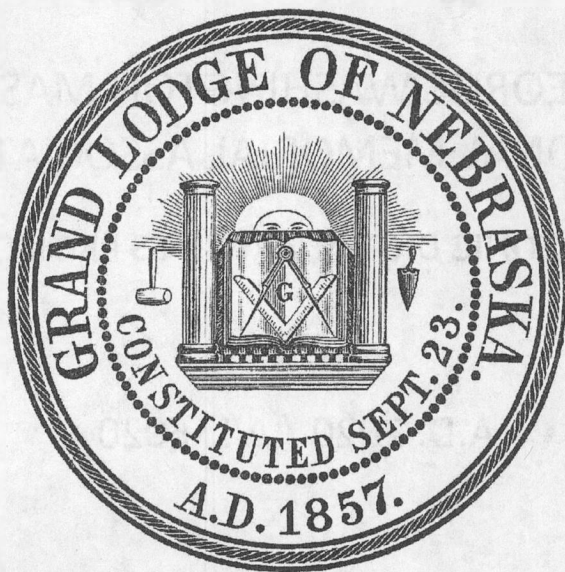


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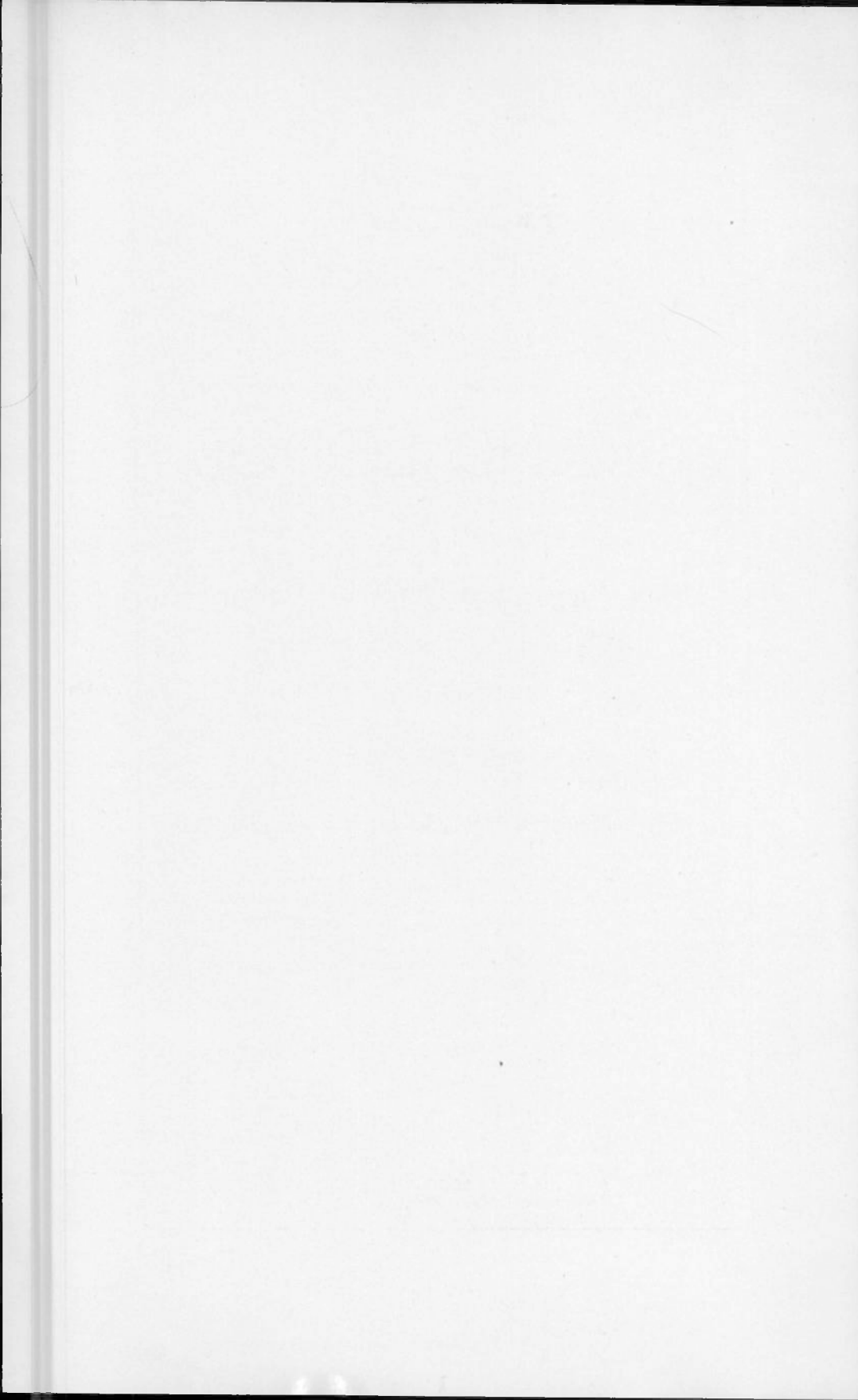
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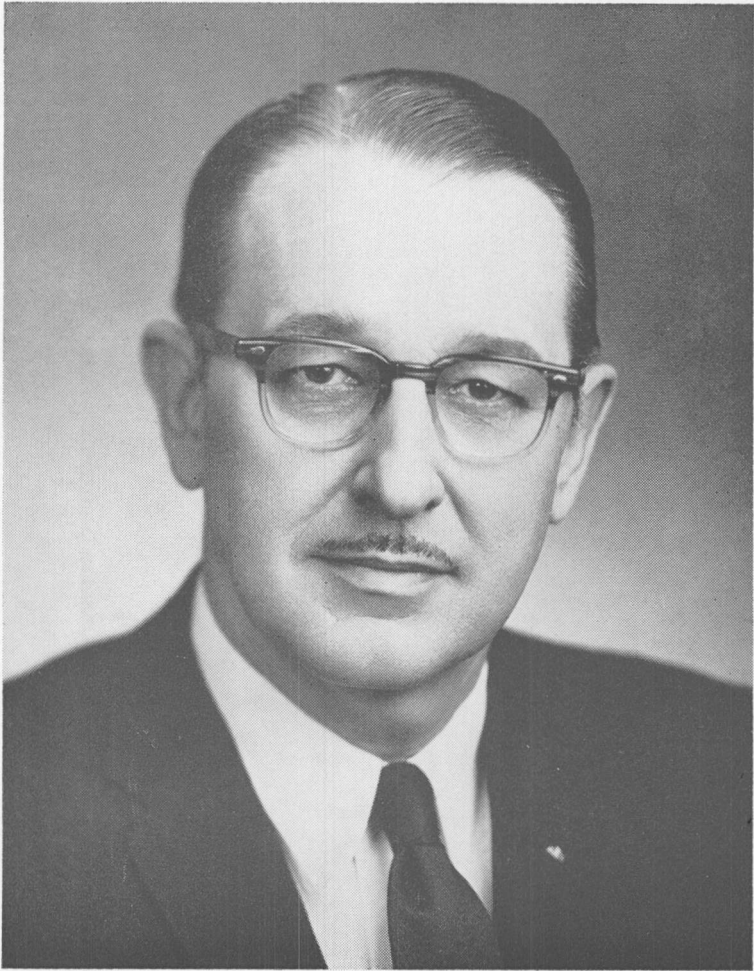
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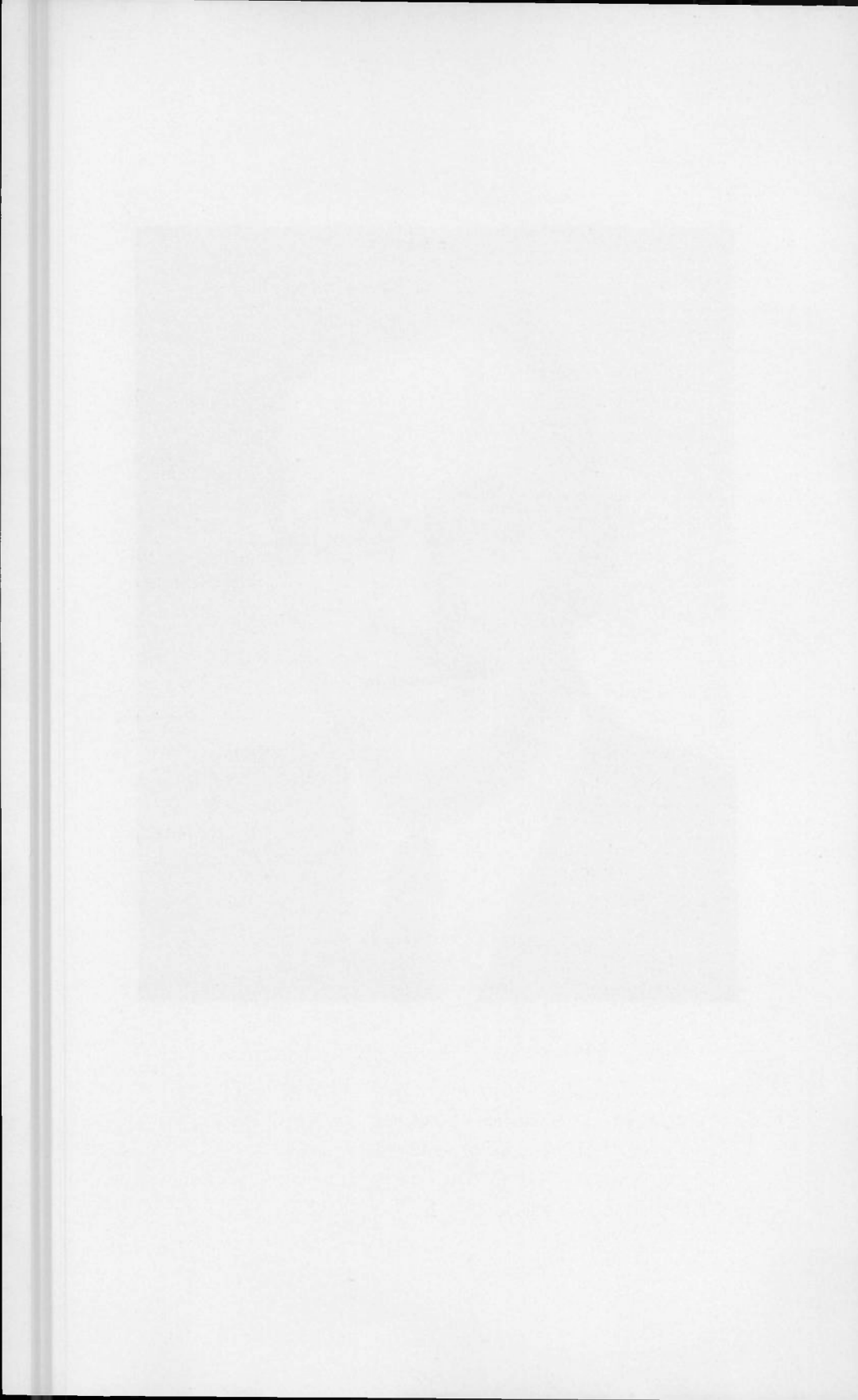






*Joseph C. Fyfe*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA  
1959 — 1960



# Biographical



## Joseph C. Tye

Joseph C. Tye, 94th Grand Master, was born January 2, 1904 at Griswold, Iowa, the son of Joseph F. and Etta U. Jameson Tye. M.·W.·Brother Tye attended school at Griswold, and attended Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, then going on to the University of South Dakota where he received his L. L. B. degree. On June 24, 1926 he was married to Opal M. Graham and they have three sons, Joseph N., James S., and Thomas W. and several grandchildren. The Tyes are members of the Presbyterian church at Kearney.

Brother Tye, who has a successful law practice at Kearney, served as Kearney City Attorney, and four years Mayor of Kearney. He is a member of the Buffalo County, Central Nebraska, Nebraska State and American Bar Associations. In October, 1959, he completed his year as President of the Nebraska State Bar Association. M.·W.·Brother Joe is Past President of the Kearney Chamber of Commerce. His name has just appeared in the newest issue of "Who's Who in America."

### MASONIC RECORD

Ancient Craft Masonry: Raised to sublime degree of Master Mason in Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, September 24, 1928, serving as W.·Master in 1932.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon on June 4, 1954, by M.·W.·Charles F. Adams, and on June 10, 1959, was installed M.·W.·Grand Master. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba near Nebraska, having been appointed by M.·W.·Brother Adams June 25, 1954.

Capitular Masonry: Became a Royal Arch Mason in Kearney Chapter No. 23, Kearney, January 24, 1944.

Cryptic Masonry: Received the degrees of the Cryptic Rite, May 23, 1959, in Lebanon Council No. 24, Grand Island.

Chivalric Masonry: Dubbed a Knight Templar May 26, 1944, in Mt. Hebron Commandery No. 12, Kearney.

Scottish Rite: Omaha Consistory since November, 1959.

Shrine: Member of Tehama Temple, Hastings; Advisory Council, Order of DeMolay, member of Fort Kearney Shrine Club.

### OTHER MASONIC BODIES

Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association since January 23, 1956; Tuscan Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star, Kearney; Fort Kearney Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Honorary Memberships: Past Grand Masters Association of Kansas, DeMolay Legion of Honor.

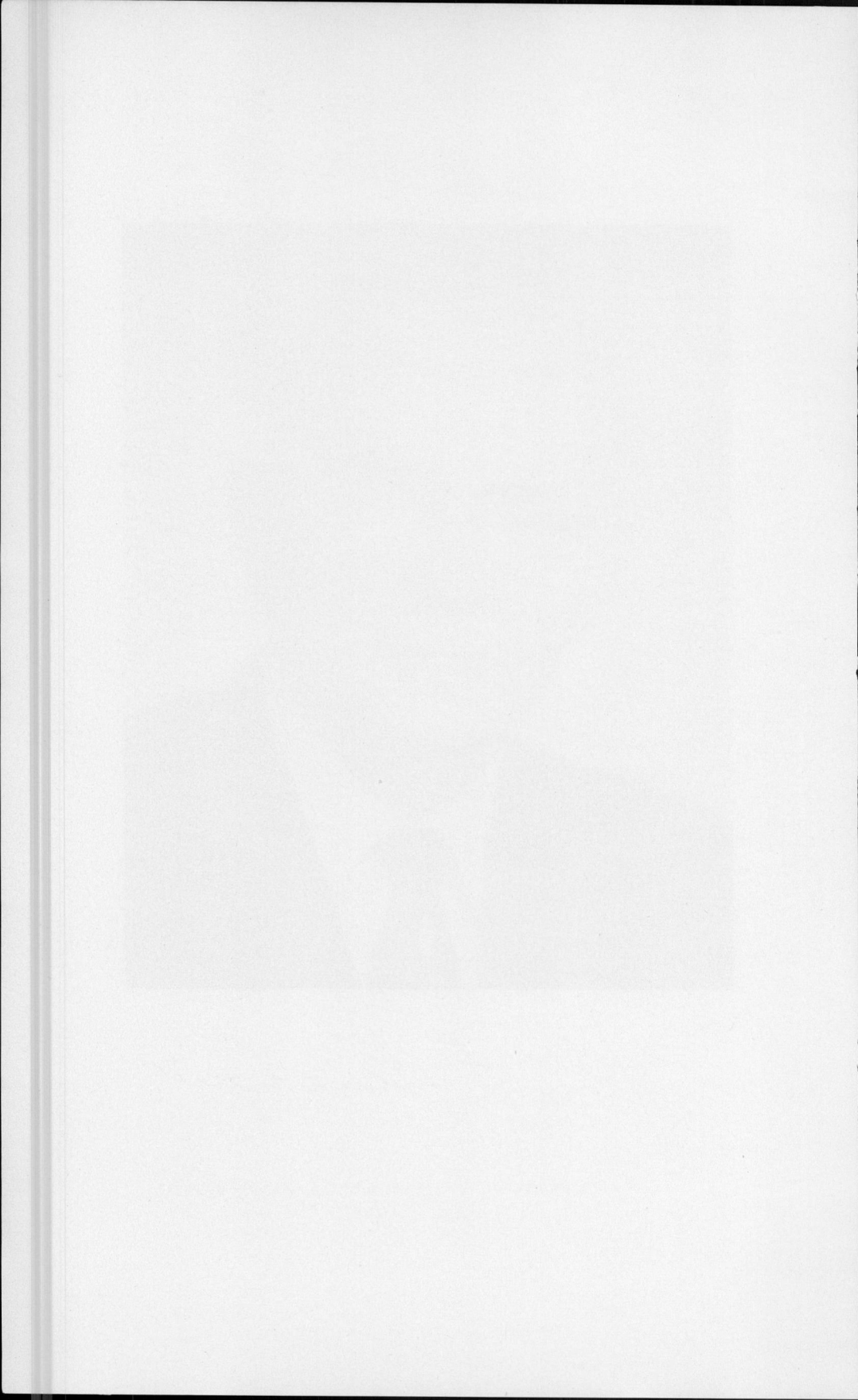
The Masonic Fraternity in Nebraska has been honored this past year in the person of our M·W·Grand Master, Joseph C. Tye. To the manifold duties of his great task he has brought a deep sense of duty, intense concentration, a willingness to go wherever the welfare of the Craft called him, and a profound conviction that Masonry cannot rest upon the story of its antiquity as the sum total of its reason for existence, but must contribute something of value to the world of today and bequeath a vital program of constructive action to the world of tomorrow. His intense interest in and enthusiastic endorsement of the youth organizations — DeMolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters, Muses — focused the attention of the Craft on our great responsibility for those who are to be the Makers of our Destiny. He also challenged the members of the Craft to discharge their duties and responsibilities as citizens.

M·W·Brother Tye has earned his place among the great leaders of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.



*John F. Litcher*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA  
1960 — 1961



# PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

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

### ONE HUNDRED THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

*Held in Omaha, June 7 and 8, 1960*



#### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

*Tuesday, June 7, 1960*

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, 19th and Douglas Streets, Omaha, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, June 7, A.D. 1960, A. L. 5960.

#### Grand Officers present:

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46	Grand Master
R. W. John F. Fitcher, 302	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32	Grand Secretary
V. W. William P. Reid, 281	Grand Chaplain
W. William A. Brandenburg, 120	Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6	Grand Custodian
W. Alfred B. Saum, 46	Grand Marshal
W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Harry A. Spencer, 227	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Charles H. Ninegar, 301	Grand Tyler

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge Brother Arthur N. Howe, 290, entertained the representatives and visitors with an organ recital.



Promptly at 8:45 o'clock a. m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. John F. Futeher, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. W. William P. Reid, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Charles F. Adams, introduced and given the Grand Honors.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of chartered Lodges. There being a constitutional number of Lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the 103rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska opened in ample form and directed the Grand Marshal to make proclamation thereof.

The Grand Master instructed the Grand Marshal to escort the Grand Chaplain, V. W. William P. Reid to the altar for the purpose of Prayer.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS

Presentation of the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Nebraska was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1.

#### NEBRASKA LODGE NO. 1 PRESENTS FIFTY-STAR FLAG TO THE GRAND LODGE

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre:

M. W. Grand Master, Officers of the Grand Lodge, and Brethren: It was just five years ago today that it was my privilege to appear on this rostrum and accept on behalf of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 the first certificate that was issued by this Grand Lodge to a lodge indicating that they had given a century of service to Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. I accepted that certificate that day on behalf of W. Master Charles A. Faudt who was unable to be present. Today Nebraska Lodge No. 1 is reversing the situation a little, instead of being on the receiving end of a proposition, we are giving. It is my pleasure and privilege to present to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on behalf of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 this beautiful fifty-star flag of the United States of America.



M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master:

Thank you, sir, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, I accept this beautiful gift.

Brethren, will you all join with me in pledging allegiance to the new flag of the United States of America.

(Members of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, K. T. formed an escort and the new Fifty-star flag was presented to the East by Lt. Col. James A. Bradley, Master Sgt. Keith Windheim, and Major Harold H. Thom, all members of Nebraska Lodge No. 1.

Following the presentation of the flag Brother Jack Wright, 11, sang, "How Great Thou Art", accompanied by W. Harold H. Thom, 1.)



Front row, Left to Right: Sir Knight Theodore M. Rugg, Brothers James A. Bradley, Keith Windheim, Harold H. Thom.

Top row, Left to Right: W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; R. W. John F. Fitcher, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master; V. W. William P. Reid, Grand Chaolain.

## RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. . Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters, according to seniority:

Lewis E. Smith.....	(56th)	1921
Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th)	1923
Ralph O. Canaday.....	(68th)	1933
Chancellor A. Phillips.....	(72nd)	1936
Earl J. Lee.....	(76th)	1940
George A. Kurk.....	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner.....	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper.....	(80th)	1944-1945
Benjamin F. Eyre.....	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt.....	(82nd)	1947
Elmer E. Magee.....	(83rd)	1948
Thomas J. Aron.....	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight.....	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith.....	(88th)	1953
Charles F. Adams.....	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White.....	(90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale.....	(91st)	1956
Roy I. Babbitt.....	(92nd)	1957
John E. Beaver.....	(93rd)	1958
Roscoe Pound.....	(Honorary)	1949

The Past Grand Masters were given a most cordial welcome, conducted to the East and given the grand honors.

M. . W. . Edward F. Carter and John S. Hedelund were unable to be present.

M. . W. . John E. Beaver gave the response.

## RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: M. . W. . Wendell W. Bishop, Grand Master; R. . W. . Ralph E. Whipple, Grand Secretary, Iowa; R. . W. . Stafford King, Senior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M. . W. . Martin H. Voss, Grand Master of Minnesota; R. . W. . John H. Murray, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. . W. . Ray W. Kinzie, Grand Master; M. . W. . Charles S. McGinness, Grand Secretary of Kansas; M. . W. . William F. Smith, Grand Master, Wyoming; M. . W. . Norman J. Doolittle, Grand Master; R. . W. . Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary, South Dakota.

Brother Emmett McLoughlin, Member of Sahuaro Lodge No. 45, Phoenix, Arizona; R. . W. . Carl R. Greisen, President, Masonic Relief

Association of the United States and Canada; Brother John D. Cunningham, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association; Brother Lynn C. Moomey, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, OES of Nebraska; Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska and Grand Almoner, Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R., Southern Jurisdiction; Brother William F. Patterson, President; Brother Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. Bernard T. Pipher, President, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

M. E. Claude A. Rennau, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska, M. E. Robert E. Lund, General Grand Master, Third Veil, General Grand Chapter, R. A. M. active Member of Supreme Council Order DeMolay and Executive Officer in Nebraska; M. I. Harold H. Thom, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; Sir Knight C. Harold Edwards, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska.

Speaking for and on behalf of the Distinguished Guests, M. W. Norman J. Doolittle, Grand Master of South Dakota, responded to the cordial welcome of M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master.

Brother Lynn C. Moomey, Worthy Grand Patron, presented a beautiful basket of flowers for and on behalf of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska, with their good wishes for a profitable communication.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GRAND CUSTODIAN AND ASSISTANTS

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master, introduced the Grand Custodian, his Assistants and Assistant Custodians Emeriti.

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

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges. The Grand Master extended to them a hearty welcome and suggested that they convey his greetings to the Grand Lodge they represent. All Grand Lodges that are in fraternal relation with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska were represented except Alberta, Arizona, Austria, Bahia, Ceara, Rio Grande do Sul, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Idaho, Israel, Maine, Manitoba,

Netherlands, New Zealand, North Carolina, Norway, Nova Scotia, Nuevo Leon, Panama, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Switzerland, Tamaulipas, Tasmania, Texas, Victoria and West Virginia.

W. Arthur D. Gregory, 265, Grand Representative of Oregon, gave the response.

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

W. Theodore M. Janing, Master, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, gave the Address of Welcome and W. Oliver L. Erickson, Master of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, gave the Response.

### GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

**Application for Reinstatement:** W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; W. Robert J. McDermott, 281; W. Earl H. Furman, 290.

**Appropriations:** W. Fred D. Moshier, 281 (1962), Chairman; W. Ernest E. James, 1 (1961); W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1960); W. Walter Truex, 55 (1963); W. Richard L. Wait, 19 (1964).

**Charters and Dispensations:** W. Homer C. Davey, 317, Chairman; W. Earl W. Schultz, 75; W. Dewey L. Deppe, 281.

**Codification of the Law:** W. Bernard Pipher, 31, Chairman; W. Dale Carr, 179; W. Harley G. Lofton, Jr., 146; W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19.

**Credentials:** W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; W. Clyde H. Jones, 173; W. Leonard B. Wood, 103; W. Judson M. Meier, 114; W. Richard W. Nims, 40; W. Frank F. McMullin, 241.

**Doings of Grand Officers:** W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; W. Earl E. Meridith, 230; W. Durward G. DeBuse, 325.

**Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, Chairman; M. W. Herbert T. White, 11; M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54.

**Finance:** W. John A. Bortorf, 49, (1962), Chairman; W. Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1961); W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1960); W. Welcome W. Naylor, 158 (1963); W. Robert E. Lund, 323 (1964).

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314; W. Lyle L. Soden, 276.

**Fraternal Relations:** R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. John G. Lowe III, 46.

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:** W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; W. Elmer P. Baruth, 323; W. Ralph R. Batie, 46.

**Grand Lodge Business Affairs:** M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman; M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318; M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1; M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227; M. W. Thomas J. Aron, 37.

**Grand Lodge Office:** M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Robert D. McNutt, 19; R. W. John F. Futeher, 302.

**Grand Trustees:** W. Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1964), Chairman; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1963); W. Leslie E. Martin, 281 (1960); W. William E. Moor, 102 (1962); M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318 (1961).

**Grievances:** W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; W. Kenneth R. Garver, 135; W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31.

**Jurisprudence:** M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, Chairman, and all Past Grand Masters present.

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

**Masonic Education:** W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1960) Chairman; W. Phillip A. Robinson, 155 (1961); W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54 (1962); W. Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1962); M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, (1961).

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Edward F. Carter, 301 (1961) Chairman; M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1960); M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1962).

**Relief and Care of Orphans:** M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1962), Chairman; W. Joseph W. Troxel, 184 (1961); W. Arthur A. Gregory, 265 (1964); W. Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1960).

**Returns:** W. Leonard Tomlyn, 2, Chairman; W. Norris W. Lallman, 72; W. Wallace E. Moffett, 312.

**Temple Building Advisory:** W. Otto Nelsen, 300 (1961); W. E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1960); W. A. Victor Bryan, 263 (1962).

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**To Co-ordinate Publications:** M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, Chairman; R. W. John F. Futeher, 302; W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281; Brother H. Hassel Taylor, 3; W. Curry D. Bryson, 314.

**Public Relations:** Brother John S. Savage, 11; W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54; W. Alfred B. Saum, 46.

#### ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

I am happy and honored to welcome you to this 103rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. One year ago you conferred upon me the highest honor which has ever come to me, that of Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska; I sincerely thank you. It has

been my effort throughout the year to recognize the honors extended to the Grand Master for and on behalf of your Grand Lodge, realizing that it is the office which is entitled to the honor and recognition and not the individual who occupies it temporarily. This is your Grand Lodge, the finest representative form of organization ever in existence. I charge you to give attention to the business at hand and see to it that those things are done which you wish done and that any thing you do not wish done shall not be done.

It is timely that we recognize our right of assembly here in a free state of a free nation and that we give thought and attention to the history of this nation and the preservation of it for future ages.

To our distinguished guests, a hearty and cordial welcome. We are happy to have you with us, we hope you enjoy your stay and that you will call upon any of us for anything pertaining to your comfort, pleasure and convenience.

I feel it necessary to offer my apologies to many of you for the printing and distribution of this address, for the reason that I made the statement that this address would not be printed and distributed at this time, in the interest of economy. I have been advised that the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian must be printed at this time in order to give many of you, and particularly the secretaries of subordinate lodges, information which you need before receiving the Annual Proceedings. The printer very graciously agreed to include my report for only a few cents additional, with my assurance that it would be brief. I ask you to realize, therefore, that my remarks will be kept to the very minimum and will include only those things which are deemed necessary.

My sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your splendid cooperation throughout the year. My special thanks to the Past Grand Masters who have been most patient with me and have given every possible assistance to me and the Grand Lodge. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the Line Officers and the members of each of the committees. You have lived up to every expectation and desire of your Grand Master.

Neerology is left to the Committee on Fraternal Dead, except to mention the loss of M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Master. M. W. Brother Raecke was held in high esteem by all who knew him and he contributed liberally of his time and ability to the Fraternity.

I was privileged to present seven fifty-year buttons and two Jordan medals. It was my distinct honor and privilege to present the Gold Jordan medal to Brother William H. McDonald of North Platte.

I endeavored to accept every invitation to attend a subordinate Lodge and made special effort to visit those Lodges which had not been visited during the past year; in some instances conflicting dates made this impossible. I made 36 visits to subordinate Lodges, attended the Grand Chapter meeting, the Grand Commandery meeting, the Grand Council,

Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, three Scottish Rite Reunions and four Shrine Ceremonials.

I visited three sister jurisdictions, Iowa, Colorado and Kansas. M.'W.'John E. Beaver attended the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, representing your Grand Lodge. Thanks, M.'W.'Brother John. I addressed the Hi-Twelve Club in Topeka, Kansas, during the Kansas Annual Communication, and spoke at the Special Convocation of Royal Arch Masons honoring M.'W.'Wendell W. Bishop, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa. I am pleased to report that there is excellent cooperation between all of the Masonic bodies in Nebraska. Due recognition has been made your Grand Lodge by the York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shrine, and particularly have illustrious Brother Joseph W. Seacrest and Imperial Brother Clayton F. Andrews spoken of the proper relationship between the Blue Lodge and their respective orders because of their positions and general interest in Masonry.

Your Grand Lodge was invited to lay six cornerstones, viz., Masonic Temples at Burwell and Bellevue, a high school at Lodgepole and buildings on the N.S.T.C. campus at Wayne, Peru and Kearney. We were also invited to dedicate new temples at Walthill, Cozad, Bellevue and Burwell. These meetings were well attended, particularly by your Line Officers and Past Grand Masters.

I attended five of the six area meetings conducted by your Committee on Masonic Education, missing the one at Scottsbluff by reason of a blizzard. The work of this committee is of greatest importance and I trust it will be expanded in order to renew interest and activity in Masonry.

The usual number of dispensations and reinstatements were granted. A large number of Lodges amended their By-laws; appointments of Grand Representatives were made as requested; and the usual number of Trial Commissions were appointed. The Secretary's office has a complete record of each of these activities and the Committee on Grievances will report on the matter of trials.

I make no reference to our Homes for the reason that the reports of the Presidents will be given and will amply cover this subject. On behalf of your Grand Lodge I thank the Presidents of our Homes and the members of the Boards for their extraordinary work. These Homes are our charities and we need look no further for proper charities, either by way of annual contributions, substantial lifetime gifts or remembrance by wills.

Your Grand Lodge was permitted to cooperate with the Shrine Bowl game held in Omaha last August. This was a grand success and I congratulate everyone participating in this humanitarian activity.

Your Grand Lodge was represented at the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education November 13 and 14, 1959. W.'Howard J. Hunter, members of his committee and several other officers were in attendance. Your Grand Master participated on a panel "Masonry and Youth". This

Conference, which meets annually, is most valuable to your officers and the Committee on Masonic Education, since it affords an opportunity to keep abreast of new and expanding ideas for Masonic Education. This must be a continuing program in Nebraska. W. Howard J. Hunter has long been in attendance at these conferences, is recognized as one of the leaders of the Conference, and presented a paper at Cedar Rapids.

Your Grand Lodge was well represented at the Annual Conference of Grand Masters of North America, which was held in Washington, D.C. in February. Your Grand Master was pleased to participate in a debate on "Universal Instruction to the Candidate After Election and Before Initiation". This conference was attended by a Grand Master or his representative of every State in the Union, as well as from Canada and several foreign countries. The Conference is most valuable for an exchange of Masonic principles and ideals and affords an opportunity to keep abreast of Masonic affairs throughout North America. It was most interesting this year to receive first-hand reports of the status of the Craft from Puerto Rico, Canada, Germany, Austria, France and Israel. M. W. Charles F. Adams completed his term as a member of the Committee on Information and Recognition, which Committee deals with the condition of the Fraternity in foreign jurisdictions and recognition of foreign jurisdictions in the Grand Lodges of North America. M. W. Brother Adams is also a member of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The breakfast given by Imperial Sir Andrews in memory of Frank S. Land, Mason and Founder of the Order of DeMolay, was attended by leaders in government and Masonry. It was a most impressive event. Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker was the speaker.

Your Grand Lodge took, as guests, to the Grand Masters banquet, our Masonic Congressmen and their wives. The speaker was Judge Luther W. Youngdahl of Minnesota, now a Federal Judge in Washington, D.C.

While attending the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, your Grand Master was privileged to present the Association with four volumes of tributes to George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and General John J. Pershing, written by Brother Harry Follmer of Nelson. This work was written by Brother Follmer in connection with the General John J. Pershing monument movement in Nebraska.

Your Grand Master was also honored to be appointed on the committee selected to place a wreath on the grave of General George Washington at Mount Vernon.

It is hoped that you noticed numerous newspaper items with reference to the activities of your Grand Lodge, the subordinate lodges, and Masons, during the year. There has been some doubt in the minds of some concerning publicity or public relations, and very frequently Masonic activities and the activities of individual Masons have not been called to the attention of the public generally. It seems that good acts and



deeds should be given proper notice. A Public Relations Committee was appointed this year and all comments have been gratifying.

I would certainly be remiss if I did not recognize the reception and banquet given in honor of Mrs. Tye and myself by Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney. This delightful occasion was held on the evening of October 16, 1959 and was attended by some 130 Masons and their wives. We are certainly most grateful and honored beyond my ability to express, for the reason that the entire Grand Lodge Line was in attendance, as were six Past Grand Masters. W. Brother Brandenburg, Grand Orator, was the speaker. We were presented with a lovely gift and a gift book including the signatures of all of those in attendance, which will afford us many pleasant memories over the years. If I have been able to do anything for the good of the Craft, the honor and recognition are due Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney.

#### STATE OF THE CRAFT

Masonry in Nebraska is healthy. We have more certified men and more certified Lodges than we have had for many years. Our area meetings were well attended and were most enthusiastically received by those in attendance. Many of the Lodges are attracting attention because of the young men who are participating in all of the activities. We had been in hopes that we would show a net gain this year, but such is not the case. We are able to report, however, that our net loss of 46 is less than our net loss a year ago, and we are sincerely in hopes that next year will show a net gain. We are not particularly interested in numbers, since quality is our prime interest. However progress should show in numbers as well as in quality.

As has been said by previous Grand Masters, a faithful and understanding wife is a decided asset. Opal has always been ready and willing to travel with me and has given every consideration and assistance possible. Without her I am certain I could not have satisfactorily completed this Annual Communication, and I know I would not have had a clean shirt.

#### DECISIONS

1. A member was employed as steward of a VFW Club. The Club had no liquor license and no intoxicating liquor of any description was sold by the Club. Individual members were permitted to take their own bottles to the Club where they were marked with the name of the owner and the owner could purchase a "set-up" or mix, either mixing his own drink or an employee of the Club could mix the drink for him.

RULING — The member was not violating Masonic law, particularly Section 3-102 (d) 2.

2. Members who are candidates for public office were listing their Masonic membership on political cards and in political advertisements.

RULING — The use of Masonic membership in any of the Masonic bodies in connection with political advertising is in violation of Section 3-102 (f).

3. Members who wish to serve on a community committee to examine and explain a proposed bond issue for the construction of a new public school.

RULING — That a member may serve upon such a committee.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Your officers, the Grand Trustees, and the Committees on Finance, Grand Lodge Business Affairs and Appropriations, have given a great deal of time and study to the financial structure of Grand Lodge and our Homes during the past year.

Three years ago our By-laws were amended with reference to finances in the hope that our financial condition would be clarified. Particularly was it desired that your officers, committees and any member of Grand Lodge would be able to determine from future reports the exact financial condition of Grand Lodge and Homes, as well as our operating status annually.

Permit me to make it clear at the outset that there is no criticism of any officer and particularly that there is no feeling that any funds have been misappropriated or misapplied. Your officers and the members of the various committees dealing with finances have given generously of their time and ability and your finances have been carefully and faithfully used and accounted for throughout the year. The Grand Trustees have been operating under the present law and have given primary attention to the safe investment of the funds of both Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

The new methods of bookkeeping and accounting have made our position more clear. You all recognize the fact that times and conditions have been changing during the past ten years, particularly with costs and expenses increasing. Salaries, office supplies, transportation, medical, hotel and entertainment expenses have been steadily increasing.

Under the present method of handling the securities of Grand Lodge and the Home, there has been some apparent loss in value of our securities and a resultant loss in income from them.

The guests in our Homes are costing more per capita for maintenance. This is particularly true in The Nebraska Masonic Home for the reason that our guests are older and more of them are bedfast. This situation has required additional help and medical attention, and the Home has been required to operate on a five-day week.

Our per capita tax is presently \$3.00. \$2.00 is earmarked for The Nebraska Masonic Home and 20¢ for the relief and care of orphans. This leaves 80¢ per capita for the maintenance and operation of your Grand Lodge, or approximately \$37,000.00. We receive from initiation fees approximately \$13,000.00 per year and approximately \$25,000.00 per year income from securities, or total receipts of approximately \$82,000.00 per year. Our annual disbursements are approximately \$97,000.00. This means that our annual disbursements have been approximately \$15,000.00 per year more than our receipts. This situation has existed for the past five years

resulting in a total expenditure of approximately \$71,000.00 over income for operating expenses. During this past five years the valuation of Grand Lodge securities held for investment has decreased \$76,053.80, with a resultant decrease in income from such securities. Taking into account the sale and reinvestment of securities over the past five years, with offsetting losses and profits, the over-all loss in the valuation of Grand Lodge securities is \$59,848.72.

The foregoing brief explanation has been made preliminary to the recommendations for your information. I am one of those who does not believe in spending more than my income and I do not believe this condition should continue. With our present income and expenditures, your Grand Lodge will be required to make up the approximate \$15,000.00 per year deficit in operating expense from a sale of securities. I am sure you do not want this done. It has been our hope to build up our securities so that the earnings from them will substantially support the Home and the maintenance and operation of Grand Lodge.

I therefore make the following recommendations:

1. That the per capita tax be increased \$1.00, making a total of \$4.00 per year.

2. That before receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree, each initiate pay to and for the benefit of The Nebraska Masonic Home, the sum of \$10.00

3. That the By-laws be amended to provide that the Appropriations Committee shall not appropriate annually any amount in excess of the anticipated income for the next succeeding year without authority and direction of Grand Lodge.

4. That the activities of the Committee on Masonic Education be expanded to include the preparation and distribution of pamphlets on the general principles of Masonry which will clearly explain how to make application and who may become a Mason. The area meetings held by this committee should be increased in number and the committee authorized to appoint sub-committees if desired. A program of education should be introduced whereby each subordinate lodge will have an active program at each regular meeting instructing the brethren and particularly newly-made Masons on Masonic law, history, our Homes, duties and obligations of Masons as citizens, including the history and important position of our free public school system. This committee should also adopt a program of cooperation with the public schools of Nebraska, arranging programs in the schools to stress American History and particularly the history of the free public school system in this country and annual meetings should be held with the various school boards of the State in order to make clear our position with respect to the public schools. This committee should also offer programs for young people's groups, particularly the Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls. A program of cooperation with and between all of the other Masonic bodies should be commenced and developed.

I call attention to Recommendation No. 2 made by M. W. John E. Beaver last year and report that I have conferred with the Committee on Masonic Education with reference to the subject matter of this recommendation.

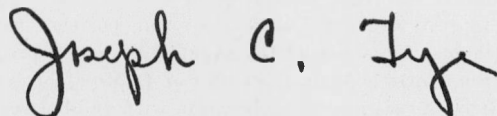
5. That the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska apply for membership in The Masonic Service Association of the United States as soon as funds are available with which to pay the membership fee.

6. That consideration be given to recognizing the subordinate lodge at the Annual Communication for:

- a. The highest percentage of members in attendance during the year;
- b. The highest percentage of new members per capita; and
- c. The best program or activities during the year.

In conclusion, I have at all times felt my inability to do the kind of a job I would like to have done. I am sincerely and deeply grateful for the privilege of serving as your Grand Master for the past year and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the many, many very fine Masons and their wives. You have been most considerate, understanding and kind. Again I thank each and every one of you personally and individually; the Past Grand Masters for their sage advice; the Grand Lodge officers for their whole-hearted and ever continuous support, and last but not least in any respect, our Grand Secretary R. W. Carl R. Greisen and our Grand Custodian W. Raymond C. Cook, without whose devoted assistance the Grand Master could not have survived or succeeded in the minutest degree. Tomorrow it will be my privilege to hand the gavel of authority to my successor, a man whom I have come to love and admire greatly and in whom I have absolute faith and confidence as our Grand Master for the coming year. You have a devoted and well-qualified line of Grand Officers. In my book they are the "grandest" line of Grand Officers any Grand Master could have had, and I sincerely thank those Past Grand Masters who made it possible for me to have had such fine assistance and cooperation. In closing I say that I firmly believe the principles and tenets of this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity can, better than those of any other organization, association or society, bring about peace on earth to all men.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Master

**REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

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

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

**GRAND LODGE RECORDS**

We continue to micro-film the card files and returns as time permits.

**RETURNS**

Complete returns have been received from the 275 Lodges, all dues and fees for the year 1959 have been paid in full. We appreciate the promptness and cooperation of the Secretaries.

**GRIEVANCES**

Petitions for restoration have been received from two applicants. An appeal from the findings of a trial commission has been received and all have been referred to the Committee on Grievances for consideration and report at this Annual Communication.

**FIFTY - YEAR BUTTONS**

The records show that 147 fifty-year buttons were presented during the year. Some of these brethren live in other Jurisdictions and through the Grand Lodge of a particular jurisdiction the local Lodge has made the presentation for Nebraska. We express our thanks to these Jurisdictions for this courtesy and especially to the Grand Lodge of California who has presented the largest number.

**JORDAN MEDALS**

Twenty-one special meetings and ceremonies have been held this year at which time the Senior Member of a Lodge was presented with the Robert Carrel Jordan Bronze Medal.

**GOLD JORDAN MEDAL**

Brother Edward Cronau, who was the wearer of the Gold Jordan Medal and a resident of The Nebraska Masonic Home, died February 8, 1960. Brother William H. McDonald of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte, was found to be the Senior Master Mason in Nebraska and at a special communication of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 March 19th, the Grand Master presented the medal to Brother McDonald. Brother McDonald will celebrate his 99th birth anniversary on June 14, 1960.

**MEETINGS OF LODGE SECRETARIES**

Several meetings of Lodge Secretaries have been held at central schools. It is planned to have a special meeting of secretaries at all Area Meetings this coming year.

## MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D. .

To W. Ralph S. Tully, the Officers and Brethren of Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U. D. ., we express our thanks and appreciation. This lodge is called upon many times each year to conduct the funeral of a sojourning brother. It is a great service to the Grand Lodge.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## SPECIAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1960

## Debit

46,112 members @ \$3.00 .....	\$138,836.00
1,230 initiations @ \$10.00 .....	12,300.00
6 affiliations @ \$10.00 .....	60.00
Surety bond premiums .....	639.90
Supplies .....	3,995.01
Liability Insurance .....	4,150.08
1,182 brethren for George Washington Masonic National Memorial @ \$1.00 .....	1,182.00
Received from interest on Securities .....	1,081.09
Excess payments by Lodges .....	51.00
Miscellaneous .....	1.36
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$161,796.44</b>

## Credit

The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	\$ 92,224.00
Relief Fund .....	9,222.40
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund .....	54,480.77
Supply Account .....	4,634.91
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association ..	1,182.00
Refunds to Lodges .....	51.00
Exchange Account .....	1.36
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$161,796.44</b>

## GENERAL FUND

May 10, 1960

## Debit

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1960 ..	\$ 6,098.26
Received from Orphans Educational Endowment Fund .....	117,330.30
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$123,428.56</b>

**Credit**

Disbursements .....	\$114,975.04
Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1960 ..	8,453.52
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Total .....	\$123,428.56

**SUPPLY ACCOUNT**

May 10, 1960

**Debit**

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha May 10, 1959 ....	\$ 8,009.67
Sale of Supplies .....	3,995.01
Bond premium .....	639.90
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Total .....	\$12,644.58

**Credits**

Bond premium .....	\$ 575.91
Supplies .....	4,434.63
Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha May 10, 1960 ....	7,634.04
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Total .....	\$12,644.58

**RELIEF FUND**

May 10, 1960

**Debit**

Cash, Stock Yards National Bank May 10, 1959 .....	\$11,928.08
From Special Account .....	9,222.40
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Total .....	\$21,150.48

**Credits**

Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans .....	\$ 6,000.00
Cash, Stock Yards National Bank May 10, 1960 .....	15,150.48
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Total .....	\$21,150.48

**CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND**

May 10, 1960

**Debit**

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha May 10, 1959 ....	\$ 8,894.93
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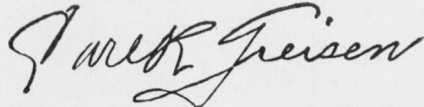
**Credits**

Securities purchased .....	\$ 8,500.00
Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha May 10, 1960 ....	394.93
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Total .....	\$ 8,894.93

## RETURNS

Number of Chartered lodges last year.....		276
Less extinction or consolidation.....		1
Number of Lodges.....		275
Number initiated.....	1,230	
Number passed.....	1,176	
Number raised.....		1,182
Number affiliated.....		257
Number dual members.....		21
Number reinstated.....		320
Number gained by other causes.....		14
Total gross increase.....		1,794
Number demitted.....		378
Number deceased.....		905
Number suspended.....		531
Number expelled.....		2
Number lost by other causes.....		24
Total loss.....		1,840
Net loss for year ending December 31, 1959.....		46
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1958		46,141
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1959		46,095

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary



NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS																					
	No. of Lodge	E.:A.:		F.:C.:		SUSP.		GAIN						LOSS				No. on Rolls December 31, 1959	No. of Lodge			
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1959	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1959	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1959	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Nebraska	1	20	7	18	2	4	12	1257	17	1	0	3	0	1278	9	32	4	1	0	46	1232	1
Western Star	2	10	8	13	2	8	16	283	15	0	0	5	0	303	5	4	8	0	0	17	286	2
Capitol	3	11	6	11	3	5	5	21	937	11	2	0	2	952	3	25	5	0	0	33	919	3
Nemaha Valley	4	2	0	2	0	0	1	52	2	1	1	0	0	56	2	1	0	0	0	3	53	4
Omadi	5	5	4	3	2	1	2	111	1	0	0	3	0	115	1	2	1	0	0	4	111	5
Plattsmouth	6	7	2	13	1	5	8	326	15	1	0	1	0	343	2	9	5	0	0	16	327	6
Falls City	9	12	11	5	0	6	10	279	5	2	0	0	0	286	2	6	6	0	0	14	272	9
Solomon	10	4	1	7	0	0	0	99	7	0	0	0	0	106	0	2	0	0	0	2	104	10
Covert	11	41	8	39	8	6	12	1640	38	4	0	5	0	1687	3	37	6	0	0	46	1641	11
Orient	13	2	0	2	2	2	3	53	0	0	0	2	0	55	0	2	2	0	0	4	51	13
Peru	14	3	4	1	2	5	6	100	1	0	1	4	1	107	3	1	5	0	0	9	98	14
Fremont	15	18	1	18	7	14	26	631	16	5	0	9	0	661	10	16	14	0	0	40	621	15
Tecumseh	17	1	1	2	0	9	11	183	2	0	0	2	0	187	3	2	9	0	0	14	173	17
Lincoln	19	35	16	29	1	13	19	997	32	7	0	4	0	1040	7	25	13	0	0	45	995	19
Washington	21	0	3	1	1	2	10	149	1	1	0	1	0	152	1	3	2	0	0	6	146	21
Pawnee	23	7	3	5	1	0	2	105	5	1	1	6	0	118	2	2	0	0	2	6	112	23
Saint John	25	20	7	19	1	4	13	1009	21	0	0	3	0	1033	5	24	4	0	3	36	997	25
Beatrice	26	11	7	12	4	5	8	370	11	2	0	4	0	387	1	5	5	0	0	11	376	26
Jordan	27	1	1	1	0	0	0	80	1	0	0	0	0	81	1	3	0	0	0	4	77	27
Hope	29	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	29
Blue River	30	1	1	0	0	2	5	101	0	0	0	0	0	101	1	2	2	0	0	5	96	30
Tekamah	31	5	6	4	0	0	2	163	4	1	0	0	0	168	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	31
Platte Valley	32	24	21	13	8	3	7	564	12	4	0	3	1	584	8	11	3	0	1	23	561	32
Ashlar	33	12	2	14	5	5	4	654	11	3	0	3	0	671	5	14	5	0	0	24	647	33
Acacia	34	5	3	4	1	0	2	188	6	0	1	0	0	195	1	1	0	0	0	2	193	34
Fairbury	35	3	2	7	1	3	8	245	7	1	0	0	0	253	1	5	3	0	0	9	244	35
Lone Tree	36	9	5	8	2	5	7	201	9	2	1	7	0	220	2	3	5	0	0	10	210	36
Crete	37	9	10	6	1	13	17	190	6	1	0	8	0	205	2	3	13	0	0	18	187	37
Oliver	38	2	1	2	0	0	11	189	3	2	0	2	0	196	4	4	0	0	0	8	188	38
Papillion	39	14	15	10	8	1	2	178	14	3	0	0	0	195	0	2	1	0	0	3	192	39
Humboldt	40	1	3	0	2	2	5	119	1	0	0	2	0	122	0	1	2	0	0	3	119	40
Northern Light	41	0	3	1	0	0	2	89	1	0	0	0	0	90	0	4	0	0	0	4	86	41
Hebron	43	2	1	2	0	0	0	142	3	0	0	0	0	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	43
Harvard	44	1	0	1	3	0	0	79	2	1	0	0	0	82	0	2	0	0	0	2	80	44
Rob Morris	46	13	10	12	3	6	13	352	13	8	0	8	0	381	11	12	6	0	3	32	349	46
Fairmont	48	0	1	0	1	0	1	96	0	0	0	0	0	96	0	4	0	0	0	4	92	48
Evening Star	49	6	1	6	0	0	4	91	6	1	0	0	0	98	2	4	0	0	1	7	91	49
Hastings	50	17	24	11	7	6	40	517	13	2	0	3	0	535	3	11	6	0	0	20	515	50
Fidelity	51	4	5	4	3	4	6	156	2	0	0	0	0	158	0	1	4	0	0	5	153	51

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1959	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1959	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1959	No. on Rolls December 31, 1958	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship		Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Hiram.....	52	1	2	1	0	4	94	1	0	0	0	95	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	90
Charity.....	53	3	1	4	0	0	156	5	1	0	0	163	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	138
Lancaster.....	54	20	10	15	3	10	904	16	2	0	0	924	3	18	4	0	0	0	0	25	899
Mosaic.....	55	4	4	3	0	4	391	4	4	0	3	402	5	9	1	0	0	0	15	387	
York.....	56	7	4	6	5	5	277	4	5	0	1	287	2	4	2	0	0	0	8	279	
Mt. Moriah.....	57	4	2	4	0	0	72	4	2	1	1	80	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	73	
Wahoo.....	58	3	2	3	1	0	278	3	1	0	0	284	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	279	
Melrose.....	60	3	1	0	0	0	79	3	0	0	0	82	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	81	
Thistle.....	61	7	6	5	0	1	223	5	2	0	0	230	1	3	1	0	0	0	2	225	
Keystone.....	62	2	3	3	2	2	48	1	0	0	0	49	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	47	
Blue Valley.....	64	6	7	3	1	0	95	5	0	0	0	100	0	1	3	1	0	0	5	95	
Oseola.....	65	0	0	1	0	1	90	1	0	0	0	91	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	89	
Edger.....	67	3	0	5	0	0	66	5	0	1	0	105	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	100	
Aurora.....	68	5	5	3	0	0	166	0	1	0	0	167	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	163	
Sterling.....	70	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	
Trowel.....	71	5	0	5	0	0	102	5	0	0	0	107	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	103	
Hooper.....	72	2	3	2	1	0	101	1	0	0	1	103	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	101	
Friend.....	73	1	3	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	65	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	63	
Alexandria.....	74	1	2	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	
Frank Welch.....	75	2	3	4	0	0	297	4	1	0	7	309	3	6	3	0	0	0	12	297	
Nelson.....	77	1	2	1	3	3	96	2	1	0	0	100	1	2	4	0	0	0	7	93	
Albion.....	78	9	3	9	4	0	129	6	2	0	4	141	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	137	
Geneva.....	79	3	2	5	0	0	134	7	0	0	1	142	1	4	1	0	0	0	6	136	
Composte.....	81	0	0	1	0	0	57	1	0	0	0	58	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	56	
St. Paul.....	82	5	1	13	5	0	203	9	1	0	1	214	2	12	0	0	0	0	14	200	
Conithan.....	83	0	4	1	0	0	78	1	0	0	0	79	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	75	
Fairfield.....	84	0	0	0	0	0	54	1	0	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	54	
Doniphan.....	86	2	0	0	1	1	40	1	0	0	0	41	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	39	
Ionic.....	87	2	3	1	1	1	121	1	0	0	0	122	7	3	0	0	0	0	11	111	
Star.....	88	1	1	2	0	0	114	2	0	0	2	118	0	1	3	0	0	0	4	114	
Cedar River.....	89	6	2	6	3	0	95	4	0	0	2	101	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	97	
Oakland.....	91	5	3	8	3	1	146	6	0	0	0	152	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	149	
Beverly City.....	93	0	2	1	0	0	77	1	0	0	0	78	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	75	
Bennett.....	94	1	0	1	0	0	59	1	0	0	0	60	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	57	
Garfield.....	95	4	1	5	0	0	93	5	0	0	0	98	3	2	2	0	0	1	8	90	
Utica.....	96	1	1	1	0	0	84	1	0	0	2	87	1	3	0	0	0	1	5	82	
Eugene.....	97	2	1	2	1	1	113	3	0	0	0	116	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	114	
Republican.....	98	3	2	1	1	1	56	0	0	0	0	56	3	0	1	0	0	0	5	51	
Shelton.....	99	1	0	1	1	1	76	1	0	0	0	77	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	76	

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Creighton	100	2	2	1	0	0	2	111	2	0	0	0	0	113	2	3	0	0	0	5	108	100
Ponca	101	0	0	1	0	3	7	93	3	0	0	0	0	96	0	2	3	0	0	5	91	101
Waterloo	102	3	2	3	0	1	6	168	3	0	0	3	0	174	2	1	1	0	0	4	170	102
Ord	103	7	1	6	0	0	4	153	6	2	0	0	0	161	2	1	0	0	0	3	158	103
Wymore	104	3	5	6	4	0	1	230	4	0	0	0	0	234	0	7	0	0	0	7	227	104
Stella	105	1	0	1	0	0	2	55	2	1	0	1	0	59	0	2	0	0	0	2	57	105
Porter	106	1	1	0	0	0	1	59	0	2	1	1	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	106
Table Rock	108	2	1	1	0	2	5	47	1	0	1	0	0	49	0	1	2	0	0	3	46	108
Pomegranate	110	5	7	7	3	0	2	235	8	0	0	1	0	244	1	5	0	0	1	7	237	110
DeWitt	111	0	1	0	0	1	5	54	0	0	0	0	0	54	1	2	1	0	0	4	50	111
Springfield	112	1	2	2	1	1	2	119	1	0	0	1	0	121	1	1	1	0	0	3	118	112
Globe	113	3	2	4	0	0	0	83	6	0	0	0	0	89	0	3	0	0	0	3	86	113
Wisner	114	3	3	3	0	2	4	115	5	1	0	0	0	121	1	2	2	0	0	5	116	114
Harlan	116	1	0	2	0	3	1	92	2	0	0	3	0	97	0	2	3	0	0	5	92	116
Hardy	117	4	6	0	2	0	1	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	2	0	0	0	2	51	117
North Bend	119	1	2	0	0	1	2	109	1	2	0	1	0	113	1	0	1	0	0	2	111	119
Wayne	120	4	7	1	1	0	2	200	2	0	0	3	0	205	2	2	0	0	2	6	199	120
Superior	121	2	3	1	1	2	5	197	0	1	0	0	0	198	1	3	2	0	0	6	192	121
Auburn	124	2	1	1	0	17	25	153	1	0	0	2	0	156	1	1	17	0	0	19	137	124
Mt. Nebo	125	1	2	2	0	0	2	105	2	0	0	0	0	107	1	2	0	0	0	3	104	125
Stromsburg	126	2	0	3	0	1	1	74	3	1	0	1	0	79	0	2	1	0	0	3	76	126
Minden	127	4	3	1	0	0	1	105	3	1	0	2	0	111	0	3	0	0	0	3	108	127
Guide Rock	128	2	1	2	2	4	4	69	1	0	0	0	0	70	0	1	4	0	0	5	65	128
Blue Hill	129	1	0	2	0	0	0	57	2	1	0	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	2	58	129
Tuscan	130	1	0	1	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	130
Scribner	132	3	1	2	0	0	1	52	2	0	0	0	0	54	1	3	0	0	0	4	50	132
Elm Creek	133	1	3	0	0	0	6	60	0	0	1	1	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	133
Solar	134	3	0	4	3	4	4	72	2	0	0	0	0	74	0	4	4	0	0	8	66	134
McCook	135	4	2	5	6	3	5	371	6	2	0	2	0	381	1	7	3	0	1	12	369	135
Long Pine	136	1	1	1	0	0	5	59	1	0	0	0	0	60	0	4	0	0	0	4	56	136
Upright	137	1	2	1	1	3	7	80	0	0	0	0	0	80	1	0	3	0	0	4	76	137
Rawalt	138	6	2	5	3	2	2	87	2	1	0	2	0	92	4	1	2	0	0	7	85	138
Clay Centre	139	5	5	1	0	2	2	62	1	0	0	2	0	65	2	4	2	0	0	8	57	139
Western	140	1	0	2	0	0	2	34	2	1	0	0	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	1	36	140
Crescent	143	0	0	0	0	0	1	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	143
Kenesaw	144	0	0	0	0	1	0	70	0	0	0	1	0	71	0	4	1	0	0	5	66	144
Bancroft	145	0	1	0	1	0	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	2	2	0	0	0	4	56	145
Jachin	146	5	11	4	0	2	11	201	5	2	0	0	0	208	2	4	2	0	0	8	200	146
Siloam	147	0	2	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	147
Emmet Crawford	148	8	3	7	0	9	13	216	7	0	0	0	0	223	0	6	9	0	0	15	208	148

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		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1958	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total						By Demission						By Death	By Suspension		By Expulsion	Other Causes
Jewel	149	0	0	0	1	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	0	69	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	67	149
Cambridge	150	4	1	3	3	0	2	110	0	7	0	1	0	118	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	115	150	
Square	151	1	0	2	0	1	1	64	1	0	0	3	0	68	6	5	1	0	0	0	12	56	151	
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	71	153	
Lily	154	2	0	4	1	0	0	77	3	0	0	0	0	80	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	77	154	
Hartington	155	2	4	2	0	1	4	70	3	1	1	3	0	78	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	75	155	
Pythagoras	156	0	0	1	0	0	4	37	2	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	156	
Valley	157	0	1	0	1	0	0	59	0	0	0	1	0	60	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	56	157	
Samaritan	158	8	4	7	1	7	10	294	6	5	0	1	0	306	3	9	7	0	0	0	19	287	158	
Ogalalla	159	3	7	2	3	3	11	171	3	1	0	1	0	176	3	1	3	0	0	0	7	169	159	
Zeredatha	160	2	3	0	0	1	1	38	2	1	0	0	0	41	4	1	1	0	0	0	6	35	160	
Mount Zion	161	0	0	0	0	4	5	57	0	1	0	2	0	60	1	1	4	0	3	9	51	161		
Trestle Board	162	0	0	0	0	2	5	89	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	4	2	0	0	0	6	83	162	
Unity	163	0	2	0	0	1	1	80	1	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	80	163	
Atkinson	164	3	2	2	0	0	1	53	2	0	0	0	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	53	164	
Barneston	165	0	1	0	1	2	4	64	0	0	0	1	0	65	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	61	165	
Mystic Tie	166	0	2	0	1	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	166	
Elwood	167	1	0	1	0	0	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	167	
Curtis	168	0	1	1	1	0	1	93	1	1	0	1	0	96	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	93	168	
Amity	169	4	0	4	0	2	2	100	4	1	0	1	0	106	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	102	169	
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	0	3	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	3	0	0	1	5	36	170		
Merna	171	2	1	3	2	0	2	57	3	0	0	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	58	171	
Robert Burns	173	1	2	0	0	3	5	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	90	173	
Culbertson	174	2	1	3	0	1	63	3	1	0	1	0	0	68	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	66	174	
Temple	175	0	1	0	0	1	1	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	41	175	
Gladstone	176	0	0	0	2	0	1	95	1	0	1	0	0	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	176	
Hay Springs	177	12	2	11	3	0	2	116	8	3	0	0	0	127	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	125	177	
Prudence	179	1	0	1	0	0	2	55	1	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	179	
Justice	180	4	2	9	3	2	3	135	8	1	6	0	0	150	9	0	2	0	0	0	11	139	180	
Faith	181	0	1	0	0	1	3	127	0	0	0	2	0	129	5	0	1	0	0	0	6	123	181	
Alliance	183	10	7	12	4	3	9	326	10	2	0	1	0	339	2	6	3	0	0	0	11	328	183	
Bee Hive	184	32	9	32	5	22	21	1000	30	3	0	17	0	1050	1	11	22	0	0	0	34	1016	184	
Boaz	185	1	0	1	0	1	2	72	1	0	0	1	0	74	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	70	185	
Meridian	188	6	3	5	2	3	8	138	4	4	0	2	0	148	2	1	3	0	0	0	6	142	188	
Granite	189	8	2	7	0	1	1	72	7	1	0	5	0	85	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	81	189	
Amethyst	190	0	0	2	1	1	1	56	2	0	0	0	0	58	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	55	190	
Crystal	191	2	0	2	0	0	4	84	0	0	0	0	0	84	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	82	191	

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Minnekadusa	192	10	9	4	3	1	5	156	2	4	0	0	0	162	4	2	1	0	0	7	155	192
Signet	193	1	2	0	1	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	1	1	0	0	0	2	66	193
Highland	194	0	3	3	3	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	40	194
Arcana	195	10	6	6	2	2	5	150	5	1	0	1	0	157	2	1	2	0	0	5	152	195
Morning Star	197	0	0	0	0	2	5	66	0	0	1	0	0	67	0	1	2	0	0	3	64	197
Purity	198	5	0	5	3	0	11	140	3	0	0	1	0	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	198
Gavel	199	0	1	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	1	52	199
Blazing Star	200	5	3	3	1	0	0	94	3	0	0	1	0	98	2	2	0	0	0	4	94	200
Scotts Bluff	201	7	7	4	1	0	1	198	4	0	0	1	0	203	2	1	0	0	0	3	200	201
Golden Sheaf	202	2	5	2	0	1	2	96	2	0	0	0	0	98	1	2	1	0	0	4	94	202
Roman Eagle	203	1	6	1	3	0	2	65	1	0	0	0	2	68	1	1	0	0	0	2	66	203
Plainview	204	3	1	6	0	1	1	112	6	1	0	1	0	120	0	2	1	0	0	3	117	204
Golden Fleece	205	0	1	0	0	5	8	189	2	0	0	1	0	192	1	3	5	0	0	9	183	205
Naphtali	206	3	0	3	1	3	3	61	2	0	0	1	2	66	1	1	3	0	0	5	61	206
Parian	207	0	0	0	0	0	2	64	0	1	0	0	0	65	0	1	0	0	0	1	64	207
Gauge	208	1	2	0	0	0	0	46	1	0	1	0	0	48	1	1	0	0	0	2	46	208
Canopy	209	1	2	2	0	1	4	128	2	0	0	0	0	130	1	1	1	0	0	3	127	209
East Lincoln	210	35	23	28	10	16	49	1225	28	2	0	9	0	1264	7	25	16	0	0	48	1216	210
Cement	211	4	2	4	1	1	4	84	4	1	0	0	0	89	1	3	1	0	0	5	84	211
Compass & Square	212	0	1	1	1	0	5	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	1	1	0	0	0	2	51	212
Plumbline	214	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	0	1	0	51	1	3	0	0	0	4	47	214
Occidental	215	1	0	1	0	0	0	70	1	0	0	0	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	1	70	215
Palisade	216	2	1	3	1	6	2	104	2	0	0	0	0	106	0	1	0	0	0	1	105	216
Wauneta	217	4	2	4	4	1	1	58	4	0	0	0	0	62	0	2	1	0	0	3	59	217
Bloomfield	218	4	6	2	1	0	0	73	2	1	0	0	0	76	1	1	0	0	0	2	74	218
Relief	219	1	0	2	0	0	0	59	3	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	219
Magnolia	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	1	0	72	0	3	0	0	0	3	69	220
Wood Lake	221	5	3	3	0	0	0	71	3	0	0	0	0	74	2	0	0	0	0	2	72	221
Landmark	222	1	3	1	1	1	1	110	2	1	0	0	0	113	0	5	1	0	0	6	107	222
Eminence	223	5	2	4	1	1	2	62	5	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	1	0	0	2	65	223
Silver Cord	224	3	3	2	0	17	22	151	2	0	0	8	0	161	0	5	17	0	0	22	139	224
Cable	225	4	5	5	1	1	2	94	4	0	0	4	0	102	0	2	1	0	0	3	99	225
Grace	226	0	1	1	1	1	2	59	1	0	0	1	0	61	0	1	1	0	0	2	59	226
North Star	227	9	3	9	3	5	9	509	9	3	0	3	0	524	4	7	5	0	0	16	508	227
Bartley	228	1	0	1	2	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	62	1	1	0	0	0	2	60	228
Comet	229	0	0	4	1	1	1	88	6	0	0	2	0	96	3	0	1	0	0	4	92	229
Delta	230	0	3	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	230
Mt. Hermon	231	0	1	1	1	0	3	41	2	0	0	0	0	43	1	2	0	0	0	3	40	231
John S. Bowen	232	0	3	2	1	4	5	71	2	0	0	1	0	74	0	1	4	0	0	5	69	232
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	1	1	0	0	0	2	65	233

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Zion	234	1	1	2	0	1	1	98	3	0	0	2	0	103	1	0	1	0	0	2	101	234
Fraternity	235	0	1	2	2	0	1	63	2	0	0	0	0	65	0	1	0	0	0	1	64	235
Golden Rule	236	3	4	1	0	3	3	66	4	0	0	2	0	72	4	2	3	0	0	9	63	236
Cubit	237	0	1	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	1	53	237
Friendship	239	3	5	1	1	8	16	90	0	0	0	4	1	95	0	2	8	0	0	10	85	239
Pilot	240	2	4	3	0	1	5	120	3	0	0	1	0	124	1	2	1	0	1	5	119	240
George Armstrong	241	0	2	2	0	0	0	85	4	0	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	241
Tyrian	243	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	1	1	29	243
Hampton	245	0	2	0	0	0	3	60	0	1	0	0	0	61	1	2	0	0	0	3	58	245
Nehawka	246	2	1	2	2	0	0	117	1	0	0	0	0	118	0	3	0	0	0	3	115	246
Corner Stone	247	2	0	2	0	0	0	30	2	0	0	0	0	32	0	2	0	0	0	2	30	247
Laurel	248	2	4	0	0	1	2	106	3	0	0	0	0	109	1	4	1	0	0	6	103	248
Gothenburg	249	2	2	2	3	1	2	163	0	0	0	1	0	164	0	4	1	0	0	5	159	249
Geo. Washington	250	23	12	21	4	4	9	352	19	0	0	0	0	371	1	8	4	0	0	13	358	250
Wausa	251	0	1	0	0	1	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	3	1	0	0	4	56	251
Beemer	253	0	1	2	0	0	0	51	2	1	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	253
Bassett	254	3	1	3	1	6	5	89	3	2	0	5	0	99	3	5	6	0	0	14	85	254
Hickman	256	1	2	2	0	0	0	65	2	0	0	1	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	1	67	256
Holbrook	257	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	29	0	0	0	0	29	0	257
Anselmo	258	0	2	2	0	1	3	104	2	0	0	1	0	107	0	3	1	0	0	4	103	258
Ornan	261	3	4	3	1	1	3	79	3	0	0	3	0	85	2	4	1	0	0	7	78	261
Endeavor	262	2	2	1	0	13	15	101	2	1	0	2	0	106	0	0	13	0	0	13	93	262
Mitchell	263	2	2	1	0	3	5	152	1	0	0	3	1	157	1	1	3	0	0	5	152	263
Franklin	264	0	3	0	0	0	1	104	0	0	0	1	1	106	1	3	0	0	0	4	102	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	6	7	9	1	2	13	450	11	3	0	2	0	466	1	5	2	0	0	8	458	265
Silver	266	1	0	1	1	0	0	68	1	0	0	2	0	71	0	2	0	0	0	2	69	266
James A. Tulleys	267	0	1	0	0	0	0	56	4	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	5	1	9	2	0	5	257	6	1	0	0	0	264	2	7	0	0	0	9	255	268
Oasis	271	1	0	1	1	1	3	137	1	1	0	1	0	140	0	2	1	0	0	3	137	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	1	0	1	0	1	3	69	1	0	0	0	0	70	0	3	1	0	0	4	66	272
Crofton	273	0	1	0	0	0	3	63	0	0	0	0	0	63	1	4	0	0	0	5	58	273
Olive Branch	274	3	1	4	1	1	1	59	3	0	0	0	0	62	0	2	1	0	0	3	59	274
Ramah	275	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	275
Antelope	276	5	1	5	0	2	3	73	5	0	0	0	1	79	2	1	2	0	0	5	74	276
Sioux	277	1	1	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	2	0	0	0	2	49	277
Litchfield	278	2	1	1	0	0	1	37	1	1	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	278
Wallace	279	3	4	2	2	0	1	41	2	0	0	0	0	43	1	1	0	0	0	2	41	279
Swastika	280	3	2	2	5	0	0	87	2	1	0	0	0	90	0	1	0	0	0	1	89	280
Florence	281	26	10	25	6	14	32	942	23	5	0	5	0	975	5	16	14	0	0	35	940	281
Mullen	282	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	82	2	1	0	0	0	3	79	282

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			No. on Rolls December 31, 1959	No. on Rolls December 31, 1959		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1959	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1959		No. on Rolls December 31, 1959	No. on Rolls December 31, 1959	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Men's ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Seneca	284	1	1	0	0	1	4	68	2	1	0	4	0	75	0	2	1	0	0	3	72	284		
Camp Clarke	285	5	4	5	4	1	4	189	2	1	0	0	0	192	7	0	1	0	0	8	184	285		
Oshkosh	286	1	2	2	1	0	0	117	1	3	0	0	0	121	0	1	0	0	0	1	120	286		
Unton	287	5	2	6	0	0	2	61	7	0	0	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	1	67	287		
Omaha	288	23	5	21	4	2	12	571	20	1	0	2	0	594	2	10	2	0	0	14	580	288		
Lotus	289	2	4	3	0	1	1	176	3	0	0	0	0	179	1	3	1	0	0	5	174	289		
John J. Mercer	290	46	11	50	2	6	24	1464	57	6	1	7	0	1535	8	25	6	0	0	39	1496	290		
Diamond	291	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	75	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	291		
Wolbach	292	0	0	1	0	0	0	44	1	0	0	1	0	46	0	3	0	0	0	3	43	292		
Monument	293	0	5	1	4	0	2	69	0	5	0	0	0	74	0	4	0	0	0	4	70	293		
Kimball	294	11	19	9	2	2	5	172	8	1	1	1	0	183	4	9	2	0	0	15	168	294		
Minatare	295	2	1	2	1	5	7	97	2	0	0	5	0	104	0	3	5	0	0	8	96	295		
Cotner	297	12	12	12	3	2	21	253	10	2	0	2	0	267	2	3	2	0	0	7	260	297		
Chester	298	2	2	2	2	0	0	45	3	2	0	0	0	50	1	2	0	0	0	3	47	298		
Sutherland	299	4	4	2	2	1	4	96	0	0	0	0	0	96	1	3	1	0	0	5	91	299		
Liberty	300	12	7	11	4	7	12	491	11	0	0	5	0	507	1	7	7	0	0	15	492	300		
Bayard	301	0	0	0	1	1	4	104	0	0	0	0	0	104	1	5	1	0	0	7	97	301		
Mizpah	302	30	18	28	5	8	53	1257	29	5	0	6	0	1297	5	21	8	0	0	34	1263	302		
Right Angle	303	19	6	20	2	8	41	619	19	1	0	6	0	645	3	6	8	0	0	17	628	303		
Ruskin	304	0	0	0	0	1	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	1	0	0	1	38	304		
Newman Grove	305	1	3	2	2	2	3	61	1	2	0	0	2	66	2	2	2	0	0	6	60	305		
Golden Rod	306	3	0	0	3	1	2	85	0	1	0	0	0	86	1	0	1	0	0	2	84	306		
William E. Hill	307	1	1	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	1	0	0	0	1	33	307		
Perkins	308	3	2	3	1	10	21	100	5	1	0	1	0	107	0	1	10	0	1	12	95	308		
Winnebago	309	0	0	1	0	1	1	62	1	0	0	0	0	63	0	2	1	0	0	3	60	309		
Victory	310	2	0	4	0	4	11	222	4	1	0	2	0	229	1	3	4	0	0	8	221	310		
Polk	311	4	4	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	1	2	0	0	0	3	62	311		
Oak Leaf	312	3	1	4	0	1	3	48	5	1	0	1	0	55	0	1	1	0	0	2	53	312		
Potter	313	2	2	1	1	0	2	89	1	1	0	1	0	92	1	1	0	0	0	2	90	313		
Craftsmen	314	19	11	18	1	4	6	590	19	7	0	3	0	619	5	4	4	0	0	13	606	314		
Alpha	316	11	10	5	2	1	9	197	4	3	0	1	0	205	1	3	1	0	0	5	200	316		
Mid-West	317	13	9	16	8	3	10	476	12	5	0	3	0	496	2	9	3	0	0	14	482	317		
Grand Island	318	9	7	8	3	1	4	326	7	8	0	2	0	343	3	4	1	0	0	8	335	318		
Bladen	319	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	319		
College View	320	3	3	3	2	4	7	173	2	0	0	1	0	176	0	4	4	0	0	8	168	320		
Harmony	321	7	6	3	1	2	1	78	6	0	0	1	0	85	0	2	2	0	0	4	81	321		
Pioneer	322	1	0	2	1	0	2	80	1	1	0	0	0	82	0	1	0	0	0	1	81	322		

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			Total Loss
Lebanon . . .	323	6	8	8	2	4	11	189	13	2	0	1	0	205	1	7	4	0	0	12	193	323
Cairo . . . .	324	0	1	3	0	0	1	62	3	1	0	0	0	66	0	3	0	0	0	3	63	324
Bellevue . . .	325	26	3	30	1	4	4	201	31	3	0	0	0	235	1	0	4	0	0	5	230	325
Centennial	326	38	14	35	5	1	0	119	35	27	0	0	1	182	0	0	1	0	0	1	181	326
Totals . . .		1230	814	1176	337	531	1272	46141	1182	257	21	320	14	47935	378	905	531	2	24	1840	46095	



### VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

George R. Porter.....	Covert No. 11.....	42 years
Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	41 years
Archie A. Meek.....	Lotus No. 289.....	40 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	39 years
Rudolph H. Jenny.....	Hartington No. 155.....	38 years
Siegfried L. Jacks.....	Purity No. 198.....	33 years
James A. Rose.....	Fairmont No. 48.....	33 years
Earl K. Husbands.....	Morning Star No. 197.....	30 years
Raymond H. Ream.....	Omadi No. 5.....	30 years
Fredolph C. Chalquist.....	Composite No. 81.....	30 years
Carl H. Hoge.....	Lebanon No. 323.....	30 years
C. Robert Carlson.....	Wauneta No. 217.....	29 years
Leon J. Cherny.....	North Bend No. 119.....	29 years
Marion Bloom.....	Charity No. 53.....	25 years

### REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

The Annual Report of the Grand Custodian is hereby fraternally submitted.

There has never been a year in the history of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska when weather and road conditions have so profoundly affected the affairs and activities of the Grand Custodian's Department. From the first of January to the first of April our work was practically at a standstill over the greater part of the jurisdiction. This is, ordinarily, the period of time when the most work is done. The very late season resulting from these extremes of weather, further complicated our tasks and disrupted Masonic schedules. Consequently, this report will not reflect the percentage of gains we have annually experienced since 1948.

#### CENTRAL SCHOOLS

There were thirteen Central Schools scheduled. All were held. The attendance and interest were excellent until the "Ice Age" descended. Five of the schools were held in winter storms of varying degrees of intensity. However, eight schools had 100% attendance of the lodges invited to participate.

In the schools where evening sessions, spaced a week apart were used, attendance was practically doubled.

#### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

There were 124 assigned, with 131 held. Twenty-one were requested where none had been assigned.

Because of the before mentioned storms and road conditions, because of illness and death among our Assistant Custodians and the removal from his district of another and because of my own illness, fourteen individual schools could not be held. No lodge asked to be excused from a school this year. We just couldn't get to them when the brethren had the time to work.

#### LODGE CERTIFICATIONS AGAIN REACH 50%

There were 138 Certificates of Proficiency issued to lodges this year. Laurel No. 248, Olive Branch No. 274, Creighton No. 100, Perkins No. 308 and Palisade No. 216 were certified for the first time in history, while Lee P. Gillette No. 272 and Evening Star No. 49 have returned to the certified fold after an absence of many years.

With the fine gain of these seven lodges, we should have shown a total gain of seven over last year. We made no gain because four lodges put off preparation for examination and three lodges fell by the wayside entirely because of the disinterest and lethargy of one or two officers in each lodge.

### INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

There have been 719 Nebraska Masons individually certified in this Masonic Year. This is the greatest number to become certified in any year in our history. Thirty of these brethren were certified for the first time. This is the smallest number of first certifications in eleven years and represents a loss of twenty-seven over last year. Were it not for our belief that this disappointing loss was related to conditions and circumstances peculiar to this year only, we would be more than a little concerned. The overall picture is bright, however.

### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

These certificates are given to those brethren whose love for the beauties of the symbolic ceremonies of the Ancient Craft and ritual, has prompted him to devote his time and talents to maintain certification for twenty consecutive years or more.

The following brethren have received Certificates of Merit this year: Emmet L. Pope, 225; Floyd D. Lucas, 225; LeRoy H. Armstrong, 184; Claude A. Rennau, 68; Pryor C. Woodward, 36; Charles L. Kuba, 300; Mathias E. Mauel, 173; Alfred F. Walter, 326; John S. Burley, 300; Robert E. Lund, 323; Clarence P. Holsten, 3.

Frank H. Newton, 30, has been eligible since 1952, and Lloyd R. Myers, 89, has been eligible since 1958. Both have been inadvertently overlooked because their record did not appear in prior numbers of the Annual Proceedings.

### MIDDLE CHAMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

One successful meeting of the Lodges in the Lincoln area was held. The three Lincoln Assistant Custodians were in charge. W. David Menagh gave a summary of the results of his research, of many years, of the history and meaning of this significant ceremony of the Fellow Craft degree.

Two other meetings were postponed because of weather and road conditions. A re-scheduling of both is planned for the coming year.

### STATISTICS

One of the stimulants to certification has been the publishing in Annual Proceedings, of the first ten lodges with the largest number of certified brethren and the first ten lodges with the greatest percentage of certification per membership. Here are the results of this year's standing:

Largest Number	Highest Percentage
East Lincoln No. 210 .....34	Golden Rod No. 306 .....8.235%
Bee Hive No. 184 .....32	Sioux No. 277 .....7.843%
Lancaster No. 54 .....30	Victory No. 310 .....7.657%
Lincoln No. 19 .....24	Cable No. 225 .....7.447%
Robert W. Furnas No. 265 ....20	Comet No. 229 .....6.818%
Ashlar No. 33 .....19	Papillion No. 39 .....6.618%
Craftsmen No. 314 .....18	Square No. 151 .....6.250%
Victory No. 310 .....17	Atkinson No. 164 .....5.660%
Covert No. 11 .....16	Geo. Armstrong No. 241 ..4.706%
Liberty No. 300 .....15	Alliance No. 183 .....4.564%
Alliance No. 183 .....15	

#### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

It is impossible to express briefly but adequately my appreciation and affection for this group of men. During my prolonged illness with an attack of angina pectoris and the convalescent period, these men carried on my work and their own under the most difficult conditions. They did this, willingly and without complaint or ostentation with a constant sacrifice of their personal interests. In my estimation, they are the most loyal and deeply devoted servants that Masonry possesses.

Early in this Masonic year, three Assistant Custodians were appointed: W. Brothers Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210; Edmund D. Shaw, 254; and Harry N. Ahl, 112. All have performed excellently as Custodians.

In May, the following were appointed: Alfred R. Kenoyer, 148, Lloyd I. Edwards, 110, T. Leo Stines, 36 and Erwin J. Imig, 38.

All appointments were approved by the Committee on Nebraska Work and were made by Grand Master Tye.

Two Assistant Custodians have asked to be relieved because of problems of health. W. Brother William F. Flickinger retired on October 1, 1959. W. Brother Ernest E. James will retire with the closing sessions of this Grand Lodge Communication.

Both have received the designation of Assistant Custodian Emeritus from Grand Master Joseph C. Tye. W. Brother Robert B. Conrad is retiring with the closing session of this Grand Lodge because of his removal from his district and his inability to devote sufficient time to his Masonic duties.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Death has taken two of our number this year. W. Morris V. Balcom, Assistant Custodian, after a long illness passed on December 9, 1959. Assistant Custodian Emeritus Frank A. Anderson passed away in his sleep, peacefully and unexpectedly, November 24, 1959. Certainly we shall miss their earthly fellowship and their dedicated and zealous work for Masonry.

## APPRECIATION

During the weeks of anginal spasms, both at the hospital and later in my home, the pain was so severe that emotions were always close to the surface. No person can describe the joy which came with receiving hundreds of messages and cards of encouragement and good wishes from all over the jurisdiction. With every written name came a mental picture of the face of a beloved friend and brother. I am also deeply grateful for the hundreds of prayers that were said for me. The need for God in a life is never so apparent as the moment a serious illness begins. It is impossible to go through such an experience without His love and merciful goodness.

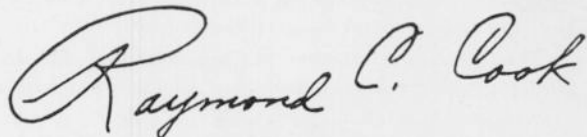
No one could have been kinder, more thoughtful and more considerate throughout this illness than has been my good friend Joe, our distinguished Grand Master. His visits always brought a peace of mind and a solution to the many problems I seemed to have at the time. His admonition and edicts concerning my activities were always very much in line with my doctor's orders. I am sure there was collusion and I am equally sure it was for my own good.

I am very grateful to our Grand Secretary and his fine office staff who made the first few weeks of my trouble completely work free, so far as my Masonic tasks were concerned.

The Committee on Nebraska Work was, as usual, my rod and staff. Never have I more appreciated their advice and counsel; never have I followed that advice so closely for I suspect that they, too, were in touch with my fine doctor.

To all my Masonic brethren who in any way helped me personally to come through this difficult year, and who contributed to the fine record which this department accomplished this year, I offer my sincerest and fraternal gratitude.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Grand Custodian

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF  
GRAND OFFICERS

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

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the address of M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master, under its designated heads be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Paragraph on Necrology.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Paragraph on Decisions.

Recommendations Nos. 3, 5 and 6.

Recommendations Nos. 1 and 2, jointly with the Committee on Finance.

Recommendation No. 4, jointly with Committee on Masonic Education.

To the Committee on Finance:

Recommendations Nos. 1 and 2, jointly with the Committee on Jurisprudence.

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

Recommendation No. 4, jointly with the Committee on Jurisprudence.

M. W. Brother Tye will be long remembered for his diligent efforts in behalf of the Grand Lodge and he has left the marks of his work firmly imprinted for others to follow.

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

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend that the financial report be referred to the Committee on Finance, the paragraph on Returns to the Committee on Returns, and the paragraph on Grievances to the Committee on Grievances.

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

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work for such action as they may deem necessary. The past year has been one full of difficulties for W. Brother Cook and we feel that the report reflects credit on the Grand Custodian and his staff.

Fraternally submitted,

W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman

W. Earl E. Meridith, 230

W. G. Harley Sullens, 221

## REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

This being the first time since the office was created that the Grand Historian has been called upon to make a report, it seems apropos that it should begin at the beginning.

The office of Grand Historian was created by action of this Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication in 1950, following the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution including such office in the list of those comprising the Grand Lodge. The duties assigned were to work in cooperation with and under the direction of the Centennial Committee which was then making plans for the celebration of the Centennial of the Grand Lodge and to prepare and publish a history of One Hundred Years of Masonry in Nebraska.

In preparation for this Centennial Celebration the Committee arranged for twenty area meetings covering every part of the state, at which plans were disclosed and enthusiasm generated to make the One Hundredth Communication of the Grand Lodge an outstanding event. At these Area Meetings one of the speakers on the program was the Grand Historian, who, in spite of a very heavy schedule was able to attend and take part in eighteen of the twenty meetings.

At the direction of the Centennial Committee the Grand Historian also wrote letters to every Subordinate Lodge in the state requesting the preparation and submission of local histories with especial emphasis on important events, outstanding members and other contributions to Masonic growth and influence.

About half of the 276 Lodges complied with the request and the papers submitted ranged from a half-sheet of almost illegible scribblings to thirty-five legal-size typewritten pages containing almost every breath drawn during the existence of the Lodge.

Until the appointment of the present holder of that office, there had never been a Historian of the Grand Lodge, there was no collected or collated data available from which to build a comprehensive picture of the growth of our Fraternity in this state, and it had been the intention to weave the story from the local histories submitted by the various Lodges. But so much of the material submitted was merely factual, frequently only a list of the officers taken from the minutes of the first meeting, that little of value could be salvaged from those papers.

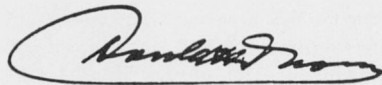
Two of the things especially requested by the Grand Historian in his letter to the Subordinate Lodges was information regarding the conditions which surrounded the formation of a new Lodge, and what effect the Lodge had had on the life of the community in which it was located. Both of these items would lend color to the narrative and focus attention on Masonry as a vital force in this state.

In no instance was the desired information furnished and much of the interest which gives life to a history is therefore lacking. Practically our only source for material is the Grand Lodge Proceedings, and there only by frequently reading between the lines can we discover the wisdom,

strength and beauty that creates, perpetuates and adorns the structure of our Fraternity.

With the approval of the Centennial Committee, the Grand Historian has divided our hundred years approximately but not exactly into decades as they have been colored and distinguished by the conditions and events as they have occurred. It had been hoped that the analysis and write-up of these various groups would have been completed so that the history could have been published by the time of this Grand Lodge or at least be ready for the printer. It is regretted that such is not the case. However, I am confident that it has progressed to the point where I can definitely promise its completion and publication within the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Historian

At this time, M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master, requested the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. John F. Futeher, to preside.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye:

An emergency arose during the year whereby it seemed imperative that we send someone to the Golden Anniversary White House Conference on youth and children in Washington, D.C. I conferred with R. W. John F. Futeher, Deputy Grand Master, and we concluded that Brother Hugh Hansen, 15, of Fremont, former Superintendent of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children should be sent to this conference. It was our understanding that the expenses of a representative would be paid by the Conference; therefore I authorized and directed the Grand Secretary to advance funds to Brother Hansen for his expenses, fully expecting that the funds would be reimbursed and replaced before this Annual Meeting. Brother Hansen's expenses have not yet been paid by the Conference; therefore this item appears at this time as an unauthorized and illegal expenditure. Although I have notified your elected officers and the Appropriations Committee requesting approval of this emergency appropriation, the time is short and the appropriation has not been approved. I therefore desire to ask you to ratify and approve this action of your Grand Master. I therefore move that the expense of Brother Hugh Hansen to the President's Conference on Education in Washington, D.C. in the sum of \$300.00 as ordered paid by the Grand Master without former appropriation, be ratified and approved and that if and when the money is received from the Conference, it be deposited to the fund from which this expense was paid. (Motion seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.)



R. W. John F. Fitcher, Deputy Grand Master, returned the gavel to the M. W. Grand Master, Joseph C. Tye, who again presided.

Hugh W. Hansen:

I appreciate what the Grand Master had to say about representation to conferences such as the Golden Anniversary White House Conference. I did find divergent thinking in Washington; thinking that seems to run contrary to what Masonry stands for, and I'm sure what thinking Americans stand for. I must apologize and limit my remarks because of time. I could talk for many hours on the recommendations and the things that transpired in Washington during this conference. Some of the conclusions of the White House Conference have not been made. They have not drawn the 1600 recommendations into some form that can possibly be presented in the time that I have before me today. In addition to that each delegate has only a small part in the conference of this size.

I'm going to organize my brief report into three general groupings, first of all, I'd like to tell you a little bit about the conference in its organization, secondly, some specific recommendations, and finally, some general observations. And please don't misunderstand me, not all of my criticisms, or not all of my observations are critical, as a great deal has resulted from this White House Conference as well as those that have gone before. Many parents, many organizations will benefit a great deal from the vast undertaking of the White House Conference on youth and children. The first White House Conference on youth and children was called in 1909 by Teddy Roosevelt and since then every ten years Conferences have been called for the purpose of solving the problem, attempting to investigate, trying to reach some conclusions about what the future holds for our children and youth. The purpose of this conference was outlined by President Eisenhower on the opening, or during the opening session of the Conference and he stated it as this: To promote opportunities for youth and children to realize their full potentials for a creative life in freedom and dignity. Very lofty. There were approximately 8,000 delegates to the White House Conference, there were 1,500 youth, 500 foreign delegates, and approximately 6,000 adults from all walks of life. These people were made up of lawyers, hard-core welfare workers, industrialists, public relations men, bankers like myself and everyone that you can conceivably think of, down to the housewife who is very important to our youth and children as you well know. If you ever plan to get together a small group of six or seven thousand people. I might suggest that you use the same system as the White House Conference. One of the most efficiently run conferences that I have ever had experience to come in contact with. There were five theme assemblies that were running concurrently and each delegate attended one of these. Following this, there were eighteen forum assemblies that also ran concurrently and a delegate attended one of these. In addition to that there

were 210 workshops, each delegate attended one workshop in the afternoon and worked from two to three hours. My assignment, not necessarily of my choice, but I'm very happy that I had the opportunity in this particular area, was mass communications and their effects on youth and children.

I come to some of my specific observations — the impact of television on our society is not yet known, but it is tremendous, and whatever time we spent prior to television on other activities has been funnelled into this particular outlet for our leisure time. There are more than forty-three million television sets turned on an average of five hours and 56 minutes a day. According to Paul Whittey in his studies with Northwestern University, kindergartners are spending 14½ hours per week watching television. These same children by the time that they reach the sixth grade have increased their viewing of television to 26 hours per week. By the time that the children get into high school they are viewing television 17 hours per week. Paul Whittey concludes that television is changing American children from irresistible forces to immovable objects. The sad commentary of this is that parents seem to revert back to the elementary level of viewing and are viewing television 20½ hours per week. There's more time spent with television than with any other single activity we have except sleep.

Another specific observation is that adults are not satisfied with what is available to children and youth insofar as T.V., movies, books, magazines and other mass media; however, adults do not consider the current trend damaging or undesirable for themselves. Adults are primarily concerned with the effects of mass media on children and youth in these areas. They are concerned about excessive violence, I'm sure you're all aware of that and that it does exist in books, movies and television. They're concerned about the over emphasis on sex; they're very concerned about the very poor quality of shows, plays, and T. V. programs. They are very concerned about the untruthful advertising which appeals to the base emotions unrelated to the actual movie, book or television program.

Another specific observation — no one wants to accept the responsibility for the effects of mass media on children and youth. Parents relinquished this responsibility but they expect the industry to accept it. Industry does not want to accept it because it has a tendency to at least curtail artistic endeavor and freedom. And of course, the government does not want to accept the responsibility because it infringes upon the rights and freedoms of the individual. People seem to be looking for a magic wand to solve their problems. They seem to want to get away from it and they want someone else to accept these responsibilities. I turn to a quotation that is not very flattering to us as people, that of the noted sociologist, Eric Frome, who indicates that people have a tendency, although they profess to want freedom, they have a desire to escape freedom, by transferring responsibilities and prerogatives of freedom on to someone else or on to a group. I don't know that you

consider that television has an effect on children and youth and I tell you about my little boy. The other day he was playing in the neighbor's yard with the neighbor's girl and they were playing Cowboy and Indian. They have a little playhouse with a glass window in it and he took a gun out of his holster and jammed that gun through the window. He told me after mommy had spanked him that he had done that just like Matt Dillon. The only thing that keeps this thing vivid in my mind is the answer that he gave back to me after he and I had had our man-to-man talk. He and I have a little code — I usually say to him, "Young man, do you know what will happen if that ever takes place again?" And he comes back, "Yes, the yardstick, Daddy." So I came back with this after our man to man talk and I said, "Young man, do you know what will happen if you ever do that again?" And he looked at me for the first time with a puzzled look and he said, "A broken window."

A few general observations and then I will conclude. From this White House Conference there are many opportunities in being in the conference and yet oftentimes there are greater opportunities accompanying the conference. I think that we should recognize that one of the greatest social revolutions that has ever taken place in the world is taking place here in the United States. I bring a few things to your attention. We cannot deny that moral values are changing. Former President Hoover has indicated that moral degeneration is taking place at an alarming rate in the United States. The role of the family is changing, home is not the strongly knit unit for the entire family. I think herein is the crux of our real problem. We are trying to get other organizations, other individuals to accept the responsibilities that rightfully belong with them. There are many population needs. The role of labor is changing. Labor is recognized and has taken on a new significance. Political change, no one can say that our United States in its present political status follows some of the basic ideals and principles on which it was founded. We must admit that we have strayed quite a way from the free enterprise.

The government seems to be an organization which follows a cycle. In the early beginning the government seemed to get started with the family, and as family joined with another family it became a clan. A clan joined with another and it became a village, the village became a city and the city became the state. And in this process was undertaken the responsibilities of the individual, of the family. Suddenly it was given over to the village, state, and finally, to the national government. This form of organization takes place and relieves the individual at the local level of government and its problems.

There was even a recommendation within the workshop that I attended that there should be a department of arts and culture of Cabinet status. I stood very strongly against this. I'm not against arts and culture but there are many things we need in the United States prior to the Federal agency. We need some reduction in our national debt

and the money that we spend for that could certainly go well toward that area.

My last general observation is that there seems to be no general philosophy of how children should be reared in the United States today. Twenty years ago, yes, there was one solid way in which children should be cared for, or children should be reared but today there are many divergent ways. Some people feel that they should have parental guidance, nourishment, through experiences that parents provide. A blueprint to follow, for example, and others believe that they should go their individual ways, that they should not be hampered, that they should have ample opportunity to have these experiences and therein lies one of the greatest difficulties that we cannot get together to find out what is one true, solid set as pattern for doing things as they should be done. Of course, with variation, but at least with one focal point or guiding aspect.

As a conclusion, we must regain and maintain a favorable balance between government and the individual, preserving those inalienable rights and prerogatives for the individual — those intended by our founding fathers. You know, when Franklin as a founding father was asked, by someone who wanted to know about this new republic, he said what have you given us and Franklin answered, "I have given you a republic, if you can keep it." Franklin and the founding fathers were just as much concerned about demagoguery by the masses as by the demagoguery by the individual. We must have a reassessment of the responsibility of the individual. The Federal government can't solve our problems; we can't buy our problems; but solutions lie within the grasp of the individual, acting individually or collectively, but not by relinquishing the responsibilities to an omnipotent impersonal, all-powerful government never intended, never designed, never blueprinted to use up prerogatives of you and me as individuals. I leave you with this challenge — let's step up and accept our responsibilities. Thank you.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master:

Thank you very much, Brother Hansen, I do want to make one announcement to you, because I know that you will be interested in it, and I think it will be the highlight of this Annual Communication. Your banquet speaker for tomorrow evening will be Emmett McLoughlin, Superintendent of the Municipal Hospital at Phoenix, Arizona. He is an ex-communicated Catholic priest and now a member of your Fraternity. It has been with some sacrifice and a great deal of effort that we have been able to bring this speaker to you. He is speaking at Masonic Lodges, he has been invited to speak at one other Annual Communication and is under a great deal of pressure at the present time, to accept bookings for speaking engagements throughout the east. He has agreed to be with us and expects to arrive by air tomorrow and be here for our banquet.

## PARLIMENTARIAN

M. W. Charles F. Adams was chosen as Parliamentarian of the 103rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

At 12:10 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

## FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC  
EDUCATION

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

Your Committee has conducted six Area Meetings this Masonic year. The results were gratifying and the need for about eight Area Meetings is indicated in order to bring ideas and suggestions to the officers of the subordinate lodges as well as to give them and all other interested Masons an opportunity to meet and counsel with the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge officers.

By holding these meetings in different locations each year, the local lodge officers do not have far to go to their respective meetings and it affords many lodges the opportunity to act as host. Conservation of time and expense of the Grand Lodge officers and successful meetings of desirable size is thus attained.

This year the first two Area Meetings were in September, at Broken Bow, and Norfolk, and were well attended. During October, meetings were held in western Nebraska at Cozad, and Scottsbluff, where we were hampered by the first bad snow storm of the season but were well received and good meetings resulted. This spring Crete, and Fremont, were hosts for our eastern meetings.

After reception of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers, members of the Committee presented a Chart Talk on making the local lodge a better lodge in the community. Colored slides of the Washington Memorial were introduced, shown and recommended for local use. A paper on "Indian Freemasonry" was prepared and presented by W. Philip H. Robinson and W. Floyd C. Wisner and a paper on "The Impact of Masonry on the World" was prepared and given by M. W. John E. Beaver. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, participated with timely remarks on current topics and the work of the Masonic Relief Association. A fine representation of Grand Officers added much to each meeting. W. Alfred B. Gorman prepared and arranged for excellent publicity in newspapers and on the air.

At the evening banquet in each case the brethren were pleased to hear our Grand Master, M. W. Joseph C. Tye, as speaker of the evening, concluding the meeting not later than 9:00 p. m. for the drive home.

The Committee was pleased to see more of the Assistant Custodians at the meeting this year. They have been doing extra work during the sickness of our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, who has always cooperated and assisted in our Committee programs. He was greatly missed.

We plan a Wardens and Secretaries Manual in the coming year, in addition to the pamphlets already made available to the lodges for their candidates. We are continuing to avail ourselves of the benefit of the experience and knowledge gained by membership in the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education comprised of twelve midwest Grand Lodges, and when more money is available, would like to secure more material for distribution to the local lodges and hold at least two more Area Meetings a year.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Norris W. La'lman, 72, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted. He was assisted by Brother Jack Wright, 11, soloist, and W. Harold H. Thom, 1, accompanist.

Another year has passed and we have come to the hour in which we pay tribute to the memory of those who have been called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe from their labors on earth to everlasting refreshment above. We do well to pause in our deliberations to honor our departed Brethren, to turn again the leaves of memory and to pay them our best tribute, which must be an enlarging ministry of love for those who live and the constant cultivation of those qualities which in them were undimmed by the shadows of the valley. May we mark well the truth that "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die." Let us not be content with the lowly ambition of leaving the world no worse than we found it, but as we press onward toward the mark of our high calling which is in the Lord, let us firmly resolve ever to live and act so that our posterity may rise up and call us blessed for our efforts toward the betterment of humanity.

Our Grand Secretary has received memorial cards issued by thirty-one Grand Lodges upon the death of Grand Officers. These have all been carefully preserved in our archives to be properly noted at this time. Twenty-seven Past Grand Masters, two Grand Secretaries, one Deputy Grand Master, one Grand Chaplain, one Grand Junior Warden, one Grand Treasurer, one Grand Junior Deacon and one Grand Lecturer have laid down their working tools. Our sincerest condolences go to these sister jurisdictions in their loss.

“Thus pass away the men of might,  
Whose noiseless footprints stamp the ages,  
Their thoughts that filled the earth with light,  
Still glow and blaze on memories pages.”

It is with profound sorrow that we record the death of a Past Grand Master, a Past Grand Orator and two Assistant Custodians.

The Supreme Grand Master of all Masonic works called on April 9, 1960, our beloved Past Grand Master, Brother Walter R. Raecke, from his labors here below to that reward which his life of service to humanity through Freemasonry so richly deserved. “God’s finger touched him and he slipped away, from earth’s dark shadow to a brighter day.”

A native son of Nebraska, Brother Walter R. Raecke was born October 17, 1895, at Grand Island. He attended Central City schools and received his law degree from the University of Nebraska. After military service in World War I, he returned to Central City to take up the practice of his profession. He manifested a deep interest in civic and political affairs, and strove to maintain probity in government. He possessed a standard of truth which no ambition could ever cause him to violate.

The Masonic history of M. W. Brother Raecke covers a period of forty years of active service. His distinguished career in Masonry began in 1920 when he was initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 in Central City. He was W. Master of that Lodge from June 1925 until June 1926.

He was a member of Merrick Chapter No. 26, which he served as High Priest from December 1928 to December 1929. A member of Lebanon Council No. 24 he served as Master in 1935 and as Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1945.

He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Omaha Consistory in 1920; received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1945 and on December 18, 1959 he was coroneted 33rd degree Honorary at Omaha. He was also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Becoming a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons in 1944 he was elected 4th Vice President in 1959.

As a member of the Red Cross of Constantine he was its Illustrious Sovereign in 1951.

A member of Arbor Chapter No. 200, Order of the Eastern Star at Central City, he served as Worthy Patron in 1944 and 1945, and as Worthy Grand Patron in 1951.

His most distinguished service to Masonry was as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska from June, 1938 until June, 1939.

M. W. Brother Raecke was a man of the highest integrity who in his daily life demonstrated a broad application of the Golden Rule. His

sterling character, his never waning loyalty to Masonry and its purposes, his many years of unselfish service in the promotion of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth forever endeared him to the people with whom he came in contact. It was a privilege to know him and an honor to those who called him brother. Masonry has profited and humanity has been blessed by the splendid example of his unselfish life and his devotion to duty and high ideals. We mourn the loss of this great man and Mason.

“Again a prince has fallen in the fight  
 A stalwart champion of the truth and right;  
 Determined, honest, just,  
 Who broke no promise, nor betrayed a trust.  
 His genial face with kindness beamed,  
 By his friends beloved, by the world esteemed.”

W. Brother John E. Curtiss, Past Grand Orator was born at Geneva, Nebraska in 1892, and died at Lincoln, in 1960. He was a member of Geneva Lodge No. 79 and was Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1948.

W. Brother Frank A. Anderson, Assistant Custodian Emeritus, was born at Sedalia, Missouri in 1883. His Masonic degrees were received in Orient Lodge No. 13, Rulo, Nebraska. He was W. Master of Elk Creek Lodge No. 90. In 1949, he was appointed an Assistant Custodian and served in that capacity until 1955, at which time he was appointed Assistant Custodian Emeritus. He passed away October 24, 1959.

W. Brother Morris V. Balcom, Assistant Custodian, was born September 5, 1885. He became a member of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, at Kearney, in 1923. He was appointed an Assistant Custodian of the Grand Lodge June 8th, 1950. He laid down his working tools on December 9th, 1959.

“By the fruits of their lives we know they are not dead,  
 For death can only take away the mortal breath.”

It is with sadness that we report that 905 of our Brethren have finished their allotted tasks. The chapter of their earthly sojourn is closed; but their many virtues shall not go unrecognized. Let our hearts be warmed by the realization that there have been treasures laid up for eternity in the lives of these brethren, the extent and richness of which is known only to God.

“Life commencing here  
 Is but a prelude to its full career,  
 Hope and Faith the blest assurance give  
 We do not live to die — we die to live.”

As we here recall the virtues of our beloved dead, let us not forget the living. Through the silver tears of sympathy, let us outline against the golden sky of human hope, the universal brotherhood of man.



"Somewhere back of the sunset,  
Where loveliness never dies,  
They live in a land of glory  
'Mid the blue and the gold of the skies.  
And we who have known and loved them  
Whose passing has brought sad tears,  
Will cherish their memory always  
To brighten the passing years."

M. W. Grand Master may I suggest that you have the Grand Lodge stand as Brother Jack Wright completes this report with the singing of the "Lord's Prayer."

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully reports that there has been no change in our fraternal relations with other Jurisdictions, with which we are now exchanging Representatives during the past Masonic year.

For the first time in several years, at least as far as the information given to the writer is concerned, there have been no new requests for recognition the past year.

At least a surface harmony exists over Mexican, Central and South American relations as far as their own affairs are concerned. Generally in South America today, if a brother can prove himself as having been regularly initiated, visitation privileges are extended almost without question. Where schisms exist, they seem to be rather ignored as far as lodge intervisitation goes. The situation in Guatemala remains the same as a year ago.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, Lodge "Resurrectio" is composed of Hungarian Brethren who escaped the iron fist of the Russian Bear. It is the only Hungarian Lodge in active existence and this was the only Grand Lodge to open its doors to the refugees. In Sao Paulo also, The United Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo has been reported as being dissolved and uniting with the Grand Lodge of the State of Sao Paulo. We hope that this will bring Masonic peace and tranquility to the states of Sao Paulo and Matte Grasso, but have no recommendations to present at this time.

On the Continent of Europe, the only new development has been the secession of five lodges from the Grand Orient of Belgium. Four of these are of ancient lineage; one was organized in 1959. These five lodges have set up the Grand Lodge of Belgium, with about 1000 members. Since the organization was perfected, three new lodges have been formed under dispensation. The basic principles of this new Grand Lodge are in ac-

cordance with our regular standards and if the institution prospers as is hoped, it some day will probably be entitled to recognition by all regular Grand Lodges. Belgian Masons in the past, through hatred of the Roman Catholic Church have banned the Great Lights as a symbol of that church and have been recognized by very few jurisdictions.

In Turkey, the Grand Lodge formed there about two years ago seems to be doing well and we hope their condition will continue to improve. I received in early May from M. W. Merle M. Hale an invitation sent to him from the Gran Loggia Nazionale Italiana, inviting us to participate in a World Congress of Masonic Grand Lodges to be held in Rome, on September 10 to 12, 1960 during the period of the Olympic Games. Knowing very little of the objects or purposes of such a conference, we have no recommendations to submit.

In the Far East, as we see it at least, the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel continues to prosper. They now have 47 lodges, having lately dedicated the fourth Arabic speaking lodge in the City of Jaffa. It is a strange but beautiful reality, that with all the Arabic World arrayed against the Jew; boycotting their goods and services; with Nasser and his cohorts forbidding their ships or merchandise to pass the Suez Canal; still in the quiet of these four Masonic lodges, Arab and Jew can and do exist in peace and as brothers should. How wonderful a thing is Masonry!

What the Masonic situation is today in Cuba is anybody's guess. We have no definite information to bring you.

Last year I made mention of the breaking off of relations between Mississippi and Nova Scotia. The former Grand Secretary of Nova Scotia, M. W. Reginald V. Harris has performed many heroic deeds for his Grand Lodge, but if he had done nothing else for them other than prepare the defense against the charges levied by Mississippi, his Brethren should always call his name Blessed! I wish I had space to give you the entire reply but it covers almost five pages. Wherever the matter has been mentioned in the various proceedings, particularly in the Southern States, the action has been to uphold Nova Scotia and present the opinion that no grounds exist to follow the example of Mississippi. This matter is important, for I believe that sooner or later, this whole matter of color will have to be met by our Grand Lodges head-on.

This reviewer was complimented by having his remarks on the Grand Lodges of Germany last year printed in full in their "Masonic Enlightener" of February, 1960.

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

#### ORATION

W. William A. Brandenburg, 120, Grand Orator.

"The fundamental cause of trouble in the world today is that the stupid are cocksure while the intelligent are full of doubt."

That statement of Bertrand Russell is a dangerous beginning for a speech.

Nonetheless, it is good counsel for a speaker who means to deal with a controversial subject. My guidelines for this talk are set up with that in mind.

Our American civilization is built on freedom of thought. It is essential to our way of life, whether in religion, politics, or in matters of social conduct. Only an educated people can use freedom of thought wisely; perhaps, only an educated people will desire freedom of thought. Who else but an educated people will defend freedom of thought?

But, asked Jonathan Swift: "Of what use is freedom of thought if it does not produce freedom of action?"

The right to work, the ability to work, the right to acquire and hold property, to be secure from arbitrary arrest and imprisonment, to choose our own associates, to seek and gain the rewards of life to which our several abilities entitle us, all of these things represent wisdom. They are education translated into action. They can be defended only through education in a free atmosphere.

Equality among people demands equal opportunity in education. Countries which have made a calculated denial of education to the masses, or have placed it only within reach of the well-to-do, members of a particular church or political party, those countries are not free in the American meaning of the word.

Our freedoms, however, are not an American invention. They are lessons taken from history, the best of that which man has learned in his slow climb upward. Some say they are God-given, but if so, man has been required to claim them, and he has done it with the blood of martyrs.

Recall Socrates with the cup in hand, Michael Servetus and Jacques De Molay as the fire consumed their bodies, and the thousand others who have died for a lofty principal.

No, freedom is not an American invention. It is a product of the world, throughout the centuries. America, today, is the bastion. Our defense of freedom must be through education — education for all the people — the kind of education that leads to action if needs be.

A Mason is committed to the support of American public education. In many cases, organized Masonry has provided the major obstacle for those bent on destroying public education, and it has often barred the way of those who would divert tax monies from public to sectarian education.

What is the Masonic obligation to public education? At no point in our ritual and body of literature is this set forth in fine detail. The Masonic fraternity does not specify curriculum, teacher qualifications, building plans, the budget, and so on.

At the same time, I think it is clear in the obligation that we will support public education, this as a means to preserve our liberties and to provide equality of opportunity for all human beings.

Now, support. What does it mean? Conceivably, it could mean criticism — criticism of a constructive nature.

Certainly, the Mason is not obligated to an automatic approval of every request for new buildings, salary increases, and expansion of program, simply because school officials ask for it.

However, when need is present and clearly demonstrated, then I personally feel an obligation to support the asking. I feel a Masonic obligation to support it.

You know the basic things which you have foresworn as Masons; you know the positive things you are obligated to do. You are your own judge in matters like this, and you, as individuals, define your course of action.

Let us put Masonry aside for a moment, and be hard-headed business men, professional men, the owners of property who are going to pay for new school construction and operation of the schools.

Do the public schools cost a lot? Yes, they do.

Is there a better investment? Roads, parks, airports? Emphatically, no.

Stocks and bonds, on which you alone get the coupons and bank the dividends? Still, emphatically no.

But these questions put the matter in black and white — which it is not. It is not an "either-or" matter. The schools do not ask that you ignore these other needs, nor that you divert your entire income to their support.

Do the public schools ask too much? My experience with schoolmen is that they are, if anything, too modest in their requests.

It is interesting to note that some of the largest taxpayers in communities are often the strongest proponents for public school progress and development. In one of the fine cities of north central Missouri, where I am well acquainted, there was a substantial school bond issue up for vote several years ago. There had been no new construction for many years. Classrooms were crowded, restrooms unhygienic, the fire hazard was great in the old building, teachers labored with outmoded equipment. Compared with surrounding communities and the country-at-large the children of this town were simply not getting a fair deal.

Who headed the drive for school improvement? A man with children, a man with no property to be taxed? Exactly the opposite. The drive was headed by one of the city's largest property owners. He and his wife had no children. This man did more than endorse the proposition. He worked night and day for it. To him, good schools meant a better community, they enhanced his property values, they meant security for

his investments. Additionally, he viewed his effort as fulfillment of his Masonic obligation.

And so it is quite often that unselfish interest turns out in the long run to be most profitable to the individual.

In a certain Nebraska city not so long ago, a large corporation was looking for a factory location. Officials of the company surveyed the town — site, transportation, labor supply, medical facilities, many other things — but high on their list for study was the quality of the public schools in that city.

Where will the children of our employees go to school? They wanted to see. Will there be facilities for adult education and in-service training for our employees, they asked.

In communities today, there is a high positive correlation between good schools and economic well-being. I am convinced of the correctness of that statement, but unfortunately it cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Also unmeasurable is the human fibre of a community with good schools — or poor schools. I know a town in Nebraska, a very small town, in which the people are trying to support three school systems. The financial burden is simply too great. The buildings are old, ramshackle, and the equipment is Nineteenth Century; salaries are low and the teaching staffs are inferior. This town has problems of a serious nature. Juvenile delinquency is high. The town stands still in most respects.

I said earlier that Masonry does not specify for its members the form they are to follow in support of the public schools. Federal aid to education is a case in point. I have heard good Masons speak for and against Federal aid. I have my opinion, and you may have yours. If you are opposed to Federal aid you may write letters to your Congressmen, but the issue will be settled in local communities over the land.

The question is: Will local communities support public education? Notice, I did not say can they support public education.

When the first Russian Sputnik went into orbit, America was dismayed. Dismay gave way to fright, and then came a frantic interest in our public schools.

I recall a cartoon which appeared at the time. There was a prosperous business man holding a large roll of bills in his hand and he had a look of urgency on his face. In the background were thousands of school children, their faces showing bewilderment. The man was saying to the school-master: "Quick! Make scientists of them! How much?" and he was ready to peel off the greenbacks from his roll.

You don't make scientists overnight.

Have the schools fallen down in their work? Or have they been denied the support they need? Oftentimes, frugality is a very expensive thing.

Through the past half year we have been shocked by news releases which tell us that the Nebraska rate of teacher turnover is almost double

the national average, that 200 Nebraska Superintendents will be new in their jobs this year, that employers from California and other states are taking large numbers of our teachers away from us. Why?

I went calling on a Superintendent of schools not long ago in a small but prosperous community in our State. A routine visit. We talked only a few minutes before I learned that he was resigning. His plans? He made application then and there for a job on the buildings and grounds staff at our college. I told him the head job would pay less than he would be making as a Superintendent of schools, and furthermore, that the head job was not open. To this he replied that he was not after the head job — just any job.

Here, in brief, was the story. He was required to teach four classes a day, one hour of study hall, keep the financial records of the school, type his own correspondence, attend all athletic and other school events, handle disciplinary cases, confer with parents, and, finally, help the part time janitor keep the building clean. The time from midnight to 6:00 a. m. each day was his very own. But he had too much on his mind to sleep.

Do you wonder that this man said to me: "It isn't worth it."

But money is only a part of the answer. When I speak of support, I am thinking of public interest, as well as funds to do the job right.

In a neighboring State, a school superintendent in a well known city was fired recently. Incompetence? On moral grounds? Poor management? Poor record of the school's graduates when they went on to college? None of these things. Four students had been forbidden to compete in an athletic contest because they were failing in their classroom studies. One was a star, and this one was also the son of the School Board President.

This was a neighboring State. But I could tell the same story about three Nebraska communities.

Once, when a politician complained about the burdens of public office, Harry Truman commented: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen." And that's what many of our school people are doing.

These examples are not typical of every community, but they do occur all too frequently. You know who suffers most: it is the young folks, and America's tomorrow.

I do not point an accusing finger at you. My brothers, you are as free from penury, and acts of injustice, as any men in our country. I know you. You have a higher sense of values than the ordinary man. Masonry has made you so. I do not point an accusing finger at you — I hold out my hand in supplication. You are the leaders in your communities. Support your public schools.

I ask you also to tolerate no nonsense in the schools; deal with incompetence summarily, root out the unfit, demand the best — and when you get the best, support it. Don't judge your school system by the snap of the marching band, or the record of the football team.

Don't judge it, either, by the student who misspells a word or two. Basic disciplines I want them to have in good measure. And understanding of the American way of life, a willingness to defend it, tolerance for fellowman, help to those in distress, defense of the downtrodden, respect for the rights of others — in a word, attitudes — we strive to teach in the public schools.

These are the goals of Masonry, too, are they not?

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

W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, President, presented the report of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted.

I am very pleased to bring you greetings from your Home for Children at Fremont and to make this report of the stewardship of your Board of Trustees. I know that many of you have visited the Home, some of you many times, and have seen for yourselves the fine work that our devoted staff is doing for the children and grandchildren of Masons and Eastern Stars. Your Board feels that there is no greater work in which the Masonic Lodges may engage than that of caring for these young people and having a part in training them to take their places in the life of our country.

It is not enough for us to feed and clothe these children, but we must give them the most nearly homelike atmosphere that is within our ability. For this purpose we have a dedicated staff of fine Christian people, who work not just for us, but for these children in order to accomplish this goal. To this staff of Matrons, cooks, laundryladies and farmer, and especially to our Superintendent, our heartfelt thanks and a deserved God Bless You.

As most of you know, there are twenty-four members on the Board of Trustees, elected from all over Nebraska, with whom serve as ex-officio members the M. W. Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron. We are indeed appreciative of the interest, advice and cooperation of these Grand Officers.

At the present time there are thirty-six children in the four residence homes in Fremont, two of whom will be graduated from High School this spring. One of these boys will go on to more advanced education and the other plans to enter the Coast Guard. I have been informed just this week of two new applicants, so you can see that our population is in a constant state of flux.

I believe that many of you are aware that we may now accept children for care in our Home from surrounding jurisdictions. An amendment to our by-laws provides that we may accept children from the six states bordering Nebraska, on a pro-rata expense basis as to cost to the states

sending the children. Letters have been sent to the proper officers in these states informing them of this opportunity, and we have received acknowledgments with thanks. We are gratified that we can help children from these other states who would not otherwise be able to have the advantages of a Home such as ours.

We are proud to announce that just off the presses are several thousand copies of a beautiful sixteen-page information Brochure about our Home. This Brochure contains numerous photographs of the Home, the children, activities, equipment and all phases of life at Fremont, together with information and data concerning the Home. Our plan is to send a copy of this Brochure to every Masonic family in Nebraska, and to otherwise make them available to every interested person. It is our hope that through this Brochure we can acquaint many people with the operation and advantages of our Home, who have not had an opportunity for contact with it, and that the Brochure will stir the thoughts of those, who are planning their charitable giving, to include a remembrance for our Home.

This is not to say that many, many Masons have not already remembered the Home on numerous occasions with kind gifts of food and clothing, as well as money, and in their wills. Our Endowment Fund is now over \$100,000.00, and it is through income from this fund that we are able to meet our annual budget without asking for continual increases in appropriations from the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, despite continuing increases in the cost of living. Many operating expenses remain constant regardless of the number of children in the Home, and it is this ability to care for more children without greatly increased cost which prompts us in the hope that the surrounding states will take advantage of our offer to care for their Masonic children needing such care.

Our Home continues to be inspected and licensed by the State — the buildings are in good condition, with the exception of the dwelling occupied by our farmer and his family. A recent inspection and report by our Building and Grounds Committee reveals that this building is very old and requires basic and costly renovation such as a new foundation, replacement of rotted sills and joists, re-wiring and other major items. This house has served its usefulness over the years, and a study of costs indicate that it would be poor management to spend great sums to put the old building into good shape. So we are looking toward a program of financing and constructing a new, modern residence on the farm property within the coming months. This is in the early planning stage at this time, and you will be hearing more about this project as the weeks go by.

Our children continue to participate in 4-H Club training, thereby gaining much valuable experience. We extend special thanks to our farmer and rancher friends who assist us in this program, and to the many individuals and groups which have contributed for the purchase of 4-H livestock. The children are caring for fifteen 4-H calves this year



and will show them at County Fairs and Stock Shows with much pride and a deep sense of accomplishment.

Our Board functions through many committees which makes my job an easy one. I want to express my personal thanks to all members of the Board and to the Chairmen of the various committees, who have cooperated so willingly, and many of whom attend Board and committee meetings at personal sacrifice, because they live at a distance from Fremont and travel at their own expense. Without them your Home could not function.

Thanks also to our Superintendent, Mr. Cleo Schroeder, who has guided the Home since last August. His is a great responsibility.

We ask that in your Lodge meetings and in your homes you remember the children at Fremont, visit the Home and continue this good work.

### REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

W. Carl D. Ganz, Chairman, 209, presented the report of the Grand Trustees, which was adopted:

Your Board of Grand Trustees respectfully submits for your consideration the following report:

We have now operated for three years under the present by-laws of this body pertaining to the Board of Grand Trustees. It is felt that it would not be amiss for your honorable body to review the Past History of this Board that you may be in a position to take appropriate action for the future, if same is felt by you to be needed. Originally and until 1946 the investment account of the Grand Lodge was handled exclusively by the Grand Secretary. In 1946 the matter of Investment of surplus funds of the Grand Lodge was placed in the hands of a Board of Grand Trustees consisting of three members with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as Ex-officio members. This board had full power to invest and reinvest, or in other words to buy and sell. For ten years this Board handled all of the investments of the Grand Lodge, as they saw fit, with no expense for investment counsel or advice and with very little expense for the Board itself. Up to this point all investments of The Nebraska Masonic Home were made by their own Appropriate committee. At the 1957 Communication of this Grand Lodge, Sec. 1-401 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws, or what we like to call the present system, was adopted upon the recommendation of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs. I quote from the committee's report the reasons given for recommending the change:

"It stands to reason that changes should be made commensurate with our growth and the needs which it implies. Frankly, our methods have become outgrown and outdated. We have had the advantage of favorable investment markets for several years with the result that our securities have shown gains without too much risk or loss. But this condition may not continue to exist. If we

should move into a period with a declining economy instead of an inflationary one, we should be prepared to meet it in the most acceptable manner in accordance with modern business practices. It appears fundamental to the Committee that unless we recommend measures which will place the handling of our investments in the hands of persons highly trained in the investment field we would be derelict in our duty. Most anyone can make investments and show some profit in a continuously rising market, but it is not everyone who can analyze the investment situation and arrive at a conclusion upon which a fraternal organization such as ours can safely rely." (PP325-1957 G. L. Proceedings)

Following the recommendations of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs the Board of Grand Trustees was increased from three to five members and given jurisdiction over the investment account of The Nebraska Masonic Home as well as the Grand Lodge itself. The action taken by this body directed this new board to negotiate with some banking institution under an agency contract which was to provide that said banking institution was to have physical control of all securities, do all bookkeeping in connection therewith, and to assist said board in their investment policy. For such services the board was authorized to pay annually  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% of the value of such investments to said bank. (PP365-367 G. L. Proceedings 1957)

Pursuant to such action the incoming Grand Master in 1957 appointed a new board of five trustees (three new members in addition to two members from the old Board), all of whom are still serving as board members. This new board, after considerable investigation, entered into such an agency contract with the U.S. National Bank of Omaha and the Bank of New York, the former to do the mechanics and the latter to furnish the desired investment advice and service. It is still the thought of your Board that it would not have been possible to have made a better choice of banking institutions for the purposes indicated. We have been operating for the past three years under said agency contract at a cost of approximately \$5,000 per year. Certainly sufficient time has elapsed to justify the Grand Lodge in again reviewing the matter to determine whether or not changes should be made in the "Modus Operandi" of the Grand Trustees. This is true, not only because the board is handling close to two million in securities for the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home combined, but also due to the fact that the Grand Lodge has been operating in the red for the past three years. This \$15,000 Investment Service Fee which we have paid during this period is not an item to be ignored. At least, the possibility of saving such an amount merits consideration of this body.

In order that this body may intelligently consider this and other allied issues involved, we respectfully call your attention to the following:

1. It can hardly be argued but that it was the opinion of the committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs, and approved by this honorable

body, that better results could be obtained by hiring the services of some bank for investment advice and recommendations over a system wherein the Board depended upon their own judgment plus what free advice could be obtained from some investment counselor representing a brokerage house that bought and sold investments. It has always been difficult to prove or disprove such opinions. However this may be, the record shows that the old Board during the last three years of its existence made a profit for the Grand Lodge of some \$51,000 from the sale of securities while the present board, following the advice for which it was paying some \$5,000 per year during the past three years lost some \$28,000 for the Grand Lodge and \$56,000 for The Nebraska Masonic Home from the sale of securities. Whether or not many of these securities should have been sold when they were sold is a moot question. Time may prove that most of these sales, even if made at a loss, were in fact good sales. Certainly it can be proved that had our present Board and our Investment Counseling Banks followed the policy of the old Board in never selling a security below cost, such a course would have resulted in substantial profits rather than losses in connection with some of these sales. We don't know that this proves anything other than the fact that the best investment counsel that money can buy can be wrong and end in losses. You can rest assured that Nobody—nobody—is going to manage these two large accounts without occasional losses unless you simply convert all of your investments into cash and then bury it.

2. Repeating this same thought, a survey of the present market value as compared with cost value of many of the investments purchased for both the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home since 1957 and only upon the recommendation of our banks, convinces one that there is no sure hedge against losses in the investment field. Investments purchased under costly advice go down in price in a "sick" market just as surely as investments purchased by Trustees without advice. Many of the heavy losses of the past six months have been in the "blue chip" field. This should not be considered in any way as a criticism of the U.S. National Bank or the Bank of New York. We feel confident that had we followed the advice of any other concern in the country during the past three years that our accounts would have shown some losses.

3. We have been doing a lot of talking about inevitable losses in a bad market. As we look at our own record we find that it has not been too bad. On November 11, 1957, the date the Board began operating under the new plan, the cash or cost value of all securities belonging to the Grand Lodge was as follows:

Bonds .....	\$ 162,463.00
Stocks-Common and Preferred .....	429,366.00
Misc. securities such as real estate Mortgages and special deals not delivered to U.S. National for servicing ..	20,600.00
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Total .....	\$ 612,429.00

and on April 30, 1960 we find the following figures:

Bonds .....	\$ 178,502.00
Preferred Stocks .....	190,775.00
Common Stocks .....	227,443.00
Misc. items not serviced by U.S. National .....	10,591.00
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Total .....	\$ 607,311.00

Comparable figures for The Nebraska Masonic Home are as follows:  
on November 11, 1957.

Bonds .....	369,947.00
Stocks, Preferred and Common .....	831,153.00
Misc. securities not delivered to U.S. National for servicing .....	43,760.00
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Total .....	\$1,244,860.00

and on April 30, 1960.

Bonds .....	\$ 766,766.00
Preferred Stocks .....	271,795.00
Common Stocks .....	373,588.00
Misc. items not serviced by U.S. National .....	124,924.00
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Total .....	\$1,537,073.00

Briefly, then, these figures mean that in the Grand Lodge Account the cost value of securities on hand is approximately \$5,000.00 less than in November of 1957 and in the Masonic Home they are approximately \$292,000 larger. I can see that many of you are mentally wondering how we could lose some \$28,000 in Grand Lodge sales and still have within \$5,000 of as much as we had three years ago and in The Nebraska Masonic Home account lose some \$56,000 but still now have close to \$300,000. more. This paradoxical situation in both accounts is accounted for by the fact that new money, new gifts come into these accounts each year. For example, in the Home account we received around \$46,500 in one gift within the past sixty days. This is no excuse for losses but in spite of same the Grand Lodge is in practically as good a shape as they were some three years ago and The Nebraska Masonic Home is in considerable better shape. We are not bragging about this record nor are we apologizing for it.

In view of all these circumstance, your Board of Trustees feel justified in now asking for positive instructions from this body as to your wishes in connection with the future handling of these accounts. In other words shall we:

1. Proceed under the same arrangements that we have followed for the past three years at an approximate cost of \$5,000 especially in view of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge? Or

2. Shall the action of this body of 1957 be repealed and the entire matter of handling of investments of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic Home be handled by the Board of Grand Trustees in the same manner as the Grand Lodge Investments were handled prior to 1957 with an approximate saving of \$5,000 per annum? Or

3. Shall this body take a completely new look at the problem with the thought in mind of eliminating entirely the Board of Grand Trustees and entering into a trust agreement with some banking institution at approximately the same cost as we now pay but giving to said bank full and complete power to handle all investments in connection with both accounts?

The Board does not feel it proper for it to make recommendations to this body in this connection for two reasons, viz, first, we feel that we are servants of the Grand Lodge and not the creator of Grand Lodge Policies, and second, there is no unanimity of thought on these questions by the board members themselves. I am sure that out of the five members of the board you will find advocates of each of the three possible future actions of this Body. Should the Grand Lodge take no action in the matter, then the board will have no alternative but to proceed as we have for the past three years.

Attached to this report are exhibits giving detailed lists of all investments belonging to the Grand Lodge and to The Nebraska Masonic Home under the supervision of this board as of April 30, 1960. It will be noted that these reports are limited to the investments belonging to said accounts with no reference to cash on hand. While the board has legal title to the cash accounts of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home, not only investment accounts but all accounts, yet it has no control over the income to said accounts and only controls the outgo when investments are made. We fully anticipate that the proper reports will be made showing detailed conditions of the cash accounts.

May we end this report by saying that it has been a pleasure to serve you.

## GRAND LODGE A. F. &amp; A. M. OF NEBRASKA

## BALANCE SHEET

May 10, 1960

## Assets

## Cash on deposit with banks:

General Fund Account .....	\$ 8,453.52
Exchange Account .....	202.16
Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund .....	51,929.63
Supply Account .....	7,634.04
Relief Fund .....	15,150.48
Centennial Contingent Fund .....	8,894.93

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92,264.76

Principal cash in Agency Account .....	51.19
Bonds and stocks — Schedule A-2 .....	609,365.58
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home — nominal value .....	1.00
Stock in Masonic-Eastern Star Home — nominal value .....	1.00
Furniture and fixtures — nominal value .....	1.00
Supply inventory .....	5,166.73

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\$706,851.26

## Liabilities

Accrued Social Security taxes .....	\$ 176.00
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## Surplus or Fund Balances:

General Fund .....	8,482.68
Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund .....	661,346.40
Supply Account .....	12,800.77
Relief Fund .....	15,150.48
Centennial Contingent Fund .....	8,894.93

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## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

May 10, 1959, and May 10, 1960

ASSETS	May 10, 1959	May 10, 1960	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit with banks .....	\$103,790.67	\$ 92,264.76	(\$ 11,525.91)
Principal cash in Agency Account .	285.01	51.19	( 233.82)
Real estate mortgages .....	600.00		( 600.00)
Bonds and stocks .....	601,920.34	609,365.58	7,445.24
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00	

Stock in Masonic-Eastern Star			
Home for Children .....	1.00	1.00	
Furniture and fixtures .....	1.00	1.00	
Supply inventory .....	3,185.10	5,166.73	1,981.63
	<u>\$709,784.12</u>	<u>\$706,851.26</u>	<u>(\$ 2,932.86)</u>

LIABILITIES

Accrued Social Security taxes .....	\$ 94.82	\$ 176.00	\$ 81.18
Surplus or Fund Balances .....	709,689.30	706,675.26	( 3,014.04)
	<u>\$709,784.12</u>	<u>\$706,851.26</u>	<u>(\$ 2,932.86)</u>

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS OR FUND BALANCES

May 10, 1959, and May 10, 1960

GENERAL FUND:

	Beginning Balance	Additions (Deductions)	Ending Balance
Balance — May 10, 1959 .....	\$ 6,206.44		
Add:			
Excess of receipts to fund over disbursements — Exhibit C .		\$ 2,276.24	
Balance — May 10, 1960 .....			\$ 8,482.68

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1959 .....	671,465.08		
Deduct:			
Excess of disbursements from fund over receipts — Exhibit C .....		( 10,118.68)	
Balance — May 10, 1960 .....			661,346.40

SUPPLY ACCOUNT:

Balance — May 10, 1959 .....	11,194.77		
Add:			
Excess of receipts to fund over disbursements — Exhibit C .		1,606.00	
Balance — May 10, 1960 .....			12,800.77

RELIEF FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1959 .....	11,928.08		
Add:			
Excess of receipts to fund over disbursements — Exhibit C .		3,222.40	
Balance — May 10, 1960 .....			15,150.48

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1959 .....	8,894.93		
Balance — May 10, 1960 .....			8,894.93

Totals .....	<u>\$709,689.30</u>	<u>(\$ 3,014.04)</u>	<u>\$706,675.26</u>
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## THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

## Assets and Liabilities

May 10, 1960

	Totals	General Fund	Endowment & Bequest Fund	Permanent Building Fund
Cash on deposit:				
The Omaha National Bank:				
General Fund .....	\$ 12,416.13	\$ 12,416.13		
General Investment Fund .....	109,334.44	109,334.44		
Endowment and Bequest Fund .	17,342.97		\$ 17,342.97	
Plattsmouth State Bank,				
Plattsmouth, Nebraska .....	14,422.80	14,422.80		
National Bank of Commerce,				
Lincoln, Nebraska .....	476.96			\$ 476.96
United States National Bank of				
Omaha .....	1,948.97	1,948.97		
United States National Bank of				
Omaha — Trust Department .	456.64	1,943.79	( 1,532.42)	45.27
Bonds and stocks — Schedules A-1,				
A-2 and A-3 .....	1,534,253.12	230,731.92	1,032,726.96	270,794.24
Real estate mortgages — Schedule				
A-4 .....	29,492.20		29,492.20	
Buildings and grounds — Masonic				
Home .....	1.00	1.00		
Buildings and grounds — Infirmary	1.00	1.00		
Furnishings — Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00		
Furnishings — Infirmary .....	1.00	1.00		
	<u>\$1,720,148.23</u>	<u>\$370,802.05</u>	<u>\$1,078,029.71</u>	<u>\$271,316.47</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</b>				
Acerued Social Security taxes .....	\$ 422.80	\$ 422.80		
Balance in Entertainment Fund ...	5,363.13	5,363.13		
Balance in Memory Fund .....	13,628.52	13,628.52		
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund ....	5,552.98	5 552.98		
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund ..	775.00	775.00		
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund	1,948.97	1,948.97		
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund	334.00	334.00		
	<u>28,025.40</u>	<u>28,025.40</u>		
Net worth:				
Capital stock .....	1.00	1.00		
Surplus or Fund balance .....	1,692,121.83	\$342,775.65	\$1,078,029.71	\$271,316.47
	<u>\$1,720,148.23</u>	<u>\$370,802.05</u>	<u>\$1,078,029.71</u>	<u>\$271,316.47</u>



THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
Comparative Assets and Liabilities  
May 10, 1959, to May 10, 1960

ASSETS	May 10, 1959	May 10, 1960	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit:			
The Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska:			
General Fund .....	\$ 8,810.65	\$ 12,416.13	\$ 3,605.48
General Investment Fund .....	109,036.58	109,334.44	297.86
Endowment and Bequest Fund .....	82,058.66	17,342.97	( 64,715.69)
Plattsmouth State Bank, Plattsmouth, Nebraska .....	14,000.00	14,422.80	422.80
National Bank of Commerce, Lincoln, Nebraska .....	3,053.87	476.96	( 2,576.91)
United States National Bank of Omaha .....	3,457.52	1,948.97	( 1,508.55)
United States National Bank of Omaha — Trust Department .....	2,371.25	456.64	( 1,914.61)
Stock in Omaha Loan & Building Association ..	8,790.03		( 8,790.03)
Stock in Metropolitan Building & Loan Association .....	1,076.73		( 1,076.73)
Bonds and stocks .....	1,304,145.26	1,534,253.12	230,107.86
Real estate mortgages .....	32,491.17	29,492.20	( 2,998.97)
Buildings and grounds — Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00	
Buildings and grounds — Infirmary .....	1.00	1.00	
Furnishings — Masonic Home .....	1.00	1.00	
Furnishings — Infirmary .....	1.00	1.00	
	<u>\$1,569,295.72</u>	<u>\$1,720,148.23</u>	<u>\$150,852.51</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Accrued Social Security taxes .....	\$	422.80	\$ 422.80
Balance in Entertainment Fund .....	3,903.64	5,363.13	1,459.49
Balance in Memory Fund .....	12,116.62	13,628.52	1,511.90
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund .....	5,240.98	5,552.98	312.00
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund .....	775.00	775.00	
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund .....	3,457.52	1,948.97	( 1,508.55)
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund .....	344.00	334.00	( 10.00)
	<u>25,837.76</u>	<u>28,025.40</u>	<u>2,187.64</u>
Net worth:			
Capital stock .....	1.00	1.00	
Surplus or Fund balance .....	1,543,456.96	1,692,121.83	148,664.87
	<u>\$1,569,295.72</u>	<u>\$1,720,148.23</u>	<u>\$150,852.51</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
 Analysis of Surplus or Fund Balances  
 May 10, 1959, to May 10, 1960

	Beginning Balance	Additions (Deductions)	Ending Balance
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>			
Surplus:			
Balance — May 10, 1959 .....	\$ 345,495.18		
Deduct:			
Net loss — Exhibit C .....		(\$ 2,719.53)	
Balance — May 10, 1960 .....			\$ 342,775.65
	<u>345,495.18</u>	<u>( 2,719.53)</u>	<u>342,775.65</u>
<b>ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND:</b>			
Bequests:			
Balance — May 10, 1959 .....	400,021.81		
Additional during year .....		100,079.67	
Balance — May 10, 1960 .....			500,101.48
Mortgages previously transferred from			
General Fund .....	99,950.00		99,950.00
Surplus:			
Balance — May 10, 1959 .....	433,432.16		
Add:			
Net income — Exhibit C .....		44,866.50	
Deduct:			
Adjustment in book value of stocks received as gifts .....		( 320.43)	
Balance — May 10, 1960 .....			477,978.23
	<u>933,403.97</u>	<u>144,625.74</u>	<u>1,078,029.71</u>
<b>PERMANENT BUILDING FUND:</b>			
Balance — May 10, 1959 .....	264,557.81		
Add:			
Net income — Exhibit C .....		6,758.66	
Balance — May 10, 1960 .....			271,316.47
	<u>264,557.81</u>	<u>6,758.66</u>	<u>271,316.47</u>
Totals .....	<u>\$1,543,456.96</u>	<u>\$148,664.87</u>	<u>\$1,692,121.83</u>

## EXHIBIT "A"

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT OF THE GRAND LODGE SERVICED  
BY THE U.S. NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA AND  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK.

## BONDS:

Description of Security	Amount	Cost Value
American Telephone & Telegraph, 5s-11/1/83 ...	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,825.00
American Telephone & Telegraph, 27 yr. Deb. 5 3/8s, 11/1/86 .....	10,000.00	10,225.00
American Tobacco, 25 yr. Deb. 3¼ -2/1/77 .....	9,000.00	8,938.82
Beneficial Finance Co. 20 yr. Deb. 5s, 11/1/77 ..	10,000.00	10,750.00
British Columbia, Canada, 3 5/8s, 2/15/77 .....	10,000.00	10,550.20
Commercial Credit Co. note, 5s, 6/1/77 .....	10,000.00	11,000.00
Dayton Power & Light 1st Mtg. 5s, 11/1/87 ...	10,000.00	10,662.50
General Motors Accept. Corp. 20 yr. Deb. 5s, 8/15/77 .....	10,000.00	10,975.00
Household Finance S. F. Deb. 5s, 7/1/82 .....	10,000.00	10,912.50
Ontario, Canada, 3¼s, 9/1/72 .....	10,000.00	9,965.56
San Diego Gas & Electric 1st Mtg. "G" 4 7/8s, 10/1/87 .....	10,000.00	10,950.00
Shell Union Oil Corp. 25 yr. Deb. 2½s, 4/1/71 ...	15,000.00	15,225.00
Southern Pacific Railroad, 2¼s, 1/1/61 .....	10,000.00	9,875.00
Utah Gas Service, 5½s, 4/1/71 .....	10,000.00	10,041.25
U.S.A. Treasury, 2½s, 8/15/63 .....	18,000.00	18,000.00
U.S.A. Treasury note 5s, 8/15/64 .....	10,000.00	10,106.25
Total .....	\$172,000.00	\$178,502.08
Estimated market value as of 4/30/1960 .....	\$166,077.50	
Percentage of account .....	28.6	

## PREFERRED STOCKS:

Description of Security	No. Shares	Cost Value
Central Illinois Public Service—4% .....	50	\$ 4,530.94
Consolidated Cigar \$5.00 .....	100	9,000.00
El Paso Natural Gas, 4.10 \$100 .....	100	9,881.80
Indianapolis Power & Light, 4% \$100.00 .....	150	15,164.19
Iowa Public Service, 3.75% \$100 .....	100	9,000.00
Iowa Public Service, 3.90% \$100 .....	50	5,100.00
Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas—\$5.00 .....	350	36,125.00
Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% \$100 .....	100	10,400.00
Montana Dakota Utilities, 4.50% \$100 .....	150	14,850.00
Pacific Gas & Electric 4.50% Red. 1st \$25.00 .....	400	10,300.00
Pacific Lighting Corp. 4.36% .....	100	9,858.50

Reynolds Metal 4½ Conv. ....	40	4,000.00
Southern California Edison, 4.88% .....	400	10,500.00
Tennessee Gas Transmission 4.64% .....	100	9,922.50
Washington Gas Light Co. 4.60% Conv. ....	100	10,695.65
Western Light & Telephone Co. 5% \$25.00 .....	500	12,756.15
Wisconsin Electric Power 3.60% \$100 .....	100	8,690.31

Total cost value .....		\$190,775.04
Estimated Market value as of April 30, 1960 .....		\$169,590.00
Percentage of account .....		29.2%

Description of Security	No. Shares	Cost Value
American Machine & Foundry .....	300	\$ 16,333.20
Arizona Public Service .....	300	7,300.00
Babcock & Wilcox Co. ....	300	11,614.66
Canadian Pacific Railway .....	400	11,985.24
E. I. DuPont de Nemours .....	50	11,943.91
Eastman Kodak Co. ....	200	11,707.13
General Public Utilities .....	660	12,479.73
Homestake Mining Co. ....	200	6,694.50
Hugoton Gas Trust .....	1,000	10,125.00
Idaho Power Co. ....	300	13,987.50
Illinois Power Co. ....	300	8,504.19
National Cash Register Co. ....	195	14,079.52
Otter Tail Power Co. ....	300	8,550.00
Richfield Oil Corp. ....	135	12,730.52
Socony Mobil Oil Co. ....	200	10,029.76
Standard Accident Ins. Co.—Michigan .....	300	12,525.00
Standard Oil of New Jersey .....	200	10,080.00
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline .....	220	3,837.50
Travelers Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn. ....	100	8,656.25
Union Pacific Railroad Co. ....	400	12,689.01
United Carbon Co. ....	206	13,591.50

Total .....		\$227,444.12
Estimated market value as of April 30, 1960 .....		\$245,859.00
Percentage of total account .....		42.2

INVESTMENTS BELONGING TO GRAND LODGE NOT SERVICED  
BY U.S. NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA AND BANK OF NEW YORK.

Ada County, Idaho Grange Supply Reg. Deb. original amount \$15,000 paid down to \$10,591.00 — past due. It is believed that in time this item will work out. Would have no known market value at this time.

EXHIBIT "B"

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
SERVICED BY THE U.S. NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA  
AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK.

BONDS:

Description of Security	Amount	Cost Value
American T. & T. 27 yr. Deb. 5 3/8s, 11/1/86 .. \$	25,000.00	\$ 25,562.50
American T. & T. 5s, 11/1/83 .....	25,000.00	27,025.00
Chesapeake & Potomac Tel. Co. of W. V. 5s, 3/1/2000 .....	25,000.00	25,525.00
Chicago Great Western Railway, 4s, 1/1/88 ....	20,000.00	16,200.00
Dayton Power & Light Co. 1st Mtg. 5s, 11/1/87 .	25,000.00	26,656.25
General Motors Accept. Corp. 20 yr. Deb. 5s, 8/15/77 .....	25,000.00	27,437.50
General Motors Accept. Corp. 5s, 3/15/81 .....	25,000.00	24,875.00
New York Telephone Co. Ref. Mtg. "J" 4½s, 5/15/91 .....	25,000.00	26,446.50
Public Service Co. of Colo. 1st Mtg. 4 3/8s, 5/1/87 .....	5,000.00	5,018.23
San Diego Gas & Electric Co. 1st Mtg. 4 7/8s, 10/1/87 .....	20,000.00	21,925.00
Sears Roebuck Accept. Corp., Deb. 4 5/8s, 2/1/72 .....	15,000.00	14,900.56
Tennessee Gas Transmission, Deb. 4¼s, 9/1/74 .....	10,000.00	10,225.97
Tennessee Gas Transmission, Deb. 4s, 4/1/75 .....	10,000.00	10,140.56
Twelve Federal Land Banks Cons. Farm 2 3/4s, 5/1/63 .....	10,000.00	10,016.33
U.S. Treasury Bills due 6/1/60 .....	62,000.00	61,465.56
U.S. Treasury Bills due 6/23/60 .....	77,000.00	76,409.41
U.S. Treasury Notes, 3 5/8s, 5/15/61 .....	30,000.00	29,968.75
U.S. Treasury, 2¼s, 12/15/62 .....	200,000.00	196,031.25
U.S. Treasury, 2 3/8s, 2/15/63 .....	5,000.00	5,000.00
U.S.A. Savings Series "F", 10/1/63 .....	300.00	242.70
U.S.A. Savings Series "F", 11/1/63 .....	1,200.00	1,070.80
U.S. Treasury notes, 4 7/8s, 11/15/63 .....	11,000.00	11,000.00
U.S. Treasury, 3s 2/15/64 .....	8,000.00	8,093.48
U.S. Treasury notes, 5s, 8/15/64 .....	62,000.00	62,265.63
U.S. Treasury notes, 4 7/8s, 11/15/64 .....	53,000.00	53,265.00
Total cost value .....		\$766,766.00
Estimated market value as of 4/30/1960 .....	\$761,103.00	
U.S. Governments .....	\$510,784.00	
Other Bonds .....	250,319.00	
Percentage of total account in bonds ...	50.2	
U.S. Governments ..	33.7	
Other Bonds .....	16.5	

## PREFERRED STOCKS:

Description of Investment	No. Shares	Cost Value
Arkansas Power & Light 4.72% .....	200	\$ 20,784.08
California Electric Power Co. \$2.50 .....	100	4,800.00
Colorado Oil & Gas Corp. \$1.25 Conv. ....	200	6,300.00
Consolidated Cigar — \$5.00 .....	195	17,500.00
Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas Co. \$5.00 .....	250	25,625.00
Missouri Utilities—5%—1950 Series .....	100	10,100.00
Montana Dakota Utilities 4.50% .....	75	7,175.00
Niagara Mohawk Power 4.10% .....	150	13,980.57
Northern Natural Gas, 5½% .....	100	10,000.00
Pacific Gas & Electric 4.50%, 1st Ref. \$25.00 .....	300	7,725.00
Reynolds Metals, 4½% Conv. ....	90	9,000.00
Securities Accept. Corp. 5%—\$25.00 .....	400	10,375.00
South Carolina Electric & Gas—4.50% — \$50.00 .....	100	5,000.00
Southwestern Public Service — 4.15% \$100 .....	50	5,000.00
Southwestern Public Service — 4.36% \$25.00 .....	300	7,501.82
Tennessee Gas Transmission — 4.50% \$100 .....	100	10,512.80
Tennessee Gas Transmission — 4.65% = \$100 .....	100	10,350.00
Tennessee Gas Transmission — 5.10% — \$100 .....	50	5,131.88
Texas Eastern Transmission = 5% = \$100 .....	100	10,066.67
Toledo Edison Co. 4¼% — \$100 .....	200	20,600.00
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline — \$2.25 .....	100	5,200.00
Virginia Electric & Power — 4.12% — \$100 .....	200	20,346.00
Washington Gas Light — 4.60% Cv. ....	150	16,096.52
Western Light & Telephone = 5% = \$25.00 .....	490	12,625.00
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Total Cost Value .....		\$271,795.34
Estimated market value April 30, 1960 .....		\$246,932.50
Percentage of total account .....		16.2

## COMMON STOCKS:

Description of Investment	No. Shares	Cost Value
American Machine & Foundry .....	400	\$ 21,777.60
Babcock & Wilcox .....	500	19,265.39
Campbell Soup Co. ....	400	17,210.84
Canadian Pacific Railway .....	600	18,053.28
Commonwealth Edison Co. ....	418	16,883.09
E. I. DuPont de Nemours .....	75	17,943.92
Eastman Kodak Co. ....	200	9,894.85
Illinois Power Co. ....	500	14,174.90
Idaho Power Co. ....	600	27,975.00
International Nickel Co. — Canada .....	200	14,496.91
Lily Tulip Cup Corp. ....	600	17,772.65
National Cash Register .....	291	21,015.29

Otter Tail Power .....	350	10,106.25
Public Service Co. of Indiana= .....	500	21,639.99
Richfield Oil Corp. ....	200	7,914.47
Socony Mobil Oil Corp. ....	400	19,745.60
Southern California Water Co. ....	680	7,900.00
Standard Accident Ins. Co. — Michigan .....	500	20,925.00
Standard Oil of New Jersey= .....	400	20,109.76
Travelers Insurance Co. ....	150	11,306.25
Union Pacific Railroad .....	400	12,688.76
United Carbon Co. ....	309	20,387.25
Western Light & Telephone Co. ....	140	4,402.50
Total Cost Value .....		\$373,588.00
Estimated market value as of April 30, 1960 .....		\$425,558.50
Percentage of total account .....		33.6

INVESTMENTS OWNED BY THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME, WHICH BECAUSE OF THEIR SPECIAL NATURE OR FOR SOME OTHER REASON, NOT SERVICED BY THE U.S. NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA AND BANK OF NEW YORK.

Description of Investment	No. Shares	Cost Value
Ada County, Idaho, Grange Supply Co. Bonds ....	\$25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Real Estate Mortgage Roger McKlem .....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Real Estate Mortgage, Jacqueline Schiefelbein ..	5,000.00	5,000.00
Real Estate Mortgage, Bancroft Lodge No. 145 ..	1,392.20	1,392.20
Estate Note, Duane Miller .....	6,500.00	6,500.00
Real Estate Mortgage, Emil Reutzel, Sr. ....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Real Estate Mortgage, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 .....	2,600.00	2,600.00
Real Estate Mortgage, Tekamah Temple Craft ..	8,084.82	8,084.82
Montgomery Ward & Co. ....	102 sh.	3,779.10
Carpenter Paper Co. ....	373 sh.	5,694.00
Omaha National Bank .....	119 sh.	6,324.00
J. C. Penny Co. ....	50 sh.	5,850.00
State Street Inv. Corp. ....	867 sh.	27,619.51
Mass. Investors Trust .....	550 sh.	6,930.00
Incorporated Investors .....	600 sh.	4,980.00
Broad Street Investing Corp. ....	604 sh.	7,248.00
Total cost value .....		\$123,001.63

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, presented the report of the Committee on Work, which was adopted.

The work of your Committee on Nebraska Work has been carried out in a more or less routine manner during the last year. No grave problems have arisen for the determination of the Committee.

We have attempted to relieve the Grand Custodian of many burdensome duties because of his illness by encouraging greater use of Assistant Custodians in central and local schools of instruction. The Assistant Custodians have cooperated to the fullest, with the result that the promulgation of the work has progressed to the complete satisfaction of the Committee.

Your Committee has approved several qualified brethren to fill vacancies among the Assistant Custodians. We have also recommended the appointment of several additional Assistant Custodians pursuant to the authority granted at the 1959 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. All of the Assistant Custodians are doing commendable work. They have assumed the additional burdens cast upon them with great skill and efficiency. It is with great satisfaction that your Committee commends them for the fine work that they have done.

Your Committee is glad to report great improvement in the health of the Grand Custodian. It is our feeling, however, that W. Brother Cook should continue to limit his activities and confine himself more to the office work in the Grand Custodian's Office and continue to rely more on the Assistant Custodians to handle the teaching of the work in the field.

The Committee has approved a budget for the Grand Custodian's Office with a break-down designed best to effectuate the work of that office.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge your Committee was authorized to consider a revision of the Monitor and Ceremonies now in use before a reprint of the same becomes necessary. We have no report to make on this matter this year, but steps are underway to meet the duty cast upon us.

Your Committee felt that it would be advantageous to delegate this work to subcommittees having a particular knowledge and interest in this field. We have divided the Monitor and Ceremonies into four parts, using the sixth edition issued in 1930. Pages 7 to 87 were assigned to a subcommittee consisting of W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, Chairman, W. Forest A. Lape, 183, and W. Ross Van Sickle, 184. Pages 88 to 123 were assigned to a subcommittee consisting of R. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, Chairman; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, and W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281. Pages 124 to 146 were assigned to a subcommittee consisting of W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120, Chairman; W. Norris W. Lallman, 72; and M. W. John E. Beaver, 253. Pages 147 to 182 were assigned to a sub-



committee consisting of Paul Seidel, 59, Chairman; W. Roy W. Deal, 227, W. Howard A. Nesseler, 19, Frank E. Pfoutz, 210, and M. W. George A. Kurk, 54.

It is the intention of your Committee, with the assistance of the Grand Custodian, to review the reports of these subcommittees as a basis for our report to this Grand Lodge. We have included the names of the members of these subcommittees in this report in order that any of you who have suggestions to make may contact a member of the proper subcommittee.

We have before us a matter that was laid over by us from last year, to wit: A proposed increase in per diem for Assistant Custodians. They are now paid \$5.00 per day. We concede that this rate of pay is inadequate for the services performed. On the other hand, the finances of the Grand Lodge are not sufficient at the present time to warrant additional expenditures. We have concluded that this matter should be laid over for consideration at the 1961 Annual Communication.

We have examined the report of the Grand Custodian. We commend it to you as reflecting the condition of the esoteric and monitorial work in the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

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

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, which was adopted.

It is rather difficult to develop a new avenue of approach for the report of the Committee, your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. The answer is very easy to understand when you stop to realize that this Committee deals with people, brother Masons and their families who for some reason or another, usually beyond their control, have found it necessary to seek guidance and assistance through the Lodge and through this Committee. It is a continuing program, a dedicated service of love and brotherhood which has been carried on since the organization of the Grand Lodge in 1857.

It is rather interesting to note the various designations or titles under which this Committee has operated. We find our first reference to this Committee at the second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge held at Bellevue, Nebraska Territory, June 14, 1859 under the designation of the Committee on Charity. This designation was changed in 1888 to the Committee on Relief and then in 1916 was changed to the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans and has continued as such since that time. Why the changes were made we do not know, we can only assume the last change was made to coordinate the work of this Committee with that of the Board of Trustees of the Home at Plattsmouth.

We do find in checking the records that in numerous instances members of the Home Board were also members of the Committee. This condition has not prevailed in recent years.

A complete record of all cases handled was published in the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge from 1859 until 1920. At the present time we maintain our records in a bound volume. They are complete in every respect from June 8, 1920 to date. We can assure you that it is a most interesting compendium or digest of Masonry in action as it pertains to the work of this Committee. It has been our personal experience to be associated in this work through the 30's the 40's, and the 50's, and we can assure you that during those years we have never failed to give due heed and assistance to the call of a worthy brother or of his immediate family. What the future demands will be during the next decade, only time alone will tell.

During the past year the calls have not been too numerous and we have committed ourselves in those cases where in our opinion we have found them to be worthy. We endeavor at all times to secure participation in our work through co-related or associated groups. In this manner it spreads the cost of the case involved. We have maintained our expense well within the amount established by Grand Lodge law for this Committee.

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we report the loss of our co-worker and Committee member W. Alvin H. Miller of Lincoln. Brother Miller was a Past Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 and had been a member of this Committee since December 1939. His counsel and advice was timely and good and we valued his deliberation with great respect. Brother Miller departed this life at Lincoln on December 6, 1959.

We also report the death of another Counsellor in our work, while not a member of our Committee or of the Masonic Fraternity rendered invaluable service to this Committee through the organization they represented. Mrs. Edith Dumont Smith, former Executive Secretary of the Family Welfare Association of Omaha died at Colorado Springs, August 24, 1959 and was buried at Omaha, August 28, 1959. The investigations and services rendered by this Family Service Association knew no territorial or Jurisdictional bounds, and contributed greatly to the work of this Committee.

A complete audit for all records and accounts maintained by this Committee for the past year has been made by L. A. Nelson, Certified Public Accountant, and his report is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

### REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Brother William F. Patterson, 25, presented the report of The Nebraska Masonic Home, which was adopted.

The last year has been eventful and rewarding in things accomplished. Things at the home are never static.

This year we painted up and waterproofed the exterior of the old section of the home. It was badly needed and puts our main building in pretty good shape.

We cleaned up our grounds by removal of some old sheds that were not usable and the entire place has a much cleaner look.

We installed a disposal, a water booster in the kitchen and replaced the old water cooler, other small items of improvement were also carried out. All this was handled by our Building and Grounds Committee in excellent shape.

Funds for all this were allowed at last Grand Lodge and the cost has been kept within the limits required.

We face the need of further improvement. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Chairman of our Building and Grounds Committee, set this out in detail in the November 1959 Home News. I recommend your reading his comments. The boiler plant, laundry and refrigeration equipment are all giving us a problem. Replacement is in the very near future.

Time and changing conditions beyond our control have given us a labor problem. We struggled with this for over a year and some definite conclusions developed. It has never been easy to get help at the Home. We have operated with a minimum staff for a long time. We have not been able to increase the staff in proportion to our population rise and the added work caused by a greater number of bed patients constantly making up our population.

We finally have adopted a five-day work week, not only to get the help we need, but also to retain those we now have.

All of this means money. The cost of operating, however careful we may be, is steadily rising. I am sorry I can see no change in this trend in the foreseeable future.

At this point I usually talk about money. I reminded you last year we should be doing something towards a consistent plan to reach eventual complete endowment. It looks a long way off but it can be done. It should be done.

Until then, may I remind you that the whole purpose of endowment is to operate the Home free of all needs of money from other sources — a perpetual self-provided fund. That we can hope for and plan for but at the present we struggle to try and operate as we must on what we can expect in income. From each of you we get from your dues \$2.00 which is the per capita tax. First, it was \$1.00, then it was raised to the present \$2.00.

The Home in the meantime has been changing. Originally you walked in if you went there or you weren't accepted.

Today three out of five come in ambulance. That has made the need of casual medical care change to major medical care. We used to figure roughly an average of eighty residents with better than half ambulatory and able to go to the dining room to eat. Today the average is nearer

ninety and two-thirds of that group are fed in bed. Not over one-third of our population can move around at will.

We actually are changing to a hospital. Once one floor not completely full cared for our bed cases. Today it is full and we are filling up another floor. You know as well as I what this means in help, medicine, special diet and even equipment. We're living longer, going to the Home later in life and taking with us a variety of ills that need constant care. Few people in the Home have one single affliction. Most suffer from multiple illnesses.

I just thought you ought to know when I stand here each year and tell you it takes more money to operate your Home — why it does. It isn't fun at my end, I'll tell you that. I must tell you we have to give good sound care to our people and at the same time I know money in our Jurisdiction doesn't grow on trees.

What's the answer? Somewhere there must come more money to operate. I hope our incoming Grand Master can give our Trustees some time and help so a sound solid program of some sort agreeable to all may be worked out to solve our mutual problems.

Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star gave us approximately \$2,000. to purchase remote control television sets for our residents. They have brightened many an hour and our thanks are hard to express. We are very grateful.

Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter held a memorial service to Mrs. Marie Srb and made a living memorial to her memory by a collection of money from people in all walks of life. The memorial is to make certain that the beauty shop ever continues. Mrs. Srb was a devoted volunteer worker in the shop and most of the equipment now in the shop was paid for by this memorial. She was a great lady with a great heart and our residents' memory of her will stay ever fresh in their hearts.

I have mentioned our increase in population. It has carried with it problems on admission. Most applicants come to us in decidedly advanced years. Your Trustees have struggled with the fine line between senility and the lessening of mental capability that is generally inherent in age. I assure you we have leaned over backwards to care for our people limited only by the facilities we possess.

The Christmas party this year was our largest. A great number of visitors came and so did the gifts that make it Christmas. We're indebted to Lodges, Chapters, Masters and Wardens and a host of individuals for making this truly a Christmas party.

Thanks for so much to so many should be said. Space just limits proper recognition — the Lodges, Chapters, Kensingtons, Masters and Wardens, those wonderful food trucks all fulfilling a promise to aid in distress.

Our Grand Master has been greatly helpful and we are indebted to a busy man for his always available counsel and advice.

Our Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, has been faithful as ever, although we have made his work load heavier by handling much work previously done at Plattsmouth. Hours mean nothing to him.

To all the others, far too numerous to mention, we say "Thank you" — you've helped.

To the Officers, Committees and Trustees, the real workers, I hand the palm. Devoted and dedicated as ever, the only reward they seek is a job well done. It is well done now and I'm sure will be evermore.

John Ruskin said, "The highest reward of man's toil is not what he gets from it, but what he becomes from it."

Thank you, my Brethren.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

W. Cary W. Dress'ar, 32, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, which was adopted.

The annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association held in the Auditorium marked its fiftieth Anniversary. Masons of action were there to promote every aspect of Masonry which is in and all around "Our Shrine."

### ATTENDANCE

You should be interested in knowing that Masons were there from every State in the Union and from six other Countries. We say that to show you the Universality of Masonry. With but few exceptions, Masonry lives in every country on this earth.

### PRESENTATION

We Nebraska Masons are proud and honored that our Grand Master presented to the Memorial, four volumes of books to be placed in the Library, the author of which is our own Harry R. Follmer, 77.

### PROGRESS

The interior of the Memorial is now complete. Some exterior construction remains to be done. Now that the Temple is completed, American Masonry must maintain and support this Shrine to our Most Illustrious Brother. It is also the Shrine of American Freemasonry. We dare not fail to endow or even become "just a little" delinquent in any of our efforts. Thousands come annually to see Our Shrine and there get their impressions of Freemasonry, knowing that it, like the Temple, rests upon the solid rock of faith.

### ENDOWMENT COMMISSION

An Endowment Commission has been formed for the purpose of

studying and presenting to each Grand Lodge a plan for its maintenance and support, in which we shall all share and which is to properly endow our Memorial for future operation. Soon we shall learn of this plan. Three Grand Lodge Bodies are now actively at work and soon other Grand Bodies will join. It is hoped that the entire amount of this endowment can be raised by next February.

#### KODACHROME SLIDE SETS

We urge every lodge to use these slides. There are 100 sets available so there should be no delay in getting them to you. Many lodges have used them and have reported an evening of enjoyment. I have a set in my office and will be glad to send them to any of you. They are yours for the asking.

#### NEED

The great need of this Committee, is new and more interesting material which it can use to keep you informed and stimulated. It is an honor to be a Mason, it is a great privilege to be an American and live in a land where no dictator is allowed. Can any of you think of a higher honor, than that of being identified as an American Mason? Mr. "K" is now trying to suppress the principles of Masonry, the Church and our American Republic. Shall more than four million American Masons give recognition to any of his "double talk"? Shall any of us become a part of this problem. Masons can and should be a great part in the solution of this infringement. Masonry needs every one of you "active". America needs you to stand up and be counted among those who love its freedom. Your church and your God needs you, on your knees, asking for Divine Guidance that we may be led away from those who seek to destroy us, and into an Era of Peace and tranquility. Look at this Memorial and see Masonry pointing toward God. Remember — more than four millions. Surely we want to remain — Ancient, Free and Accepted.

#### RECEIPTS

For the Endowment Fund .....	\$ 80,389.90
For the Maintenance & Operation Fund ..	67,219.45
For the Building Fund .....	7,827.30
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Total .....	\$155,436.65

Personal contributions were received from two Nebraska Masons, M. W. Charles F. Adams and W. Robert E. Lund.

This Committee wishes to state that it is ready to assist in any plan to promote the good of the Memorial among our Nebraska Masons. May we say this — if there are any of our Lodges who do not know of the Memorial and its good effects, we are sorry. We do believe that you know of it because you have had your Officers at Grand Lodge. Promise yourselves that you will order the colored slides. We promise you good entertainment.

For a few minutes, let us turn back the pages of time, and remember February 22, 1910, the day the building of our Temple on Shooters Hill began. That was fifty years ago. Let us try to measure this time by remembering some other things of importance. How long has the "Trinity of Masonry", Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, lived in the hearts and minds of good men and Masons? How long has it been since the building of King Solomons Temple? Why was it built? How long have men longed for Christian Companionship?

How long has it been since you sat in lodge and gave thanks to God for Masonry? Have you given Him your thanks for the freedom you cherish? For the good men of the past who gave so much to you? Have you?

Those men who assembled on February 22, 1910, were a group of determined Masons, united in purpose, to enshrine the name of George Washington and to give the world an everlasting Memorial, depicting the Holy Truths upon which Masonry is built.

How long is fifty years? How shall we measure it? We can measure it with the "Working Tools" of our Craft.

Yesterday is secure and cannot be changed,  
Today we build upon the security of yesterday,  
Tomorrow will be builded upon the legacy we leave  
for those who are to follow us;

We must forever keep young and fresh the whole idea of Masonry. We must never forget that it is an "Institution of God", given to man to teach him how to be a Master of Time and Life and Death, A Master Mason.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE BUSINESS AFFAIRS

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Business Affairs has been in existence since 1957. Each year we have submitted a comprehensive report of our activities which has been approved by the Grand Lodge. Those reports appear in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and we shall not attempt to review them here.

The purpose of the Committee was to investigate the handling of the business affairs of the Grand Lodge and to recommend a better method of handling its business and the keeping of its records. These recommendations were made and by-laws have been adopted putting them into effect. They have been in effect for such a time that we now hope the Appropriations Committee will be able to recommend a budget that

is in accordance with the real needs of the Grand Lodge. We also anticipate that the Finance Committee will be able to report the exact amount that has been spent during the past year and the anticipated income for the ensuing year. If, as we hope, our annual expenses and anticipated income are now available with substantial certainty, the Grand Lodge should be able to consider its financial problems with a more intelligent approach. We appear to have been operating in the past without accurate information as to the condition of our finances. We have assumed that the Grand Lodge had plenty of money available for all our needs when, as a matter of fact, we have been encroaching upon the principal of our investments. The final determination of these matters is in the Grand Lodge. But if the Grand Lodge does not have the facts before it, we cannot expect an intelligent disposition of the problems before it. It was the purpose of this committee to provide a method of bookkeeping and reporting of our financial affairs that would produce the information the Grand Lodge ought to have before it when it acts upon these most important matters.

It has not been the function of your committee to do anything other than to provide the mechanics for accomplishing this purpose. We have not attempted to dictate policy or to encroach upon the operational functions of the committees and officers of the Grand Lodge. We have investigated the past handling of our finances for the sole purpose of determining where changes should be made. We have attempted to handle these matters prospectively and have refrained from undue criticism of our past methods of operation except to the extent necessary to convince you of the need for change.

Our purposes and functions have been misunderstood in some quarters. On the recommendation of the Grand Master, and others as well, we are submitting with this report a proposed new section to our by-laws defining the functions of the Committee on Business Affairs. We recommend to you the adoption of this amendment. It authorizes the committee to improve the handling, recording, and reporting of its business. By its silence it denies the committee any right as a committee to encroach upon the functions of the officers and committees of this Grand Lodge. We believe this to be correct and also consistent with the views of this committee in the past.

Some difference of opinion has arisen as to the interpretation to be given to section 1-401(f) of the by-laws. The conflict in interpretation is whether the by-law is mandatory or directive only in regard to the authorization of the Board of Grand Trustees to enter into an agency contract with a bank or trust company for the handling of our securities for management and investment. The language is not as clear in this respect as it should be. We are therefore recommending an amendment to the section to make it clear that the Board of Grand Trustees is given complete charge of the management and investment of our securities, and that the provision providing for the making of an agency contract with a bank or trust company is optional with the Board of Grand Trustees.



We have drafted an amendment to section 1-401(f) of the by-laws which will clarify its meaning. We shall submit the proposed amendment for your consideration at the close of this report.

We think the efforts of this Committee have produced desirable results. The Grand Master and his line officers have concerned themselves with the financial situation of the Grand Lodge. This is, of course, the function of such officers and the proper committees of the Grand Lodge. While it is not the function of the Committee on Business Affairs to inject itself as a Committee into these matters, other than to provide the means of ascertaining the true situation, we are confident that the Grand Lodge will act in a business-like manner when they have the facts. Our purpose, as we have before stated, is to provide the means of finding the truth in these important matters, a means which was not adequately provided prior to 1957.

The delegates to this Grand Lodge have a most serious duty to perform. The general feeling is, I am afraid, that a few run the Grand Lodge and that the attendance of the delegates is merely a matter of formality. If this be true, it is the fault of the delegates, and they do not serve well the brethren of their lodges if they do not vote for the best interests of Masonry. It is difficult, of course, to obtain a complete grasp of Grand Lodge problems in two or three days, particularly if a delegate is attending for the first time. Reliance must be placed in the work of committees and your Grand Lodge officers, but on the other hand you are entitled to know the basis of every matter submitted to the Grand Lodge in order that you may vote intelligently. The primary function of your Committee on Business Affairs is to provide the methods by which this information can be obtained and accurately presented to the officers, committees, and delegates.

While our work as Masons is largely that of character building, philosophy, and charity, we are also in big business. We must fit our business methods to the pattern of our times. The responsibility is ours and we must have the fortitude to deal with it in a business-like manner. We have become complacent in dealing with Grand Lodge business, and complacency in all things is dangerous. If the work of the Committee on Business Affairs has had the effect of arousing a better consideration of our business matters, I have no fear for the future. But if indifference to our responsibility to 46,000 Masons continues, we shall become only a reproach to the generations of Masons who follow us. We do have some financial difficulties which must be cleared up. The matters rest in your hands. We implore you to heed the warnings about us and take the action which good Masons should take and vote for the best interests of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

#### RESOLUTION

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, presented the following amendment signed by five members and requested unanimous

consent to consider it at this time. (Unanimous consent was granted and motion to amend adopted.)

#### RESOLUTION

1-401(f). (Amendment).

The securities of the Grand Lodge shall be kept in a bank or trust company for safekeeping under such terms and conditions as the Board of Grand Trustees shall approve. Such Board of Grand Trustees may, if it appears to the best interest of the Grand Lodge, enter into a contract with a bank or trust company for its services in handling sales, purchases, investments, reinvestments, collections and remittances of securities and funds under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees; and for the rendition of such reports and statements of account as the Board of Grand Trustees shall require. The Board of Grand Trustees shall review the list of securities annually and make a report of their analysis to the Grand Lodge. Funds available for investment or reinvestment shall be considered for that purpose at regular intervals not exceeding two months. A complete record of the action taken thereon shall be kept by the Secretary and be available at all times to those to whom access is permitted or granted. An annual written report of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be made to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

#### RESOLUTION

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#### RESOLUTION

That Section 1, Chapter 3 of the Grand Lodge Law, be amended by adding thereto an additional Section designated as Section 1-327 to read as follows:

"The Committee on Business Affairs shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master for terms hereinafter provided. The Grand Master elected at the session at which this section is passed, shall immediately after taking office appoint five members, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one member for a term of five years to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of one member and, in case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. It shall be the duty of the committee to prescribe the business methods to be followed by the officers and committees of the Grand Lodge, including the filing, allowance and

payment of claims, the keeping of records, the accounting and reporting of income and expenditures, and such other matters of similar import that are not fixed by the Constitution, by-laws, or action of the Grand Lodge. The determinations of the committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge. The committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations appear to be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge."

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Grand Officers are present. All Past Grand Masters are present except M. W. Edward F. Carter and John S. Hedelund. All lodges were represented except the following: 34, 41, 84, 87, 100, 116, 129, 139, 143, 145, 151, 156, 157, 160, 161, 170, 171, 176, 185, 194, 202, 206, 208, 212, 219, 220, 239, 256, 264, 271, 278, 304, 313, 322. Total number of lodges 275, Number not represented 34. Lodges not represented for the last two annual Communications: 34, 143, 157, 194, 313.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska . . . . .No. 1	Theodore J. Janing.	*G. Lester Shane. . . . .	C. Erwin Paulsen. . . . .
Western Star. . . . . 2	William E. Bell. . . . .	Henry E. Schemmel. . . . .	.....
Capitol . . . . . " 3	Harold R. Irvin. . . . .	*Wm. Von Kroge, Jr. . . . .	*Alban P. Smith. . . . .
Nemaha Valley " 4	*J. Adolph Wensien. . . . .	*J. Adolph Wensien. . . . .	.....
Omadi . . . . . " 5	*Oscar T. Olsen. . . . .	.....	.....
Plattsmouth . . . . . " 6	John J. Janecek. . . . .	*Raymond F. Evers. . . . .	.....
Falls City . . . . . " 9	.....	Robert W. Rowan. . . . .	.....
Solomon . . . . . " 10	Russell Christensen. . . . .	Allen E. Rassmussen. . . . .	Wm. A. Kruse, Jr. . . . .
Covert . . . . . " 11	David Glantz. . . . .	R. A. C. Johnson. . . . .	C. Atwood Scott. . . . .
Orient . . . . . " 13	.....	.....	*Willard I. Lewis, Jr. . . . .
Peru . . . . . " 14	Carroll Lewis. . . . .	*Carroll Lewis. . . . .	*Carroll Lewis. . . . .
Fremont . . . . . " 15	Duane A. Koplin. . . . .	Calvin T. Friesz. . . . .	*Gerald A. Moller. . . . .
Tecumseh . . . . . " 17	*Harry B. Richardson. . . . .	*Dave Dunlap. . . . .	.....
Lincoln . . . . . " 19	Paul H. Hudson. . . . .	Robert L. Zink. . . . .	Leslie O. Moore. . . . .
Washington . . . . . " 21	*Chris K. Bendorf. . . . .	.....	.....
Pawnee . . . . . " 23	Lorain F. Steiner. . . . .	Glen Deweber. . . . .	*L. R. Bradbury. . . . .
Saint Johns . . . . . " 25	*William F. Patterson. . . . .	.....	*James McClaren. . . . .
Beatrice . . . . . " 26	*Robert Williams. . . . .	.....	.....
Jordan . . . . . " 27	Dean W. DaMoude. . . . .	James Lubker. . . . .	.....
Hope . . . . . " 29	Frank Clark. . . . .	.....	.....
Blue River . . . . . " 30	John A. Bredenberg. . . . .	*C. C. Wertman. . . . .	Leonard C. Rapp. . . . .
Tekamah . . . . . " 31	*Jasper A. Johnson. . . . .	Gerald Spielman. . . . .	.....
Platte Valley. . . . . " 32	B. M. Johnston. . . . .	*John C. Tucker. . . . .	Phil B. Mossman. . . . .
Ashlar . . . . . " 33	Irvin L. Congrove. . . . .	.....	.....
Acacia . . . . . " 34	.....	.....	.....
Fairbury . . . . . " 35	Raleigh P. Gibson. . . . .	*Roy F. Hollaway. . . . .	.....
Lone Tree . . . . . " 36	*Harold Parker. . . . .	.....	.....
Crete . . . . . " 37	Glen V. Severin. . . . .	*Glen V. Severin. . . . .	*Glen V. Severin. . . . .
Oliver . . . . . " 38	.....	*Erwin J. Imig. . . . .	.....
Papillion . . . . . " 39	*Fred R. Lamb. . . . .	Eugene A. Giermann. . . . .	.....
Humboldt . . . . . " 40	C. F. Hilgenfeld. . . . .	*Richard W. Nims. . . . .	*Richard W. Nims. . . . .
Northern Light " 41	.....	.....	.....
Hebron . . . . . " 43	*Dail B. Shearer. . . . .	.....	.....
Harvard . . . . . " 44	Leland M. Voorhees. . . . .	.....	.....
Rob Morris . . . . . " 46	O. L. Erickson, Jr. . . . .	.....	.....
Fairmont . . . . . " 48	*Lewis B. Halsey. . . . .	*Lewis B. Halsey. . . . .	Lewis B. Halsey. . . . .
Evening Star . . . . . " 49	.....	Dwight L. Nuss. . . . .	.....
Hastings . . . . . " 50	George E. Root. . . . .	Hubert F. Favinger. . . . .	.....
Fidelity . . . . . " 51	Norman E. Davis. . . . .	Frank Straka. . . . .	.....
Hiram . . . . . " 52	L. W. Christensen. . . . .	.....	.....
Charity . . . . . " 53	Stanley R. Offner. . . . .	.....	.....
Lancaster . . . . . " 54	Walter H. F. Wilson. . . . .	Ray O. York. . . . .	L. W. Cleveland. . . . .

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Mosaic .....No. 55	*LaVerne A. Walker.	.....	Delbert W. Hoover.
York ..... " 56	William Kleinholz..	Rollie Wildman....	William F. Brannan.
Mount Moriah " 57	Marion K. Schroeder	Bruce McCourtney..	*Marion K. Schroeder
Wahoo ..... " 59	Harold G. Carlson..	Ben E. Noerenberg..	*Howard J. Hunter..
Melrose ..... " 60	*Roscoe N. Johnson..	.....	.....
Thistle ..... " 61	*G. Hanford Smith..	.....	.....
Keystone .... " 62	Lloyd W. Eaton....	Robert F. Peard....	.....
Blue Valley .. " 64	Milo L. Korinek....	Lyle R. Altman....	.....
Osceola ..... " 65	Lowell D. Hanson..	.....	.....
Edgar ..... " 67	Harold W. Schnitker	*Wayne Hunter.....	*Wayne Hunter.....
Aurora ..... " 68	Richard S. McKelvie	*Claude A. Rennau..	.....
Sterling ..... " 70	Ivan Lamb.....	John W. Anderson..	Charles Curtin.....
Trowel ..... " 71	Alfred J. Brodersen.	Rahe W. Johnson...	.....
Hooper ..... " 72	Richard C. Larson..	.....	*Herman H. Lallman
Friend ..... " 73	Archie H. McAlpin.	*Amzi McBride.....	.....
Alexandria .. " 74	*Donald L. Kerwood.	.....	.....
Frank Welch.. " 75	Earl W. Schultz....	Neal W. Atkins.....	*Earl W. Schultz....
Nelson ..... " 77	*Harry Weekly.....	.....	*Harry R. Follmer...
Albion ..... " 78	*Albert N. Lamb....	.....	.....
Geneva ..... " 79	*W. Henry Foster...	.....	.....
Composite .... " 81	*Leonard Davis.....	*Pearl C. Hillegass..	.....
Saint Paul ... " 82	Gordon W. Smith...	.....	Lee E. Nicholas....
Corinthian ... " 83	Raymond E. Paulson	.....	Maurice C. Rolston.
Fairfield ..... " 84	.....	.....	.....
Doniphan .... " 86	*E. P. Cunningham..	.....	.....
Ionic ..... " 87	.....	.....	.....
Star ..... " 88	A. Russell Jensen...	H. Clinton Hughes..	Richard Larson.....
Cedar River .. " 89	K. E. Cunningham..	*Earl Veskerna.....	.....
Oakland ..... " 91	Charles B. Maller...	.....	.....
Beaver City.. " 93	*William V. Kovar..	*William V. Kovar..	William V. Kovar..
Bennett ..... " 94	*Conrad Leader.....	*Harry W. Burt.....	*Arch H. Church....
Garfield ..... " 95	L. F. Beckenhauer..	.....	.....
Utica ..... " 96	E. Dale Sampson, Jr.	.....	*Dale Sampson, Sr..
Euclid ..... " 97	Robert D. Keekler..	.....	.....
Republican ... " 98	*Louis L. Kammerer.	.....	.....
Shelton ..... " 99	Ralph Schepers.....	Harold D. Liggett..	.....
Creighton .... " 100	.....	.....	.....
Ponca ..... " 101	.....	Virgil Putman.....	.....
Waterloo .... " 102	*Herbert L. Johnson.	George H. Ducker..	John E. Gabernowitz
Ord ..... " 103	Ross D. Allen.....	.....	Paul R. Martin.....
Wymore ..... " 104	.....	Harry R. Chapman..	.....
Stella ..... " 105	*Clyde T. Argabright	.....	.....

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Porter . . . . .No. 106	*Floyd D. Dunker...	.....	.....
Table Rock .. " 108	*Fred J. Jelinek.....	.....	.....
Pomegranate .. " 110	.....	G. R. Buckmaster.....	.....
De Witt .. . . " 111	Perry T. Johns.....	*Ralph E. DeVol.....	.....
Springfield .. " 112	Wilbur Hubble.....	*W. Fred Lesan.....	Irvin W. Sheppard..
Globe .. . . . " 113	.....	*Harold E. Seiler.....	.....
Wisner .. . . . " 114	Raymond A. Jensen.	H. L. Westergard...	*Judson M. Meier...
Harlan .. . . . " 116	.....	.....	.....
Hardy .. . . . " 117	*R. Keith Lance.....	.....	.....
North Bend .. " 119	.....	.....	Harold H. Ristau...
Wayne .. . . . " 120	Otto F. Baier.....	William Mellor, Jr..	*Walter S. Bressler..
Superior .. . . " 121	.....	Allen K. Striggo...	.....
Auburn .. . . . " 124	William R. Den.....	.....	.....
Mount Nebo .. " 125	Kenneth G. Hurner.	.....	V. Hagenbucker, Jr.
Stromsburg .. " 126	L. Brooke Berggren.	Phillip Waller.....	*Don E. Nordberg...
Minden .. . . . " 127	*Charles A. Chappell.	.....	.....
Guide Rock .. " 128	Calvin R. Fausch...	.....	.....
Blue Hill .. . . " 129	.....	.....	.....
Tuscan .. . . . " 130	Lloyd D. Smith.....	.....	*Earl D. Smith.....
Scribner .. . . " 132	Delwin J. Rumery...	Harold F. Hoar.....	Ward C. Maynard...
Elm Creek .. . " 133	*Wayne M. Webb.....	.....	.....
Solar .. . . . . " 134	*Carl Holm.....	.....	.....
McCook .. . . . " 135	*W. Upton Dawson..	*W. Upton Dawson..	*W. Upton Dawson..
Long Pine .. . " 136	*Charles M. Frederick	.....	.....
Upright .. . . . " 137	*Joe M. Crosier.....	.....	.....
Rawalt .. . . . " 138	Mark W. Mitchell...	.....	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	.....	.....	.....
Western .. . . . " 140	Charles H. Kermoade	Cecil Compton.....	.....
Crescent .. . . " 143	.....	.....	.....
Kenesaw .. . . " 144	Lloyd Ernst.....	.....	.....
Bancroft .. . . " 145	.....	.....	.....
Jachin .. . . . " 146	Harley G. Lofton, Jr.	.....	.....
Siloam .. . . . " 147	Ora R. Yarges.....	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford" 148	Clarence W. Cole...	Ralph F. McCoughan	*Alfred R. Kenoyer..
Jewel .. . . . . " 149	.....	.....	*Harry H. Miller...
Cambridge .. . " 150	R. Wendell Mousel..	*R. Wendell Mousel..	*R. Wendell Mousel..
Square .. . . . " 151	.....	.....	.....
Evergreen .. . " 153	*Homer F. Bireh...	.....	.....
Lily .. . . . . " 154	*M. M. Jenning, Jr..	.....	.....
Hartington .. " 155	*Ralph E. Clements..	.....	.....
Pythagoras .. " 156	.....	.....	.....
Valley .. . . . " 157	.....	.....	.....

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Samaritan ..No. 158	*George A. Stevens..	*George A. Stevens..	*Welcome W. Naylor.
Ogalalla ..... " 159	George D. Morrow..	*Jack J. Hill.....	.....
Zeredatha .... " 160	.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	.....	.....	.....
Trestle Board. " 162	Robert S. Smith....	*Robert S. Smith....	John G. Haberman..
Unity ..... " 163	.....	.....	*Elmer E. Mathis....
Atkinson ..... " 164	Richard C. Braun...	.....	.....
Barneston .... " 165	*Fred M. Gleeten...	.....	.....
Mystic Tie ... " 166	.....	J. Cleland Wilcox..	James L. Withee....
Elwood ..... " 167	*Winford Bossung...	.....	.....
Curtis ..... " 168	*Klyte D. Burt.....	.....	.....
Amity ..... " 169	Anton J. Krotz.....	*Anton J. Krotz....	*Anton J. Krotz....
Mason City .. " 170	.....	.....	.....
Merna ..... " 171	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns " 173	*Clyde H. Jones.....	*Clyde H. Jones....	*Clyde H. Jones....
Culbertson ... " 174	Wallace L. Trimpey.	Charles Yost.....	Melvin S. Hoyt....
Temple ..... " 175	*Henry R. Miller....	.....	.....
Gladstone .... " 176	.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs .. " 177	George K. Bennett..	*George K. Bennett..	.....
Prudence .... " 179	Dale Carr.....	.....	.....
Justice ..... " 180	.....	George T. Robertson	*Warren B. Jackson.
Faith ..... " 181	*Ward L. Mosher....	*Ward L. Mosher....	*Ward L. Mosher....
Alliance ..... " 183	John E. Fensterer...	Carl A. Johnson, Jr..	Wendell A. Merritt.
Bee Hive .... " 184	Kenneth P. Lott....	James P. Neilson...	Raymond E. Modlin.
Boaz ..... " 185	.....	.....	.....
Meridian .... " 188	*J. Harlen Peden....	.....	.....
Granite ..... " 189	Dewey G. Oliver....	*Jay Thompson.....	.....
Amethyst .... " 190	.....	David L. Jones.....	.....
Crystal ..... " 191	Sheldon Van Horn..	.....	*H. J. Hoepfner....
Minnekadusa " 192	Neale E. Perrett....	*U. Wesley Fox.....	.....
Signet ..... " 193	*F. Otto Nelson....	.....	.....
Highland .... " 194	.....	.....	.....
Arcana ..... " 195	*Leslie A. Evert....	*Leslie A. Evert....	Leslie A. Evert....
Morning Star. " 197	Bruce Hoffer.....	John Schultz, Jr....	.....
Purity ..... " 198	.....	Frank Clements....	.....
Gavel ..... " 199	J. Richard Keil....	.....	.....
Blazing Star. " 200	Joy M. Lathrop....	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff. " 201	J. Chris Peterson...	Harley G. Tanner...	*M. L. Greenlee....
Golden Sheaf. " 202	.....	.....	.....
Roman Eagle. " 203	Loren J. Callahan...	.....	.....
Plainview .... " 204	Leslie G. Weber....	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Golden Fleece No. 205	Mervin P. Jensen...	.....	.....
Napthali ..... " 206	.....	.....	.....
Parian ..... " 207	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus.....
Gauge ..... " 208	.....	.....	.....
Canopy ..... " 209	Wm. S. Hardaway..	Wayne Weyers.....	.....
East Lincoln. " 210	*William M. Hisey...	Emanuel J. Heckman	.....
Cement ..... " 211	*T. E. Jerome Paulk.	.....	.....
Compass and Square ..... " 212	.....	.....	.....
Plumbline .... " 214	*Clarence D. Gottula.	.....	.....
Occidental .... " 215	*James R. Fleming..	.....	.....
Palisade ..... " 216	Ivan P. Lamb.....	.....	.....
Wauneta ..... " 217	Robert D. Johnston.	*Robert D. Johnston.	*Robert D. Johnston.
Bloomfield ... " 218	*John R. Clements...	.....	.....
Relief ..... " 219	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia ..... " 220	.....	.....	.....
Wood Lake ... " 221	G. Harley Sullens...	Howard P. Tetherow	.....
Landmark .... " 222	Alton B. Jensen....	Stanley E. Bruton..	*Wayne W. Loftis...
Eminence .... " 223	*James C. Bierbower.	.....	.....
Silver Cord .. " 224	Will Prentice.....	.....	.....
Cable ..... " 225	.....	Louis I. Halstead...	G. J. Halstead.....
Grace ..... " 226	James L. Marsteller.	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	*Roy W. Deal.....	Robert N. Stevenson	*Cecil C. Gates.....
Bartley ..... " 228	James R. Smith.....	*James R. Smith....	.....
Comet ..... " 229	Fred J. Olson.....	.....	.....
Delta ..... " 230	Earl E. Meridith...	.....	.....
Mount Herman " 231	*Rudolph Biere.....	.....	.....
John S. Bowen " 232	.....	Clarence Paulsen...	.....
Gilead ..... " 233	Tony A. Scheinost..	.....	.....
Zion ..... " 234	Steen Castle.....	*Steen Castle.....	*Steen Castle.....
Fraternity ... " 235	Donald E. Harmer..	.....	*Harold Harmer.....
Golden Rule... " 236	*Howard S. Gillaspie.	.....	Howard Wharton...
Cubit ..... " 237	Howard S. Rhoten..	*C. Clyde Mayes....	.....
Friendship ... " 239	.....	.....	.....
Pilot ..... " 240	Leo C. Hooks.....	.....	*J. E. Buckley.....
George Arm- strong ..... " 241	Robert P. Loftis....	Donald C. Bonneau..	.....
Tyrian ..... " 243	Vernon L. Corman ..	.....	.....
Hampton ..... " 245	William D. Gordon..	.....	.....
Nehawka .... " 246	*Charles E. Morris...	*Marion M. Rogers..	.....
Corner-stone .. " 247	.....	.....	*Robert V. Craft....
Laurel ..... " 248	Francis O. Smith...	*Bill Norvell.....	.....

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Gothenburg No. 249	James West.....	*James West.....	*James West.....
George Wash- ington ..... " 250	Eddie N. Duckworth	Newell G. Robinson.	*Otis W. Cave.....
Wausa ..... " 251	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....
Beemer ..... " 253	Lloyd Conrad.....	Russell Schweers...	*F. Wostoupal, Jr....
Bassett ..... " 254	Lyle C. Kops.....	Richard L. Mauch..	*Edmund D. Shaw...
Hickman ..... " 256	.....	.....	.....
Anselmo ..... " 258	L. V. Lindly, Jr....	Robert Lindly.....	*J. C. Kellenbarger..
Ornan ..... " 261	John I. Thompson..	.....	.....
Endeavor ..... " 262	Ralph C. Meager...	.....	.....
Mitchell ..... " 263	Herbert Davy.....	.....	.....
Franklin ..... " 264	.....	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas ..... " 265	Everett K. Dappen.	*Everett W. Dappen.	*Arthur A. Gregory..
Silver ..... " 266	Ronald L. Carlson..	C. LaVerne Duke...	.....
James A. Tulleys ..... " 267	*Russell M. Warren..	.....	.....
George W. Lin- inger ..... " 268	John C. Barnhart...	Harris L. Carnaby..	H. David Neely....
Oasis ..... " 271	.....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	R. E. Griepenstroh..	I. F. Griepenstroh..	.....
Crofton ..... " 273	Harold E. Timperley	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	Dale Benter.....	Lester Hrdy.....	*Robert Robertson...
Ramah ..... " 275	*Robert L. Davis.....	.....	.....
Antelope ..... " 276	*Donald S. Hinman..	*Donald S. Hinman..	.....
Sioux ..... " 277	Clarence A. Schnurr	Robert C. Brown....	.....
Litchfield .... " 278	.....	.....	.....
Wallace ..... " 279	*Walter D. Short, Jr..	*Charles R. Cutler...	.....
Swastika ..... " 280	Don D. Leibert.....	*John C. Green.....	.....
Florence ..... " 281	Dewey L. Deppe...	*L. Irving Rockwell.	.....
Mullen ..... " 282	*Forrest L. Harding.	*Forrest L. Harding.	Forrest L. Harding.
Seneca ..... " 284	*George W. Merz....	*George W. Merz....	.....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	Reed S. Eickman...	.....	.....
Oshkosh ..... " 286	Paul E. Temple.....	Harold I. Moffat...	.....
Union ..... " 287	Jack W. Stilwell...	*Arthur J. Lamborn.	*Robert R. Miller....
Omaha ..... " 288	C. Edward Force...	*George E. Johnson..	*Harold P. Loveless..
Lotus ..... " 289	*Henry A. Nelson....	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	Richard E. Brasel...	George L. Storms...	Daniel W. McBride.
Diamond ..... " 291	Leland A. Skalberg.	.....	.....
Wolbach ..... " 292	Fredrick W. Frost..	.....	.....
Monument ... " 293	John C. Gustafson..	*John C. Gustafson..	*John C. Gustafson..

\*Proxy.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Kimball ....No. 294	*Ted Mundell.....	*Ted Mundell.....	*Ted Mundell.....
Minatare ..... " 295	Walter H. Johns....	.....	.....
Cotner ..... " 297	Rollin R. Bailey....	*Rollin R. Bailey....	.....
Chester ..... " 298	.....	.....	Earnest P. Dunn....
Sutherland ... " 299	Miles W. Snyder....	.....	.....
Liberty ..... " 300	Truman J. Berry....	.....	.....
Bayard ..... " 301	Russell D. Morris...	Albert Bernhardt...	.....
Mizpah ..... " 302	John W. Bower.....	*R. Wayne Wilson...	Morris I. Loder.....
Right Angle .. " 303	Vern C. Nelson.....	Arthur J. Nevins...	*Orion A. Kennedy..
Ruskin ..... " 304	.....	.....	.....
Newman Grove " 305	James V. Warren...	.....	.....
Golden Rod .. " 306	Forrest G. Treman..	Floyd A. Stoll.....	*Don Hafer.....
William E. Hill " 307	Carl D. Halvorsen..	.....	.....
Perkins ..... " 308	Howard G. Stephens	*D. R. Hundhausen..	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	.....	*Carl O. Swanson....	.....
Victory ..... " 310	Arthur J. Matzen...	Homer W. Davis....	*William C. Abel...
Polk ..... " 311	.....	Leslie Adelson.....	Earl Stevens.....
Oak Leaf .... " 312	*Wallace E. Moffett.	.....	.....
Potter ..... " 313	.....	.....	.....
Craftsmen ... " 314	Carl D. Behrens....	.....	Louis W. Epperson..
Alpha ..... " 316	LeRoy J. Dickinson.	.....	.....
Mid-West .... " 317	*Carl M. Eggers....	William U. Hansen.	Milton F. Nelson...
Grand Island.. " 318	*Albert B. Osborn...	Robert L. Sievers...	.....
Bladen ..... " 319	*George G. Crilly...	.....	.....
College View.. " 320	Henry Edwards....	*J. Max Johnson....	.....
Harmony .... " 321	Arnold E. Draper...	*Arnold E. Draper...	*Clifford D. Webster.
Pioneer ..... " 322	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon ..... " 323	John W. Streeter...	Percy W. Elliot....	Howard E. Rowlee..
Cairo ..... " 324	Charles F. Widman.	Edward T. Swanson.	Raymond E. Johnson
Bellevue ..... " 325	Durward G. DeBuse.	Alfred R. Smith....	R. M. McLaughlin..
Centennial ... " 326	Harvey A. Smith...	Elmer E. Smith.....	.....

\*Proxy.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS  
FOR REINSTATEMENT**

W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, which was adopted.

The Committee considered sixty-one petitions for reinstatement and two demits issued more than three years prior to presentation to a lodge. An analysis of the petitions by age groups and action of the Committee follows:

Age Group	Number of petitions:				1959	1960
	Received	Recommended	Rejected	Returned		
50 Years or less	10	10			28%	16%
51-60 Years	17	15		2	24	28
61-70 Years	28	22	5	1	35	46
71-80 Years	6	4	2		13	10
Totals	61	51	7	3		

Both petitioners by demit were recommended. Attention is directed to the percentage change in the age groups between 1959 and 1960 as shown in the two right-hand columns. The residence of the petitioners showed that 37 lived out of the state and only 24 in the state. This shows the importance of investigation as many of these people have not lived in the state for long periods of time. On the basis of information furnished the average time in membership was 15 years but the average time out was 17 years. Both of the demit holders lived out of the state.

The Committee urges the Officers to see that diligent investigation of out of state petitioners be made and if the information is furnished to the Secretary's office with the petition it is frequently very helpful. We received some excellent reports this year.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE BUILDING  
ADVISORY**

W. Otto Ne'sen, 300, Chairman, presented the report of Committee on Temple Building Advisory, which was adopted.

Your Temple Building Advisory Committee submits the following report of our activities for the Grand Lodge year just past.

**TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM:**

On November 16, 1959, our Committee was informed that Elwood Lodge No. 167, Elwood, was joint owners of a new Masonic building, a gift from a retired implement, hardware, and lumber dealer, constructed to be used jointly by members of the Masonic and I.O.O.F. Lodges, as joint owners, no rent, no taxes, and no strings attached. If one of the

above Lodges fails, or goes out of existence for any reason what-so-ever, the ownership of the building will revert to the remaining Lodge 100%. The building, of brick construction, about 40' x 70' has two floors, with lodge facilities up a short flight of five or six steps, a kitchen and large dining room down the same number of steps. On the Lodge floor level, besides the lodge room, are three small rooms that will be used for office, storage, and preparation room, besides a large reception room. The kitchen, downstairs, is large, with an abundance of counters and storage cabinets. There are two furnaces, one serving each floor. Masons of Nebraska interested in construction of a Masonic Temple, would profit by making a visit to Elwood.

Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, Burwell. — During the early part of May, 1960, the above-named lodge dedicated their new Masonic Temple. The building is a two-story, 34' x 72'. This new Masonic building program was started in 1956. Funds saved in the past, together with funds from the sale of their old property, was sufficient to make the new building debt free. The Masons of Burwell are to be congratulated for a job well done.

#### OTHER TEMPLE ITEMS:

On November 30, our committee recommended that Fairfield Lodge No. 84, Fairfield, be granted permission to purchase a building for \$300 to be remodeled for Masonic purposes, since the building they were renting was to be torn down. They were compelled to vacate on very short notice. Remodeling costs were estimated at \$500, and when completed, the building would be debt free.

On November 4, approval was granted to Blue Hill Lodge No. 129, Blue Hill, for the purchase of a brick building 24' x 69', which they were able to buy for \$1,100, which was to be remodeled for Masonic purposes. The brethren raised the money needed for purchase and remodeling, and therefore no debt was incurred.

On May 21, 1960, Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson, was informed to proceed with remodeling and repairs to their business-lodge building. The remodeling consisted of a new store front, new floor, and removal of a partition to provide more space for their tenant grocery store. No debt to be incurred since they had sufficient funds on hand.

#### GRAND LODGE TEMPLE BUILDING LOAN FUND:

Some months prior to the 1957 Annual Communication of the Nebraska Grand Lodge, the Temple Building Advisory Committee conceived the idea of a Grand Lodge Temple Building Loan Fund, whereby ultimately a reasonable portion of invested monies would be continually serving Nebraska Masonry through the medium of better housing for its activities — e.g. encouraging construction or renovation of Masonic Temples. After discussing the idea with well-informed Masons, including the then Grand Master and a number of Past Grand Masters, your Committee was encouraged to prepare a few basic recommendations. These recommendations

were included in its 1957 Annual Report and were adopted by Grand Lodge vote at that Annual Communication.

It now appears that to enable the Grand Trustees and the Temple Building Advisory Committee to implement these Recommendations, it will be necessary that Sections 1-401(g) and 1-402 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be suitably changed: this Committee is therefore proposing the needed amendments, which will be presented separately at this time, by one of our Committee, W. E. Forrest Estes.

### RESOLUTION

The Grand Secretary read the following Resolution properly prepared and signed, and it was laid over until the 104th Annual Communication:

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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

The undersigned, in accordance with Section 1-502 of the By Laws of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, propose that Section 2-904 of said By Laws be amended as hereinafter quoted and the undersigned move and second the adoption by this Grand Lodge of said amendment in the following form:

That portion of the aforesaid Section reading "nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies," be amended to read as follows:

"nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies, provided the substitution of artificial parts or limbs for portions of his natural person shall not disqualify a petitioner, provided such parts or limbs are under practical control of the petitioner. Deformities or blemishes of the natural person may or may not be disqualifications, depending upon the nature and the extent of same. Masters and Lodges will be held strictly accountable for the observance of the provisions of this law."

Otherwise said Section 2-904 shall remain the same.

At 4:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

At 9:00 a. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Homer C. Davey, 317, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations submits the following report upon various matters referred to it:

1. We approve the various actions of the Grand Master as stated regarding his action on Charters and Dispensations. Since no specific listing was given in the proceedings, we reviewed the various correspondence pertaining to Charters and Dispensations in the Grand Secretary's Office and find that everything was in order and is satisfactory.

Your Committee met with the Secretary of Signet Lodge No. 193, as official representative. The failure to be properly represented was satisfactorily explained. We find the lodge to be in good order and have been given assurance that they will be represented at future Communications. We, therefore, recommend no forfeiture of the Charter of this so cited lodge.

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

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, which was adopted.

Your Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee had in its charge three college students from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home during the past year.

Two girls are attending Midland College, one in her Sophomore year and the other in her Freshman year. Though their scholastic records were not as good as we would desire, they showed definite improvement in the second semester. The older girl will now be on her own while the Committee will continue the supervision of the second girl during her Sophomore year.

The young man under our supervision made a fine record in his first year at the Milford Trade School where he is taking an electrical course. He will return next year to complete his course.

Two boys from the Home graduated from Fremont High School this year. One has enlisted in the Coast Guard. The other will be going on to college; he has not yet decided which school he wants to attend.

This means that there will be three young people under the supervision of this Committee during the coming year. We have requested the sum of \$900.00 for each during the coming year. The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star will assume half of the costs so our request from the Appropriation Committee is for \$1,350.00

We wish to thank the Grand Lodge for the privilege of working with these young people during the past year. We hope that all of you feel the same pride in their accomplishments as we do.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office is charged generally with the responsibility of making an appropriate study of all matters pertaining to the office quarters of the Grand Lodge, the rental to be paid therefor, the supplies and equipment necessary to properly discharge the duties of the officers and employees of the Grand Lodge and the salaries to be paid for such services, and finally to recommend to this Grand Lodge such matters as we believe to be essential and the cost of providing the same.

A number of important changes were recommended by this Committee a year ago and were approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge. It is the opinion of your Committee for this year that all such changes have been beneficial and to the best interests of this Grand Lodge. We have, therefore, no new recommendations for this year other than certain minor adjustments in operating expenses. We have submitted a proposed budget to the Committee on Appropriations which is essentially the same in total as the amount actually appropriated a year ago. No increase in rent or salaries is proposed. No new office equipment is suggested. A few non-recurring items are included and the amounts proposed for various printed supplies are increased slightly to cover the price increases we are obliged to pay for such items.

Over-all, it is the same old story of trying to decide how far we should go in trying to maintain Grand Lodge services in the face of rising costs, and how far we should go in reducing or eliminating what we believe to be essential services in order to avoid any increase in the

total cost to the Grand Lodge. This problem of "housekeeping" costs confronts each of us daily in our personal and business affairs and the Grand Lodge cannot hope for an exemption from this problem which is common to us all.

One special matter was referred to this Committee by the Grand Master, that being a study of a retirement plan for Grand Lodge employees. In his report last year as Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, called attention to the fact that we were now providing retirement income for some of our former employees out of "Relief" funds allotted to his Committee. This is certainly unbusiness-like and perhaps even unmasonic to attempt to discharge our obligation to a retired employee by putting him or her in the same class as a distressed and indigent brother. Your Committee has given careful consideration to several plans to provide retirement income on a businesslike and dignified basis. Since any such plan will cost a considerable sum of money, and since we had no way of knowing what action this Grand Lodge would take in providing additional operating revenues, we felt that it would be premature for us to bring forth any specific recommendation in this report. The matter of a retirement plan for our employees is, however, of very great importance. We should not and cannot expect our salaried officers and employees to give the best years of their lives to the service of this Grand Lodge and then be compelled to go on "relief" when their time for retirement comes.

We therefore recommend that next year's committee on Grand Lodge Office continue the study of a retirement plan and report at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

#### AMENDMENT

W. E. Forrest Estes, 19, asked for unanimous consent to consider the following amendment, signed by the required number of members, at this Annual Communication:

#### AMENDMENT

That Section 1-402 be amended to read as follows, and that said original Section 1-402 be repealed:

"REAL ESTATE FIRST MORTGAGES. Funds hereinbefore referred to, together with any other Funds owned by or under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge may be invested in first mortgages on real estate as follows:

(a) Grand Lodge Temple Building Loans. First mortgage loans may be made from said funds to subordinate lodges to assist in the purchase, construction, renovation, and/or furnishing of a suitable Masonic Temple. Such loans shall be subject to requirements hereinafter set forth and shall be made after approval by the Temple Building Advisory Committee, the Grand Master, and the Board of Grand Trustees, and (except in cases



of emergency) may not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or (2) Eighty (80%) per cent of the total purchase price, construction, renovation, and/or furnishing cost of each Temple. The terms of the loan and interest to be charged shall be determined by the Board of Grand Trustees. The Subordinate lodge shall furnish a complete and satisfactory showing of title to the property offered as security.

(b) Other Real Estate Mortgages. Except as otherwise provided in Section 1-401, funds be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to any one person, not to exceed Fifty (50%) per cent of the appraised value of such security, or in such securities as the Board of Grand Trustees may deem appropriate. The application for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered.

(Unanimous consent was given and the motion to adopt was seconded and carried.)

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CO-ORDINATE PUBLICATIONS

M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, Chairman, presented the report of the Special Committee to Co-ordinate Publications, which was adopted.

Your Committee appointed to study a practical way of getting into the hands of the Masons of Nebraska, pertinent information pertaining to Masonry, have studied the experiences of our neighboring Grand Jurisdictions. Ten of the Grand Jurisdictions contacted replied to our questionnaire. Nine of them publish some kind of pamphlet or magazine.

All of these Grand Jurisdictions are trying to accomplish the same thing — to put before its members information of such interest and value as to bind their members more closely together and to instill in them a desire to want to be more active in the work of Masonry. Your committee believes that much good could be accomplished by the dispensing of information of this kind. We are of the opinion that all branches of Masonry should be invited to co-operate in this project, in order to have all information pertaining to Masonry in one publication. From our study of other publications it would seem advisable to include such items as a message from the Grand Master, informative facts about The Nebraska Masonic Home, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for children, information concerning Schools of Instruction, Area meetings, Grand Lodge etc., articles from time to time from the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian and other Grand Lodge Officers. Informative parts of the Grand Lodge proceedings should be included, such as the Grand Orators address, how our finances are handled, a part of Nebraska Masonic History could be

included. Much information could be put before the members of the Grand Lodge in this manner.

Therefore we, your committee recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to study further this proposition and make recommendations to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, as to the type of publication which will best serve the purpose of this Grand Jurisdiction, the estimated cost, the Masonic Bodies and Orders which should be invited to participate, which of the news and facts dispensing agencies of the Grand Lodge can be consolidated by this procedure, with the thought in mind of reducing the expenses of this project, and at the same time do a more efficient job. The Committee should also report as to what companies are available to print, edit and mail this publication, as well as to who should receive it.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54, presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations, which was adopted.

The Public Relations Committee prepared and issued news stories on various activities of the Grand Lodge. These were sent to newspapers, radio and television stations, and to the press services.

Stories were written for six area meetings held by the Committee on Masonic Education at Broken Bow, Norfolk, Scottsbluff, Cozad, Crete and Fremont. These stories were sent to all news media in the 71 counties represented in the meetings.

Stories were also written for corner-stone layings by the Grand Lodge for Masonic Temples at Burwell and Bellevue, and for the United States capitol, the public school at Lodgepole, the dormitory at Wayne State Teachers College; the A. V. Larson Industrial Arts Building, Nebraska State Teachers College, Peru; and the Herbert L. Cushing Coliseum at Kearney State Teachers College.

Stories were also written for dedications of Masonic Temples at Bellevue and Burwell, for a number of Central Schools of Instruction and for the presentation of the Gold Jordan Medal to Brother William H. McDonald of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 at North Platte.

About a month ago, Deputy Grand Master John F. Futcher was asked to have his picture taken and from this printing mats were prepared and sent to the major newspapers in the state and photographs were sent to the television stations in the state. A story of the outcome of the election and appointment of Grand Officers will be released to news media at an appropriate time.

A story announcing this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was released last Sunday and stories have been or will be released concerning the proceedings of this communication that are of public interest.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Leonard Tomlyn, 2, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

Your Committee on the Grand Lodge Returns has examined the files and correspondence having to do with these returns for the year 1959.

It is a pleasure to commend the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges for the satisfactory work they have done in the preparation of these returns. It is anticipated they will continue their good work in the future and make every effort to see that the annual returns to the Grand Lodge are correct in every detail and that they are promptly submitted in an endeavor to lessen or lighten the work of the Grand Secretary and his assistants.

This Committee respectfully submits the following recommendations:

Mileage should always be shown and inserted in the space provided.

The name "Chaplain" should be printed in the list of Officers, as this is an appointive office.

The names, ages and occupations of the officers of the Subordinate Lodges should always be given.

I move the acceptance of this report and the adoption of its recommendations.

## ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and appointed the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers, W. Ross Van Sickle, 184, Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother John F. Futecher, 302.....Grand Master  
 Brother Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....Deputy Grand Master  
 Brother Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....Grand Senior Warden  
 Brother Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....Grand Junior Warden  
 Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother William P. Reid, 281.....Grand Chaplain  
 Brother Harry A. Burke, 290.....Grand Orator  
 Brother Harold H. Thom, 1.....Grand Historian  
 Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6.....Grand Custodian  
 Brother Alfred B. Saum, 46.....Grand Marshal  
 Brother Harry A. Spencer, 227.....Grand Senior Deacon  
 Brother Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....Grand Junior Deacon  
 Brother Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....Grand Tyler

## GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES 1960 - 1961

**Application for Reinstatement:** W. Brothers La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Earl H. Furman, 290, Robert L. McDermott, 281.

**Appropriations:** W. Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 288 (1962) Chairman; Ernest E. James, 1 (1961); Walter Truex, 55 (1963); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1964); Wayne Wilson, 302 (1965).

**Finance:** W. Brothers John A. Bottorf, 49 (1962) Chairman; Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1961); Welcome W. Naylor, 158 (1963); Robert E. Lund, 323 (1964); Elmo R. Clayton, 302 (1965).

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Brothers Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; Harley G. Lofton, Jr., 46; Kenneth P. Lott, 184.

**Fraternal Relations:** R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Mark Mitchell, 138.

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:** W. Brothers Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; Elmer P. Baruth, 323; Brother Robert L. Page, 1.

**Grand Lodge Business Affairs:** W. Brothers James M. Paxson, 302 (1965) Chairman; Robert D. McNutt, 19 (1961); William A. Pettengill, 25 (1962); Brother Harald V. Andersen, 3 (1963); W. John M. Douglas, 268 (1964).

**Grand Lodge Office:** W. Brothers Herman G. Reinholz, 3, Chairman; Vernon H. Wood 290; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68.

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

**Masonic Education:** W. Brother Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1963) Chairman; M. W. John E. Beaver, 253 (1961); W. Brothers Phillip A. Robinson, 155 (1961); Alfred B. Gorman, 54 (1962); Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1962); Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1963).

**Temple Building Advisory:** W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1961) Chairman; William H. Pittam, 183 (1962); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1963).

**Public Relations:** Brother John S. Savage, 11, Chairman; W. Brothers Alfred B. Gorman, 54; Floyd C. Wisner, 265.

**Grand Trustees:** M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318 (1961); W. Brothers William E. Moor, 102 (1962); Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1963), Carl D. Ganz, 309 (1964); Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1965).

**Grievances:** W. Brother Clarence M. Pierson, 19 Chairman; Brother Elmer E. Smith, 326; W. Brother Duane A. Koplín, 15.

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman; Chancellor A. Phillips, 150; Herbert T. White, 11.

**Relief and Care of Orphans:** M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1962) Chairman; W. Brothers Joseph M. Troxel, 184 (1961); John S. Burley, 300 (1963); Arthur A. Gregory, 265 (1964); Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1965).

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Grievances reports on the following petitions for restoration. An investigation was made into the merits of the petitions and a just and impartial consideration given to the facts and the following report is offered.

1. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on the 25th day of September, 1936; that he petitioned for reinstatement in Fremont Lodge No. 15 on the 15th day of April, 1960; that the investigating Committee reported favorably for his reinstatement and that on May 3, 1960, by unanimous written vote by the Lodge his petition for restoration was granted, and your Committee offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it Resolved that the petition of a former member of Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

2. A member of Mullen Lodge No. 282, Mullen, has petitioned for restoration of membership. The petition was received by the Mullen Lodge and was favorably recommended by the Committee and received the necessary votes by the Lodge.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on the 1st day of February, 1958, for obtaining a liquor license; that he has made amends; that he petitioned for reinstatement and was referred to a committee duly appointed for investigation and said Committee has favorably reported for his restoration of membership; that he received the necessary votes of the Lodge for reinstatement and we recommend that this petition be granted and that the said former member of Mullen Lodge No. 282, Mullen, be granted and that the said former member of Mullen Lodge No. 282 be restored to good standing, and offer the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it Resolved that the petition of a former member of Mullen Lodge No. 282, of Mullen, be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

3. Your Committee reports that a member of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, was expelled from membership on April 11, 1959, after a trial in which all proceedings with the exception of the trial itself was in proper form. The judgment of the Committee was stayed on August 5, 1959, by the Grand Master pending final determination of the appeal in this case. A careful study was made of the hearing and of the brief in

support of the appeal and this Committee is of the opinion that there has been a gross irregularity in the conduct of the trial and that the decision of the Trial Commission should be reversed and that the complaint against this member be dismissed. This Committee therefore recommends that the prayer of the appeal of the Brother of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, be allowed and that the complaint against said Brother be denied; that the findings of the Trial Commission be reversed and that said member be recognized as being in good standing as a Mason and the following resolution is offered and we move its adoption:

"Be it Resolved that the appeal of a Brother of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, be allowed and that the judgment of the Trial Commission be reversed and that said member be restored to good standing as a Mason."

4. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Peru Lodge No. 14, Peru, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on the 24th day of September, 1955; that he petitioned for reinstatement in Peru Lodge No. 14, on the 15th day of July, 1959; that an investigating committee was appointed and reported favorably on his petition for restoration; that on September 14, 1959, at a regular communication of the Lodge the petitioner received the necessary vote for restoration, and your Committee offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Peru Lodge No. 14, Peru, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

#### AMENDMENT

The Grand Secretary read the following proposed amendment, signed by the required number of members, and it was laid over until the 104th Annual Communication:

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The undersigned, in accordance with Section 1-502 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, propose that Section 3-102 (d) be amended as hereinafter quoted and the undersigned duly move and second the adoption by this Grand Lodge of said proposed amendment in the following form:

"(d) Engaging in the manufacture, transportation, sale or possession of intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws of Nebraska, or of the United States."

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The Grand Secretary read the following proposed amendment, signed by the required number of members, and it was laid over until the 104th Annual Communication.

1. We move that Section 1-101 of Part One Chapter One of the By Laws of Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS—The stated annual communication of this Grand Lodge shall be held at Omaha, or at such other place designated by the Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, on the first Tuesday after the second day of June, at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven lodges be found to be present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments, and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

2. That the original Section 1-101 be repealed.

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Fay Smith presented a supplemental report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

10. The subcommittee appointed at the annual meeting of this Committee in 1959 relating to the advisability of sponsoring the construction of an apartment house for senior citizens under Recommendation No. 2 by Grand Master Beaver in 1959, reported as follows:

To the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge:

One of the greatest services which Masonry has rendered its members in Nebraska has been the care of those who were unable to care for themselves. We have our wonderful Home at Plattsmouth for this purpose.

Another area where Masonry can and should be of service to its members is in the housing of those older but who are self-supporting. Throughout the state are hundreds of Masons and their wives who can afford to pay their own way and who want to pay their own way on a modest level of living. They would also like those living quarters to be comfortable, attractive, and with others who have like interests. It has been shown that such persons not only are happier but actually healthier.

The Federal Government has made loan funds available to non-profit organizations such as ours to accomplish such purposes. Last year our Grand Master, M. W. John E. Beaver, recommended that the Grand Lodge sponsor the construction and operation of an apartment house for our members who are 62 years of age and over. This recommendation was given to the Jurisprudence Committee who asked the Grand Lodge

for permission to study the question for one year and report at this Communication. The Grand Lodge granted this permission.

A sub-committee of the Jurisprudence Committee was appointed by the Chairman to make this study. This Committee consisted of M. W. Brothers Fay Smith, Elmer E. Magee, and Earl J. Lee. A number of meetings were held during the year. The best advice we could obtain was given by architects John and Frank Latenser. Mr. Frank Heinisch, one of our members and an attorney, who has probably made more of a study of this question than anyone else in the State, gave unstintingly of his time. He is an attorney and secretary of such a Home in Omaha for retired teachers. W. Brother Earl H. Furman who also is on the Board of one of the teachers' homes in Omaha met with us and gave us much good advice. Mr. Ernest Rorick, one of our members, a contractor and apartment house owner and operator helped us many times. Our Grand Secretary R. W. Carl R. Greisen worked on this project throughout the entire year and has been the constant source of energy to keep this study in forward motion.

Finally we have had consultation with Mr. S. D. Mercer regarding the purchase of the full block of ground in Omaha between 39th and 40th Streets on Cuming for the location of this apartment building. We have an option on this block which runs till January 1st, 1961.

We are assured by our legal counsel that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska assumes no financial responsibility when it sponsors the formation of a non-profit corporation to construct and operate such an apartment house. It is only with this understanding that we approve such sponsorship by the Grand Lodge.

Our studies have resulted in a tentative building plan as outlined in the brochure which you all have. 364 apartments are included in this plan. The costs are also outlined. Our Grand Secretary has had hundreds of inquiries and to this date two or three dozen applications for apartments with a few thousand dollars already sent with applications. Of course he is holding these funds until he knows of the action taken by the Grand Lodge.

The action which we recommend by the Grand Lodge is as follows:

1. Approve such a project for older members who can pay their own way.
2. Sponsor the formation of a non-profit corporation to proceed with such a project.
3. Give permission to use Masonic names, terms, symbols, etc., in connection with such a project.
5. Retain Mr. Frank Heinisch as legal counsel for the project, to be employed by the newly-formed corporation.
5. Authorize the holding of any funds collected for this project in escrow until such corporation is formed and the project is started.



6. Designate the original incorporators to be seven in number as follows: the present subcommittee of the Jurisprudence Committee plus Carl R. Greisen, Earl H. Furman and the two Grand Wardens.

7. Designate the members of the corporation upon completion of the project to be the Deputy Grand Master, the two Grand Wardens, the Grand Secretary, and three members who are resident in the apartment building.

8. It is specifically directed that no financial responsibility be assumed by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Fay Smith  
Elmer E. Magee  
Earl J. Lee

The report was on motion approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and directed to be submitted to the Grand Lodge at this session.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. John E. Beaver, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section, then as a whole.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered all matters referred to it and submits the following report with recommendations:

1. We recommend that Decision No. 1, relating to a member employed as steward of a V. F. W. Club, be approved. (adopted)

2. We recommend that Decision No. 2, relating to members who are candidates for office listing their Masonic membership on political cards and in political advertisements, be approved as to intent and spirit but subject to the following revision of the phraseology: Emphasis on Masonic membership in political advertising is deemed to be unmasonic although not a specific violation of Section 3-102 (F). (adopted)

3. We recommend that Decision No. 3, relating to a member acting on a committee in school bond election campaign, be approved, provided the member acts as an individual and that he does not act as a representative of the Masonic Lodge. (adopted)

4. Relating to Recommendation No. 3, relating to Appropriations Committee, recommend that it be approved and that Section 1-326 of the By-Laws be amended by inserting after the words, "It shall be the duty of the Committee to fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge." first striking out the period following the words, "Grand Lodge" and inserting in lieu thereof a semi-colon, and then adding the language "provided, however, that any appropriation in excess of anticipated income shall be specifically set forth in the report of said Committee." (adopted)

5. Relating to Recommendation No. 5, relating to membership in The Masonic Service Association of the United States, we recommend that this be not considered at this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. (adopted)

6. Relating to Recommendation No. 6, suggesting consideration of recognition of subordinate lodges for (a) attendance during the year, (b) percentage of new members, and (c) program activities, we recommend this be disapproved. (adopted)

(The recommendation of the Grand Master was later approved by the Grand Lodge.)

7. Recommendation No. 1 was referred to this Committee jointly with the Committee on Finance. A joint meeting of the two Committees was held and the Committee on Jurisprudence recommends as follows:

A. That the per capita tax be not increased \$1.00 but that it be increased 50 cents and making a total of \$3.50 per year.

B. That the third paragraph of Section 2-601 of the By-Laws be amended in line 2 at top of page 75 by striking out the words and figures "Three Dollars (\$3.00)," so it will read in lines 1 and 2 at the top of page 75 "and for each member, the sum of three dollars and fifty cents (3.50)."

C. That Section 1-407 of the By-Laws as found on page 10 of 1959 Cumulative Supplement be amended by striking out of line 4 thereof the figures \$.20 and inserting in lieu thereof the figures \$.15, by striking out of line 5 thereof the figures \$.80 and inserting in lieu thereof the figures \$1.35, so that said section as amended will read as follows:

"The per capita tax of \$3.50 shall be divided as follows:

To The Nebraska Masonic Home, \$2.00.

To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, \$.15

To the General Fund, \$1.35. "

and by adding a new sentence following the figure (4.00) in paragraph three of said Section to read as follows:

"Provided, however, that when the increase in dues is available neither capital funds nor capital gains shall be expended for current expenses."

R. W. John F. Fitcher:

I would like to submit an amendment to the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee and I am referring to item No. 7 of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee which was in reference to recommendation No. 1 of the Grand Master, that the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee be amended to read as follows: (and I'm trying to follow their form line by line,) Paragraph A—That the per capita tax be increased \$1.00, making a total of \$4.00.

B—That the third paragraph of Section 2-601 of the by-laws be amended in line 2 at the top of page 75 by striking out the figure \$3.00 so that it will read in lines 1 and 2 at the top of page 75, "And for each member the sum of \$4.00".

C—That Section 1-407 of the by-laws as found on page 10 of the 1959 Supplement be amended by striking out on line 1 the figure \$3.00 and inserting in lieu thereof the figure \$4.00. And in line 5 thereof by striking out the figure 80¢ and inserting in lieu thereof the figure \$1.80, so that the Section as amended will read as follows: "The per capita tax of \$4.00 shall be divided as follows: to The Nebraska Masonic Home, \$2.00; to the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, 20¢; to the General Fund, \$1.80.

(Motion was made and seconded. The Grand Master relinquished the chair to Past Grand Master Beaver and spoke on the proposed amendment. The matter was thoroughly discussed by members of the Grand Lodge and there being no further remarks Past Grand Master Beaver put the question and the motion to amend was carried. The recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence as amended was then adopted.)

8. Recommendation No. 2 was referred to this Committee jointly with the Committee on Finance. A joint meeting of the two committees was held and the Committee on Jurisprudence recommends that said recommendation No. 2, which was to increase to \$10.00 the amount to be paid to The Nebraska Masonic Home from the fees to be paid by an Entered Apprentice Mason, be disapproved. (adopted)

9. Recommendation No. 4 was referred to this Committee jointly with the Committee on Masonic Education. A joint meeting of the two Committees was held. This recommendation relates to the expanding of the activities of the Committee on Masonic Education.

The Jurisprudence Committee reports thereon as follows:

That in view of the provisions of Section 1-304 of the By-Laws it is the opinion of this Committee that it has no jurisdiction in this matter, and that under the provisions of Section 1-310 of the By-Laws the Committee on Masonic Education has exclusive jurisdiction in matters of this kind. (adopted)

At 12:10 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

JUNE 8, 1960

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master and brethren, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Jackie Schultz, Honored Queen; Deanna Logger, Senior Princess; and Sandy Logger, Junior Princess, representing Job's Daughters. Representing the Order of Rainbow for Girls is Joan Pinkston, Grand Worthy Advisor, who is escorted by her father, Brother Frank Pinkston, 33, Grand Island.

Miss Schultz presented a check in the amount of \$161.50, and Miss Pinkston presented a check in the amount of \$180.00 for The Nebraska Masonic Home. This money had been earned by the girls.

W. . Robert E. Lund, 323, Active Member, Supreme Council, Order of Demolay, and Executive Officer in Nebraska, presented Larry Greeger, Lincoln, who represented the State Chapter of DeMolay.

M. . W. . Joseph C. Tye, Grand Master, accepted the checks and expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home, and stated how pleased he was to have the youth represented.

At 2:10 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. . John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

The emphasis of the report of the Finance Committee this year is placed on the comparative analysis of income with expense and the absolute requirement of restraining expenditures within the appropriation as established and approved in conformity with Grand Lodge law.

##### 1960 Grand Lodge Income and Expense.

RECEIPTS:	General	Supply	Relief	Other
Per Capita Dues .....	\$36,889.60		\$9,222.40	\$92,224.00
Income from investments ...	26,692.71			
Net gains from sale of investments .....	9,006.04			
Fees and Insurance .....	16,510.08			1,182.00
Supplies & Bonds .....		\$4,634.91		
Other sundry income and refunds .....	985.96			
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$90,084.39</b>	<b>\$4,634.91</b>	<b>\$9,222.40</b>	<b>\$93,406.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
The Nebraska Masonic Home				\$92,224.00
The Masonic-Eastern Star				
Home for Children .....	\$26,000.00			

Supplies, fees & Insurance ...	\$3,028.91		1,182.00
Relief .....		\$6,000.00	
General Expense .....	71,926.83		
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>\$97,926.83</b>	<b>\$3,028.91</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
Excess or (Deficit) .....	(\$ 7,842.44)	\$1,606.00	\$3,222.40
Over-All Deficit .....	(\$ 3,014.04)		—0—

1960 The Nebraska Masonic Home Income and Expense:

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>Building Fund</b>
Per Capita Dues .....	\$ 92,224.00		
Cash Receipts from residents ....	57,592.86		
Investment Income .....	10,877.97	\$38,893.26	\$6,748.66
Gains from sales of investment ...	6,817.28	5,973.24	
Other sundry income .....	1,489.95		
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>\$169,002.06</b>	<b>\$44,866.50</b>	<b>\$6,748.66</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

General Operations Home .....	\$159,321.15		
Special Appropriations .....	12,400.44		
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>\$171,721.59</b>	<b>—0—</b>	<b>—0—</b>
Excess or (Deficit) .....	(\$ 2,719.53)	\$44,866.50	\$6,748.66
Over-All Excess .....	\$ 48,905.63		

We call attention to the fact that the income for the Home does not include bequests and donations made to the Endowment and Bequest fund or for Entertainment and Room Furnishings funds.

The operating deficit in the Grand Lodge fund has been a constant factor for the past several years. The auditor's reports for the past four years lists the following totals:

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>1957</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>1959</b>
Dues (80¢) .....	\$36,236.00	\$36,579.60	\$36,831.20	\$36,970.40
Fees & Insurance .....	20,013.56	18,091.37	17,573.51	16,989.17
Interests and Dividends ...	24,620.02	26,965.12	25,578.53	25,373.16
Sundry Income & Refunds .	3,378.45	3,208.18	2,947.74	2,659.90
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>\$84,248.03</b>	<b>\$84,854.27</b>	<b>\$82,930.98</b>	<b>\$81,992.63</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

General Expenses .....	\$66,630.55	\$68,756.26	\$71,784.36	\$69,488.16
The Masonic-Eastern Star				
Home for Children .....	28,500.00	29,600.00	28,400.00	27,500.00
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>\$95,130.55</b>	<b>\$98,356.26</b>	<b>\$100,184.36</b>	<b>\$96,988.16</b>

Annual Deficit .....	(\$10,882.52)	(\$13,501.99)	(\$17,253.38)	(\$14,995.53)
Profit or (Loss) from sale of Securities .....	\$19,599.91	\$12,883.12	(\$29,998.53)	(\$ 5,699.80)

In making a similar study of the funds of The Nebraska Masonic Home, we are faced with two additional factors: (1) That the report for the year ending May 10, 1959, covers a period from January 1, 1958 to May 10, 1959, in order that their fiscal year would parallel that of the Grand Lodge. In this 16½ months they had received per capita payments for two years. This operates to grossly increase the showing of regular income, and (2) We have operated on the theory that the income from investments of the Endowment and Bequest Fund and the Building fund was available for general operational use of the Home. The Board, and others, have the opinion and contend, that the regulations require that such income is NOT so available and that it must be re-invested to increase the capital or principal account of such funds. We are unable to substantiate such conclusion from the By-Laws or Constitution.

In making the following study we have separated the funds so that the income from investments in such funds is shown separate. We also call to attention the fact that for the years 1956 and 1957 the audit report was only on the General fund and did not include receipts from such endowment or building funds.

#### THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

RECEIPTS:	1956	1957	1958	1959
Per Capita .....	\$ 89,944.00	\$ 90,590.00	\$ 91,474.00	\$184,504.00
Investments .....	10,296.51	10,997.09	52,777.40	67,868.23
Cash from Residents ..	57,764.44	27,523.14	49 556.20	70,280.63
Sundry Income .....	9,960.68	6,487.12	3,316.89	3,682.23
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$167,965.63</b>	<b>\$135,597.35</b>	<b>\$197,124.49</b>	<b>\$326,335.09</b>
Less amounts from in come received in En- dowment funds .....	—0—	—0—	39,223.76	52,742.11
<b>BALANCES .....</b>	<b>\$167,965.63</b>	<b>\$135,597.35</b>	<b>\$157,900.73</b>	<b>\$273,592.98</b>
Expenditures: .....	\$154,753.62	\$148,969.71	\$140,504.42	\$228,304.43
Excess or (Deficit) ..	\$ 13,212.01	(\$ 13,372.26)	\$ 17,396.31	\$ 45,288.55
Net gain or (Loss) on sales securities ..	\$ 13,271.37	\$ 4,367.95	(\$ 46,702.13)	(\$ 11,835.67)

Being unable to substantiate the proposition that income from investments of the Endowment and Bequest Fund and the Building Funds of the Home are restricted from being applied to operation expenses, we have concluded that the current total income exceeds expenses of the Home

and that immediate or emergency measures are not necessary. We therefore do not approve the Grand Master's recommendation to provide a \$10.00 benefit payment by each initiate.

In order that you may be more fully informed of the funds and their application, we did separate such income. However, we feel that if this Grand Lodge desires to provide for the creation of an actual and substantial endowment fund, which would provide perpetual funds to operate the Home from investment income only, that it should be done by established law and a matter of record.

Returning now to the Grand Lodge general fund we feel that the only healthy status is to provide that the annual income will exceed the annual expenses. It would also seem proper that the deficit incurred in the past few years be made up. We therefore approve the recommendation of the Grand Master that the per-capita tax be increased \$1.00 and that such increase be credited to the General fund of the Grand Lodge. We find that, using the current membership basis and on average or current expenditures, such increase should place the Grand Lodge on a basis where the regular income would exceed the expenditures.

UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

The labor of the committees on Appropriations, Finance and other recommending committees is wasted when any person or group of persons decide not to be bound by limitations properly established. We are grateful that this year such deviations are limited. In each of the following two instances the Board or Committee thought that they were within their rights. We have attempted to interpret the current regulations and have arrived at the conclusion that the following expenditures exceeded the appropriations:

GRAND TRUSTEES:

Amount appropriated .....		\$5,000.00
Expenditures:		
Auditing .....	\$1,052.44	
Survey expense .....	159.35	
Luncheon expense .....	32.42	
Bank Agency Account .....	4,323.24	
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Total .....	\$5,567.45	\$5,567.45
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Excess .....		\$ 567.45

The Grand Trustees were authorized (Sec. 1-401, Code) reimbursement of expenses incurred in carrying out their duties, to procure legal assistance, to contract for agency handling of investments and to employ an accountant. These expenditures were not specifically detailed as being under ordinary requirements for appropriated funds. The Committee on Appropriations was given the duty to establish and fix "the amounts to

be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge". This Grand Lodge further adopted the following regulation of finances in 1958 (Proceedings, page 543): "No funds of the Grand Lodge will be paid out by the Board of Grand Trustees unless the same have been regularly appropriated by the Grand Lodge, including emergent appropriations as authorized by Section 1-326 of the law as amended in 1957."

We conclude that the expenses paid out above are a part of the funds of the Grand Lodge and as such are fully subject to appropriation. Also that the accounting for the same must comply, in all respects, with regulations required of other committees and officers.

#### THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME BOARD:

The Finance Committee is limited in its inspection of the expenditures of the Home. We are to inspect the claims as allowed by the board, without regard as to whether they have been individually approved or contain information as to the current condition of the fund. We are likewise limited in determining whether each voucher is properly applied and paid from the fund for which the Board originally included such amount in its request for appropriation.

We found the records of the Home Board in such a condition that they cannot be reconciled nor accepted. The minutes of the monthly meetings do not detail expenditures, the same are totaled under various fund headings. Total expenditures for the year were \$171,721.59 while the claims allowed during that period only totaled \$170,618.23 or leaving an unapproved or unallowed expenditure \$ 1,103.36

These expenditures, and the auditor's reports, do not contain the amounts received and expended for the Entertainment fund and the Room Furnishings funds.

The Board asserts that their total appropriation, including the sum of \$19,238.00 for special appropriation for building, equipment and maintenance, was the amount of \$175,444.00 and that they therefore remained within their budget, although of such special appropriation they had expended only \$12,400.44. We determine that as the total appropriation for the general operation of the Home was \$156,206.00 and the expenditures for such purpose was \$159,321.15 there was an excessive expenditure of \$3,115.15. We conclude that the Board exceeded their appropriation and failed to make any application for obtaining emergent appropriation to cover such excess.

#### VOUCHERS

We would like to compliment the various committees and officers, charged with the preparation and approval of vouchers for payment of appropriated funds. All of the vouchers that we examined were properly approved and contained the necessary information. This not only places the Grand Lodge funds on a business-like basis, but it also materially assists this committee in approving such expenditures.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

We examined the reports of the Committee on Masonic Education and found their records in excellent condition. The vouchers were in order and the unexpended balance accounted for by refund.

We also examined the reports and vouchers of the Grand Custodian and found these records in excellent condition. The vouchers were in order and the unexpended balance accounted for by refund.

At the time of this report being prepared (Noon, Wednesday, June 8) we have received no complete report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. The vouchers for the expenditure of the \$600. appropriated for the Committee expense and any unexpended balance have not been submitted to us.

UNEXPENDED BALANCES AND REFUNDS:

The following funds were on hand on May 10, 1960 or have been reported and refunded since that date and are available for support of the 1960-1961 Budget:

GRAND LODGE:

General Fund on hand May 10, 1960 .....	\$ 8,453.52	
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund ..	51,929.63	
		<u>\$60,383.15</u>
Less Social Security included .....	176.00	
		<u>\$60,207.15</u>
Balance, Cash on Hand May 10, 1960 ....	\$60,207.15	\$60,207.15
Refunds:		
Committee on Masonic Education .....	\$ 76.22	
Grand Custodian .....	648.17	
Total Refunds .....	\$ 724.39	<u>724.39</u>
 TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION		 <u>\$60,931.54</u>

SPECIAL FUNDS:

Centennial Contingent Fund for printing history ..	\$ 8,894.93
Supply Account .....	7,634.04
Relief Account .....	15,150.48

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME FUND BALANCES:

General Fund (Less \$5,363.13 entertainment and \$334.00 Edwards Memorial funds included therein) .....	\$ 6,719.00
General Investment Fund .....	109,334.44
Superintendent's Account (Less Social Security) ..	14,000.00
	<u>\$130,053.44</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION ....	\$130,053.44

## ANTICIPATED INCOME

We have attempted to follow a conservative estimate of the amounts which may be anticipated to be received during the coming year. The cash received from residents of the Home is subject to considerable fluctuation as would be the miscellaneous donations and sundry incomes.

	Grand Lodge	Home
Dues per-capita .....	\$ 36,800.00	\$ 90,000.00
Investment income .....	25,000.00	55,000.00
Fees and Insurance .....	16,000.00	
Cash from Residents .....		40,000.00
Other Sundry Income .....	1,000.00	3,000.00
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Total Anticipated .....	\$ 78,800.00	\$188,000.00
Cash on hand balances .....	60,931.54	130,053.44
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TOTAL SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION: .....	\$139,731.54	\$319,053.44

The proposed budget, submitted to us by the Committee on Appropriations exceeds the anticipated or estimated income for both the Grand Lodge and the operations of the Home. It will result in further reduction of balances on hand. The money is or will be available but only at a continued depletion of the assets.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That additional income must be provided for both operations.
2. That The Nebraska Masonic Home Board and the Grand Secretary should annually prepare and submit to this committee their considered opinion as to the income to be anticipated by their funds during the coming year.
3. That a more comprehensive set of books be established for The Nebraska Masonic Home Board. This matter has been personally taken up with the President of such board.
4. That all committees pay stricter attention to the requirements that their vouchers and unexpended balances be in the office of the Grand Secretary by May 10 of each year.
5. Some contention has been made that net gains from the sale of investments and the receipts from Endowment and Bequest funds cannot be utilized for the payment of current expenditures. We recommend that a definite policy be formulated and established by law if this contention is to given effect to. Otherwise, this Committee intends to continue to make the same available for appropriations.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. Fred D. Moshier, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Appropriations, which was adopted.

**GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, A. F. & A. M.  
BUDGET FOR 1960 - 1961**

a. Expense of Annual Communication

1. Payroll for 1960 Session .....	\$ 10,426.60
2. Recording and transcribing proceedings of 1960 session .....	125.00
3. Grand Tyler .....	15.00
4. Grand Organist .....	10.00
5. Grand Master's Dinner for Past Grand Masters and guests, 1961 .....	500.00
6. Printing Secretary's Desk Book, 1960 .....	390.00
7. Proceedings of 1960 Communication .....	3,000.00
8. Grand Lodge Dinner for Delegates, 1961 .....	750.00
9. Preparation of Fraternal Review, 1961 .....	300.00
10. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, 1961 .....	500.00
11. Printing Fraternal Review, 1960 .....	130.00
12. Compensation and Expense of Guest Speaker for Grand Lodge dinner 1960 .....	229.19

b. Expense of Grand Lodge Committees

1. Masonic Education .....	2,400.00
2. Unassigned incidental expense under the direction of Grand Master .....	600.00
3. Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans .....	600.00
4. Appropriations Committee .....	75.00
5. Committee on Grand Lodge Office .....	75.00
6. Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs .....	75.00
7. Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund ...	1,350.00
8. Finance Committee .....	75.00

Sub Total .....\$ 21,625.79

c. Traveling Expenses

1. Grand Master .....	\$ 2,500.00
2. Grand Secretary .....	1,000.00
3. Grand Custodian (personal) .....	900.00
4. Grand Lodge and Lodge Functions (G. C.) .....	200.00
4. Assistant Custodians .....	3,600.00
5. Grand Officers and other Grand Lodge Committees under direction of Grand Master .....	600.00
6. Grand Secretary Emeritus, M. W. Lewis E. Smith ..	500.00

7. Presidents Youth Conference (Hugh W. Hansen)  
 (already spent) ..... 300.00

Sub Total .....\$ 9,600.00

d. Salaries

1. Grand Secretary .....\$ 7,800.00  
 2. Grand Custodian ..... 6,300.00  
 3. Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff ..... 10,650.00

Sub Total .....\$ 24,750.00

e. Fixed Expense

1. Rent of Grand Lodge Quarters .....\$ 3,000.00  
 2. Grand Secretary's Office Expense ..... 3,425.00  
 3. Jewel For Retiring Grand Master ..... 154.00  
 4. Grand Custodian's Office ..... 900.00  
 5. Cleaning Rugs, Grand Secretary's office ..... 75.00  
 6. Reframing Past Grand Masters Pictures ..... 90.00

Sub Total .....\$ 7,644.00

f. Insurance and Assessments

1. Workmen Compensation and Liability  
 Insurance to June, 1961 .....\$ 20.18  
 2. Dues to Masonic Relief Association of U.S.A. and  
 Canada on 46,095 members to May 31, 1961 ..... 243.53  
 3. Social Security Tax ..... 734.29  
 4. Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers,  
 Committees, Employees ..... 1,400.00  
 5. Liability Insurance on Grand Master's car and other  
 members or employees of Grand Lodge (blanket) .. 22.60  
 6. To cover one years premium for comprehensive liability  
 insurance on all subordinate lodges to June 17, 1961 4,148.55  
 7. Grand Trustees Expense ..... 6,000.00

Sub Total .....\$ 12,569.15

g. Miscellaneous

1. Fifty year Buttons (200) .....\$ 650.00  
 2. Fifty year Booklets (500) ..... 122.50  
 3. Fifty Assistant Custodian Aprons ..... 628.50

Sub Total .....\$ 1,401.00

Grand Total .....\$ 77,589.94

h. Grand Lodge Responsibilities

1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home (Fremont)  
 to be matched by Grand Chapter, O. E. S.  
 All surplus from 1959-1960 budget to be returned.  
 One half to Nebraska Grand Lodge and one half  
 to Grand Chapter of Nebraska, O. E. S. ....\$ 26,500.00
  2. Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth as per  
 budget submitted by Trustees of the Home .....\$187,700.00
  3. Special Appropriation for Plattsmouth Home for  
 Building and new equipment ..... 20,647.00
- Grand Total .....\$312,436.94

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
 CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and recommends as follows:

1. That Section 1-401, paragraph (g) be amended to read as follows, and that said original paragraph (g) of said Section 1-401 be repealed:

“The Board of Grand Trustees shall establish its own investment policies, subject to the provisions of Section 1-402 of the By-Laws, and, subject to said Section 1-402, determine its limitations on classes of investments as it deems wise and prudent, and may delegate to one or more of its members authority to act to carry out such policies within such limitations in case of emergency or under such conditions and regulations as the Board may establish for handling the investments when the Board is not in session.”

2. That Section 1-402 be amended to read as follows, and that said original Section 1-402 be repealed:

“REAL ESTATE FIRST MORTGAGES. — Funds hereinbefore referred to, together with any other Funds owned by or under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge may be invested in first mortgages on real estate as follows:

(a) Grand Lodge Temple Building Loans. First mortgage loans may be made from said Funds to subordinate lodges to assist in the purchase, construction, renovation, and/or furnishing of a suitable Masonic Temple. Such loans shall be subject to requirements hereinafter set forth and shall be made after approval by the Temple Building Advisory Committee, the Grand Master, and the Board of Grand Trustees and (except in cases of emergency) may not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or (2) Eighty (80%) per cent of the total purchase price, construction, renovation, and/or furnishing cost of such Temple.

The terms of the loan and interest to be charged shall be determined by the Board of Grand Trustees. The Subordinate lodge shall furnish a complete and satisfactory showing of title to the property offered as security.

“(b) Other Real Estate Mortgages. Except as otherwise provided in Section 1-401, funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to any one person, not to exceed Fifty (50%) per cent of the appraised value of such security, or in such securities as the Board of Grand Trustees may deem appropriate. The applicant for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired; the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered.

3. That Section 1-326 be amended to read as follows and that said original amendment be repealed:

Section 1-326—APPROPRIATIONS. The Committee on Appropriations shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master for terms hereinafter provided. The Grand Master, elected at the session at which this section is passed, shall immediately after taking office appoint five members, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one member for a term of five years to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of one member and, in case of a vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. It shall be the duty of the Committee to fix the amounts to be appropriated to carry on the functions of the Grand Lodge; provided that any appropriation in excess of anticipated income shall be specifically set forth in the report of said Committee. Unless such amounts are changed by the Grand Lodge, they shall be final and binding, and shall be considered the financial limit of the authority of the officers, person or committee in exercising the purpose of the appropriation. The officers, persons or committees requiring an appropriation of funds shall make a request therefore in writing. The committee shall hold open hearings on such requests at which any member of the Grand Lodge may appear and be heard. In case of an emergency, the committee may increase an appropriation between sessions of the Grand Lodge to the extent of the necessity, provided however, that it has the approval in writing of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge.

4. That Section 1, Chapter 3, be amended by adding thereto an additional Section designated as Section 1-327 to read as follows:

“The Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master for terms hereinafter provided. The Grand Master, elected at the session at which this section

is passed, shall immediately after taking office appoint five members, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of four years, and one for the term of five years. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one member for a term of five years to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of one member and in case of vacancy on the committee, the Grand Master shall immediately appoint a member to fill such unexpired term. It shall be the duty of the committee to prescribe the business methods to be followed by the officers and committees of the Grand Lodge, including the filing, allowance and payment of claims, the keeping of records, the accounting and reporting of income and expenditures, and such other matters of similar import that are not fixed by the Constitution, by-laws, or action of the Grand Lodge. The determinations of the committee shall be final until changed by the Grand Lodge. The committee shall recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of rules and regulations when such rules and regulations appear to be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. Such rules and regulations shall be effective when approved by the Grand Lodge."

5. That Section 1-401, paragraph (f) be amended to read as follows and that said original paragraph (f) of said Section 1-401 be repealed:

"The securities of the Grand Lodge shall be kept in a bank or trust company for safekeeping under such terms and conditions as the Board of Grand Trustees shall approve. Such Board of Grand Trustees may, if it appears to the best interest of the Grand Lodge, enter into a contract with a bank or trust company for its services in handling sales, purchases, investments, reinvestments, collections and remittances of securities and funds, under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees; and for the rendition of such reports and statements of account as the Board of Grand Trustees shall require. The Board of Grand Trustees shall review the list of securities annually and make a report of their analysis to the Grand Lodge. Funds available for investment or reinvestment shall be considered for that purpose at regular intervals not exceeding two months. A complete record of the action taken thereon shall be kept by the Secretary and be available at all times to those to whom access is permitted or granted. An annual written report of the Board of Grand Trustees shall be made to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

6. That Section 2-601 be amended by striking therefrom the words "Three Dollars" and the figure (\$3.00) following the word "sum" in line four of the third paragraph of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following "Four Dollars (\$4.00)", and by adding a new sentence following the figure (4.00) in paragraph three of said Section to read as follows:

"Provided, however, that when the increase in dues is available neither capital funds nor capital gains shall be expended for current expenses."

7. That Section 1-407 be amended by striking from line one thereof the figure (\$3.00) and inserting in lieu thereof the figure (\$4.00), and by striking from line five thereof the figure (.80) and inserting in lieu thereof the figure (\$1.80).

W. Harry A. Spencer, 227:

M. W. Grand Master, the action taken this morning on accepting the action of the Committee on Jurisprudence rejecting your Recommendation No. 6 I believe just merely leaves it that way, so I now move that your Recommendation No. 6 be approved. (Motion seconded and carried.)

W. Henry E. Schemmel, 2:

M. W. Grand Master, may I present at this time the case of Western Star Lodge No. 2, in regard to the payment of an architect's fee?

M. W. Joseph C. Tye:

Is that the subject matter which was discussed here last year with reference to a contract between your Lodge and an architect?

W. Henry E. Schemmel, 2:

Yes, sir.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye:

The Grand Master has given some consideration to that matter and although we do not wish to prevent you from talking about it, nevertheless, it is out of order as far as the Grand Lodge is concerned, there being no agreement between the Grand Lodge or any Committee of the Grand Lodge and the architects.

W. Henry E. Schemmel, 2:

The trouble of it is, Western Star Lodge did not make that contract with the architect.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye:

Then that is a matter for Western Star to settle with the architects.

W. Henry E. Schemmel, 2:

One of the members of the Board of Trustees or the Building Committee, headed by Brother Nelsen, who undoubtedly told the architect to draw the plans, because at the meeting of Western Star Lodge when it was first introduced to build and remodel the rental portion of our Temple into a medical clinic, it was expressly stated at that meeting and the architect was brought down by Brother Nelsen and there was to be no cost, unless we received the approval and the loan from the Grand Lodge for the improvement.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye:

Do you have a contract with the architect?



W. Henry E. Schemmel, 2:

No sir.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye:

Does Grand Lodge have a contract with the architect?

W. Henry E. Schemmel, 2:

No, but evidently some member of either one of those committees instructed the architect to draw the plans. The architect is a Mason and I think he did it in good faith and he should be paid by somebody.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye:

Unless there is some record to show that Grand Lodge entered into contract with someone this matter has no standing at this time, sir.

W. Henry E. Schemmel, 2:

I have been appointed the proxy of the Senior Warden to bring this matter up as it was left high in the air last year.

M. W. Joseph C. Tye:

I have had some correspondence with your Master and endeavored to arrange an appointment with him or anybody to confer on this matter and they didn't see fit to confer with me, so it is the ruling of the Chair that this matter is out of order at this time.

#### MINUTES APPROVED

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the published proceedings of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held on June 9 and 10, 1959, and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary be ratified and approved. (Seconded and Carried.)

#### THANKS AND APPRECIATION

W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian:

M. W. Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge, I move that this Grand Lodge go on record as expressing its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the officers and members of the twelve Omaha Lodges for the many courtesies, arrangements and kindnesses that they have extended us and our visitors, in making this session not only so successful but most pleasant. (Seconded and unanimously carried.)

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. W. Herbert T. White, was Installing Officer, assisted by M. W. Edward M. Knight, Installing Marshal.

M. W. John F. Fitcher, Grand Master:

Well, get ready, brethren, it's ten minutes after five and we don't have to be to the Scottish Rite Cathedral until 6:30 so I'm all prepared for a long speech. I know after two full days of sitting in those chairs listening to the reports and arguments you must be very, very much interested in having me expound on the principles of Masonry, particularly in view of the fact that we are going to have a speaker at the banquet this evening. One would surmise that a Mason who had gone through six or seven installations in his Lodge and in his Grand Lodge before he was installed as Grand Master would be quite devoid of emotion. I thought I had steeled myself to that fact but I find that it is not easy to speak this evening. A Grand Master as elected has many thoughts, plans and expressions of gratitude. I say he is like the mosquito in the nudist colony, he knows what he is supposed to do but he doesn't know where to begin. I have a plan I think that has been developed through the years by the various Grand Masters, in fact, the pathway has been laid straight for a newly elected Grand Master. We in Nebraska, Masons of Nebraska, have a great tradition — 103 years of it. — There have been 94 Grand Masters prior to myself so you can see that I have much precedence upon which to rely in the course which I will follow this year. Just to give you a few items of what I think we should stress this year, the first is that I believe we can have better public relations, relations with those people whom we call the profane. It never hurts any organization to have other people think well of them. That will be one of the attacks I think we should make this year. We have already started, if you have seen the evening paper; on the left hand column you will find the report of the action of this Grand Lodge in establishing the home for the elderly.

Then secondly, I think we should do more talking about our charity, talking about it in a practical way, if you want to say, a mercenary way. I think much can be done to alleviate the financial problems of our Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont simply by spreading the news and knowledge around the state that contributions are acceptable by Masons. I think that will lead even others to contribute. I would like to say that I don't think this should be on a commercial basis.

Brethren, I want you to know that I deeply appreciate the honor which you have given me, an honor which is the highest in the hands of Masons to confer. I shall do the best I can to preserve the traditions of Masonry and to preserve Masonry in the state of Nebraska and I hope make it grow, but I will need your help and I will need the help of all the members of the committees which will be appointed. With reliance upon Divine Providence and your assistance I'm sure Masonry will not be affected too adversely. Thank you.

## PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. .W. .Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Master :

W. .Brother Grand Senior Deacon, will you please conduct M. .W. .Joseph C. Tye to the East? M. .W. .Sir, six years ago it was my privilege to appoint you to the line of succession of this Grand Lodge. The years have passed swiftly and I have watched with interest your growth and development as an officer of this Grand Lodge. Your accomplishments these past twelve months have particularly impressed me and have served to make me proud, indeed, of my appointment. I am sure that your Brethren of this Grand Lodge will join with me in these sentiments. It now becomes my pleasure, in accordance with our traditions, to present to you this beautiful jewel, engraved with your name and your year of service, attesting to the fact that you have now been elevated, or should I say relegated, to the rank of a Past Grand Master. My sincere congratulations for a splendid Masonic career and a splendid year as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

M. .W. .Joseph C. Tye, Past Grand Master :

Thank you very much, M. .W. .Brother Charles, I am deeply grateful to you for having appointed me in line and given me this opportunity to do what little I could for Masonry. Thank you sincerely and Brethren, thanks to each and every one of you. I am highly honored and very pleased with the Brethren whom I have met. I hope that my work is not done but I would like to go fishing.

## PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON

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

M. .W. .Brother Tye, may I say to you that it has been a real pleasure for me to have worked with you this year. We have had a very fine year together. The brethren of this Grand Lodge would like to have you properly clothed as a Past Grand Master and they have given me the honor, privilege and pleasure of presenting to you a Past Grand Master's apron. We know that you will wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.

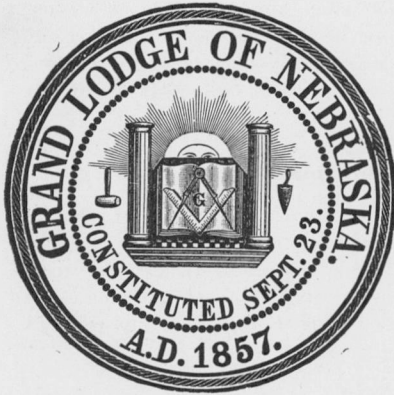
M. .W. .Joseph C. Tye :

Thank you, R. .W. .Brother Greisen, and Brethren, I am indeed grateful and happy for the opportunity and I hope that I may be of service to this Grand Lodge and the Fraternity in the future. Thank you each and everyone.

At 5:40 p.m., no further business appearing, after prayer by the V. V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

*John F. Litcher*

Grand Master



Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 7 and 8, 1960, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 9th day of July, 1960.

*Mark Feisen*

Grand Secretary

## VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Lewis E. Smith, 58 Years	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60
William Cosh, 53 Years	1908-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23- 24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60
Charles A. Chappell, 49 Years	1912-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27- 28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58- 59-60
Chancellor A. Phillips, 45 Years	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28- 29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-53-56-57-58-59-60
William F. Evers, 40 Years	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35- 36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59
George A. Stevens, 39 Years	1917-18-19-20-21-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49- 51-54-55-57-58-59-60
Benjamin F. Eyre, 38 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60
Raymond C. Cook, 38 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36- 37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60
Carl R. Greisen, 37 Years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55 56-57-58-59-60
John S. Hedelund, 37 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59
C. Ray Maey, 34 Years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55 56-57
William B. Wanner, 34 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41- 42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57 58-59-60
Earl W. Dean, 31 Years	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29- 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-46-47- 48
Pearl C. Hillegass, 33 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60

Herbert T. White	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-
30 Years	44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60
William C. Smith.	1926-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40
28 Years	41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
James H. Bryant,	1893-94-97-99-1902-04-05-08-17-20-21-27-29-30-34
28 Years	42-43-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-55-56-57-58

(No Grand Lodge Communication in 1945, however Credit is given.)

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY  
OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE PASSED  
BEYOND THE VEIL.

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Jan. 9th, 1899..	3..(1st)..	1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Nov. 12th, 1896..	3. (2nd)..	1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Nov. 27th, 1912..	6....(3rd)..	1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	June 1st, 1905..	4....(4th)..	1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Jan. 27th, 1883..	5....(5th)..	1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Nov. 23rd, 1914..	11....(6th)..	1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Dec. 29th, 1917..	2....(7th)..	1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Feb. 18th, 1915..	3.....(8th)..	1873
FRANK WELCH .....	Sept. 4th, 1878..	27.....(9th)..	1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	July 10th, 1894..	19....(10th)..	1875
GEORGE H. THUMMEL.....	Feb. 5th, 1932..	33....(11th)..	1876
GEORGE W. LININGER.....	June 8th, 1907..	3.....(12th)..	1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE....	April 11th, 1916..	27.....(13th)..	1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Feb. 2nd, 1904..	19....(14th)..	1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Jan. 21st, 1901..	53....(15th)..	1880
JAMES R. CAIN, SR.....	Nov. 24th, 1920..	9.....(16th)..	1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	July 9th, 1923..	2.....(17th)..	1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Nov. 15th, 1913..	55....(18th)..	1883
JOHN JAY WEMPLE.....	May 28th, 1943..	50....(19th)..	1884
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Sept. 28th, 1917..	59....(20th)..	1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT.....	Aug. 23rd, 1910..	11....(21st)..	1886
MILTON J. HULL.....	Sept. 18th, 1923..	67....(22nd)..	1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Aug. 16th, 1914..	56....(23rd)..	1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Feb. 25th, 1915..	4.....(24th)..	1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Feb. 16th, 1927..	46....(25th)..	1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER..	May 8th, 1909..	89....(26th)..	1891
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.....	Dec. 8th, 1928..	17....(27th)..	1892
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Nov. 12th, 1918..	76....(28th)..	1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT .....	Nov. 1st, 1925..	41....(29th)..	1894
HENRY H. WILSON.....	June 28th, 1941..	19....(30th)..	1895
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Aug. 24th, 1915..	34....(31st)..	1896
JOHN B. DINSMORE .....	Oct. 6th, 1915..	49....(32nd)..	1897
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Dec. 24th, 1917..	207....(33rd)..	1898

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Aug. 17th, 1922..	25.....	(34th)..1899
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Aug. 23rd, 1915..	158.....	(35th)..1900
ROBERT E. EVANS.....	July 8th, 1925..	5.....	(36th)..1901
NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Nov. 19th, 1913..	93.....	(37th)..1902
FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Jan. 31st, 1933..	32.....	(38th)..1903
CHARLES E. BURNHAM.....	May 29th, 1933..	55.....	(39th)..1904
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL....	May 2nd, 1911..	31.....	(40th)..1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD .....	Dec. 17th, 1916..	155.....	(41st)..1906
ORNAN J. KING.....	Dec. 26th, 1927..	54.....	(42nd)..1907
WILLIAM A. DE BORD.....	May 17th, 1916..	3.....	(43rd)..1908
MICHAEL DOWLING.....	May 5th, 1921..	119.....	(44th)..1909
HARRY A. CHENEY.....	June 27th, 1948..	100.....	(45th)..1910
HENRY GIBBONS.....	Aug. 22nd, 1923..	46.....	(46th)..1911
JAMES R. CAIN, JR. ....	Sept. 3rd, 1950..	105.....	(47th)..1912
APLHA MORGAN .....	April 17th, 1924..	148.....	(48th)..1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Aug. 12th, 1919..	93.....	(49th)..1914
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Aug. 11th, 1931..	54.....	(50th)..1915
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	May 9th, 1941..	55.....	(51st)..1916
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	Aug. 13th, 1944..	61.....	(52nd)..1917
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON.....	Mar. 16th, 1944..	139.....	(53rd)..1918
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	July 31st, 1934..	258.....	(54th)..1919
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG....	June 14th, 1950..	3.....	(55th)..1920
EDWARD M. WELLMAN.....	Aug. 31st, 1922..	1.....	(57th)..1922
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	June 18th, 1941..	95.....	(59th)..1924
JOHN WRIGHT.....	Oct. 29th, 1936..	19.....	(60th)..1925
EDWIN D. CRITES .....	Nov. 7th, 1953..	158.....	(61st)..1926
ALBERT R. DAVIS.....	Mar. 7th, 1929..	120.....	(62nd)..1927
FRANK H. WOODLAND.....	Oct. 23rd, 1940..	25.....	(63rd)..1928
IRA C. FREET.....	Oct. 13th, 1944..	56.....	(64th)..1929
ORVILLE A. ANDREWS.....	Oct. 16th, 1936..	19.....	(65th)..1930
JOHN R. TAPSTER.....	Mar. 21st, 1954..	119.....	(66th)..1931
EDWIN B. JOHNSTON.....	Feb. 11th, 1933..	33.....	(67th)..1932
ARCHIE M. SMITH.....	May 8th, 1950..	203.....	(69th)..1933
VIRGIL R. JOHNSON.....	Aug. 7th, 1956..	26.....	(70th)..1934
WILLIAM C. RAMSEY.....	May 19th, 1938..	268.....	(71st)..1935
WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON....	July 3rd, 1944..	6.....	(73rd)..1937
WALTER R. RAECKE.....	April 10th, 1960..	36.....	(74th)..1938
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE..	Nov. 16th, 1951..	317.....	(75th)..1939
ERNEST S. SCHIEFELBEIN...	April 20th, 1959..	59.....	(84th)..1949

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

LEWIS E. SMITH .....	(56th) ..	1921
1919 Otoe, Lincoln		
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL .....	(58th) ..	1923
Minden		
RALPH O. CANADAY .....	(68th) ..	1933
Hastings		
CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS .....	(72nd) ..	1936
Cambridge		
EARL J. LEE .....	(76th) ..	1940
1035 No. H St., Fremont		
EDWARD F. CARTER .....	(77th) ..	1941
State House, Lincoln		
GEORGE A. KURK .....	(78th) ..	1942
1909 Ryons St., Lincoln		
WILLIAM B. WANNER .....	(79th) ..	1943
2017 Stone St., Falls City		
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER .....	(80th) ..	1944-1945
1009 South D St., Broken Bow		
BENJAMIN F. EYRE .....	(81st) ..	1946
2001 Douglas Street, Omaha		
EDWARD HUWALDT .....	(82nd) ..	1947
Commercial National Bank, Grand Island		
ELMER E. MAGEE .....	(83rd) ..	1948
1201 O Street, Lincoln		
JOHN S. HEDELUND .....	(85th) ..	1950
3016 No. Washington St., Tacoma 7, Washington		
THOMAS J. ARON .....	(86th) ..	1951
Crete State Bank, Crete		
EDWARD M. KNIGHT .....	(87th) ..	1952
Alliance National Bank, Alliance		
FAY SMITH .....	(88th) ..	1953
Box 7, Imperial		
CHARLES F. ADAMS .....	(89th) ..	1954
Aurora		
HERBERT T. WHITE .....	(90th) ..	1955
522 Insurance Bldg., Omaha		
MERLE M. HALE .....	(91st) ..	1956
1440 M St., Lincoln		
ROY I. BABBITT .....	(92nd) ..	1957
609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff		
JOHN E. BEAVER .....	(93rd) ..	1958
Beemer		
JOSEPH C. TYE .....	(94th) ..	1959
Pratt Bldg., Kearney		
N. ROSCOE POUND .....	(Honorary) ..	1949
Harvard Law School, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts		



## GRAND SECRETARIES

*GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Sept. 23, 1857 to June 2, 1858
*ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	June 2, 1858 to June 4, 1862
*ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	June 4, 1862 to June 24, 1863
*STEPHEN D. BANGS.....	June 24, 1863, to June 24, 1865
*J. NEWTON WISE.....	June 24, 1865, to Oct. 27, 1869
*ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Oct. 27, 1869, to June 21, 1872
*WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	June 21, 1872, to May 6, 1899
*FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	June 9, 1899, to June 11, 1925
LEWIS E. SMITH.....	June 11, 1925, to June 6, 1946
CARL R. GREISEN.....	June 6, 1946

## GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

LEWIS E. SMITH

1919 Otoe

Lincoln, Nebraska



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REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
E. Jonah Shipp	Northport	Mar. 27, 1956	Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Omaha	May 4, 1939
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 265	Scottsbluff	Dec. 15, 1959
Dr. Eduardo Ayala	Buenos Aires	Sept. 23, 1954	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fletcher Silks, Jr.	Prescott	April 13, 1949	Arizona	Morace F. Smith, 265	Scottsbluff	Mar. 18, 1950
Frank A. Smith	Little Rock	Jan. 27, 1958	Arkansas	Elmer E. Megee, 227	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
Hugo Barber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 1951	Austria	Louis J. Lepinski, 184	Omaha	Aug. 12, 1955
Raul Bellalati de Carvalho	Val. do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia, United	Mainard E. Crosby, 32	North Platte	Sept. 19, 1936
Roumundo Nonata do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Jose Cesario Hortá	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Guilherme Wittfine	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
Abia Herve	Rio Grande do Sul	Oct. 10, 1949	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	John J. Helzer, 158	Chadron	Nov. 15, 1949
Joao Bento	Joao Pessoa	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Lodge of Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
William Fraser	Creston	April 20, 1955	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Maurice Coffey		Sept. 13, 1959	California	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1958
C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	April 15, 1944	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Rodolfo C. Oliveira	Estado 62, Santiago	Mar. 18, 1930	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Y. C. Sao	Koasiung	Sept. 29, 1959	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Omaha	April 13, 1960
Jose Maria Serna	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Clifford D. Webster, 321	Sidney	July 30, 1957
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 24, 1943
George S. Hull	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948	Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Cecilio Nieto Cosobo	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918	Costa Rica	Frank A. Anderson, 17	Tecumseh	Jan. 5, 1952
V. H. Francisco Enrique Garcia		Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
Fagan Simanton	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Mogens Milertz		Nov. 19, 1956	Denmark	John S. Hedelund, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
John Linn McGrew	Washington	July 6, 1917	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Fernandos Gayangos Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Ward V. Whitaker, 310	Valley	Feb. 23, 1958
William R. S. Bathurst	Wiltshire	May 18, 1950	England	Foy Smith, 198	Imperial	June 17, 1954
Leon E. Forbes	Jacksonville	April 15, 1944	Florida	Harry Z. Jackson, 253	Beemer	Oct. 1, 1958
Edward Jeanmonad	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	France	Ralph M. Cathart, 120	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
Otis E. Dixon	Macon	Jan. 15, 1957	Georgia	William F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Jan. 23, 1941
Karl Roeder	Frankfurt	Sept. 20, 1955	Germany	Henry Becker, 114	Wisner	July 31, 1959
George Sakellariou	Athens	April 10, 1954	Greece	Steve G. Paulos, 318	Grand Island	Nov. 20, 1953
Bjarne Bjarnason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland	Nels Ostergaard, 32	North Platte	June 26, 1953
George A. Spongenberg	Nampa	June 28, 1960	Idaho	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Harry L. Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Illinois	Warren W. Kelly, 290	Omaha	May 13, 1959
John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1949	Indiana	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Hooper	May 21, 1959
John A. Wallace	Dublin	Jan. 7, 1953	Ireland	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1954	Israel, State of	William Gradinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Ronald E. Napier	Tachikawa	July 25, 1958	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
Hamor B. Osborn	Wichita	Sept. 28, 1944	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Beattyville	April 20, 1945	Kentucky	Ralph S. Tully, 25	Omaha	Jan. 23, 1958
J. Y. Sanders, Jr.	Baton Rouge	Nov. 4, 1959	Louisiana	John A. Batorff, 49	Sutton	Feb. 24, 1958
James A. Sonker	Belfast	Sept. 14, 1948	Maine	Carlos E. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 26, 1950
Nathan Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Manitoba	Ernest C. Purdy, 195	Gordon	June 24, 1943
Ernest L. Payner		Dec. 8, 1953	Maryland	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Roscoe Pound	Cambridge	May 1, 1929	Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Horace Dillon	Torreon, Coah.	Mar. 17, 1944	Mexico	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	April 9, 1924
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Herbert S. Romberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952

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Orman Rinehart Smith	Cornith	June 21, 1957	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
J. Renick Jones	Independence	July 3, 1956	Missouri	Edward E. Carr, 32	North Platte	July 2, 1938
J. R. P. Reiner	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	Welcome W. Naylor, 158	Chadron	Mar. 4, 1950
W. R. Wansink	Rotterdam	May 10, 1955	Netherlands	Piebe Dykstra, 281	Omaha	May 10, 1955
Harry H. Atkinson	Reno	June 19, 1911	Nevada	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
Kenneth Roberts Nelson	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
John O. Lovejoy	Bristol	April 14, 1934	New Hampshire	Clyde H. Jones, 173	Stratton	Sept. 27, 1956
John A. Stecker	Maplewood	Aug. 11, 1947	New Jersey	John F. Futcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
Donald T. Vase		April 23, 1960	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
T. W. Fairman	Mangaweka	Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand	James H. Bryant, 199	Plattsmouth	April 22, 1952
			Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Armon E. Baggelt		Oct. 22, 1953	North Carolina	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Albert H. Hood	Yarmouth	July 1, 1941	North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire, 306	Decatur	Dec. 20, 1944
Ole Kristofer Raed	Oslo	Feb. 8, 1956	Norway	Nels Hammar, 56	York	Feb. 21, 1956
C. Fraser Lorimer	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entekin, 295	Gering	July 10, 1941
Juan L. Arocha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon			
Robert L. Traescher	Youngtown	April 26, 1952	Ohio	Otto Nelsen, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Lodgepole	Feb. 6, 1958
Clarence D. Phillips	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937	Oregon	Arthur H. Gregory, 265	Scottsbluff	Jan. 20, 1958
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Panama			
Franco A. Zumeta	Lima	Oct. 23, 1957	Peru	La Verne A. Walker, 55	Norfolk	Feb. 8, 1958
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines	John C. Green, 280	Sargent	Oct. 17, 1945
Chester R. Martin	Caledonia	May 1, 1959	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
A. G. Lightbourn	Fajards	May 3, 1945	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1953
G. Diamond		July 13, 1959	Quebec	John E. Beaver, 253	Beemer	Jan. 8, 1954
W. R. Goiley		Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	July 10, 1947
Guy H. Hummel	Nankos	July 1, 1957	Scotland	William Cosh, 11	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke	Edinburgh	Nov. 19, 1947	South Australia	Frank F. McMullin, 241	Craig	Jan. 2, 1957
Cyril W. C. Peaks		Sept. 9, 1959	South Carolina	Robert B. Conrad, 125	Lincoln	Sept. 12, 1958
Horace Greeley Adams	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1947	South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
Robert F. Patterson	Vermillion	Feb. 3, 1955	Sweden	W. Alex Danielson, 116	Alma	Sept. 10, 1953
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	Switzerland	Paul O. Marti, 32	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1958
Andre Starvo	Berne	Jan. 14, 1958	Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson, 26E	Omaha	Aug. 8, 1949
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	Tasmania	C. Ray Macy, 26	Beatrice	Apr. 3, 1957
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
C. Cecil Broadwell	Jackson	Nov. 30, 1956	Texas	Albert S. Johnston, 19	Lincoln	June 27, 1941
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 7, 1956	Utah	Richard L. Wait, 19	Lincoln	Jan. 23, 1958
John J. Greiner	Ogden	Sept. 10, 1959	Vermont	Cary W. Dresslar, 32	North Platte	Nov. 14, 1956
D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr.	Johnson	Feb. 4, 1943	Victoria	Charles H. Marley, 1	Omaha	May 4, 1939
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Alliance	June 27, 1941
Stewart E. Perry	Puyallup	July 18, 1946	West Australia	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	July 10, 1947
R. H. G. Clark	Perth	Apr. 22, 1941	West Virginia			
Harry E. Hoffman	Clarksburg	Feb. 12, 1947	Wisconsin	La Verne J. Smith, 288	Omaha	Jan. 30, 1958
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946				

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