own—and there are signs of an approach between them—we who know no distinction of caste might then be able to recognize both.

Recognition is withdrawn from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico as not desiring to support the claims of any one Mexican Grand Lodge against the other.

M.:W.:GEORGE D. ELLIS, Grand Master.

R.:W.:J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord.

May 20th, 1925.

136th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother Frederic E. Everett, Grand Master.

A semi-annual communication was held at Manchester on December 30th, 1924. No business was transacted. Manchester is the city of their Masonic Home, which the brethren were urged to visit during the day.

The three degrees were exemplified upon actual candidates, with subsequent criticism by the Grand Lecturer, R.:W.:Brother Herbert E. Richardson. Although this custom seems commendable as a social function, from the standpoint of expense involved it is not the best and most efficient manner of teaching the work.

From the address of the Grand Master at the annual communication we quote the following as his comment on the almost universal trend of the order:

All of us ought to rejoice that our Freemasonry is not something that has a rigid fixedness as its leading characteristic. While its fundamentals may not be changed or modified by any man or body of men, its life may be newly expressed; its habits may be again created; its thought may be advanced; its hopes may be redirected; its purposes may be reinterpreted; its ultimate end may be made more glorious, all because a vision of greater usefulness has permitted us to apply the old things in newer ways. We change not our Freemasonry, but we have begun, in our progressiveness, to apply its basic principles in new channels. We talk as much as ever, possibly more than ever, about this thing we call Freemasonry, but our feet have taken us into human paths where we may begin the process of applying those principles, both in our own lives and in the lives of others. This great change is epochal and distinctive, and is the assurance to every thoughtful Master Mason that our institution is an agency for the carrying out of some of the plans of the Great Creator in this world of ours.

Let us hope if there is truth in his predictions and our institution is the agency he says, that we may be guided by the simplicity of logic and the

standard of common sense in our inferences as to what constitutes those plans. To keep in mind that simple slogan as enunciated by our Nation's framers, "Establish justice," may well be our purpose and our aim.

The Grand Master recommends an increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary, and also a further sum for his work as Foreign Correspondent; and the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers concurring and adopted, would indicate that the increase is allowed.

The resolution offered the preceding year for amending the Constitution to require a roll call in Grand Lodge at the opening and closing of the annual communication is adopted.

There is no report by the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand Master having submitted no decisions, which moves us to remark, as did the Grand Master, that the fact he was not called on for any decisions during the year speaks well for the Masters of the Lodges.

A resolution is adopted permitting Lodges to allow the Order of the White Shrine to hold their meetings in Lodge rooms.

There is no Grand Orator listed among the officers and no Grand oration, for which we are truly thankful. It is one of our hardest tasks to discover anything new of vital import in the present day oration on Masonry. But it may be that the fault is ours.

Harry M. Cheney, P.G.M., is still on the job with his nineteenth report on Foreign Correspondence. As the Grand Master says: "It isn't a scrap book of excerpts made with scissors and a jar of paste." He has a style all his own, and it abounds with pertinent and kindly comment. One feature is that in his reviews of other jurisdictions he gives us an insight into his own. We discover that New Hampshire pays no mileage or per diem. He remarks that they have been getting along very well under that plan since 1789.

With the pride that is justly his he opportunely observes favorable comment on the Kansas-New Hampshire controversy. He tritely remarks: "We stand ready to equip our travelers to meet the requirements of any and of every other Grand Lodge."

His review of Nebraska, 1924, is but a part of the whole story he recites as would a traveler from journey returned. He makes even little things worth reading. Long may he entertain us.

M. W. BELA KINGMAN, Grand Master.

R. W. HARRY M. CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Trenton.

April 22nd, 1925.

138th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Andrew Foulds, Jr., Grand Master.

R. W. Brother Robert J. Hanna, representing Nebraska.

Only one Lodge was unrepresented.

The Grand Master's address contains much of interest. The correspondence relative to severance of relations with the Grand Orient of France is reviewed, the Masonic Service Association here receives strong support and commendation, Masonic clubs meet with his approval, and the Eastern Star thanked for generous co-operation.

While the use of costumes in degree work is not prohibited, his remarks tend to discourage the custom.

The Grand Masters of Connecticut and of Rhode Island were introduced, and entertained the Grand Lodge in pleasing speech.

The Grand Lodge was also addressed by M.:W.:Brother Andrew L. Randell, Past Grand Master of Texas.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence, R.:W.:Brother Robert A. Shirrefs, chairman, reports the annual review. Nebraska is listed among the Grand Lodges reviewed, but we fail to find the text.

M.:W.:RALPH E. LUM, Grand Master.

R.:W.:ISAAC CHERRY, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

Silver City.

February 16th, 1925.

47th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother John W. Turner, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address covers the usual ground. We discover no outstanding features either of a domestic or national nature. He recommends a standing committee to sponsor and further the activities of the DeMolay and Boy Scout movements. He reports but three decisions, and they all seem to conform to good law.

Reports of committees on the Revolving Student Loan Fund and on Masonic Educational Service show interesting features of the modern trend. Commendable instances of relief and service are evident from the committee report on Fort Bayard Relief and Sojourners' Club. With pardonable pride in duty well performed, they thus comment on the undertaking:

Your Committee cannot refrain from expressing its conviction that the Fort Bayard Undertaking of this Grand Lodge has perhaps done more than any other one thing to bring to the attention of Masonry in all parts of our nation the ideals and standards of New Mexico Masonry. Masonry everywhere has heard of the wonderful work we are doing in our comparatively small jurisdiction of 6,421 Master Masons. If New Mexico Masonry had never accomplished anything else, it has justified its existence in what it has done for our afflicted boys at Fort Bayard. We might, with money available, have done many other things common in Masonry, such, for example, as to erect a beautiful Temple; but no Temple, however grand, could ever have exemplified the practical spirit of New Mexico Masonry more eloquently than that which has been accomplished by this Grand Lodge at Fort Bayard.

New Mexico is in the front rank of those Grand Lodges advocating a national tubercular sanatorium. In rather peevish language, perhaps justified, the committee takes exception to the dilatory attitude on the part of the Scottish Rite Body and the Masonic Service Association. The report on this subject is an able one, and we commend perusal to those interested.

The short report by Past Grand Master Lucius Dills on foreign correspondence shows at least that it was put in able hands, and we will all regret that conditions were such that he could not present us a review. From committee appointments, we note he is succeeded by Brother John Milne, the former reviewer.

M.:W.:JAFFA MILLER, Grand Master.

R.:W.:ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

New York.

May 5th, 1925.

144th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother William A. Rowan, Grand Master.

The problem of educational service shows far from satisfactory development. The Grand Master states that reports from fifty-two districts indicate that thirty-four have no district organization engaged in the work, six are dormant, and twelve only are active. He concludes the chapter as follows:

There is need of Masonic education up to a certain point, but the demand for Masonic education is far from being commensurate with the need. The problem is to bring the two more closely to a common level. I have stated on several occasions, and I re-state here that, in my judgment, the social features should be urged more than the educational, and that the latter would develop more readily as somewhat of a natural result.

Much of the address is occupied with the matter of the Masonic International Association. New York alone of the United States jurisdictions became a member, and on August 29th, 1924, withdrew. Efforts were made on the part of the association officials to have the decision of the Grand Master in withdrawing reconsidered or rendered null, and the correspondence in the matter follows. It would seem as though New York had all the best of it. The Grand Master, in unequivocal language, accuses the association of affiliation with clandestinism. We quote from the text:

The decision of the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, M. W. S. NELSON SAWYER, Past Grand Master, in reference to the Judge Advocate's decision, and the action of the Grand Lodge of 1923 in voting to go into the Association, is as follows:

"When in May, 1923, we attempted to associate ourselves with this so-called Masonic International Association, a number of the members of which are not Masonic at all according to our standards, we violated our own constitution and the action so attempted is an absolute nullity. It could, in my judgment, have been lawfully taken only after such amendment of the constitution as would waive our present requirements and raise the ban against non-belief and clandestinism, both of which are fully represented in that Association."

His chapter on Masonic Service Association is well worth reading. On August 6th, 1924, conforming to the provisions of their constitution, he served formal notice of withdrawal. We quote from his concluding paragraphs:

Much has been said of jurisdictions being surrounded by a wall, but the only wall surrounding this Jurisdiction is its sovereignty, and when that wall is torn down, we cross the threshold from a sovereign Jurisdiction into the chamber of a national grand lodge. You cannot retain sovereignty and relinquish it at the same time.

He expresses the hope that the association may be reorganized and adopt a course that is within reach of possible practical fulfillment. His "Conclusion" we quote in full:

Whatever strength and influence this Jurisdiction may have, has been attained by the attempts it has continuously made to discharge its obligations to its own members, and answer to the calls for relief in other jurisdictions; its endeavors to raise the standard of its membership, and at least keep pace with the general progress of civilization. Our duty to Masonry does not call for the impairment of our initiative, lowering our standards, amending the Constitution, or surrendering any of the Landmarks, with the expectation that by so doing we are serving humanity. On the other hand, let us maintain the integrity of our Institution from the diminishing attacks from without, as well

as the increasing attacks from within. The time will come, no doubt, when our assistance will be needed elsewhere, and we shall be better able to give it, and without injury to ourselves, if we keep abreast of our obligations and are in entire accord at home.

As is usual in New York, foreign relations occupy much space, and we refrain from even partly covering in the space allotted to us.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Brother Ossian Lang, contributes a valuable treatise in twenty-one pages. It deals principally with the connection between medieval cathedral builders and modern Masons; and critical examination as to the part played by the COMACINE MASTERS as ancestors of Freemasonry. We commend it to the Masonic historical student.

Clandestine Masonry, with its attendant flagrant frauds, impels the Grand Lodge to adopt a resolution submitted by the Committee on Legislation and Law Enforcement, which provides authority for prosecution of such spurious bodies.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, headed by M. W. Brother S. Nelson Sawyer, presents the review of other Grand Lodges. It is extensive in scope and rather thoroughly covers important topics. Nebraska, 1924, receives courteous consideration.

M. W. WILLIAM A. ROWAN, Grand Master.

M. W. ROBERT J. KENWORTHY, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Forks.

June 16th, 1925.

36th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Theodore S. Henry, Grand Master.

The Grand Master devotes liberal space in his address to Masonic Service Association activity, largely of the 1924 meeting in Chicago. North Dakota seems thoroughly committed to the program, and they use an effective follow up method of putting it across. The Grand Master concludes the chapter on the subject as follows:

Although, I am not in entire accord with all of the methods used by the Association, and these no doubt will be changed, I am heartily in favor of the mission and the scope of the Association and in time the Masonic Service Association will be functioning for Masonry and Masons to an extent undreamed of by most of us.

In addition to his review the Fraternal Correspondent presents a report in "Topical Outline." We are sure it furnishes interesting reading to those of the Craft who scan the proceedings. On his report, Argentine is laid over and Panama granted recognition.

We are inclined to think that the better spirit prevailed in the adoption of the report of the Committee on By-Laws, which heads off a drastic resolution on law enforcement aimed at petty infringements of the liquor and narcotic law. From the report we quote the following extracts:

We feel however, that any deviation from those principles by individual Masons cannot be effectively remedied by the passage of more legislation which at best would be difficult if not impossible of enforcement. This Grand Lodge has always stood absolutely for a strict and impartial observance and enforcement of law, but we believe the solution lies not in circumscribing us about with more rules and regulations but in an aroused public sentiment for those

things which are right and good. * * * and we recommend * * * that the Masters of the constituent Lodges, the district deputies, the committee on service and education and the Grand Lodge Officers be instructed to endeavor on all possible occasions to impress upon the brethren their duty as citizens and Masons to respect and obey all laws and to support the civil authorities in their enforcement, to the end that they as Masons shall do those things not because of an edict of this body but because they have been properly prepared in their hearts to hate that which is evil and love that which is good.

The recommendation of the Grand Master that the Lodges be assessed \$1.00 per capita to provide THE MASTER MASON for one year to each of the members, failed of adoption on the report of a joint committee. We commend the action.

After two sessions of active debate, in which many join, the resolution to amend the By-Laws, proposed by the Grand Master, removing the requirement of United States citizenship in petitioners, musters a majority vote only. As a three-fourths vote is required, the petitioner must still first become a citizen.

Nebraska will not agree that this is good law. We have good Canadian Masons as members who are barred from citizenship because they choose to visit the land of their birth, to see an old mother, perhaps, and thus fail to gain the continuous residence required.

Because the credentials report is relegated to the appendix, we have failed to previously note that the Grand Master, M.:W.:Brother Theodore S. Henry, is Nebraska's Grand Representative.

The review of Grand Lodges is by W.:Brother George H. Phelps. With painstaking care he endeavors to select briefly the information his brothers would desire, and indulges in but little comment. Nebraska, 1924, is adequately reviewed, with a fine compliment on Brother Ehrhardt's work.

M.:W.:THEODORE B. ELTON, Grand Master.

M.:W.:WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

Columbus.

October 21st, 1925.

116th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother James B. Ruhl, Grand Master.

The invocation offered by the Grand Chaplain was composed by George Washington. We quote it here for its Masonic lesson and as bearing upon the problems that confront us in these days of turpitude and dissension:

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy Holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large; and finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy Nation.

There are addresses of welcome by the Mayor for the city and by Past Grand Master Charles J. Pretzman for the Masons, and response by the Grand Chaplain.

All committees are large, "credentials" having twelve, "pay-roll" nine members.

The Grand Master has been a busy man, as evidenced by his report on official functions. His annual address uses seventy-one pages, with little reference to features other than domestic, and of these there are many.

At the close of the address the Grand Master is presented with a loving cup by the eighteen Lodges of which he is an honorary member.

With over six hundred Lodges and membership of nearly two hundred thousand, the Grand Secretary reports the annual returns *all in and all* grand dues received. He puts in an earnest plea for the installation of a card index system for the membership and for a uniform dues receipt.

The Committee on Jurisprudence pays the Grand Master a very fine compliment in their report, besides approving all of his decisions and recommendations. From our observations he is well entitled to all the appreciation Ohio Masons can give.

Ohio's volume of proceedings is so well arranged and edited that our interest has been absorbed in the reading and the review neglected perhaps too much. Our consolation is that the less the printer's bill, the larger the relief measures possible. Power to do good is the true and lofty aim of our institution, and the dollar sings a joyful song to the afflicted and sorrowing everywhere.

Past Grand Master O. P. Sperra, chairman, writes his sixth annual report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He is allowed, and cheerfully takes, 181 pages to set out intelligent and well written comment and information and carefully selected quotation. Nebraska, 1925, is slighted in no respect, and Brother Dickson is highly complimented and freely quoted. He has our thanks for kind words of commendation.

M. W. EARLE STEWART, Grand Master.

M. W. HARRY S. JOHNSON, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA.

Tulsa

February 24th, 1925.

17th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Henry S. Johnston, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was convened at 7:30 o'clock P. M. by the Deputy Grand Master, when the Grand Master was presented and saluted. An apron, the gift of the brethren of his lodge, was tendered him in fitting speech by R. W. Brother William Mark Sexson, the Grand Orator. Brother Sexson, by the way, is the founder of the order of Rainbow Girls.

With that traditional tendency towards oratory so prominently evident in the proceedings of our southern brethren, the business of the day is preceded by address of welcome and response thereto. Both are ably handled and replete with humor and anecdote.

Another pleasing feature of the preliminaries is the reception of distinguished visitors and Grand Representatives. Past Grand Master Humphry, representing Arkansas, responded for the latter.

The Grand Master introduced Past Grand Master H. A. Nichols of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, who responded briefly, omitting entirely reference to Masonry in Mexico, and thanking Oklahoma for courtesy extended.

In an address occupying fifty-three pages the Grand Master thoroughly covers the domestic Masonic situation and activities and much that is not. There are no tiresome statistics. In intelligent philosophical discourse he dips deep into the origin of Masonry, and expounds the principle of coordination between man's conduct and activity and God's natural laws, inexorable, irrefutable, and irrefragable. Were it a sermon he was preaching the text might well have been from Proverbs: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Interdependence is enlarged upon, simplicity is emphasized, and mystery is taboo.

This fine passage we quote:

Masonry's first task is to teach her pupils self-knowledge, sound laws of personal conduct, and correct rules of adjustment with their fellows. It teaches that man's first duty is to reconstruct his own life. It reveals to him his own nature and shows that God is his Father. By allegory and legend, Masonry admonishes that though he search North, South, East, and West, true happiness and real satisfaction can not be found in or from external sources. All worldly and external honors, glories and rewards are but substitutes. In the heart alone can the true word be spoken, and only after completion of self-mastery. It can only be uttered in the presence of the three sovereigns or Grand Masters of the heavenly kingdom, namely, Wisdom, Power and Beauty.

We predicted a year ago that Oklahoma had selected a fitting standard bearer for her program. Whether we agree with the program or not, we find the prophecy comes true. Nowhere else in America is it so evident that Masonry sponsors, supports, and approves the variety of activities partly or wholly extraneous. Few will question the motives involved, although some will take exceptions on traditional grounds.

A note of discord is sounded with regard to the Masonic Service Association. The Grand Master, on the unanimous decision of the Masonic Service Association Commission, was impelled to serve notice of withdrawal.

Drastic measures are proposed (and adopted), aimed at those members who transport, sell, possess, or buy narcotics or intoxicants illegally.

With heartfelt desire to compliment, we may say that seldom is there in evidence such whole-hearted effort displayed as appears in this address—adjectives are inadequate to sufficiently describe.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Brother Sexson, early in his oration admits for Oklahoma all of which we may seem to accuse her. He says: Brethren, I believe that Oklahoma Masonry is the most progressive Masonry in the United States of America. I believe that we are standing in the very forefront of a great work and it seems to be the policy, not only of every Grand Officer, but of every Master and every subordinate Lodge, to try to make our program a practical one and to have it reach the needs of our own immediate communities.

The oration may more properly be termed a pleasant talk. One may see that the author has a keen discernment of, and due regard for, humanity and its phases. It is along the line of charity and service.

The Grand Lodge having under consideration the matter of withdrawal from the Masonic Service Association, the motion to withdraw was declared lost.

On foreign relations it was voted to effect an exchange of representatives with Italy, to set aside a former recognition of the Valle de Mexico, and to recognize the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. Application for the recognition of Argentine was denied.

Among the appropriations we note the following:

Grand Secretary, salary.....	\$4200.00
" " assistant.....	2400.00
Grand Tyler, monthly.....	50.00
Report on Foreign Correspondence.....	450.00

Of the eleven unimportant decisions of the Grand Master seven are approved by the Committee on Law and Usage.

The recommendation of the Grand Master that a demit be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for certification before delivery is adopted.

A resolution was again introduced providing for an appropriation of \$5000.00 for a Boy Scouts' camp in the City Park at Tulsa. It was referred to the Committee on Appropriations; but no further action is reported.

M. W. Brother Thomas C. Humphry, P.G.M., writes the report on foreign correspondence, reviewing fifty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1924, is reviewed sufficiently. His only comment is upon our Section 75, which provides that members of lodges may attend church service in a body without dispensation, but not clothed as Masons. The contrary is the case in Oklahoma. He is against the practice of thus disturbing religious worship in this "Look at Me" fashion, and we agree with him. Brother Ehrhardt's forceful comment on the Masonic Service Association is quoted in full without comment.

M. W. GILBERT B. BRISTOW, Grand Master.

M. W. WILLIAM M. ANDERSON, Grand Secretary.

Build thee more stately mansions, O, my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from Heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.

—Holmes.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia.

December 28th, 1925.

139th Annual Communication.

R. W. Brother Samuel M. Goodyear, Grand Master.

At the quarterly communication in June the Grand Master read the deed of gift from the widow of R. W. Brother John S. Sell, Past Grand Master. This bequest is of magnificent proportions, and it is stipulated that the money be used to erect a chapel on the Masonic Home grounds at Elizabethtown as a memorial to her husband.

These quarterly meetings are principally occupied with reports of committees on appeals and on by-laws, and consume only about an hour of time. Less than a third of the lodges are represented.

The quarterly on December 2d is the constitutional date for the annual election of officers. This communication lasts all day and 465 lodges are represented.

Financial statements of all funds are submitted. The funds are many in number and the total amount enormous.

From the report of the Committee on Lecture Corps, we glean the following as furnishing a novel aspect of the Masonic Service Association question:

More of the literature of the Masonic Service Association would have been used had it conformed more nearly to Pennsylvania's requirements and needs. The Association's literature is prepared for Jurisdictions from which Pennsylvania differs in traditions, ritual, government and policies. It was consideration of such differences that led Grand Lodge to shape Pennsylvania's plan of education as it is—a plan the merits of which are recognized by several of the larger Grand Jurisdictions.

At a Grand Lodge of Emergency held December 19th, at which twenty-six lodges were represented, the Grand Master exercised his prerogative in making a Mason at sight. The three degrees were conferred upon United States Senator George W. Pepper.

The address of the Grand Master at the Annual Grand Communication seems a thorough review of the larger subjects affecting Masonry, and comprises interesting reports of official acts.

On "Outside Organizations" he has this to say:

Without in any wise reflecting upon organizations of this character now in the field, I am clearly of the opinion the time has come to halt further development along these lines. It is my thought that the time is ripe for the enactment of regulatory measures that will deny to members the right to accept membership in any outside organizations, predicating its membership on Masonry, excepting any such of these organizations as may at this time be in existence, unless permission for the creation of such organization shall have first been obtained of this Grand Lodge. This would put a stop to a growing tendency which is calculated to weaken the influence of Masonry and leave to the future the solution of problems that may arise because of the existence of organizations already formed and now in operation.

He re-affirms former decisions on the use of the word "Masonic," and would prohibit its use by social and athletic functions and clubs.

He points with pardonable pride to the activities and wealth of their Masonic Homes, and reports recent additions.

In addition to Pennsylvania brethren checking one hundred per cent on the \$1.00 per capita for the George Washington Memorial, the Grand Lodge contributes \$25,000 for good measure.

Clandestine Masonry has "so boldly flaunted its spurious wares" within this jurisdiction as to impel legal action on the part of Grand Lodge, which action is now pending in the Courts.

The newly elected Grand Master states that the remaining two Grand Lodges of the United States of America who have not yet terminated relations with the Grand Orient of France, as requested by Pennsylvania, will doubtless do so at their first meeting.

Brother Thomas F. Penman, chairman of the committee submits the report on correspondence. Nebraska, 1925, receives fraternal comment, with Brothers White and Dickson highly complimented, and the latter quoted profusely.

His work shows a tendency to treat the high spots only, and those fully and well.

He courteously acknowledges our Pennsylvania review of a year ago.

R. W. WILLIAM M. HAMILTON, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN A. PERRY, Grand Secretary.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Manila.

January 27th, 1925.

13th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Wenceslao Trinidad, Grand Master.

Representatives of 72 of the chartered Lodges and of the four Lodges under dispensation were in attendance.

A problem, probably arising from a mixed civilization in stages of construction, where opinions differ and the true light is not predominant, is alluded to by the Grand Master in his address as follows:

Some of our Lodges situated in the more densely populated cities and towns have this year been facing the same problems as the year before, and it is with the greatest gratification that I can assure you that they have confronted and worked out these problems without doubt nor vacillation and have given evidence of the most commendable wisdom, determination, and uprightness in this connection. I have reference to the associations making use of emblems similar to or closely resembling those of Masonry and to the clandestine Lodges.

The stern resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its last annual communication resulted in the dissolution of bonds of friendship that had stood the test of many years and untold vicissitudes. To our great regret we lost some members who deemed it possible to maintain clean and immaculate their honor, prestige, and sworn allegiance remaining where they now are, at the cost of deserting our ranks. We lost in numerical strength; but in compensation of our losses we have now the certainty that those who have remained with us have the same ideas of duty and loyalty to our cause as we have.

Most of us have the clandestine feature to contend with; but theirs is also of an infringement nature.

No decisions requiring official sanction were necessary; all inquiries were answered by clarifying phraseology.

The conferring of all three degrees by courtesy for Lodges in foreign localities has been prevalent to a great extent, and in all cases the favor has been granted.

Concerning the contention with Spain, they have hopes of eventual advantage through an agreement between the Gran Logia Espanola and the Gran Oriente Espanol, made necessary that the latter might gain admission to the International Masonic Association, wherein "The Spanish Masonic jurisdiction shall be limited to the territory of Spain, its dependencies and protectorates." The Grand Master remarks:

It remains to be seen if the spirit of this paragraph will be observed, for if it is carried out it will be necessary for the G.O.E. to recall the charters of the Lodges lately founded in the Philippine Islands, because these Islands can in no way be deemed a part of the dominions of Spain.

Unless a much greater proportion of membership is represented at Lodge meetings than is the case under our observation, the custom of passing the almoner's box for contributions to the needy, although it may be "a praiseworthy desire to practice charity," is in our opinion an unfair penalty on the faithful few who attend. Those who do not attend are not subjected to the embarrassment of refusing. Ostentation, as exemplified in public giving, should have no place in the scheme of Masonic relief to the needy.

The Grand Oration, by R. W. Brother Theodore M. Kalaw, is a splendid plea for loyalty and patriotism as linked with Masonry.

On the report and recommendation of a special committee, the Grand Lodge withdrew from the International Masonic Association.

The report of the special committee on "religious education in the public schools" was adopted. They reported against the proposed enactment of such a law, and recommended condemnation as provided by resolution to that effect.

Referring again to the almoner's box, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence (adopted) condemns the practice except in cases of special emergency.

Legislation is adopted providing for conferring "honorary past grand rank" by five-sixths vote of Grand Lodge. "Distinguished Masons" and "conspicuous service" are qualifying phrases.

One hundred and four of the Grand Lodges of the world have accorded recognition to this Grand Lodge. A perusal of the list convinces us that reciprocal relations have been carried beyond the point of wisdom and prudence, although there may be extenuation beyond our ken.

Past Grand Master George R. Harvey, for the committee, submits the review, assisted by Brother Leo Fischer on proceedings other than in the English or Spanish language. Nebraska, 1924, receives adequate consideration. We rather admire his descriptive and conversational style.

M. W. CHRISTIAN WILLIAM ROSENSTOCK, Grand Master.

R. W. NEWTON C. COMFORT, Grand Secretary.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Manila.

January 26th, 1926.

14th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Christian W. Rosenstock, Grand Master.

R. W. Brother Newton C. Comfort representing Nebraska.

The Grand Master, commenting on domestic affairs, has this to say:

On one of my visitations to a lodge on the Island of Negros, I found that the brethren have made their lodge a real influence in that community. The members of that lodge are leaders in civic activities in which men and women of all religions and nationalities participate. These brethren are paying the salaries of two school teachers, supporting several orphans, assisting in the support of a maternity hospital, and giving up part of their Temple for a school room. The maternity hospital is not a Masonic enterprise. The par-

ents of the orphans were not Masons. The enrollment in the school classes is not limited to children of Masons. This is the kind of real unselfish service that many of our provincial brethren are rendering which is winning the admiration of the different communities in which lodges are working.

A Masonic hospital for crippled children is their principal relief activity, supported by the brethren with the co-operation of the Grand Lodge.

Clandestine Masonic bodies so prevalent in the Islands are reported on the wane; the recent policy of the Grand Lodge for the past two years has been to ignore them.

Attempts of the Shrine to invade the Islands meet with strong protest from the Grand Lodge, expressed in the following resolution, adopted:

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands should show their loyalty to this Grand Lodge by not taking the degrees of the Mystic Shrine in the proposed ceremonial in Manila in February, 1926.

They object to the use of the word "profane," and adopt the following:

RESOLVED, That the use of the word "profane," when reference is made to persons not Masons, be avoided whenever possible by the use of some other word or expression in its stead, such as "uninitiated" and "non-Mason."

The constitution is amended, visiting disciplinary measures upon a brother who fails to attend the stated meetings of his lodge for twelve months without a valid excuse.

The installation of Grand Officers is made a semi-public affair, as the record recites: "Master Masons and their ladies were present in large numbers." Some of our Australian brethren will raise their hands in holy horror when they read it. It is the first case of a Grand Lodge indulging in the practice that has come to our notice, and, frankly, we hope the custom is not "catching."

The newly installed Grand Master, in his address, attributes to Albert Pike the following motto of Free Masonry:

"Devotion to the interests of the People; detestation of Tyranny; sacred regard for the rights of Free Thought, Free Speech, and Free Conscience; implacable hostility to Intolerance, Bigotry, Arrogance and Usurpation; respect and regard for labor, which makes human nature noble; and scorn and contempt for all monopolies that minister to insolent and pampered luxury."

'Tis rather strange that the simple, vital things from the pen or tongue of those to whom we concede greatness go unheeded. Sometimes we unduly honor the husk and throw the kernel to the rubbish. Both the Mason and the student of political economy may well read Albert Pike; but he must be a freeman in mind.

The review of proceedings is again by M. W. Brother George R. Harvey, P. G. M., and prefaced by an unusually good introduction. Nebraska, 1925, is courteously mentioned and our officers kindly complimented.

M. W. FRANCISCO A. DELGADO, Grand Master.

R. W. NEWTON C. COMFORT, Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Charlottetown.

June 24th, 1925.

50th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother William C. Lawson, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge had the pleasure of welcoming as distinguished visitors the Grand Masters of Nova Scotia and of New Brunswick and M. W. Brother Allan P. Shatford, Past Grand Master of Quebec.

The Grand Master in a few well chosen words recites in his address the events of the year. The principal feature is the observance of their semi-centennial anniversary. A special committee on arrangements has been appointed and a very happy program results. Among the features is an historical sketch of Freemasonry in the Island, sermon by Rev. Canon Shatford in St. Paul's Church, souvenir badges, parade in regalia, and banquet.

All is harmony, all is peace; there are no decisions, no grievances, and nothing to occupy the attention of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Routine financial matters, Benevolent Fund report, and statistics comprise the principal matters for the consideration of Grand Lodge.

There is no review of other jurisdictions. M. W. Brother W. P. Doull, for the Correspondence Committee, presents a short report with assurance of good-will prevailing with sister jurisdictions. He pleads that the time is near for establishing a published review to help satisfy the wholesome and ever-increasing thirst for broader Masonic information.

M. W. JOHN F. MARTIN, Grand Master.

R. W. ERNEST KEMP, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

Montreal.

February 11th, 1925.

55th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Allan P. Shatford, Grand Master.

His address, of official acts and activities reported in brief form, with no decisions, one recommendation only and that for the appointment of a committee, supported by necessary funds, for visiting sick brethren from other jurisdictions, abounds in intelligent dissertation in a broad view on Masonic generality, altogether beautiful. From the opening we quote:

In welcoming you to this, the 55th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I desire, as my first word, to render homage to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the blessings and discipline of the past year. It has been a period of lights and shadows, of progress and depression, of hills and valleys but God is a God of the valleys as well as of the hills. "Shall we receive good from the Hand of the Lord and shall we not also receive evil?" Are there not moral uses of adversity as well as prosperity? It sometimes happens that we learn more in the hours of darkness than in the full glory of the noonday, so we gratefully acknowledge the leading of God in all the events of the past year and pray his mercy upon our failure to make the best use of our opportunities.

and from his closing:

We live in an age of Service Clubs—Societies that are pledged to a well-defined effort of philanthropy. Men are asking, "What is Masonry doing? Why does not your organization endorse some definitely good work? Have you helped any institution or supported any beneficence?" Criticism is rife because Masonry has not backed any needful cause. It would, however, be fatal to the central principle of our Order if Masonry allied itself to any of the

many forms of human service. All societies are more or less partisan and Masonry by its very Charter and character cannot identify itself with partisanship. She stands for universal fellowship and must eschew all partial causes, even at the price of suspicion and misunderstanding. Masonry is a Spirit, first, last and always. It is the Spirit of human friendship. It rises above all sectional feelings, all racial differences. It has only one dogma—the Fatherhood of God. Masonry is not a religion nor a political society. She must refuse to identify herself with any Church, however noble, or with any patriotic organization, however widespread. She has often been accused of religious bias and National prejudices because of the weaknesses of her members, but in her real character she cannot be sectarian or sectional. She stands not so much for tolerance as for fraternity. She seeks to build men of all races, creeds and parties together. She is of all religions where God, the Great Creator and Father, is recognized. Any effort to identify her exclusively with one form of religion or race would destroy her mission.

This esteemed brother, who has served two years in the Grand East, has the universal love and regard of the Craft. He is a church dignitary, a Canon, and occupies the pulpit of the Church of St. James the Apostle in Montreal, and has evidently made a splendid official in Masonic affairs as well.

The brethren are wholesomely entertained and instructed by a Grand Chaplain's address. Rabbi Max J. Merritt, one of the District Grand Chaplains, is graciously awarded the privilege as he himself expresses it, of being "presented as the preacher of the word today." In manner replete with modesty and dignity he expresses heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity offered. His subject is "Israel and Masonry," and he does it full justice. No true Mason may take exception to the pride of race so eloquently displayed and its record of achievement as the "pathbreaker to the lofty concept of a universal God of justice" so admirably set forth.

The quotations following are but a small part of this illuminating discourse:

If it were possible to tear out of the web and woof of Masonry what Israel has contributed to this noble order, first of all enshrouded in darkness would be the golden "G" that illuminates every Masonic Lodge, the emblem of the Infinite Power, the Creator of all to whom we all bow our heads in reverence. Withered at its roots would be the lordly tree that has spread its branches over every civilized country of the earth. Blotted out would be the first illuminating chapter in the beneficent history of a great international force for good that has called countless thousands to its service and which to-day gives place within its ranks to men of all faiths, races, classes and nationalities. Stripped from the gray old walls of this ancient order would be the ivied wealth of poetry and symbolism that clothes its noble truth with beauty. With mute lips we would stand in the labyrinth of Masonry before many a door that opens to the potent words of that same language in which God's first inspiring message to humanity was embodied. * * *

Like flint our ancient fraternity has turned its face against the fierce follies of fanaticism. With noble and inspiring consistency it has lifted its voice against the crimes of the persecuting spirit. As a unique example to the world it has erected a platform on which the faithful Moslem, the honest Jew, the sincere professing Christian may meet and join hands and hearts, demanding only that they be true to the noblest purposes, to the principles that refine manhood and ennoble character, to the ideals that foster all that is true and good and pure and high within the human heart.

And from that golden principle of tolerance that has done so much to lay the vicious ghosts of the past, we pass as from a vestibule into a vaulted chamber where the ideal of Brotherhood, most faithfully guarded from Masonry's inception, is enshrined. That is the ideal to which we Masons preeminently yield allegiance.

We are they who will not take
 From palace, priest or code
 A meaner law than brotherhood
 A lower Lord than God.

An added interest to Nebraska lies in the fact that this eminent and reverend brother was in the near past a denizen of our state with residence at Omaha. He has recently accepted a call to Portland, Oregon.

District Deputy Grand Masters of eight districts make official reports, almost entirely of domestic nature, lending nothing of material worth to the reviewer or of interest to our readers.

Although some parts of the Dominion frown upon Shrine activity, Quebec takes them to its fraternal arms. They reciprocate in the hospital for crippled children, erected at Montreal, the corner-stone of which was laid in May, 1924, by the Grand Lodge with the Grand Master presiding at the ceremony, who concludes his report of the occasion as follows:

We congratulate our brethren of the Mystic Shrine on this conspicuous evidence of their charity and we share in the glory that has been reflected upon the Order of Masonry.

The following amended article to the Constitution is adopted:

The Deacons and such other subordinate officers may be elected if the By-Laws of the Lodge so provide; if not elected, they shall be appointed by the Master after his installation and the officers so elected or appointed shall be properly invested as soon as practicable.

The Tyler shall be elected at the annual meeting by open vote.

It is in line of self-government so prominent a feature in the lodges of this jurisdiction, extending in some respects even to the ritual. We would prefer to see uniformity in the matter and see all subordinate officers either appointed or elected, with leanings towards appointment.

A brief though excellent review of foreign correspondence is presented by M.:W.:Brother E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.M., his thirty-eighth. His handicap of a severe and protracted illness, for which we are sorry, deprives us of a continuation of the valuable material heretofore the product of his pen. Nebraska, 1924, received fraternal notice.

M.:W.:WILLIAM J. EWING, Grand Master.

M.:W.:WILLIAM W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Secretary.

Behind each sable cloud the light is shining,
 The darkest night is herald of the dawn:
 The grassy lawn
 Has hopes of brighter green through painful mowing—
 The plough-share's path proclaims a Spring-tide's sowing—
 In hours of pain life's holiest joys are born.

Yet oft God's temple echoes with repining,
 When storm-hues hide the smiling of the sky:
 A plaintive sigh
 Breaks forth, as fear the star-strewn depths is clouding
 And when grim doubt, in gloom, the soul is shading,
 Then rebel thoughts, into its hall come crowding,
 While joy and peace from out its windows fly.

Should gold e'er dread the ordeal of refining?
 Should vine e'er shrink from smart of pruner's blade;
 Why be afraid
 Of furrow rent, when gleams the prize of reaping?
 The soul would see no rainbow, but for weeping;
 Were there no rain, how poor the cascade's leaping;
 Were there no wound, no precious pearl were made.
 Trial is faith's test.
 Sun's shade, as sunshine, is the Lord's providing—
 In every grief a gift of Love is hiding—
 O! storm-swept heart! the soul in faith abiding,
 Will find on earth a Heaven of perfect rest.

QUEENSLAND.

(United Grand Lodge).

Brisbane. Nine Regular and Special Meetings ending June 3rd, 1925.
 4th Annual Report.

M. W. Brother R. N. F. Quinn, Grand Master.

In this Grand Jurisdiction, officers elective and appointive are required to pay a "fee of honor," and it appears to constitute a considerable source of revenue.

At the communication of July 16th, we note the presence of R. W. Brother H. Hill, Past Grand Warden, representing Nebraska.

As a matter of information and a difference of attitude, as compared with our custom, we quote the following:

Information having reached the Board that a Lodge had permitted a Warden to obligate Candidates, the Board took action and it now reports the matter to Grand Lodge so that Masters of Lodges may know that no Brother below the rank of an Installed Master can obligate Candidates.

After a very complicated and somewhat stormy debate, extending over many months, a rule defining "canvassing" for Grand Lodge officers was finally adopted against the strenuous opposition of some very notable members.

With us of America the bugaboo of a general grand lodge is ever present, principally through fear of a loss of sovereignty. We see no note of this in the Second Australian Masonic Conference, held in April at Adelaide, and attended by delegates from the seven Grand Lodges of that part of the world.

A number of subjects were discussed; but it seems those favored reached the stage of recommendation only—perhaps the only possible stage. All of them seemed to be along the line of uniformity.

As an illustration of matter considered we cite the following, proposed by South Australia:

That the Conference is of opinion that the several Grand Lodges should recommend their private Lodges to see that all Candidates have their lives insured prior to initiation, or, if uninsurable, that they are in reasonably good financial circumstances.

and recommendation adopted:

That the Committee of Enquiry when investigating proposals for membership in the Craft take into consideration the financial position of the Candidate with respect to life insurance or other provision for himself or dependants.

The following recommendation on "Uniformity of Ritual" was adopted:

That each Grand Master be invited to appoint a member of his Grand Lodge to act in conjunction as a Committee representing Australia and New Zealand, who shall, by correspondence, take into consideration the question of Uniformity of Ritual for Degree, Installation, Consecration and Dedication Ceremonies, also Burial Service, and furnish a report and recommendation to the next Masonic Conference. Carried.

Four Grand Lodges on this voted in the affirmative, two in the negative, and one not represented.

M. W. BROTHER CHARLES STUMM is again elected Grand Master.

M. W. CHARLES H. HARLEY, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston.

March 11th, 1925.

188th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Charles K. Chreitzberg, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master deals with the usual routine affairs of the office with no outstanding features. He pleads for and approves the educational efforts and activity, endorses the appeal for funds for the George Washington Memorial Association, and recommends continued membership in the Masonic Service Association and making a more general use of its facilities.

The chain letter fraud and circular begging letters are both severely condemned.

An unusual number of cases calling for his decision, some of them of knotty character, are dealt with at length, and, let us hope, wisely. We venture to affirm that the Grand Master who reports "no decisions were necessary," having referred all queries to the law, has gone a long way in discouraging needless inquiries and teaching subordinate Lodges self reliance.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances have but few cases for consideration, and their decisions are all affirmative of prior action, and are adopted.

The Grand Master had ruled that a Lodge member serving time in a penitentiary, having died, and with charges against him pending in his Lodge, was not entitled to Masonic burial; and follows with this pronouncement:

A Mason convicted in the Courts on a charge involving moral turpitude, whether serving sentence, or out on bond or other process, is, by reason of his conviction, deprived of all the privileges of Masonry, and the Lodge should forthwith bring charges against him and press them to a speedy conclusion.

The Committee on Jurisprudence (report adopted) deals with it as follows:

We approve Decision No. 10 of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in declining assent to Masonic burial in the case cited, but we do not approve of his pronouncement. The Masonic Burial is an honor to be conferred at the discretion of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

The latter part we are entirely in sympathy with—we admire the Master who will brave opinion and concede to circumstances and sentiment in this matter, and ask for the decision of the Grand Master after it is over; having in mind the broad charity of Browning's gipsy:

“We are beside thee in all thy ways,
With our blame, with our praise,
Our shame to feel, our pride to show,
Glad, sorry, but indifferent, No!

Past Grand Master James L. Michie writes the review in his usual happy style. Nebraska, 1924, is accorded full recognition in quotation and comment.

M. W. CHARLES K. CHREITZBERG, Grand Master.

R. W. O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls.

June 9th, 1925.

51st Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Frederick Treon, Grand Master.

They have suffered the loss of three Past Grand Masters during the year—M. W. Brothers James Lewis, Robert H. McCaughey and Frank H. Brown, all called to the great beyond—the funeral in each case conducted by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master in his address reports a number of cases requiring his decisions. His answers all appear to be kindly and wise.

We gather that a M. M. may not receive a demit until he passes an examination in that degree.

He recommends the adoption of the petition questionnaire and that a three-fourths vote of the members present be required in cases of restoration to membership or on petitions for affiliation. An unfavorable report is made on both of these by the Jurisprudence committee and the Grand Lodge adopts the report.

His recommendation that Lodges cease to have the time of their regular meetings governed by the moon is approved; but the difficulty cannot be removed while the Grand Lodge concedes to the Lodges the right to adopt their own by-laws.

In his concluding chapter the Grand Master enlarges on the “Service” feature in these very commendable words:

“Every man should reward Masonry for its confidence, with his best endeavor. Brothers, it is not enough to learn the lectures. They are only a foundation for a useful life. Wearing a Masonic emblem does not make a man; it is only proof that the order has tried to clothe him with the habiliments of a gentleman worthy of the confidence of your family, your neighbor, your country and yourself. But the order can not by putting the blanket of Masonry over you, make you worthy of the name. It's up to you to make good. You must build within your own life a temple that will endure. Live not alone for self but for them who need you.”

The Grand Lodge library installed in the splendid building at Sioux Falls built in 1924 ranks among the first four in the world, and South Dakota is justly proud of the accomplishment.

The Committee on Credentials reports in attendance M. W. Brother Marshall R. Brown representing Nebraska.

The oration by Brother Charles S. Hall, Grand Orator, who is also President of the South Dakota Education Association, is a very able plea to Masons to participate in the effort to steer Masonry in the direction of higher education and child welfare along the lines proposed by Federal legislation pending and enacted.

The Grand Lodge adopts resolutions endorsing and supporting the Masonic Service Association, the DeMolay, and the Childrens' Home Society.

We find no evidence of any move to establish a Masonic Home, but relief measures are given liberal support and efficient administration.

CHARLES L. BROCKWAY, PAST GRAND MASTER

Died October fifth, 1925, aged 75 years.

We thus mourn the loss of another departed member of the correspondent's round table. M. W. Brother Brockway has been active in South Dakota Masonry for many years and in many capacities. At the time of his death he was a member of the standing committees on Jurisprudence, Custodians, and Correspondence. As the writer of the review he gained himself a place in our affections. We omit reference to his last review except to observe that Nebraska, 1924, is accorded fraternal mention.

M. W. JOHN K. KUTNEWSKY, Grand Master.

M. W. GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville.

January 27th, 1926.

112th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Charles W. Polk, Grand Master.

Other than reports on matters of routine the Grand Master deals with but few special subjects in his address, among which are the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Memorial. He has been moved to withdraw the Grand Lodge from the former, not from anything of discredit to the association, but from the disinclination or neglect of the Lodges to use the material furnished. He says:

I believe that the Masonic Service Association is a wonderful organization and could accomplish great good if it were possible to wake up the lodges in some way so as to get them to use the educational program that the association promulgates.

He refrains from recommendation on the matter, and leaves it to the Grand Lodge, which, during the session, vote to pay up the dues and re-join.

Tennessee has evidently made good advances in proficiency in the esoteric work. The following by the Grand Master brings out some new ideas:

I am glad I have been called upon to issue a greater number of certificates of Proficiency than any previous Grand Master, and I am also glad that there are but a very few Lodges in the state who are not trying to perfect themselves in the adopted work. I think that there should be an edict passed whereby no man could be elected to serve as a Master of a Lodge until he has perfected himself in the ritualistic work to the extent that he has been issued a certificate of proficiency, and in answer to the question which has been sent out to all Grand Masters of the United States this year by Brother H. L. Haywood who is Editor-in-Chief of the Builder, I replied as follows: "I think no Master Mason should be allowed to petition for any other degrees that are based on

membership in the Blue Lodge until he shall pass a satisfactory examination and shall have received a Certificate of Proficiency provided this certificate shall not be issued until after he has attended his own Lodge regularly for at least twelve months. The penalty for attempting to evade these regulations should be punishable by suspension."

301 brethren have been granted certificates of proficiency during the year.

On report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted, the Grand Lodge non-concurs in recommendations of the Grand Master that a Brother to be eligible to serve as Master shall have received a certificate of proficiency, and that a Master Mason shall, together with other requirements, be the holder of a certificate of proficiency to render him eligible to degrees based upon membership in the Blue Lodge. The first recommendation is much to be commended, and we would be glad to see it universally adopted. The latter is certainly subject to argument, with much to be said on both sides. We have permitted the extraneous degrees and fully recognized their right to exist. The question is, should we or they determine qualifications for admission? We may lawfully *assume* the right of course. On the other hand, shall we, for the sole advantage of the annual dues forthcoming in many cases, permit our symbolic Lodge to be used as a stepping stone to what the applicant literally and figuratively considers beneath his feet and to be left behind on his way to his objective of doubtful Masonic worth, or even beyond?

Fraternal relations were ordered resumed and maintained with the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Panama.

M.:W.:Brother Henry A. Chambers, Past Grand Master, who had written the review of proceedings for the past twenty-two years, died on the 18th of November, 1925.

Brother C. H. Smart is chosen, apparently from the ranks, to assume the duties of Foreign Correspondent, and finishes the work that M.:W.:Brother Chambers had but hardly commenced.

We know from recent experience how to sympathize with a beginner. His work is characterized by brief and intelligent summary, knowledge of the law, and well selected quotations almost always followed by something in the way of comment tending to lighten up the whole work.

The present writer is highly complimented on having a whole page devoted to his first and recent work. The correspondent mistakenly infers from our text that our recently deceased Brother Ehrhardt had commenced the review with nine jurisdictions, whereas it was stated that he had written the review for the nine preceding years. We assure our friend that we must plead guilty to the whole works.

We appreciate his reply to our query on pall-bearers, and note that their law is practically as ours now stands.

M.:W.:ANDREW E. McCULLOCH, Grand Master.

R.:W.:STITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Waco.

December 2nd, 1925.

90th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Guinn Williams, Grand Master.

A prelude to the opening of Grand Lodge is occupied with invocation by the Grand Orator, singing by the Waco Masonic Choir, and address of welcome by Brother Hale, a member of a Waco Lodge.

After the opening, forty-six brethren with Masonic records running from forty to seventy years were introduced to the Grand Lodge and welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address is a lengthy and comprehensive document, with the ground, both domestic and foreign, well and truly covered. He has occasion to forcibly call the Craft to account for delinquencies coming under his observation in visitations to more than three hundred of his subordinate Lodges. "A total disregard on the part of many of the members of certain Lodges of all the teachings of Masonry, their obligations of brotherhood; and in fact a condition that caused me to blush with shame" is a sample of the scathing rebuke to which he gives voice. Much as we would wish it otherwise, Masons are much as other men.

In a rather illuminating chapter he sets out as "causes of dissension," the insidious methods of propaganda of the Ku Klux Klan, resulting in discord, promiscuous blackballing, and such, tending to destroy peace and harmony to a serious degree, even to the extent in some instances as to require arrest of Lodge charters.

One deplorable condition, a real hornet's nest, is brought to the consideration of Grand Lodge in an instance of trial for drunkenness, where the accused is found guilty and the Lodge's jury commission rejected all the prescribed penalties. A part of the Master's report to the Grand Master is as follows:

Further, it is a fact that in this Lodge, **there are members who take the position that the use of intoxicating liquor, even to the point of inebriety, is neither a moral nor a Masonic offense.** This statement would not be borne out by an open investigation, but it is true. It is a further fact that some members of the Lodge use intoxicating liquors in varying degrees. They, therefore, could not consistently condemn one for the commission of an offense of which they themselves may have been guilty. The majority of the remaining members of this lodge, who are not to be included in either of those classifications, take the position that if one shall be punished for an offense, then all shall be punished who are guilty of the same offense. Therefore, a trial of Brother Montgomery, regardless of its outcome, in view of these facts, must certainly have exposed the Lodge to the danger of very grave internal disorder.

The Grand Master arrested their charter.

Through all the darkness and malignant shadow of the foregoing, and more that we do not quote, the Grand Master sees a brightness shining in the work of the Committee on Masonic Service and Education, which he describes as being conducted upon a high plane and accomplishing untold good, second only to the Masonic Home and School.

Texas is the big state, and the brethren show versatility in the variety of complex we are permitted to observe—why not? It takes all kinds to make a

world, and it will take more than humans to rightly guard the outer door of Masonry against the undesirable we in our quest for numbers unthinkingly admit.

The Masonic Service Association, Grand Master's Conference, and George Washington Memorial all come in for words of praise from the Grand Master.

On report and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Lodges of Guatemala and Panama are recognized and extended fraternal recognition.

A new trial code is adopted. It takes fifteen pages of fine print to set it forth. Its details are minute and comprehensive.

It is alleged that there are invasions of Texas jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and the incoming Grand Master is empowered to investigate and withdraw recognition if his judgment should dictate such a course.

We hope our readers will not infer from the briefness of this review that the material was not at hand. The opposite is the case. There was action in abundance, and speeches without end—a truly busy session—much of bright and happy feature—much to be deplored in the regretful necessity for unveiling sordidness and misconduct. Texas is working hard to make Masonry shine—fearlessly and dutifully.

Again Past Grand Master Bradley prepares the report on correspondence. He terms it brief; but it is all that could be desired. Nebraska, 1925, is generously treated, with extensive quotation.

M. W. ED. R. BRYAN, Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM B. PEARSON, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA.

Melbourne.

1924.

36th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother His Excellency the Earl of Stradbroke, Grand Master.

M. W. Brother Frederick T. Hickford, Pro Grand Master.

We have the proceedings of the four quarterly communications held in 1924, the last being convened on December 17th and numbered 168.

The large attendance at these meetings is worthy of remark, consisting largely of "Past Grands" down through the list to Past Assistant Grand Pursuivant. It is noted that there were present Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of subordinate lodges.

1923 was a record year in their history, twenty-five new lodges consecrated and a net membership gain of 4251.

Where the Grand Master has occasion to address the Grand Lodge the remarks are brief and bear little on administrative or executive features. There is an abundance of pleasing narrative and pointed admonition. The decisions and recommendations with which the proceedings of American Grand Lodges abound are remarkable for their absence; but it must be remembered that with them it is the Board of General Purposes that shapes the policy and almost wholly determines the legislation affecting the "good of the Order." The office of Grand Master is a sinecure compared with the duties and detail imposed on the like office in America.

No outstanding features of legislation present themselves for review, which to our mind is a feature to commend.

They are evidently well grounded in the old and accepted usages and have no inclination for innovations.

Routine matters of purely domestic nature are easily and expeditiously disposed of with apparently little debate.

Forty-three Grand Lodge proceedings are reviewed under "Foreign Correspondence." Nebraska is omitted among others, and the name of the scribe is not apparent.

M. W. FREDERICK T. HICKFORD, Pro Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM STEWART, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

Richmond.

February 10th, 1925.

147th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Charles H. Callahan, Grand Master.

His likeness greets us as we open the book. Determination is expressed in every feature.

Virginia seems to have reverted to her former custom, after a short lapse, of retaining her Grand Master for more than one year. We approve the idea as utilizing proven efficiency and experience. We can see wherein the present Grand Master qualifies. Generally speaking, the Grand Master is the recipient of honor conferred in being chosen for the first term; and in the second, the Grand Lodge is amply repaid in the quality of service rendered.

The opening words of the Grand Master's address tell us of the pride Virginia may justly feel in her early birth and honored prestige:

The Declaration of Independence was only two years old when amid the clash of arms of that mighty and unequal struggle for American freedom a devoted band of fraternal patriots assembled in the provincial village of Williamsburg, dissolved their allegiance to foreign jurisdictions and asserting the inalienable rights of free men founded the Grand Lodge of Virginia. How far away that scene appears amid the splendors of the Craft's expanding influence today. Exalted by continued service to humanity, loyalty to country and reverence for God, it enjoys now the fullest measure of public approval in all its honored life.

The following brings out forcibly the modern Masonic trend; the counsel and admonition embodied therein indicate the clear thinker and determined executive:

We have just emerged from a transitory period of tremendous import. The anxiety and nervous tumult consequent upon the recent World War aroused unusual interest in fraternalism. Men of all classes sought consolation and support in fraternal fellowship and association. Such a condition is not unusual, indeed it is a common occurrence in every period of great social and political disturbance and it takes years for such upheavals to strike a balance and restore the public mind to a state of normal peace and quiet. The fraternal atmosphere has, I think, materially cleared and our institution has in a large measure settled down to its pre-war status of calm and deliberate life. Improved by the unusual experience I believe that out of this mental agitation has grown a more intimate relation between the individual members of the Order, as well as a more profound sense of obligation towards each other. From observation and personal contact with a large number of our Lodges, whose memberships have been materially increased in the last decade, I am

certain that if we discreetly utilize this leavened force an institution of more potential power for good will be the inevitable result. We must, therefore, be alive to the imperative needs of the situation. Those in authority should immediately take advantage of the rare opportunity presented, commandeer this vitalizing influence, and by example lead it into new spheres of useful activity. The seed is sown and we can reap the harvest. This, however, cannot be accomplished without an effort, but it can and will be accomplished by united purpose and persistent labor.

He is alive to the highest in Masonic aspiration, and expresses it in our favorite words: "Power" linked with "good." We contend the phrase bears repetition and that Bacon spoke a great truth. The theme is well continued in the following:

Exultant claims of superiority and exceptional worth for our order are but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals unless supported by concrete evidence of efficient service to mankind in either a moral or practical sense. Euphonious phrases alone never relieve a widow's want, nor will high sounding platitudes stop the cravings of a hungry man.

The address bristles with evidences of the enthusiast in action and proves that determination which his features claim. He concludes:

And I beseech you all, with a brother's blessing, to hold high the beacon light of Masonry and in your onward course exemplify its virtues by scattering seeds of kindness along the rugged highway of human life.

Dr. Eggleston is engaged in tracing Virginia's Masonic genealogy, and in his report as Grand Historian writes an interesting dissertation on American Masonry antedating the era of the first Grand Lodge. It puts Virginia well to the forefront in early Masonry, with well supported evidence of its existence in what is now North Carolina at the time of Sir Walter Raleigh's lost Colony of Roanoke Island.

Virginia mourns the death of the senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas Newman Davis, born 1842, died 1924, for sixty years a Mason. The Committee on Memorials and the Grand Master pay fitting tribute. He was a native son and a Confederate veteran.

The treasurer of the George W. Wright Memorial Fund reports nearly 200 thousand dollars pledged. It is a recent proposition and the proceeds will be employed in the establishment of an old folks home and the treatment of tubercular Masons. Twenty dollars per capita is the top they aspire to obtain. God bless their efforts.

What seems to us wise legislation is adopted as Sec. 261 of what we would term the Penal Code. In terse and comprehensive form it adequately defines the essentials:

SEC. 261. *What Constitutes a Masonic Offence.* Masons owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, A. F. and A. M., and sojourning Masons, while in the State of Virginia, must obey the civil laws, support the established government, keep inviolable the mysteries of the order, preserve and obey the laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, observe the ancient landmarks of Masonry and discharge their duties and obligations to their families, to each other and to mankind in general.

Wilful failure to comply with any of these requirements shall constitute a Masonic offence and subject the offender to Masonic trial, and if found guilty, to discipline.

There are three more pages of Masonic trial text which becomes law.

They fall into what is yet a thin line (but which we predict will be gradually reinforced) in the adoption of the following:

No brother can be installed as Master of a Lodge until he shall have received the Degree of Past Master, and shall have received from the Grand Lecturer or a Division Lecturer a certificate certifying that he is qualified to confer all the degrees, but this provision shall not become effective until the annual election of officers in December, 1926.

The Committee on Appeals happily reports nothing to do.

Dr. Eggleston, who is entitled to the display of a full share of the alphabet both before and after his name, writes the report as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He holds a high place in the roster of round table scribes for long service, adequate reviews, historical talent, and opinions expressed. We prefer not to supply the adjective. He is well able to demonstrate the worth of his conclusions. We wonder if other reviewers do as we do and read *all* his pen presents.

Nebraska, 1924, has evidently claimed his interest. We note with pleasure the complimentary comment, kind criticism, and liberal quotations.

M. W. CHARLES H. CALLAHAN, Grand Master.

R. W. CHARLES A. NESBITT, Grand Secretary.

Lo, hast thou kept thy path or swerved
We are beside thee, in all thy ways,
With our blame, with our praise,
Our shame to feel, our pride to show,
Glad, sorry—but indifferent, no!

—Browning.

WASHINGTON.

Hoquiam.

June 16th, 1925.

68th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Robert C. McCroskey, Grand Master.

About eighty Past Masters are listed present as "permanent members." This is a feature of Grand Lodge membership that Nebraska has not yet adopted. There is much to be said pro and con.

We note the presence of M. W. Brother Archibald W. Frater representing Nebraska.

The roll call of officers prior to opening discloses the absence of Brother Thomas P. Hastie, Grand Bible Bearer—the esteemed Brother has passed on during the current year. The vacancy is filled by the appointment of his son, James W.

Salutation of the Stars and Stripes is a feature first in order after the opening ceremonies.

Another pleasing feature as tending to spread the cement of fraternal affection, is the assembling of the Grand Representatives west of the altar, with a short welcome by the Grand Master and response. M. W. Brother Edwin H. Van Patten, representing New York, makes the response for the corps in a few well chosen words. He admits that the system is but an expression of sentiment and goes on to say:

While this may be considered but a mere sentiment, yet it belongs to that great class of feelings upon which is based the very foundation of society. The sentiments which surround the home, which unite all men in the bonds of human society, are not the mere nothings of the sentimentalists, but belong to those driving forces which have made nations and rendered civilization possible.

It is with pleasure and pride that we are permitted to mention the circumstance of the address of welcome being delivered by our V. W. and Rev. Brother George G. Ware of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, residing for the past five years at Grays Harbor. We are more than pleased to send him this message of congratulation, and convey our respects to his esteemed wife. We are moved to quote one paragraph from his address which contains in paraphrase a selection from "Immortality," verse long admired by the writer for its truth:

Crowns and thrones may perish; kingdoms wax and wane, and the centuries of the ages pass like second-hands upon the dial of life; but Masonry, whose birthpangs are, so far as I can understand, unrecorded, and whose hoary antiquity is lost in the mists and the shadows of life's earliest dawning, still remains. And to paraphrase the poet, Masonry, secure in its existence, smiles at the drawn dagger and defies its point. The stars may fall, the sun himself grow dim with age, and nature sink in years, but thou, Masonry, shalt flourish through immortal youth, unharmed, amid the war of elements, the wreck of matter or the crash of worlds.

The Grand Master's peroration is termed his "message," and a very good term too. He has occasion to remark that no "decisions" have been necessary during the year. Reference to the Code has covered all cases.

Under "recommendations" he pleads for rescinding the law adopted a year ago, wherein the petitioner promises to allow a year to elapse after the Master Mason's degree before advancing. The law as passed is not so explicit as is the case in most jurisdictions, and mostly for that reason his objections are well taken, although his other reasons deserve consideration. He recommends \$9.00 minimum dues for Lodges in order that the fees shall bear no part of ordinary expenses. Who was it remarked that Masonry was nearly as cheap as salvation?

With a very strong touch of pride he remarks that his Committee on Masonic Research and Education (with a lady executive secretary) has accomplished more with less money than any other Masonic educational committee in the United States. He is covering a lot of territory in that statement, but may be right at that; perhaps a lady head is the solution of that much vexed problem as tending to avoid wasted money and effort.

With characteristic coast superlative, he remarks with reference to Masonic Home activity:

But I shall take the liberty to say that, if the Home is developed according to the scheme adopted by the Committee, ours will be the finest and most practical Masonic Home in America, and one that will be in keeping with the dignity and strength of this great Institution.

We wish them God-speed and realization of his dream.

He concludes with an admonition to apply the rule of common sense to Masonic life.

The Grand Lodge remains a migratory body, the objections of the Grand Secretary to the contrary notwithstanding. He would have it meet at headquarters at least four years in five, but was voted down.

The death of M. W. Brother Ralph C. McAllaster on December 23rd, 1924, deprives Washington of their very able representative at the "Round Table," one to whom for the past thirteen years they have been indebted for painstaking and conscientious work as reviewer of foreign Grand Lodges. We lay a wreath upon his grave, and we know the good Lord in welcoming him to the celestial Lodge on high will use the words: "Well done good and faithful servant."

M. W. Brother Edwin H. Van Patten, Past Grand Master, is selected as temporary chairman, and we can see no good reason why the organization, to that extent, should not be made permanent. He furnishes on short notice a review which is all that could be desired, with Nebraska, 1924, given courteous treatment and tribute generously rendered to our now departed Brother Ehrhardt.

M. W. MORTON GREGORY, Grand Master.
R. W. HORACE W. TYLER, Grand Secretary.

The greatest friend of truth is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice; and her constant companion is humility.

—Colton.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Perth.

May 28th, 1925.

26th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Most Rev. Charles O. L. Riley, D.D., L.L.D., O.B.E., V.D., (Archbishop of Perth), Grand Master, re-elected.

Nebraska's representative, R. W. Brother T. W. Paisley, in attendance.

The Grand Master is still engaged in promoting a union of the two constitutions, but has met with but poor success. He reports that he is not without hope that the Scottish brethren will yet agree to a discussion of his proposals.

In the light of our arbitrary requirements on ritual, the following by the Grand Master shows in the extreme a concession to, and consideration of, the older members:

As I stated in my annual address last year, the path that leads to uniformity of ritual is a thorny one, and I would say to those who undertake the duty of standardizing our working—do not expect a ready compliance with your wishes all at once. The older brethren have a deep-rooted conviction that their own methods are right, and it is very difficult to prove that they are wrong.

Benevolent affairs seem of an extensive and generous magnitude, all apparently in the way of grants.

The report on foreign correspondence is under the supervision of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother J. D. Stevenson, as chairman, and is an extensive and comprehensive review of fifty-five English speaking Grand Lodges including Nebraska, 1924, by Brother C. Battye. He has this to say of our activities:

Sometimes we wonder if our Masonic brethren in Nebraska recognize with what feelings of unmitigated joy we turn to the story of their benefactions. Conceived in love, administered in wisdom, covering all with the glorious robe of benevolence this Grand Lodge in its charity carries out a magnificent work.

He has our thanks for a very complimentary review in other respects.

R. W. J. D. STEVENSON, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Parkersburg.

November 11th, 1925.

61st Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother Clyde T. Dutton, Grand Master.

M.:W.:Brother John M. Collins, Past Grand Master, serving his thirteenth year as Grand Secretary, passed away on the tenth day of February. The Grand Lodge was convened in special communication to perform the last sad rites for the deceased brother. The large attendance recorded is a testimony of regard.

In the death of M.:W.:Brother George W. Atkinson on April fourth, West Virginia loses a notable figure and the round table is called upon to mourn the loss of the dean of their number. For thirty-four years he compiled the annual review, and served as Grand Secretary for twenty years. Born in 1845, Grand Master in 1876, he was the eldest Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master presents an interesting address on the many phases of administrative affairs.

Among "edicts" issued from his office is one strongly condemning the lottery features practiced by appendant bodies. Another deposes a Worshipful Master from office for the reason that he is unable to confer the degrees, deliver the lectures, or even open the lodge according to ritual. We admire the courage of a Grand Master who exercises his prerogative on law enforcement in this manner. Too many Masters are conferred the honor of the square undeserved.

The "Board of Governors" of the Masonic Home is complimented for having ably directed its affairs.

The Grand Master, in well chosen argument, voices the need of Masonic education among the craft, and strongly recommends membership in the Masonic Service Association for one year, that their program may be fairly tried.

The latter subject is disposed of in the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted:

Your Committee, consistent with the past record of this Grand Lodge, does not endorse the recommendation of the Grand Master to become a member of the Masonic Service Association, and is not in accord with the apparent sentiment expressed in his report bearing on this subject, that might be by others construed as a reflection upon the intelligence of the Craft of West Virginia.

What little new legislation was proposed was killed by adverse committee report, to which the Grand Lodge agreed.

We find no "grand oration" from which to quote, nor any "Grand Orator" listed among the officers. Our opinion is that West Virginia is more than half right in this respect.

Vice Brother Atkinson, deceased, Past Grand Master Lewis N. Tavenner, chairman of the committee, writes the review on foreign correspondence, his first attempt. His foreword consists principally of a fine eulogy of his predecessor.

What little briefness he accomplishes by his absence of conjunctions and articles is negligible; but the result is snappy and readable. We can afford to patronize him, as this is our *second*, although if his own comment in his Nebraska, 1925, is believed, it is our *first*. We do not mind Frank White getting credit for our work, which he describes as well done; but we must keep the record straight.

As to appreciating Brother White's position as a review writer, the joke is on him, as the Grand Commandery review was the product of that distinguished brother's pen for many years.

M. W. ALBERT B. C. BRAY, Grand Master.

M. W. GEORGE S. LAIDLEY, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee.

June 9th, 1925.

81st Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Frank Johnson, Grand Master.

We discover nothing startling in the Grand Master's address. It is admirably concise and interesting. The few decisions he submits are obviously sound and conform to good law. He reports that he has presided at five Masonic trials, and in four other trials he has been represented by brethren acting as his deputy. From this we infer that it is both law and custom in this jurisdiction for the Grand Master or his proxy to perform this function. Although rather unusual in the annals of Grand Lodges, it has our entire approval. Justice is sometimes not well served in the ordinary lodge trial.

On physical qualifications he has adhered to a strict enforcement of the landmarks, laws, and edicts.

He recommends raising the mileage of Grand Lodge members from six to eight or ten cents, and plainly condemns the "chain letter." He concludes with expressions of gratitude and assurances of continued service.

To clarify the confusion resulting from the use of three or four different Monitors, a Committee on Revision of Monitor was appointed at the last communication and now reports. The new Monitor submitted and adopted as the official Masonic Guide follows closely Young's Masonic Guide, the particular feature of which is abridgement of the monitorial work of the Fellow Craft Degree. And thus the clock of eternal (some would say infernal) change ticks on.

Wisconsin has its own Masonic Service Bureau, under the direction of Brother Phil A. Roth. It functions admirably along the line of employment service and the numerous phases of relief.

The Committee on Jurisprudence almost, but not quite, approved all the decisions of the Grand Master. He had answered "No" to the question: "Has a Lodge the right to make a donation to a Young Men's Christian Association towards the building of a dormitory?" The committee reports an equal division on the question and recommends that it be laid over a year; which is done. We do not like a committee that won't unanimously approve this ruling. The common funds of a lodge should be used for strictly Masonic purpose only. Those lodge individuals who favor such donation should make

it from their own pockets, rather than from a common fund in which even a minimum number of objectors are interested. We doubt if our Jewish brethren would either ask for or accept a similar contribution. Masonry, although recognizing the fact of interdependence, must stand by herself in a way and show no partiality or favors to the extent of rendering financial aid to Jew, Gentile, or Ku Klux Klan, except in the relief of distressed humanity.

A rather important and laudable subject comes before the Grand Lodge in the report of the Committee on "Wisconsin Masonic Foundation," the inauguration of the plan being assured by the adoption of the report.

As bearing upon the preceding subject in part, we quote the following from the adopted resolution:

That the word "Masonic," as herein used, shall be applicable to and include only Master Masons, their wives, widows, orphans and dependents, and charitable, benevolent, educational or philanthropic institutions and committees or boards organized by or under the direction and control of or having the endorsement for Masonic purposes of any of the duly constituted Masonic bodies which are recognized as such by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin.

In his twenty-eighth annual report M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks presents his review of foreign correspondence. It is both interesting and instructive, as the author hopes.

M. W. Brother Jenks is chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee as well, and we are moved to quote his attitude on the Masonic Service Association that we find in his review of Delaware. We wish that our departed predecessor might have read it. He quotes this from the Grand Master of Delaware on the conference of Grand Masters:

No permanent organization was formed, as it was our opinion that any matter which might come before such a conference could be disposed of as well by the *Masonic Service Association*.
and comments:

That is the danger to be feared by the activities of the Masonic Service Association. In its utterances it disclaims any purpose of setting up or of being considered a General Grand Lodge. We believe it is sincere in such disclaimer, but insensibly its members have come to so regard it and it is a menace to the supremacy and sovereignty of every Grand Lodge. Fortunately there are indications of its dissolution. During the last year six Grand Lodges have withdrawn their membership in it, viz.: Arkansas, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, California and Missouri, while only one, Florida, has been added. Among the Grand Lodges withdrawing are to be found the largest Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and with their defection the Association loses approximately one-third of its membership and its revenues.

Nebraska, 1924, is generously and impartially reviewed.

M. W. FRED J. MARIEN, Grand Master.

M. W. WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

Sheridan.

51st Annual Communication.

August 19th, 1925.

M. W. Brother John Ira Kirby, Grand Master.

The annual address and report of the Grand Master is short and concise with no flights into the speculative. He commends both the George Washington Memorial and the Masonic Service Association, in which Wyoming holds membership.

It appears from his approved decisions that a non-affiliate must secure one year's residence within the jurisdiction of the Lodge before a petition for affiliation may be presented. He admits that the rule is not a proper one, and he is to be commended for saying so.

His decision that a candidate is not eligible who performs necessary functions with a cork leg is not approved. And the question as to who is right is at least debatable.

He recommends a uniform diploma, which, strange to say, has not yet been required.

The Grand Historian reports the completion and publication of the "History of Freemasonry in Wyoming." A goodly number of copies are distributed gratis, and extra copies may be secured at \$3.00.

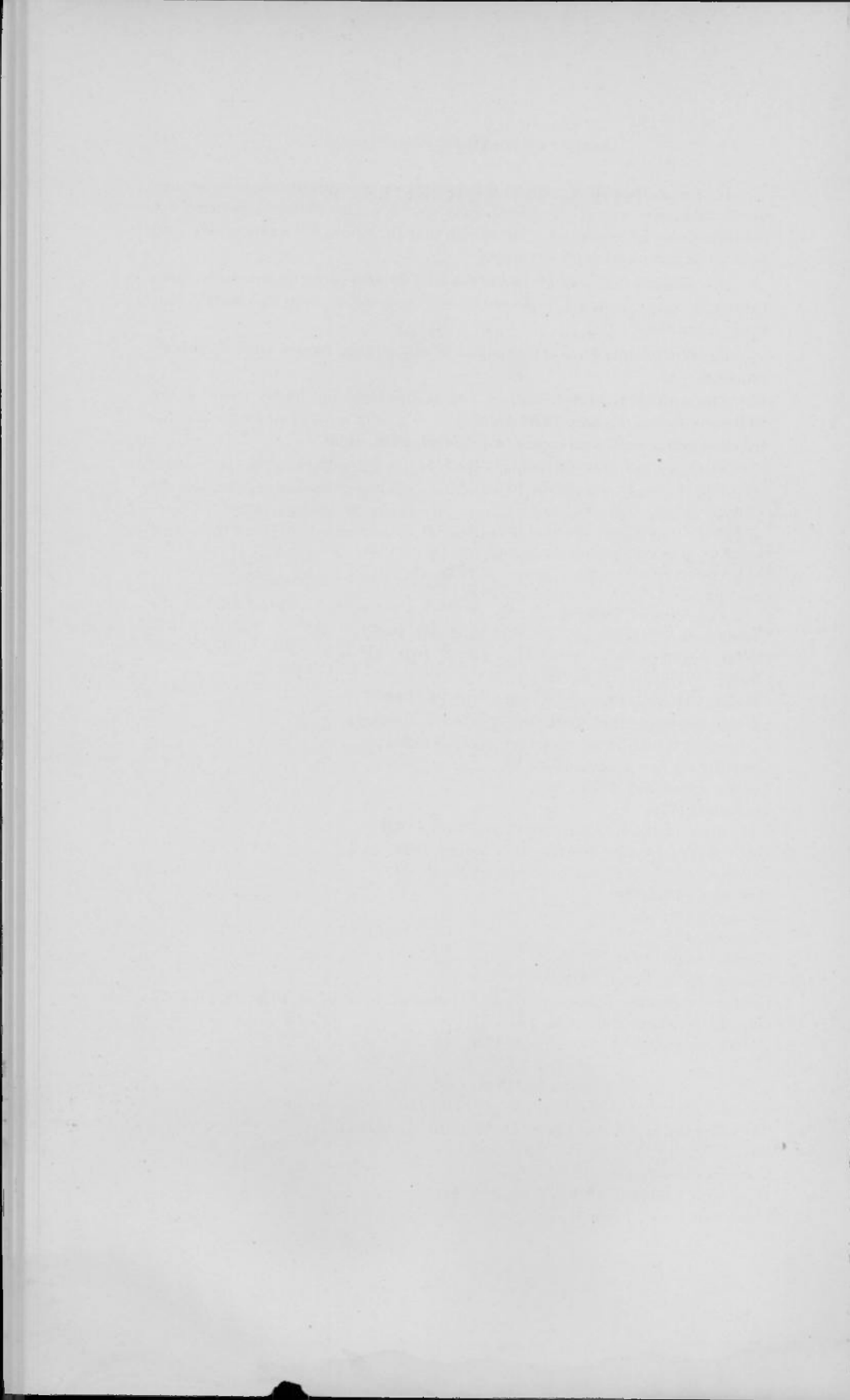
Although the Masonic Home fund is of a respectable sum, Wyoming still defers the building of a Home. Considering the size of the jurisdiction and the number of cases for relief and support, they prefer to continue in the "Wyoming way," and cases are cited in support of such plan. It appears to be ably administered and smoothly working.

A resolution to elect the Deacons is deferred another year.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Joseph M. Lowndes, submits the Report on Fraternal Correspondence in 100 pages of pleasing text with well selected quotations. Nebraska, 1924, is complimented with extensive quotations from M. W. Brother Chappell and from Uncle Bob.

M. W. FRANK S. KNITTLE, Grand Master.

R. W. JOSEPH M. LOWNDES, Grand Secretary.



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