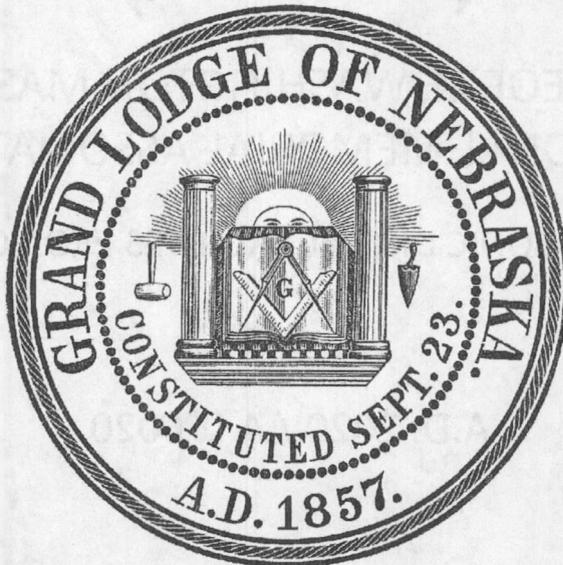


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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on Wednesday, June 4th, A. . L . . 5902, A. D. 1902, at four o'clock in the afternoon, there being present—

M. . W. . ROBERT E. EVANS	Grand Master.
R. . W. . NATHANIEL M. AYERS	Deputy Grand Master.
R. . W. . FRANK E. BULLARD	Grand Senior Warden.
R. . W. . JAMES DINSMORE	Grand Junior Warden.
M. . W. . JOHN B. DINSMORE	Grand Treasurer.
R. . W. . FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Secretary.
W. . GEORGE A. BEECHER, 32	as Grand Chaplain.
BRO. . LEWIS H. BLACKLEDGE, 53	as Grand Orator.
M. . W. . ROBERT E. FRENCH	Grand Custodian.
W. . MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL	Grand Marshal.
W. . C. EDWIN BURNHAM	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. . ELIAS W. BEGHTOL	Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO. . JACOB KING	Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and fourteen of the two hundred and thirty-four chartered lodges of the jurisdiction.

As required by the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, a lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form.

The roll of lodges being called, a constitutional number was found to be represented. Whereupon the Grand Master declared

the forty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska duly opened for the transaction of business, and the Grand Marshal made due proclamation thereof.

It was ordered that all Freemasons, duly clothed and vouched for, be admitted to seats in the gallery during the sessions of this communication, unless objected to by members of the Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. Evans, Grand Master, now delivered his address:

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Again are we convened in annual communication to scan the record of the year behind us. I extend to all a most cordial welcome, and while I most earnestly urge and ask for your best endeavors in the consideration of the matters to come before you, I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity presented to promote the fraternal spirit, and "conciliate true friendship."

Many new faces appear, and many of the older ones are missing. Some of the absent, with hurrying feet answer the calls of a busy life, and some who met with us a year ago have solved the "Mystery of the future," and from the "Great Beyond" look down upon our deliberations.

Our state and our nation are still pressing forward with strides that bid fair to distance all competitors. Our people are prosperous, contented and happy, and yet, at a time when discontent seemed impossible, and everything propitious,—without sign, without warning,—one of our citizens fired the shot that brought death to our President, that terminated the life of an illustrious and exemplary citizen, that laid in the grave a loving husband, and took from us our brother. While he lingered between life and death, our nation stood in attendance at his bedside, and the civilized world stopped and listened for each heart beat. All hoped and prayed for the best, but on the 14th day of September, 1901, the knell was tolled for William McKinley. Benumbed, we failed to comprehend as we listened to his last words, "It is God's way. His will be done." But many hearts echoed the thought:

"Your logic, my friend, is perfect,
Your morals most drearily true,
But since the clods clashed on the coffin,
I keep hearing that and not you.
Console if you will, I can bear it,
'Tis the well meant alms of breath,
But not all the preaching since Adam,
Ever made death other than death."

As we glance along the line of history, as we watch the rapidly changing scenes in the world's drama, may we not believe that as our

brother entered the mists that to us mark the border of Eternity, that which seemed to us gloom was to him brightness, that which to us was shrouded in the mystery and incomprehensibility of the Infinite, was laid before him illuminated by the brightness of the resurrection morn and the Omniscience of the Great Master of all. Are we not taught, "God overrules evil that good may come." Are we not admonished to so live that when we come to the close of life we can say, "He doeth all things well."

The disaster in the Islands of the West Indies is still fresh in the minds of all. Its awful horrors are beyond comprehension. Man overrates himself. He thinks, he whistles, he whittles, and the mountain stream from which he drank in childhood drives his machine. He looks, he claps his hands in glee as a child. He stops, he thinks again, and his mother's teakettle is taking him with the speed of the wind over valley, hill, plain, and sea, and he feels himself a man. He watches the lightning, he reaches to the clouds and holds the elements so that by a touch he can "belt the world with a thought" and says to himself, "I am a giant." So he seems. But when he stands in the presence of Martinique and its horrors, when he faintly comprehends the power displayed, and in its presence his own utter helplessness, he knows he is but "A cipher wrought against Infinity."

I call your attention to this calamity visited upon our fellow creatures for such action as in your judgment it warrants.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

Freemasonry is prosperous throughout this jurisdiction, and with but two or three exceptions, each subordinate lodge has advanced. Our membership has had a healthy growth; financially we are in better condition than for years; peace and harmony prevail where trouble seemed probable a year ago; the craft generally appreciate the duties that come with membership in the fraternity, and are devoted and loyal to its tenets.

OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

I am in receipt, through the office of our Grand Secretary, of the request of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand for recognition and an exchange of representatives.

I am also in receipt of a communication issued by the authority of the Gran Dieta Symbolica of Mexico, notifying this jurisdiction of its dissolution and recommending the several Grand Lodges which it represented for recognition by this Grand Jurisdiction. In connection therewith I submit a communication from Columbian Lodge No. 238, F. & A. M., located at Tampico, Tamaulipas, Mexico, to our Grand Secretary, requesting recognition.

I am also in receipt of a request from the Board of Administration of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, looking to a Universal Congress of Freemasons to be held in the month of September, 1902, and requesting an answer not later than April 2, 1902. I acknowledged receipt of this communication directed to the address contained in the letter, and informed

those interested that the Grand Master in this jurisdiction had no authority to appoint a delegate or representative to such congress, and that I would submit their communication to this Grand Body for its consideration.

The correspondence is herewith submitted.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have recommended the following brothers as representatives of other Grand Lodges near our own:

October 15, 1901, R.·W.·Nathaniel M. Ayers, of Beaver City Lodge No. 93, to represent the Grand Lodge of Australia.

October 17, 1901, M.·W.·Brother George W. Lininger to represent the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

December 3, 1901, W.·Zwingle M. Baird, of Hartington Lodge No. 155, to represent the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

December 3, 1901, W.·Williamson S. Summers, of Beatrice Lodge No. 26, to represent the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I appointed representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near other Grand Lodges as follows:

September 16, 1901, R.·W.·Adolph G. Ricks to Louisiana.

October 15, 1901, R.·W.·Edward Livingstone Freeman to Rhode Island.

October 17, 1901, W.·Brother Henry C. Crozier to Egypt.

December 3, 1901, M.·W.·Brother James F. McCool to Mississippi.

December 3, 1901, Brother James D. Greshaw to Texas.

December 14, 1901, M.·W.·Charles A. Newman to Oklahoma.

January 17, 1902, M.·W.·Martin H. Rice to Indiana.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

On June 13, I issued my proxy to R.·W.·Brother Nathaniel M. Ayers, authorizing him to open a special communication of the Grand Lodge and to install V.·W.·Brother William J. Turner as Grand Chaplain. Brother Ayers reports the request complied with, as well as a pleasant and profitable time.

On October 5, at Masonic Temple, Tekamah, assisted by our Grand Custodian, I opened the Grand Lodge in special communication and installed W.·Brother Melville R. Hopewell as Grand Marshal. Many visiting Masons were present from neighboring lodges, the occasion was truly enjoyable, and the fraternal spirit was strengthened.

CONSTITUTING NEW LODGES.

Assisted by our Grand Custodian and many brethren from lodges in the vicinity, I, on August 7, constituted Wausa Lodge No. 251.

On August 8, assisted by our Grand Custodian, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and brethren from Lincoln, I constituted George Washington Lodge No. 250.

I constituted Gothenburg Lodge No. 249, on August 10, being assisted by our Grand Custodian and a number of brethren from neighboring lodges.

On each of these occasions the officers were installed. The ceremonies were followed by fraternal intercourse and an enjoyable time was had, and the interest manifested is indicative of a healthy growth.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year just closing special dispensations were issued to the following lodges:

Wisner Lodge No. 114, Brainard Lodge No. 115, Parallel Lodge No. 152, Amethyst Lodge No. 190, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Square Lodge No. 151, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Guide Rock Lodge No. 128, Brainard Lodge No. 115, Gavel Lodge No. 199, Trowel Lodge No. 71, Fairbury Lodge No. 35, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Lebanon Lodge No. 58, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Amity Lodge No. 169, Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Geneva Lodge No. 79, Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Fremont Lodge No. 15, and Tecumseh Lodge No. 17.

These dispensations were granted to install, or to elect and install, officers out of time, or to ballot and confer degrees without regard to time, in the latter case the dispensations were conditioned upon notice of the time and purpose of the meeting being given to every resident member of the lodge.

On the 6th day of February, 1902, I issued a special dispensation to Covert Lodge No. 11, to receive the petition of Mr. Frank H. Myers, ballot and confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason degrees without regard to time, on condition that each and every resident member of the lodge should have notice of the time of the meeting and the purpose for which called, and that the applicant, if elected, should become proficient in each degree before receiving the next succeeding one.

The fees for each and all of these dispensations have been collected and paid over to the Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS FOR LODGES U. D. D.

On the 2d day of July, 1901, I issued a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge at Hildreth, Nebraska, to be known as Hildreth Lodge U. D. D., to the following brethren: Winfield S. Marr, William E. Hadley, Squire H. Carpenter, John Brunk, Francis W. Shields, Charles H. Hudson, Robert A. McGregor, Oliver C. Halderman, William S. Shaddock, and Alonzo L. Beck, naming Winfield S. Marr, Master; Alonzo L. Beck, Senior Warden, and John Brunk, Junior Warden, and on the 9th day of August with our Grand Custodian, and P. G. M. James P. A. Black, I presented the dispensation, M. W. Brother Black delivering the address at the institution of the lodge.

On January 1, I granted a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge at Beemer, Nebraska, to be known as Beemer Lodge U. D. D., to the following brethren: George Nellor, Allen D. Beemer, William N. Servoss, Edwin Albright, William L. Crosby, Joseph K. Baker, Charles Booth, James J. Fenelon, William Collins, John Unkel, and Alfred C. Nellor, naming George Nellor, Master; Charles Booth, Senior Warden, and William

L. Crosby, Junior Warden, and on that day delivered the dispensation to the brethren in their place of meeting.

The records of these lodges will be submitted for your inspection, and, I doubt not, you will find they have done well and have bright prospects for the future.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

At the close of the session of the Grand Lodge in June, 1901, I was informed by the representative of Anchor Lodge No. 142 that the members had voted to surrender their charter. The Grand Lodge having closed, it was impossible to secure either your approval or disapproval of this surrender, and I decided before accepting the charter to visit the lodge. Accordingly on the 12th day of August, I visited North Loup. Prior thereto I had notified the Master and Secretary of my intended visit. The conditions I found were such that I deemed it for the best interest of the craft to acquiesce in the action the lodge had taken rather than attempt to keep the lodge alive. I appointed Brother Redlon, the last Master, Brother Sears, the Secretary, and Brother Colby, to take charge of the property, close up the business, pay the debts, and send whatever remained to the Grand Secretary, which was accordingly done, the Grand Secretary receiving the records and property remaining on October 7th. A number of the members of this lodge desired demits for the purpose of joining other lodges within this jurisdiction. Deeming it better to have them in a Masonic home than resting on uncertainty, I directed the Grand Secretary to issue demits to such as requested the same and were clear on the books.

In the latter part of November I learned from outside sources that Palmyra Lodge No. 45 had voted to surrender its charter. I at once wrote to the Master and Secretary inquiring as to the truth of my information and received a reply confirming the same. I directed the Master to send the charter and all of the property to the Grand Secretary. Upon April 28th, the Grand Secretary not having as yet received the same, I requested M.: W.: Robert E. French, our Grand Custodian, to proceed to Palmyra, secure the property, make a report as to the condition of the lodge and the circumstances surrounding it, shipping the property of whatever character to the Grand Secretary, which was accordingly done on the 30th day of April. His report is herewith submitted for your consideration.

ORION LODGE NO. 242.

Having been informed that Orion Lodge No. 242 had not paid their dues and fees for last year, and being in default for the present year, I, on May 1st, directed M.: W.: Robert E. French, our Grand Custodian, to visit Orion Lodge and report on its condition. While the brethren there are somewhat discouraged, the conditions, taken all in all, are such that I think with assistance and encouragement which may be rendered by Grand Officers, this lodge may be saved and the fraternity in that community benefited. Brother French's report on the condition is submitted herewith.

NEBRASKA CITY LODGE NO. 12, MINDEN LODGE NO. 127. AND
JEWEL LODGE NO. 149.

The records of Nebraska City Lodge No. 12, Minden Lodge No. 127, and Jewel Lodge No. 149, show no election or installation of officers for several years past. I believe that in neither lodge has there been either election or installation since 1899.

ITHMAR LODGE NO. 238.

On January 28th, 1902, Ithmar Lodge No. 238 had its home, charter, and property destroyed by fire. On January 31st, I issued a dispensation under which they could meet until Grand Lodge should convene, and directed the Grand Secretary to furnish them with a full set of records and blanks. I learn that No. 238, although bearing a heavy burden, does not intend to lay it down, and I recommend that they be given a new charter to replace the one destroyed. Also a full set of supplies, record books, and blanks, free.

GRIEVANCES.

On October 16, Brother Charles A. Wooster presented charges against the Master of Solar Lodge No. 134. I appointed M. W. Brothers William W. Keysor, 25; Charles J. Phelps, 34; and George B. France, 56, as a commission to hear and determine the matter involved. Majority and minority reports were submitted by the commission. I notified the Master of Solar Lodge of the action of the commission, and that I had approved the majority report. He replied that he intended to take no further action. The report as approved provides for a reprimand. The member of the commission presenting the minority report requested that action be deferred until Grand Lodge convened, which request I refused and directed that the reprimand be read by the Secretary in open lodge. The record in this case is submitted for your consideration.

In July I was informed that an objection, lodged with the Master of Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, against the advancement of a fellowcraft, had been disregarded. I investigated until I was satisfied that the objection had been disregarded, but was not able to satisfy myself that the Master alone was in error, and as one of the Past Grand Masters was involved in the matter, I decided to hold the entire matter in abeyance and submit it to you for such action as it may warrant. The decision of this Grand Lodge as reported on page 78 of the proceedings of 1893 declared the course pursued unlawful.

BASSETT AND LONG PINE.

The facts in this case are as follows: A number of brethren residing at Bassett, presented a petition asking a dispensation to organize a new lodge. Long Pine Lodge, the lodge nearest Bassett, refused to recommend the granting of the dispensation and an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge, by whom the matter was referred to the incoming Grand Master to adjust. After an examination of Par. 2, of Art. XII. of the Constitu-

tion, I was of the opinion that a Grand Master, even under the circumstances attending this case, had authority to grant a dispensation to form a new lodge only when the petition was accompanied by a recommendation from the nearest lodge. However, after due notice, I, on August 6th, visited Bassett and on the evening of that day, Long Pine Lodge No. 136. The matters in controversy were discussed from the different points of view. As a number of the signers of the petition had ceased to reside near Bassett, I recommended to the Bassett brethren that they prepare a new petition and when prepared that it be presented to Long Pine Lodge No. 136; that they give it due consideration and deal fairly and kindly with the Bassett brethren. The petition was prepared and presented. The recommendation of Long Pine Lodge is not favorable but apparently a declination to act. I referred the petition to the Grand Custodian with a request for a full report that the Grand Lodge might be fully advised, which report is a part of the record in this case. Regarding the action of Long Pine as in effect a refusal to recommend, I have refused to grant a dispensation. All papers are herewith submitted.

BEAUMONT VS. PRIME.

In accordance with your direction given at the last communication, I, on June 26, appointed R. W. Brother Frank E. Bullard, 32; W. Brother Edward M. Searle, 159, and W. Brother Alonzo Cunningham, 198, as a committee to investigate and report on the controversy between Brothers Beaumont and Prime, and forwarded to the committee all papers and information under my control. I have as yet secured no report from this committee, and expect the report will be presented at this communication.

MEMBERSHIP OF BROTHER A. J. WARNE.

An investigation of the records in this case disclosed that which in my opinion was a waiver of jurisdiction. This would make Brother Warne a member of Sincerity Lodge No. 244, and I so decided. A copy of the record accompanies this report.

ERROR IN CHARTER.

Brother William R. York appears as a charter member of Corner-stone Lodge No. 247, which is an error. A corrected charter should be issued, or else the charter already issued should be corrected.

Brother York is the present Master of Wausa Lodge No. 251, having become a charter member thereof on the demit which was procured for the purpose of depositing it with Corner-stone Lodge No. 247, but which demit was never deposited therein.

CORNER-STONES.

Proper requests having been received therefor, on the 11th day of September, 1901, assisted by the brethren of Columbus and surrounding towns, I laid the corner-stone of the new opera house building in the city of Columbus. An enjoyable time was had.

On November 21st, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Junior Deacon, and members from twenty-seven lodges representing states from the Atlantic Ocean to the Rocky Mountains, in conformity with the ancient usages and customs of the craft, I laid the corner-stone of the court house of Thayer County. On this occasion, Hebron was filled with people who had come from all parts of Thayer and adjoining counties to witness the ceremonies. The occasion was one of great pleasure to me, and the brethren of Hebron Lodge No. 43 are entitled to be congratulated upon the creditable manner in which the ceremonies of the day were conducted.

BY-LAWS.

During the year I have approved amendments to by-laws as follows: Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Fremont Lodge No. 15, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Charity Lodge No. 53, and Pilot Lodge No. 240.

I also approved a code of by-laws for George Washington Lodge No. 250, Gothenburg Lodge No. 249, and Wausa Lodge No. 251.

SEALS APPROVED.

During the year I approved the seal of George Washington Lodge No. 250, and Gothenburg Lodge No. 249.

TRUSTEES OF ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

On the 8th day of June, M. W. Robert E. French tendered, and I accepted, his resignation as a trustee of the Orphans Educational Fund. Brother A. U. Wyman, whose term expired with the last session of the Grand Lodge, felt that it was impossible for him to perform the duties recently added to the office he had held, and declined reappointment. I thereupon appointed W. Brother Melville R. Hopewell for the term of two years, and M. W. Brother Charles K. Coutant for three years, said terms to date from the last communication of the Grand Lodge. I feel that this Grand Lodge is deeply indebted to Brother Wyman for the time and ability he has placed at its disposal and for the services he has rendered as a trustee of the Orphans Educational Fund. During the time that he has been a member of the board the fund has doubled, and so far as I have been able to learn no loan negotiated by him is worth less than its face and many of them stand above par. The board as now constituted immediately organized and I am confident that the fund is in efficient hands.

COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

On the 1st day of November, I appointed the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund, constituting the same as follows: W. Brother Henry Gibbons, 46, for one year; M. W. Brother Henry H. Wilson, 19, for two years; W. Brother John S. Harman, 17, for three years; said appointments to date from the 7th day of June, 1901.

MASONIC HOME FUND.

In 1887 the Grand Lodge appropriated the sum of \$5,000 to aid in building a Masonic Home. Portions of this fund were used by the Grand Lodge during the subsequent years, interest being paid thereon, until 1895 when the fund amounted to \$6,934.40. In 1895 it was transferred to the relief fund and the account closed.

In 1898 there was paid from the Relief Fund \$3,000; this item has since that time been carried on the Grand Secretary's cash book but no account kept with the fund. There was no charge as to the remaining portion of the fund, i. e., \$3,934.40. I requested the Grand Secretary to open an account showing the condition of the fund, which has been done. No part of this fund is gaining an increment. I recommend that from the funds now in the Grand Treasurer's hands this debt be paid and the Masonic Home Fund restored to its original condition; that the fund be placed in the hands of the trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund to be by them invested under the same conditions and restrictions as the fund now in their hands, the two funds to be kept separate.

MASONIC HOME.

In September I was informed that Mrs. Charles H. Willard was desirous of transferring her home at Hebron, Nebraska, to the fraternity for the purpose of a Masonic Home. The buildings are pleasantly situated and cost in the neighborhood of twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars, and I was given to understand that an arrangement might be made by which the fraternity could come into immediate possession of the property. Through the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund I received a communication from Mrs. Willard in which she set forth the considerations upon which the property could be transferred to the Masonic Fraternity. As the proposition submitted was such that no action could be taken until the Grand Lodge should convene, I informed Mrs. Willard of our inability to take the buildings until you should have passed upon the proposition and approved thereof. The correspondence is herewith submitted.

RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The Grand Lodge at its last annual communication amended Par. 12, Sec. 1. of the by-laws relating to the Grand Lodge. The paragraph as amended required the appointment of a Committee on Relief in order that our Relief Fund might be used, should any new cases arise. When I received an application for relief, I deemed Par. 3, of Sec. 1, to be sufficient authority for the immediate appointment of the Committee on Relief, and on the 29th day of October, 1901, I appointed the Relief Committee and have referred all applications for relief to it. The report of that committee covers all cases submitted.

I desire to call your attention to the law as it now stands. Relief is granted only upon the report of the committee. The committee must always be more or less widely separated. Separation makes correspondence

necessary and correspondence requires time. This occasions delays and in many cases immediate action is necessary.

RELIEF FUND NOTES.

All notes of subordinate lodges given to the Relief Fund have been paid except those of lodges No. 123, 145, 160, and 208. Reports from Nos. 123, 160, and 208, accompany this report. At present there is no prospect that lodges No. 123, 160, and 208, will be able to pay their notes. Whether it may not be advisable to cancel these notes is a matter worthy of your consideration. No. 145 will in the near future be able to meet its obligation.

This Grand Jurisdiction now has the Kent loan in its own hands and all that is necessary is to pay the annual premiums on the insurance. The republication of our proceedings is complete to 1900 and after we shall have restored the Masonic Home Fund to its original place our General Fund will still be in a healthy condition. The growth of our membership is a subject for congratulation, but I feel that the amount this Grand Jurisdiction expends for relief is not as large as it should be. I most earnestly recommend that the word "five" in the first line of Par. 1 of Sec. 8, of the by-laws be changed to "ten."

REPUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

At the last annual communication there was appropriated for printing and binding Volumes 5, 6, and 7, of the reprint of our proceedings, the sum of \$1,600.00. The Committee on Ways and Means having considered the bids received, recommended the awarding of the contract to the Omaha Printing Company. In the preparation of these volumes for republication it has been the aim of our Grand Secretary to make them as nearly perfect as possible. It has been necessary to secure the portraits of the Past Grand Masters, the cost of which has been \$77.35. It has also been necessary to change the paging of the volumes and this has been done at an additional expense of \$326.00. Neither of these items were covered by the bid of the Omaha Printing Company. The money appropriated was not sufficient to cover the contract price and these additional items, but deeming it for the best interest of the craft to have the volumes in the hands of its members at as early a date as possible, and knowing that the items were necessary and the contract price as low as could be expected, I requested the Grand Secretary to proceed with the publication of the volumes and assumed the responsibility of incurring the additional obligation necessary to complete the work. I recommend that \$326.00 be appropriated to pay this deficiency.

Many of the subordinate lodges do not seem willing to pay the express or freight charges on the bound volumes of the proceedings. These charges, if paid at the point of shipment, are less than if paid at destination. Is it not better for the Grand Lodge to pay these charges and so place the volumes where they can do the work for which they were intended rather than that they shall remain in storage in Omaha?

LAW, CEREMONIES AND MONITOR.

Our law has been republished once every seven years since the first publication, the editions being those of 1882, 1889, and 1895. Of the last edition, but eighty copies remain. It would therefore seem necessary that we should have a new edition in the near future. This jurisdiction has not, so far as I have been able to discover, ever adopted ceremonies for installation of officers, dedication of lodge room, instituting and constituting lodges, funerals and funeral lodges. I recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare ceremonies for these occasions and report at the next communication of the Grand Lodge, that they and the ceremony for laying of corner-stones may be published with the next edition of our law. And if I may be permitted to call the attention of this Grand Body again to the matter of our monitor I would recommend that when our law is republished that it include our monitor. It may be thought by many that this will make a cumbersome or heavy book, but when you recall that our monitor occupies less than forty pages of a much smaller page than that of the present code, the objection disappears. Other jurisdictions have adopted this method of publishing their monitor. The appearance of the monitor is much improved, and the form both of law and monitor more convenient. You place your law in the hands of each Mason who desires a monitor, and your monitor in the hands of each Mason who is looking up the law. I feel satisfied that an examination of the text book of those jurisdictions that so publish their monitor with their law will make apparent the wisdom of such action.

CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP BY CERTIFICATE.

Par. 2, of Sec. 110, of the law, has occasioned no little confusion. If the time of election of a brother to membership in another lodge differs very widely from the time of the receipt of the notice thereof in the lodge in which his former membership was placed, there is a question of dues both as to the subordinate lodge and the Grand Lodge. A failure to receive the notice raises the question as to when the membership is transferred. The provision will admit of two constructions as to when the membership changes. If it is desired to retain this provision in our law I recommend that the law be so changed as to provide that upon election to membership the secretary of the lodge in which such election has taken place shall notify the lodge in which the membership has theretofore rested of such election and thereupon the secretary of the lodge receiving such notice shall issue a demit to the brother so elected, which demit shall be forwarded to the lodge in which he has been elected and the change of membership shall be of the date of the demit. It were better to repeal the provision than to allow it to remain as at present.

BLACK BOOK.

The Law of Freemasonry provides: "The Grand Secretary shall keep in his office a black book for the private information of the craft in which shall be recorded the names of those rejected, suspended or expelled, a

copy of which shall be furnished each lodge in this jurisdiction." (See page 18 of the Law of Freemasonry) For years this portion of the law has been ignored, no provision having been made for its publication and distribution. Would it not be well to repeal the provision or else provide the means of carrying the provision into effect?

DIPLOMAS.

In 1885 the following resolution was adopted:

"That each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be required to furnish each Master Mason in good standing with a diploma and that the same be verified each year." (See Par. 16, Sec. 200, page 232, Proceedings of 1901.)

This provision is also ignored unless the construction intended is that such diplomas are only to be furnished upon the request of the individual, which is certainly a strained construction. Before the law is republished this provision should be changed so as to carry out the original intent.

MEMBERS OF EXTINGUISHED LODGES.

The Grand Secretary is now carrying accounts with members of extinct lodges which aggregate over \$4,000. There are on the rolls forty-six Entered Apprentices, eleven Fellowcrafts, sixty-seven suspended Master Masons, and one hundred and thirty-six Master Masons. Without doubt many of these members are dead. The whereabouts of a large majority of them is unknown, yet the Grand Secretary's office carries an account with each. I call this condition to your attention for such action as in your judgment it warrants.

ORDERING SUPPLIES.

As the law now stands any person can purchase supplies from the Grand Secretary. I suggest that as a matter of safety, convenience and economy, it would be well to direct the Grand Secretary to sell supplies only to those personally known to him to be entitled thereto or to subordinate lodges through their secretaries.

KENT INSURANCE.

Pursuant to the action taken at the last session of the Grand Lodge, an assignment of the note of Brother Kent held by the insurance company was secured and it is now the property of the Grand Lodge. The total amount due the Grand Lodge on it and other Kent notes on May 14th, 1902, was \$7,078.42. I directed the Grand Secretary to secure from the insurance company its consent to the assignment of the policy, which has been done.

SALE OF PROPERTY.

The Grand Lodge was the owner of a pair of M. C. pillars which were stored at Odell, Nebraska. Cubit Lodge No. 237 desired to purchase them, and upon inquiry I fixed a price of \$30, which Cubit Lodge paid and which has been transmitted to the Grand Secretary. I also ordered a warrant for the amount of expense incurred in shipping. The correspondence is herewith submitted.

MCKINLEY MEMORIAL.

I received from a committee appointed by William McKinley Lodge No. 431, A. F. & A. M., of Ohio, a request for permission to solicit from the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction and their members contributions to be used to aid in the erecting a McKinley Memorial at Canton, Ohio. While I heartily approve of the end sought to be attained by the association, upon due consideration I felt it my duty to refuse the request. The correspondence is submitted.

WARNING CIRCULAR.

Being satisfied that many members of the fraternity were being victimized by the unworthy, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary I had sent to each lodge a warning circular. A copy of the same is submitted with this address.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S WORK.

During the past year the Grand Custodian made reports to the Grand Master upon the conditions found in each lodge visited. This report sets forth, as to each lodge, the character and condition of the lodge room, the furniture and paraphernalia, the value of its property, the insurance carried, if any, its credits and liabilities, the condition of all records, the number of meetings during the year and the attendance, the ability of the officers or past officers to give the lectures, and generally the proficiency of those who participate in the work of conferring the degrees, the number of those in the jurisdiction who are indigent, the amount expended for relief, observance or non-observance of the law, extent of jurisdiction and other subjects deemed important. From these reports the exact condition of the lodge is before the Grand Master, and while it adds to the work of the Grand Custodian, it is certainly calculated to make our subordinate lodges more careful; it stimulates the officers, and if the Grand Master follows it up by advice, commendation or such assistance as is suggested by the report, much good can be accomplished. I recommend that in some form this method be adopted and that the reports be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary. Our Grand Custodian has labored during the year very earnestly and efficiently, and to such matters as he directs your attention I ask your most careful consideration.

DECISIONS.

I have made the following decisions which I submit for your consideration.

1. After a Master Mason's lodge shall have been duly opened in its lodge room, the installation of the officers of the lodge may take place in a public room and a suitable address be a part of the exercises. However, all that constitute a lodge must be present and after the installation ceremonies are over the lodge must repair to its lodge room and be regularly closed.
2. A lodge having elected its officers and failed to install within time cannot lawfully by a vote continue in office its officers of the past year and

so avoid installing the newly elected officers even though a portion are re-elected officers.

3. When a brother has been elected Senior Warden and accepted the office but is absent on the night of installation, the Master, having received no notice from the Senior Warden elect, has no right to declare the office vacant and proceed to an election to fill the vacancy.

4. A lodge U..D.. should fix a certain time or times in each month as its regular or business meetings and only at such meetings should petitions be received, reported upon or the ballot spread.

5. To change a location of a chartered lodge from one city to another requires a majority vote of the lodge and the approval of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master.

6. A subordinate lodge has no authority to make a copy of its charter in writing and have the Grand Master order the seal of the Grand Lodge placed thereon to be used in place of the charter issued by the Grand Lodge.

7. A brother cannot lawfully hold the office of Worshipful Master and Treasurer in a subordinate lodge at the same time.

8. It is not a violation of Masonic law for the Master of a lodge to sign a petition asking the city council to grant a saloon license, but in my opinion a Master of a Masonic lodge will do well to see that his name appears on no such petition.

9. A Past Master, in order to open a special meeting previously called by proper authority, must be a member of the lodge.

10. The Secretary is the proper custodian of the fee accompanying the petition from the time of its receipt until the ballot has been spread and the result declared.

11. A Masonic lodge can take part in a funeral procession in which other organizations participate, but the Masonic service must be separate from all others and after they have completed their services; and after the fraternity shall have taken charge of the remains no other service shall intervene or follow.

12. A Masonic lodge can hold memorial services to which the public may be admitted, but cannot take part as a lodge in such service with other organizations not Masonic.

13. An amendment was offered to a by-law, providing that after twenty-one years continuous membership a member should be relieved from the payment of all dues but Grand Lodge dues. Under a by-law so requiring it was laid over for one month and then came up for adoption, at which time the by-law being amended, in addition to the proposed change above set forth, was further amended by changing the annual dues from \$3.00 to \$2.00. The by-law as amended was then adopted and with proper certificates submitted to the Grand Master and by him approved. Has this amendment been legally adopted and is it a part of the by-laws of the lodge? No.

14. Nelson Lodge No. 77 requested Blue Hill Lodge No. 129 to waive jurisdiction over A. M. Perry, whose petition had been regularly presented to No. 129 and balloted upon with a favorable result. No. 129 refused to

waive jurisdiction and then the following record is made: "Moved and supported that Nelson Lodge confer the degree of E. A. on Mr. A. M. Perry, this lodge to retain the fee for same and then this lodge would waive jurisdiction. Motion prevailed." No. 77 conferred the degree. No further action was had in either lodge. Brother Perry moved into the jurisdiction of No. 209. What lodge has jurisdiction? Blue Hill No. 129.

15. There are but three ways in which a Master Mason can acquire knowledge of the fact that another is a Master Mason so as to be qualified to avouch for him. First, by sitting in a duly congregated and regularly opened lodge of Master Masons. Second, by an avouchment by one known to both to be a Master Mason in good standing. Third, by an examination made by a committee appointed by a proper officer of the lodge, of one seeking to visit the lodge.

16. When an Entered Apprentice passes an unsatisfactory examination the Master may direct the candidate to become proficient, and again present himself for examination and need not spread the ballot until the examination is satisfactory.

17. Where a petition for advancement has been rejected reexamination should always precede the spreading of the ballot when the petition for advancement is next presented.

18. The committee on petitions for initiation or advancement should not be a secret committee.

19. Where charges have been preferred against a brother who resides within the county in which the lodge accepting the charges is located, and the brother absents or secrets himself to escape service of notice required by law, he may be served by registered mail. The facts to warrant such a service must be clearly established. One temporarily absent on business or otherwise in good faith, must be personally served.

20. One who lived within the jurisdiction of, and was the material of a lodge located at West Superior, Wisconsin, petitioned that lodge for the degrees and was elected to receive them. Before securing them he moved into the jurisdiction of our No. 46 and applied through it to the lodge at West Superior for a waiver of jurisdiction, which was granted. How long should No. 46 wait before acting upon his petition? As soon as No. 46 has secured notice of the waiver the petition may be received and it will take the usual course.

21. One who has been rejected in South Dakota may apply in this state if otherwise eligible.

And now, my brethren, I come to the time when I return to you the gavel you placed in my hands one year ago. Most earnestly do I thank you for the honor conferred and for the kind and courteous treatment, the evidence of friendship and brotherly love with which I have been received wherever I have gone throughout the jurisdiction. My only regret, as I come to the close of the year, is that I was not able to do more to aid my brethren to advance the interests of the craft and lift up humanity.

At this time I wish to acknowledge my obligations and to return thanks to the officers of this Grand Lodge who have so willingly assisted

me in the performance of my duties during the past year; to the Past Grand Masters for their valuable advice, and to our Grand Custodian and Grand Secretary for assistance and counsel so often and so freely given.

Brethren, you have before you the work of the year. Wherein I have erred, believe it to have been an honest mistake, and so far as possible eliminate and overcome its effect. May your action be so guided by wisdom that this Grand Jurisdiction shall continue to increase in importance and in its influence for good, not only upon its members but upon all with whom they come in contact "that the honor, glory and reputation of the institution may be firmly established and the world at large convinced of its good effects."

ROBERT E. EVANS,
Grand Master.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge, A.F.: & A.M.: of Nebraska:

GENERAL FUND.

On hand as per last report.....	\$13,068 24
Received from the Grand Secretary.....	14,910 49
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	\$27,978 73
Paid orders 1862-6-73-5-8-82-3-4-6 to 2011, except 2002-5-6.....	\$13,928 03
Balance on hand.....	14,050 70
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	\$27,978 73

RELIEF FUND.

On hand as per last report.....	\$ 1,227 49
Received from Grand Secretary.....	1,630 61
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	\$ 2,858 10
Paid orders 1921 to 1947.....	\$ 1,175 32
To correct error, May 22, 1901.....	1 00
Balance on hand.....	1,681 73
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	\$ 2,858 10

MASONIC HOME FUND.

On hand as per last report.....	\$ 3,000 00
Balance on hand.....	\$ 3,000 00

RECAPITULATION.

General fund on hand.....	\$14,050 70
Relief fund on hand.....	1,681 78
Masonic Home fund.....	3,000 00
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	\$18,732 48

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN B. DINSMORE,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

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

I present herewith for examination the books and papers belonging to the office, statements of accounts, claims of Parallel Lodge No. 152, and Gavel Lodge No. 199, for return of \$10.00 each, fees paid for special dispensations, request for donation to the Masonic fair at Los Angeles, California. Anchor Lodge No. 142 surrendered its charter June 5th, 1901, Palmyra Lodge No. 45 surrendered its charter November 20th, 1901. By order of the Grand Master, the paraphernalia of No. 142 was loaned to the lodge U.:D.: at Beemer. The paraphernalia of No. 45 is in the lower vault of the fireproof library. The amount of dues charged against the lodges that surrendered their charters has been charged to profit and loss. All lodges have made returns and paid their fees and dues except Orion Lodge No. 242, which remitted \$45.00, leaving a balance due of 65 cents. I have submitted to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations the dispensations issued to the brethren at Hildreth and Beemer, with statements of work, petitions for charters, etc.

VOLUMES 5, 6, AND 7.

Owing to an unforeseen delay I was unable to have all of the above named volumes printed and bound before this communication. It was found that all the folios had to be changed as the numbers of the pages were electrotyped when the proceedings were issued in pamphlet form. The indexes were made so as to correspond to continuous paging and each folio had to be changed to correspond with the index. I have succeeded in having two hundred and fifty copies of each volume ready so that the representatives of lodges can take theirs now and save express charges. I suggest that some instructions be given the Grand Secretary as to the disposition of those not taken. The charges on the three volumes will be considerable, and if sent collect will be more than if prepaid.

The following is a list of appropriations made at the last session, and amounts expended:

	Appropriated	Expended
Postage, telegrams, telephones, and expressage.....	\$300 00	\$228 63
Stationery.....	50 00	35 85
Blanks.....	150 00	112 25
Incidentals.....	150 00	28 91
Pay-roll (as much as necessary).....		3,734 90
Chairman Committee on Returns.....	100 00	100 00
Grand Master's expense (or as much as necessary)...	500 00	210 20
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	500 00	429 32
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	50 00	50 00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,800 00	1,800 00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	900 00	870 00
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,200 00	1,200 00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	700 00	600 00
Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, salary.....	5 00	5 00

	Appropriated	Expended
Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, clerk hire . . .	\$60 00	\$37 50
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100 00	100 00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings, 1901	850 00	870 00
Purchasing supplies for sale to lodges	700 00	539 28
Library, purchasing and binding	100 00	93 80
Filing cases	60 00	30 00
Printing parchment charters	45 00	30 00
Grand Lodge office rent	200 00	200 00
Grand Lodge office, heat and light	50 00	50 00
Grand Lodge office, janitor	60 00	60 00
Grand Lodge office, telephone	30 00	30 00
Relief, Kent insurance, premium on policy	750 00	704 32
Printing and binding Volumes 5, 6, and 7	1,600 00	
Grand Tyler	50 00	50 00
Assistant Grand Tyler	2 00	2 00
Janitor service	9 00	9 00
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, surety bonds	65 00	45 00
Typewriter for Grand Secretary's office	100 00	40 00
To pay prior loan on Kent insurance policy	800 00	741 23
Stenographer's services, session of 1901	25 00	25 00
Assistants to Grand Treasurer	10 00	10 00
Grand Treasurer, postage, revenue stamps, expense, and exchange	3 96	3 96
Mileage and per diem, representative of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 for 1901	11 40	11 40
Mileage and per diem, representative of Orion Lodge No. 242 for 1901	3 28	3 28
Mileage and per diem, Harry A. Cheney	15 60	15 60
Rogers & Smith Company	194 32	194 32

RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

June 1, 1901, balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	\$1,226 49
June 8, 1901, Beaver City Lodge No. 93, payment of note	123 77
June 8, 1901, Palisade Lodge No. 216, payment of note	105 32
June 8, 1901, Melrose Lodge No. 60, payment of note	50 00
June 20, 1901, Brothers Callan, Hiatt, Bealer, Arnold, Quein, dues to Jasper Lodge No. 122	15 00
Oct. 17, 1901, Wm. J. Hoback, dues to Summit Lodge No. 141	4 00
Oct. 29, 1901, Melrose Lodge No. 60, payment on note	75 00
Dec. 18, 1901, Mason City Lodge No. 170, payment of note	125 00
Dec. 27, 1901, Crystal Lodge No. 191, payment of note	81 60
Dec. 31, 1901, Melrose Lodge No. 60, payment of note	175 00
Jany. 1, 1902, Robert Burns Lodge No. 173, payment of note	141 60
Jany. 25, 1902, St. Paul Lodge No. 82, payment on interest	50 00
Feb. 28, 1902, Ira N. Picket, dues to Grand Lodge	6 00
May 20, 1902, Five per cent. of fees and dues, year ending March 31, 1902	678 32
Total	\$2,857 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Parian Lodge No. 207, relief of James A. Pike....	\$60 00
Scribner Lodge No. 132, relief of Jesse A. Nason..	96 00
Bloomfield Lodge No. 213, relief of Arthur N. Doane	60 00
Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, relief of Edwin F. Russell.....	60 00
Merna Lodge No. 171, relief of Charles F. Pinkston,	60 00
Mass. Mut. Life Ins. Co., interest on Kent loan...	22 20
" " " " " premium on Kent ins. policy.....	682 12
Western Star Lodge No. 2, relief of Abram M. Smith	75 00
Falls City Lodge No. 9, relief of Thomas W. Harris.	50 00
Morning Star Lodge No. 197, relief of Ernest Fuller	25 00
Balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands May 20, 1902.....	1,666 78
Total.....	\$2,857 10

STATEMENT OF NOTES BELONGING TO RELIEF FUND WITH AMOUNTS NOW DUE.

July 31, 1897, Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	\$378 86
Jan. 31, 1898, " " " " ".....	378 86
July 31, 1898, " " " " ".....	375 06
Jan. 31, 1899, " " " " ".....	375 06
July 31, 1899, " " " " ".....	371 26
Jan. 31, 1900, " " " " ".....	371 26
July 31, 1900, " " " " ".....	367 36
July 30, 1900, " " " " ".....	521 31
Jan. 31, 1901, " " " " ".....	888 67
July 31, 1901, " " " " ".....	879 57
Jan. 31, 1902, " " " " ".....	857 37
May 1, 1902, " " " " ".....	913 46
Dec. 5, 1894, Gauge Lodge No. 208.....	100 00
Dec. 14, 1894, Bancroft Lodge No. 145.....	82 00
Jan. 10, 1895, Indianola Lodge No. 123.....	168 00
Feb. 16, 1895, Zeredatha Lodge No. 160.....	340 25
	<u>\$7 368 35</u>

NOTE BELONGING TO GENERAL FUND.

Aug. 13, 1891, Lewis A. Kent and wife, assigned by the Mass. Mutual Life Ins. Company.....	\$741 23
Total.....	\$8,109 58

No interest is included in the above statement.

The following payments on notes have been made during the year:

June 8, 1901, Beaver City Lodge No 93, in full.....	\$123 77
June 8, 1901, Palisade Lodge No. 216, in full.....	105 32
June 8, 1901, Melrose Lodge No. 60, part payment.....	50 00
Oct. 29, 1901, Melrose Lodge No. 60, in full.....	\$75 00
Dec. 18, 1901, Mason City Lodge No. 170, in full.....	125 00
Dec. 27, 1901, Crystal Lodge No. 191, in full.....	81 00
Dec. 31, 1901, Melrose Lodge No. 60, in full.....	175 00
Jan. 1, 1902, Robert Burns Lodge No. 173, in full.....	141 60
Jan. 28, 1902, St. Paul Lodge No. 82, on interest.....	50 00
Total.....	<u>\$927 29</u>

Additional notes received during the year:

July 31, 1901, Lewis A. Kent and wife, renewal of note for \$382.46 with interest added for five years at 7 per cent., \$538.51, semi-annual premium on insurance policy, \$341.06...	\$879 57
July 31, 1901, Note, Lewis A. Kent and wife, assigned to Grand Lodge by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company..	741 23
Jan. 1, 1902, Lewis A. Kent and wife, renewal of note for \$382.46 with interest for five years at 7 per cent., \$516.26, semi-annual premium on insurance policy, \$341.06.....	857 32
May 1, 1902, Lewis A. Kent and wife, renewal of note for \$676.66 with interest for five years at 7 per cent.....	913 46

The notes renewed as shown above had been running for five years, the interest at 7 per cent. per annum (not compounded) was included on the new notes taken, and those replaced were returned to Brother Kent.

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand last report.....	\$3,051 07
Purchased during the year.....	539 28
Total.....	<u>\$3,590 35</u>
Sold during the year and issued free under the law.....	540 14
On hand March 31, 1902.....	<u>\$3,050 21</u>

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence, \$100.00; Committee on Returns, \$100.00.....	\$200 00
Grand Tyler, \$50.00; janitor, \$9.00; assistants to Grand Treasurer, \$10.00.....	69 00
Stenographer, last session, \$25.00; premiums on Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's bonds, \$45.00.....	70 00
Mileage and per dium, 1900, \$39.38; pay-roll, 1901, \$3,734.90; expenses, Grand Treasurer, \$3.96.....	3,778 24
Rogers & Smith Co., \$194.32; filing cases, \$30.00; portraits for proceedings, 1901, \$13.00.....	240 32

Pamphlets: Grand Master's address, etc., \$21.30; advance copies proceedings, 1901, \$43.25.....	\$64 55
Proceedings of 1901, \$754.80; 3 parchment charters, \$30.00....	784 80
Freight on columns to Douglas, Nebraska.....	2 10
Clerk hire: Grand Secretary, \$870.00; Grand Master, \$429.32; Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, \$37.50.....	1,336 82
Expenses of Grand Master, \$210.20; expenses of Grand Custodian, \$600.00.....	810 20
Janitor, \$60.00; stationery, \$35.85; telephone, \$30.00; blanks, \$112.25.....	238 10
Incidentals, \$28.91; postage, expressage, etc., \$228.63.....	257 54
Salaries: Grand Secretary, \$1,800.00; Grand Treasurer, \$50.00; Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, \$5.00; Grand Custodian, \$1,200.00.....	1,850 00
Joint Agent railroad company, \$11.00; rent, \$200.00; heat and light, \$50.00.....	261 00
Engraving mallet.....	9 62
Total expense for the year.....	\$11,177 29

TRIAL BALANCE, MAY 20TH, 1902.

Masonic Home Fund, cash on hand.....	\$3,000 00	
Relief Fund, cash on hand.....	1,066 78	
General Fund, cash on hand.....	13,931 18	
Grand Lodge jewels.....	202 50	
Office furniture.....	859 35	
Library furniture.....	1,614 38	
Grand Lodge library.....	831 63	
Bills receivable.....	8,109 58	
Supplies.....	3,050 21	
Electrotype plates.....	15,997 98	
Inventory.....		\$18,810 89
Jordan Medal Fund.....		21 15
Masonic Home.....		3,934 40
Orion Lodge No. 242.....	65	
Beemer Lodge U.D.....		50 00
Profit and loss.....		26,447 85
Total.....	\$49,234 29	\$49,264 29

Crt. No.	NAME AND LODGE	BORN	1°	2°	3°
189	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.....	Sept.26,'20	Feb. 15,'47	Mar. 14,'47	Mar. 15,'47
190	Thaddeus W. Boies, 2....	Mar. 9,'28	Jan. 4,'67	Feb. 1,'67	Mar. 1,'67
191	Ezra Humphrey, 2.....	Oct. 31,'33	June 18,'56	July 16,'56	Aug. 20,'56
192	John F. Neal, 14.....	Mar. 31,'35	Aug. 24,'61	Sept.28,'61	Oct. 26,'61
193	William Bagley, 4.....	May 27,'25	Feb. 4,'65	Mar. 18,'65	Apr. 1,'65
194	Oliver J. Buffington, 120..	May 11,'36	Oct. 27,'66	Dec. 3,'66	Jan. 22,'67
195	Andrew J. McMurtry, 207	Mar. 12,'35	July 17,'56	Aug. 14,'56	Sept.11,'56
196	Edwin Davis, 3.....	July 17,'36	Aug. 15,'60	Sept.12,'60	Nov. 28,'60
197	Allen Craig, 10.....	Mar. 14,'36	Apr. 20,'66	June 5,'66	July 21,'66
198	David Tourtelot, 210.....	Jan. 27,'34	Nov. 21,'68	Jan. 2,'69	Feb. 13,'69
199	Michael Jenner, 141.....	Apr. 22,'28	Apr. 9,'52*	.....	Apr. 16,'52
200	William J. Laughlin, 163..	Mar. 13,'30	Mar. 5,'69	Apr. ...'69	May 27,'69
201	Baltzar Mowan, 210.....	July 25,'25	Mar. 20,'57	Apr. 10,'57	Apr. 19,'57
202	Martin Dunham, 3.....	Nov. 10,'36	July 28,'64	Sept. 1,'64	Dec. 9,'64
203	Granville W. Miller, 19....	Feb. 26,'34	Feb. 19,'64	Mar. 18,'64	Mar. 22,'64
204	Daniel C. Cole, 14.....	July 19,'36	June 8,'67	July 27,'67	Aug. 10,'67
205	Gideon Wheeler, 89.....	Oct. 23,'27	+	.....	.....
206	John C. Stire, 54.....	July 24,'35	Jan. 16,'66	Feb. 23,'66	Mar. 23,'66
207	Joseph J. Bock, 48.....	June 27,'31	Aug. 30,'60	Sept.22,'60	Oct. 9,'60
208	Ebenezer Wilner, 48.....	Jan. 15,'37	Jan. 3,'61	Feb. 21,'61	Mar. 21,'61
209	Asa Rathbun, 5.....	June 14,'28	June 11,'56	Sept.12,'56	Nov. 14,'56
210	James O'Hara, 81.....	Jan. 16,'37	Mar. 1,'64	Mar. 15,'64	Mar. 26,'64
211	Alden P. Hull, 210.....	Mar. 16,'33*	.....	.....	'66
212	Reuben Patrick, 21.....	Dec. 23,'34	Jan. 6,'63	Feb. 3,'63	Apr. 7,'63
213	Hopewell P. Shore, 65....	Mar. 17,'33	Jan. 14,'62	Apr. 8,'62	Dec. 30,'62
214	Jacob Zaring, 14.....	Feb. 21,'34	Feb. 17,'65	Mar. 18,'65	May 13,'65
215	George B. France, 56.....	Jan. 10,'37	Feb. 21,'65	Mar. 9,'65	Mar. 23,'65
216	William H. Morris, 37....	Jan. 12,'36	Jan. 8,'67	Jan. 12,'67	Jan. 12,'67
217	Ephriam A. Stevens, 33....	Sept.20,'35	Mar. 22,'64	Apr. 26,'64	May 24,'64
218	Thomas H. Saunders, 65....	Apr. 2,'37	Mar. 14,'64	Mar. 21,'64	Mar. 21,'64
219	Frank E. Caldwell, 1.....	Mar. 23,'36	Apr. 14,'69	June 22,'69	July 20,'69
220	William H. Alden, 68.....	June 1,'31	Dec. 11,'61	Jan. 15,'62	Mar. 12,'62
221	William H. Streeter, 68....	Feb. 27,'35	Oct. 2,'66	Jan. 29,'67	Feb. 26,'67
222	Lewis Reed, 1.....	Dec. 28,'36	Nov. 9,'67	Nov. 30,'67	Dec. 28,'67

* No data.

+ Affiliated Sept. 1st, 1870.

At the last session funds were appropriated to rearrange the cases in the Grand Secretary's office, but owing to the time necessary to prepare Vols. 5, 6, and 7, and to make the index for Vol. 7, it was not possible to make the change. The votes on the amendment to the constitution were sixty-four in favor and fifty-one against; total, one hundred and fifteen.

Itemized accounts for all expenses have been submitted to the Committee on Accounts. I know of no indebtedness against the Grand Lodge except the bill of the Omaha Printing Co., for changing the electrotype plates and for printing and binding Volumes 5, 6, and 7. Both of the above bills have been submitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

Cheerfully complying with the Law of Freemasonry of this Grand Jurisdiction, I herewith fraternally submit for your information a report of my official labors for the past year.

I have held three hundred and nineteen sessions of Custodian's schools of instruction, in sixty-seven different lodges throughout the jurisdiction, as follows:

LODGE	NO.	PLACE	DATE
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	July 13-14, 1901
Kenesaw	144	Kenesaw	Sept. 16-17, 1901
Grace	226	Wilcox	Sept. 18-19, 1901
Beaver City	93	Beaver City	Sept. 20-21, 1901
Joppa	76	Bloomington	Sept. 23-24, 1901
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	Sept. 26-27-28, 1901
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	Sept. 26-27-28, 1901
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	Oct. 4-5-6, 1901
George Armstrong	241	Craig	Oct. 7-8, 1901
Star	88	Decatur	Oct. 9-10, 1901
Golden Rule	236	Allen	Oct. 11-12, 1901
Creighton	100	Creighton	Oct. 14-15, 1901
Corner-stone	247	Osmond	Oct. 16-17, 1901
Siloam	147	Stuart	Oct. 18-19, 1901
Gilead	233	Butte	Oct. 21-22, 1901
Amity	169	Rushville	Oct. 23-24, 1901
Hay Springs	177	Hay Springs	Oct. 25-26, 1901
Rob Morris	46	Kearney	Oct. 31, Nov. 1-2, 1901
Elm Creek	133	Elm Creek	Nov. 8-9, 1901
Shelton	99	Shelton	Nov. 15-16, 1901
Meridian	188	Cozad	Nov. 17-18, 1901
Juniata	42	Juniata	Nov. 21-22, 1901
McCook	135	McCook	Nov. 25-26, 1901
Cedar River	89	Fullerton	Jan. 13 14, 1902
Crescent	143	Cedar Rapids	Jan. 15-16, 1902
Globe	113	Madison	Jan. 17-18, 1902
Trowel	71	Neligh	Jan. 20-21, 1902
Evergreen	153	Pierce	Jan. 22-23, 1902
Composite	81	Rising City	Jan. 24-25, 1902
Osceola	65	Osceola	Jan. 27-28, 1902
Cubit	231	Douglas	Jan. 29-30, 1902
Mt. Hermon	231	Cook	Feb. 3-4, 1902
Plumblin	214	Adams	Feb. 5-6, 1902
Sterling	70	Sterling	Feb. 7-8, 1902
Steele City	107	Steele City	Feb. 10-11, 1902
Alexandria	74	Alexandria	Feb. 12-13, 1902

LODGE	NO.	PLACE	DATE
Tyre	85	Blue Springs	Feb. 14-15, 1902
Geneva	79	Geneva	Feb. 24-25, 1902
Fairbury	35	Fairbury	Feb. 26-27, 1902
Lily	154	Davenport	Feb. 28-March 1, 1902
Eminence	223	Giltner	March 3-4, 1902
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	March 7-8, 1902
Doniphan	86	Doniphan	March 5-6, 1902
Crystal	191	Scotia	March 7-8, 1902
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	March 10-11-12, 1902
Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh	March 13-14-15, 1902
Blazing Star	200	Burwell	March 10-11, 1902
Elwood	167	Elwood	March 13-14, 1902
Aurora	68	Aurora	March 17-18-19, 1902
York	56	York	March 20-21-22, 1902
Level	196	Stockville	March 18-19, 1902
Curtis	168	Curtis	March 15-17, 1902
Bartley	228	Bartley	March 21-22, 1902
Emmet Crawford	148	Broken Bow	March 24-25, 1902
Albion	78	Albion	March 26-27, 1902
Mosaic	55	Norfolk	March 28-29, 1902
Northern Light	41	Stanton	April 2-3, 1902
Fremont	15	Fremont	April 4-5, 1902
Fidelity	51	David City	April 7-8, 1902
Rawalt	138	Oxford	April 9-10, 1902
Minden	127	Minden	April 11-12, 1902
Hastings	50	Hastings	April 14-15, 1902
Cement	211	Wood River	April 16-17, 1902
Ashler	33	Grand Island	April 18-19, 1902
Lebanon	58	Columbus	April 21-22, 1902
Nebraska	1	Omaha	April 23-24-25, 1902
Capitol	3	Omaha	April 23-24-25, 1902
Covert	11	Omaha	April 23-24-25, 1902
St. Johns	25	Omaha	April 23-24-25, 1902
George Washington	250	Havelock	April 29-30, 1902
Crete	37	Crete	May 1-2, 1902

Thirty-one of the above lodges have a membership of fifty and more. Thirty-six have a membership of fifty or less. Total attendance five thousand, five hundred and nine. I was also in attendance with the Grand Master in constituting lodges at Wausa, Havelock, and Gothenburg, and instituting a lodge U. D., at Hildreth, and in laying a corner-stone at Columbus. We also made official examinations for lodges U. D., at Hildreth, Bassett, and Pleasant Dale, and, under the orders of the Grand Master, closed up all matters of Palmyra Lodge No. 45, and adjusted all matters of interest in connection with the Grand Lodge with Orion Lodge No. 242, as well as making six other official visitations.

By reason of ill health, and with the consent and approval of the Grand

Master, I officially deputized M. .W. John J. Mercer, P. :G. :M. ., to make an official examination for a lodge U. D. , at Beemer, Nebraska, which he did with that care and efficiency which is a marked characteristic of all his Masonic labors. In due time he forwarded me his report recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, which met with our approval; on which report we cheerfully recommended the same as required by Masonic law and usage.

The condition of my health was such that I could not complete my engagements as officially announced in November. With the consent and approval of the Grand Master, I officially deputized Brother John W. Tulleys, of Charity Lodge No. 53, to assist me until such time as I could complete the work myself; first having the brother come to my home and review the entire work with me before holding any schools of instruction. No additional expense was incurred by the Grand Lodge by reason of this appointment. The same was borne by myself personally. Brother Tulleys reported to me from time to time each lodge visited by him.

The universal courtesy and fraternal kindness extended by the craft throughout the jurisdiction makes the labors of the Grand Custodian one continual round of social pleasure. To the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary I am under obligations that I can never repay, for their valuable advice and assistance at all times so fraternally given.

Brethren, as we labor on from year to year,
The tie that binds us becomes more near and dear;
Life is what we make it, be it good or bad;
Oh, let us improve it by making each heart glad.

Fraternally,

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

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

Your Committee on Relief presents herewith a statement of relief granted during the year in addition to the amount ordered at the last session of the Grand Lodge. Each case presented was carefully considered, and such relief extended as we thought necessary:

To Western Star Lodge No. 2, for relief of Brother Abram M. Smith..	\$75.00
To Falls City Lodge No. 9, for relief of Brother Thomas M. Harris..	50.00
To Morning Star Lodge No. 197, for relief of Brother Ernest Fuller..	25.00
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Total amount paid for relief during the year, as shown by the report of the Grand Secretary.....	\$486.00
Amount on hand in the Relief Fund.....	\$1,666.78

During the year Brother James A. Pike, of Parian Lodge No. 207, died, and on receiving information from the lodge that the family of our deceased brother needed assistance, the relief granted to him at the last session of the Grand Lodge was continued to his family.

A request from Unity Lodge No. 163 for relief for Brother John Hanna was received, but as it was not in proper shape no action was taken thereon.

Your committee are advised that all the relief notes have been paid to the Grand Lodge, except those given by lodges Nos. 123, 145, 160, and 208. Their total indebtedness amounts to \$690.25. Letters have been received from Indianola Lodge No. 123, and Bancroft Lodge No. 145, promising to pay at least a portion of their notes at an early day, but no word has been received from Zeredatha Lodge No. 160 and Gauge Lodge No. 208.

As our future revenue will consist mainly of the five per cent. transferred annually from the general fund, and out of this must be paid the premium on the Kent insurance policy, our available funds for relief will be materially reduced in the near future unless the Grand Lodge makes provision for additional revenue.

All correspondence relating to the above mentioned cases is herewith submitted.

ZWINGLE M. BAIRD,
Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS
EDUCATIONAL FUND.

OMAHA, May 20th, 1902.

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

The following report is respectfully submitted on behalf of the trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund:

The board, as at present constituted, is as follows: Frank H. Young, of Broken Bow, president; M. R. Hopewell, of Tekamah, secretary, and Chas. K. Coutant, Omaha, treasurer.

The books and records received from Brother A. U. Wyman, late treasurer, show receipts and disbursements by him from May 25th, 1901, to October 19th, 1901, as follows:

Mortgages on hand as shown by report, page 27,	
Proceedings Grand Lodge, 1901.....	\$33,547 35

DISBURSEMENTS FOR SECURITIES PURCHASED.

1901, May 29, No. 92, McCaffrey.....	\$ 800 00	
“ June 8, “ 93, Andrews.....	500 00	
“ “ 19, “ 94, Richardson.....	500 00	
“ July 17, “ 95, Wead.....	1,000 00	
“ Aug. 12, “ 96, Eggleston.....	250 00	
“ “ 14, “ 11, Lindner.....	30 00	
“ Oct. 1, “ 97, Robinson.....	1,800 00	
“ “ 6, “ 98, Skow.....	550 00	
“ “ 6, “ 99, Young.....	300 00	5,730 00
		\$39,277 35

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF PRINCIPAL OF SECURITIES PAID.

1901, June 3, No. 45, Christensen.....	1,000 00	
“ “ 15, “ 29, Romano.....	50 00	
“ “ 18, “ 83, Hackett.....	440 00	
“ “ 22, “ 84, Kuehn.....	60 00	
“ July 12, “ 94, Richardson.....	500 00	
“ Aug. 6, “ 84, Kuehn.....	100 00	
“ “ 10, “ 81, Maier.....	41 00	
“ Sept. 16, “ 81, Maier.....	49 60	
“ “ 25, “ 8, Polesley.....	800 00	
“ “ 26, “ 89, Louden.....	1,200 00	
“ Oct. 8, “ 84, Kuehn.....	100 00	
“ “ 17, “ 95, Wead.....	1,000 00	5,340 60
		\$33,936 75
Securities on hand, Oct. 19, 1901.....		\$33,936 75
Transferred to Chas. K. Coutant, Treas., same date,		\$33,936 75

Receipts from interest and rents from May 25, 1901, to Oct. 19th, 1901, as follows:

DATE	NO.	INTEREST	RENTS
May	29-32, Haman.....	\$32 60	
"	31- 9, Voss.....	40 00	
"	31-41, Griffin.....	27 00	
June	3-45, Christiansen.....	35 00	
"	4- Harney St. Rent.....		\$17 05
"	8-48, Niesendorfer.....	5 00	
"	11- 609 No. 32d Rent.....		10 00
"	18-83, Hackett.....	9 15	
"	22-84, Kuehn.....	90	
July	5- Harney St. Rent.....		16 65
"	11-68, Long.....	18 00	
"	11-69, Link.....	37 50	
"	11-75, Martin.....	51 00	
"	11-77, England.....	15 00	
"	11-80, Franks.....	24 50	
"	11-88, Lock.....	42 00	
"	11-89, Louden.....	36 00	
"	11-90, Saling.....	10 50	
"	11- 609 No. 32d Rent.....		10 00
"	12-94, Richardson.....	2 00	
"	16-58, Moore.....	10 50	
Aug.	2- Harney St. Rent.....		16 65
"	6-63, Zahner.....	12 00	
"	6-65, Rich.....	20 00	
"	10-81, Maier.....	10 00	
"	10-62, Warren.....	15 15	
"	12- 609 No. 32d Rent.....		10 00
"	14-11, Lindner.....	42 65	
"	14-60, Francis.....	37 95	
"	14-86, Gallaher.....	30 00	
"	23-61, Warren.....	45 35	
"	26-29, Romano.....	35 45	
"	27-51, School Dist. 246.....	21 00	
"	29-71, Svenson.....	6 00	
"	30-39, Northern Light No. 41.....	39 00	
Sept.	3-70, Goodrich.....	6 00	
"	3- 4420 Harney St.....		16 65
"	11-82, Pendergast.....	8 75	
"	16-87, Hodges.....	11 00	
"	25- 8, Polsley.....	38 25	
"	25- 609 No. 32d Rent.....		10 00
"	26-89, Louden.....	17 00	
Oct.	2- Harney St.....		16 65
"	7-43, Frear.....	15 00	

DATE	NO.	INTEREST	RENTS
Oct.	7-66, Dehm.....	\$24 00	
"	7-73, Skalka.....	18 00	
"	7-74, Bowman.....	19 50	
"	7-91, Foss.....	27 00	
"	8-84, Kuehn.....	7 60	
"	15- 609 No. 32d Rent.....		\$10.00
"	17-95, Wead.....	17 50	
"	18-15, Peterson.....	40 00	
		<u>\$960 80</u>	<u>\$133 65</u>

Disbursements for interest and expenses from May 25 to Oct. 19, 1901:

May 28,	Repairs, 4420 Harney.....	\$ 4 15
June 18,	" " ".....	5 23
July 9,	Water rent, 4420 Harney.....	9 15
" 11,	City tax, " ".....	23 80
" 11,	" " 609 No. 32d.....	9 14
Sept. 4,	Hastings tax.....	5 25
" 4,	Harney St. water.....	1 40
Oct. 1,	No. 97, Robinson interest.....	3 50
" 6,	" 98, Skow.....	6 05
" 6,	" 99, Young.....	1 80
		<u>\$69 47</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Cash on hand May 25, 1901, as per report, proceedings Grand	
Lodge, 1901, page 27.....	\$779 71
Receipts on principal as above.....	5,340 60
" from interest " ".....	960 80
" Rents, Harney St.....	83 65
" " 609 N. 32d St.....	50 00
	<u>\$7,214 76</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid for securities.....	\$5,730 00
" " " interest.....	11 35
" repairs and taxes Harney St.....	43 73
Tax, 609 N. 32d St.....	9 14
" Hasting's lot.....	5 25
Balance to Chas. K. Coutant, Treas.....	1,415 29
	<u>\$7,214 76</u>

Receipts by Chas. K. Coutant, Treas., on account principal and interest from October 19th, 1901, to May 20th, 1902:

DATE	NO.	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
Oct.	22-10 Greutmann.....		\$10 60
Nov.	1-34 Grady.....		30 00

DATE	NO.		PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
Nov.	29-9	Voss.....		\$40 00
"	29-41	Griffin.....		27 00
Dec.	3-76	Whitnack.....		24 00
"	6-92	McCaffrey.....	\$100 00	28 00
"	10-48	Niesendorfer.....	"	5 00
"	28-49	School Dist. 49.....	50 00	3 50
"	28-35	Ord Bonds.....		224 00
"	31-90	Saling.....		10 50
Jan.	2-93	Andrews.....		20 00
"	2-77	England.....		15 00
"	10-75	Martin & Lenox.....		51 00
"	10-88	Lock.....		42 00
"	13-29	McKenty.....	600 00	48 20
"	27-61	Warren.....		45 20
"	27-62	Warren.....		15 10
Feb.	4-65	Rich.....		20 00
"	11-82	Pendergast.....		8 75
"	14-101	Goodrich.....	150 00	6 50
"	15-98	Skow.....		16 50
"	15-99	Young.....		9 00
"	15-69	Link.....	1,250 00	46 85
"	24-39	Northern Light Lodge.....		39 00
"	27-56	Zohner.....	363 13	10 48
March	1-87	Hodges.....		11 00
"	1-32	Haman.....		32 00
"	3-29	Romano.....	184 22	34 45
"	3-	City Savings Bank.....		2 93
"	7-81	Maier.....		5 47
"	8-73	Skalka.....		18 60
"	12-79	McKenty.....		9 00
"	13-86	Gallaher.....		30 00
"	14-71	Svenson.....	150 00	6 50
"	17-44	Cole.....		52 00
"	21-74	Bowman.....		19 50
April	3-78	Hellman.....		35 25
"	22-29	Romano.....	800 00	
"	22-84	Kuehn.....	100 00	3 00
"	23-15	Peterson.....		40 00
"	29-68	Long.....		18 00
"	29-34	Grady.....		30 00
"	30-	City Savings Bank.....		4 76
May	2-76	Whitnack.....		24 00
"	5-32	Haman.....	800 00	40 53
"	14-92	McCaffrey.....	100 00	24 50
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			\$4,647 35	\$1,237 07

Receipts for rents from Oct. 19th, 1901, to May 20th, 1902:

4420 Harney St.....	\$115 25
609 N. 32d St.....	70 00
	<u>\$185 25</u>

Disbursements on account principal and interest of securities purchased:

DATE	NO		PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
Jan. 13—100	Hogeboom.....	600 00		
Feb. 14—101	Goodrich.....	400 00		
" 28—102	Pospisel.....	1,500 00		1 87
Mch. 14—103	Erricksen.....	250 00		
" 21—104	Flanagan.....	2,000 00		
April —105	Sklenar.....	1,000 00		
" 22—106	Romano.....	800 00		
		<u>\$6,550 00</u>		<u>\$1 87</u>

Disbursement for expenses, Oct. 19th, 1901, to May 20th, 1902:

Dec. 28,	exchange on check, School District No. 49.....	\$	15
" 30,	water tax, 4420 Harney St.....		9 17
Feb. 15,	ex. on release Goodrich and McKenty mortgages.....		1 00
" 20,	Rogers, Milton & Son.....		6 00
" 24,	O'Flyng, Parker Co., printing.....		6 25
March 8,	satisfaction Svenson mortgage.....		50
April 22,	recording assignment Kuehn mortgage.....		1 00
" 28,	cleaning cesspool, 4420 Harney St.....		8 00
" 28,	Wheeler & Wheeler, bond of treasurer.....		20 00
May 5,	ex. assignment Haman mortgage.....		1 25
" 15,	" " Moore ".....		1 25
" 16,	" Russell, F. M., repairs, 4420 Harney St.....		31 19
" 16,	" Rowe, John " " " ".....		10 10
" 16,	" postage.....		1 00
" 16,	" Megeath Stationery Co.....		1 45
" 16,	" Omaha Excelsior.....		2 00
" 16,	" First National safety deposit vaults.....		6 00
" 16,	" Wyman, W. T., insurance.....		6 00
			<u>\$112 31</u>

Summary of receipts and disbursements from Oct. 19th, 1901, to May 20th, 1902:

Received from A. U. Wyman, late treasurer.....	\$1,415 29
" " principal.....	4,647 35
" " interest.....	1,237 07
" " rents.....	185 25
	<u>\$7,484 96</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For principal.....	\$6,550 00
“ interest.....	1 87
“ expense.....	112 31
Balance on hand.....	820 78
	<u>\$7,484 96</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Securities on hand this date.....	\$35,839 40
Cash “ “ “ “ “.....	820 78
	<u>\$36,660 18</u>
Securities and cash last report.....	34,327 06
Increase.....	<u>\$ 2,333 12</u>
Harney St. property, received from rents.....	\$198 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 28, repairs.....	\$ 4 15	
June 18, “.....	5 23	
July 9, water bill.....	9 15	
“ 11, city tax.....	23 80	
Sep. 4, extra water tax.....	1 40	
Dec. 30, water tax.....	9 17	
Apr. 28, cleaning cesspool.....	8 00	
“ 16, Russell, F. M., repairs.....	31 19	
“ 16, Rowe, John & Co., repairs.....	10 10	102 19
Net income.....		<u>\$96 71</u>
No. 609 No. 32d St., received from rents.....		120 00
July 11, taxes.....		9 14
Net income.....		<u>\$110 86</u>

SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

NO.	BORROWER	AMOUNT	RATE	INT. PAID TO
9,	Voss.....	\$1,000 00	8 per cent.	Dec. 1, 1901
10,	Greutmann.....	300 00	7 “ “	Oct. 1, 1901
11,	Lindner.....	380 00	7 “ “	Apr. 1, 1901
15,	Petersen.....	1,000 00	8 “ “	May 1, 1902
31,	Hobbie.....	500 00	8 “ “	Sept. 1, 1900
34,	Grady.....	750 00	8 “ “	May 1, 1902
35,	Ord Village Bonds.....	3,200 00	7 “ “	Jan. 1, 1902
39,	Nor. Light Lodge No. 41.....	1,300 00	6 “ “	Feb. 27, 1902
41,	Griffin, Mary P.....	900 00	6 “ “	Dec. 1, 1901
43,	Frear.....	300 00	10 “ “	Oct. 1, 1901
44,	Cole.....	800 00	6½ “ “	Mar. 15, 1902

NO.	BORROWER	AMOUNT	RATE	INT. PAID TO
48,	Niesendorfer	\$100 00	10 per cent.	June 8, 1902
51,	School District 246	300 00	7 " "	Sep. 1, 1901
58,	Moore.....	350 00	6 " "	June 1, 1901
60,	Francis.....	900 00	8 " "	Feb. 1, 1901
61,	Warren.....	1,500 00	6 " "	Jan. 6, 1902
62,	Warren.....	500 00	6 " "	Jan. 20, 1902
65,	Rich.....	500 00	8 " "	Feb. 1, 1902
66,	Dehm.....	800 00	6 " "	Sep. 1, 1901
68,	Long.....	600 00	6 " "	Jan. 1, 1902
73,	Skalka.....	600 00	6 " "	Mar. 1, 1902
74,	Bowman.....	650 00	6 " "	Apr. 1, 1902
75,	Martin & Lenox.....	1,700 00	6 " "	Jan. 1, 1902
76,	Whitnack.....	800 00	6 " "	May 1, 1902
77,	England.....	500 00	6 " "	Jan. 1, 1902
78,	Hellman.....	350 00	10 " "	Jan. 20, 1902
80,	Franks.....	700 00	7 " "	July 1, 1901
81,	Maier.....	109 40	10 " "	Mar. 7, 1902
82,	Pendergast.....	250 00	7 " "	Feb. 1, 1902
86,	Gallaher.....	600 00	10 " "	Feb. 1, 1902
87,	Hodges.....	400 00	5½ " "	Mar. 1, 1902
88,	Lock.....	1,400 00	6 " "	Jan. 1, 1902
90,	Saling.....	350 00	6 " "	Jan. 1, 1902
91,	Foss.....	900 00	6 " "	Oct. 1, 1901
92,	McCaffrey.....	600 00	7 " "	May 15, 1902
93,	Andrews.....	500 00	8 " "	Dec. 4, 1901
96,	Eggleston.....	250 00	8 " "	Int. due Jun.8
97,	Robinson.....	1,800 00	5 " "	Sep. 17, 1901
98,	Skow.....	550 00	6 " "	Feb. 1, 1902
99,	Young.....	300 00	6 " "	Mar. 1, 1902
100,	Hogeboom.....	600 00	8 " "	No int. due
101,	Goodrich.....	400 00	6 " "	" " "
102,	Pospisel.....	1,500 40	5 " "	" " "
103,	Erickson.....	250 00	6 " "	" " "
104,	Flanagan.....	2,000 00	5 " "	" " "
105,	Sklenar.....	1,000 00	5 " "	" " "
106,	Romano.....	800 00	6 " "	" " "

\$35,839 40

Respectfully submitted,
 CHAS. K. COUTANT,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Comitée on Returns submits the following report of work done by the craft in this jurisdiction, together with tabulated statements showing the rebates allowed by the committee, and an abstract of the returns received from the subordinate lodges, all for the year ending March 31, 1902:

Number initiated.....	847	
" passed.....	788	
" raised.....		723
" admitted.....		361
" reinstated.....		150
" gained otherwise.....		57
Total increase.....		<u>1,291</u>
Number demitted.....	491	
" deceased.....	167	
" suspended.....	218	
" expelled.....	5	
" lost otherwise.....	9	
Total decrease.....		<u>890</u>
Total net gain during the year.....		<u><u>401</u></u>
Number of Master Masons, March 31, 1901, shown on last year's report.....	12,767	
Less number dropped from last year's report on account of lodges that surrendered their charters during the present year and that are included in this report under Extinct Lodges:		
Lodge No. 45.....	19	
" " 122.....	14	
" " 142.....	20	53
Number of Master Masons, March 31, 1901, as shown on statement.....	12,714	
Add number gained during the year.....	401	
Number of Master Masons, March 31, 1902, as shown on statement.....		<u><u>13,115</u></u>
Dues for the year.....	\$12,583 00	
Fees for the year.....	4,235 00	
Total.....		<u>\$16,818 00</u>
Less amount allowed lodges this year on account of rebates on returns of March 31, 1901, as recommended on last year's report.....		<u>2,922 19</u>
Amount due and paid Grand Lodge for dues and fees.....		<u><u>\$13,895 81</u></u>

Rebates recommended to be allowed on account of lodge reports for March 31, 1902:

Full rebate on	10,711 members @. 25c.....	\$2,677 75
Proportionate rebate	1,609 "	376 72
No rebate	286 "	
	<u>12,606 "</u>	<u>\$2,954 47</u>

Returns and funds have been received from all lodges except No. 242.

One hundred and eighty lodges, having forwarded returns and funds prior to April 6th, are entitled to the maximum rebate for general accuracy and prompt transmittal of funds, with returns in duplicate, according to Section 104, Paragraph 14, of our law.

Returns and funds have been received from forty-two lodges between April 7th and 30th, entitling them to proportionate rebate as set forth in the accompanying table marked "Exhibit A."

Five lodges sent in their reports too late to receive any rebate, viz: Nos. 128, 140, 153, 238, and 251.

Rebates have not been allowed the following lodges on account of inaccuracies and incompleteness of their returns, viz: Nos. 123, 128, 137, 140, 153, 177, 179, and 238. Lodges Nos. 137 and 153 also neglected to send in duplicates of their returns.

Lodge No. 242 is liable to assessment of 10 per cent. penalty in addition to the loss of rebate, for the reason that it has neglected to send in any report. Lodge No. 251 is liable to assessment of 10 per cent. penalty in addition to the loss of rebate for the reason that its returns were not sent in to the Grand Secretary until May 19th, 1902. This carelessness and neglect on the part of these two lodges have harassed the committee to an exasperating degree and retarded them in completing their report, and they, therefore, unanimously recommend that the Grand Lodge take this matter up for earnest consideration for the purpose of adopting such means as it may deem expedient to prevent such neglect in the future. This is the second consecutive failure on the part of No. 242 to render the required reports. Lodge No. 251 was chartered in June, 1901, and its neglect in complying with the requirements of our law and in ignoring, until the last moment, the urgent requests of our Grand Secretary to furnish their reports, is most highly censurable and does not commend them for that zeal that ought to be characteristic of all the lodges, but more particularly of those that have only recently been favored with charters from this Grand Lodge.

The total amount of rebate allowed by your committee is \$2,954.47, which amount we recommend be placed to the credit of the respective lodges as per "Exhibit A."

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Twenty-three lodges failed to make any reports on widows and orphans, viz: Nos. 62, 81, 92, 99, 114, 116, 125, 133, 144, 161, 163, 165, 166, 167, 171, 172, 180, 194, 208, 219, 226, 228, and 246.

INSURANCE.

Thirty-seven lodges failed to make any report on insurance, viz: Nos. 49, 60, 66, 81, 99, 114, 115, 116, 120, 125, 133, 145, 161, 163, 166, 169, 171, 172, 174, 178, 180, 181, 182, 193, 205, 206, 221, 223, 226, 228, 230, 233, 236, 239, 240, 241, and 249.

MILEAGE.

Seven lodges failed to make any report of mileage, viz: Nos. 49, 99, 115, 145, 206, 226, and 249.

The attention of the Secretaries is called to the fact that reports that are left blank are considered as no reports. When a lodge has nothing to report under "Widows and Orphans," "Insurance," or "Mileage," the Secretary should note across the report, "Nothing to report." By doing so, the returns will in many instances be rendered complete.

In closing this report your committee feel warranted in expressing their opinion that the Masters of the lodges are oftentimes far more to blame than the Secretaries for the incompleteness and incorrectness of the returns of their lodges, because they are submitted to them by the Secretaries for approval, and it is just as much the duty of the Master to carefully scrutinize the returns as to accuracy before affixing his approval as it is for him to perform the other functions of his office. While the efforts of the Masters and Secretaries of the majority of the lodges in making creditable returns is highly commended and appreciated, yet it is much to be regretted that there are still a large number whose reports are plain evidence of gross carelessness and apparent indifference. If the instructions which have been sent out from time to time by the Grand Secretary in regard to the manner of making the returns, and if the plain and specific instructions given in the reports themselves are adhered to, it will be impossible for any one of the craft, with the exercise of a little care and common sense, not to be able to make returns which will not only prove a credit to themselves, but also to their lodges. And if any one of the craft can give such results, what wonderful results ought to be expected from the combined efforts of the Masters and Secretaries.

JOHN J. MERCER,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT "A."

Statement showing rebates, recommended by the Committee on Returns.

No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount
1	25	210	\$52 50	61	21	78	\$16 38	113	21	42	\$8 82
2	25	139	34 75	62	25	30	7 50	114	22	56	12 32
3	25	314	78 50	63	25	12	3 00	115	25	20	5 00
4	25	33	8 25	64	25	55	13 75	116	25	50	12 50
5	25	67	16 75	65	25	61	15 25	117	25	38	9 50
6	25	125	31 25	66	25	20	5 00	118	25	20	5 00
9	25	80	20 00	67	25	81	20 25	119	25	59	14 75
10	25	38	9 50	68	25	96	24 00	120	25	65	16 25
11	25	310	77 50	70	25	31	7 75	121	25	53	13 25
12	25	18	4 50	71	25	61	15 25	123	.....	42	.....
13	25	20	5 00	72	25	47	11 75	124	25	51	12 75
14	25	48	12 00	73	25	39	9 75	125	25	63	15 75
15	25	187	46 75	74	25	26	6 50	126	5	52	2 60
17	25	71	17 75	75	25	59	14 75	127	20	39	7 80
19	25	317	79 25	76	25	37	9 25	128	.....	20	.....
21	25	79	19 75	77	25	41	10 25	129	25	50	12 50
23	25	101	25 25	78	25	48	12 00	130	25	38	9 50
25	25	371	92 75	79	25	97	24 25	132	25	34	8 50
26	25	164	41 00	81	16	23	3 68	133	25	33	8 25
27	23	43	9 89	82	25	101	25 25	134	25	44	11 00
29	25	26	6 50	83	19	36	6 84	135	25	1 03	25 75
30	19	32	6 08	84	25	61	15 25	136	25	45	11 25
31	25	81	20 25	85	17	51	8 67	137	.....	40	.....
32	25	130	32 50	86	25	32	8 00	138	25	43	10 75
33	25	155	38 75	87	21	37	7 77	139	25	43	10 75
34	25	60	15 00	88	25	31	7 75	140	.....	42	.....
35	25	117	29 25	89	25	58	14 50	143	25	32	8 00
36	25	68	17 00	90	25	25	6 25	144	25	31	7 75
37	25	81	20 25	91	25	32	8 00	145	17	39	6 63
38	25	74	18 50	92	25	31	7 75	146	25	56	14 00
39	20	26	5 20	93	25	72	18 00	147	25	29	7 25
40	25	35	8 75	94	25	27	6 75	148	25	83	20 75
41	25	47	11 75	95	13	45	5 85	149	25	17	4 25
42	25	50	12 50	96	17	27	4 59	150	25	35	8 75
43	1	79	79	97	25	28	7 00	151	25	26	6 50
44	25	56	14 00	98	25	30	7 50	152	25	40	10 00
46	25	144	36 00	99	25	43	10 75	153	.....	25	.....
48	25	47	11 75	100	22	48	10 56	154	20	31	6 20
49	25	50	12 50	101	21	48	10 08	155	25	49	12 25
50	25	150	37 50	102	25	39	9 75	156	19	31	5 89
51	25	91	22 75	103	25	61	15 25	157	25	31	7 75
52	22	49	10 78	104	25	72	18 00	158	25	57	14 25
53	25	66	16 50	105	25	51	12 75	159	25	48	12 00
54	25	195	48 75	106	25	46	11 50	160	21	30	6 30
55	25	82	20 50	107	25	20	5 00	161	25	31	7 75
56	25	213	53 25	108	9	23	2 07	162	25	47	11 75
57	25	52	13 00	109	25	53	13 25	163	22	39	8 58
58	25	69	17 25	110	25	49	12 25	164	25	29	7 25
59	21	55	11 55	111	22	36	7 92	165	25	50	12 50
60	25	31	7 75	112	25	52	13 00	166	25	33	8 25

EXHIBIT "A"—Continued.

No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount
167	25	46	\$11 50	197	25	32	\$8 00	226	25	34	\$8 50
168	25	32	8 00	198	25	45	11 25	227	25	46	11 50
169	25	48	12 00	199	25	18	4 50	228	25	26	6 50
170	23	43	9 89	200	25	52	13 00	229	25	29	7 25
171	25	41	10 25	201	22	44	9 68	230	23	22	5 06
172	25	30	7 50	202	14	48	6 72	231	25	30	7 50
173	20	34	6 80	203	25	42	10 50	232	25	37	9 25
174	25	37	9 25	204	25	38	9 50	233	25	39	9 75
175	25	30	7 50	205	25	35	8 75	234	25	30	7 50
176	10	44	4 40	206	20	33	6 60	235	25	32	8 00
177	....	32	.....	207	10	38	3 80	236	25	18	4 50
178	25	19	4 75	208	9	30	2 70	237	25	19	4 75
179	....	25	.....	209	25	43	10 75	238	....	17	.....
180	25	41	10 25	210	25	51	12 75	239	25	26	6 50
181	25	62	15 50	211	25	58	14 50	240	25	30	7 50
182	25	34	8 50	212	21	24	5 04	241	25	34	8 50
183	25	90	22 50	213	25	26	6 50	242	....	24	.....
184	25	127	31 75	214	25	28	7 00	243	25	23	5 75
185	25	51	12 75	215	25	46	11 50	244	25	26	6 50
187	25	65	16 25	216	3	18	54	245	25	31	7 75
188	25	68	17 00	217	25	42	10 50	246	25	21	5 25
189	25	53	13 25	218	25	65	16 25	247	2	25	50
190	25	19	4 75	219	25	22	5 50	248	25	18	4 50
191	25	33	8 25	220	25	55	13 75	249	....	4	.....
192	25	70	17 50	221	20	20	4 00	250	....	12	.....
193	23	32	7 36	222	25	42	10 50	251	....	3	.....
194	25	25	6 25	223	25	39	9 75				
195	25	43	10 75	224	25	26	6 50				
196	9	27	2 43	225	23	32	7 36				
										12,606	\$2954 47

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS							SUSPENDED							
	No. of Lodge	No. March 31, 1901	GAIN		Total	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. March 31, 1901	GAIN		Total	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. March 31, 1901	GAIN			
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death			Other Causes	By Passing		Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere			By Death	Other Causes	By Suspension	Other Causes
Nebraska	1	24	16	40	14	14	14	26	4	14	18	10	10	8	33	7						
Western Star	2	11	11	22	10	1	11	11	1	10	11	9	9	2	25							
Capitol	3	41	12	53	13	1	14	39	9	13	22	11	11	11	106	1						
Nemaha Valley	4	6	4	10	5		5	5	5	5	5	5	5		13							
Omadi	5	9	3	12	1		1	11	6	1	7	1	1	6	18							
Plattsmouth	6	19	1	20				20	4		4	1	1	3	26							
Falls City	9	19	4	23	3		3	20	5	3	8	4	4	4	28							
Solomon	10	5		5				5	2		2			2	1	1						
Covert	11	45	14	59	12		12	47	13	12	25	12	1	13	12	4						
Nebraska City	12	4		4				4	2		2	1	1	1	9							
Orient	13	10		10				10	1		1		1	1	10							
Peru	14		2	2	2		2	1	2	3	2		2	1	8	3						
Fremont	15	10	9	19	8		8	11	2	8	10	8		8	2	35	8					
Tecumseh	17	14	7	21	6	1	7	14	5	6	11	8		8	3	32	6					
Lincoln	19	34	20	54	20	3	23	31	6	20	26	17		17	9	93						
Washington	21	6	6	12	5		5	7	3	5	8	2		2	6	15	1					
Pawnee	23	11	4	15	5	1	6	9	2	5	7	4		4	3	20						
St. Johns	25	54	26	80	26		26	54	6	26	32	20		20	12	98	5					
Beatrice	26	28	6	34	4		4	30	9	4	13	4		4	9	61						
Jordan	27	6	2	8				8	3		3			3	20							
Hope	29	5	4	9	4		4	5	3	4	8	6		6	2	24						
Blue River	30	4	2	6	3		3	3	3		3	1		1	2	10						
Tekamah	31	9	3	12	7		7	5	7		7	6		6	1	14						
Platte Valley	32	9	5	14	4		4	10	5	4	9	4		4	5	37						
Ashlar	33	21	8	29	8		8	21	8	8	16	8		8	8	55						
Acacia	34	12	3	16	4		4	12	5	4	10	5		5	5	31						
Fairbury	35	15	4	19	6		6	13	4	6	10	5	1	6	4	20	2					
Lone Tree	36	3	6	9	2		2	7	1	2	3	2		2	1	30	1					
Crete	37	7	4	11	4		4	7	5	4	9	4		4	5	25						
Oliver	38	15	16	31	20	1	21	10	20		20	16		16	4	28	1					
Papillion	39	6	3	9	2		2	7	3	2	5	2		2	3	23						
Humboldt	40	6	1	7	2		2	7	4		4	1		1	3	14	4					
Northern Light	41	5	2	7	1		1	6	1	1	2	1		1	1	16						
Juniata	42	13	2	15	2	1	3	12	2		2	1		1	1	22	4					
Hebron	43	8		8				8	2		2	1		1	1	33	1					
Harvard	44	4	3	7	2		2	5	1	2	3	2		2	1	15						
Rob Morris	46	12	2	14	1		1	13	1	1	2	1		1	1	41	1					
Fairmont	48	11	1	12	1	1	2	10	2	2	4	1		1	3	28	2					
Evening Star	49	5	4	9	2		2	7	2		2	2		2		21						
Hastings	50	17	6	23	8		8	15	5	8	13	7		7	6	30	3					

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STEEL MASONS			MASTER MASONS			GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.										
LOSS	By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. March 31, 1901	GAIN										
						By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement								
LOSS	By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. March 31, 1901	LOSS										
						By Demission	By Suspension	By Expulsion								
		Other Causes		Total	Amounts Due		Dues on Master		Fees on Initiation		Amounts Due		No. of Lodge			
		Total		Lodges on Old Accounts		Grand Lodge on Old Accounts		Masons		Total		Grand Lodge, March 31, 1902				
1	1	1	3	37	210	228	4	7	13	215	\$53 50	\$26 35	\$210 00	\$80 00	\$262 85	1
2	2	2	6	23	139	154	3	2	7	147	50 50	40	139 00	55 00	143 90	2
2	2	2	6	104	314	340	3	7	11	329	86 25	8 44	314 00	60 00	296 19	3
1	1	1	3	13	33	40	2	1	3	37	12 50	3 25	33 00	20 00	43 75	4
1	1	1	3	18	67	68	1	1	3	67	21 25	25	67 00	15 00	61 00	5
1	1	1	3	25	125	127	7	7	7	120	36 00	50	125 00	5 00	94 50	6
1	1	1	3	26	80	90	4	1	5	85	15 50	50	80 00	20 00	80 50	9
1	1	1	3	26	80	38	2	1	4	34	9 10	50	38 00	30 00	29 40	10
1	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	188	78 25	23 00	310 00	70 00	324 75	11
1	1	1	3	119	310	330	7	8	19	311	18	1 90	18 00	17 65	17 65	12
1	1	1	3	9	18	19	1	1	1	18	2 25	1 90	18 00	100 00	341 92	19
1	1	1	3	10	20	22	4	4	4	18	5 50	3 40	20 00	10 00	17 90	13
1	1	1	3	11	48	52	4	3	7	43	13 25	3 00	48 00	10 00	44 75	14
1	1	1	3	41	157	200	2	1	12	185	47 25	1 00	187 00	45 00	185 75	15
1	1	1	3	36	71	82	2	1	9	73	17 50	5 87	71 00	35 00	94 37	17
1	1	1	3	84	317	353	10	8	18	335	82 50	7 42	317 00	100 00	341 92	19
1	1	1	3	16	79	86	3	4	8	78	23 25	12 84	79 00	30 00	85 75	21
1	1	1	3	17	101	110	3	1	4	106	24 00	8 84	101 00	20 00	109 84	22
1	1	1	3	89	371	408	6	5	15	383	90 00	25 80	371 00	130 00	436 80	25
1	1	1	3	67	175	175	5	2	11	164	31 16	9 99	164 00	30 00	172 83	26
1	1	1	3	17	43	44	2	2	4	40	11 25	11 25	43 00	10 00	41 75	27
1	1	1	3	16	79	86	3	4	8	78	23 25	12 84	79 00	30 00	85 75	21
1	1	1	3	17	101	110	3	1	4	106	24 00	8 84	101 00	20 00	109 84	22
1	1	1	3	89	371	408	6	5	15	383	90 00	25 80	371 00	130 00	436 80	25
1	1	1	3	67	175	175	5	2	11	164	31 16	9 99	164 00	30 00	172 83	26
1	1	1	3	17	43	44	2	2	4	40	11 25	11 25	43 00	10 00	41 75	27
1	1	1	3	24	26	32	1	1	1	31	7 25	26 00	26 00	20 00	38 75	29
1	1	1	3	10	32	33	1	1	2	31	6 75	32 00	32 00	10 00	35 25	30
1	1	1	3	13	81	89	1	1	1	88	21 50	81 00	81 00	15 00	74 50	31
1	1	1	3	32	130	135	1	3	4	131	34 00	50	130 00	25 00	121 50	32
1	1	1	3	54	135	167	5	3	8	159	36 75	50	135 00	40 00	158 75	33
1	1	1	3	30	60	69	2	2	3	66	17 25	17 25	60 00	15 00	57 75	34
1	1	1	3	20	117	128	2	1	6	122	27 50	27 50	117 00	20 00	109 50	35
1	1	1	3	29	68	73	1	1	1	72	21 25	1 75	68 00	30 00	80 75	36
1	1	1	3	24	84	89	2	1	3	86	18 59	1 75	81 00	20 00	81 06	37
1	1	1	3	29	71	91	2	4	7	84	18 50	1 00	74 00	80 00	136 50	38
1	1	1	3	30	60	69	2	2	3	66	17 25	17 25	60 00	15 00	57 75	34
1	1	1	3	20	117	128	2	1	6	122	27 50	27 50	117 00	20 00	109 50	35
1	1	1	3	29	68	73	1	1	1	72	21 25	1 75	68 00	30 00	80 75	36
1	1	1	3	24	84	89	2	1	3	86	18 59	1 75	81 00	20 00	81 06	37
1	1	1	3	29	71	91	2	4	7	84	18 50	1 00	74 00	80 00	136 50	38
1	1	1	3	30	60	69	2	2	3	66	17 25	17 25	60 00	15 00	57 75	34
1	1	1	3	20	117	128	2	1	6	122	27 50	27 50	117 00	20 00	109 50	35
1	1	1	3	29	68	73	1	1	1	72	21 25	1 75	68 00	30 00	80 75	36
1	1	1	3	24	84	89	2	1	3	86	18 59	1 75	81 00	20 00	81 06	37
1	1	1	3	29	71	91	2	4	7	84	18 50	1 00	74 00	80 00	136 50	38
1	1	1	3	21	26	31	4	4	4	27	5 55	26 00	26 00	15 00	35 45	39
1	1	1	3	17	35	36	2	4	6	30	9 25	50	35 00	5 00	31 25	40
1	1	1	3	14	47	50	2	4	2	48	11 25	50	47 00	10 00	45 75	41
1	1	1	3	26	50	53	2	2	2	45	14 25	5 75	50 00	10 00	51 75	42
1	1	1	3	79	79	82	3	3	4	78	19 00	1 75	79 00	15 00	61 75	43
1	1	1	3	83	83	82	1	1	1	78	19 00	1 75	79 00	15 00	61 75	43
1	1	1	3	15	56	61	4	4	2	59	5 55	26 00	56 00	15 00	55 75	44
1	1	1	3	39	144	149	7	3	11	138	36 00	50	144 00	10 00	118 50	46
1	1	1	3	26	47	52	3	2	8	44	12 25	1 60	47 00	5 00	41 35	48
1	1	1	3	20	50	53	3	2	5	48	14 25	4 02	50 00	20 00	59 77	49
1	1	1	3	29	130	159	6	3	9	130	36 00	1 00	130 00	30 00	145 00	50

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS								SUSPENDED							
	No. of Lodge	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. on March 31, 1901	By Suspension	Other Causes				
		No. March 31, 1901	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss	No. March 31, 1901	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising					Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss
Fidelity	51	16	5	21	4			4	17	3	4		7	4			4	3	26					
Hiram	52	12	2	14	5	1		6	8		5		5	4			4	1	29	1				
Charity	53	9	5	14	3	1		4	10	1	3		4	2			2	2	33	5				
Lancaster	54	21	17	38	41	17		17	24	5	17		22	2			2	14	54	1				
Mosaic	55	7		7				2	5		2		2				2		38					
York	56	18	8	26	11		1	12	14	1	11		12	10			10	2	39	1				
Mt. Moriah	57	10	3	13	2			2	11	2	2		4	1			1	3	14					
Lebanon	58	11	13	24	13			13	11	1	13		14	10			10	4	5	2				
Wahoo	59	6	1	7					7	2			2					2	28					
Melrose	60	13	5	18	6			6	12	1	6		7	5			5	2	13					
Thistle	61	6		6		1		1	5										4					
Keystone	62	7	1	8	1			1	7		1		1					1	12	1				
Riverton	63	5		5					5	2			2					2	19					
Blue Valley	64	2	2	4	2			2	2	1	2		3	1			1	2	13					
Osceola	65	12	5	17	7			7	10	2	7		9	4			4	5	3	5				
Livingstone	66	1		1					1										9					
Edgar	67	5	3	8	1			1	7	2	1		3	2			2	1	13					
Aurora	68	10	7	18	6			6	12	6	6		12	6			6	6	18	2				
Sterling	70	15	3	18	3			3	15	1	3		4	2			2	2	9					
Trowel	71	19		19	1			1	18	8	1		9	5			5	4	14					
Hooper	72	7		7					7										10					
Friend	73	4	1	5	2	1		3	2	1	2		3	1			1	2	16	3				
Alexandria	74	1		1					1										3	1				
Frank Welch	75	7	4	11	2			2	9	5	2		7	2			2	5	18	1				
Joppa	76	3		3					3	1			1					1	14					
Nelson	77	4	1	5	1			1	4	2	1		3	2			2	1	20					
Albion	78	6		6					6	2			2					2	12	2				
Geneva	79	7	8	15	8			8	7	1	8		9	6			6	3	30	1				
Composite	81	7	4	11	6			6	5	1	6		7	6			6	1	5					
Saint Paul	82	4	3	7	4			4	3	2	4		6	6			6		29					
Corinthian	83	6	1	7	1			1	6	1	1		2					2	7	1				
Fairfield	84	8	5	13	4			4	9	1	4		5	5			5		9					
Tyre	85	9	1	10	1			1	9	2	1		3	1			1	2	13	5				
Doniphan	86	4	2	6	3			3	3	3	3		6	3			3	3	15					
Ionic	87	11	1	12	2	1	1	4	8	1	2		3	2			2	1	12					
Star	88	2	7	9	6			6	3		6		6	2			2	4	6					
Cedar River	89	9	1	10	3			3	7	1	3		4	2			2	2	17					
Elk Creek	90	2	2	4	1			1	3	2	1		3	2			2	1	10					
Oakland	91	3	4	7	4			4	3	1	4		5	4			4	1	4					
Hubbell	92	4	2	6	2			2	4	1	2		3					3	5					

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STEEL MASONS			MASTER MASONS						GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.											
LOSS			GAIN			LOSS			AMOUNTS DUE		AMOUNTS DUE		AMOUNTS DUE		No. of Lodge					
By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902		Amounts Due Lodges on Old Accounts	Amounts Due Grand Lodge on Old Accounts	Dues on Master Masons	Fees on Initiation	Amounts Due Grand Lodge, March 31, 1902
1	1	2	4	10	4	4	237	3	2	1	1	13	5	93	\$29 25	\$4 82	\$91 00	\$25 00	\$91 57	51
1	1	2	4	2	3	4	57	5	1	1	1	9	5	47	14 25	.....	49 00	15 00	44 75	52
1	1	2	4	2	3	4	75	3	2	5	1	10	10	65	16 25	25	66 00	20 00	75 00	53
1	1	2	4	2	3	3	215	6	5	1	1	12	5	203	45 25	50	185 00	85 00	235 25	54
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	92	4	1	1	1	5	5	87	21 75	6 00	82 00	.....	66 25	55
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	98	3	2	1	1	13	5	93	50 25	1 70	213 00	40 00	204 45	56
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	53	3	1	1	1	9	4	48	16 00	1 25	52 00	15 00	51 00	57
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	75	3	2	1	1	7	4	65	17 50	.....	69 00	65 00	117 75	58
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	82	4	1	2	1	7	7	75	16 00	1 25	55 00	5 00	44 00	59
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	58	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	7 50	5 30	31 00	25 00	53 80	60
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 80	60
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	80	1	1	4	1	5	5	75	17 00	3 40	78 00	.....	64 40	61
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	32	1	1	1	1	2	2	31	8 00	.....	30 00	5 00	27 00	62
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	17	1	1	1	1	2	2	15	3 25	.....	12 00	.....	8 75	63
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	56	2	2	5	1	2	2	54	15 00	.....	55 00	10 00	50 00	64
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	65	3	3	5	1	8	8	57	16 75	2 53	61 00	25 00	71 78	65
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	20	3	3	3	1	3	3	17	5 25	.....	20 00	.....	14 75	66
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	85	1	1	2	1	7	7	78	18 00	50	81 00	15 00	78 50	67
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	104	3	3	2	2	7	7	97	25 00	5 62	96 00	35 00	111 62	68
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	7 50	40	31 00	15 00	38 90	70
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	16 00	50	61 00	.....	45 50	71
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	20	3	3	3	1	3	3	17	5 25	.....	20 00	.....	14 75	72
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	47	1	2	3	1	6	6	47	10 75	1 50	47 00	.....	37 75	72
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	40	1	2	3	1	6	6	34	11 25	.....	39 00	5 00	32 75	73
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	4 60	.....	26 00	.....	21 40	74
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	62	1	1	1	1	2	2	60	14 00	1 00	59 00	20 00	66 00	75
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	40	2	2	3	1	2	2	38	9 75	4 00	37 00	.....	31 25	76
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	44	1	2	3	1	6	6	47	10 25	9 04	41 00	5 00	44 79	77
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	49	1	2	2	1	2	2	44	14 50	1 00	48 00	.....	34 50	78
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	108	3	1	1	1	5	5	103	21 50	4 50	97 00	40 00	120 00	79
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	29	2	2	1	1	2	2	27	8 25	.....	23 00	20 00	34 75	81
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	107	2	2	1	1	3	3	104	25 25	4 52	101 00	15 00	95 27	82
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	44	1	2	2	1	4	4	47	7 02	6 35	36 00	.....	44 79	83
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	36	3	2	1	1	4	4	32	14 00	50	61 00	25 00	72 50	84
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	70	2	2	5	1	5	5	66	5 00	.....	51 00	5 00	51 00	85
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	53	1	5	1	1	5	5	48	6 16	.....	32 00	10 00	35 84	86
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	37	1	1	1	1	3	3	37	7 00	.....	37 00	5 00	35 00	87
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	39	1	1	1	1	3	3	39	.....	.....	37 00	.....	35 00	87
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	36	3	1	1	1	4	4	32	7 02	6 35	36 00	.....	35 33	88
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	62	3	2	1	1	2	2	59	14 00	.....	58 00	5 00	40 00	88
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	27	3	3	3	1	3	3	24	6 00	.....	25 00	10 00	29 00	89
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	37	1	1	1	1	3	3	36	8 16	32 00	20 00	43 84	91
1	1	2	6	2	2	6	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	7 75	31 00	10 00	33 25	92

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NAME OF LODGE	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS								SUSPENDED				
	No. of Lodge	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. of Lodge	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. of Lodge	GAIN	
		No. March 31, 1901	By Initiation		Other Causes	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death			Other Causes	By Raising		Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	By Suspension			Other Causes	
																					No. March 31, 1901
Beaver City	93	6	2	8	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	1		
Bennett	94	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	1		
Garfield	95	6	5	11	2	2	2	2	9	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	24	1	1		
Utica	96	2	3	5	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	8	1	1			
Euclid	97	7	3	10	3	3	3	3	7	2	3	5	4	4	1	16	1	1			
Republican	98	8	2	10	2	1	3	3	7	2	2	4	3	3	1	3	3	3			
Shelton	99	9	2	11	2	1	2	2	9	2	2	4	2	2	2	14	1	1			
Creighton	100	7	4	11	5	1	5	5	6	1	5	6	5	5	1	13	1	1			
Ponca	101	9	1	9	1	1	1	1	9	2	1	2	1	1	2	17	1	1			
Waterloo	102	3	5	8	5	1	5	5	3	1	5	6	4	4	2	26	1	1			
Ord	103	6	3	9	3	1	3	3	6	2	3	4	2	2	2	25	1	1			
Wymore	104	6	11	17	9	1	9	9	8	6	9	15	11	11	4	24	2	2			
Stella	105	5	3	8	3	1	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	1	1			
Porter	106	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	1	2	10	1	1			
Steele City	107	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1			
Table Rock	108	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	10	1	1			
Arapahoe	109	5	3	8	1	1	1	1	7	2	1	3	2	2	1	11	1	1			
Pomegranate	110	3	7	10	7	1	7	7	3	3	7	10	3	3	7	23	2	2			
DeWitt	111	4	5	9	3	1	3	3	6	4	3	7	4	4	3	22	1	1			
Springfield	112	7	11	18	13	1	13	13	5	2	13	15	9	9	6	10	3	3			
Globe	113	10	1	11	2	1	2	2	9	3	2	5	2	2	3	16	1	1			
Wisner	114	6	4	10	4	1	4	4	6	4	1	4	4	4	4	12	1	1			
Brainard	115	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	1	1			
Harlan	116	5	3	8	3	1	3	3	5	2	3	5	3	3	2	17	1	1			
Hardy	117	4	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1			
Doric	118	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1			
North Bend	119	4	12	16	7	1	7	7	9	3	7	10	7	7	3	6	1	1			
Wayne	120	8	1	8	1	1	1	1	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	9	4	4			
Superior	121	5	1	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	16	1	1			
Indianola	123	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	1			
Auburn	124	1	3	4	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	1	13	1	1			
Mt. Nebo	125	7	3	10	3	1	3	3	7	1	3	4	1	1	3	9	1	1			
Stromsburg	126	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	4	1	1			
Minden	127	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	6	3	1	3	1	1	3	15	1	1			
Guide Rock	128	6	5	11	4	1	4	4	7	1	4	5	2	2	3	6	1	1			
Blue Hill	129	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	11	1	1			
Tuscan	130	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	1	7	1	1			
Scribner	132	3	2	5	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	3	2	2	1	5	1	1			
Elm Creek	133	3	3	6	2	1	2	2	4	2	2	4	3	3	1	3	1	1			
Solar	134	3	6	9	4	1	4	4	5	1	4	6	4	4	2	9	2	2			

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MASTER MASONS		GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.	
LOSS	GAIN	LOSS	
		By Death	By Expulsion
10	72	67	\$20 25
13	27	29	3 74
23	45	47	11 25
6	27	29	5 67
16	28	32	6 63
6	30	29	6 72
14	48	44	9 60
12	52	52	10 50
16	48	47	13 25
21	30	44	12 75
5	30	44	12 75
1	61	65	15 50
1	72	81	17 25
1	51	51	10 29
10	46	45	11 50
9	20	16	4 75
10	23	23	22
11	53	54	11 75
25	49	46	11 00
19	36	43	8 50
12	32	55	11 00
3	42	43	10 25
1	56	59	13 00
2	20	17	5 00
1	15	22	11 50
12	50	52	9 50
4	38	36	9 50
16	42	43	10 25
12	56	59	13 00
15	20	17	5 00
15	53	52	11 50
20	42	36	9 50
13	20	22	10 25
5	59	63	14 75
13	65	56	14 75
4	7	9	8 84
1	1	2	5 50
2	20	19	5 50
14	51	55	14 00
9	63	63	12 52
4	52	51	13 75
15	38	35	8 80
6	29	22	4 00
11	50	51	12 00
7	34	38	8 50
6	22	33	8 25
2	33	36	6 90
8	44	46	11 75
10	74	7	\$20 25
13	30	2	3 40
23	45	2	10 50
6	27	2	13 25
16	28	1	12 75
6	30	5	9 60
14	48	2	10 50
12	52	3	13 25
16	48	4	12 75
21	30	5	12 75
5	30	4	12 75
1	61	1	15 50
1	72	2	17 25
1	51	1	10 29
10	46	1	11 50
9	20	4	4 75
10	23	2	22
11	53	1	11 75
25	49	6	11 00
19	36	4	8 50
12	32	7	11 00
3	42	2	10 25
1	56	2	13 00
2	20	4	5 00
1	15	2	11 50
12	50	2	9 50
4	38	3	9 50
16	42	2	10 25
12	56	4	13 00
15	20	6	5 00
15	53	4	11 50
20	42	3	9 50
13	20	3	10 25
5	59	3	14 75
13	65	5	14 75
4	7	9	8 84
1	1	2	5 50
2	20	19	5 50
14	51	55	14 00
9	63	63	12 52
4	52	51	13 75
15	38	35	8 80
6	29	22	4 00
11	50	51	12 00
7	34	38	8 50
6	22	33	8 25
2	33	36	6 90
8	44	46	11 75
10	74	7	\$20 25
13	30	2	3 40
23	45	2	10 50
6	27	2	13 25
16	28	1	12 75
6	30	5	9 60
14	48	2	10 50
12	52	3	13 25
16	48	4	12 75
21	30	5	12 75
5	30	4	12 75
1	61	1	15 50
1	72	2	17 25
1	51	1	10 29
10	46	1	11 50
9	20	4	4 75
10	23	2	22
11	53	1	11 75
25	49	6	11 00
19	36	4	8 50
12	32	7	11 00
3	42	2	10 25
1	56	2	13 00
2	20	4	5 00
1	15	2	11 50
12	50	2	9 50
4	38	3	9 50
16	42	2	10 25
12	56	4	13 00
15	20	6	5 00
15	53	4	11 50
20	42	3	9 50
13	20	3	10 25
5	59	3	14 75
13	65	5	14 75
4	7	9	8 84
1	1	2	5 50
2	20	19	5 50
14	51	55	14 00
9	63	63	12 52
4	52	51	13 75
15	38	35	8 80
6	29	22	4 00
11	50	51	12 00
7	34	38	8 50
6	22	33	8 25
2	33	36	6 90
8	44	46	11 75
10	74	7	\$20 25
13	30	2	3 40
23	45	2	10 50
6	27	2	13 25
16	28	1	12 75
6	30	5	9 60
14	48	2	10 50
12	52	3	13 25
16	48	4	12 75
21	30	5	12 75
5	30	4	12 75
1	61	1	15 50
1	72	2	17 25
1	51	1	10 29
10	46	1	11 50
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12	56	4	13 00
15	20	6	5 00
15	53	4	11 50
20	42	3	9 50
13	20	3	10 25
5	59	3	14 75
13	65	5	14 75
4	7	9	8 84
1	1	2	5 50
2	20	19	5 50
14	51	55	14 00
9	63	63	12 52
4	52	51	13 75
15	38	35	8 80
6	29	22	4 00
11	50	51	12 00
7	34	38	8 50
6	22	33	8 25
2	33	36	6 90
8	44	46	11 75
10	74	7	\$20 25
13	30	2	3 40
23	45	2	10 50
6	27	2	13 25
16	28	1	12 75
6	30	5	9 60
14	48	2	10 50
12	52	3	13 25
16	48	4	12 75
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5	30	4	12 75
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1	51	1	10 29
10	46	1	11 50
9	20	4	4 75
10	23	2	22
11	53	1	11 75
25	49	6	11 00
19	36	4	8 50
12	32	7	11 00
3	42	2	10 25
1	56	2	13 00
2	20	4	5 00
1	15	2	11 50
12	50	2	9 50
4	38	3	9 50
16	42	2	10 25
12	56	4	13 00
15	20	6	5 00
15	53	4	11 50
20	42	3	9 50
13	20	3	10 25
5	59	3	14 75
13	65	5	14 75
4	7	9	8 84
1	1	2	5 50
2	20	19	5 50
14	51	55	14 00
9	63	63	12 52
4	52	51	13 75
15	38	35	8 80
6	29	22	4 00
11	50	51	12 00
7	34	38	8 50
6	22	33	8 25
2	33	36	6 90
8	44	46	11 75
10	74	7	\$20 25
13	30	2	3 40
23	45	2	10 50
6	27	2	13 25
16	28	1	12 75
6	30	5	9 60
14	48	2	10 50
12	52	3	13 25
16	48	4	12 75
21	30	5	12 75
5	30	4	12 75
1	61	1	15 50
1	72	2	17 25
1	51	1	10 29
10	46	1	11 50
9	20	4	4 75
10	23	2	22
11	53	1	11 75
25	49	6	11 00
19	36	4	8 50
12	32	7	11 00
3	42	2	10 25
1	56	2	13 00
2	20	4	5 00
1	15	2	11 50
12	50	2	9 50
4	38	3	9 50
16	42	2	10 25
12	56	4	13 00
15	20	6	5 00
15	53	4	11 50
20	42	3	9 50
13	20	3	10 25
5	59	3	14 75
13	65	5	14 75
4	7	9	8 84
1	1	2	5 50
2	20	19	5 50
14	51	55	14 00
9	63	63	12 52
4	52	51	13 75
15	38	35	8 80
6	29	22	4 00
11	50	51	12 00
7	34	38	8 50
6	22	33	8 25
2	33	36	6 90
8	44	46	11 75
10	74	7	\$20 25
13	30	2	3 40
23	45	2	10 50
6	27	2	13 25
16	28	1	12 75
6	30	5	9 60
14	48	2	10 50
12	52	3	13 25
16	48	4	12 75
21	30	5	12 75
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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	ENTERED APPRENTICES										FELLOW CRAFTS										SUSPENDED				
	No. of Lodges	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. March 31, 1901	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. March 31, 1901	GAIN		Total			
		No. March 31, 1901	By Initiation	Otherwise	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death			Other Causes	Total Loss	By Passing	Otherwise	Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere			By Death	Other Causes		Total Loss	By Suspension	Other Causes
McCook	135	6	5	11	2	1		3	8	3	2		5	5			5	23	2	2					
Long Pine	136	6	1	7	1			1	6	1	1		2				2	9							
Upright	137	5		5	1			1	4		1		1	1			1	5	2						
Rawalt	138	3	4	7	6			6	1		6		6	4			4	17		1					
Clay Center	139	1	1	2					2									4	3						
Western	140	2	2	4	2			2	2	1	2		3	1			1	8	5	1					
Crescent	143	2	2	4	1			1	3	1	1		2				2	6							
Kenesaw	144	7	2	9	1			1	8		1		1	1			1	13	4	1					
Bancroft	145	13	4	17	3			3	14	1	3		4	3			3	10		1					
Jachin	146	7	3	10	4			4	6	2	4		6	4			4	24		2					
Siloam	147	3	3	6	2			2	4	1	2		3	3			3	8							
Emmet Crawford	148	11	2	13	3			3	10	2	3		5	2			2	11	2	1					
Jewel	149									1			1					8	1						
Cambridge	150	3		3					3	1			1				1	8	1						
Square	151	8		8					8	5			5	3			3	16		1					
Parallel	152	11	1	12	1	1		2	10	4	1		5	1			1	14		1					
Evergreen	153		3	3	1			1	2	3	1		4	2			2	8							
Lily	154	1	1	2	1			1	1		1		1	1			1	3							
Hartington	155	12	3	15	5			5	10		5		5	3			3	9							
Pythagoras	156	6	2	8	3	1		4	4	2	3		5	3			3	6	2						
Valley	157	5	5	10	4			4	6	1	4		5	3			3	8	1						
Samaritan	158	4		4		1		1	3	2			2				2	14		1					
Ogalalla	159	4	2	6	1			1	5	3	1		4	1			1	6							
Zeredatha	160	1		1					1									7							
Mt. Zion	161	5	3	8	5			5	3	2	5		7	6			6	1							
Trestle Board	162	3	3	6	2	1		3	3		2		2	2			2	5							
Unity	163	2	2	4	2			2	2		2		2	2			2	10	2						
Atkinson	164	3	1	4					4	2			2	1			1	3							
Barneston	165	4	1	5	1			1	4	2	1		3	3			3	5							
Mystic Tie	166	4	1	5					5	2			2					6							
Elwood	167	6	4	10	5			5	5	2	5		7	7			7	16							
Curtis	168	4	3	7	2			2	5		2		2	2			2	15							
Amity	169	6	5	11	5			5	6	2	5		7	4			4	5							
Mason City	170	1	2	3	1			1	2	4	1		5	2			2	5							
Merna	171	6	4	10	5			5	5	3	5		8	3			3	13	1						
Grafton	172	9	8	17	8			8	9	1	8		9	6			6	2							
Robert Burns	173	5	1	6					6									11							
Culbertson	174	2		2					2	1			1					3							
Temple	175		5	5	4	1		5		5	4		9	2		1	3	12							
Gladstone	176	5	2	7	2			2	5	1	2		3	3			3	5							

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LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	GAIN				Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	Amounts Due Lodges on Old Accounts	Amounts Due Grand Lodge on Old Accounts	Dues on Master Masons	Fees on Initiation	Amounts Due Grand Lodge, March 31, 1902	No. of Lodges
Reinstatement	By Death	By Expulsion		By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes								Total Loss
1	1	2	23	103	5	2	1	11	8	2	2	12	99	\$23 50	\$7 05	\$103 00	\$25 00	\$111 55	13	
			9	45	1	1		46	2	1		3	43	9 89	50	45 00	5 00	40 61	13	
			7	40	1	1		41	3	1	2	6	35	9 75	1 00	40 00		31 25	13	
2	1	3	14	43	4	2	1	50	1			50	50	11 25	4 02	43 00	20 00	55 77	13	
			7	43	1			44	1		3	4	40	10 00		43 00	5 00	38 00	13	
2		2	11	42	1	2	2	47	2		5	7	40	9 25		42 00	10 00	42 75	14	
			6	32				32	1	1		2	30	8 50	1 50	32 00	10 00	35 00	14	
1		1	17	31	1	1	1	34	1	1	4	7	27	8 00		31 00	10 00	33 00	14	
			10	39	3			42	4			4	38	9 89		39 00	20 00	49 11	14	
			24	56	4	3		63	4			4	59	10 20	8 54	56 00	15 00	69 34	14	
			8	29	3			32		1		1	31	7 50		29 00	15 00	36 50	14	
			13	83	2	2		87	1		2	3	84	16 80	25	83 00	10 00	76 45	14	
			9	17				17	1		1	2	15	3 91		17 00		13 09	14	
			9	35		1		36	1		1	2	34	7 75	60	35 00		27 85	15	
1	1	2	14	26	3		1	30	1			1	29	6 25		26 00		19 75	15	
			14	40	1	2		43		1		1	42	11 25		40 00	5 00	33 75	15	
			8	25	2	1		28					28	3 61		25 00	15 00	36 39	15	
			3	31	1			32	1			1	31	5 39		31 00	5 00	30 61	15	
			9	49	3			52	3			3	49	11 75	8 14	49 00	15 00	60 39	15	
			8	31	3	2		36	2		2	4	32	7 25		31 00	10 00	33 75	15	
	1	1	8	31	3	2		36			1	1	35	6 75	1 00	31 00	25 00	50 25	15	
			14	57		3		60	2			2	58	14 00		57 00		43 00	15	
	1	1	5	48	1			49	5			5	44	13 00		48 00	10 00	45 00	15	
			7	30				30	1			1	29	4 76	4 00	30 00		29 24	16	
			1	31	6			37	2	1		3	34	6 50	40	31 00	15 00	39 90	16	
1		1	4	47	2		1	50	2			2	48	12 00		47 00	15 00	50 00	16	
			12	39	2	1		42	4		2	6	36	10 25		39 00	10 00	38 75	16	
			3	29	1			30	2			2	28	7 50		29 00	5 00	26 50	16	
			5	50	3			53	1			1	52	12 00	15 85	50 00	5 00	58 85	16	
			6	33				33		1		1	32	8 25	50	33 00	5 00	30 25	16	
			16	46	7			53	2	2		4	49	11 75	5 02	46 00	20 00	59 27	16	
2		2	13	32	2	2	2	38	1			1	37	5 94	50	32 00	15 00	41 56	16	
1		1	4	48	4		1	53	3			3	50	13 25	1 00	48 00	25 00	60 75	16	
1		1	4	43	2		1	46	1			1	45			43 00	10 00	53 00	17	
			14	41	3	1		45	1		1	2	43	9 03		41 00	20 00	51 97	17	
			2	30	6	1		37	1			1	36	5 55		30 00	40 00	64 45	17	
			11	34				34	1			1	33	5 76		34 00	5 00	33 24	17	
			3	37				37	1			1	36	9 75	50	37 00		27 75	17	
			12	30	2			32					32	4 05	10	30 00	25 00	51 05	17	
			5	44	3	2		49		1		1	48	11 00		44 00	10 00	43 00	17	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS							SUSPENDED			
		No. March 31, 1901		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. March 31, 1901		Total	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. March 31, 1901		Total
		By Initiation	Otherwise		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes		By Passing	Other Causes		By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	By Suspension		Other Causes
				GAIN					LOSS			GAIN				LOSS			GAIN
Hay Springs	177	1		1				1	1		1			1	1	5	2		
Hesperia	178	6		6	1			5	5	1	1	1		1	11	11		1	
Prudence	179		9	9	6			3	3	6	6	5		5	1	9			
Justice	180	3	3	6	5			1	1	5	5	4		4	1	2			
Faith	181	7	9	16	6			6	10	1	6	7	6	6	1	9	6	1	
Incense	182	4		4		1		1	3	1		1		1	11	4	1		
Alliance	183	14	8	22	6			6	16	2	6	9	5	5	3	6	3		
Bee Hive	184	9	10	18	7			7	11	2	7	9	7	7	2	9	1	1	
Boaz	185	6	2	8	3			3	5	3	3	3		3					
Israel	187	3	14	17	10			10	7	2	10	13	9	9	4	8			
Meridian	188	2	1	3	2			2	1	2	2	4	1	1	3	3	14	1	
Granite	189	1	3	4				4	4	2		2		2	2	18		1	
Amethyst	190	1	3	4	2			2	2	1	2	3	1	1	2				
Crystal	191	4	1	5				5	5						13		1		
Minnekadusa	192	9	4	13	3			3	10	2	3	5	3	3	2	16	3	1	
Signet	193	6	8	14	9			9	5	1	9	10	10	10	3				
Highland	194	5	3	8	6			6	2	3	6	9	7	7	2	2		2	
Arcana	195	3		3		1		1	2	1		1		1	2	8		1	
Level	196	1	1	2	1			1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	4			
Morning Star	197	2	4	6	2			2	4	1	2	3	1	1	5				
Purity	198	12	1	13	2			2	11	1	2	3	1	1	2	1			
Gavel	199	1	2	3	1			1	2	1	1	2		2	2	4			
Blazing Star	200	2	4	6	4			4	2	1	4	5	3	3	2	3	1		
Scotts Bluff	201	7	2	9	3	1		4	5		3	3	2	2	1	8			
Golden Sheaf	202	6	6	13	5	1		7	6	5	5	10	7	7	3	7			
Roman Eagle	203	10	5	15	5			5	10	5	5	10	7	7	3	8	9	1	
Plainview	204	5	1	6	2			2	4	2	2	4	3	3	1	2	1		
Golden Fleece	205	3	3	6	2			2	4	5	2	7	5	5	2	3	3		
Naphtali	206	4	2	6				6	1			1		1	5				
Parian	207	4		4				4							2				
Gauge	208	7		7				7							10	6		16	
Canopy	209	1	9	10	7			7	3	3	7	10	9	9	1	2			
East Lincoln	210	4	13	17	12			12	5		12	12	9	9	3	8	1		
Cement	211	2	2	4	1			1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1			
Compass & Square	212	4	3	7	1			1	6	1	1	2	1	1	7				
Square & Compass	213	2	2	4	2			2	2	1	2	3	3	3		7	1	8	
Plumblin	214														1	4		5	
Occidental	215	2	4	6	4			4	2	2	4	6	4	4	2	2		5	
Palisade	216	5		5				5	5	1		1		1	10	4		14	
Wauneta	217	2	2	5	5			5		5		5	3	3	2	3		3	

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MASTER MASON'S				MASTER MASON'S				GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.													
Loss	By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. March 31, 1901	GAIN			Total	By Demission	By Death	Loss			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	Amounts Due Lodges on Old Accounts	Amounts Due Grand Lodge on Old Accounts	Dues on Master Masons	Fees on Initiation	Amounts Due Grand Lodge, March 31, 1902	No. of Lodge
						By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement				Other Causes	By Suspension	By Expulsion								Other Causes	Total Loss
1			1	6	32	33	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	29	\$7 00	\$10 00	\$32 00		\$25 00	1	
1			1	11	19	21	2	1	18	1	1	1	1	18	8 75	8 00	19 00		29 00	1	
2			2	9	25	37			37					37	8 75	10 00	25 00	\$45 00	61 25	2	
2			2	2	41	48	2	1	46	2	1	1	1	46	9 25	1 00	41 00	15 00	47 75	1	
1			1	15	62	70	1	6	62	1	6	2	2	62	13 75	60	62 00	45 00	93 50	1	
1			1	14	34	34	4	4	26	8	8	8	8	26	8 50		34 00		25 50	1	
1			1	8	90	101	3	3	93	8	8	8	8	93	20 75		90 00	40 00	109 25	1	
1			1	10	127	139	6	1	130	9	9	9	9	130	30 25	10 54	127 00	50 00	157 29	1	
1			1	7	51	54	1	1	53	1	1	1	1	53	12 25	2 20	51 00	70 00	50 58	1	
1			1	7	65	76	1	1	75	1	1	1	1	75	10 50		65 00	70 00	124 40	1	
1			1	14	34	34	4	4	26	8	8	8	8	26	8 50		34 00		25 50	1	
1			1	8	90	101	3	3	93	8	8	8	8	93	20 75		90 00	40 00	109 25	1	
2			2	15	68	71	10	14	47	24	24	2	2	47	19 25		68 00	5 00	53 75	1	
1			1	17	53	54	2		52	2	2			52	12 00		53 00	15 00	66 00	1	
1			1	2	18	19			19	2	2			19	4 25	1 00	18 00	15 00	29 75	1	
2			2	13	33	38	3	5	38	5	5	3	3	38	7 75		33 00	5 00	30 25	1	
1			1	19	70	73	2	3	68	5	5	2	2	68	16 00	2 40	70 00	20 00	76 40	1	
1			1	2	32	44	3	3	41	3	3	3	3	41	7 75		32 00	40 00	64 25	1	
1			1	2	25	27	2	2	25	2	2	2	2	25	7 25		25 00	15 00	32 75	1	
5			5	10	48	43	3	8	32	11	11	8	8	32	7 75		43 00		32 25	1	
3			3	4	27	29	2	1	27	2	2	1	1	27	2 03		27 00	5 00	29 97	1	
1			1	1	32	36	2	2	34	2	2	2	2	34	8 01	75	32 00	20 00	44 74	1	
1			1	1	45	47	1	1	46	1	1	1	1	46	11 50		45 00	5 00	38 50	1	
1			1	1	18	19			19	1	1			19	4 00		18 00	10 00	24 00	1	
1			1	4	52	56	2	1	53	3	3	3	3	53	14 00		52 00	20 00	58 00	1	
1			1	4	44	47	3	3	44	3	3	3	3	44	8 82		44 00	10 00	45 18	1	
1			1	7	48	57	5	5	52	5	5	5	5	52	11 75	67	48 00	30 00	66 92	1	
1			1	17	42	53	2	9	42	11	11	9	9	42	10 00		42 00	25 00	57 40	1	
1			1	2	38	42	6	1	35	7	7	1	1	35	10 75	2 40	38 00	5 00	34 65	1	
1			1	6	35	40	2	1	34	6	6	3	3	34	6 50		35 00	15 00	43 50	1	
2			2	5	33	36	2	2	34	2	2	2	2	34	6 30	1 00	33 00	10 00	38 70	1	
2			2	2	38	39	2	2	37	2	2	2	2	37	10 25	1 00	38 00		28 75	1	
1			1	16	30	30	3	6	24	3	3	6	6	24	8 75	9 04	30 00	45 00	21 25	1	
2			2	2	43	54	3	1	51	3	3	1	1	51	9 75	8 04	43 00		87 25	1	
1			1	7	51	67	1	1	65	2	2	1	1	65	11 00		51 00	65 00	113 04	1	
1			1	1	58	63	2	1	60	3	3	3	3	60	13 00	1 00	58 00	10 00	66 00	1	
1			1	7	24	25			25	3	3			25	6 25		24 00	15 00	32 75	1	
1			1	8	26	29	1	1	27	2	2	1	1	27	7 00		26 00	10 00	29 00	1	
4			4	4	28	30	1	4	25	5	5	4	4	25	8 00		28 00	20 00	20 00	1	
1			1	2	46	51	1	1	51	5	5	1	1	51	10 50		46 00		35 50	1	
1			1	14	18	18	1	4	13	5	5	4	4	13	66	4 02	18 00	10 00	17 34	1	
1			1	14	42	46	1	2	42	4	4	2	2	42	10 25		42 00	10 00	45 77	1	

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NAME OF LODGE	ENTERED APPRENTICES										FELLOW CRAFTS										SUSPENDED			
	No. of Lodge	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. of Lodge	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	No. March 31, 1901	By Suspension	Other Causes			
		No. March 31, 1901	By Initiation	Otherwise	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death			Other Causes	Total Loss	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere					By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss
Bloomfield	218	2	5	7	1	1	1	6	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	1	1				
Relief	219	3	3	6	2	2	2	4	1	2	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1				
Magnolia	220	2	7	9	7	7	7	2	1	7	8	8	1	1	8	8	8	2	2	1				
Wood Lake	221	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Landmark	222	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Eminence	223	3	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2				
Silver Cord	224	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	7				
Cable	225	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1				
Grace	226	4	5	9	7	7	7	3	2	7	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	1	1	1				
North Star	227	4	4	8	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2				
Bartley	228	3	1	4	3	3	3	1	1	3	4	3	1	4	4	4	4	1	1	1				
Comet	229	1	4	5	4	4	4	4	1	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4				
Delta	230	3	6	9	6	6	6	3	6	6	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4				
Mt. Hermon	231	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1				
John S. Bowen	232	4	2	6	4	4	4	2	1	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1				
Gilead	233	7	6	13	4	4	4	9	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1				
Zion	234	5	2	7	4	4	4	3	1	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1				
Fraternity	235	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1				
Golden Rule	236	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Cubit	237	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1				
Ithmar	238	6	3	9	2	2	2	7	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	5	5	5				
Friendship	239	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1				
Pilot	240	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
George Armstrong	241	2	7	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1				
Orion	242	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Tyrian	243	7	1	8	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1				
Sincerity	244	3	2	5	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Hampton	245	2	5	7	5	5	5	2	1	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1				
Nehawka	246	1	5	6	6	6	6	3	6	6	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	1	1	1				
Corner Stone	247	16	5	21	5	5	5	13	8	8	13	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2				
Laurel	248	3	6	9	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1				
Gothenburg	249	1	3	4	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1				
Geo. Washington	250	1	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1				
Wausa	251	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Beemer	U D	23	23	46	15	15	15	8	15	15	15	11	11	11	11	11	11	4	4	4				
Hildreth	U D	9	9	18	6	6	6	3	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1				
Extinct Lodges	37	9	46	55	15	15	15	46	12	1	13	2	2	2	2	2	2	11	11	11				
Grand Total	1513	847	2123	3870	1414	1414	1414	10825	1556	424	788	612	187	723	413	740	478	3144	219	2033				

NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1902.

MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS										GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.						
LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	GAIN				Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 1902	Amounts Due Lodges on Old Accounts	Amounts Due Grand Lodge on Old Accounts	Dues on Master Masons	Fees on Initiation	Amounts Due Grand Lodge, March 31, 1902	No. of Lodge
By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss		By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes								Total Loss
			4	65	2	1		68	9	1			10	58	\$15 00	\$0 50	\$65 00	\$25 00	\$75 50	218
			1	22				22					22	22	7 00		22 00	15 00	30 00	219
			2	55	8	1		64	3				3	61	13 00	50	55 00	35 00	77 50	220
			20					20					20	20	5 00		20 00	10 00	25 00	221
			2	42	1			43	3	1	1		5	38	8 75	2 00	42 00	5 00	40 23	222
				39	3	2		44					44	44	9 25	6 42	39 00	5 00	41 17	223
1		2		23	1	1	1	26	1				1	25	7 00		23 00		16 00	224
			1	32				32	1				1	31	6 93		32 00		25 07	225
			1	34	8	1		43	3				3	40	8 25	2 25	34 00	25 00	53 00	226
			2	46	3	1		50	9				9	41	9 46		46 00	20 00	56 54	227
			1	26	3	1		30	1	1		2	28	28	3 08		26 00	5 00	27 92	228
				29	4			33	1	1		2	31	31	7 00		29 00	20 00	42 00	229
				22	2	3		27		1		1	26	26	5 75		22 00	30 00	46 25	230
			1	30		1		31	1			1	30	30	7 75		30 00	5 00	27 25	231
				37	4	1		42	2	1		3	39	39	8 75	90	37 00	10 00	39 15	232
			1	39	4	1		44	2	1		3	41	41	2 45		39 00	30 00	66 55	233
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				32	2			34					34	34	6 75	50	32 00	10 00	35 25	235
				18	1	2		21		1		1	20	20	4 25		18 00	5 00	18 75	236
				19	4	2		25					25	25	4 00		19 00	10 00	25 00	237
			5	17	1			18		1		1	17	17	3 99		17 00	15 00	28 01	238
		1	2	26	3		1	30	1		2	3	27	27	5 46		26 00	10 00	30 54	239
			2	30	1	2		33	1			1	32	32	7 75	50	30 00	10 00	32 75	240
				34	10	2		46					46	46	7 75	9 64	34 00	35 00	70 89	241
				24			1	25					25	25	4 75	26 40	24 00		45 63	242
			1	23	4	1		28	1	1	1	3	25	25	5 06		23 00	35 00	52 94	243
				26	1	2		29					29	29	6 25		26 00	10 00	29 75	244
				31	5	1		37	1			1	36	36			31 00	25 00	56 00	245
				21	8	1		30					30	30		50	21 00	25 00	46 50	246
				25	3			28				1	27	27			25 00	25 00	50 00	247
				18	5	1		24					24	24			18 00	30 00	48 00	248
				4	2	15		21					21	21		2 91		15 00	17 91	249
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The address of the Grand Master, together with the reports of the several officers, as printed, was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

Brother J. Elmer Anderson, 11, presented a partial report of the Committee on Credentials. The report was received subject to correction during the session, and as finally made and adopted, it is as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Nebraska lodges are represented with the exception of numbers 2, 12, 40, 66, 87, 88, 92, 107, 118, 119, 137, 174, 181, 182, 185, 191, 196, 209, 238 and 242.

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.:W.:ROBERT E. EVANS	Grand Master.
R.:W.:NATHANIEL M. AYERS	Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.:FRANK E. BULLARD	Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.:JAMES DINSMORE	Grand Junior Warden.
R.:W.:JOHN B. DINSMORE	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.:FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Secretary.
M.:W.:ROBERT E. FRENCH	Grand Custodian.
W.:MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL	Grand Marshal.
W.:C. EDWIN BURNHAM	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.:ELIAS W. BEGHTOL	Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO.:JACOB KING	Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters: M.:W.:Brothers Daniel H. Wheeler, Robert W. Furnas, Harry P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, George W. Lininger, Edward K. Valentine, Edwin F. Warren, Samuel W. Hayes, Manoah B. Reese, Charles K. Coutant, George B. France, John J. Mercer, Robert E. French, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, Charles J. Phelps, John B. Dinsmore, Frank H. Young, William W. Keysor, Albert W. Crites; Past Deputy Grand Masters: Henry Brown, Elias H. Clark.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska.....No. 1	Milton J. Kennard.....	*Oscar R. Allen.....	William H. Hanchett.
Western Star " 2	"	"	"
Capitol " 3	*Charles A. Dunham...	William A. DeBord...	Raymond V. Cole.
Omaha Valley " 4	"	Edward E. Lowman...	"
Omaha " 5	*Martin Lockwood.....	"	"
Wattsmouth " 6	Michael Archer.....	"	"
Walls City " 9	Frank C. Wiser.....	"	"
Wolomon " 10	"	*Edwin N. Grenell.....	*James M. Trisler.
Wolverton " 11	J. Elmer Anderson.....	Fremont C. Craig.....	*James W. Maynard.
Wichita " 12	"	"	"
Wright " 13	John C. Shepherd.....	"	"
Yeru " 14	Joseph A. Hays.....	"	"
Wilmington " 15	*Charles A. Morse.....	*John C. Cleland.....	"
Wesley " 17	William S. Bouton.....	"	"
Wilmington " 19	Morris W. Folsom.....	H. Archie Vaughan....	Albert Lemen.
Washington " 21	Will H. H. Davis.....	"	"
Waverly " 23	Leslie W. Leonard.....	"	"
Wainwright " 25	Charles S. Lobingier....	*Alfred M. Oleson.....	*Alfred M. Oleson.
Waverly " 26	*Samuel A. Gilliland....	John L. Anderson.....	"
Waverly " 27	"	*Ludwig Rosenthal.....	*Ludwig Rosenthal.
Waverly " 29	*Benjamin T. Skeen.....	"	"
Waverly " 30	John A. Cocklin.....	"	"
Waverly " 31	Charles E. Hopewell....	"	"
Waverly " 32	George A. Beecher.....	"	"
Waverly " 33	*Christian P. Birk.....	"	"
Waverly " 34	Henry C. Wright.....	*George H. Wells.....	*George H. Wells.
Waverly " 35	Edgar E. Howell.....	"	"
Waverly " 36	Jacob B. Templin.....	Joseph E. Benton.....	*John E. Babbitt.
Waverly " 37	Melville H. Fleming.....	Herman Wissenberg....	"
Waverly " 38	John McLain.....	"	William H. Smiley.
Waverly " 39	Malcolm P. Brown.....	"	"
Waverly " 40	"	"	"
Waverly " 41	Henry F. Stephens.....	"	Carl Strahle.
Waverly " 42	William G. Saddler.....	*Enos J. Hanchett.....	"
Waverly " 43	"	Nathan A. Heath, Jr....	"
Waverly " 44	*William Newton.....	*William Newton.....	William Newton.
Waverly " 46	*Clarence A. Murch.....	"	Clarence A. Murch.
Waverly " 48	Alvah W. Loomis.....	"	"
Waverly " 49	George Honey.....	"	"
Waverly " 50	Frank C. Babcock.....	"	"
Waverly " 51	*John Harper.....	"	"
Waverly " 52	Samuel G. Glover.....	"	"
Waverly " 53	*John W. Tulleys.....	Lewis H. Blackledge....	*John W. Tulleys.
Waverly " 54	Frank W. Hill.....	Ornan J. King.....	Samuel S. Whiting.
Waverly " 55	George T. Sprecher.....	"	"
Waverly " 56	D. Webster Baker.....	Samuel E. Cain.....	"
Waverly " 57	James R. Alexander.....	"	"
Waverly " 58	*James E. North.....	William H. Benham....	"
Waverly " 59	"	Fred R. Clark.....	"
Waverly " 60	William H. Banwell.....	"	"
Waverly " 61	Frank H. Adams.....	"	"
Waverly " 62	William H. England.....	"	"

Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Riverton	No. 63	*John D. Fulton		
Blue Valley	" 64	Joseph H. Grimm		
Osceola	" 65	Lawrence M. Shaw		
Livingstone	" 66			
Edgar	" 67	William E. Montgomery		
Aurora	" 68	Eugene J. Hainer		
Sterling	" 70	E. Ross Hitchcock		
Trowel	" 71	Harry B. Hauser		
Hooper	" 72	*Fred H. VanSeggern	Fred H. VanSeggern	*Fred H. VanSeggern
Friend	" 73	Alexander McFarlane		
Alexandria	" 74	George H. Danforth		
Frank Welch	" 75	J. Caesar Neubauer		
Joppa	" 76	Charles L. Owen		
Nelson	" 77	William M. Porter		
Albion	" 78	*Thompson F. Martin		
Geneva	" 79	Mark Butler		
Composite	" 81	Aurelius Roberts		
Saint Paul	" 82	James A. Wilhelmsen		
Corinthian	" 83	Cyrus E. Hunter		
Fairfield	" 84	Lester B. Stiner	D. Frank Phillips	
Tyre	" 85	*John M. Falwell		
Douphan	" 86	*Charles F. Raymer		
Ionic	" 87			
Star	" 88			
Cedar River	" 89	Albert Thompson		
Elk Creek	" 90	Thomas B. Rogers		
Oakland	" 91	Victor L. Fried		
Hubbell	" 92			
Beaver City	" 93	Albert M. Keyes		
Bennett	" 94	*William Nelson		*James B. Taylor
Garfield	" 95	Robert R. Dickson		*James C. Harnish
Utica	" 96	Thomas L. Davies	Fred G. Limback	
Euclid	" 97	*Marion U. Thomas		
Republican	" 98	Nelson J. Ludi		
Shelton	" 99		Charles M. Wallace	
Creighton	" 100	Harry A. Cheney		
Ponco	" 101	Robert H. Pomeroy	James E. Stevenson	
Waterloo	" 102	Charles Witte	Fred Bull	
Ord	" 103	Everett M. Williams		*W. James Milford
Wymore	" 104	Harrison F. Vernon		
Stella	" 105	James R. Cain, Jr		
Porter	" 106	Joseph S. Pedler		
Steele City	" 107			
Table Rock	" 108	Samuel G. Wright		
Arapahoe	" 109		Bennie J. Baker	
Pomegranate	" 110	Willis M. Butler		
Dewitt	" 111	Albert Thomas		
Springfield	" 112	Frederick E. Beal	*John M. Ward	*John D. Quinley
Globe	" 113	Christopher Schavland		
Wisner	" 114	Lincoln Riley		
Brainard	" 115	John T. McKnight		
Harlan	" 116	John A. Gibson		

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Hardy	No. 117	Charles A. Hayes.		
Oric	" 118			
North Bend	" 119			
Wayne	" 120	Anson A. Welch.		
Superior	" 121	John W. Mitchell.		
Adianola	" 123	Amos H. Reynolds.		
Huburn	" 124	William Watson, Jr.	James M. Burress.	Robert C. Boyd.
Mount Nebo	" 125	Henry C. Craig.		
Woodsburg	" 126	James D. Edwards		
Windsen	" 127	Hans P. Anderson	*George F. Milbourn.	
Guide Rock	" 128	Ira A. Pace		
Blue Hill	" 129	*Kenneth W. McKenzie.		
Wiscan	" 130	John C. Linden.		
Wribner	" 132	Edward C. Burns.		
Wlm Creek	" 133		Leslie G. MacKenzie.	
Wblar	" 134	Mads M. Kokjer.		*William R. Morse.
McCook	" 135	Marion O. McClure.		
Wong Pine	" 136	John S. Davison.	*Lewis E. Smith.	
Wpright	" 137			
Wawalt	" 138	Neal A. Pettygrove		
Wlay Centre	" 139	*John Hager.	*John Hager.	*John Hager.
Western	" 140	Peter Waldorf.		
Wrescent	" 143	William A. Gibson.		
Wenesaw	" 144		Allen S. Howard.	
Waneroft	" 145		Louis B. Renner.	
Wschin	" 146	Isaac E. Austin		
Wloom	" 147	James A. Rice.		
Wmnet Crawford	" 148	Melvin K. Hagadorn.		Cyrus G. Brenizer.
Wewel	" 149	Levi H. Mumau.		
Wambridge	" 150		William P. Bennett.	
Wquare	" 151	*William J. Collier.		
Wparallel	" 152	Harley E. Bowhay.		
Wvergreen	" 153	*William W. Quivey		
Wily	" 154	Robert Tweed		
Wartington	" 155	Robert G. Mason		
Wythagoras	" 156		Samuel W. Green.	
Walley	" 157	Joseph H. Phelps.		
Wamaritan	" 158	*George T. H. Babcock.		
Wgalalla	" 159		Axel Nelson.	
Weredatha	" 160	John Wilson.		
Wount Zion	" 161	*Charles Krumbach		
Wrestle Board	" 162	Benjamin H. Bailey.	Charles E. Wood	
Wnity	" 163	William E. Hand		
Wtkinson	" 164	*Alexander Searles.		Alexander Searles.
Warneston	" 165	Seth Ratliff		
Wystic Tie	" 166	Anthony J. Dunlevy		
Wwood	" 167	*Burton L. Chambers.		
Wurtis	" 168	Charles B. Compton.		
Wnity	" 169	Henry F. Wasmund		
Wason City	" 170		Thomas J. Wood	
Werna	" 171	Ernest M. Coleman.	Robert R. Duncan.	
Wrafton	" 172	Orin H. Parsons.		

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Robert Burns . . . No. 173	* <i>Samuel W. Bell</i>		
Culbertson . . . " 174			
Temple . . . " 175	William D. Reed		
Gladstone . . . " 176	Charles B. Hare		John Davis.
Hay Springs . . . " 177	Frank Talloss		
Hesperia . . . " 178		Frank B. Huston	
Prudence . . . " 179		John H. Ritchie	
Justice . . . " 180	* <i>Leonard Morse</i>		
Faith . . . " 181			
Incense . . . " 182			
Alliance . . . " 183		Samuel A. Franklin	
Bee Hive . . . " 184	James W. Hastings		* <i>Claude L. Talbot</i> .
Boaz . . . " 185			
Israel . . . " 187	Claude B. Coleman		
Meridian . . . " 188	Clark K. Brown		
Granite . . . " 189	Leroy J. Babcock		* <i>Ira A. Kirk</i> .
Amethyst . . . " 190	Allen C. Kirby		
Crystal . . . " 191			
Minnekadusa . . . " 192	* <i>Charles H. Cornell</i>		
Signet . . . " 193	Francis N. Nichols		
Highland . . . " 194	* <i>Martin Crosby</i>	Martin Crosby	
Arcana . . . " 195	* <i>Ulia F. Powell</i>		
Level . . . " 196			
Morning Star . . . " 197	* <i>Robert S. Hirsch</i>		
Purity . . . " 198	Alonzo Cunningham		* <i>Fred Hoffmeister</i> .
Gavel . . . " 199	* <i>James H. Bryant</i>	* <i>James H. Bryant</i>	* <i>James H. Bryant</i> .
Blazing Star . . . " 200	Albert D. Cram		
Scotts Bluff . . . " 201	Asa B. Wood		
Golden Sheaf . . . " 202	Arthur H. Terry		
Roman Eagle . . . " 203	Merton W. Snyder	* <i>John King</i>	
Plainview . . . " 204	James K. Smith		
Golden Fleece . . . " 205	Harvey I. Babcock	Thomas M. Johnson	
Napthali . . . " 206	Adelbert D. Stotts		
Parian . . . " 207	George B. Mair		
Gauge . . . " 208		* <i>George H. Kinsey</i>	
Canopy . . . " 209			
East Lincoln . . . " 210	* <i>Frank C. Richards</i>		Charles W. Pace.
Cement . . . " 211	Frank E. Slusser		
Compass&Square . . . " 212	Marcus E. Bush		
Square&Compass . . . " 213	* <i>Erie W. Northrop</i>		
Plumblin . . . " 214	* <i>Nathaniel C. Shaw</i>		
Occidental . . . " 215	Frank B. Knapp		
Palisade . . . " 216	* <i>Worthie Shipley</i>		
Wauneta . . . " 217	Austin C. Pence		
Bloomfield . . . " 218	Lewis M. Caya	* <i>Silas M. Stafford</i>	* <i>Will A. Needham</i> .
Relief . . . " 219	* <i>George I. Parker</i>	George I. Parker	
Magnolia . . . " 220	Frank Coye		
Wood Lake . . . " 221	* <i>Charles A. Barnes</i>		
Landmark . . . " 222	Melville S. Wilcox		
Eminence . . . " 223	* <i>John N. Brock</i>		
Silver Cord . . . " 224	Edgar B. Smith		
Cable . . . " 225	John Finch	Charles C. Ross	

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REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
ce	No. 226	Captain E. Marsteller		
th Star	" 227		William J. D. Count	
ttley	" 228	John Johnson		
net	" 229	*Charles D. Curyea		Charles D. Curyea
la	" 230	Alfred Powell, Sr.		
Hermon	" 231	*Enos M. Shaw		
n S. Bowen	" 232	J. Floyd McCann		
pad	" 233	William D. Spicknall		
n	" 234		John L. Alden	
ternity	" 235	*Walter Gaebler		Walter Gaebler
den Rule	" 236	William J. Armour		
bit	" 237	*Fernando E. Kruse		Fernando E. Kruse
mar	" 238			
ndship	" 239		William H. H. Baird	
t	" 240	George W. Little		
rgeArmstrong	" 241	George A. Blackstone		
pn	" 242			
ian	" 243	Addison C. Maynard		Ernst Meyer
erity	" 244	Frank E. Martin		
mp-ton	" 245			George B. Steadman
awka	" 246	Edwin A. Kirkpatrick		
nerstone	" 247	*Lynn A. Quivey	Lynn A. Quivey	
rel	" 248	Daniel McBain		
henburg	" 249	Edwin J. Spaulding		
e Washington	" 250	*George S. Copeland	George S. Copeland	
usa	" 251	William R. York		

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Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges: Arkansas, Samuel W. Hayes, 55; Canada, Williamson S. Summers, 26; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps, 54; Egypt, George W. Lininger, 3; England, George W. Lininger, 3; Georgia, Edwin F. Warren, 2; Idaho, Nelson D. Jackson, 71; Illinois, George H. Thummel, 33; Indiana, Harry P. Deuel, 11; Ireland, William Cleburne, 3; Kansas, James P. A. Black, 76; Louisiana, Albert W. Crites, 158; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough, 25; Maryland, Henry Gibbons, 46; Michigan, Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Minnesota, William W. Keysor, 25; Missouri, George B. France, 56; Montana, John J. Mercer, 4; Nevada, John B. Dinsmore, 49; New Brunswick, Addison S. Tibbets, 54; New York, Edward K. Valentine, 27; North Carolina, Melville R. Hopewell, 31; North Dakota, John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Nova Scotia, Henry H. Wilson, 19; Ohio, Robert W. Furnas, 4; Oregon, Henry Brown, 3; South Carolina, Frank E. Bullard, 32; South Dakota, Manoa B. Reese, 59; Tennessee, Francis E. White, 6; Texas, Martin Dunham, 3; Utah, Robert E. French, 46; Vermont, Frank H. Young, 207; Virginia, John S. Davison, 136; Washington, Charles K. Coutant, 11; Wisconsin, Robert E. Evans, 5.

The roll of committees appointed by the Grand Master, in circular dated May 7th, 1902, was called, and the following were present:

Visiting Brethren—Brothers Milton J. Kennard, 1; John C. Shepherd, 13; Albert D. Cram, 200; Thomas L. Davis, 96.

Credentials—Brothers J. Elmer Anderson, 11; William D. Spicknall, 233; Joseph H. Phelps, 157; Henry F. Stephens, 41.

Doings of Grand Officers—Brothers Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Robert H. Pomeroy, 101; William G. Saddler, 42; John G. Walthall, 180.

Returns—Brothers John J. Mercer, 4; Mads M. Kokjer, 134; Lawrence M. Shaw, 65; Albert Thompson, 89.

Pay-Roll—Brothers Everett M. Williams, 103; Robert Tweed, 154; Christopher Schavland, 113; William E. Montgomery, 67.

Relief—Brothers Zwingle M. Baird, 155; Albert W. Crites, 158; George B. France, 56; Alpha Morgan, 148.

Accounts—Brothers Clarence H. Walrath, 119; Mark Butler, 79; Alfred Powell, Sr., 230; James W. Hastings, 184; Harry A. Cheney, 100.

Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Eugene J. Hainer, 68; Neal A. Pettygrove, 138; Frank C. Babcock, 50; Jacob B. Templin, 36.

Grand Lodge Office—Brothers William W. Keysor, 25; Joseph S. Pedler, 106; William J. Armour, 236; William Watson, Jr., 124.

By-Laws of Chartered Lodges—Brothers Charles S. Lobingier, 25; J. Caesar Neubauer, 75; George B. Mair, 207; Nelson J. Ludi, 98.

Ways and Means—John S. Davisson, 136; Seth S. Ratliff, 165; James T. Bender, 15; Clark K. Brown, 188; John McLain, 38.

Grievances—Brothers Anson A. Welch, 120; Cyrus E. Hunter, 83; Melville H. Fleming, 37; Robert R. Dickson, 95; James K. Smith, 204.

Unfinished Business—Brothers Morris W. Folsom, 19; Harrison F. Vernon, 104; Michael Archer, 6; Willis M. Butler, 110; Alonzo Cunningham, 198.

Foreign Correspondence—Brothers Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; George W. Lininger, 3.

Codification of the Law—Brothers Frank H. Young, 207; Charles S. Lobingier, 25; Francis E. White, 6.

Committee on Orphans Educational Fund—Brothers Henry Gibbons, 46; Henry H. Wilson, 19.

Jurisprudence—The Past Grand Masters present, with the junior as chairman.

Fraternal Dead—Brothers Manoah B. Reese, 59; Frank W. Hill, 54; Will H. H. Davis, 21.

The Grand Master appointed Leslie W. Leonard, 23, a member of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, and Edgar B. Smith, 224, on the Committee on Ways and Means.

Brother Wheeler, 1, presented the following report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers fraternally submits the following report, viz:

That so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the calamity in the Island of Martinique be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to other jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That so much as refers to representatives, installation of Grand Officers, constituting new lodges, to Ithmar Lodge No. 238, membership of Brother A. J. Warne, to corner-stones, to appointment of trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, to the appointment of the Standing Committee on the Masonic Home Fund, to the Kent insurance, the action of the Grand Master in selling the property stored at Odell, Nebraska, the action of the Grand Master relating to the McKinley Memorial, and to the warning circular, be approved.

That the portions referring to special dispensations, to Bassett and Long Pine, to the Relief Committee, and to decisions, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the portions that refer to dispensations for new lodges, and to charters surrendered, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to Nebraska City Lodge No. 12, Minden No. 127, Jewel No. 149, and Orion No. 242, be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

That so much as relates to grievances, and to the case of Beaumont vs. Prime, be referred to the Committee on Grievances.

That the portion referring to errors in charters be referred to the M.:W.:Grand Master and the R.:W.:Grand Secretary, with power to act.

That so much as relates to by-laws and seals be referred to the Committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges.

That the portions referring to the Masonic Home, and to the Masonic Home Fund, be referred to the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund.

That so much as relates to Relief Fund notes be referred to the Committee on Relief.

That so much as relates to republication of proceedings, to law, ceremonies, and monitor, and to the black book, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

That the portions relating to change of membership by certificate, to diplomas, and to members of extinct lodges, be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law, recommending changes in the law, if deemed necessary.

That so much as refers to ordering supplies be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law.

That so much as relates to the Grand Custodian's work be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law for the purpose of reporting an amendment to our law as recommended by the Grand Master.

Your committee recommends that the report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Accounts with instructions to check the amount of receipts and payments, and to make report thereon.

We recommend that the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Accounts, with directions that said committee make a full and complete report, showing that they have officially checked the same, showing balances, if any, and with such recommendations as they may deem proper.

We recommend that the reports of the Grand Custodian and of the Committee on Relief be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Your committee recommends that the report of the trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund be referred to the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund, with directions that said committee check all securities and funds, and make full and complete report at this session of the Grand Lodge.

We recommend that the report of the Committee on Returns be approved, errors and omissions excepted.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 4th, 1902.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with M. . W. . Robert E. Evans, Grand Master, presiding, and officers and members as at the preceding session, except Brother Anson A. Welch, 120, acting as Grand Senior Warden during the opening ceremony.

Past Grand Master Phelps, 34, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the application of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand for full recognition and the exchange of representatives, fraternally report that we find said Grand Lodge to be a sovereign Grand Lodge, duly organized and established in compliance with the ancient landmarks, constitutions, and customs of Freemasonry.

We therefore recommend the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and the exchange of representatives in compliance with said application.

Regarding the application of Columbia Lodge, situated at Tampico Tamaulipas, Mexico, for recognition, we fraternally report that said applicant has not submitted with said application sufficient evidence of its organization to enable us to determine its character.

We therefore recommend that the application lie over one year to enable said lodge to furnish this Grand Lodge with a copy of its constitution and regulations, and with such other data as will enable a final determination of the matter to be made.

In regard to the communication from a body styling itself the Board of Administration of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, looking to a proposed Universal Congress of Freemasons to be held in the month of September, 1902, we fraternally report that the communication comes with no sanction of a precedent entitling it to serious consideration.

The Masonic world is well aware of the want of authority in such a proposed body to do anything binding upon anyone. Again, by common knowledge, it is well known that many of the bodies to be represented are in no sense Masonic, as we understand the term.

Your committee therefore asks to be discharged from any duty to recommend any recognition or answer in the matter.

The following report, submitted by Past Grand Master Phelps, 34, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was, on motion of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, 41, laid over for one year:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, in the republic of Mexico, with its seat in the City of Mexico, fraternally report that we find said Grand Lodge to be duly organized, regularly established, and, at this time, possessing all the attributes of a sovereign Grand Lodge, with a constitution and regulations in conformity with those with whom this Grand Lodge is now in fraternal relations.

We therefore recommend the recognition of said Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico as a duly organized Grand Lodge, and that an exchange of representatives be accorded

Past Grand Master Phelps moved, and it was carried, that the Grand Secretary telegraph fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Iowa now in session at Dubuque. The following telegram was sent and answer received:

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

Care N. R. Parvin, Grand Secretary,
Dubuque, Iowa.

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, in forty-fifth annual communication, sends greeting. May harmony and prosperity abide with you always.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M., in fifty-ninth annual communication at Dubuque, receiving your fraternal greetings, returns heartiest and most sincere good wishes to the jurisdiction to which we are bound by closest ties. Proud of our prosperity and harmony, and assured that these are also your portion, we trust that the same measure of good things may ever be meted to our brethren beyond the western boundary of Iowa.

L. J. BAKER,
Grand Master.

In the absence of Brother Ashton C. Shallenberger, 116, Grand Orator, Brother Blackledge, 53, delivered for him the following oration:

ORATION.

I intend but briefly to touch upon the grand fundamental principles and truths of Masonry and to try and bring before us today some of the side lights, so to speak, that illuminate and beautify our grand Order and add so much of interest and instruction to a contemplation of its history and associations to the devoted student and searcher after Masonic truth. Freemasonry, as we all know, has, in its broadest sense, for its foundation principle the needs and benefits of mankind in working out and broadening the highest attributes and qualities of civilization.

Its great cementing force is the power of friendship and brotherly love. Even in their most primitive and earliest stages men have always felt the necessity and helpfulness of associations for mutual benefit and protection. Out of this great principle and desire of all mankind, this spirit of brotherly interest, this race instinct of national unity which is equally strong in the family, the tribal, and the national life, has arisen the grand structure and temple dedicated to fraternity, which we denominate as Freemasonry. An institution so beneficent, so far-reaching, so noble in its teachings, so universal in its application that it has commended itself to the wise and to the learned of all ages. The real origin of Masonry reaches back so far into the dawn of history that it is lost amid the shadows of the early morning of the centuries, the history of which is little more than legend and tradition, idealized and poetically embellished by the imagination and the poetry of successive generations of writers and of thinkers. All other great institutions that had their

origin in that birth hour of history have long since reached their zenith, have had their impress stamped upon the pages of history and have passed away, yet Freemasonry still survives, still grows, and apparently bids defiance to that seemingly universal law of nature, of civilizations and of men's faiths, that all things of earth are born, live, and have their being and pass away.

But even in this twentieth century, after existing through all the years of the past, Freemasonry seems to have not yet reached the meridian of its earthly splendor, and the grandeur of its imperial growth and development seems to presage that it alone of all the institutions designed by men is destined to resist throughout the everlasting years to come, the destruction and death that has sooner or later overtaken the most powerful empires that have existed in all the ages that are gone. How wonderful it is that this institution, so ancient, so wonderful in its scope, so universal in its distribution, so illustrious throughout all time, should yet be so supremely human in its application to our needs today, white with the frost of ages upon its venerable head, yet with the heart of youth, as fresh, as personal in its application to us today in all its teachings and its tenets, as it was to the craftsmen who builded the glorious temple of the mighty Solomon so many centuries ago. How broad its great teachings in their lessons to men! How universal in its application of the principle of charity to all the human race! It knows no creeds, no castes, no lines of blood. It is one mighty temple builded for all humanity. It is a sublime thought that all creeds may kneel in adoration at its shrine and learn from its teachings, its lessons, and its glorious traditions, lessons of morality, good citizenship, brotherly love and friendship. How inspiring the thought that throughout the ages the wise, the good, the true, have been enlisted under its banners. Kings have not hesitated to lay aside their royal robes, their scepters and their crowns for the proud honor of wearing for an hour among the brethren the purple of office in our simple fraternity. Men of genius, men of world-wide reputation in the arts and in letters, have felt themselves honored by associating with our Order and in participating in its labors. Its universal power is best illustrated by the manner in which it brings the highest and the lowest, the subject and the king, the learned sage and the youthful apprentice, together upon one common level where Masonry holds sway. Where Masonry has set her seal all heights of power and dignity are laid low. Its precepts are unimpeachable, its cardinal principle, abasement of self and elevation of unselfishness. It is imperishable because its foundations are laid in truth. It opens up to the human mind and soul the loftiest aspirations. Its maxims are those which the universal experience of mankind has proved to be the foundation stones upon which men may build a useful, a contented, and a happy life.

In fact, Masonry is everlasting because it preaches in its precepts the universal brotherhood of man, without which no civilization can exist, and upon which holy principle must rest the hope for the future regeneration of mankind. When the whole world shall become possessed of this beautiful Masonic inspiration and doctrine, all wars which devastate and

destroy this beautiful world of ours—intended in infinite wisdom for happiness and not for woe—will pass away, and in their wake will come the millenium of peace on earth and good will to all mankind.

Beautiful and inspiring as is the contemplation and study of the cardinal principles and tenets of our institution, yet it is not alone in a study and understanding of them that the good Mason can improve his mind, entertain and instruct his soul and develop his intellectual and moral well-being. Masonry is so broad in its scope and has been so much in touch with mankind at all times, that the points of interest that it presents to us are fairly kaleidoscopic in their numbers and in their constantly changing beauties. The ritual and the lectures of Masonry are beautiful.

Their literary brilliancy, poetic language and inspiring words flash with the brightness of word jewels. Our ritual itself has been aptly termed "a sacred poem" and its underlying inspiration to noble actions and good deeds run beneath it like streams of water beneath a field of flowers. The beauties upon its surface are very pleasing, but beneath run deeper streams and purer waters for those who would drink of its ever flowing spring of instruction and truth. It has its history, old as civilization. It has its literature, interesting and instructive—a literature all its own, much of it not yet understood, some of it not written in books but carved in stone, imperishable throughout the years waiting for translation and understanding, carved upon the mighty monuments of the past by the cunning workmanship of the master craftsmen who have long since mouldered into dust. It has its record of patriotism performed in support of liberty and justice and humanity and good government as far back as the record of its history runs. The good Mason has ever been a good citizen, a lover of his country, willing to sacrifice everything save honor for home and native land. And it is the proud record of our grand institution that in whatever country it may set up its shrine, no traitorous blot has ever stained the escutcheon of Masonic honor and Masonic duty.

Masonry has enrolled upon her muster records the wealthy, the powerful, the noble, and the poor. The high-born and the low, the disciples of the church, the leaders in the state. She has been ever present amid war's alarm, amidst revolutions and strifes, yet her power, her influence, and her teachings have always been for the benefit of both church and state. She bears no enmity, she knows no revenge. She comes ever bearing the olive-branch of peace, and preaching as the greatest of all human attributes the doctrine of charity and benevolence to all mankind. For of all the virtues for which Masonry has signalized herself the greatest of these is charity. It is the meekest and the humblest of attributes, yet its force and power is irresistible. Its arguments are far-reaching and unanswerable. It overcomes prejudices, distinctions of class and the exclusiveness of sectarian doctrine. The charities of Masonry are twofold. It makes no boast of its own whiteness. It acknowledges in its own broadness the virtues of others and disarms all opposition by the meekness of its own spirit. This mental charity toward the beliefs and sects of all other orders of civilized man, is to me more remarkable than the material charity which all good Masons practice toward their own brethren

and in favor of all worthy objects of their benevolence and esteem. Masons have spread the mantle of Masonic charity over suffering humanity and needy brethren in many lands. Masonic homes, Masonic hospitals, and Masonic asylums are to be found wherever the craftsmen have traveled and received wages for their work. Wonderful, indeed, would be the story of all the good deeds and good things that Masons have done for each other and for their needy brethren in distress, if we had the time to tell the tale and the records from which to paint the page which should picture that beautiful history.

But the great multitude of them are not written in books, nor cut in stone, nor printed, nor painted in pictures, nor hewed in hospitals or homes, but they are stamped alone upon the hearts of those who in the quiet secret of brotherly love and friendship have been the silent recipients of that true Masonic charity which so truly administers to the wants of others without injury to the giver.

And yet, much as we must admire and cultivate this material charity toward each other, and remarkable and elevating as are its manifestations in Masonic life, yet more wonderful still to my mind is that broader mantle of Masonic charity which Masons spread over the beliefs and teachings of all men of all opinions who have sought to criticize and question Masonry without an understanding of its principles or its deeper meaning. All this makes life pleasanter, makes its hopes and aspirations better understood, and though charity more far-reaching than other virtues overleaps the realms of space, outlives the grave, and stretches out into the infinite to the boundless realms of eternity, yet it truly begins at home, is the better portion of this life which we as Masons live together and helps to lift us up and make us wiser and better men. I hope that some stronger hand, some more facile pen shall one day devote itself to a description and history of Masonic charity, of all that it has done for us, both in a material and spiritual sense in this life. Let us not belittle this short life of ours here on earth. Let us strive to live it well. The true measure of a good life is the amount of work done for the good of others, for the good of ourselves and for all mankind. Masonic charity teaches us that man's highest duty and noblest work is to strive to enlighten and elevate himself, to lift up others, that by the force of our example as good Masons and good citizens we may contribute our small share, may add one living stone to the great temple of human liberty, truth, and justice.

Truly we can say that charity is one of the brightest lights which shine upon the pathway of the earnest laborer in Masonry and is one that he may follow into many windings by the wayside and yet be well assured that his "coming feet will shine beautiful upon the mountains" when he shall return.

But surely one of the most interesting by-paths into which the earnest student of Masonic lore may wander, is that which is disclosed by the light which comes from a study of the literature which has grown up and become a part of our great institution from those early ages when the skilled craftsman cut and carved in mystic symbols his mark upon the master stone of the monuments and temples which he builded to bear

mute yet imperishable testimony for all time, as to the ancient origin of our Order, down to this age of books and printing presses, of libraries stored with millions of musty tomes, holding within their dusty covers a world of information to him who has the zeal and the desire to search for Masonic light therein. Few of us realize or know the vast mine of Masonic knowledge which is stored away in the libraries of this country and of Europe. Of the thousands and tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of works that have been written by men of all classes and all degrees of learning and in many lands upon the subject of Freemasonry. A desire to know more of this ancient history, to understand better the meaning of its symbols, to learn how far it entered into the life of the nations of antiquity, has constantly excited and employed the minds of many thoughtful men. The obelisks and temples and pyramids of Egypt have been studied and made to give up many of their most sacred secrets. Babylon and Nineveh and Tyre and Jerusalem, with all their ancient splendor and glory, have passed away; yet amid their ruins the patient antiquarian yet unearths some fragment of their mighty past, some stone or buried tomb which has painted or carved upon it the Masonic mark of the cunning craftsmen whose skill and workmanship fashioned it when these empires ruled the world.

Freemasonry has a literature of its own, and this is but to be expected when we stop to consider and understand that it is one of the most ancient of human institutions and rivals religion itself in the enduring quality of its teachings, its constant growth and the infinite variety of writings upon its myriad mysteries. The vastness of the field which it covers is only equaled by the extent of the history of civilization itself. It is useless for us to concern ourselves with the detail of attempting to trace backward through all the preceding cycles of years which antedate this hour, a continuous legend of unbroken history. It is impossible to do so in the history of nations or of individuals. It cannot but be in the very nature of things that there will be many missing links in the chain of Masonic tradition which binds the present to the story of the past. And yet, we are ever learning new things about the early history of our race, and the earnest Masonic student is constantly bringing to light new truths and new facts by earnest devotion to a study of Masonic literature and Masonic records.

How much of good there is in this world is to be learned by association and companionship with good books. Though silent, yet they speak with the tongues of men and the learning of sages. With what reverence do we stand in the silent halls of our great libraries, yet surrounded on every hand with the living wisdom of the world's wise men. Neither time nor space hold dominion here, but the past and the present meet in conjunction to give us the benefit of the assembled labors, the brilliant intellects, and the flashes of genius that have been men's legacies to humanity for thousands of years. The only immortality that we know of this side of the grave, finds a fitting monument here. It is wonderful how precious, books have been held by men in some of the ages of the past. We read in history that kings have given many broad acres for the possession of a

single volume that might tell them the story of their country's past. That of all the books which are revered and held precious by nations, the one volume held sacred above all others is that which is the great light of Masonry and of Masonic institutions—the Bible of our fathers. The influence of this book, within whose covers are to be found all that is necessary of light and learning to understand the deepest of Masonic mysteries, is so wonderful that language fails us when we attempt to describe it. It is the first object upon which the light of Masonry sheds its rays, an object which all Masons, as such, must ever keep in view with reverence. It has been the consolation and instructor of the best men of the greatest nations since the dawn of history. It is the foundation of our morality. Our governments are based upon its teachings. It touches mankind always and everywhere. We take it as the great light of our lodges. It is the rule and guide of our faith and conduct, and the principles of Masonry find their secure foundations upon the great truths which it teaches. Masonry can never rise above it, civilization uncovers no truths which it does not show to us, and fails only when it ceases to practice the virtues which a study of its great truths inculcate in the human heart.

Passing from a contemplation of the great book of light, the student of Masonic literature will find a story of wonderful instruction and interest in delving into the great mines of Masonic tradition and lore which students and antiquarians are rapidly bringing to light in explorations amid the ruins of the empires of Egypt, of Asia and of Europe. Just how closely allied to our great Masonic institutions were the ancient orders and mysteries which investigation has uncovered upon the walls and floors and ceilings of ancient palaces and Egyptian chambers of mystery, we cannot, perhaps, ever know, yet we can safely assume that there is a chain of descent broken by many missing links, yet still told in symbols and characters familiar to us even at this present day so essential in Masonic form and manner of carving, that in Masonic teachings and traditions as we know them today we have for our benefit and instruction the great fundamental principles and kernels of good for all mankind that have given life to the association of good men in mystic brotherhoods in many lands. I have stood within the halls of the great Masonic library in the temple of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Masons, with its 50,000 volumes, many of them devoted entirely to Masonic subjects and Masonic lore, and have come faintly to understand the immense amount of labor and thought and human endeavor that has been put forth in behalf of Masonic literature in the last two hundred years. I have come to understand better the poetry and beauty that is embedded in the lyrical writings of that sweet singer of American Masonry—Robert Morris. When I have looked upon the portrait of the leonine yet sage-like head of that father of Masonry in the United States—Albert Pike—and learned that he alone in a long life of devotion to the cause of Masonry had produced over 6,000 volumes and manuscripts upon Masonry, I understood something of what a jealous mistress Masonry can be to those who love her and how totally she can absorb one's mind and thoughts when once he becomes devoted to her shrine.

How interesting it is to know that in England and in France, in Spain, and in Germany, and in other lands as well, there are associations of wise and learned Masons, men of wealth and culture who are devoting themselves and directing their studies to the uncovering of the deep mysteries of Masonry. Ancient tombs and places of worship are opened and investigated, Roman temples are studied, the principal stones that enter into the construction of those wonderful examples of early medieval architecture, the Gothic churches, are searched and studied to wring from them by an understanding of the Master Masons' marks, the story and symbolism of ancient craft Freemasonry. In the libraries at Washington I have seen worm-eaten books two hundred years old and more, in the Spanish and in the French languages, telling the story of the progress of Masonry in those far-off countries in the language of men long since numbered among the forgotten dead. Who can foresee or foretell how much the study and efforts of scholars and historians in all the various civilized countries of earth may yet lay bare to us the secrets that have been lost to us in the darkness that fell upon the earth with the destruction of the Roman empire? When learning hid her face from men, and ignorance stalked abroad in the palace of the king as well as in the hut of the humblest peasant. Yet no matter what the future years may have in store for us it can add but little to those great fundamental, human truths which have been the support of Masonry whether in darkness or in light throughout the past, and shall be the foundation stone upon which her permanent temple must be builded in the future. There are other side-lights of Masonry that illuminate the path of the workman as he journeys on his labors which I would love to touch upon if time did not prevent. The light of patriotism has ever accompanied good Masons in all the past history of this nation. From the very earliest birth of our republic Masons seemed to have grasped completely the principles of equality, fraternity, and the brotherhood of man, which are the central idea of the American republic and which are bedrocks upon which the perpetuity and foundation of this dear land of ours must ever rest. Another pleasing light which we might well follow is that which shows to us the social side of Masonic fraternities and institutions. The development of the amenities and broadening influences of men meeting each other upon the platform of social equality, and learning from one another the lessons of mutual helpfulness and charity for all. The doctrine of Masonic equality which our institutions first brought to men after the dark ages, was unknown in Europe and unappreciated by the world outside of our lodges. With mystic power like the finger of Providence, Masonry has steadily upheld the central idea of liberty and equality as the necessary concomitant of justice and toleration. Amid all the revolutions of time, the shock of worlds, the downfall of dynasties, and the despotism of creeds, Masonry has steadily upheld to men the banner upon which is inscribed the principles of equality, fraternity, and justice. These principles are imbedded in our own constitution, they are a part of the Declaration of Independence itself, they are emblazoned in letters of living light upon our country's banners by all the heroes that have died underneath their folds, in sup-

port of these great truths, and it is our proud heritage as Masons to know that the principles and teachings of our Order are those which have made for civilization, for good citizenship, and for good government in every country where they are understood.

Let us then as good Masons cultivate our love of learning and understanding of the literature and history of our craft. Let us spread the mantle of Masonic charity over all men of whatever opinions, whether for us or against us. Make patriotic duty our measure of tribute, of loyalty and affection which we shall ever pay to our beloved land. May brotherly love and friendship be ever present at our own assemblies and by our own firesides, all cementing us into one common brotherhood of good friends, good citizens, good patriots, good Americans, and good Masons.

On motion of Brother Ehrhardt, 41, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered to Brother Schallenberger for preparing the foregoing oration, and to Brother Blackledge, 53, for delivering it, and a copy was requested for publication with the proceedings.

The Grand Master appointed as the special committee to report on the disaster at Martinique, Past Grand Masters Wilson, 19, Keysor, 25, and Ehrhardt, 41. After consideration, the committee submitted their report and it was adopted :

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE DISASTER AT MARTINIQUE.

To the Grand Lodge :

The civilized world stands appalled at the momentary destruction of one of the fairest islands of the sea. In the presence of such an overwhelming calamity as has befallen the people of Martinique, we feel a depressing sense of the impotence of man in the presence of forces of nature.

The May sun rose upon the happy, prosperous, and thriving people of this gem of the Antilles, and set upon a scene, the horror of which no pen can adequately depict.

In the presence of such a catastrophe, all differences of institutions, of language, and of religion, disappear, and all the world are next of kin.

We extend to the French people, and especially to the survivors of Martinique, our most heartfelt sympathy, and beg to assure them of our kindly interest in their future welfare and prosperity.

The Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 A. M., Thursday, June 5th, 1902.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 5th, 1902.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour under direction of M. :W. : Robert E. Evans, with officers and members as at the preceding session.

In the absence of Past Grand Master Davidson, 17, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, Past Grand Master Reese, 19, read the report prepared by the chairman. On motion, it was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge :

During the year just passed repeated and expressive warnings have come to teach us that in the midst of life we are in death. Many of our brethren, during the past year, have been carried to "that bourne from whence no traveller returns." Not only within our own jurisdiction, but in that of every Grand Lodge of Masons through the land, have the brethren been called to mourn the loss of many of the brightest and best of their brethren. We do not deem it fitting that in this report any attempt be made to particularize or single out any of these loved brethren for special mention. It is enough for us to know, and place on record, our appreciation of the fact that each of them in his separate station, and in the use of the means placed at his command, faithfully discharged his duties, with a full realization of the fact that "the All-Seeing Eye was upon him." Many great and good men, members of our venerable Fraternity, are among this number who have fallen at their posts of duty during the past year.

While it is true that the lessons of God's Providence are severe, still when rightly understood are found to be merciful dispensations, reminding us that we have higher duties to fulfill, and graver responsibilities to encounter, than those connected with the immediate activities of this life. As we lay our hands upon his Holy Word and invoke His favor and protection upon all our honest endeavors, may we do so with implicit confidence that He will withdraw his loving mercy from us only in the hour of our blindness and disobedience.

As we contemplate the solemn memories associated with the death and burial of these our deceased brethren, we tender to their immediate families and friends our sincerest sympathies, and as we turn from these tender memories to again assume and take up the great battles of life, let us each highly resolve that we will yield to the inspiration that comes to us today from the lives of these our loved and lost, and diligently strive after

“that purity of heart and rectitude of conduct” which is the needed preparation for entrance into the Holy of Holies above.

Brother Hainer, 68, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, and, on motion, it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, having had under careful consideration the several matters referred to it, and having examined the records, documents, reports, and recommendations relating thereto, begs leave to report and recommend as follows, viz :

1. In the matter of the petition of the brethren heretofore working under dispensation at Hildreth, Nebraska, we recommend that a charter be issued to them under the name of Hildreth Lodge No. —; provided, that said lodge, within three months from the time of its institution duly adopts and submits by-laws meeting the approval of the Grand Master.

2. In the matter of the petition of the brethren heretofore working under dispensation at Beemer, Nebraska, that a charter be issued to them under the name of Beemer Lodge No. —.

3. That the action of the Grand Master in the matter of the surrender of the charter of Anchor Lodge No. 142, given in detail in his address, be in all things sustained, approved, and confirmed.

4. In the matter of the petition of Brother John S. Dillenbeck and seven others for a dispensation empowering them to form, open, and hold a regular lodge at the town of Pleasant Dale, in the county of Seward, Nebraska, on the suggestion of said petitioners that they be granted further time in which to provide a safe and suitable lodge room and also time to secure additional names on the said petition, as well as to acquire further proficiency in the work of conferring the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in accordance with established usage, and it further appearing that pursuant to their said request no examination as to their proficiency has been made by the Grand Custodian, we recommend that said petition be held in abeyance and no action be taken thereon at this session of the Grand Lodge.

5. In the matter of the action of the Grand Master, relating to the surrender of its charter by Palmyra Lodge No. 45, we recommend that said action of the Grand Master be in all things approved and confirmed, and that demits be granted by the Grand Lodge to such members of Palmyra Lodge No. 45 as apply therefor for the purpose of joining another lodge, on the payment of such amounts as stand unpaid at the time of such application, said amounts to be computed and ascertained by the Grand Secretary. All applications for such demits are to be made within six months from the date of the adjournment of the present session of the Grand Lodge.

A request for relief from Brother Abram M. Smith of Western Star Lodge No. 2, was received and referred to the Committee on Relief.

A request for the bound volumes, second edition, of our proceedings, was received from the Master of Amor y Verdad Lodge of Sancti-Spiritus, Cuba, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Requests for the return of fees paid for special dispensations from Fairbury Lodge 35, Parallel No. 152, and Gavel No. 199, were received and referred to the same committee. Queries from Springfield Lodge No. 112, Wisner No. 114, Rawalt No. 138, and from a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, also statements of three lodges that had elected officers in June, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

A petition for restoration to all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry was received from a Fellow Craft Mason of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A claim from Naphthali Lodge No. 310, of Kansas, for expenses incurred in the burial of a member of Palmyra Lodge No. 45 (extinct), was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Bills of the Grand Master for \$2.97, the Grand Treasurer for \$1.80, and E. A. Armstrong Mfg. Co., for jewels for the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Orator, for \$25.00, were received and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

A report from the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Colorado, was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge to a report that some lodges were introducing new and strange features in the second section of the third degree, and it was ordered that all lodges discontinue the use of such paraphernalia or *emblems*.

Brother Lobingier, 25, presented the following report of the Committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges, which, on motion, was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS OF CHARTERED LODGES.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your Committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges beg leave to report that they have examined all codes, by-laws, and amendments to by-laws, of chartered and subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, which have been submitted to, and approved by the Grand Master since the last communication of this Grand Lodge. Your committee beg leave to report that they have found no matters or features that are improper or unconstitutional in any of said by-laws or amendments, and therefore respectfully recommend that the action of the Grand Master in approving the same, be approved and confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

Your committee further report that they have examined the proposed code of by-laws of Melrose Lodge No. 60, and the proposed amendment to the by-laws of Fairbury Lodge No. 35, which were submitted to us since the approval by the Grand Master of those above mentioned, and we recommend that said code of by-laws of Melrose Lodge No. 60, be approved by this Grand Lodge.

Your committee further recommend that so much of the proposed amendment to the by-laws of Fairbury Lodge No. 35, as provides for appointment by the Master to fill vacancies in the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, be not approved, as being in conflict with Paragraph 2 of Section 102 of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, but that said proposed amendment be approved after rejecting said last proviso.

Brother Welch, 120, read the report of the Committee on Grievances and the same was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

Your Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the several matters hereinafter mentioned, reports as follows :

First: In the matter of the petition of an expelled Fellow Craft Mason of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, for reinstatement, we find all the requirements of the Grand Lodge law duly complied with, and recommend that the petitioner be reinstated.

Second: In the matter of the action of the M. W. Grand Master and the commission appointed by him to hear and determine the charges presented against the Master of Solar Lodge No. 134, we find that the Master of Solar Lodge No. 134, was charged with the violation of the first clause of Par. 11, Sec. 108, of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska. We also find that a commission appointed by the M. W. Grand Master in due form, to hear and determine said charges, by its majority report found the accused technically guilty, the said Master being under the apprehension that no valid objection to the advancement of the brother had been made.

We recommend that the action of M.:W.: Grand Master be approved.

Third: In the matter of the complaint to the M.:W.: Grand Master that an objection lodged with the Master of Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, against the advancement of a Fellow Craft, had been disregarded, we find from a careful examination of the record submitted to us, that said record constitutes charges against the Master of Tecumseh Lodge No. 17 and a Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction of official misconduct in the violation of the first clause of Par. 11, Sec. 108, of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

We recommend that the said charges be referred to the incoming Grand Master, with directions to cause the brothers charged to be tried upon said charges, as by law provided.

Fourth: With reference to the report of R.:W.: Brother Frank E. Bullard, of the special committee appointed by the Grand Master to investigate and report on the controversy between Brothers Beaumont and Prime, we find that the record of this matter submitted to us, with the report of Brother Bullard, sustains his conclusions.

We therefore recommend that the report of R.:W.: Brother Bullard be approved, and that this Grand Lodge repay to Brother C. H. Beaumont the sum of sixteen dollars, and that its warrant be drawn therefor.

It was moved and carried that special dispensations to elect officers be granted without fee to Orient Lodge No. 13 and Elk Creek Lodge No. 90.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Master Young, 207, and on motion, it was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

Resolved: That the sum of \$175.00 be repaid to Brother A. U. Wyman, for the amount paid by him on two interest payments on the Henderson Loan.

Brother Folsom, 19, presented the following report of the Committee on Unfinished Business. The same was considered section by section.

Section 1. Amending the law relating to mileage and per dium, for representatives from lodges U.:D.:, was adopted.

Section 2. The amendment to the law relating to the board of trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, was adopted.

Section 3. Relating to the amendment to the constitution, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

The Committee on Unfinished Business begs leave to report :

1. That the following amendment introduced last year by Brother Carr, 245, be adopted and approved :

“Resolved, That Article 1, Section 6, of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, entitled pay-roll, be amended to read as follows : The retiring grand officers and one representative from each chartered lodge and lodge under dispensation (the Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden, according to rank) if present, shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge six cents per mile for each mile traveled going to the Grand Lodge, to be estimated by the most direct route, and two dollars per day for each day's attendance. Provided, that in case the lodge is not represented by any of the first three officers, the proxy issued by the highest ranking officer shall be entitled to the mileage and per diem. No member who leaves the Grand Lodge before it is closed shall receive mileage or per diem unless he be excused by the Grand Lodge.”

2. That the proposed amendment to Section 7, Paragraph 1, by-laws, be amended to read as follows :

“1. There is hereby created a board of three trustees whose duty it is to have charge of, manage, control and invest the Orphans Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge, in loans upon real estate, or federal, county, or school district bonds, such loans not to exceed forty per cent of the value of such real estate, and in all cases secured by a first mortgage upon such real estate. All unused money may be deposited in solvent banks on interest until the same shall be required for the purpose of loaning on real estate or investment.”

3. The following proposed amendment, presented by Brother Ehrhardt, 41, not having received a favorable majority vote of the lodges, we recommend that the same be not adopted :

“Resolved, That Article III, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

‘The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular communication annually at the City of Omaha.’”

Brother Gibbons, 46, read the report of the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund and requested Brother Coutant, 11, to read the list of securities belonging to the fund for the information of the Grand Lodge, which he proceeded to do, giving in detail the nature and value of the securities. On motion of Brother North, 58, the further reading of the list was dispensed with, and it was moved and carried that the following report of the committee be adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, beg leave to report that we have examined said reports, checked vouchers, books, accounts, notes, and securities, and find the same correct as per printed statement of Brother Coutant, Treasurer.

While the present trustees deserve the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the earnest efforts they have made to establish values of certain securities and to see that loans should not be made except upon a thorough business basis, your committee believe there are some loans out—not a great many—secured by real estate mortgages, mostly in the interior of the state, and in one or two states east of the Missouri River, that need special attention at this time. We therefore recommend that the trustees be instructed to find out as soon as possible, by correspondence or otherwise, the value of all doubtful securities, and take such action in each case as in their judgment seems best, either to foreclose mortgages or make settlement by compromise, so that the fund may appear and remain upon an actual cash basis. We recommend that the necessary expense of such investigation be charged to the interest account of this fund.

With reference to that part of the Grand Master's address referring to the Masonic Home Fund, wherein he recommends that from the funds now in the Grand Treasurer's hands, this debt be paid and the Masonic Home Fund restored to its original condition, that the fund be placed in the hands of the trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, to be by them invested under the same conditions and restrictions as the fund now in their hands, the two funds to be kept separate, we recommend that the recommendations of the Grand Master be approved and adopted.

In regard to the communications, referred to this committee, of Mrs. Charles H. Willard, of Hebron, Nebraska, to M. W. Grand Master Evans, offering to sell to the Grand Lodge for an Orphans Home, her property near Hebron, we beg leave to report, that while the Grand Lodge should express its thanks to Mrs. Willard for her kind and liberal offer, yet on account of want of the necessary funds in our treasury to purchase the property, your committee is of the opinion that this proposition should be refused.

Past Grand Master Phelps, 34, for the committee, presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and, on motion, it was received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

On motion of Past Grand Master Wheeler, 1, Brother John M. Falwell, 85, Master elect, was authorized to represent Tyre

Lodge No. 85, and the Committee on Pay-roll was instructed to place his name on the roll.

The Grand Master stated that as there was no other business pending, the Grand Lodge would proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and that other business could be transacted while the tellers were collecting and counting the ballots. Brothers Mitchell, 121, Caya, 218, Dunham, [Charles A.] 3, DeBord, 3, and Armour, 236, were appointed tellers. The ballot resulted in the choice of—

BRO.:NATHANIEL M. AYERS, 93.....	Grand Master.
BRO.:FRANK E. BULLARD, 82.....	Deputy Grand Master.
BRO.:JAMES DINSMORE, 43.....	Grand Senior Warden.
BRO.:C. EDWIN BURNHAM, 166.....	Grand Junior Warden.
BRO.:JOHN B. DINSMORE, 49.....	Grand Treasurer.
BRO.:FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.....	Grand Secretary.

Later in the communication appointment was made of—

BRO.:LUTHER M. KUHNS, 3.....	Grand Chaplain.
BRO.:ROSCOE POUND, 54.....	Grand Orator.
BRO.:ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46.....	Grand Custodian.
BRO.:ELIAS W. BEGHTOL, 146.....	Grand Marshal.
BRO.:NEAL A. PETTYGROVE, 138.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
BRO.:ZWINGLE M. BAIRD, 155.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO.:JACOB KING, 3.....	Grand Tyler.

Bros.:Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; and George W. Lininger, 3; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bros.:Charles S. Lobingier, 25; William A. DeBord, 3; and Albert W. Crites, 158; Committee on Codification of the Law.

BRO.:Frank H. Young, 207, Trustee of the Orphans Educational Fund for three years.

BRO.:Henry Gibbons, 46, member of the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund for three years.

Bros.:Williamson S. Summers, 26; Henry H. Wilson, 19, and Samuel P. Davidson, 17, Committee on Monitor and Ceremonies.

Brother Morgan, 148, presented the report of the Committee on Relief, and it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

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

We, your Committee on Relief, would respectfully report that we recommend the continuance of relief to the following:

Merna Lodge No. 171, for Charles F. Pinkston, to the amount of...	\$60.00
Parion Lodge No. 207, for Martha Pike, widow of James A. Pike...	60.00
Scribner Lodge No. 132, for widow of Jesse A. Nason, per month...	8.00
Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, for Arthur N. Doane, per month.....	5.00
Emmet Crawford No. 148, for Mary Russell, per month.....	5.00

We recommend that relief be granted to the following:

Fall City Lodge No. 9, for Thomas W. Harris, for the ensuing year.	\$120.00
Edgar Lodge No. 67, for Louisa Bunn, per month.....	5.00
Capitol Lodge No. 3, for Theodore F. Lyons, per month.....	5.00

We recommend that no further relief be granted to Western Star Lodge No. 2, for Abram M. Smith.

Concerning the request of St. Paul Lodge No. 82, to surrender notes of certain of its members to this Grand Body, and on surrender of said notes that the indebtedness between St. Paul Lodge No. 82 and this Grand Body be cancelled, we recommend that said request be granted and that this Grand Lodge proceed to collect such of said notes as are collectable.

As to the amount due the Relief Fund from Indianola Lodge No. 123, we suggest that the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the lodge be instructed to take immediate and active steps to collect all monies due said lodge from the various brethren; and that the amounts so collected be remitted to our Grand Secretary for the credit of Indianola Lodge No. 123. We recommend that upon payment of the principal, the interest due thereon be remitted.

With reference to the notes due from Bancroft Lodge No. 145, Zere-datha No. 160, and Gauge No. 208, we recommend that the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of these lodges take active steps to collect from the brethren the amount loaned out of our Relief Fund, and that upon payment of the principal to this Grand Lodge the indebtedness existing between this Grand Lodge and the respective lodges, be cancelled.

In each of these cases, including Indianola Lodge No. 123, we would insist that the lodge be held responsible for the principal loaned and insist upon its ultimate payment.

Past Grand Master Dunham, 3, presented the following request for relief. After some discussion it was referred to the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund:

Whereas, A son of our late Brother Parr of Capitol Lodge No. 3, has been partially supported and educated by the lodge. This boy is now about twelve years old. His mother is totally paralyzed and bedridden,

and is being supported by the lodge at an expense of thirty dollars per month.

Capitol Lodge wants the son put on the dependent orphan's list for support and education at an expense of fifteen dollars per month.

Resolved, That said request be granted.

On motion of Past Grand Master Valentine, 27, Trowel Lodge No. 71, and Amethyst Lodge No. 190 were each re-funded \$10.00, amount paid for special dispensations.

At 12 M. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1902.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour with Grand Master Evans in charge of the craft, and officers and members as at the morning session.

On motion of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, 41, the Committee on Pay-roll was instructed to pay the craftsmen for three day's labor.

Past Grand Master Phelps, 34, moved, and it was

Resolved, That any subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction may attend church service, as a lodge, at any time, without a dispensation.

Brother Lobingier, 25, presented the following report of the Committee on Codification of the Law. Unanimous consent was asked for and granted to consider the amendments as given in paragraphs 2 and 3, and, on motion, the amendments were adopted. Unanimous consent being refused to consider the amendment to the law contained in paragraph 1, relating to change of membership by transfer certificates, it lies over for one year. The committee asked further time in which to consider the change in the law (paragraph 4) relating to members of extinct lodges and the Grand Custodian's work. After consideration the report of the committee was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Codification of the Law, to which was referred various portions of the Grand Master's address, begs leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that the recommendations of the Grand Master relative to change of membership by certificate be adopted, and that paragraph 2 of Section 110 of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, be so amended as to read as follows: "Any affiliated Mason, desiring to join another lodge, shall be entitled to a certificate of his standing in his own lodge, and upon such certificate shall be entitled to apply for membership in any other lodge. Upon election to membership, the Secretary of the lodge in which such election has taken place shall notify the lodge in which the membership has theretofore rested of such election, and thereupon the Secretary of the lodge receiving such notice shall issue a demit to the brother so elected, which demit shall be forwarded to the lodge in which he has been elected and the change of membership shall commence from the date of the demit."

2. Your committee further recommends that the resolution adopted in 1885, appearing in the proceedings of 1901 at page 232, Par. 16, Sec. 200, providing for furnishing diplomas to all Master Masons in good standing, be rescinded and repealed.

3. As to the matter of ordering supplies, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, and ask unanimous consent for consideration at this time.

Resolved, That no person shall be permitted to purchase supplies from the Grand Secretary except through the Secretary of his own lodge.

4. As to the matters of members of extinct lodges and Grand Custodian's work, mentioned in the Grand Master's address and referred to us, your committee request one year's further time for the consideration of the same.

Brother Hastings, 184, offered the report of the Committee on Accounts. It was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Accounts, have carefully examined the report, as published, of Brother John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct in all respects.

We have also carefully examined and checked the report, as published, of Brother Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, checked the vouchers on file and compared the same with the ledger entries, checked the original

reports of the various lodges to the Grand Secretary, and compared the amounts sent by said lodges with the ledger and cash book entries, and find said reports and the books of the Grand Secretary correct in all respects.

We find cash on hand in the respective funds as follows:

General Fund.....	\$13,931 18
Relief Fund	1,666 78
Masonic Home Fund.....	3,000 00
Total.....	\$18,597 96

We have also compared the bills receivable with the ledger account of the same, and find that there is a balance due on the same of \$8,100.58.

Your committee found the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary in splendid condition, easy of access, neat and accurate, and found the office to have been conducted in a very businesslike and economical manner; and we extend thanks to the Grand Secretary and his assistant for the courtesies extended to lighten the labor of this committee.

Your committee find that there is carried on the Grand Secretary's books the sum of \$22,556.07 for jewels, office and library furniture, supplies, library, and electrotype plates, and that the books show an inventory (taken about ten years ago) of \$18,810.89, and in the profit and loss account a credit of \$26,447.85. Much of the property listed above is carried at its original cost, which amounts are greatly at variance with present cash values, and your committee suggest that a committee be appointed to take another inventory of property on hand, placing thereon a fair market value such as the property is worth at this time, and we further suggest that the books of the Grand Secretary be changed to conform with the report of such committee.

Your committee find by the Grand Master's report that he paid out for clerk hire \$430.68, and received from the Grand Lodge \$427.71, leaving a balance due him of \$2.97, which we recommend that the Grand Lodge pay. We recommend that the sum of \$1.80 be paid to the Grand Treasurer for postage stamps, as per bill on file. We also recommend the payment of the bill of E. A. Armstrong Mfg. Co. of \$25.00 for the two Grand Lodge jewels.

Brother Davisson, 136, presented the following report from the Committee on Ways and Means. The same was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Ways and Means, respectfully submit the following report, and recommend the following appropriations:

Postage, telegrams, telephones, and expressage....	\$350 00
Stationery.....	50 00
Blanks.....	150 00

Incidentals.....	\$100 00
Pay-roll: (the necessary amount).....	3,730 35
Chairman Committee on Returns.....	100 00
Grand Master's expense.....	550 00
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	600 00
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	50 00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,800 00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	1,000 00
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,200 00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	700 00
Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund.....	5 00
Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, clerk hire.....	60 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100 00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings 1902.....	900 00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue to lodges.....	700 00
Library, purchasing and binding.....	100 00
Printing parchment charters.....	45 00
Grand Lodge Office, rent.....	200 00
Grand Lodge Office, heat and light.....	50 00
Grand Lodge Office, janitor.....	60 00
Grand Lodge Office, telephone.....	30 00
Premium Kent insurance.....	750 00
Printing and binding Volumes 5, 6, and 7.....	1,654 45
Grand Tyler.....	50 00
Janitor service.....	9 00
Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	15 00
Grand Treasurer's surety bond.....	30 00
Grand Treasurer's assistants at Grand Lodge, \$5.00 each.....	10 00
	\$15,148 80

Your committee recommend that Parallel Lodge No. 152 be reimbursed in the sum of \$10.00 paid for dispensation to hold election out of time, the dispensation being necessary because of illness of the officers of the lodge.

We also recommend that Gavel Lodge No. 199 be reimbursed in the sum of \$10.00 paid for dispensation to install its treasurer out of time, he being prevented by illness from being installed at the regular time.

We further recommend that the sum of \$10.00 be refunded to Fairbury Lodge No. 35, which amount was paid for dispensation to elect and install a treasurer because of the death of Brother John Gellatly.

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address that refers to the continued publication of the black book, having considered the matter and believing it to be detrimental rather than beneficial to the craft, recommend that its publication be discontinued.

We have given careful attention to that portion of the Grand Master's address that refers to the publication of the monitor and law in one volume, and after considering the benefit which, in our judgment this would be to the craft, heartily recommend that the recommendation of the Grand

Master be approved and a sufficient sum be appropriated for this purpose, not to exceed the sum of \$

We recommend that in the distribution of the bound volumes 5, 6, and 7, the expense incident thereto be met by the individual lodges within the jurisdiction, and we further recommend that the attention of the several representatives be called to this item of expense, that they may receive the volumes from the Grand Secretary at this session.

We further recommend that an appropriation of \$10.00 be made for stenographer's services at this session of the Grand Lodge.

In regard to the resolution of Past Grand Master Young, relating to the reimbursement of interest advanced on the Henderson Loan by Brother A. U. Wyman, we have not had sufficient time to give the matter proper investigation. We therefore recommend that the whole matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master, with power to investigate, decide, and adjust in accordance with his findings therein.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Special Committee on Relief, find that through some misunderstanding the papers and all data in connection with this matter came regularly before the Committee on Relief. Said committee have kindly submitted for our consideration their findings therein, which we consider equitable and just, and therefore recommend that the report of the Committee on Relief be accepted and approved, and that our further consideration of the matter be suspended.

In the matter of the claim of Naphthali Lodge No. 310, of Kansas, against Palmyra Lodge No. 45, extinct, relating to expense incurred in the burial of Brother Ozias E. Fox, we have not been able to get sufficient information upon which to act intelligently. We therefore recommend that this matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master, with full power to investigate, decide, and determine.

Past Grand Master Keysor, 25, on behalf of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, presented its report and it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

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

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office hereby report that we have visited the office in this building occupied by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, the library and storage vault. We find said office to be clean and in good repair, to be sufficiently well supplied with office furniture and supplies, with the exception of two old filing cases which are in daily use. These cases are supplied with open pigeon holes over which are placed leather labels. These labels are old, discolored, and decayed, and entirely unfit for the exclusion of dust. At a cost of about \$12.00, these old pigeon holes can be removed and replaced with new ones of proper size for filing boxes. These two cases will accommodate about 300 filing boxes, thus furnishing one box for each lodge and a few for new

lodges. These filing boxes are made of strong pasteboard, reinforced with tin, and are dust proof. They cost about 30 cents each.

Inasmuch as this is the only expenditure desired by the Grand Secretary for office furniture, and inasmuch as these cases must be repaired in some way and new labels be supplied, or new cases bought at a much larger expense, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to make said changes in said cases, and that \$120.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated therefor.

We beg leave to further report that we find the books, papers, and supplies well arranged, easily accessible, and properly cared for and protected.

Past Grand Master Coutant, 11, moved that the next session of the Grand Lodge be held in the City of Omaha. Brother Folsom, 19, moved to amend, that the next session of the Grand Lodge be held in the city of Lincoln. After remarks by Brothers Coutant, 11, Folsom, 19, Ehrhardt, 41, and Wilson, 19, a ballot was ordered on the question of location of the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge. The result of the ballot was in favor of Omaha.

Brother Baird, 155, chairman of the Committee on Relief, asked for unanimous consent to consider an amendment to Sec. 8, Par. 1, Law of Freemasonry. Consent was granted, and by unanimous vote the above named section was changed by striking out the word "five" and inserting "ten." As amended the paragraph now reads:

The sum of *ten per centum* (10%) of the net receipts of the Grand Lodge from dues and fees is hereby set apart and shall annually hereafter be transferred to and constitute the *relief fund*.

Past Grand Master Lininger, 3, presented his credentials as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The distinguished brother was introduced by the Grand Master, welcomed by the brethren, and received with the grand honors of Masonry. Brother Lininger responded by thanking the brethren for the honor shown him as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, stating that it was by his recommendation that an exchange of representatives was made between the Grand Lodge of Egypt and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He extended fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Egypt, and said that he would be

glad to give any of the brethren who might visit Egypt, letters to our representative there, Brother Crozier, who would welcome and introduce them.

The following matters were submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

1st. The action of lodges electing officers in June.

2d. The petition of a brother to have his name dropped from the roll of Springfield Lodge No. 112, and the query from a committee of said lodge as to whether the lodge could comply with the request.

3d. A resolution from Brother Cyrus E. Hunter, 83, as follows:

Resolved: That it is unmasonic to communicate by telephone to the Master of a lodge any objection to the initiation or advancement of a candidate.

4th. The following query from the Master of Wisner Lodge No. 114:

Can a man with a congenital absence of the left hand be made a mason.

5th: The following query from the Master of Rawalt Lodge No. 138.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

BRETHREN:—On the 24th of June, 1898, Brother Henry W. L. Jackson, a member of Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Oxford, Nebraska, asked for a demit, by written request, which was granted by vote of the Lodge, but the demit was never issued. Brother Jackson was reported to the Grand Lodge, as being demitted on the 21st of March, 1899. He was admitted to the commandery at Beatrice, Nebraska, as a Master Mason in good standing of Rawalt Lodge No. 138. In March 1902, I found that Brother Jackson's demit had not been issued to him. I therefore ordered the same issued and forwarded to him. He then returned his demit, accompanied by a petition for affiliation with Rawalt Lodge No. 138, which in proper time was acted upon and Brother Jackson was taken back into his home lodge.

Query: What can be done to make Brother Jackson's record of membership in Rawalt Lodge No. 138, continuous?

6th. The number of lodges required to vote in favor of an amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Crites, 158, presented the following report for the Committee on Jurisprudence; after consideration the same was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have had under consideration the cases of several lodges that, pursuant to their by-laws, have elected officers at their last stated communication in June previous to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, instead of at their last communication in May.

We recommend that these elections be declared legal, and that the Masters elected thereat be declared entitled to receive the Past Master's degree.

We have had under consideration so much of the Grand Master's address as was referred to us by the Grand Lodge, and we approve all of the decisions of the Grand Master except decisions Nos. 8, 15, 20, and 21, all of which are disapproved. It is, however, only just to the Grand Master to say that his fifteenth decision, disapproved above, was made pursuant to action taken by this Grand Lodge in 1883, and found on pages 3048 and 3073 of our proceedings. We are of the opinion that said action was erroneous and should be rescinded.

We find that the special dispensations granted by the Grand Master were well within his power and were wisely granted. His appointment of a committee on Relief was also legal and expedient, and we recommend that his appointment of such committee, as well as the issuance of such special dispensations, be approved.

We have also considered the application of a member of Springfield Lodge No. 112, to have his name dropped from the roll of said lodge, and are unanimously of the opinion that his request cannot be granted.

We also heartily concur in the suggestion of the Grand Master that a recodification of our law be made. We recommend that the law be recast, and systematically and scientifically rearranged.

We have considered the question submitted by the Grand Master as to the majority of lodges required to vote in favor of an amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge, and we are of the opinion that the majority vote of all the existing chartered lodges is necessary in order to warrant the submission of the question of ratification of such proposed amendment to this Grand Lodge.

In the matter of the application of the brethren at Bassett for a dispensation to form a lodge U. D., your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge grant such dispensation, to be issued when the Grand Master is satisfied that the brethren are competent to open and govern a lodge at Bassett and have provided a suitable lodge room, and have paid the fee therefor.

We recommend the adoption of the resolution that it is unmasonic to communicate by telephone objections to the initiation or advancement of a candidate.

To the query, "Can a man with a congenital absence of the left hand be made a Mason?" we answer, "No."

To the query of the Master of Rawalt Lodge No. 138, we answer that nothing can be done to make the record of the brother's membership in his lodge continuous.

The Grand Master then declared that the proposed amendment to the constitution not having received a majority vote in its favor of all the chartered lodges, the proposition to amend was not carried.

The following resolution, signed by the constitutional number of brethren, was presented by Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, and ordered submitted to chartered lodges.

Resolved, That Article III, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular communication annually in the City of Omaha.

Past Grand Master Reese, 19, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in all cases where the question of an amendment to the constitution is presented to the subordinate lodges to be voted upon, it shall be the duty of the Master of each lodge to submit the question to his lodge and report the action thereon to the Grand Secretary before the first day of April preceding the next session of the Grand Lodge; and if such report be not received by the Grand Secretary by said time, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to require the Masters of all delinquent lodges to submit the question at the next meetings of their lodges and immediately report the result to the Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master Wheeler, 1, moved to amend by adding: That any lodge failing so to do shall forfeit twenty-five cents on each member from its rebate credit.

The amendment was carried and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Past Grand Master Lininger, 3, assisted by Past Grand Master Keysor, 25, installed all the newly elected and appointed officers for the ensuing Masonic year, except the Grand Orator, who was absent. Each Grand Lodge officer installed was invested with the jewel of his office.

Brother French, 46, presented the following resolution, which was adopted, and the Grand Master appointed as the committee, Brothers French, 46, Evans, 5, and Mercer 4.

Resolved: That a special committee of three be appointed to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to the work of this Grand Jurisdiction, its preservation in its original form and purity, as adopted by this Grand Lodge, if it is being taught and promulgated as adopted, and in accordance with the directions of this Grand Lodge in every particular.

FURTHER, It shall be the duty of this committee to carefully investigate the method of the promulgation of the work in the different Grand Jurisdictions, and all matters pertaining to this matter, and report their findings at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, with such recommendations as they may deem to be for the best interest of this Grand Lodge and the craft throughout the jurisdiction.

Brother Coutant, 11, moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to M. · W. · Robert E. Evans, for his faithful, zealous, and efficient work as Grand Master during the past year. The motion was adopted by a rising vote.

Brother Beecher, 32, moved a vote of thanks to the Omaha lodges and masons who so generously, courteously, and hospitably entertained the members of the Grand Lodge during the session. Carried unanimously.

Brother Everett M. Williams, 103, for the Committee on Payroll, reported a total for mileage and per dium of \$3,730.35. On motion the report was adopted.

Past Grand Master George W. Lininger invited the brethren to visit his art gallery while in the city; also to examine the room in the public library containing a large number of Egyptian curios collected by him while visiting Egypt and the Holy Land.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, at 6 P. M., Thursday, June 5th, 1902.

NATHANIEL M. AYERS,
Grand Master.


Francis Ell White
Grand Secretary.

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NAME	LODGE	No.	DATE OF DEATH
DAVID LEACH	Nebraska,	1	Apr. 13, 1901
SIAS B. BACHELER	Nebraska,	"	1.....Sept. 16, 1901
GRANVILLE H. HAIL	Western Star,	"	2.....May 7, 1901
JAMES W. MOORE	Western Star,	"	2.....Aug. 2, 1901
GEORGE S. NASON	Capitol,	"	3.....May 23, 1901
JOHN BREVOORT	Capitol,	"	3.....May 29, 1901
GEORGE D. GRAHAM	Capitol,	"	3.....July 15, 1901
WILLIAM GAMBLE	Capitol,	"	3.....Sept. 12, 1901
WILLIAM R. BELL	Capitol,	"	3.....Sept. 23, 1901
WILLIAM H. S. HUGHES	Capitol,	"	3.....Dec. 12, 1901
EDWARD W. BARTLETT	Capitol,	"	3.....Mar. 25, 1902
JAMES M. HACKER	Nemaha Valley,	"	4.....Jan. 25, 1902
SENECA R. COWLES	Omadi,	"	5.....Dec. 12, 1901
JOEL V. HOLLEBAUGH	Falls City,	"	9.....Dec. 9, 1901
IRA F. GILBERT	Solomon,	"	10.....Aug. 21, 1901
ALEXANDER B. ROGERS	Covert,	"	11.....Oct. 1, 1898
JOHN H. DAY	Covert,	"	11.....May 10, 1901
LEWIS H. KENT	Covert,	"	11.....May 25, 1901
JOHNATHAN F. GARDNER	Covert,	"	11.....June 19, 1901
JOHN R. HAISLIP	Covert,	"	11.....Sept. 9, 1901
ELIAS P. DEVRIES	Covert,	"	11.....Sept. 9, 1901
HARRY E. KIRKPATRICK	Covert,	"	11.....Dec. 14, 1901
JOHN R. COX	Covert,	"	11.....Mar. 9, 1902
JOSIAH F. REYNOLDS	Fremont,	"	15.....Feb. 26, 1902
GEORGE B. FOSTER	Tecumseh,	"	17.....Feb. 2, 1902
OLIVER N. HUMPHREY	Lincoln,	"	19.....Apr. 28, 1901
WILLIAM H. HATCH	Lincoln,	"	19.....July 20, 1901
WILLIAM B. MORRISON	Lincoln,	"	19.....Sept. 15, 1901
OLIVER W. LITTLER	Lincoln,	"	19.....Sept. 19, 1901
FRANK U. DOYLE	Lincoln,	"	19.....Feb. 1, 1902
WILLIAM WATT	Lincoln,	"	19.....Feb. 12, 1902
WILLIAM LEESE	Lincoln,	"	19.....Mar. 14, 1902
JAMES E. THOMPSON	Lincoln,	"	19.....Mar. 16, 1902
JACOB W. WAMBOLD	Washington,	"	21.....June 25, 1901
JOHN W. TEW	Washington,	"	21.....July 26, 1901
LUTHER W. OSBORN	Washington,	"	21.....Oct. 27, 1901
WILLIAM B. STOUT	Washington,	"	21.....Dec. 31, 1901
RICHARD L. VEDDER	Pawnee,	"	23.....May 20, 1901
GEORGE S. McLAUGHLIN	Saint Johns,	"	25.....Apr. 7, 1901
JOSIAH B. REDFIELD	Saint Johns,	"	25.....Oct. 31, 1901

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ROBERT E. SACK	Saint Johns,	25	Dec. 16, 1901
EDWARD PERRY	Saint Johns,	" 25	Feb. 4, 1902
HENRY W. DeWOLF	Beatrice,	" 26	Sept. 15, 1901
ARRUNA C. COLTON	Beatrice,	" 26	Sept. 26, 1901
CHARLES F. KING	Beatrice,	" 26	Nov. 17, 1901
NATE WOODRING	Beatrice,	" 26	Jan. 23, 1902
JOHN E. SANK	Beatrice,	" 26	Nov. 24, 1901
JEROME VOSTROOSKY	Jordan,	" 27	May 10, 1901
ZED E. BRIGGS	Jordan,	" 27	Feb. 10, 1902
JACOB B. COURTRIGHT	Blue River,	" 30	Apr. 1, 1901
ROBERT N. DAY	Tekamah,	" 31	Oct. 12, 1901
HARRY T. RICE	Platte Valley,	" 32	Apr. 24, 1901
JAMES A. GOODMAN	Platte Valley,	" 32	Oct. 22, 1901
FRANK B. ORR	Platte Valley,	" 32	Feb. 1, 1902
PATRICK TOUHEY	Ashlar,	" 33	Sept. 3, 1901
WILL W. MANN	Ashlar,	" 33	Dec. 17, 1901
HOMER L. McMEANS	Ashlar,	" 33	Mar. 19, 1902
GEORGE SPRECHER	Acacia,	" 34	Nov. 28, 1901
JOHN GELLATLY	Fairbury,	" 35	Dec. 6, 1901
R. MILTON MALLORY	Crete,	" 37	.....
WILLIAM D. BOWERS	Oliver,	" 38	Apr. 27, 1901
JAMES F. MERRITT	Oliver,	" 38	Apr. 28, 1901
ROBERT McCROSSON	Oliver,	" 38	Feb. 9, 1902
JOSEPH W. DUPIN	Oliver,	" 38	Mar. 9, 1902
LLOYD L. McLEAN	Juniata,	" 42	Sept. 4, 1901
EDWIN M. ALLEN	Juniata,	" 42	Nov. 18, 1901
OZIAS E. FOX	Palmyra,	" 45	Dec. 28, 1898
JAMES C. BESWICK	Rob Morris,	" 46	June 6, 1901
FRANK L. HUSTON	Rob Morris,	" 46	June 28, 1901
ELIJAH D. DEVORE	Rob Morris,	" 46	Feb. 12, 1902
I. BOYD DAVIS	Fairmont,	" 48	July 27, 1901
THOMAS GREEN	Fairmont,	" 48	Mar. 21, 1902
JAMES CAMERON	Evening Star,	" 49	July 5, 1901
ALBERT K. MARSH	Evening Star,	" 49	Mar. 24, 1902
GEORGE OSTERHOUT	Fidelity	" 51	Aug. 24, 1901
HENRY GREEN	Fidelity,	" 51	Feb. 27, 1902
ALLEN T. AYERS	Charity,	" 53	Dec. 26, 1901
DAVID M. PLATT	Charity,	" 53	Mar. 22, 1902
JOHN L. DOTY	Lancaster,	" 54	Apr. 8, 1901
WILLIAM O. HARTQUEST	Lancaster,	" 54	May 23, 1901
CHARLES HALL WILLARD	Lancaster,	" 54	July 2, 1901

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EDWARD S. REED	Lancaster,	54	Oct. 21, 1901
WILLIAM S. LATTA	Lancaster,	54	Dec. 6, 1901
THOMAS H. TRACY	Mosaic,	55	Jan. 20, 1902
WILLIAM F. MORRISON	York,	56	May 18, 1901
JOHN H. CHILCOTE	York,	56	Oct. 4, 1901
ANDREW J. NEWMAN	York,	56	Oct. 12, 1901
DAVID T. MOORE	York,	56	Jan. 18, 1902
WILLIAM L. MORGAN	York,	56	Jan. 23, 1902
BURT A. CAMPBELL	York,	56	Mar. 15, 1902
CARL ANDERSON	York,	56	Mar. 24, 1902
WILLIAM S. WEBBER	Mt. Moriah,	57	Jan. 23, 1902
MICHAEL WEAVER	Lebanon,	58	Apr. 7, 1901
JOHN A. ELLIS	Melrose,	60	Nov. 7, 1901
BYRON T. TAYLOR	Riverton,	63	Mar. 1, 1902
JOHN WHITTEN	Edgar,	67	Feb. 27, 1902
FREDERICK J. BRICKER	Aurora,	68	Apr. 20, 1901
WILLIAM M. CHILDRÉ	Aurora,	68	Dec. 7, 1901
FRANCIS H. TROWBRIDGE	Trowel,	71	Nov. 23, 1901
EDWARD G. WATSON	Friend,	73	Nov. 11, 1901
JAMES LARSEN	Friend,	73	Feb. 1, 1902
WESLEY H. JAMESON	Geneva,	79	Feb. 3, 1902
BENJAMIN R. ROYCE	Fairfield,	84	Aug. 1, 1901
GEORGE W. JENKINS	Fairfield,	84	Aug. 22, 1901
E. DARWIN CANFIELD	Star,	88	June 25, 1901
GEORGE W. GOODMAN	Beaver City,	93	Jan. 12, 1902
ANDREW JACKSON	Beaver City,	93	Mar. 23, 1902
WILLIAM H. HAINES	Garfield,	95	Oct. 17, 1901
DANIEL P. SHERWOOD	Utica,	96	Mar. 21, 1902
DANIEL DRUM	Euclid,	97	July 12, 1901
RICHARD R. MACMULLEN	Ponca,	101	Mar. 13, 1902
JOHN BELL	Ord,	103	Apr. 21, 1901
RICHARD T. TAYLOR	Steele City,	107	Apr. 23, 1901
ALLEN L. COWAN	Pomegranate,	110	Dec. 22, 1901
DAVID D. RICHARDSON	Springfield,	112	Apr. 15, 1901
ALBERT H. McKNIGHT	Springfield,	112	July 11, 1901
ALEXANDER BEATTIE	Wisner,	114	July 21, 1901
JOHN R. JONES	Hardy,	117	Jan. 4, 1902
CHRISTIAN H. HOOVER	Doric,	118	Apr. 4, 1901
SAMUEL LEITH	North Bend,	119	July 20, 1901

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ALONZO H. ELLIS	Wayne,	No. 120.....Feb. 23, 1902
JOHN J. LAMBORN	Indianola,	" 123.....July 16, 1901
CHARLES P. EDWARDS	Auburn,	" 124.....Jan. 10, 1902
WILLIAM B. GARDANIER	Scribner,	" 132.....Mar. 7, 1902
ALFRED F. DAVIS	Solar,	" 134.....Jan. 11, 1902
THOMAS M. MUNDY	McCook,	" 135.....June 2, 1901
GEORGE S. BISHOP	McCook,	" 135.....Dec. 9, 1901
PETER B. HOLCOMB	Long Pine,	" 136.....Jan. 30, 1902
FREDERICK M. SHINN	Upright,	" 137.....Mar. 25, 1902
ROBERT R. WARN	Cresecent,	" 143.....Oct. 29, 1901
LUTHER B. PARTRIDGE	Kenesaw,	" 144.....Feb. 18, 1902
JOHN N. HOVEY	Siloam,	" 147.....Mar. 6, 1902
JOSEPH C. EBERHART	Parallel,	" 152.....July 26, 1901
JOHN S. SMITH	Mount Zion,	" 161.....May 14, 1901
HUGH GIBSON	Mystic Tie,	" 166.....Aug. 28, 1901
HENRY H. JOHNSON	Elwood,	" 167.....Oct. 10, 1901
CAM THOMAS	Elwood,	" 167.....Dec. 2, 1901
WILLIAM BAILLIE	Gladstone,	" 176.....Mar. 5, 1902
NILS ANDERSON	Hesperia,	" 178.....Feb. 18, 1902
FRED FREDERICKS	Faith,	" 181.....Mar. 28, 1902
FRANK E. SMITH	Alliance,	" 183.....July 20, 1901
ROBERT MARLER	Alliance,	" 183.....Mar. 6, 1902
SAMUEL J. WYMAN	Bee Hive,	" 184.....Jan. 10, 1902
JOHN W. TUCKER	Minnekadusa,	" 192.....Sept. 10, 1901
MORTIMER G. HOPKINS	Minnekadusa,	" 192.....Mar. 13, 1902
CHARLES H. OBEAR	Purity,	" 198.....Oct. 20, 1901
JOHN N. WHITE	Golden Fleece,	" 205.....Dec. 12, 1901
JAMES A. PIKE	Parlan,	" 207.....Jan. , 1902
WILHELM J. BANISTER	Parlan,	" 207.....
HENRY C. STREATOR	Cement,	" 211.....Mar. 22, 1902
CLINTON C. LITTLE	Palisade,	" 216.....Sept. 25, 1901
MILLARD N. FORSYTH	Waumeta,	" 217.....May 12, 1901
RILEY W. LUCE	Bloomfield,	" 218.....July 25, 1901
HENRY C. HORTON	Comet,	" 229.....Mar. 19, 1902
MARION M. KENFIELD	Delta,	" 230.....Jan. 19, 1902
JAMES P. HAWLEY	John S. Bowen,	" 232.....Feb. 26, 1902
SAMUEL I. HART	Golden Rule,	" 236.....June 3, 1901
JOHN BEAL	Ithmar,	" 238.....Dec. 1, 1901
JAMES MOORE	Tyrian,	" 243.....May 27, 1901

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan	1857-58-59	John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 97 Bell avenue	1884
*George Armstrong	1860-61-62	Manoah B. Reese, Lincoln	1885
Daniel H. Wheeler, Omaha	1863-64	Charles K. Coutant, Omaha	1886
Robert W. Furnas, Brownville	1865-66	Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C.	1887
*Orsamus H. Irish	1867-68	George B. France, York	1888
Harry P. Deuel, Omaha, 1902 Dodge street	1869-70	John J. Mercer, Omaha, 2811 Hickory street	1889
William E. Hill, Los Angeles, Cal.	1871-72	Robert E. French, Kearney	1890
Martin Dunham, Omaha	1873	Bradner D. Slaughter, Manila, P. I.	1891
*Frank Welch	1874	Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh	1892
*Alfred G. Hastings	1875	James P. A. Black, Bloomington	1893
George H. Thumel, Omaha	1876	John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton	1894
George W. Lininger, Omaha, 1801 Dav- enport street	1877	Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln	1895
Edward K. Valentine, West Point	1878	Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler	1896
Rolland H. Oakley, Lincoln	1879	John B. Winsmore, Sutton	1897
*James A. Tulleys	1880	Frank H. Young, Broken Bow	1898
James R. Cain, Falls City	1881	William W. Keyser, St. Louis, Mo.	1899
Edwin E. Warren, Nebraska City	1882	Albert W. Crites, Chadron	1900
Samuel W. Hayes, Norfolk	1883	Robert E. Evans, Dakota City	1901

*Deceased.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama	Henry H. Mathews	Montgomery	Nov. 13, 1899
Arizona	Alonzo Bailey	Globe	June 6, 1892
Canada	William Roaf	Toronto	July 12, 1899
Colorado	Calvin E. Reed	Denver, 1625 Pearl St.	Oct. 8, 1897
Connecticut	Reuben H. Tucker	Ansonia	Dec. 4, 1894
Delaware	Ivancl McChinck	Wilmington	Mar. 18, 1892
Dist. Columbia	Frederick G. Alexander	Washington City, 945 R St., N. W.	Nov. 15, 1901
Egypt	Henry C. Crozier	Cairo	Oct. 17, 1901
Florida	Thomas M. Puleston	Monticello	Nov. 26, 1898
Georgia	Francis A. Johnson	Atlanta	April 19, 1899
Idaho	William Hull	Montpelier	Nov. 24, 1898
Illinois	Charles M. Forman	East St. Louis	Nov. 9, 1900
Indiana	Martin H. Rice	Indianapolis	Jan. 17, 1902
Indian Territory	David C. Blossom	Atoka	June 6, 1892
Iowa	Richard J. Crouch	Dewitt	Mar. 18, 1892
Ireland	John Gordon	Dublin	June 28, 1899
Kansas	Charles E. Cory	Fort Scott	Nov. 17, 1893
Louisiana	Adolph G. Ricks	New Orleans	Sept. 17, 1901
Maine	Edwin A. Porter	Pittsfield	Aug. 9, 1902
Manitoba	Richard Dennis Foley	Manitou	Nov. 13, 1890
Maryland	John H. Miller	Baltimore	Mar. 25, 1893
Minnesota	Jeremiah E. Finch	Hastings	June 6, 1892
Mississippi	James F. McCool	Kosciusko	Dec. 3, 1901
Missouri	Charles F. Vogel	St. Louis, 716 Chestnut St.	April 4, 1892
Montana	Henry M. Pachen	Helena	Mar. 18, 1892
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson	Mar. 18, 1892
New Hampshire	Alpheus W. Baker	Lebanon	April 4, 1892
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton	Feb. 21, 1893
New Mexico	Richard English	Raton	Jan. 1, 1890
New York	Thomas C. Cassidy	New York, 85 White St.	Feb. 20, 1891
Nova Scotia	Marston Gullod	Parrsborough	July 16, 1902
Ohio	Robert Gwynn	Norwood, Hamilton Co.	Mar. 18, 1892
Oklahoma	Charles A. Newman	El Reno	Jan. 11, 1902
Oregon	Phil Metschan	Salem	May 22, 1893
Quebec	William M. Le Mesurier	Montreal	Oct. 31, 1889
Rhode Island	Edward L. Freeman	Central Falls	Oct. 15, 1901
South Carolina	Augustine T. Smythe	Charleston	Feb. 20, 1892
Tennessee	Isaac J. Thurman	McWinnville	April 19, 1899
Texas	James D. Greshaw	San Antonio	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah	Abbot R. Haywood	Ogden	Feb. 20, 1892
Vermont	Charles C. Miller	Burlington	Aug. 10, 1900
Virginia	Sol Cutchins	Richmond	April 20, 1901
Washington	Archibald W. Frater	Seattle	April 13, 1900
West Australia	William Paisley .....	.....	July 19, 1902
West Virginia	James McCahan	Wheeling	April 19, 1899
Wisconsin	Freeman H. L. Cotten	Eau Claire	Nov. 20, 1896
Wyoming	John H. Symons	Laramie	April 28, 1892

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama	Thornton B. Myers, 51	David City	Nov. 24, 1896
Arizona	Lewis A. Kent, 127	Minden	Jan. 4, 1891
Arkansas	Samuel W. Hayes, 55	Norfolk	Mar. 6, 1878
Brf. Columbia	William Adair, 5	Dakota City	May 12, 1874
California	*James Dinsmore, 43	Hebron	
Canada	Williamson S. Summers, 26	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1901
Colorado	Charles J. Phelps, 34	Schuyler	Oct. 8, 1890
Connecticut	Samuel P. Davidson, 17	Tecumseh	Oct. 10, 1889
Delaware	Carroll D. Evans, 58	Columbus	Aug. 8, 1900
Dist. Columbia	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89	Manila, P. I.	Dec. 17, 1901
Egypt	George W. Linger, 3	Omaha	Nov. 16, 1901
England	George W. Linger, 3	Omaha	June 23, 1883
Florida	Julius Beckman, 15	Fremont	Sept. 27, 1899
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren, 2	Nebraska City	Mar. 31, 1883
Idaho	Nelson D. Jackson, 71	Neligh	July 6, 1901
Illinois	George H. Thummel, 83	Omaha	Mar. 14, 1892
Indiana	Harry P. Denel, 11	Omaha	Nov. 8, 1890
Indian Territory	James M. Kennedy, 125	Genoa	Oct. 4, 1890
Ireland	William Cleburne, 3	Omaha	Dec. 7, 1890
Kansas	James P. A. Black, 76	Bloomington	Nov. 21, 1893
Louisiana	Albert W. Crites, 158	Chadron	Nov. 6, 1890
Maine	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25	Omaha	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba	Job J. King, 95	O'Neill	Nov. 1, 1899
Maryland	Henry Gibbons, 46	Kearney	Oct. 3, 1899
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1	Omaha	June 10, 1891
Minnesota	William W. Keyser, 25	Omaha	Sept. 4, 1899
Mississippi	John M. Burks, 19	Lincoln	Dec. 31, 1869
Missouri	George B. France, 56	York	June 25, 1888
Montana	John J. Mercer, 4	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1899
Nevada	John B. Dinsmore, 49	Sutton	Sept. 6, 1899
New Brunswick	Addison S. Tibbets, 54	Lincoln	July 19, 1900
New Hampshire	Frank W. Hayes, 15	Fremont	Feb. 8, 1879
New Jersey	James R. Cain, 9	Falls City	Sept. 24, 1878
New Mexico	Henry E. Palmer, 6	Omaha	April 25, 1879
New York	Edward K. Valentine, 27	West Point	Feb. 11, 1889
North Carolina	Melville R. Hopewell, 81	Tekamah	Sept. 27, 1899
North Dakota	John A. Ehrhardt, 41	Stanton	Aug. 1, 1890
Nova Scotia	Henry H. Wilson, 19	Lincoln	Feb. 26, 1892
Ohio	Robert W. Furnas, 4	Brownville	Sept. 10, 1869
Oklahoma	Zwingle M. Baird, 155	Hartington	Jan. 4, 1902
Oregon	Henry Brown, 3	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1869
P. Edward Isl'd	George E. Whitman, 138	Oxford	Jan. 6, 1891
Quebec	James Tyler, 19	Lincoln	July 26, 1901
Rhode Island	William M. Knapp, 56	York	April 9, 1877
South Carolina	Frank E. Bullard, 32	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1881
South Dakota	Manoah B. Reese, 59	Lincoln	Mar. 30, 1885
Tennessee	Francis E. White, 5	Plattsmouth	Mar. 12, 1900
Texas	Mart n Dunham, 3	Omaha	Feb. 23, 1876
Utah	Robert E. French, 43	Kearney	May 4, 1888
Vermont	Frank H. Young, 207	Broken Bow	Oct. 21, 1899
Virginia	John S. Davison, 136	Long Pine	July 14, 1900
Washington	Charles K. Coutant, 11	Omaha	April 12, 1900
West Australia	Nathaniel M. Ayers, 93	Beaver City	July 24, 1902
West Virginia	Frank M. Knight, 183	Alliance	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin	Robert E. Evans, 5	Dakota City	Sept. 13, 1869
Wyoming	Rolland H. Oakley, 19	Lincoln	Mar. 7, 1877

*Recommended for appointment.

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

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge.....	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia...	Walter J. Quinlan.....	Nelson.
California.....	George Johnson.....	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada.....	John J. Mason.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado.....	William D. Todd.....	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	John H. Barlow.....	Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Edmund A. Osborne.....	San José de Costa Rica, Amer. Cent.
Cuba.....	Aurelio Miranda.....	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware.....	Benjamin F. Bartram.....	Wilmington.
District Columbia...	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
England.....	Edward Letchwerth.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	William A. Wollhin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Theophilus W. Randall.....	Boise City.
Illinois.....	Joseph H. C. Dill.....	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory...	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	Newton R. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Henry E. Flavelle, Deputy.....	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Medlary.....	5 N. Howard St., Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Sereno D. Nickerson.....	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico.....	F. M. Iglesias.....	Box 10, Mexico.
Michigan.....	Jefferson S. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	Thomas Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Frederic Speed.....	Vicksburg.
Missouri.....	John D. Vincil.....	510 Pine St., St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	1608 Capitol Ave., Omaha.
Nevada.....	Chauncey N. Noteware.....	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hart.....	120 Prince William St., St. John.
New Hampshire.....	Frank D. Woodbury.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Thomas H. R. Redway.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New South Wales...	Arthur H. Bray.....	Sydney.
New York.....	Edward M. L. Ehlers.....	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand.....	Malcolm Niccol.....	Palmerston Building, Auckland.
North Carolina.....	John C. Drewry.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Frank J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	Thomas Mowbray.....	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Jacob H. Bromwell.....	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	James S. Hunt.....	Stillwater.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson.....	Eugene.
Pennsylvania.....	William A. Sinn.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Is...	Nell Mackelvie.....	Summerside.
Quebec.....	Will H. Whyte.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	S. Penrose Williams.....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Scotland.....	David Reid.....	Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh.
South Australia.....	James H. Cunningham.....	Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	Charles Inglesby.....	Charleston.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Flandreau.
Tasmania.....	John Hamilton.....	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	John B. Garrett.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	John Watson.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	John Braim.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	George W. Carrington.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	George W. Atkinson.....	Charleston.
Western Australia...	J. D. Stevenson.....	Perth.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	William L. Kuykendall.....	Saratoga.

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- Acaola, 34.
 Adams, U. D., (extinct)
 Adoniram, (159.)
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131.)
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U. D., (236.)
 Alliance, 183.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anchor, 142, (extinct.)
 Arapahoe, 109.
 Arcana, 195.
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U. D., (extinct.)
 Asinland, 18, (extinct.)
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.

 Baneroff, 145.
 Bannack City, U. D., (ext.)
 Barneston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U. D., (179.)
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U. D., (230.)
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241.)
 Benkleman, U. D., (180.)
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Beemer, 253.
 Bennett, 94.
 Blazing Star, 200.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue River, 30.
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85.)
 Blue Valley, 64.
 Boaz, 185.
 Brainard, 115.
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (223.)
 Burchard, U. D., (137.)
 Burnett, U. D., (166.)
 Butte, U. D., (233.)

 Cable, 225.
 Cambridge 150.
 Canopy, 209.
 Carleton, U. D., (199.)
 Capitol, 3.
 Cedar, U. D., (13.)
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215.)
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143.)
 Cedar River, 89.
 Cement, 211.
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D., (229.)
 Chadron, U. D., (158.)
 Chapman, U. D., (239.)
 Charity, 53.
 Clay Center, 139.
 Columbus, U. D., (extinct.)
 Columbus, U. D., (extinct.)
 Columbus, U. D., (58.)
 Columbus, 8, (extinct.)
 Comet, 229.

 Compass and Square, 212.
 Composite, 81.
 Corinthian, 83.
 Corner-stone, 247.
 Covert, 11.
 Crab Orchard, U. D., (238.)
 Crawford, U. D., (181.)
 Creighton, 100.
 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 87.
 Crystal, 191.
 Cubit, 237.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Cumling City, U. D., (21.)
 Custer, U. D., (148.)
 Curtis, 168.

 Dakota, 5.
 Danbury, U. D., (185.)
 Davenport, U. D., (154.)
 Decatur, 7, (extinct.)
 Delta, 230.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Doric, 118.
 Douglas, U. D., (237.)

 East Lincoln, 210.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elwood, 167.
 Eminence, 223.
 Emmet Crawford, 148.
 Euclid, 97.
 Eureka, 16, (extinct.)
 Evening Star, 49.
 Evergreen, 153.
 Ewing, U. D., (156.)
 Exeter, U. D., (extinct.)

 Fairbury, 85.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
 Falls City, 9.
 Fidelity, 51.
 Firth, U. D., (66.)
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct.)
 Frank Welch, 75.
 Fraternity, 235.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Friendship, 239.

 Garfield, 95.
 Gauge, 208.
 Gavel, 199.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, U. D., (125.)
 George Armstrong, 241.
 George Washington, 250.
 Gibbon, (see 46.)
 Gibbon, U. D., (189.)
 Giddings, (2.)
 Gilead, 233.
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.

 Gothenburg, 249.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grant, U. D., (34.)
 Grant, U. D., (186.)
 Granite, 189.
 Greenwood, U. D., (163.)
 Gresham, U. D., (197.)
 Guide Rock, 128.

 Hamilton, U. D., (68.)
 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
 Harmony, U. D., (extinct.)
 Harmony, U. D., (extinct.)
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hennon, U. D., (231.)
 Hesperia, 178.
 Highland, 194.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29.)
 Hiram, 52.
 Holdrege, 146.
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humbolt, 40.
 Hyannis, U. D., (234.)

 Idaho, U. D., (extinct.)
 Imperial, U. D., (198.)
 Incense, 182.
 Indianola, 123.
 Ionic, 67.
 Israel, 187.
 Ithamar, 238.

 Jaehn, 146.
 Jasper, 122, (extinct.)
 Jewel, 149.
 John S. Bowen, 232.
 Johnson, U. D., (141, ext.)
 Joppa, 76.
 Jordan, 27.
 Juniata, 42.
 Justice, 180.

 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.

 LaFayette, 24, (extinct.)
 Lancaster, 54.
 Lanemark, 222.
 Laurel, 248.
 Lebanon, 58.
 Leigh, U. D., (193.)
 Level, 196.
 Liberty, U. D., (152.)
 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln, 19.
 Livingstone, 66.
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Loup Fork, U. D., (8, ext.)

 Mackey, U. D., (242)

- Macy, 22. (extinct.)
 Magic City, U. S. D., (184.)
 Magnolia, 220.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridan, 188.
 Merna, 171.
 Minden, 127.
 Minnekadusa, 192.
 Monitor, U. S. D., (extinct.)
 Morning Star, 197.
 Mosaic, 55.
 Mount Hermon, 231
 Mount Moriah, 67.
 Mount Nebo, 125.
 Mount Zion, 161.
 Mystic Tie, 166.

 Naphthali, 206.
 Nebraska, 1.
 Nebraska City, 12.
 Nehawka, 246.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha Valley, 4.
 Norfolk, U. S. D., (55.)
 North Bend, 119.
 North Loup, U. S. D., (142.)
 Northern Light, 41.
 North Star, 227.

 Oakland, 91.
 Occidental, 215.
 Odell, U. S. D., (122, ext.)
 Ogallala, 159.
 Ohioa, U. S. D., (182.)
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Orion, 242.
 Osceola, 65.
 Oxford, U. S. D., (138.)

 Palestine, U. S. D., (extinct.)
 Palisade, 216.
 Palmyra, 45. (extinct.)
 Papillion, 39.
 Parallel, 152.
 Parlan, 207.
 Pawnee, 23.
 Pawnee City, U. S. D., (23.)
 Peru, U. S. D., (extinct.)
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.

 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 8.
 Plumb, 186. (extinct.)
 Plumbline, 214.
 Pomegranate, 110.
 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
 Prudence, 179.
 Purity, 198.
 Pythagoras, 156.

 Rawalt, 138.
 Relief, 219.
 Republican, 98.
 Reynolds, U. S. D., (160.)
 Rising, U. S. D., (81.)
 Rising Star, U. S. D., (20.)
 Riverton, 63.
 Robert Burns, 173.
 Rob Morris, 46.
 Rock Bluff, 20. (extinct.)
 Rocky Mountain, 8. (transferred.)
 Roman Eagle, 203.

 Saint Johns, 25.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47. (extinct.)
 Saline, U. S. D., (73.)
 Saline, U. S. D., (118.)
 Saline, U. S. D., (101.)
 Samaritan, 158.
 Scotia, U. S. D., (191.)
 Scotts Bluff, 201.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seward, U. S. D., (38.)
 Shelby, U. S. D., (161.)
 Shelton, 99.
 Shickley, U. S. D., (178.)
 Signet, 193.
 Siloam, 147.
 Silver Cord, 224.
 Silver Creek, U. S. D., (ext.)
 Sincerity, 244.
 Solar, 134.
 Solomon, 10.
 Springfield, 112.
 Square, 151.
 Square and Compass, 213.
 Stanton, U. S. D., (41.)
 Star, 88.
 Steele City, 107.
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.

 Stockville, U. S. D., (196.)
 Stromsburg, 128.
 Summit, 7. (transferred.)
 Summit, 141. (extinct.)
 Superior, 121.
 Syracuse, U. S. D., (57.)

 Table Rock, 108.
 Talmage, U. S. D., (162.)
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Temple, U. S. D., (5, ext.)
 Temple, 175.
 Thistle, 61.
 Tobias, U. S. D., (149.)
 Trenton, U. S. D., (extinct.)
 Trestle Board, 162.
 Trilumular, U. S. D., (210.)
 Trowel, 71.
 Tuscan, 130.
 Tyre, 85.
 Tyrian, 243.

 Ulysses, U. S. D., (187.)
 Unity, 163.
 Upright, 137.
 Utica, 96.

 Valentine, U. S. D., (113.)
 Valley, 157.
 Valparaiso, U. S. D., (151.)

 Waco, 80. (extinct.)
 Wahoo, 59.
 Washington, 21.
 Waterloo, 102.
 Wauneta, 217.
 Wausa, 251.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, U. S. D., (97.)
 Western, 140.
 Western Star, 2.
 Wilcox, U. S. D., (226.)
 Winside, U. S. D., (235.)
 Wisner, 114.
 Wood Lake, 221.
 Wymore, 104.
 Wyoming, 28. (transferred.)

 York, 56.

 Zerodatha, U. S. D., (98.)
 Zerodatha, 160.
 Zion, 234.

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- Adams, 214.
Ainsworth, 224
Albion, 78.
Alexandria, 74
Allen, 236.
Alliance, 183.
Alma, 116.
Ansley, 176.
Arapahoe, 109
Arcadia, 208.
Arlington, 52.
Arnold, 225.
Ashland, 110.
Atkinson, 164.
Auburn, 124.
Aurora, 68.
- Baneroff, 145.
Barneston, 165.
Bartley, 228.
Battle Creek, 244.
Beatrice, 26.
Beaver Crossing, 179
Beaver City, 93.
Beemer, 253.
Benkelman, 180.
Bennett, 94.
Blair, 21.
Bloomfield, 218.
Bloomington, 76.
Blue Hill, 139.
Blue Springs, 85.
Brainard, 115.
Brock, 162.
Broken Bow, 148.
Brownville, 4.
Burchard, 137.
Burwell, 200.
Butte, 233.
- Callaway, 207.
Cambridge, 150.
Carleton, 190.
Cedar Bluffs, 215.
Cedar Rapids, 143.
Central City, 36.
Ceresco, 229.
Chadron, 153.
Chapman, 239.
Chappell, 205.
Clarks, 134.
Clay Centre, 139.
Coleridge, 219.
Columbus, 58.
Cook, 231.
Cortland, 194.
Cozad, 188.
Crab Orchard, 238.
Cralg, 241.
Crawford, 181.
Creighton, 100.
Crete, 37.
Culbertson, 174.
Curtis, 168.
- Dakota City, 5.
Danbury, 185.
- Davenport, 154.
David City, 51.
Decatur, 88.
DeWitt, 111.
Diller, 206.
Doniphan, 86.
Dorchester, 118.
Douglas, 237.
- Edgar, 87.
Elk Creek, 90.
Elm Creek, 133.
Elmwood, 209.
Elwood, 167.
Emerson, 220
Ewing, 156.
- Fairbury, 35.
Fairfield, 84.
Fairmont, 48.
Falls City, 8.
Filley, 175.
Firth, 66.
Fort Calhoun, 10.
Fremont, 15.
Friend, 73.
Fulerton, 89
- Gandy, 190.
Geneva, 79.
Genoa, 125.
Gering, 201.
Gibbon, 189.
Giltnor, 223.
Gordon, 195.
Gothenburg, 249.
Grafton, 172.
Grand Island, 33.
Grant, 186.
Greenwood, 163.
Gresham, 197.
Guide Rock, 128.
- Hampton, 245.
Hardy, 117.
Hartington, 155.
Harvard, 44.
Hastings, 50.
Havelock, 250.
Hay Springs, 177.
Hebron, 43.
Herman, 222.
Hildreth, 252.
Holdrege, 146.
Hooper, 72.
Hubbell, 92.
Humboldt, 40.
Hyannis, 234.
- Imperial, 198.
Indianola, 123.
Juniata, 42.
Kearney, 46.
Kenesaw, 144.
Kennard, 232.
- Laurel, 248.
Leigh, 193.
Lexington, 61.
Liberty, 152.
Lincoln, 19, 54, 210.
Long Pine, 116.
Loup City, 106.
Lyons, 240.
- Madison, 113.
Mason City, 170.
McCook, 135.
Merna, 171.
Milford, 50.
Miller, 213.
Minden, 127.
- Nebraska City, 2, 12.
Nehawka, 246.
Neligh, 71.
Nelson, 77.
Nemaha City, 29.
Niobrara, 87.
Norfolk, 55.
North Bend, 119.
North Platte, 32.
- Oak, 243.
Oakland, 91.
Ogallala, 159.
Ohiowa, 182.
Omaha, 1, 3, 11, 25.
O'Neill, 95.
Ord, 103.
Orleans, 60.
Osceola, 65.
Osmond, 247.
Oxford, 158.
- Palisade, 216.
Papillion, 39.
Pawnee City, 23.
Pender, 203.
Peru, 14.
Phillips, 62.
Pierce, 153.
Plainview, 204.
Plattsmouth, 6.
Ponca, 101.
- Randolph, 202.
Ravenna, 242.
Red Cloud, 53.
Republican City, 98.
Reynolds, 160.
Rising City, 81.
Riverton, 63.
Rulo, 13.
Rushville, 169.
- Saint Edward, 230.
Saint Paul, 82.
Schuyler, 34.
Scribner, 132.
Scotia, 191.
Seward, 38.
Shelby, 161.

Shelton, 99.	Syracuse, 57.	Waterloo, 102.
Shickley, 178.		Wauwata, 217.
Sidney, 75.	Table Rock, 108.	Wausa, 251.
South Omaha, 184.	Tecumseh, 17.	Wayne, 120.
Springfield, 112.	Tekamah, 31.	Weeping Water, 97.
Stanton, 41.	Tilden, 166.	Western, 140.
Stratton, 173.	Tobias, 149.	West Point, 27.
Steele City, 107.		Wilber, 64.
Stella, 105.	Ulysses, 187.	Wilcox, 226.
Sterling, 70.	University Place, 227.	Wilsonville, 157.
Stockville, 196.	Utica, 96.	Winside, 235.
Stromsburg, 126.		Wisner, 114.
Stuart, 147.	Valentine, 192.	Wood Lake, 221.
Summer, 212.	Valparaiso, 151.	Wood River, 211.
Superior, 121.		Wymore, 104.
Suprise, 130.	Wahoo, 59.	
Sutton, 49.	Wakefield, 83.	York, 56.

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Adams, 42, 50, 144.	Furnas, 93, 109, 138, 150, 157.	Otoe, 2, 12, 57, 237.
Antelope, 71.		
Boone, 78, 143, 230.	Gage, 26, 85, 104, 152, 165, 175, 194, 214.	Pawnee, 23, 108, 137.
Box Butte, 183.	Garfield, 200.	Perkins, 186.
Boyd, 233.	Gosper, 167.	Phelps, 146.
Brown, 136, 224.	Grant, 234.	Pierce, 153, 204, 247
Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189, 213, 242.	Greeley, 191.	Platte, 58.
Burt, 31, 88, 91, 240, 241.		Polk, 65, 126, 161.
Butler, 51, 81, 115, 130, 187.	Hall, 33, 86, 211.	Red Willow, 123, 135, 185, 228.
Cass, 6, 97, 163, 209, 246.	Hamilton, 62, 68, 223, 245.	Richardson, 9, 13, 40, 105.
Cedar, 155, 202, 219, 248.	Harlan, 60, 98, 116.	
Chase, 198, 217.	Hitchcock, 173, 174, 216.	Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 118, 140, 149.
Cherry, 192, 221.	Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.	Sarpy, 39, 112.
Cheyenne, 75.	Howard, 82.	Saunders, 59, 110, 151, 215, 229.
Clay, 44, 49, 67, 84, 139.	Jefferson, 35, 107, 160, 206.	Scotts Bluff, 201.
Colfax, 34, 193.	Johnson, 17, 70, 90, 231, 238.	Seward, 30, 38, 96, 179.
Cuming, 27, 114, 145, 253.		Sherman, 106.
Custer, 148, 170, 171, 176, 207, 225.	Kearney, 127, 226.	Sheridan, 169, 177, 195.
Dakota, 5.	Keith, 159.	Stanton, 41.
Dawes, 158, 181.	Knox, 87, 100, 218, 251.	Thayer, 43, 74, 92, 154, 199.
Dawson, 61, 188, 212, 249.	Lancaster, 19, 54, 66, 94, 210, 227, 250.	Thurston, 203.
Deuel, 205.	Lincoln, 32.	
Dixon, 83, 101, 220, 236.	Logan, 190.	Valley, 103, 208.
Dodge, 15, 72, 119, 132.		Washington, 10, 21, 52, 222, 232
Douglas, 1, 3, 11, 25, 102, 184.	Madison, 55, 113, 166, 244.	Wayne, 120, 235.
Dundy, 180.	Merrick, 36, 134, 239.	Webster, 53, 128, 129.
Filmore, 48, 79, 172, 178, 182.	Nance, 89, 125.	
Franklin, 63, 76, 252.	Nemaha, 4, 14, 29, 124, 162.	York, 56, 197.
Frontier, 168, 196.	Nuckolls, 77, 117, 121, 243.	

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES,
WITH LOCATION, DATES OF REGULAR MEETINGS, ETC.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Nebraska.	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Feb. —, 55... Oct. 3, 55
	Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City..	Otoe.....	Friday on or before ○.....	May 10, 55... May 28, 56
	Capitol,	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Jan. 9, 57... June 3, 57
	Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	Wednesday on or before ○.....	Dec. 15, 57... June 2, 58
5	Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Jan. 18, 58... June 2, 58
	Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	First and third Mondays.....	Jan. 18, 58... June 2, 58
	Falls City,	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	Monday before ○.....	Oct. 4, 64... June 23, 65
	Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun...	Washington.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Aug. 15, 65... June 22, 66
	Covert,	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Wednesday.....	July 24, 65... June 22, 66
10	Nebraska City,	" 12	Nebraska City..	Otoe.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Feb. 19, 66... June 22, 66
	Orient,	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	Monday on or before ○.....	June 23, 66... June 19, 67
	Peru,	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	May 23, 67... June 19, 67
	Fremont,	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	First Tuesday.....	July 3, 66... June 20, 67
	Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	First and third Saturdays	Dec. 7, 67... †June 24, 68
15	Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	May 4, 68... June 25, 68
	Washington,	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	Second Tuesday.....	Feb. 24, 68... June 25, 63
	Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City....	Pawnee.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Jan. 4, 69... Oct. 28, 69
	Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	May 28, 69... Oct. 28, 69
	Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	Mar. 23, 70... June 22, 70
20	Jordan,	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays..	Dec. 25, 69... June 23, 70
	Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City	Nemaha.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Nov. 8, 69... June 23, 70
	Blue River,	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	Thursday on or before ○.....	April 25, 70... June 23, 70
	Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	First and third Wednesdays..	Aug. 13, 69... June 23, 70
	Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte....	Lincoln.....	Second Tuesday.....	Jan. 15, 70... June 23, 70
25	Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island...	Hall.....	Second Thursday.....	Aug. 11, 70... June 22, 71
	Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	First Thursday.....	July 18, 70... June 19, 72
	Fairbury,	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Mondays.....	June 30, 71... June 19, 72

†Or Oct. 28 69.

	Lone Tree,	No. 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	First and third Saturdays....	Aug. 9, 71...	June 19, 72
	Crete,	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	First Friday.....	Jan. 8, 72...	June 19, 72
30	Oliver,	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	Saturday on or before○.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
	Papillion,	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	First and third Saturdays....	Nov. 18, 72...	June 18, 73
	Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Dec. 16, 72...	June 18, 73
	Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Jan. 20, 73...	June 18, 73
	Juniata,	" 42	Juniata.....	Adams.....	Monday on or before○.....	Feb. 21, 73...	June 18, 73
35	Hebron,	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	First Thursday.....	Mar. 10, 73...	June 18, 73
	Harvard,	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	First and Third Tuesdays....	Mar. 25, 73...	June 18, 73
	Rob Morris,	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	Feb. 21, 73...	June 26, 74
	Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Dec. 4, 73...	June 26, 74
	Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Dec. 22, 73...	June 26, 74
40	Hastings,	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Jan. 3, 74...	June 26, 74
	Fidelity,	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Jan. 19, 74...	June 26, 74
	Hiram,	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Feb. 26, 74...	June 26, 74
	Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	Friday on or before○.....	Mar. 2, 74...	June 26, 74
	Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
45	Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Oct. 1, 74...	June 23, 75
	York,	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Oct. 1, 74...	June 23, 75
	Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Nov. 7, 74...	June 23, 75
	Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Dec. 7, 74...	June 23, 75
	Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Jan. 20, 75...	June 23, 75
50	Melrose,	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Mar. 10, 75...	June 24, 75
	Thistle,	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tues day.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
	Keystone,	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Jan. 1, 76...	June 21, 76
	Riverton,	" 63	Riverton.....	Franklin.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Dec. 22, 75...	June 21, 76
	Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Oct. 6, 76...	June 20, 77
55	Osceola,	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	Saturday on or before○*.....	Nov. 23, 67...	June 20, 77
	Livingstone,	" 66	Firth.....	Lancaster.....	First and third Wednesdays	Feb. 16, 77...	June 20, 77
	Edgar,	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays†	Feb. 27, 77...	June 20, 77
	Aurora,	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesdays....	Feb. 10, 76...	June 19, 78
	Sterling,	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	First and third Tuesdays....	July 16, 77...	June 19, 78
60	Trowel,	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	First and third Wednesdays	Jan. 28, 78...	June 19, 78
	Hooper,	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Mar. 19, 78...	June 25, 79
	Friend,	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	May 4, 78...	June 25, 79

*And two weeks thereafter.

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED	CHARTERED
Alexandria, No. 74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Mondays.	Dec. 26, 78	June 25, 79
Frank Welch, " 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Dec. 26, 78	June 25, 79
65 Joppa, " 76	Bloomington	Franklin	Friday on or before ○	Mar. 29, 79	June 25, 79
Nelson, " 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	Saturday on or before ○	Mar. 15, 79	June 23, 80
Albion, " 78	Albion	Boone	First Saturday	Aug. 1, 79	June 23, 80
Geneva, " 79	Geneva	Fillmore	Friday on or before ○*	Nov. 24, 79	June 23, 80
Composite, " 81	Rising City	Butler	Tuesday on or before ○	Mar. 20, 80	June 22, 81
70 Saint Paul, " 82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	April 15, 80	June 22, 81
Corinthian, " 83	Wakefield	Dixon	Saturday on or before ○	April 22, 80	June 22, 81
Fairfield, " 84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Mondays	Sept. 3, 80	June 22, 81
Tyre, " 85	Blue Springs	Gage	First and third Tuesdays	Sept. 16, 80	June 22, 81
Doniphan, " 86	Doniphan	Hall	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 7, 81	June 22, 81
75 Ionic, " 87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before ○	Jan. 24, 81	June 20, 82
Star, " 88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Sept. 17, 81	June 20, 82
Cedar River, " 89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Mondays	Jan. 19, 82	June 20, 82
Elk Creek, " 90	Elk Creek	Johnson	Wednesday on or before ○	Feb. 11, 82	June 20, 82
Oakland, " 91	Oakland	Burt	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Feb. 7, 82	June 19, 83
80 Hubbell, " 92	Hubbell	Thayer	Second and fourth Saturdays	April 29, 82	June 19, 83
Beaver City, " 93	Beaver City	Furnas	Saturday on or before ○	May 3, 82	June 19, 83
Bennet, " 94	Bennet	Lancaster	Tuesday on or before ○	May 5, 82	June 19, 83
Garfield, " 95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	June 28, 82	June 19, 83
Utica, " 96	Utica	Seward	Wednesday on or before ○	July 14, 82	June 19, 83
85 Euclid, " 97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	July 21, 82	June 19, 83
Republican, " 98	Republican City	Harlan	Wednesday on or before ○	July 27, 82	June 19, 83
Shelton, " 99	Shelton	Buffalo	Friday on or before ○	July 28, 82	June 19, 83
Creighton, " 100	Creighton	Knox	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 19, 82	June 19, 83
Ponca, " 101	Ponca	Dixon	Friday on or before ○	Sept. 1, 82	June 19, 83
90 Waterloo, " 102	Waterloo	Douglas	Tuesday on or before ○	Sept. 7, 82	June 19, 83

*And two weeks thereafter. †June, July and August, Second Monday only.

	Ord.	No.	103	Ord.	Valley	Wednesday on or before ○	Sept. 14, 82	June 19, 83
	Wymore,	"	104	Wymore	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Nov. 10, 82	June 19, 83
	Stella,	"	105	Stella	Richardson	Wednesday on or before ○	Dec. 4, 82	June 19, 83
	Porter,	"	106	Loup City	Sherman	Tuesday on or before ○*	Dec. 9, 82	June 19, 83
95	Steele City,	"	107	Steele City	Jefferson	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 23, 83	June 19, 83
	Table Rock,	"	108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Jan. 24, 83	June 19, 83
	Arapahoe,	"	109	Arapahoe	Furnas	Saturday on or before ○	Feb. 10, 83	June 19, 83
	Pomegranate	"	110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Feb. 13, 83	June 19, 83
	De Witt,	"	111	De Witt	Saline	Monday on or before ○	Feb. 28, 83	June 19, 83
100	Springfield,	"	112	Springfield	Sarpy	Second and fourth Saturdays	Mar. 30, 83	June 19, 83
	Globe,	"	113	Madison	Madison	Tuesday on or before ○	Feb. 16, 82	June 24, 84
	Wisner,	"	114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Feb. 12, 83	June 24, 84
	Brainard,	"	115	Brainard	Butler	Tuesday on or before ○	July 11, 83	June 24, 84
	Harlan,	"	116	Alma	Harlan	Friday on or before ○*	July 12, 83	June 24, 84
105	Hardy,	"	117	Hardy	Nuckolls	Friday on or before ○	July 18, 83	June 24, 84
	Doric,	"	118	Dorchester	Saline	Saturday on or before ○	Aug. 2, 83	June 24, 84
	North Bend,	"	119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Sept. 5, 83	June 24, 84
	Wayne,	"	120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Fridays	Sept. 26, 83	June 24, 84
	Superior,	"	121	Superior	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 22, 83	June 24, 84
110	Indianola,	"	123	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before ○	Dec. 8, 83	June 24, 84
	Auburn,	"	124	Auburn	Nemaha	Monday on or before ○	Dec. 25, 83	June 24, 84
	Mount Nebo,	"	125	Genoa	Nance	Second and fourth Saturdays	Jan. 1, 84	June 24, 84
	Stromsburg,	"	126	Stromsburg	Polk	First Saturday after ○*	Jan. 16, 84	June 24, 84
	Minden,	"	127	Minden	Kearney	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 22, 84	June 24, 84
115	Guide Rock,	"	128	Guide Rock	Webster	Thursday on or before ○	Jan. 28, 84	June 24, 84
	Blue Hill,	"	129	Blue Hill	Webster	Friday on or before ○	Feb. 18, 84	June 24, 84
	Tuscan,	"	130	Surprise	Butler	Thursday on or before ○	Feb. 20, 84	June 24, 85
	Scribner,	"	132	Scribner	Dodge	First Wednesday	July 9, 84	June 24, 85
	Elm Creek,	"	133	Elm Creek	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Aug. 8, 84	June 24, 85
120	Solar,	"	134	Clarks	Merrick	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 8, 84	June 24, 85
	McCook,	"	135	McCook	Red Willow	First and third Tuesdays	Oct. 6, 84	June 24, 85
	Long Pine,	"	136	Long Pine	Brown	First and third Saturdays	Oct. 6, 84	June 24, 85
	Upright,	"	137	Burchard	Pawnee	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 14, 84	June 24, 85
	Rawalt,	"	138	Oxford	Furnas	Saturday on or after ○	Nov. 15, 84	June 24, 85
125	Clay Centre,	"	139	Clay Centre	Clay	First and third Saturdays	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85

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

* And two weeks thereafter.

	Mason City, No. 170	Mason City	Custer	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 1, 87	June 21, 88
155	Merna, " 171	Merna	Custer	Saturday on or after ○	Aug. 2, 87	June 21, 88
	Grafton, " 172	Grafton	Fillmore	Wednesday on or before ○*	Oct. 18, 87	June 21, 88
	Robert Burns " 173	Stratton	Hitchcock	First and third Saturdays	Nov. 15, 87	June 21, 88
	Culbertson " 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays	Nov. 16, 87	June 21, 88
	Temple, " 175	Filley	Gage	First and third Saturdays	Dec. 9, 87	June 21, 88
160	Gladstone, " 176	Ansley	Custer	Saturday after ○	Feb. 18, 88	June 21, 88
	Hay Springs, " 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Monday on or before ○	Feb. 20, 88	June 21, 88
	Hesperia, " 178	Shickley	Fillmore	Friday on or before ○*	Jan. 11, 88	June 20, 89
	Prudence, " 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 24, 88	June 20, 89
	Justice, " 180	Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before ○	Oct. 8, 88	June 20, 89
165	Faith, " 181	Crawford	Dawes	Thursday on or before ○	Dec. 13, 88	June 20, 89
	Incense, " 182	Ohioa	Fillmore	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 21, 88	June 20, 89
	Alliance " 183	Alliance	Box Butte	Thursday on or before ○	Jan. 18, 89	June 20, 89
	Bee Hive, " 184	South Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Jan. 22, 89	June 20, 89
	Boaz, " 185	Danbury	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 24, 89	June 20, 89
170	Israel, " 187	Ulysses	Butler	Tuesday on or before ○	Feb. 2, 89	June 20, 89
	Meridian, " 188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Saturday	Feb. 4, 89	June 20, 89
	Granite, " 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Thursday	Feb. 18, 89	June 20, 89
	Amethyst, " 190	Gandy	Logan	Second and fourth Saturdays	Aug. 5, 89	June 20, 90
	Crystal, " 191	Scotia	Greeley	Saturday on or before ○	Aug. 7, 89	June 20, 90
175	Minnekadusa " 192	Valentine	Cherry	Second Tuesday	Aug. 15, 89	June 20, 90
	Signet, " 193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before ○	Sept. 3, 89	June 20, 90
	Highland, " 194	Cortland	Gage	First and third Mondays	Sept. 21, 89	June 20, 90
	Arcana, " 195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Oct. 17, 89	June 20, 90
	Level, " 196	Stockville	Frontier	Saturday on or before ○	Nov. 1, 89	June 20, 90
180	Morning Star " 197	Gresham	York	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 16, 89	June 20, 90
	Purity, " 198	Imperial	Chase	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 24, 89	June 20, 90
	Gavel, " 199	Carleton	Thayer	Tuesday on or before ○	July 20, 89	June 18, 91
	Blazing Star, " 200	Burwell	Garfield	Thursday on or after ○	Aug. 5, 90	June 18, 91
	Scotts Bluff, " 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	First and third Saturdays	Aug. 8, 90	June 18, 91
185	Golden Sheaf " 202	Randolph	Cedar	Monday on or before ○	Aug. 29, 90	June 18, 91
	Roman Eagle " 203	Pender	Thurston	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 30, 90	June 18, 91
	Plainview, " 204	Plainview	Pierce	Tuesday on or before ○*	Sept. 1, 90	June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece " 205	Chappell	Deuel	Thursday on or before ○	Sept. 2, 90	June 18, 91

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED	CHARTERED	
	Naphtali, No. 206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Dec. 31, 90...	June 18, 91
190	Parian, " 207	Callaway	Custer	Thursday on or before ○	Jan. 31, 91...	June 18, 91
	Gauge, " 208	Arcadia	Valley	Tuesday after ○*	Aug. 24, 91...	June 16, 92
	Canopy, " 209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before ○	Sept. 4, 91...	June 16, 92
	East Lincoln, " 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Monday	Nov. 5, 91...	June 16, 92
	Cement, " 211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before ○	Nov. 27, 91...	June 16, 92
195	Compass and Square, 212	Sumner	Dawson	Tuesday on or before ○	Dec. 12, 91...	June 16, 92
	Square and Compass, 213	Miller	Buffalo	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 14, 91...	June 16, 92
	Plumbline, " 214	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before ○	Nov. 17, 91...	June 15, 93
	Occidental, " 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	Saturday on or before ○	July 16, 92...	June 15, 93
	Palisade, " 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	Tuesday on or before ○	July 18, 92...	June 15, 93
200	Wauneta, " 217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Dec. 7, 92...	June 15, 93
	Bloomfield, " 218	Bloomfield	Knox	Tuesday on or before ○	Jan. 18, 93...	June 15, 93
	Relief, " 219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Jan. 19, 93...	June 15, 93
	Magnolia, " 220	Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 21, 93...	June 15, 93
	Wood Lake, " 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Saturday on or before ○	Sept. 22, 92...	June 21, 94
205	Landmark, " 222	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before ○	Mar. 1, 93...	June 21, 94
	Eminence, " 223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Sept. 26, 93...	June 21, 94
	Silver Cord, " 224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Saturday	Oct. 17, 93...	June 21, 94
	Cable, " 225	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays	Nov. 17, 93...	June 21, 94
	Grace, " 226	Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before ○	Jan. 20, 93...	June 13, 95
210	North Star, " 227	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday	July 28, 94...	June 13, 95
	Bartley, " 228	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 23, 94...	June 13, 95
	Comet, " 229	Ceresco	Saunders	Friday on or before ○*	Dec. 5, 94...	June 13, 95
	Delta, " 230	Saint Edward	Boone	First and third Saturday	Dec. 11, 94...	June 13, 95
	Mt. Hermon, " 231	Cook	Johnson	Wednesday on or before ○	Dec. 19, 94...	June 13, 95
215	John S. Bowen " 232	Kennard	Washington	Third Saturday	Feb. 6, 95...	June 13, 95
	Gilead, " 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays.	Nov. 22, 94...	June 10, 96

*And two weeks thereafter.

	Zion,	No. 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	Wednesday on or before ○...	July 19, 95...	June 10, 96
	Fraternity,	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	Wednesday on or before ○...	Aug. 2, 95...	June 10, 96
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	Thursday on or before ○...	Aug. 3, 95...	June 10, 96
220	Cubit,	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before ○...	Aug. 9, 95...	June 10, 96
	Ithmar,	" 238	Crab Orchard...	Johnson.....	Monday on or before ○.....	Aug. 29, 95...	June 10, 96
	Friendship,	" 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	Second and fourth Fridays..	Oct. 7, 95...	June 10, 96
	Pilot,	" 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Nov. 29, 95...	June 10, 96
	George Armstrong,	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	First and third Tuesdays....	Aug. 1, 95...	June 17, 97
225	Orion,	" 242	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	Second and fourth Fridays..	Mar. 31, 97...	June 16, 98
	Tyrian,	" 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	First and third Wednesdays..	Aug. 24, 98...	June 8, 99
	Sincerity,	" 244	Battle Creek...	Madison.....	Second and fourth Fridays..	Feb. 18, 99...	June 8, 99
	Hampton,	" 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Fridays.....	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
	Nehawka,	" 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	Wednesday on or before ○...	Jan. 2, 00...	June 7, 00
230	Corner-stone,	" 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Jan. 3, 00...	June 7, 00
	Laurel,	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	First and third Thursdays..	Feb. 12, 00...	June 7, 00
	Gothenburg,	" 249	Gothenburg.....	Dawson.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
	George Washington	250	Havelock.....	Lancaster.....	Wednesday on or before ○...	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
	Wausa,	" 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Nov. 18, 00...	June 6, 01
235	Hildreth,	" 252	Hildreth.....	Franklin.....	*Wednesday on or before ○...	July 2, 01...	June 5, 02
	Beemer,	" 253	Beemer.....	Cuming.....	Third Wednesday.....	Jan. 1, 02...	June 5, 02

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WITH INSTALLED OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1903.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	No. 1	William H. Hanchett.	*Peter M. Price.....	Charles L. Shook. . . .	William C. McLean.
	" 2	Willard S. Harding..	Alfred C. Miller	William A. Forbes....	Milton R. Thorp.
	" 3	William A. DeBord...	Raymond V. Cole.....	Henry D. Rhoades....	John Bamford.
	" 4	Edward E. Lowman..	John D. Rainey.....	William J. Davies....	William M. Kauffman
5	" 5	Frank S. Macomber..	John H. Ream	George J. Boucher... .	George C. Bille.
	" 6	Michael Archer.....	Robert W. Sherwood..	Wm. L. Pickett	John C. Petersen.
	" 9	Joseph C. Yutzy.....	William H. Pillsbury.	Charles R. Kirkwood..	Amos E. Gantt.
	" 10	Anton Michelson. . . .	Charles W. Clark.....	Fred W. Frahm.....	Carl H. L. Feldhusen.
	" 11	Fremont C. Craig	Frank Brown	Frank W. Boyer.....	Eben K. Long.
10	" 12	*John M. Willman....	*William F. N. Houser	*William Brower	*William C. Willman
	" 13	John C. Shepherd	Dudley Van Valkenburg	George N. Ocamb....	George D. Kirk.
	" 14	Horton W. Bedell	Joseph P. Gillilan....	Levi Young.....	Clayton E. Hadley.
	" 15	John C. Cleland	Matthew A. Priestley	Julius Beckman	John L. Schurman.
	" 17	Charles M. Wilson	Edgar H. Grist.....	Michael E. Cowan	Jabob S. Dew.
15	" 19	H. Archie Vaughan... .	Albert Lemen.....	Jacob H. North	James W. Frow.
	" 21	Will H. H. Davis	Henry H. Hahn	*Philip J. Gossand	Frederick W. Arndt.
	" 23	Daniel Liming.....	Albert S. Story.....	John R. Gossin	George E. Becker.
	" 25	Clyde J. Backus	William T. Bourke... .	Albert P. Johnson... .	Carl E. Herring.
	" 26	John L. Anderson	Francis A. Miller	John Ed. C. Fisher... .	Burt L. Spellman.
20	" 27	Ludwig Rosenthal... .	Christian Hirschmann	Peter Poellot	Frederick A. C. Leffert
	" 29	Alfred B. Kinton	Benjamin T. Skeen... .	William W. Seid	William W. Sanders.
	" 30	John A. Cocklin	Homer O. Schaaf	James I. York	George W. Brandon.
	" 31	Charles E. Hopewell..	Christel Jeep.....	James M. Crowell... .	Emmett I. Ellis.
	" 32	George A. Beecher	John C. Orr	John L. Dick	Frank E. Bullard.
25	" 33	Andrew Cosh	Christian P. Birk.....	Adelbert Ryder.....	Oscar Wells.
	" 34	Henry C. Wright.....	William F. Miller	David C. Pattee.....	George H. Wells.
	" 35	Edgar E. Howell	Charles H. Denney	H. Clay Brock.....	Lewis E. Shelley.

*From last report of installation.

	Lone Tree,	No. 36	Jacob B. Templin....	Joseph E. Benton....	George A. Clark.....	George D. Bockes.
	Crete,	" 37	Melville H. Fleming..	Herman Wissenberg..	David R. Hopkins....	Jared J. Atwater.
30	Oliver,	" 38	John McLain	William H. Smiley...	Edward H. Polley....	Smith D. Atkins.
	Papillion,	" 39	Malcolm P. Brown...	Alexander Catherwood	Fred D. Rhode.....	Artemas L. Ireland.
	Humboldt,	" 40	*Leroy S. Hackett...	*Judge M. Davis.....	*Rudolph Vertiska...	*Edgar S. Norton.
	Northern Light,	" 41	John A. Ehrhardt....	Carl Strahle.....	John T. Shocker.....	William T. McFarland.
	Juniata,	" 42	Milo B. Hardin.....	Lee Johnston.....	Charles I. Cates.....	Addison P. Slack.
35	Hebron,	" 43	Nathan A. Heath, Jr.	William C. Tarr.....	Clarence C. Fowler...	Charles E. Green.
	Harvard,	" 44	William J. Turner....	Albert Wilson.....	William Newton.....	Griffith J. Thomas.
	Rob Morris,	" 46	Gilbert E. Haase....	Clarence A. Murch...	Theodore H. Bolte...	James D. Hawthorne
	Fairmont,	" 48	Alvah W. Loomis....	John M. Crawford....	Edward D. Perkins...	Joseph Burns.
	Evening Star,	" 49	Herman H. Schultz..	David Pickard.....	Peter F. Wurs.....	William J. Legg.
40	Hastings,	" 50	Frank C. Babcock....	Myron W. Burgess...	Sylvester S. Snyder..	Robert R. Damerell.
	Fidelity,	" 51	Frank A. Snow.....	George L. Krahl.....	William F. Downing..	John Harper.
	Hiram,	" 52	Benjamin F. Mitchell.	Harry J. Hammang..	Joseph C. Chapman..	Joseph C. Blackburn
	Charity,	" 53	John W. Tulleys....	Lewis H. Blackledge..	Samuel W. Foe.....	Henry Cook.
	Lancaster,	" 54	Ornan J. King.....	Samuel S. Whiting...	Victor Seymour.....	John S. Bishop.
45	Mosaic	" 55	Burt Mapes.....	Ensign J. Rix.....	David C. O'Connor...	Daniel J. Koenigstein
	York,	" 56	Samuel E. Cain.....	William M. Welsh....	Burnard King.....	George R. Reed.
	Mt. Moriah,	" 57	Charles E. Page.....	Doughty C. Beyette..	Bennett H. Clark....	William O. Stanbro.
	Lebanon,	" 58	William H. Benham..	Frank W. Farrand...	Henry Ragatz.....	James R. Meagher.
	Wahoo,	" 59	Joseph N. Davis.....	Frank J. Kirchman...	Ben D. Rupp.....	John C. Hamilton.
50	Melrose,	" 60	William H. Banwell..	John A. Rydell.....	George S. Austin....	Harry Mitchell.
	Thistle,	" 61	Frank H. Adams....	Hugh MacLean.....	Charles McCabe.....	Samuel C. Mullin.
	Keystone,	" 62	William H. England..	Charles D. Hustead..	Eben Rogers.....	Commodore P. Spurgeon.
	Riverton,	" 63	Willis P. Fulton....	Hugh Crilly.....	Williard H. Clopper..	John D. Fulton.
	Blue Valley,	" 64	Joseph H. Grimm....	Joseph J. Burke.....	Frank McElroy.....	Charles J. Stiastry.
55	Oseola	" 65	Lawrence M. Shaw...	Fred E. Hart.....	Frederick H. Ball...	John H. Anderson.
	Livingstone,	" 66	Edgar D. Champion..	Isreal M. Hill.....	E. Cicero Hill.....	Charles F. Collins.
	Edgar,	" 67	William E. Montgomery	Jacob Speer.....	James G. Walley....	Charles A. Voorhees.
	Aurora,	" 68	William H. Streeter..	Isaiah W. Haughey..	Amos D. Travis.....	Delevan Bates.
	Sterling,	" 70	James W. Turner....	Harry A. Schumann..	Loyal R. Zink.....	James K. Moore.
60	Trowel,	" 71	Harry B. Hauser....	Charles A. Hewitt....	Hugh L. McGinitie...	Albert M. Cool.
	Hooper,	" 72	Bernard Monnich....	Fred H. Von Seggern.	Jay H. Denslow.....	Charles C. Cushman.
	Friend,	" 73	Arthur C. White....	Orville G. Ellsworth..	William Graham.....	Charles M. Sanders.
	Alexandria,	" 74	Charles S. Bright....	William C. Beers....	Edwin A. Wallemath.	George A. Birdsall.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY	
	Frank Welch,	No. 75	Henry E. Gapen.....	Lewis F. Closman....	William J. Shoemaker	Andrew K. Greenlee.
65	Joppa	" 76	Harry S. Ayer.....	Charles K. Hart	James B. Sumner....	Charles E. Moffett.
	Nelson,	" 77	William M. Porter...	Sidney H. Hinitt....	Roderick D. Sutherland	Edwin H. Dowland.
	Albion,	" 78	Arthur W. Ladd.....	Frederick M. Weitzel.	Frank A. Doten.....	William Weitzel.
	Geneva,	" 79	Mark Butler.....	Joseph West.....	Irvin L. Turner.....	Benjamin F. Benedict
	Composite,	" 81	Aurelius Roberts....	Alfred W. Harras....	Nelson T. Holderness	William A. Noddings
70	Saint Paul,	" 82	Cassius B. Manuel...	Charles Iams	Obediah C. Reams... .	Samuel W. Jackson.
	Corinthian,	" 83	Cyrus E. Hunter.....	Bruce T. Harmon....	Robert H. Mathewson	John G. Moir.
	Fairfield,	" 84	Charles L. Lewis.....	Frank Rider	Thornton P. Shively..	George J. Pielstick.
	Tyre,	" 85	John M. Falwell.....	George S. Harris.....	George F. Harpster..	William M. Taylor.
	Doniphan,	" 86	John Schwyn	David C. Gideon....	Thomas S. Hackler... .	Samuel B. Marsh.
75	Ionic,	" 87	Solomon Draper	Charles A. Nippell....	David M. Cunningham	George W. Chambers.
	Star,	" 88	Edgar A. Sears.....	James R. Elliott....	Larimo D. Lambert.. .	Robert G. Langley.
	Cedar River,	" 89	Edward Johnson.....	F. Morton Jones	Albert L. Gooden	William P. Hatten.
	Elk Creek,	" 90	Thomas B. Rogers....	F. Frank Sneathen ..	Ira T. McClure.....	John W. Youngmann
	Oakland,	" 91	Victor L. Fried.....	Arthur B. Peden.....	August C. Holmquist.	Charles A. Peterson.
80	Hubbell,	" 92	Richard F. Haltenbeck	Samuel Patton.....	Devilla B. Evans.....	Harvey Ford.
	Beaver City,	" 93	Fletcher N. Merwin.. .	William B. Whitney.. .	Fred G. Downing....	John T. Sumny.
	Bennet,	" 94	Reuben Conn.....	Adhelt E. Otto.....	Nathan B. Tiffany....	Harry Honnor.
	Garfield,	" 95	Robert R. Dickson....	Albert B. Newell....	Stephen J. Weekes... .	Adelbert Baker.
	Utica,	" 96	Thomas L. Davies....	Fred G. Limback....	Jacob Swerin.....	Daniel J. Hartrum.
85	Euclid,	" 97	Marion U. Thomas....	Calvin M. Rowland... .	Edwin L. Rouse.....	Hiram Peck.
	Republican,	" 98	Clarence A. Luce....	George H. Woolman.. .	Arthur H. Warren....	Charles W. Whitney.
	Shelton,	" 99	Charles M. Wallace... .	William C. Bentley... .	Charles F. Brady.....	Pliny H. Graves.
	Creighton,	" 100	Harry A. Cheney.....	John K. Brown.....	Morris B. Irvin.....	Walter E. Taylor.
	Ponca,	" 101	James E. Stevenson.. .	Hanibal P. Donthitt..	Riley P. Armstrong.. .	Marion I. Mellon.
90	Waterloo,	" 102	Fred Bull.....	William E. Weekley.. .	Benjamin F. Bell.....	Bryan B. Hopper.
	Ord,	" 103	Henry C. E. Marks... .	Henry T. Clark.....	James H. Bradt.....	James F. Colby.
	Wymore,	" 104	Harrison F. Vernon.. .	George O. Lafin.....	*John H. McMullen.. .	Herbert J. Wetmore.
	Stella,	" 105	James R. Cain, Jr....	Samuel P. Hinds....	Isaac L. Callison....	Asa W. Montgomery.
	Porter,	" 106	R. Lee Arthur.....	Carsten Truelsen....	Charles W. Gibson... .	Lauritz Hansen.

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95	Steele City,	"	107	†James S. Taylor	†James W. Peters.....	†Arthur Bower	†William S. Hall.
	Table Rock,	"	108	James Tillotson.....	George F. Cotton	Peter Stevens.....	John R. Sutton.
	Arapahoe,	"	109	William D. Pruitt	Edwin L. Mitchell	Harvey C. Bible.....	Rolando J. Finch.
	Pomegranate,	"	110	Willis M. Butler	Charles F. Kirkpatrick	Julius O. Meyers.....	George L. Scott.
	De Witt,	"	111	Albert Thomas.....	John Badman.....	William H. Leacock..	John W. Hartman.
100	Springfield,	"	112	John C. Geib.....	Will E. Miller.....	I. Finch Bassett..	John D. Quinley.
	Globe,	"	113	Christopher Schavland	Marion B. Foster.....	Edward Fricke.....	Richard A. Malony.
	Wisner,	"	114	Frank C. Evans.....	Andrew R. Oleson....	Oscar R. Thompson..	Sylvanus Lant.
	Brainard,	"	115	John T. McKnight...	William G. Harriger...	Byron Atkinson.....	Eugene A. McKnight.
	Harlan,	"	116	George F. Miller.....	John F. Morgan.....	R. Lytton Keester...	David S. Hardin.
105	Hardy,	"	117	Charles A. Hayes....	Henry W. Gunnison...	Stephen T. Gillilan...	James H. Fair.
	Doric,	"	118	J. Frank Longanecker	Albert B. Kenyon....	William J. Scherzer..	William Freidell.
	North Bend,	"	119	Benjamin D. Sherwood	George T. Moore.....	William W. Roberts..	Michael Dowling.
	Wayne,	"	120	Anson A. Welch.....	J. Murry Cherry.....	George W. Fortner...	Alvin T. Witter.
	Superior,	"	121	John W. Mitchell	Orin N. Wheelock....	Alex E. Hunter.....	Marcellus L. Pierce.
110	Indianola,	"	123	Andros W. Hoyt.....	*William P. Elmer	Thomas A. Endsley...	*James Hetherington
	Auburn,	"	124	James M. Burress.....	Robert C. Boyd	Thomas H. Gillan...	Thomas W. Eustice.
	Mount Nebo,	"	125	Henry Stevens.....	Fayette M. LaGrange	Bernard D. Gorman..	C. John Elm.
	Stromsburg,	"	126	James D. Edwards	Albert M. Johnson...	William T. Seymour..	Hamilton R. Hardy.
	Minden,	"	127	Hans P. Andersen.....	George F. Milbourn...	Andrew Jensen.....	Galusha L. Godfrey.
115	Guide Rock,	"	128	John H. Crary	George McCall.....	Charles Hodges.....	Ralph W. McCallum.
	Blue Hill,	"	129	Albert D. Ranney	Wheaton W. Hogate...	John A. Kohler	Arthur Hampton.
	Tuscan,	"	130	John C. Linden	Sherman R. Severns..	George H. Gill	Amasa S. Chapman.
	Scribner,	"	132	Edward C. Burns	John Dranguis.....	George Foster	Lee M. Whitman.
	Elm Creek,	"	133	Leslie G. Mackenzie..	George Rager	Charles N. Fisher....	Emil H. Anderson.
120	Solar,	"	134	Mads M. Kokger	John T. McLean	Charles H. Campbell.	William R. Morse.
	McCook,	"	135	Marion O. McClure	George Willetts, Jr...	Emerson Hanson.....	Clarence B. Gray.
	Long Pine,	"	136	Ephraim O. Merritt...	Lewis E. Smith	Wesley A. Bucklin ..	Wilfred B. Dickson.
	Upright,	"	137	James R. Hungate	Erbie J. Shinn.....	Quinton Hungate...	Jacob F. Halderman.
	Rawalt,	"	138	Neal A. Pettygrove...	Elbert E. Cone	Robert D. Sands.....	J. Harvey Sherwood.
125	Clay Centre,	"	139	John Hager.....	Jacob C. Kasper.....	William B. Smith....	Charles C. Blanchard.
	Western,	"	140	Peter Waldorf	Charles A. Rhynolds..	Ernest E. Chapman..	Eugene G. Clark.
	Crescent,	"	143	Frank D. Burgess....	Nehemiah W. Goodrich	Reuben H. Shaffer...	William A. Gibson.
	Kenosaw,	"	144	Samuel H. Smith	Harvey E. Rose.....	William E. Latta.....	Truman P. Booth.
	Bancroft,	"	145	Thomas M. Senter	Lewis B. Renner	Nels Hjelen.....	Gustavius C. Tiech.
130	Jachin,	"	146	Elias W. Beghtol.....	Christ A. Anderson..	Clarence A. Hilsabeck	Nels Nelson.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Siloam, No. 117	James A. Rice	Mads Johnson	*Allen C. Powell.....	Robert E. Chittick.
	Emmet Cravford. " 118	Harvard Lomax	Cyrus G. Brenizer....	William R. Bruce	Alpha Morgan
	Jewel, " 149	Levi H. Mumau	George S. Gillespie...	John F. Lippincott...	Samuel F. Nunemaker.
	Cambridge, " 150	George W. McKean..	Ernest B. Perry.....	John M. Rankin	Lewis A. Rodwell.
135	Square, " 151	William J. Collier....	Jesse D. Guttery.....	Fred S. Parker.....	William Bays.
	Parallel, " 152	Harley E. Bowhay...	Charles D. Mathews...	George W. Olmsted..	Henry L. Yother.
	Evergreen, " 153	Charles C. Wilson....	William W. Quivey....	David W. Elliott.....	William B. Chilvers.
	Lily, " 151	Robert Tweed.....	Charles C. Snowdon..	Winfred Beck.....	Henry Ritzen.
	Hartington, " 155	Robert G. Mason.....	Frank O. Robinson...	George A. Street.....	Fred M. Kimball.
140	Pythagoras, " 156	Samuel W. Green.....	David C. Horton....	Carl Jaco.....	Andrew J. Davis.
	Valley, " 157	Curtis E. Klepfer....	Stephen A. Austin....	Albert B. Smith.....	Edward J. Hamilton.
	Samaritan, " 158	Byron L. Scovel.....	George H. Willis.....	Adolph W. Riekman..	George T. H. Babcock
	Ogalalla, " 159	Axel Nelsen.....	William H. Shireman..	James K. Allen.....	Malcolm McLean.
	Zeredatha, " 160	James K. Perry.....	John Patterson.....	Hiram Filley.....	Thomas J. Kirk.
145	Mount Zion, " 161	†William T. Maucher..	†Frederick Berger....	†George M. Smith.....	†Edward L. Anderson
	Trestle Board, " 162	Benjamin H. Bailey...	Benjamin F. Lorance..	Elsy F. Horn.....	Almon C. DePue.
	Unity, " 163	Emmon K. Reece....	John E. Weideman....	Edward E. Hartsook..	Cyrus F. Hall.
	Atkinson, " 164	Alexander Searles...	William P. O'Brien..	John F. Brady.....	James L. McDonald.
	Barneston, " 165	Seth S. Ratliff.....	James M. Howe.....	Proctor Goin.....	Julius Vogel.
150	Mystic Tie, " 166	Thomas T. McDonald	Richard L. Williams..	*Charles M. Werzbaeker..	Anthony J. Dunlevy.
	Elwood, " 167	Charles T. Coate....	Alfred M. White.....	Edward C. Bushell...	Hiram A. Willard.
	Curtis, " 168	Charles B. Compton..	Byron Andrews.....	Abel E. Thorne.....	Frank F. Riddell.
	Amity, " 169	William N. Ford.....	Thomas E. Housh....	Frank H. Black.....	Henry F. Wasmund, Jr.
	Mason City, " 170	Thomas J. Wood.....	Hugh L. McAllister..	John Walker.....	William A. Anderson.
155	Merna, " 171	Ernest M. Coleman..	Robert R. Duncan....	Lansing J. Read.....	Frank L. Manning.
	Grafton, " 172	Oren H. Persons.....	Jacob T. Shroyer....	Peter W. Walters....	Christian Garrett.
	Robert Burns, " 173	William R. Ratcliff..	Charles A. Besack....	John W. Smith.....	Samuel W. Bell.
	Culberston, " 174	George G. Eisenhart..	Henry Kleven.....	John A. Kirk.....	Alexander H. Miller.
	Temple, " 175	William D. Reed.....	John W. Wright.....	Joseph M. Linscott..	Andrew M. Tilton.
160	Gladstone, " 176	John Davis.....	Alfred F. Pinkley....	Thomas T. Varney....	Elbert H. Gaines.
	Hay Springs, " 177	†Frank Tulloss.....	†William B. McQueen..	†Loris J. Steihl.....	†William R. Bowman

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Hesperia,	No. 178	Frank B. Huston.....	Howard I. Converse..	Nels F. Anderson....	Joseph H. Springer.
Prudence,	" 179	William H. Ritchie...	John H. Ritchie.....	John A. Witter.....	John Edmiston.
Justice,	" 180	John G. Walthall....	Samuel M. Ewing....	Andrew B. Starkey..	John R. King.
165 Faith,	" 181	Charles F. Sage.....	Charles A. Minick....	.....	Frank R. Wingfield.
Incense,	" 182	Edwin Metcalf.....	George W. Phelps....	John F. Steele.....	Samuel J. Spelde.
Alliance,	" 183	Samuel A. Franklin..	James H. H. Hewitt..	Ira E. Tash.....	Leon H. Mosher.
Bee Hive,	" 184	John F. Schultz.....	Charles McAdam....	Charles C. Howe.....	Frank W. Slabaugh.
Boaz,	" 185	Foster G. Stilgebouer.	Marion J. Walters....	Will. A. DeMay.....	Clifford Naden.
170 Israel,	" 187	Clement L. Baker....	James Stevens.....	Eli Bassett.....	Elbert B. Zimmerman.
Meridan,	" 188	Clark K. Brown.....	Alfred H. Bain.....	Hugo Eymann.....	John T. Buckley.
Granite,	" 189	Leroy J. Babcock....	James G. Walker.....	J. Hamilton Rodgers.	Ira A. Kirk.
Amethyst,	" 190	Allen C. Kirby.....	Hugh L. McLeay.....	William A. Mansfield.	Charles M. Fisher.
Crystal,	" 191	Henry S. Sprecher....	Theodore J. Stoetzel.	Geo. W. Fitzsimmons.	Thomas W. Cook.
175 Minnekadusa,	" 192	Thomas C. Hornby....	William E. Efnr.....	John T. Keeley.....	William W. Thompson
Signet,	" 193	Francis N. Nichols....	Herman P. Buhman..	Horas W. W. Graves..	Joseph F. McKinley.
Highland,	" 194	Omer L. Cox.....	John A. Johnson.....	Frank Burling.....	Leonard Grieser.
Arcana,	" 195	Ulia Powell.....	Frank Hummel.....	Elicha C. Swigert....	Samuel S. Joice.
Level,	" 196	Richard D. Logan....	Lewis O. Richardson.	Ernest S. Case.....	Luke H. Cheney.
180 Morning Star,	" 197	Robert C. Imm.....	William Davidson....	William Downey.....	Samuel A. Tobey.
Purity,	" 198	Andrew J. Sroufe....	John T. Johnston....	Albert C. Clayburg..	Perlee W. Scott.
Gavel,	" 199	James H. Bryant.....	Ithamar C. Stephens.	Nels N. Bendz.....	*James H. Bryant.
Blazing Star,	" 200	Albert I. Cram.....	Robert P. Oliver.....	William Banks.....	Robert W. Hanna.
Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Henry M. Thornton..	Clarence W. Bonham.	John A. Burton.....	Oscar W. Gardner.
185 Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Clarence B. Willey...	Harry M. Hammond..	*William M. Turner..	*Simon Fritzsion.
Roman Eagle,	" 203	John King.....	Thomas L. Sloan.....	Frank B. Caywood...	John Forrest.
Plainview,	" 204	George H. Hecht.....	Marquis R. Dutcher..	Chris. H. Johnson..	Abel Buckingham.
Golden Fleece,	" 205	Thomas M. Johnson..	Frederick Sudman...	John R. Wertz.....	Harvey I. Babcock.
Naphtali,	" 206	Adelbert Stotts.....	Benjamin F. Lightner	J. Smith Diller.....	Charles Osborn.
190 Parian,	" 207	George B. Mair.....	Mark E. Schueringer.	*Joseph L. Browett..	Arthur J. Highbee.
Gauge,	" 208	Charles L. Cooper....	Clyde C. Hawthorne..	Squire W. Goddard..	Peter Christian.
Canopy,	" 209	William A. Rhoden....	Albert H. Denison....	William Atchison....	David L. Cartmell.
East Lincoln,	" 210	Charles W. Pace.....	Thomas W. Moore....	George N. Marks....	Henry P. Kauffman.
Cement,	" 211	Samuel A. Sherrerd..	Edgar S. Leavenworth	Charles W. Clanton..	Charles E. Towne.
195 Compass&Square,	" 212	Marcus E. Bush.....	Peter W. Felker.....	Lambert Johnson....	*John L. Smith.
Square&Compass,	" 213	James W. Wylie.....	James C. Hall.....	Samuel Veal.....	Erie W. Northrop.
Plumblin,	" 214	Nathaniel C. Shaw....	James B. Coffman....	James W. Yockey....	John E. Killen.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Occidental, No. 215	Frank B. Knapp	Ulysses S. Sampson . .	Orson A. Scott	Ernest F. Peck.
	Palisade, " 216	Worthie Shipley	Ira M. Potter	James H. Murphy . . .	William R. Cummins.
200	Wauneta, " 217	Anthon Deininger . . .	James P. Allen	Lester A. Humbarger .	James A. Dick.
	Bloomfield, " 218	William D. Funk	John H. Lauver	Silas M. Stafford . . .	Ephraim Lauver.
	Relief, " 219	Thaker T. Linkhart . .	Edward R. Bladen . . .	James Ryan	Frank L. Hicks.
	Magnolia, " 220	Morris H. Evans	A. Ira Davis	Ben F. Pearce	George H. Haase.
	Wood Lake, " 221	Aaron J. Wilson	Alfred E. Morris	David Hanna	Andrew L. Johnson.
205	Landmark, " 222	John Patrick	Frank Erickson	William Gray	Floyd Van Valin.
	Eminence, " 223	Walter E. Welsh	John W. Hobbs	Charles C. Beery	Alfred V. Cunningham
	Silver Cord, " 224	Charles H. Marsden . .	James G. Ackerman . .	John Murray	Edgar B. Smith.
	Cable, " 225	Charles C. Ross	Gage J. Hammond . . .	William C. Beltz	Charles M. Blowers.
	Grace, " 226	Henry A. Cox	Henry Carskadon . . .	Robert Hains	Captain E. Marsteller
210	North Star, " 227	William J. D. Counts . .	Joseph F. Johnson . . .	John C. Pentzer	Emory R. Buckner.
	Bartley, " 228	John E. Hathorn	Samuel W. Clark	Alfred H. McElroy . . .	William C. Hanson.
	Comet, " 229	Clark Turney	Otto Eliason	Charles D. Curyca . . .	Guy S. Heltman.
	Delta, " 230	Alfred Powell, Sr	James Nickerson	Orville H. Flory	J. Stewart Kennedy.
	Mount Hermon, " 231	George Winslow	John A. Mastalka	Eduard Cook	Charles R. Lehrack.
215	John S. Bowen, " 232	August F. Schafer . . .	Alfred L. Cook	William A. Leach	Charles M. Weed.
	Gilead, " 233	Ezra S. Bell	John A. Lawson	Harry B. Soper	Robert Ford.
	Zion, " 234	John L. Alden	Thomas McCawley . . .	Frank L. Taylor	Clarence W. Matthews
	Fraternity, " 235	John Elliott	Jerry P. Marvin	Walter Gaebler	J. Harry Prescott.
	Golden Rule, " 236	Vernon W. McDonald . .	William A. Morgan . . .	Elmer E. Shackelford .	Alson M. Lloyd.
220	Cubit, " 237	Allen H. Hostetter . . .	James A. Harlan	Fernando E. Kruse . . .	Frank W. Miller.
	Ithmar, " 238	Isaac H. Rathbun	Fred Kohn	William H. Miller	Eugene B. Laffin.
	Friendship, " 239	William Ricks	William H. H. Baird . .	Lora Aurand	Maurice Tester.
	Pilot, " 240	George W. Little	Melvin J. Metcalf . . .	Thomas Hanson	Charles A. Darling.
	George Armstrong, " 241	Levi D. Phipps	Bentley L. Kerr	Theophilus I. Minier . .	George A. Ireland.
225	Orion, " 242	*Edward Cronau	*Charles F. Bukey	*John B. Wyatt	*Charles Minor, Acting
	Tyrian, " 243	Ernst Meyer	John Q. Johnston	James O. Moore	Vincent P. Britts.
	Sincerity, " 244	Francis E. Martin	Luther B. Baker	John S. Braisher	Thomas L. White.
	Hampton, " 245	John F. Houseman	Edson L. Ingalls	James M. Cox	George B. Steadman.

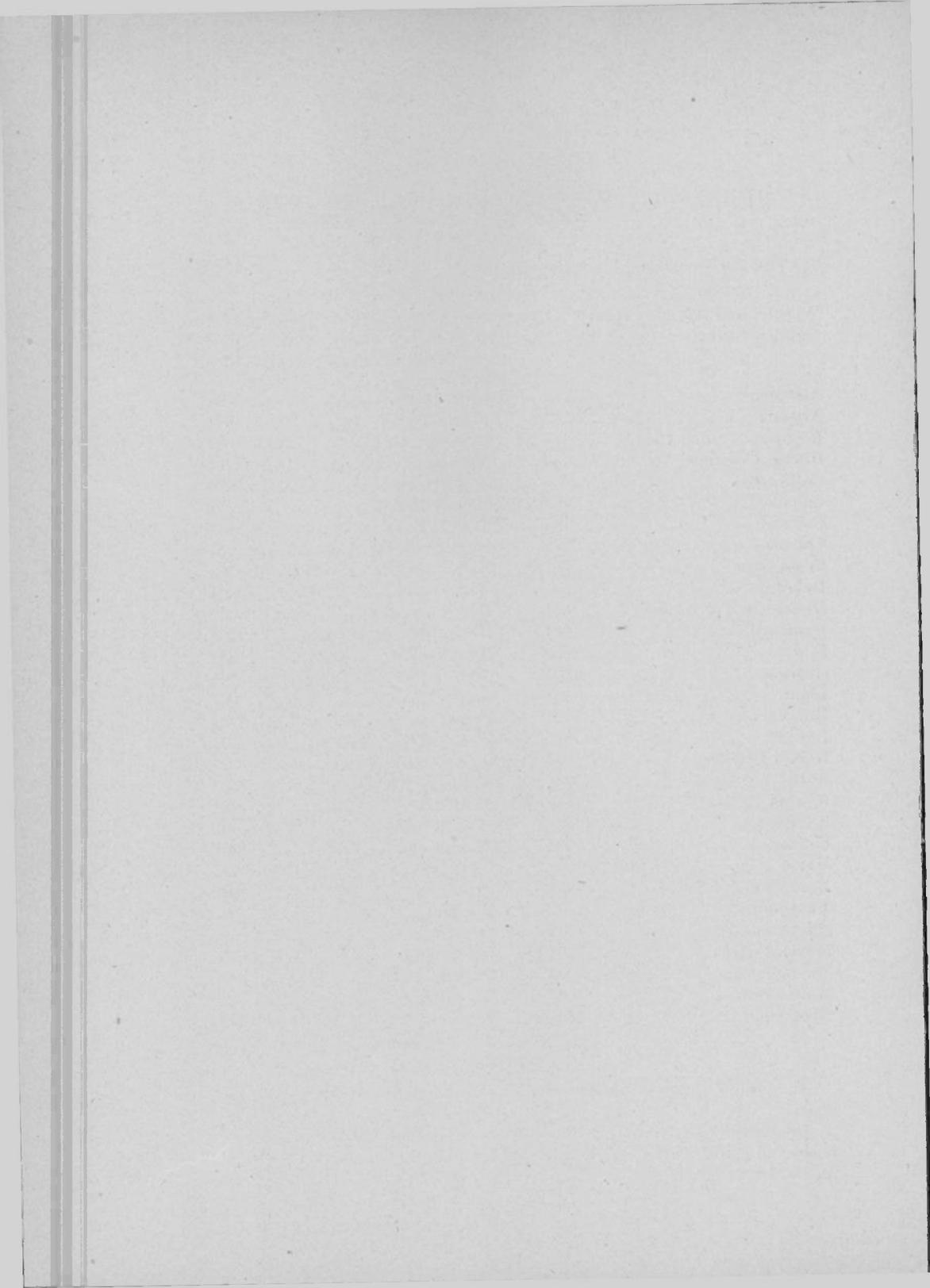
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Nehawka,	No. 246	Vilas P. Sheldon	Charles D. St. John . .	William E. Cundy	Julian A. Pollard.
230 Corner-Stone,	" 247	Nis Nissen	George W. Mitchell . .	Ernest W. Necker	Lynn A. Quivey.
Laurel,	" 248	Joseph F. Guss	Claude C. Sackett	J. Carter Guinn	Carey E. Nevin.
Gothenburg,	" 249	Edwin J. Spaulding . .	Willis M. Stebbins . . .	William D. Griffin	John J. Jennings.
George Washington	" 250	George S. Copeland . .	Archibald Adams	Frank B. Young	Henry A. Hoskins.
Wausa,	" 251	Edson L. Bridges	George N. Elwell	James B. Park	Theodore A. Anthony
235 Hildreth,	" 252	Winfield S. Marr	Alonzo L. Beck	William E. Hadley	J. Frank Lantz
236 Beemer,	" 253	George Nellor	William L. Crosby	Alfred C. Nellor	Edwin Albright.

June, 1902.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA :

The following review is the work of Past Grand Master Daniel H. Wheeler and the undersigned. The review of the following jurisdictions, together with the table of statistics appended, is fraternally submitted.

CHARLES J. PHELPS.

Alabama	1901	Missouri	1901
Arizona	1901	Montana	1901
Belgium		Nevada	1901
British Columbia	1901	New Brunswick	1901
California	1901	New Hampshire	1901
Canada	1901	New Jersey	1901
Colorado	1901	New Mexico	1901
Connecticut	1902	New South Wales	1900, 1901
Costa Rica	1901	New York	1901
Delaware	1901	New Zealand	1901
District of Columbia	1901	North Carolina	1901
England	1901	North Dakota	1901
Florida	1902	Nova Scotia	1901
Georgia	1901	Ohio	1901
Idaho	1901	Oregon	1901
Illinois	1901	Pennsylvania	1901
Indiana	1901	Prince Edward Island	1901
Indian Territory	1901	Quebec	1902
Iowa	1901	Rhode Island	1900, 1901
Kansas	1902	Scotland	1901
Kentucky	1901	South Carolina	1901
Louisiana	1902	South Dakota	1901
Maine	1901	Tennessee	1901, 1902
Manitoba	1901	Utah	1902
Maryland	1901	Vermont	1901
Massachusetts	1901	Virginia	1901
Mexico	1902	Washington	1901
Michigan	1902	West Virginia	1901
Minnesota	1902	Wisconsin	1901
Mississippi	1901	Wyoming	1901

ALABAMA, 1901.

The Grand Lodge held eight special grand communications during the year:

December 19th, 1900, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to R. W. Brother H. Clay Armstrong, Grand Secretary, the Grand Master officiating.

January 1st, 1901, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Jewish Temple, "Beth Or," at Montgomery, the Grand Master officiating.

March 7th, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to M.:W.:Francis L. Pettus, Past Grand Master, at Selma, the Grand Master officiating.

March 15th, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to R.:W.:James M. Brundidge, Honorary Past Grand Master and state Grand Lecturer, at Decatur, the Grand Master officiating.

June 29th, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the City Hall at Birmingham, Brother Ben M. Jacobs officiating for the Grand Master.

August 14th, for the purpose of laying the corner-stones of the City Hall and the Public School at Ensley, the Grand Master officiating.

September 14th, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Graded High School at Jasper, the Grand Master officiating.

October 28th, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Court House of Escambia County at Brewton, Brother George A. Beauchamp, acting Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of Alabama convened in its eighty-first annual communication in Montgomery on the 3rd day of December, 1901, when the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.:W.:Russell M. Cunningham, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers and members, and the representatives from two hundred and eighty-six subordinate lodges.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports the issuing of twelve dispensations for the organization of new lodges and one dispensation authorizing the reorganization of a lodge, which readily convinces us that the Fraternity in Alabama is greatly prospering, for which the Grand Master and the Craft are to be fraternally congratulated. The M.:W.:Grand Master calls attention to the death of numerous members of our Fraternity who had during the year been called from active duties on earth, to rest and refreshment in the Paradise of God, and among them refers to M.:W.:James A. Tulleys, and R.:W.:James W. Moore, of this Grand Jurisdiction. He reported to the Grand Lodge ninety-one decisions made by him during the year. We briefly refer to some of them which are or may be of interest to our brethren:

No. 3. When a Mason is charged with assault on another Mason he has no rights to submit in evidence, the testimony of a Masonic trial. *
* * But he may introduce any evidence he may desire to justify or extenuate his offense, provided the testimony is taken for that particular case.

No. 18. A candidate for the degrees of Masonry is not ineligible because he belongs to a labor organization which admits negroes to its membership.

No. 50. A Lodge cannot hold the dimit of a brother who petitions for affiliation and is rejected; it is the duty of the Lodge to return dimit and affiliation fee.

We have quoted but three of the decisions reported, as all or nearly all were made under and in accordance with the laws of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Committee on Jurisprudence has, in the case of several of the decisions, while approving the decisions in the main, changed the language, and particularly so in the case of decisions Nos. 11, 20, 28, 32, 37, and 51. In the case of decision No. 70 it was recommitted and the committee will report on the same in 1902. No. 70 is as follows:

A brother who has been reinstated by the Grand Lodge to the "rights and privileges of Masonry" is thereby restored to membership in the Subordinate Lodge from which he was suspended or expelled.

The Grand Master recommends that the Grand Lodge endorse the "Order of the Eastern Star and encourage and aid this splendid organization of the Women of the Mason's household," which recommendation we most heartily concur in.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the Grand Lodge to be in an excellent condition financially. The report of the Grand Secretary is full, clear, and comprehensive.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a report covering 284 pages of closely printed matter, including Nebraska for 1900. For the kind and fraternal reference to our proceedings and report on correspondence, the committee will accept fraternal acknowledgement.

M.:W.:Russell M. Cunningham, Grand Master.

R.:W.: George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA, 1901.

The twentieth annual communication of the M.:W.:Grand Lodge of Arizona was held in the city of Prescott, commencing November 12th, 1901, and was opened in ample form by M.:W.:George Montague, Grand Master, assisted by the grand officers and the representatives from thirteen subordinate lodges, and eight Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Master delivered his annual address, which related only to local matters. One dispensation, authorizing the organization of a lodge U.:D.: at Yuma, was issued. The Grand Lodge contributed \$100 for the relief of the Jacksonville fire sufferers, and issued an appeal to subordinate lodges for contributions for the same laudable purpose.

The Grand Secretary submitted his annual report in which he shows that \$177.00 was contributed by the lodges and brethren for the Jacksonville (Florida) brethren.

A very entertaining address was delivered by Brother Charles D. Belden, entitled "The Reformer in Freemasonry."

The session of the Grand Lodge was devoted entirely to local and jurisdictional matters, which were duly considered in a careful manner, and the conclusions reached were adopted by a practically unanimous vote. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Brother Charles D. Belden. It covered one hundred and sixty-two pages of the proceedings, and was written in a clear and concise manner, ably discussing many subjects. Nebraska was kindly considered by a three page report upon the proceedings of 1901. Kindly reference was

made to the incident in which M.:W.:George W. Lininger presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska a chair for the use of the Grand Master, and which was obtained in Italy on his late trip to Europe and the far east. He says:

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Chas. J. Phelps, Past Grand Master. It is a dignified and elaborate review, giving in chaste style the history of Masonry for the year.

M.:W.:John J. Sweeney, Phoenix, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:George J. Roskruege, Tuscon, is Grand Secretary.

BELGIUM.

Past Grand Master J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, Canada, the Historian of the Grand Lodge of Canada, having, it is said, an intimate acquaintance with many of the leading Masons of France, Belgium, Italy, Germany, and Greece, has expressed himself upon the question of the standing of the Grand Lodge or Grand Orient—meaning the same thing—of Belgium.

It is well known that the Grand Lodges of Vermont and Connecticut have withdrawn their recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium because of the latter's recognition of, and fraternal relations with, the Grand Orient of France, and that in one or two other American Grand Lodges the question of severing fraternal relations with Belgium is under consideration.

Our Grand Lodge of Nebraska, so far as the writer is advised, never has entered into fraternal relations with that of Belgium and we may therefore consider the question from the standpoint of neutrality. Our Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of Grand Master Furnas in 1867, first adopted the system of Grand Representatives, but only to the extent of the Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada. Later, and from time to time, recognition was extended to foreign Grand Lodges upon requests made.

From Brother Robertson's statements it appears that as early, at least, as in 1721 two lodges of Masons were in existence, one of which is still working. Later numerous lodges were organized, but between 1786-1790, by edict of Joseph II., of Austria, only three lodges (in Brussels) were permitted to work, and that under surveillance of the police. After 1790 a revival took place, and soon afterwards all Belgian lodges recognized the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France.

The defeat of Napoleon I. at Waterloo united Belgium and Holland. In 1832 the independent Grand Orient of Belgium was organized and although there were many obstacles to overcome on account of priestly persecution, they, by the aid and counsel afforded by the Grand Orient of France, became a thoroughly organized Grand Lodge and are at this time, so far as constitution, regulations, and the observance of the landmarks are concerned, and by every rule determining a sovereign Grand Lodge, it would seem, a duly constituted Grand Lodge, and as such have

been recognized by about thirty Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

The withdrawal of fraternal relations by our two American Grand Lodges was because, as above stated, of the friendly relations between the Grand Orient of Belgium and Grand Orient of France, and upon the sole ground that the Grand Orient had a few years ago eliminated the Deity from its ritual, and substituted the book of constitution for the Great Light upon its altars; certainly this was sufficient cause, we all say, for any Grand Lodge to sever fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France. But the immediate question involved in the severing of fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium is quite another question.

Brother Robertson visited the Grand Master of Belgium and others in high authority in their Masonic bodies, and testifies to their high standing in their country as men of excellent morals and understanding, Masonically and otherwise, saying, among other things, "When I stood in the midst of nearly one hundred men, nearly all leading citizens in different spheres of life in Brussels, I said to myself: Continental Masonry may be criticised and condemned, but these faces that I see before me are too good to be other than those of good men and true Masons."

Brother Robertson urges that to have regular organization, belief in Deity and supreme and sovereign and exclusive jurisdiction, is sufficient, and this is quite generally agreed to and is all that is required to entitle a Grand Lodge to recognition by other Grand Lodges, urging that on essentials we should have unity, on non-essentials there may be diversity, but that in all things we should have charity.

He treats the fact that Belgium has not severed its fraternal relations with France as a side issue. He makes a good argument. On the other hand Vermont says: "It has ever been the belief of the Masons of Vermont that there is no middle road between right and wrong, and that no entangling alliance should be held by a grand body, requesting the recognition of this Grand Lodge with any organization that has deliberately rejected the very foundation stone of Freemasonry."

C. J. P.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1901.

June 20th, in Fraternity Hall, Nelson, the thirtieth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Harry H. Watson, Grand Master, with representatives from all but two of their thirty-one subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In his annual address the Grand Master informs us that he had visited all but four of the lodges, traveling nearly four thousand miles to do so, that he had written several hundred letters and devoted a liberal part of his time to the advancement of Freemasonry in his jurisdiction.

From his reported decisions we extract:

(1) Loss of fourth and fifth fingers of right hand does not debar an Entered Apprentice from receiving the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degree.

(2) From H. L. Salmon, D. D. G. Master, District No. 1: Asking me to express an opinion as to the Masonic propriety of the action of the acting W. Master of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, in declaring ballot on two candidates null and void, after one had been declared elected and the other rejected, and ordering the ballot to be spread at a subsequent meeting because a brother, not a member, by mistake, voted on both applications.

Answer.—If the brother who voted through misapprehension will announce in open lodge or write to the lodge stating that he balloted in the negative, a fresh ballot can be taken after applying to the Grand Master for a dispensation, otherwise no reconsideration can be permitted.

He reported that four new lodges had been constituted during the year, and that he had granted dispensation for instituting one. He gives an interesting account of his visits among the lodges, and shows a very encouraging outlook for their growth.

A very extended special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, upon the application for recognition by other Grand Lodges, is presented by Brother W. A. DeWolf-Smith, recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, denying the request from the Grand Orient of Egypt, recommending that of Costa Rica and denying that of the spurious Grand Lodge of Ohio. M.:W.:Brother John Corson Smith, Past Grand Master of Illinois, who was present the year before and delivered one of his interesting addresses, was, by action of the Grand Lodge, made an honorary member of their Grand Lodge.

R.:W.:W. A. DeWolf-Smith presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-seven pages and reviewing most of the English-speaking Grand Lodge proceedings. Nebraska, 1900, receives fraternal consideration. He writes a good report.

M.:W.:F. McB. Young, Nanaimo, is Grand Master.

V.:W.:Walter J. Quinlan, Nelson, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

CALIFORNIA, 1901.

The fifty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of California was held at San Francisco, commencing October 8th, and was opened in ample form by M.:W.:James A. Foshay, Grand Master, assisted by the grand officers and twelve Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of two hundred and fifty subordinate lodges. The representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of California, M.:W.:William A. Davies, Past Grand Master, together with the representatives of thirty-one other Grand Jurisdictions were also recorded as present. Flattering reports from the entire jurisdiction indicated that the Fraternity was in a flourishing condition. Two dispensations for new lodges had been issued during the year, one, however, being at Manila in the Philippine Islands.

The Grand Master paid eloquent tribute to our Brother William McKinley, late President of the United States. The Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of California, had contributed \$500 to the sufferers by the Jacksonville fire. The Grand Lodge has a Masonic Home which the Grand Master had personally visited, and he indicated in his report that

it was properly conducted and met in every respect the intention and objects sought to be attained by its establishment.

We gather from the proceedings that it is the purpose of the Fraternity to establish another Masonic Home in the near future in the southern portion of this great state. It seems that an organization of one thousand persons had been effected, having the support of the lodges, and of the chapters of the Eastern Star organization of California, and that the specialty of this enterprise is to be hospital work. The Grand Lodge approved of the enterprise and gave assurance of its co-operation. A home of this nature, located in the land of flowers, surrounded by its orange and lemon groves, and beautiful vineyards, with its equable climate and wondrous sunshine, would woo one almost from the pearly gates of Paradise to earth again. Numerous inquiries were made to the Grand Master to define the physical qualifications of candidates. In many of the cases the Master of the lodge should have been able to answer the question. Under the new regulation, adopted at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Jurisprudence says:

That amendment dropped the word "deformed" from the regulation, so that "physical deformity" is not necessarily a disqualification of a candidate, unless such deformity is of such a nature that the applicant is physically incapable of conforming, literally, with the requirements of the ceremonies in the several degrees in Masonry.

We note the following decision for the reason that there are decisions in some of the Grand Jurisdictions which hold the exact reverse, viz:

A candidate is not disqualified to receive the second and third degrees by reason of an accident occurring subsequent to his initiation whereby his fingers are stiffened and the thumb of his right hand is destroyed.

We also note the following decision, for the reason that it so plainly states the duty of the W.M. of a lodge when such occasions arise, viz:

When a person has petitioned a Lodge for the degrees of Masonry and an investigating committee has been appointed, and made a favorable report at a subsequent stated meeting, it is the duty of the Lodge to vote upon the petition at such stated meeting and the Master has no power or authority to postpone the balloting to a subsequent meeting.

The annual report of the Superintendent of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home (located at Decoto, Alameda Co.) shows the wisdom of the Grand Lodge of California in establishing this refuge for unfortunate Masons, their widows and orphans. The number was reported as eighty-three, comprising thirty-seven men, fifteen women, and thirty-one children, who are maintained at an annual per capita expense of \$176.50. To meet the annual expenses of the Home the lodges contribute one dollar for each assessable member. From the report made, it would appear that the inmates are all well satisfied with their treatment, and that contentment prevails. During the session the members of the Grand Lodge visited the Home in a body. During the Christmas holiday season the Home was very kindly remembered by the lodges, and a Christmas contri-

bution was received from them of \$793.06. The Grand Lodge expressed its appreciation of the conduct of the Home by the trustees, and for the economical management, as well as for wise judgment in the selections of the superintendent and matron of the institution.

The reports from various Boards of Relief show an expenditure for relief and charity of some \$18,000. The Grand Lodge appropriated from its treasury \$6,000 for the two boards having this work in charge.

Requests for recognition were received from the Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Costa Rica, which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; and to the same committee were referred the notice of the dissolution of the Gran Dieta Symbolica of Mexico, and memorials of Grand Representatives referring to other so-called Grand Lodges in Mexico.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence by its chairman, Past Grand Master William A. Davies, submitted a report covering seventy-five pages in which Nebraska for 1900 is fraternally reviewed. Reference was made to the emergent communication on the occasion of the funeral of R. W. Brother Christian Hartman, which occurred on October 1st, 1899.

Reference is made to the address by P. G. M. Lininger in welcoming the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to Omaha on the occasion of its forty-third annual communication. Kindly notice was made to the annual address of the Grand Master, and to the official work disposed of during the year, and reported to the Grand Lodge.

The Chairman does not concur with us in the principle of perpetual jurisdiction. He kindly refers to Brother Phelps, the Chairman of our committee, and throws him a very pretty bouquet. We quote from the conclusion of his review the following:

There is a notable change of Masonic opinion in the line of favoring the modification of the extreme policy of perpetual jurisdiction and substituting a restriction of the life of a rejection to a period of five years as proposed by Bro. Drummond.

The amended policy is forcibly advocated by Bro. Hugh McCurdy Chairman of Jurisprudence in the Grand Lodge of Michigan, by Bro. Albert C. Wait, Chairman of Correspondence in the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and by the Grand Master of North Carolina. It will succeed, because it is right.

He refers to the very large list of eminent Masons who have, during the past year, been called from their labors on earth to rest and refreshment in the Grand Lodge on high, and closes his report with the following from Southey:

"Slowly with measured tread,
Onward we bear the dead
To his lone home!
Short grows the homeward road—
On with your mortal load!
O grave, we come.

“Now all his labor's done,
 Now, now, the goal is won!
 O grave, we come!
 Seal up the precious dust,
 Land of the good and just,
 Take the soul home!”

CANADA, 1901.

July 17th, in the city of Hamilton, in the province of Ontario, the forty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Richard B. Hungerford, Grand Master, on the throne, with representatives from a large number of lodges in attendance.

A most fraternal welcome to his brethren marks the opening of the Grand Master's annual address. The most absorbing event during the year to her subjects, he says, was the death of their beloved Monarch, Queen Victoria. As soon as her death was announced he cabled the following message to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England:

The Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, hasten to express their heartfelt sorrow at the death of our beloved Queen, and assure His Majesty the King of their loyal devotion.

In due time the following reply was received:

Dear Sir and M. W. Grand Master,—

I have received the commands of the King to ask you to be good enough to convey to the members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario His Majesty's thanks for their kind and fraternal expression of sympathy with him in his great sorrow. I have the honor to be, dear sir and Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Yours fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH,

Grand Secretary.

And further he says:

THE KING AS PATRON.

We rejoice to know that His Imperial Majesty King Edward VII. has intimated his intention of being the patron of Freemasonry in England, and that in relinquishing the gavel of the Grand Master of the Mother Lodge of the World he has been followed by so worthy a successor as his brother, the Duke of Connaught, who will, I feel assured, fill the position with as much grace, dignity and ability as his illustrious predecessor. I have instructed the Grand Secretary to forward the following message of congratulation on this the day of his installation.

The Grand Lodge of Canada, in session assembled, on behalf of thirty thousand Freemasons and British subjects, congratulates the Mother Grand Lodge of the World on the installation of a worthy successor to the great Craft ruler who has passed from your Grand East to the throne of a united empire.

RICHARD B. HUNGERFORD,

Grand Master.

He visited many of his lodges, and on July 11th, 1901, he laid the cornerstone of Chalmer's Presbyterian Church in Kincardine Township, with Masonic ceremonies. He notes with pleasure the fraternal and kindly reference to the death of Queen Victoria by members of the Craft in several

jurisdictions in the United States, as indicating the good feeling existing between Freemasons in our country and in the British Empire.

The report on correspondence is by M.:W.:Brother Henry Robertson, covering 126 pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1900, receives fraternal consideration, and liberal quotations from our Grand Master Keysor's address are made.

M.:W.:Richard B. Hungerford, London, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:John J. Mason, Hamilton, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

COLORADO, 1901.

The forty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Denver, commencing September 17th, and was opened in ample form by M.:W.:Joseph W. Milsom, Grand Master. There were present twenty-one Past Grand Masters, and the representatives from ninety-six subordinate lodges, Nebraska being represented by M.:W.:Calvin E. Reed, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master offered a merited tribute to the memory of R.:W.: Edward C. Parmelee, late Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, whose death occurred on May 10th, 1901. He also made special mention of the death of Adna A. Treat, Past Master of Apollo Lodge No. 13, Troy, New York, and a life member of the Grand Lodge of New York. Brother Treat was born April 8th, 1797, and died December 9, 1900, aged 103 years, eight months, and one day. He had been a Mason for more than seventy-seven years, more years than are scripturally allotted to the ordinary mortal.

The representatives of other Grand Bodies were roped as they presented themselves, formally corralled, examined to see that all were properly branded (as no Mavericks would be admitted) and all having passed proper examination, were formally introduced and welcomed with Grand Honors by the Grand Master. We believe in such "round-ups," and think the representative of each Grand Body should make a report from the body he represents.

Three dispensations for new lodges were issued during the year. There was \$1,400.30 contributed for the relief of the Galveston sufferers, and \$250 for the relief of the brethren who were sufferers by the Jacksonville fire.

We note that the Grand Master decided that a lodge could not receive a petition from a candidate until full twelve months had expired, which gave the lodge jurisdiction. Decision No. 11, which was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge, is as follows:

Any Subordinate Lodge in Colorado may act upon the petition of a candidate for initiation, he being otherwise eligible, notwithstanding the fact that he had been previously rejected by a Lodge subordinate to a Grand Lodge that holds to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction.

Nebraska holds the opposite view. We regret that American Grand Lodges cannot agree upon some uniform law to govern this vexed question,

and save much contention among the several jurisdictions who are so apart in their rulings.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report covering one hundred and fifty pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Bodies, including Nebraska for 1900. Extracts were made from the address of Grand Master Keysor which touched upon the Cuban and Philippine Wars, in which reference was made to the deaths of Brothers Col. Stotsenberg and Gen'l. Henry, who were Nebraska Masons, as well as to the Washington memorial exercises. Eight of the sixteen decisions that were approved by our Grand Lodge were copied in full without comment. Brother Phelps, Chairman of our Correspondence Committee, was complimented upon the matters of interest he had culled, and to which he called attention.

This volume of Colorado proceedings was prefaced by the portraits of George D. Kennedy, M.:W.:Grand Master, James H. Peabody, M.:W.:Past Grand Master, , and Cornelius J. Hart, M.:W.:Past Grand Master, while an excellent portrait of Brother William McKinley, late President, was included under the head of In Memoriam. The next annual communication will be held at Denver, September 16th, 1902.

M.:W.:George D. Kennedy was elected Grand Master.

M.:W.:William D. Todd was elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1902.

The one hundred and fourteenth annual communication was held at Masonic Temple in the city of Hartford, January 15th, 1902, and was opened in ample form by M.:W.:Frederick S. Stevens, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers in their stations. The Grand Master in his address, with proper sense of gratitude to Almighty God, welcomed the brethren to the annual communication, notes the increase and vigor and undisturbed harmony that have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the year; and he pays a tribute of respect to the honored dead of his own and other Grand Jurisdictions, including our loss in the deaths of Brothers Tulleys and Moore. He informs the Craft of the circular issued as a token of esteem to the memory of our Brother William McKinley, late President of the United States.

He also reports being present at a meeting of Matinecock Lodge No. 806, at Oyster Bay, New York, when the third degree was conferred upon our distinguished Brother, Theodore Roosevelt, then Vice President of the United States. He reports issuing an appeal to the lodges to contribute to meet a portion of the expense in building an addition to the Masonic Home, and thanks the lodges for their prompt and liberal response. Of the Home he says: "No true Mason can fail to be interested in this noble and Masonic charity. A home for the indigent Mason, his widow, and orphans is the brightest jewel in the crown of Masonry."

Under the head of "Masonic and Business Enterprises" he quotes from the address of Past Grand Master Kies in 1898. The words quoted take strong ground against using the word "Masonic" in connection with any

business enterprise, fraternal benefit association, or to advertise them in any way. He also calls the attention of the brethren to the practice of "guying" candidates by giving them false impressions of the ceremonies which they will be required to pass. He wisely says: "There is nothing in the ceremonies of Masonry of a trifling nature, and if a candidate is to be informed at all, let it be with that end in view." So thoroughly is the law understood and practiced in Connecticut, that the Grand Master was not called upon for any decision during the year.

The Grand Secretary reports progress in completing the Grand Lodge Registry. He says he has about 16,000 names, with history more or less complete. Our good brother has the sympathy of the writer, as we completed a Card Registry system for the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and found it a task of considerable magnitude.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted, fixing the hour for the election of officers at 3 o'clock P. M., on the first day of the session. A committee of Past Grand Masters was appointed to revise the Grand Lodge regulations.

From the report of the special committee, we learn that there are 17,397 Masons in good and regular standing in Connecticut. Of this number, 4,387 are exempt from the payment of lodge dues by reason of having been Masons for more than thirty years, leaving 13,010 who are liable for dues. The committee says that the expense of the Grand Lodge is about \$3,000.00 per year, that the need for charity is about \$10,000.00 per year. The committee is of the opinion that exemption from the payment of Grand Lodge dues does not release members from the payment of specific sums for charity, and recommended that the lodges be required to pay 25 cents on each member not exempt by reason of having been a member for thirty years, and 60 cents for each and every member upon their books, the last named sum to be used for the purpose of Masonic charity under the direction of the Grand Master. The recommendation of the committee was referred to the Finance Committee which reported favorably thereon, but after discussion it was amended so as to require lodges to pay one dollar for each member upon their rolls, after deducting all members who have been in good standing for thirty years. Twenty-five cents of the amount is to be used in defraying the expense of the Grand Lodge, and seventy-five cents for charity. By resolution, the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify the lodges of the name, number, and place of all clandestine lodges of which he may have knowledge. In regard to the use of the word "Masonic" in connection with business, the Grand Lodge passed the following:

1. The use of the word Masonic or any other word relating to Free and Accepted Masonry in connection with any business or secular matter be and the same is hereby expressly prohibited.
2. Any Mason exhibiting Masonic emblems upon signs, places of business, advertisements, cards, flags, or banners, other than in Masonic procession, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct and may be tried for such offense.

The evening session of the first day was devoted to the exemplification of the work, and lectures of the third degree.

The Committee on Delinquencies reported every lodge represented at the communication. A few of the lodges had not paid their Grand Lodge dues, but the reasons for not doing so were considered satisfactory. A large amount of business was transacted at the session, but most of it was of local interest, and for the good of our brethren of Connecticut.

The report of Fraternal Correspondence is prepared by John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary, and is the eighth from the pen of our good brother. It consists of two hundred pages wherein he reviews forty-eight American and eighteen foreign jurisdictions. Nebraska receives three and a half pages of fraternal notice. The presentation speech of Past Grand Master Lininger when he gave the Oriental chair to the Grand Lodge is copied in full. Of the decisions of Grand Master Crites, he says he thinks they are correct, though he is surprised that some of them should have been asked, and he gives Nos. 3, 17, 18, 19, and 28, as samples. Of No. 28 he says: "We think that the grand honors are public and private; the former is given on all public occasions, even funerals, and the latter only in the Lodge." He says: "An able and instructive oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, Brother Charles S. Lobingier," and he copies the closing paragraph. The reviewer refers to Past Grand Master Lininger's address on Masonry in Europe, and says it is a most interesting account, and he regrets that space will not allow him to copy it. We thought the twentieth century had nearly annihilated space. He says Brother Charles J. Phelps presents his third report on correspondence, and he finds no occasion for special criticism in it, but commends it as a whole. Brother Phelps can exchange the customary courtesies when he writes the review of Connecticut next year, and explains why he did not write it this year.

In his conclusion we find, "While the past year has not been an eventful one, it has been one of harmony and increased activity in almost every jurisdiction."

M. W. Arthur C. Wheeler, Norwalk, is Grand Master.

M. W. John H. Barlow, Hartford, is Grand Secretary.

COSTA RICA, 1901.

January 31st, at Masonic Temple, in the city of San José, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Manuel Aragon, Grand Master, with his grand officers, and representatives from the seven subordinate lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master in his annual address, evidences a high regard for, and zealous attachment to the principles of Freemasonry, a commendable pride in the great order whose sympathy, shown in the ready recognition accorded his Grand Body, stirs him to words of eloquent appreciation. The progress made in the two years since the organization of their Grand Lodge, is spoken of as satisfactory. Two new lodges have been instituted and constituted during the last year. He expresses, with appropriate comment, the great loss sustained not only by the United States.

but by the whole civilized world, in the death of our late Brother William McKinley. The foundation for a Masonic library is being attended to, and all things possible are being done to start out aright in these early and interesting days of their existence as a Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, R.:W.:Edmund A. Osborne, compiles briefly the action of a large number of other Grand Lodges and the comments of reviewers, recognizing and commending their Grand Lodge.

M.:W.:Ricardo Mora F., is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Edmund A. Osborne, San José De Costa Rica, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

DELAWARE, 1901.

The ninety-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, was held at Wilmington, commencing October 2nd, 1901, and was opened in ample form by the Grand Master, assisted by the grand officers, and members of the Grand Lodge and the representatives from twenty-two subordinate lodges, as well as eight Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of twenty-six other Grand Lodges. Among the latter we note the presence of M.:W.:Past Grand Master Daniel McClintock, Nebraska's representative.

The Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of M.:W.:George E. Wagner, Grand Master; by M.:W.:William J. Kelly, Past Grand Master; by R.:W.:William A. Sinn, Grand Secretary, and Samuel W. Wray, Worshipful Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; also by M.:W.:Joseph E. Moore, Grand Master, and by M.:W.:Josiah W. Ewan, Past Grand Master, from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. These distinguished visitors were received with the Grand Honors, and were fraternally welcomed by the Grand Master of Delaware.

The Grand Master in a practical business address among other things, alluded to the death of that womanly woman, the late Queen Victoria, Queen of England and Empress of India, who was ever a friend of Masons, and a staunch friend of everything that was good and pure in her own dominions as well as among other peoples and principalities. In suitable and loving words he also referred to the untimely death, by an assassin's hand, of our beloved brother, William McKinley, late president of the United States. The Grand Lodge, by appropriate action, set apart a memorial page for our honored brother, William McKinley. The Grand Master reports having officially visited every lodge in his jurisdiction, an almost unheard of proceeding, but one to be greatly commended. The Grand Lodge of Delaware having severed fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the state of Washington, because of its schism in relation to clandestine Negro Masonry, the Grand Master, having satisfied himself that the Grand Lodge of Washington had absolutely repealed its action relating thereto, and receded from its former position, recommended that fraternal relations and correspondence be resumed, but the Grand Lodge did not concur with the conclusion of the Grand Master. We would not presume to criticise the Grand Lodge, in its decision, yet we think that the recom-

mentation should have been approved. The Grand Lodge provided for the appointment of a committee to make arrangements for the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge, which celebration will occur in 1906.

J. F. Mynich, Past Master of Oriental Lodge No. 27 of Delaware, presented the Grand Lodge with a gavel made from wood from the U. S. S., Brooklyn, Indiana, New York, and Oregon. On motion of Deputy Grand Master George M. Jones, the gavel was accepted by the Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, covering eighty pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-three Grand Bodies, was made, and included Nebraska for 1900. The chairman of the committee is of the opinion that the recognition accorded by Nebraska of the Gran Dieta Symbolica of Mexico was premature, that the Grand Body will go to pieces. We acknowledge our error and have taken it all back. Our foresight was not as good as our hindsight. We are in line now with Delaware on this subject. Brother Phelps is complimented upon his review, and we very cheerfully doff our hat and say, "Well done, Brother Jackson."

M.:W.:George Massey Jones, elected Grand Master.

R.:W.:Benjamin F. Bartram, re-elected Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1901.

December 4th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Washington, the ninety-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Harry Standiford, Grand Master, with the grand officers and representatives from all the twenty-six subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master congratulates his brethren for the prosperity that had blessed the fraternity, declaring that harmony reigns supreme. Under necrology he records, in speaking of our late President, what will be of interest to all Freemasons:

Initiated into the Order in the neighboring jurisdiction of Virginia, he afterward affiliated with the local lodge at his home in Canton, Ohio. By reason of his public life and official duties, he was prevented from taking that active part in Masonry which we have reason to believe he otherwise would. It is not necessary to write the names of the Masonic organizations to which he belonged, or the dates of his initiation into the several degrees of Masonry. He went in and out among us of the District of Columbia so many years that we had learned to know his worth better perhaps than almost any other people except those resident at his home. He was intimately acquainted with many members of the Order here, and they learned to know him as a Mason. He visited our lodges in the District of Columbia during the early part of his Congressional career, but the increase of labor connected with his public station prevented us from seeing as much of him in later life as we would have desired. He often spoke to those who were intimate with him of his love for the Order of Freemasonry, and in the record of his most honorable and useful life not least were the many acts of kindness in behalf of a Mason or a Mason's family that are recorded of him in this, the National Capital.

Of their great loss in the death of their late Grand Secretary he well says:

An important break in the ranks of the Grand Lodge was sustained in the death of our venerable Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. WILLIAM REYNOLDS SINGLETON. He was so well known to the Masonic fraternity as a writer and scholar and as Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge for many years, that no words of mine can add to his fame. Advancing years admonished us all that we could not expect our distinguished brother to remain with us for many more seasons, but he seemed so vigorous in mind and body up to within a few months of his death, that when it was finally announced that he was seriously ill, the shock to us all was very severe. He passed away on the 23d of February last. Wherever his death has become known among Masons, expressions of great regard for his memory and his attainments as a man and Mason have been universal. A special communication of the Grand Lodge will be held December 19, in honor of his memory, when words more eloquent than mine will recount his virtues and extol his fame.

He reported several decisions, based in each case upon the regulations of their own jurisdiction and not of general interest. He granted a goodly number of special dispensations; constituted one new lodge; laid one corner-stone, and dedicated the statue of the late Brother Albert Pike, erected by the Supreme Council A. and A. S. R. and presented to the District of Columbia.

The report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixteen pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two other Grand Lodges, is the work of Past Grand Master George W. Baird. Nebraska, 1900, receives liberal fraternal consideration. He concisely reports the more important matters gleaned from the proceedings reviewed, and presents a work of value to his readers.

M. W.: Malcolm Seaton, Washington, is Grand Master.

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

C. J. P.

ENGLAND, 1901.

We have received the proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England at the Annual Grand Festival, holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, April 24th, and at the Quarterly Communication, holden at the same place on the 5th day of June.

On the former occasion M. W.: The Right Honorable, the Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master, on the throne, presided, with a great number of officers, present and past. R. W.: Hon. James Hozier, M. P., Grand Master of Scotland, was an honored visitor.

At a preceding quarterly communication the election of a Grand Master had taken place and now W.: Brother Frank Richardson, P. G. D., acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed:

The Most High, Most Mighty, and Most Illustrious Prince, ARTHUR WILLIAM PATRICK ALBERT, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe Coburg Gotha, Earl of Sussex, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most

Noble Order of the Thistle, Great Master and Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, General in the Army, and a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, &c., &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England for the year ensuing.

Proclamation, installation and congratulations were followed by the closing of the Grand Lodge, and the officers and members with many guests, repaired to Freemasons' Tavern and partook, it is said, of an excellent entertainment.

The election of the Duke of Connaught followed the resignation of his brother, King Edward, shortly after his accession to the throne. Throughout Great Britain and the Colonies the year was marked in all the Masonic bodies with sorrow for the loss of their late sovereign, Queen Victoria, and by loyalty in the most sincere expressions evidencing their love for the throne. Her son and successor, for so many years Grand Master of England, now the Patron of Freemasonry, receives the just homage of the Craft and his subjects generally, while his brother succeeds him as Grand Master.

The quarterly communication in June was occupied principally with business in the management of their large undertakings, the Grand Lodge, its provincial and other organizations. The following from King Edward to the Grand Lodge speaks for itself:

I am specially pleased to have been able to receive in person the loyal Address of sympathy and of dutiful and fraternal congratulation and goodwill presented to me by so Distinguished and representative a Deputation of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England. I have felt much regret at relinquishing the high and honourable post of Grand Master, which I have held since 1874, but I shall not cease to retain the same deep interest that I have always felt in Freemasonry, and as Protector of English Freemasons I shall continue to watch over your interests and to rejoice over the prosperity and growth which I anticipate for you in the future.

"It is a great satisfaction to me that my brother, the Duke of Connaught, has assumed the post of Grand Master in succession to me, and that your interests are in the hands of one so near to me in blood and united in sympathy with the Fraternity."

C. J. P.

FLORIDA, 1902.

The seventy-third annual communication was held in Jacksonville, commencing January 21st, 1902.

Three special communications had been held during the Masonic year. One at Pensacola, on July 7th, 1901, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a church; one at Plant City on August 7th, 1901, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a church, and one at Tallahassee on January 14th, 1902, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a new wing to the

state capitol building. In each case the Grand Master and officers were fully represented, the ceremonies performed in due form and in accordance with ancient Masonic law and usage, and due report of the proceedings of each occasion was made to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form with the full corps of Grand Lodge officers, twelve of the seventeen District Deputy Grand Masters and eight Past Grand Masters, present, and the representatives from one hundred and thirty subordinate lodges.

The address of the Grand Master teems with valuable information for the Craft in that Grand Jurisdiction. Under the head of "Necrology" he pays a fitting tribute to the illustrious dead of other jurisdictions, especially so to illustrious Brother William McKinley. Reference is made to our late brothers, Past Grand Master Tulleys, and Past Grand Treasurer, James W. Moore. A fitting tribute of thanks was extended to the Masonic Fraternity of the United States for the generous contributions made by them to the unfortunate victims of the disastrous fire which occurred at Jacksonville, on May 4th, 1901.

The Grand Lodge of Washington having (as the Grand Master believed) recanted from the unmasoic position taken in relation to Negro Lodges, and having declared itself in favor of and its inflexible purpose to maintain supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry within its territorial limits as established by its lawful authority, the Grand Master recommended that the Grand Lodge again resume fraternal intercourse with said Grand Body and appoint a Grand Representative near that Grand Lodge, which recommendation was approved by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master called attention to and gave a list of the clandestine lodges operating in Ohio, under the lead of one Pinney. This subject has already been before the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and proper action and precaution had been taken. A very flattering tribute was paid to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of that jurisdiction, and the same applies to the committees in each American Grand Jurisdiction. An interesting portion of his address is under the head "*Intemperance.*" The Grand Master speaks as a true Mason, and lays down the law in plain and unmistakable terms, taking the same position assumed by this Grand Jurisdiction some years ago, and, in fact, the only position that Masons can take and maintain, the position we assume of being moral and upright before God and of good repute before the world.

The Grand Master reported six decisions, five of which were upon the subject of persons engaged in the liquor business petitioning or being admitted on demits for membership, all of which were answered in the negative, and in accordance with their recently enacted law on the subject. The Grand Master in a kind but very forcible manner discussed the matter of political methods that obtain in some lodges as well as Grand Lodges, in the matter of electioneering for office, and condemned such methods as un-masonic and deserving of the most severe censure, all of which we heartily endorse. We believe that the Grand Lodges should by law impose severe penalties upon the parties who are guilty of such practices. The

Grand Master in a most admirable presentation speech delivered a Past Grand Master's jewel to Past Grand Master Wright. Grand Orator Yerger delivered the oration, which was truly Masonic in every particular and must have reached the heart and mind of every Mason who had the pleasure of listening to the W. Brother. The committee on relief of the destitute at Jacksonville reported receipts from Masonic bodies and individual members amounting to \$20,964.74. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report covering two hundred and twenty pages, Nebraska receiving cordial and fraternal notice, covering two pages. Our recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico was criticised, and as recent events prove, the criticism was not unmerited. We accept the apology of the committee and tender our hand.

M. W. James Carnell, re-elected Grand Master.

R. W. Wilber P. Webster, re-elected Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1901.

The one hundred and fifteenth annual communication was held in the city of Macon, commencing October 29th, 1901. The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master assisted by the grand officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and the representatives from 424 subordinate lodges, only nine of the 433 lodges being unrepresented.

Among the permanent members present we find the names of three Past Grand Masters, three Past Deputy Grand Masters, and one Past Grand Treasurer. There were also ninety-six Past Masters present not representing lodges.

The Grand Master presented a scholarly and eloquent address, showing conclusively that all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Fraternity and interest of the Grand Lodge had been carefully and fraternally considered and fully reported to the Grand Lodge.

We quote from this eloquent address:

We of this generation are the connecting links between that past and a future which we hope and pray may be brighter, grander and more glorious still. Let us, with firm purpose, with high resolve, with indomitable determination, face the issues that confront us, as men and Masons, and as heirs of all that is best and noblest in ages that have passed away. Let us right worthily do our part to make this favored century illustrious in the history of Masonry. Let us keep burning brightly on every mountain top the fires of Masonic charity and Masonic love, so that their dazzling light may for centuries to come illumine the pathway of those who shall follow us.

In this spirit, with grateful hearts and hymns of praise, we meet to-day in this our 115 Annual Communication. We have offered up our devotions to Almighty God. We have humbly acknowledged His mercies and His blessings. We have invoked His aid upon all our laudable undertakings. Let us now proceed to lay down our designs upon the trestle-board. Let us, with earnest minds and reverent hands and consecrated spirits, take up the work before us, and legislate for the best interests of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Masonry in this jurisdiction is reported to be in a flourishing condition. Six new lodges were granted dispensations. The Grand Master and the

Grand Lodge bore fraternal testimony to the virtues of the illustrious dead of this and other jurisdictions, including our late R. W. Brother James W. Moore. The Grand Master made many official visitations and reported that he was everywhere greeted with the utmost kindness by the brethren. He was persistent in urging the lodges to adopt all social features that would tend to bring the brethren into closer personal and fraternal relations, together with the wives and daughters of the brethren.

He urged that the lodges and individual brothers increase their loyal efforts to secure a Masonic Home for the jurisdiction, and thus practically to demonstrate to the world at large that greatest of all Masonic virtues, "*Charity.*" There is so much in this address of the Grand Master that is commendable that we are loth to leave it without making more extracts from it. However, we will copy only this:

Brethren, the past is secure. The present is ours. What of the future? What part shall Masonry take in the mighty events which yet lie hidden beneath the veil that no eye can penetrate?

Many queries were propounded and answered. Twenty-three decisions were reported, and as all were decided in accordance with Masonic law and usage we do not quote them. However, decision No. 16 has in some jurisdictions been answered in the affirmative, contrary to the decision made in this case, so we quote same.

Is one who, having taken the E. A. and F. C. degrees, afterwards becomes badly crippled in a railroad wreck, qualified in this condition to receive the M. M. degree? Held, he is not.

All decisions of the Grand Master were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and the report was adopted by the Grand Lodge. The committees named by the Grand Master are notably very large, running from twenty-four to forty-two on each committee, this Grand Lodge evidently believing that in numbers there is wisdom. We wonder if all the members of the committees attend the meetings and take part in the consideration of the subjects before them. The following legislation was adopted:

That hereafter no lodge shall be authorized to initiate, pass or raise any candidate who is engaged in selling, manufacturing or furnishing spirituous, malt or intoxicating liquors, and any person who may now be a Mason, or who may hereafter become a Mason, shall not be authorized or allowed to engage in such business, and if they do so engage, they shall be tried, suspended, and recommended to the Grand Lodge for expulsion, provided this shall not apply to persons now engaged in such business. Provided, however, this shall not apply to licensed druggists selling for medicinal or scientific purposes only.

We notice that the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances shows that some thirty-two Masons were expelled for gross unmasonic conduct; more than twice that number were expelled for non-payment of dues. We see by the report of the gross unmasonic cases a number of them were for "drunkenness." We are pleased to notice that our brethren are rightly and justly taking a high standard for the moral character of

their members. In this connection the Grand Lodge directed that the Grand Master "issue a letter to all the subordinate lodges calling upon them to see that the drunken and profane brother is either cured of his evil habits or sent back into outer darkness whence he came."

The Grand Master during the year, either in person or by proxy, under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity, laid the corner-stones of eight public buildings. The Grand Lodge also laid the corner-stone of a Jewish synagogue, to be built in Macon. The finances of the Grand Lodge are in excellent condition, showing a balance on hand of \$26,687.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed fifty Grand Lodges and covered one hundred and nineteen pages, including Nebraska for 1900. Extracts were quoted from the address of Grand Master Keysor, as well as from the oration of Brother Wells. The reviewer commends the vigorous style of Brother Phelps in making his correspondence report, and in the main commends his conclusions. They, however, do not agree upon the expulsion of Masons for non-payment of dues.

The next annual communication will be held at Macon, Oct. 28th, 1902.

M.:W.:Max Meyerhardt, Grand Master.

R.:W.:William A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO, 1901.

The Grand Lodge held one special communication at Weiser on March 19th, 1901, for the purpose of dedicating a new Masonic Temple. M.:W.:George D. Golden, Grand Master, assisted by a constitutional number of brethren, opened the Grand Lodge in form on the third degree. The Grand Lodge was formed in grand procession and proceeded to the new hall, where the M.:W.:Grand Master conducted the usual Masonic and ritualistic ceremonies, as prescribed by the laws of this jurisdiction, after which the Grand Marshal proclaimed that the new temple was formally dedicated to the use of the Masonic Fraternity Virtue, and Universal Benevolence. At the conclusion of the services, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Boise on May 26th, for the purpose of conducting the funeral services, and paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of the late M.:W.:George Dickerson Golden, Grand Master, who departed this life May 17th.

The M.:W.:Grand Lodge was opened in form by the Deputy Grand Master, assisted by a constitutional number of brethren. The acting Grand Master announced that from time immemorial it was the custom of the Masonic Fraternity, at the request of a brother, to accompany the remains to the place of interment and then to inter his remains with the usual Masonic ceremonies. In conformity to this usage, and at the special request of their deceased brother, whose memory they revere, and whose loss they now deplore, they have assembled in the character of Masons to resign his body to the earth, whence it came, and to offer up to his memory, before the world, the last tribute of their affection, thereby demonstrating

the sincerity of their past esteem and their steady attachment to the principles of our order. After the funeral ceremonies the Grand Lodge returned to Masonic Hall and was closed in form.

The thirty-fourth annual communication was held at Boise, commencing September 10th. R.:W.:David C. Chase, Grand Senior Warden, acting Grand Master, opened the Grand Lodge in form, assisted by the grand officers and members of the Grand Lodge, together with the representatives of twenty-five subordinate lodges. We observe from the record that seven Past Grand Masters were present. R.:W.:Albert W. Talkington, Deputy Grand Master and acting Grand Master, being absent, the Grand Secretary submitted the annual report, which was brief and referred to his official acts as acting Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary reported a contribution to relieve the Galveston sufferers. The amount expended on account of the Orphans' Fund was \$925.

The address of the Grand Orator for some reason was referred to a committee, but no report was made thereon, the committee having failed to receive the same.

A resolution providing that each lodge be furnished a cipher ritual was not approved by the Grand Lodge, and this action we very cordially endorse. The following resolution was offered, and after some discussion was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which subsequently reported, recommending that said resolution be adopted, which was done:

Resolved: That this Grand Lodge recognize no degrees of Masonry except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of the various states and territories of the United States and the governments throughout the world; and, whereas, it admits the following named organizations to be regularly and duly constituted Masonic bodies, namely: The General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the several states and territories of the United States, and the Royal Arch Chapters and other bodies under their jurisdiction; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the several states and territories of the United States, and the Councils under their jurisdiction; the Grand Encampment of the United States; the Grand Commanderies of the several states and territories of the United States, and the Commanderies under their jurisdiction; the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States, and the various bodies under their jurisdiction. Now, therefore, it is hereby declared that any Mason who is hereafter admitted in this Jurisdiction into any other orders as Masonic, whether called the Rite of Memphis, or by any other name, is acting un-masonically and against the advice and consent of this Grand Lodge.

The proceedings contain as a frontispiece a portrait of M.:W.:David C. Chase, Grand Master.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, covering seventy-two pages, includes a review of Nebraska for 1900. Reference is made to the address of Grand Master Keysor, and the committee commends the oration of Grand Orator Wells, concluding with, "the address contains some splendid thoughts."

The chairman of the committee, referring to the report of the Commit-

tee on Foreign Correspondence of Nebraska, says: "Bro. Charles J. Phelps, Past Grand Master, prepared the report on correspondence, it being his second effort. His work proves him to be a close observer, as he notes all matters of interest. The writer cannot agree with him on all subjects—particularly Mexican Masonry." We would say that we live and learn, and we have learned that in the matter of Mexican Masonry we have changed our mind and our Grand Lodge has taken it back.

The thirty-fifth annual communication will be held at Boise, commencing September 9th, 1902.

M.:W.:David C. Chase, Grand Master.

R.:W.:Theophilus W. Randall, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS, 1901.

October 1st, at Studebaker Hall, in the city of Chicago, the sixty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Charles F. Hitchcock, with representatives from seven hundred and eleven of its seven hundred and twenty-five subordinate lodges, in attendance.

With heartfelt expressions of gratitude to the Grand Master of the Universe for his countless blessings, and an appeal to his brethren to make use of the occasion in renewed pledges to the Fraternity, in increasing the spirit of love and the laws of liberty, and in doing their part to help the world grow better, the Grand Master opened his annual address. With words of eloquent eulogy he spoke of the characteristics of our late brother William McKinley, deploring the calamity by which the nation was deprived of his services, and Freemasonry of one of its most illustrious members. He reported the constituting of two new lodges, the dedicating of two Masonic Halls, the laying of five corner-stones, the instituting of four lodges, U. D., and the granting of six duplicate charters. In relation to new lodges he says:

With the new conditions existing and the wonderful prosperity abounding all over the state, comes the desire for increased facilities to attend lodge. Many requests have been made for authority to establish new lodges. In some instances, the locations were in too close proximity to lodges already established; in others, the size of the town did not seem to warrant and in two or three instances, where there were no Masons, charters have been requested, with the statement that many members could be secured if sufficient inducement was given to the original charter members. As this organization does not hold out inducement for members, it will be readily seen that such requests could not be complied with.

Of the labors of the District Deputies, schools of instruction and work, he speaks approvingly. He reports but one decision, holding that objections by a member cannot be made to a District Deputy Grand Master, while presiding on an official visit. So far as possible, he says, when requested, he visited his lodges, reporting a large list thus benefited.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the grand total of receipts during the year to be \$164,347.10.

R. W. Brother V. M. Blanding, Grand Orator, entertained his brethren with a well conceived discussion of the fundamental principles and teachings of Masonry, the keynote of which is found in its opening:

Like the sweet refrain of an archaic hymn, there comes to us out of the twilight of receding ages the ennobling and soul-inspiring legend of more than forty centuries—"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

The following, of interest to us, occurred:

THE M. W. GRAND MASTER:—*Brethren*: I hold in my hand the commission of R. W. Bro. Christopher M. Forman, who has been appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near this Grand Lodge; and I have the pleasure of introducing to you Brother Forman.

You will join with me in extending to him and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska the grand honors.

R. W. Brother FORMAN:—*M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge*: I will detain you but a moment. You have had plenty of talking to do today I think on this annual communication of this Grand Lodge. I want simply to express my gratification at appearing before this Grand Lodge as the representative near it of the Grand Lodge of the State of Nebraska, succeeding as I do, a most distinguished citizen of this state, an ex-governor and an ex-senator, the late John M. Palmer.

We have not as many Masons out in Nebraska as you have here. But what we lack in quantity we make up in quality.

And in behalf of that jurisdiction I now extend to you fraternal greetings, and I trust that the fraternal and good feelings that have always existed between the jurisdictions will continue.

Many important subjects relating to their jurisdiction came up for action and much fraternal discussion was had, followed by wise action.

In an eighteen page special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence upon a resolution to recognize several foreign Grand bodies, including the Grand Lodge of Norway, the Grand Lodge of Sweden, the National Grand Lodge of Denmark, the Grand Lodge of Peru, the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, the National Grand Lodge of Spain, the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary, the Grand Lodge of Saxony, the Grand Lodge of the Electric Union, at Frankfort-on-the Main, the Grand Lodge of Prussia, the Grand Lodge of Germany and others, Brother Joseph Robbins enters into a very interesting discussion of the rules which, he contends should govern in determining the propriety of such recognition. Without a direct agreement with Brother Robbins in all his propositions, we do think his report is a valuable one and should be studied by those who undertake to advise their Grand Lodges with reference to the recognition of applying Grand Bodies.

He also presents the report on correspondence covering two hundred and twelve pages. Nebraska, 1900, receives generous space and courteous consideration. We enjoy the fearless frankness of our learned brother as also the zeal displayed in all his reviews, and read them with more than ordinary interest.

M. W. George M. Moulton, Chicago, is Grand Master.

R. W. Joseph H. C. Dill, Bloomington, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

INDIANA, 1901.

May 23th, in Grand Lodge Hall in the city of Indianapolis, the eightieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Olin E. Holloway, Grand Master, with nearly all of their five hundred lodges represented.

A cordial greeting to his brethren marks the opening paragraphs of the Grand Master's annual address. To the memory of the illustrious dead of other Grand Lodges he pays fraternal tribute. He reports the constituting of four new lodges; the laying of four corner-stones, the dedicating of five Masonic halls, the granting of two duplicate charters, the removal of three lodges, and the approval of a large number of lodge by-laws. Where a petitioner had been rejected in a New Jersey lodge, and subsequently received the degrees in an Indiana lodge, complaint being made, the Grand Master of Indiana says :

Joseph E. Moore, M. W. Grand Master, F. & A. Masons of New Jersey :

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER—I have carefully investigated the case of Francis S. Marts, and find that Delaware Lodge No. 46 complied strictly with the General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in that they required Brother Marts to reside within their Jurisdiction for the period of one year before they received his petition and elected him to membership.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana does not recognize the continued jurisdiction of a Sister Grand Lodge over a rejected candidate after a period of one year. A person coming within the jurisdiction of any subordinate Lodge in the State of Indiana can, after the expiration of six months—or one year if he has been previously rejected by a regularly constituted Lodge belonging to this or any other Grand Jurisdiction—petition said subordinate Lodge for membership, and if found worthy, be made a Mason therein. I find that Delaware Lodge No. 46, in this case, conformed in every particular to the General Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and I, therefore, sustain their action.

I also bespeak for Brother Marts the Masonic fellowship of the Masons of New Jersey.

But the Grand Master of New Jersey replied, and among other things said : "The brethren of New Jersey will never consent to fraternize with one rejected by one of its lodges, notwithstanding that he has been made a Mason in a lodge of another jurisdiction, unless jurisdiction is waived by the lodge rejecting him." The Grand Master of Indiana, speaking to his Grand Lodge, expresses the opinion that he does not feel that the relations between the two Grand Lodges are in any sense strained by the incident, which, under Masonic law, is doubtless correct, although the Indiana Mason, thus made, cannot visit a lodge in New Jersey.

He decided and the Grand Lodge approved :

Will the objection to the initiation of a candidate privately made to the W. M. before the ballot is taken be equivalent to a rejection ?

Answer — It will not. Objection to the initiation of a candidate can only be made after he has been elected to receive the degrees. The objecting Brother has the right, and it is his duty, to inform the Committee on Character of any reason why the petitioner should not be made a Mason,

and he has the second opportunity to express himself when the ballot is spread, leaving the objection as the last resort, should he be unable to express himself in the other two.

M. W. Brother Daniel McDonald presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1900, received very courteous consideration, but, inasmuch as our Grand Master decides, and the Grand Lodge approved: "That a suspended Mason can be tried without being reinstated," he remarks:

If a Mason can be tried without being reinstated, the question naturally arises, Where is the trying business to end? Under that ruling, he can be tried as often as he commits an offense and the Junior Warden or some other good brother presents charges to the lodge. The suspended brother is Masonically dead so long as the suspension is in force, and a trial for another offence during said suspension could not kill him any more effectually.

We certainly do not hold that one suspended for non-payment of dues "is Masonically dead," nor does the common law of Masonry, as we understand it, treat such a member as Masonically dead. He is still a member of our Fraternity, deprived only of lodge privileges, he can at any time, by paying his arrearages, be reinstated as a matter of course and of right. And we suggest that, probably, in no case of suspension upon trial, is the offender placed in any such position as he occupies while under suspension for non-payment of dues. One expelled for a crime against Masonic law may perhaps be said to be Masonically dead, but one who, of his own accord, can restore his membership by simply paying up, is not in the class of those who have been tried and declared guilty of immoral acts and suspended or expelled therefor.

He writes an excellent report, not hesitating to give his views on all questions where he deemed them of interest to his brethren.

M. W. Orlando W. Brownback, Pendleton, is Grand Master.

R. W. Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1901.

August 13th, at Durant, Choctaw Nation, the twenty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John William Franklin Parker, Grand Master, with representatives from ninety-three of its one hundred and four subordinate lodges, in attendance.

The passing of a year and of a century is noted by the Grand Master in opening his annual address, with comments upon the admonitions their echoes bring us for the future. He reports that Freemasonry "has prospered remarkably" in his Grand Jurisdiction during the year. To the memory of their deceased Grand Senior Warden, R. W. James Ray Sheehan, who died on the 17th day of June, 1901, he pays loving tribute. He visited as best his business and position would permit, but not extensively, recording good words of appreciation for the courtesies

extended to him wherever he went. He reports the granting of dispensations for eight new lodges during the year, but he deprecates the existence of weak, unthrifty lodges of limited territory, some of which he says they have, and recommends consolidation. He issued a number of dispensations, one of which we extract:

June 23rd, 1901. To Hickory Grove Lodge, No. 32, to re-ballot on the application for the degrees at their next regular meeting after rejecting the applicant. The applicant having the same name of another profane within the jurisdiction of the lodge, some of the brethren while casting their votes thought they were balloting upon an application of another individual.

Several decisions, he reports, not all of which were approved. One of them is as follows:

Goodwater Lodge asked if they had not the right to open a lodge in a foreign jurisdiction, to comply with the wishes of a deceased brother in performing a burial ceremony.

Answer. No. See Article 8, Section 11, of the Constitution.

Question 2. If Goodwater Lodge has not the right to open a lodge in another jurisdiction, could you grant a dispensation for the same?

Answer. No. When you left our jurisdiction and entered another as a lodge, you at once sever your relations with us and become clandestine to the other.

This decision was approved by substituting the word "*irregular*" for "*clandestine*."

The other decisions were in accordance with their regulations and rules, except the following:

4. Brother of Lodge A propounds the following: "Will the objection to the initiation of a candidate privately made to the Worshipful Master before the ballot is taken, be equal to a rejection?"

Answer. It will not. Objection to the initiation of a candidate can only be made after he has been elected to receive the degrees. The objecting brother has the right, and it is his duty, to inform the Committee on Character of any reason why the petitioner should not be made a Mason, and he has a second opportunity to express himself when the ballot is spread; leaving the objection as a last resort, should he be unable to express himself in the other two.

With this the Committee on Law and Usage and the Grand Lodge did not agree, but held:

6. That No. 4 be disapproved. Your Committee are of the opinion that an objection previous to the ballot should be entertained as well as after the ballot.

He strongly recommends the building of a Masonic Home. He says:

The handwriting is on the wall. "To build," has become our battle cry, and I hope that my days may be extended to that time when I can witness a full consummation of our hopes and expectations for this Institution. When our charity shall have crystallized into this new Home, it will do more to glorify Indian Territory Masonry, and to win admiration from the profane, than any institution we might erect. It

will be the Mecca to which the brethren will direct their way, who visit the Grand Lodge.

R. W. Brother Philip D. Brewer, Grand Orator, delivered an exceptionally fine address devoted to tracing Freemasonry from a very early day in the world's history, giving attention to its early operative character, specially mentioning data often overlooked in such efforts. He also dwells eloquently upon its teachings, its universality and its enduring character:

If its purposes were followed to their logical conclusion, it would fill the world with love, and place with tender hands a pillow of down under every burden. It would give mankind a charity as broad as the world in which we live, and would kindle the fires of hospitality on the hearthstone of every home. It would make old hearts young again, and smooth out with loving hand the furrows which sorrow and care had written on the brow. It would lead men to an upright life, and teach them to do right, because it's right. With bold hand it would tear the thorn of passion from the heart, and with angel's fingers plant in its place a flower of love.

The Deputy Grand Master, now M. W. Henry M. Furman, delivered an address upon the subject, "The Wages of a Mason," eloquent with a view to promoting the building of a Masonic Home.

The business transacted was of local importance.

M. W. Brother Joseph Samuel Murrow presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighteen pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges. He says in declining the appointment for the future:

With the exception of one or two years he has written the reports on Correspondence ever since the Grand Lodge was organized. When the Grand Lodge was small and financially weak he wrote the reports without any remuneration, for the purpose of affording information to the Masons in Indian Territory. When the Grand Lodge became able to pay something, for a few years he received one hundred dollars a year. For several years there has been no report on Correspondence.

This year the Grand Secretary gave much labor and time and pains to this report. Notwithstanding the fact that the Grand Lodge has plenty of means, the old allowance of \$100 was made.

The Grand Secretary felt that, in justice to himself, he could not write another report creditable to the Grand Lodge for that amount, and hence declined the appointment.

Brother Murrow's retirement will be regretted by the reviewers because his work has been excellent, abounding in correct reports, judicious selections and wise comments. Nebraska, 1900, receives generous, fraternal consideration.

In his conclusion he strongly urges the establishment of a Masonic Home, in which among other good things he says:

The Home should have at least a quarter section of land. It will not be difficult to secure this. I believe it may be secured as a donation. Inexpensive, yet permanent buildings, can be erected. Donations of cattle, ponies and hogs can be secured. After the Home is once established it may be made largely self supporting.

Let the children be trained in principles and habits of industry and economy, purity and temperance, honesty and truthfulness, morality and especially Christianity. Give them a good common school education and, with God's blessing, clean minds and hearts in clean bodies. All this may be done without an enormous outlay of money.

M.:W.:Henry Marshall Furman, Ardmore, is Grand Master,

M.:W.:Joseph Samuel Murrow, Atoka, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

Iowa, 1901.

The fifty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held at Davenport, commencing June 4th, M.:W.:Willard L. Eaton, Grand Master. There were present representatives from four hundred and forty-four subordinate lodges, and six Past Grand Masters. According to previous arrangement the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge, assembled in front of the Kimball House, at 8:30 a. m. and were escorted by St. Simon of Cyrene Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar,—Sir Knight C. E. Birchard, E.:C.:., and Sir Knight M. Bunker, Captain General—and marched over the route designated by the local committee to the Turner Grand Opera House, where the introductory public exercises were held.

An address of welcome on behalf of the city was delivered by his Honor, Mayor Heinz, and Brother Block, on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity, extended a cordial welcome to the Masons of Iowa. Grand Master Eaton responded in behalf of the members of the Grand Lodge, thanking the Mayor and brethren for their cordial words of welcome, and assuring them of their appreciation of the courtesies thus extended. At the conclusion of his remarks he invited all not members of the Fraternity to retire; and after the introductory ceremonies, Grand Master Eaton assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge of Iowa in ample form in the third degree of Masonry.

The Grand Master thereupon delivered his annual address. He feelingly referred to the death of Past Grand Master Edwin C. Blackmar, which occurred Oct. 7th, 1900. It was the writer's pleasure to be a member of the lodge—Glenwood, No. 58—and assist in conferring the degrees of E.:A.:., F.:C.:., and M.:M.: on Brother Ed. C. Blackmar as we familiarly called him, in 1856, and we were also present at his wedding in August, 1857. Brother Blackmar was a good man and a good Mason. Past Junior Grand Warden William Elsom, died on the 9th day of October. He and Brother Blackmar were both ill at the same time, and were buried on the same day.

The Grand Master says: "It gives me pleasure to note that prosperity is everywhere visible among subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction. The improvement in the returns forwarded to the Grand Secretary, which has been marked for several years, continues. There is still room, however, for progress, and I commend to the officers of subordinate lodges still greater care in the preparation of their reports, and a greater familiarity with our Masonic statutes." We say "Amen" to the last remark of the Grand Master relative to reports from subordinate lodges. It is the skeleton in the Masonic household, which appears each year to worry the Grand Secretary,

and harass the chairman of the Committee on Returns. Charters were issued to nine new lodges, and they were all regularly constituted during June and July, 1901.

EPISODE.

Grand Master Eaton referred to the fact that for the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge of Iowa the Grand Secretary was absent from his post of duty. He said that a few days before the session commenced he had taken the hand of Father Parvin. It was thin and transparent. It hung lifeless in his grasp, and yet while the body was thus apparently without life the mind of the old man was as clear as a mountain brook. And from this bed of weakness, from which he will never rise, the Grand Secretary sent this message of love and hope and admiration to his fellow craftsmen in Iowa and elsewhere:

GREETING.

My heart is with you at Davenport. My spirit will be within the rooms where you will hold your Grand Lodge sessions. I will mingle with you in soul as I have in body all the years. But, oh, I am longing to be with you. I had hoped, even almost to the last and against hope, that I might be able to be carried to Davenport and probably taken on a litter to the Grand Lodge rooms, that at least I might see and hear my brethren once more. But this was not to be. My strength is almost gone, and I can send only through you this message. Tell the brethren in Iowa that it is my last behest that they live up to the teachings of the fraternity, that they may be Masons in fact as well as in name. And tell them also, that if they desire to perpetuate my memory, if I have done anything which deserves recognition, that they carry on the work that I have begun in the Grand Lodge Library. Let it be my monument, and at the same time an enduring monument for Masonry in Iowa. Into that institution my whole soul and the best years of my life have been woven.

This comes to you, continued the Grand Master, as a whisper from the borderland, and probably the last message from one who loves you and whom you and all the thirty thousand Masons in Iowa have loved and revered through all the years. His old companions have passed away. He alone is left, and his mind to-day is in a region where there is nothing but graves of the past. I am satisfied that this Grand Lodge will desire to make some response which shall be appropriate and in keeping with the universal sentiment of respect and love.

Brother Past Grand Master Dewey, 26, briefly alluded to the message and said that the Grand Lodge was now at a moment of great solemnity. The very hush and expectancy of death seemed to rest upon the gathering, and wherever the silver chord is loosed or the golden bowl be broken, he would suggest that a response be made that should be taken to the Grand Secretary, a response that in some manner would convey to this patriarch some idea of the respect and love of his fellows. It may be that it is hardly possible that the response may reach him, but that the Grand Lodge should send its kindly word. He, therefore, proposed the following—

RESOLUTIONS:

T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. & A. M.:

REVEREND AND RESPECTED BROTHER: Replying to your warm message of love, hope, and admonition, conveyed to us by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Iowa, at this the fifty-eighth anniversary of its birth, tenders to you its deepest and tenderest reverence and affection.

Realizing that through all these past years your work has been well wrought, that you have become the Nestor of Iowa Masonry, that you are

the golden link that binds closely the heroic past with the brilliant future, that honor and fame have crowned your declining years with the bright light of Masonic glory, that the brilliant rays of your Masonic life and Christian character illuminates the hearts of over thirty thousand Masons of Iowa, who tender to you as if in one voice, their regards, their affections, and their esteem.

Though the silver cord may soon be loosened; though the golden bowl may soon be broken; though the pitcher may be soon dashed to pieces; though old age and enfeebled condition may surround you; though youth and vigor may have deserted you; though the ides of time may have reduced your once vigorous body to a condition of enfeeblement and weakness—please ever bear in mind that the soul stirring vigor you ever possessed is fresh and green in the minds and memory of Iowa Masons.

Highly thoughtful of your Christian, moral, and Masonic worth, we hereby tender you the sincere esteem, high regard, and deep affection of the Craft of Iowa, and this the Grand Lodge join with one accord in the fervent prayer “that the Lord will ever bless you and keep you,” and so will the Masons of Iowa ever pray.

Past Senior Grand Warden Hunter moved the adoption of the resolution, and the appointment of a committee, to consist of Past Grand Masters Gamble, Dewey, Ball, and Lambert, to convey the resolutions to Father Parvin, stating that for years he had been in intimate association with the Grand Secretary, had learned Masonry at his feet as a loving disciple. He had entered into his feelings, and had sympathized and shared in the ambitions of the Grand Secretary for the benefit of humanity in Iowa. And he said that it was not meet and proper that the Grand Lodge should use the cold and formal method of the telegraph to send the response. He believed that whatever word was sent should go through the mouths of men who have been associated with this patriarch, and who have grown old with him in the work. For, said he:

“Search as you will this land of men,
Where wilt thou find his like again?”

Deputy Grand Master Clements seconded the motion, and said that it was fit and proper that this action should be taken, for all those who were present at the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge, fifty-eight years ago, the Grand Secretary is the sole survivor. In all these years he has been a constant worker, always at the front; while his companions, one after another, have fallen before the all-devouring scythe of time, he has been spared to three score years and ten; yes, even to four score and beyond, and up to the very close of this period he has been a worker, never for a minute a laggard; a leader among the leaders, and, therefore, at this season when the societies of men cast flowers upon the graves of their departed fellows in token of loving remembrance and renew the hope, “let us send this message as a flower whose perfume is the love and respect of those who love him.” Brothers Gardner and Ercanbrack briefly spoke upon the motion, and referred feelingly to the life and labors of the man to whom the response was addressed.

On motion, Brothers Hunter, Past Grand Senior Warden, and Ercanbrack, Past Grand Junior Warden, were added to the committee, and the motion was adopted unanimously by a rising vote, and the committee thus appointed took the 4:20 train for Cedar Rapids, the home of the Grand Secretary.

The committee appointed to visit Grand Secretary Parvin, on the day following their appointment returned, and reported that they had dis-

charged the duty entrusted to them, making full report of their interview, and delivered to the Grand Lodge the following response thereto from Brother Parvin, viz:

How can I ever be grateful and thankful enough to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. It is impossible. My heart has been opened and unburdened to you more than once in the history of Masonry, and now, to-night, the last time that I shall ever meet your members, excepting one or two of you here around this bed, from which in all possibility and probability I shall never arise, but my heart will rise; I have a spirit within me which has buoyed me on and borne me upward through all these years, as you well know, and that spirit is still vigorous—though feeble in the body, but strong in the heart, strong in that mental vision which I have for the grand future which I can see open up before me and around me.

The Grand Lodge is here and she will remain here; she will progress and improve and build upon the foundation which I have built with your assistance—all around we will continue and God's blessing shall follow you through your Masonic career.

Oh, I am so glad, brethren, to get to see all of you again—God bless you all.

It was the writer's good fortune to journey from Burlington to Oskaloosa, Iowa, with M.:W.:William D. McCord, P.:G.:M.: of Iowa, who was on his way to attend the annual communication of the Grand Lodge which was held that year (1856) at Oskaloosa, and Brother McCord finding out that I was a Master Mason in good standing, induced me to sojourn for one day and visit the Grand Lodge; and at that time I made the acquaintance of M.:W.:Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary. The acquaintance made at that time has been continued up to the present with much pleasure and profit to the writer, perhaps with not so much pleasure to Brother Parvin, for it was the custom of the writer during all the succeeding years to appeal to Brother Parvin for his opinion upon all vexed or complicated Masonic questions arising in Nebraska, which were referred to us.

The Grand Secretary made a very full and comprehensive report, including statistical tables, and memorial pages for the dead of other jurisdictions, as well as of the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa. A full and detailed report was made by the Grand Librarian relating to the Grand Lodge Library of which the Masonic Fraternity of Iowa is so justly proud.

The Grand Tyler was directed to procure a United States flag, and hereafter Old Glory will be carried at the head of the lines in all public processions, thus showing to people at large that the Masonic Fraternity is loyal to the government of the country in which it lives. We think it would be well for all other organizations (including church organizations) permitted to appear in public processions, to be required to carry the United States flag in all processions, thus showing at least outwardly that they are loyal supporters of the government which protects them in their civil, political, and religious rights; and the organization, society, or church, that refuses to permit the United States flag to be unfurled or carried into their halls, rooms, or churches should at once be declared un-American and be suppressed.

During the year there was paid out from the Grand Lodge Charity

the fund made permanent investments on account of said fund, of \$7,500. Fund to thirty-two beneficiaries the sum of \$3,434 25, and the trustees of At the election of grand officers, by the unanimous direction of the Grand Lodge, the ballot was dispensed with and the Grand Master was instructed to cast the entire vote of the Grand Lodge for Theodore S. Parvin for Grand Secretary, which was done, and he was declared unanimously elected, we fear for the last time. Provision was made by the Grand Lodge that in the event of the death of the Grand Secretary, that the Deputy Grand Secretary, Newton R. Parvin, should officiate as Grand Secretary for the remainder of the year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed with much pains, the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Bodies, and accorded Nebraska two pages, taking the Committee to task for according recognition to the Gran Dieta of Mexico. "We acknowledge the corn;" probably our prescription killed the patient, the Masonic physicians secured the body, and a portion of the skeleton now rests in safe keeping in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of many of our sister jurisdictions. We diagnosed the case, were in error as to the condition and constitution of the patient; we, perhaps, might be charged with malpractice. We did not attend the funeral. The undertaker made a show of a funeral, but we are informed that not a single mourner appeared on that occasion.

The proceedings were sent out in excellent shape, and the volume is enriched with numerous biographical sketches and portraits.

We quote the following from the concluding remarks of the reviewer, Brother Coke, viz:

We lay aside the pencil with relief. Our toil has been protracted and exacting. It has been performed cheerfully from a sense of duty which had in it no irksomeness or constraints. Yet the most enjoyable labor will bring at length weariness to the flesh. We greet the sunset with pleasure, having done our best, we bring up our work for inspection with a confident expectation of approval from the overseers. The spirit in which we sought to do our work and the message with which we would cheer others to do their work, is embodied in these lines from one to us unknown:

WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

It matters little where I was born,
 Or if my parents were rich or poor;
 Whether they shrank from the cold world's scorn,
 Or walked in the pride of wealth secure;
 But whether I live an honest man,
 And hold my integrity firm in my clutch,
 I tell you, my brother, as plain as I can say,
 It matters much!

It matters little how long I stay
 In a world of sorrow, sin, and care;
 Whether in youth I am called away,
 Or live till my bones and pate are bear;
 But whether I do the best I can
 To soften the weight of adversity's touch
 On the faded cheek of my fellow man,
 It matters much!

It matters little where be my grave,
 Or on the land or on the sea,
 By purling brook or 'neath the stormy wave,
 It matters little or naught to me;
 But whether the Angel of Death comes down
 And marks my brow with his loving touch,
 As one that shall wear the victor's crown,
 It matters much !

M. W. Lewis Jackson Baker, Ottuma, Grand Master.

R. W. Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Acting Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1902.

The forty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was held at Fort Scott, commencing February 19th, and was opened in ample form by M. W. Perry M. Hoisington, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers present except the Grand Senior Deacon, and the Grand Sword Bearer. There were eight Past Grand Masters, one Past Deputy Grand Master, thirty-four representatives of other Grand Bodies, (Nebraska's representative, W. Charles E. Cory, one of the number), one hundred and forty-five Past Masters, and the representatives from two hundred and sixty-six subordinate lodges present.

The Grand Master in his annual address says:

I am happy to report that we are at peace with all our neighbors, and that no serious dissensions exist within our borders. As material prosperity has spread abroad over our land, so has it been well with us. The records show a net increase in membership of seven hundred and sixty-four, and an unexampled number of new masonic temples and lodge rooms have been consecrated in the last twelve months, property of the Masons of Kansas.

He paid a fitting tribute to the memory of our late brother, William McKinley, bearing testimony to the exalted services rendered the nation, in the many positions he had filled, from that of private soldier in the ranks to that of President of this great nation; Though stricken down, like HIRAM, while in the path of duty, he was honored by his brethren, and his body was laid at rest, and a monument is to be erected to commemorate his virtues, his unshaken fidelity, and his noble death.

Dispensations were issued during the year authorizing four new lodges U. D., all of which made report to the Grand Lodge and request that they receive charters.

Six decisions only were reported, all of which were approved by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master suggests very properly that additional legislation be enacted to increase the charity fund of the Masonic Home, as the disbursements on account of charity now exceed the income, and he fears for the coming year a still larger deficit.

Permit us to suggest that a \$500 annual salary to your Grand Treasurer should be divided by ten, and the difference be paid to the Masonic Home Fund. That is the way we do it in Nebraska, and our Grand Treasurer is well satisfied. The work is light, and except during sessions of the Grand

Lodge, does not occupy six days during the balance of the year. Our Grand Lodge, like Kansas, receives all interest when any is collected. Unfortunately we have but a small balance on hand after current expenses are paid.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand, February 20th, of \$21,054.88. The Grand Secretary's report is full and complete.

We observe that when a lodge fails to have its report in the hands of the Grand Secretary by January 10th, and its dues paid not later than February 1st, that the lodge is denied representation, and its representatives forfeit their mileage. The forfeiture of mileage is correct, but how do you deny representation? We have before us a volume entitled "Constitutions of the Ancient and Honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons collected and digested from their Old records, faithful traditions and Lodge Books for the use of Lodges," published in 1798, and we quote from page 45, the following:

The Master of a particular Lodge has the right and authority of calling his Lodge, or congregating the members into a Chapter, at pleasure, upon the application of any of the Brethren, and upon any emergency and occurrence, which in his judgement, may require their meeting; and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with his Wardens, to attend the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communications; and such occasional or special grand communications as the good of the craft may require, when duly summoned by the Grand Secretary, and within such reasonable distance of the place of holding the Grand Lodge, as the Laws of the same may have ascertained. When in the Grand Lodge, and at general as well as special communications, the Master and Wardens, or either of them, have full power to represent their Lodge, and to transact all matters, as well and truly as if the whole body were there present.

We now quote from the installation ceremony of a Master of a lodge copied from R.:W.: Jeremy L. Cross' Manual published at New Haven, Conn., in 1826, from the charges and regulations which point out the duty of a Master of a Lodge:

13. You promise a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge, on receiving proper notice, and to pay attention to all the duties of Masonry on convenient occasions.

We would suggest that you change your by-law, and get back on safe Masonic law and usage, and allow the representatives votes in your Grand Lodge, if you do cut off their mileage.

The Grand Orator delivered an oration entitled, "The Idea of God in Masonry," which was very good, and will repay the reader for its perusal.

The volume contains numerous portraits, with that of M.:W.:Perry M. Hoisington, the retiring Grand Master, as a frontispiece. We find those of the late Brothers T. S. Parvin, J. L. Power, Brother and President William McKinley, and one page containing portraits of Henry Clay Armstrong of Alabama, John Warren Laffin of Wisconsin, Edward Carroll Parmelee of Colorado, William Reynolds Singleton of the District of Columbia, and Edwin Baker of Rhode Island, all distinguished Masons and Grand Secretaries of their respective jurisdictions at the time of their death.

The portraits of George C. Kenyon, P. G. M., John C. Postlethwait P. G. M., Andrew M. Callahan, P. G. M., David B. Fuller, P. G. M., Wm. D. Thompson, P. G. M., George W. Clark, P. G. M., James H. McCall, P. G. M., all of Kansas, together with brief biographical sketches are to be found in this excellent and artistic volume.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Bodies, including Nebraska for 1901, and according us four of the three hundred and fifteen pages comprising the report.

The review is kindly and the committee criticizes us very little. They dissent from our stand upon the question of subordinate lodges holding meetings during the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. We were greatly pleased on the whole, and must congratulate the Grand Lodge upon having such an excellent committee, who have so diligently culled the "gems" from the transactions of so large a number of Grand Jurisdictions and brought them before the Kansas brothers.

M. W. Thomas E. Dewey, Abilene, Grand Master.

R. W. Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY, 1901.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky held its one hundred and first annual communication in Louisville, commencing October 15th, 1901, and was opened in ample form by M. W. William C. McChord, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, and members of the Grand Lodge. There were present sixteen Past Grand Masters and the representatives from four hundred and forty four subordinate lodges, including delegates from five lodges under dispensation.

The address of the Grand Master deals almost exclusively with local matters. Under decisions, fifteen only were reported to the Grand Lodge, and being decided under the existing laws of this jurisdiction have only local application; however, we have quoted one, as it is in conflict with the law of Nebraska and many other jurisdictions, viz:

13. It is not a Masonic offense for a Mason to engage in selling spirituous liquors, or to vote in favor of the sale of liquors in an election to test the sense of the people as to whether the sale shall be prohibited.

We hope to see this Grand Jurisdiction take at an early day an opposite position upon this very important question which is so closely connected with the good morals of every law-abiding community.

The reference of the Grand Master to the untimely death of Brother William McKinley is so kind and appropriate that we reproduce it.

A few days ago the world was startled and paralyzed by the foul blow of an assassin which struck down our brother, William McKinley, President of the United States, while surrounded by loving and admiring friends. He had reached the highest position attainable in this life. By his exemplary conduct as a husband, citizen, soldier, and statesman, he had secured a place in the hearts of his countrymen, which can never fade or pass away, more enduring and more fondly cherished than the lofty monuments of stone erected to perpetuate his memory. We can but humbly

bow our heads in submission to this strange and awful dispensation of Providence, and exclaim in the language of our dead brother, "It is God's way; His will not ours, be done."

The Grand Master issued seven dispensations for new lodges. A very large portion of the address was occupied in giving a resume of the past one hundred years of the Grand Lodge, and of the present progress being made in erecting a Masonic temple, as a home of the Grand Lodge, and to accommodate the several Masonic bodies of the city of Louisville. It would seem from the report of the Grand Master that the Grand Lodge had in the past impoverished itself in order to place the Masonic Home on a solid self-supporting basis, and that now the Trustees of the Home decline to aid in the erection of the new Masonic temple, to the extent desired by the Grand Lodge. It would seem that "the tail wags the dog."

It would appear from the report of the Grand Master, that he was unduly impressed with the importance of the request of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland for the calling of a convention to organize a national or international Masonic Congress, or Board of Arbitration. We cannot believe that such a convention or congress would be of any benefit to the Masonic world, and particularly, so long as the Great Light of Masonry is excluded from the altars of lodges owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Orient of France is one of the leading bodies of Europe, and with it we have no Masonic relations, while all European Grand Bodies are in close fraternal relation with it.

Jewels were presented to sixteen Past Grand Masters.

The committee appointed to investigate the management and condition of the Masonic Home, reported that they found everything satisfactory and apparently conducted in a manner deserving the highest commendation. Arrangements were made, and the wards of the Home visited the city, and were formally presented to the members of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge was called upon to make a provision that "each subordinate lodge be requested to establish in their jurisdiction a Chapter of the Eastern Star for the ladies of Masonry." This the Grand Lodge declined to do for the reason that under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge it was not in their power to do so. While the Eastern Star organization is a wise and moral help maid of Masonry, the members are not *de facto* Masons.

It was decided (unwisely we think) that an application for affiliation must be made to the nearest lodge. While this is in conformity with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, yet we do not believe it to be either a good or wise provision. We have always been led to believe that a Mason may make his home wherever he may choose within the jurisdiction. That is the rule and practice in this jurisdiction, and we believe such should be the rule.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a comprehensive review of the proceedings of forty-nine Grand Bodies, including Nebraska for 1900, which was awarded two full pages. Brother Staton does not agree with one rule concerning perpetual jurisdiction, nor does he subscribe to our law which provides that a lodge cannot remit the dues of a suspended Mason. Our law covers both cases, and the decisions referred to are in

strict accord with it. He criticises our action in recognizing the Gran Dieta Symbolica of Mexico. Well, Brother Staton, we were perhaps hasty, and have reconsidered our action, perhaps after the cause of difference has been removed. He kindly refers to our Brother Phelps, chairman, and says: "The report is well-written and is very interesting, but must defer any further remarks thereon at this time."

As addenda to the proceedings of 1900 is a brief resume of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky from 1800 to 1824, by Henry B. Grant, Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Grand Lodge. It is illustrated with portraits and sketches of the Past Grand Masters, and contains much valuable information, particularly for the Masons of Kentucky. We shall be pleased if the Grand Secretary continues this good work in subsequent proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Harry Bailey was elected Grand Master.

R. W. Henry B. Grant re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1902.

February 10th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of New Orleans, the ninetieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Robert H. Cage, Grand Master, with all the grand officers and representatives from ninety-two of the subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master spoke impressively upon the responsibilities that rest upon Freemasons in this "Golden Age" of the world, rejoicing greatly in the rapid advances made in civilization, recognizing that humanity has, in the immediate past, been benefited and uplifted as never before by religion, education, scientific discoveries, and the many blessings we now enjoy. He deplores, however, the spirit of materialism which he thinks is drawing mankind farther away from the plain teachings handed down to us in the Great Light of Masonry.

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute. He reports Masonry throughout his Grand Jurisdiction to be in a most satisfactory condition, and rejoices that fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington may now be restored. He reports having made with profit several visits to subordinate lodges. But few decisions had he been called upon to make, only one of which does he report:

Question: Is it permissible for the brethren of a Lodge to discuss outside of the Lodge with persons that are not Masons, the results of a Masonic trial, where the brother tried was suspended or expelled? I replied that in the case where a brother was suspended that it was the business of the Lodge, a part of its secrets, and therefore should not be discussed with persons that were not Masons, and might prove of great injury to the brother suspended. In case of expulsion, if the brother expelled failed to take an appeal to the Grand Lodge, within the specified time, or had taken an appeal to the Grand Lodge, which is his right, and the Grand Lodge sustained the sentence of expulsion of the subordinate Lodge that expelled him, he then became *Masonically dead*; he was no longer a Mason, and it was right and proper that the outside world

should know that Masonry had repudiated him, and that the Masonic Fraternity did not countenance bad and wicked men.

The Grand Secretary, R.:W.:Richard Lambert, presents an admirable report, setting forth in a concise form the work of the year. The report of the Board of Directors of their Masonic Temple is a most satisfactory one. They have a duly organized relief lodge, and its report shows its good work. From it we extract:

Brethren—The Relief Lodge, organized to assist worthy distressed brother Master Masons, their widows and orphans, from other jurisdictions, has nearly reached the half century period of its existence, and since its organization the records show that relief has been extended to brethren from every jurisdiction in the known world.

As stated, organized to assist brethren from other jurisdictions, we have to assist and extend charity to a number of widows and orphans of our own jurisdiction, whose fathers and husbands were members of extinct Lodges, and they have no one else to apply to. There are numerous calls upon the time of the officers in endeavoring to assist those in trouble and distress, and I take pleasure in stating that each one who is called upon for duty responds with promptness and cheerfulness. Each one realizes and recognizes the fact that it is a sacred duty they have volunteered to perform, upholding the foundation of our organization—*Charity*.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, it is gratifying to note, found nothing in their hands to do. By resolutions adopted the Grand Lodge highly approved the good work done in that Grand Jurisdiction by the Order of the Eastern Star.

Five charters were granted to lodges U.:D.:, the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington was withdrawn, the Grand Lodge of Western Australia duly recognized, but action on the request of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, was postponed, and the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland to a conference of Masonic powers was courteously declined, and finally the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence has reported that there is nothing illegal, from a Masonic standpoint, for a Chapter of the Order Eastern Star to hold its meetings in a Masonic Lodge-room, but that the subject matter is within the province of the Committee on State of the Order; and

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. does recognize in the Order of the Eastern Star a splendid adjunct to Freemasonry, as has been demonstrated in the recent magnificent services rendered by Rob. Morris Chapter No. 1, Order Eastern Star, in the improvement of the Masonic Cemetery property of this Grand Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Said Order of the Eastern Star has most generously tendered its services in establishing and maintaining, at some time in the near future, a Masonic Home, thus evidencing their faith in our venerable institution by their good works; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in obedience to that spirit of justice, commended to us by our M. W. Grand Master in his address, we hail with pleasure the Order of the Eastern Star, and welcome its co-operation in the department of humanitarian effort; be it further

Resolved, That while we accept the position and views of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, that it is joint occupancy for a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to hold its meetings in a Masonic

Lodge-room, yet it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that justice and the good of the Order require that this law be relaxed and the constituent Lodge be left entirely free to permit such occupancy by Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star when, in their wisdom, they deem it for the best interests of their local Lodge and the Fraternity at large.

One hundred and five pages are devoted to a report on correspondence by W. Brother Herman C. Duncan, who is Grand Chaplain, and right well does he express himself upon those questions and matters noticed and discussed in his review. Perhaps a more general recognition of the fact that other Grand Lodges have reporters on correspondence would be appreciated.

M. W. Robert R. Reid, Amite City, is Grand Master.

R. W. Richard Lambert, New Orleans, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

MAINE, 1901.

May 7th, in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Portland, the eighty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Winfield S. Choate, Grand Master, his officers, and representatives from one hundred and ninety of the one hundred and ninety-seven lodges, in attendance.

M. W. George I. McAllister, Grand Master, and Past Grand Master Charles C. Hayes, of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, were announced, and Past Grand Masters Drummond and Locke, with an escort, introduced them and they were received with due honors and welcomed by the Grand Master.

With expressions of pleasure the Grand Master, in opening his annual address, greeted and welcomed his brethren, dwelling upon the magnificent progress and development of the century now closed, suggesting that, as Masons, we have kept pace with all that is wisest and best, and aided in that progress and development, reviewing the history of Freemasonry briefly during that period in this country. He makes honorable mention of the illustrious dead. In their own jurisdiction during the year the progress of the Craft, he says, has exceeded their most sanguine expectations. He reported having granted special dispensations for election of officers, to occupy halls temporarily, to receive and ballot upon applications at the same meeting, to receive and ballot on applications where candidates had not resided in the state one year, and to attend divine services.

He reported but two decisions, one of which is as follows:

In 1857, a candidate took the first and second degrees, but for personal reasons and on account of absence from this State he had not taken the third; in 1900 he returned to this State and desires to be made a Master Mason in the same lodge that conferred the first and second degrees? Can he do so?

Answer. Yes, there is no limitation of time within which the second or third degrees must be taken. Although the residence of the candidate may be now outside of this jurisdiction, the fact that the lodge in Maine conferred the first and second degrees, gives it jurisdiction to complete the work. Substantially the same question was decided in 1900.

He reported having installed the officers of six lodges, but was obliged to decline many kind invitations to visit others.

It was declared to be the sense of the Grand Lodge, "That while the list of officers elected or installed may be published, no proceedings whatever of subordinate lodges, save upon public occasions, shall be given to the press."

A thorough system of visiting the lodges by District Deputy Grand Masters, who report their work, is in vogue, and doubtless great good results therefrom.

M. W. Brother Josiah H. Drummond writes the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and thirty-five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of all the English-speaking Grand Lodges, except Scotland. Nebraska, 1900, receives generous space—seven closely written pages, and courteous consideration. He quotes liberally from Grand Master Keysor's address, and from our report on correspondence. He has uniformly treated the writer with courtesy, forbearing criticism where we feel that it might justly have been indulged, and sometimes approving, for which we certainly are very grateful. He agrees fully with the criticisms in our Grand Master's reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in re resolutions of 1898 and 1899, and with the report thereon by our committee, saying:

This is all true; we fully agree with the doctrine throughout, but we still hold that in so important a matter as the severing of masonic relations, we should wait for the *overt act*, and not base action upon a *mere declaration of sentiment*, especially when we consider the circumstances under which this declaration was made.

Noting our manner of opening the Grand Lodge, he says:

At the annual communication the Grand Officers assumed their stations, with representatives in their places, and a lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form. The roll was then called and it was ascertained that a constitutional number of lodges were present; then the Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

We have noticed in this report the method of opening Grand Lodges, and so far as we know this is the only jurisdiction in the world in which the Grand Lodge is not opened directly.

In other jurisdictions we find that the Grand Master ascertains from the Grand Secretary, or the Committee on Credentials, that a quorum is present before proceeding to open, but our Grand Lodge by-laws prescribe the form we use.

In re objections to the installation of a Master-elect, he says:

The same question has arisen in Maine practically, and the decision was that in such a case it is the duty of the installing officer, if the objections are such as should prevent his installation and are evidently made in good faith, to postpone the installation, that the truth of the objections might be inquired into. In Maine there have been cases in which such objections were made, the parties were heard and the objections sustained, and the party was not installed into office.

Our Grand Lodge has decided that "an individual brother cannot file objection against an officer elect being installed without preferring charges. Matters of this kind should always be referred to the Grand Master." And again: "The installing officer should afford every brother opportunity for objection before he installs any officer of the lodge, and should the ground of the objection be deemed sufficient he will be justified in refusing to install such officer; in such case the matter should be reported to the Grand Master for action. Any brother in good standing has the right to lodge an objection directly with the Grand Master for his consideration and decision."

Upon the question of the authority of one lodge conferring the degrees upon another's candidates, he gives some interesting history as well as reasons:

We were Grand Master during a part of the time of the Civil War. There was a tremendous rush of candidates among the enlisted soldiers. Feelings, which perhaps now cannot be fully appreciated, prompted the brethren to admit almost any one who was going to the front. Some lodges had more work than they could well do, and some one soon suggested that other lodges might do the work for them, and the matter was brought to our official notice. Unfortunately, perhaps, for an unbiased decision, it was alleged that a lodge had, under the *form* of law, elected candidates who were held by many members to be unworthy, and that to avoid their being stopped by objection, another lodge was asked to do the work and did it, before measures could be taken to prevent it. We had never heard of a lodge's conferring degrees for another lodge. But we were then a young mason, and we inquired of the fathers, and no one of them had ever heard of such a thing. Those of them, upon whom we all relied for advice, were unanimous in declaring it to be unmasonic. No lodge should interfere with the work of another lodge. The reason is that every lodge is held responsible for its own work. And the case that had occurred illustrates the wisdom of the rule and the danger of departing from it. A lodge might just as well ask another lodge to receive a petition, act upon it, and elect a candidate, as to ask one to confer the degrees upon one elected by it. These views prevailed, and while no decision was made, the practice at once ceased. Deputed authority cannot be deputed without express provision of the superior law to that effect. The charter of a lodge authorizes it to do certain things, but gives it no authority to grant power to another lodge to do anything.

M.:W.:Alfred S. Kimball, Norway, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Stephen Berry, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

MANITOBA, 1901.

June 12th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Winnipeg, the twenty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Robert S. Thornton, Grand Master, with a large attendance of past grand officers, grand representatives and past masters.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master expressed pleasure in welcoming his brethren. Of their great loss he said:

Since last we met together an event of the greatest importance to the British Empire, and indeed to the whole world, has occurred. Scarcely had "the Wonderful Century" closed than there passed away the great

central personality with whose name the age will ever be associated—our late lamented and beloved Queen Victoria. It is not for me here to portray the many virtues which characterised her as Queen and Woman, nor to expatiate on the wonderful progress and development which have marked the long term of over sixty years, during which she wielded the sceptre of British power. Suffice it to say that the strongest testimony to the great personal influence she exerted and to the affectionate regard in which she was universally held is to be found in the manner in which all interest centered around the closing scenes of that great life, and when the end came each one surely felt that a Presence had gone from this life, and that he mourned as for a personal friend. Yet was our sorrow untouched with regret, for the manner of her passing was as the falling of the ripe fruit, after a well-rounded life characterised by a steady devotion to the duties of the high position which she had been called to occupy.

These are the sentiments which we felt in common with all loyal and loving subjects, but for us as Free Masons the sad event had a further significance, our Queen having been closely identified with the Craft. She was the grand-daughter, daughter, mother and grandmother of Masons, and for many years was graciously pleased to act as Patroness of the several institutions maintained by the Grand Lodge of England, and ever took a deep interest in their progress; while he to whom we now owe allegiance as our Sovereign Lord—King Edward VII—was for twenty-six years Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, which position he has since relinquished and assumed the title, Protector of English Free Masons.

Dispensations for the forming of four new lodges, and special dispensations to enable lodges to receive petitions and act upon them, in one case when the applicant possessed an artificial left leg, in another, an artificial left arm, and in the third an artificial foot were granted, but he refused a dispensation to receive the petition of one minus his right arm, giving ready acquiescence to the argument of their M. W. Brother Robinson's argument:

He (Brother Robinson) quotes from the Charges of a Free Mason, as contained in our Constitution, this sentence: "No Master should take an Apprentice . . . unless he is a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, and of being made a brother," and properly points out that stress should be laid on the qualifying clause, "that may render him incapable of learning the art, etc." These three men were abundantly well able to learn and use the speculative art of Masonry, and so as to obtain recognition as brothers. In the fourth case I did not care to give permission for what was too great a departure from established custom in some jurisdictions. It is pleasant to note the more liberal tendencies for which Bro. Robinson's argument has prepared the way. This, I think, is highly desirable, for if it be the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that Freemasonry regards, then a too rigid insistence on the letter of the operative law does grievous violence to the spirit of the speculative institution.

He visited district lodges of instruction and highly recommends the plan. He strongly recommends the setting apart in each lodge and in the Grand Lodge a relief fund, and he thinks a Masonic Home a living embodiment of Masonic principles.

Full reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters are made, and printed with the proceedings.

M. W. Robert S. Thornton, Deloraine, is Grand Master.

M. W. James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

MARYLAND, 1901.

November 19th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, the one hundred and fifteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R.:W.:Henry C. Larrabee, Deputy Grand Master, with the associate grand officers and representatives from nearly all the subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Being informed that the Grand Lodge was opened, the entrance of M.:W.:Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master, was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, and he was received with the Grand Honors and took the gavel on reaching the East. In his short address, he engaged in a brief discussion of the rapid passage of time, and of our duty to make the best use of fleeting days and years. The deaths of our late President, Brother McKinley, and other illustrious brethren are noticed with honorable mention. Scarcely any attempt is made to report official acts.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were made; the report of a committee on an amendment to the constitution, some communications from other Grand Lodges, and other business of local interest only, constituted the business of this communication.

A semi-annual communication was held on May 14th, when the little business then demanding attention was disposed of.

On September 19th a special communication was held to engage in a memorial service, in memory of Brother William McKinley, at which eloquent tributes in addresses by distinguished brethren were made, and are recorded in the proceedings.

Another special communication, to lay the foundation stone of a monument in memory of the soldiers of the American Revolution, was held on September 6th, at Mount Royal Plaza.

And still another special communication was held on the 27th day of February, with nearly every lodge in the state represented, to commemorate the fiftieth birthday of M.:W.: Thomas J. Shryock and the beginning of his sixteenth year as Grand Master. Eloquent addresses and the presentation of a rich collar and badge, in recognition of the zeal of their distinguished brother, the recipient of these favors, marked this occasion.

M.:W.:Brother Edward T. Schultz, veteran reviewer, again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight other Grand Lodges. Nebraska, we are sorry to note, did not reach him. This review, like the many preceding it which have come to us, is notable for the accurate knowledge it evidences of the laws and usages of Freemasonry. May our brother live long and afford us all an annual review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges in fraternal relations with our American bodies.

M.:W.:Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Jacob H. Medairy, Baltimore, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1901.

Quarterly communications were held on March 13th, June 12th, September 11th, and December 11th. Several special communications were also held. The annual stated communication was held on December 27th, being the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, and its one hundred and sixty-eight anniversary, for from the first establishment of Freemasonry in Massachusetts, this celebration of the feast, enjoined upon them in the warrant or charter, has been regularly observed. At its annual gatherings men of the highest attainments meet at the festive board, and in the after-dinner speeches enliven the occasion with a "feast of reason and flow of soul," altogether enjoyable. At this last gathering every seat of the three hundred and twenty-five provided, was filled, and the whole proceeding, we are told, was marked by an unusual amount of enthusiasm and good fellowship. M.:W.:Charles T. Gallagher, Grand Master, was Toast Master, and at the same time "master of the situation."

At the quarterly communication, December 11th, the Grand Master delivered his annual address, reporting another year of generous prosperity, peace, and comfort, shared by the Fraternity in a large increase in membership, increasing activity in the lodges. The routine duties of the Grand Master, he says, require some portion of each day at the Temple, and the unusual calls on him, during the past year, had furnished occasion for a larger number of trips than usual to distant parts of the state, and generally to well-populated centers.

He does not see any occasion for recommending any additional legislation. He reports the exercise of the prerogative of his office on many occasions, in granting dispensations to confer degrees out of time, but in each case requiring careful instruction of the candidate in each degree before proceeding.

During the year they had lost by death their venerable and highly respected Past Grand Master, Charles C. Dame, R.:W.:David W. Crafts, Past Grand Warden, and R.:W.:Walworth O. Barbour, Past Deputy Grand Master.

Of their St. Andrew Lodge, of which General Warren was Grand Master at the time he fell at Bunker Hill, and from which the first sovereign Grand Lodge in America sprung, he has this to say:

In addition to the ancient certificates presented by W. Brother Green, appropriately mentioned in our June records, the Lodge of St. Andrew through its new Master, W. Brother Winthrop Wetherbee, sends a check for \$500, to be added to the Lodge of St. Andrew Fund now held in trust by the Masonic Education and Charity Trust, the same to be devoted to the charities of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge is indeed deeply grateful to the Lodge of St. Andrew for thus recognizing, during each of several past years, the needs of our Charity Fund, and responding so nobly to assist in its development and permanent creation.

Nine special communications of the Grand Lodges for the usual purposes are mentioned—funerals of past grand officers, dedicating new halls, and centennial celebrations in six lodges.

Under the head of ceremonies and visitation, interesting accounts of many occasions are given. Little business, and that of local importance only, was transacted at this annual communication.

There were so many good things said at the banquet above referred to, that it is hard to select, and, ordinarily should not enter into a report on correspondence, but their Grand Secretary did say something which every Freemason should ponder:

I fancy that very few of the Fraternity realize what the Grand Lodge is. In the country especially the Brethren have an idea that the Grand Lodge is something entirely separate, a different organization from anything that they are connected with,—that it is a kind of top-loftical affair with which they have no particular connection. But the fact is, Brethren, that the Grand Lodge is the representative of the whole Fraternity; it is the representative of the Lodges of the State, being composed of the Masters and Wardens of those Lodges.

The question is often raised, especially when discussion on certain subjects occurs, What has the Grand Lodge to do with that? The Grand Lodge is concerned only with the three degrees in Freemasonry. Now, Brethren, until within the last one hundred years there was not anything but the three degrees. The Lodges conferring those degrees form the great body of the Fraternity. They have a right to say what shall be put upon the top of that organization; they have a right, and they are the only authorities which have a right, to say what is Masonry and what is not, because they are the basis, the foundation, of the whole Fraternity. Because a few Brethren in France one hundred years ago established other organizations, that is no reason why we should submit to be reckoned as an inferior organization,—it is no reason why we should call those higher and better and nobler Bodies. Ours is *the* organization, and the Lodges of the State should adhere to their power and their control over all fundamental matters that concern the Fraternity.

I recollect distinctly at one of our Feasts of St. John, only a few years ago, Brother Gardner, whom you will remember as one of our best Grand Masters, and after his Grand Mastership a Judge of our Supreme Court,—a Brother who had received all the degrees and all the honors of Masonry, —I heard him say, at the Feast of St. John, "All other organizations are but excrescences on the body of Masonry. The Grand Lodge, composed of the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges, is *the* representative of the whole Fraternity, and those who are connected with that organization should maintain the strength and the power which fairly belong to them."

M.:W.:Charles T. Gallagher, Boston, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Seren D. Nickerson, Boston, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

MEXICO, 1902.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico is one of the Grand Lodges formerly under the jurisdiction of the Gran Dieta Symbolica of Mexico. The latter resigned its jurisdiction as hereinafter stated, and this Grand Lodge is now receiving recognition by foreign grand bodies. Two American Grand Lodges, Montana and Texas, accorded it recognition during the year 1901.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we extract:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I have the honor to report as follows:

I.—This Grand Lodge has held during the year just past one annual session, three quarterly sessions and two special or emergency sessions.

In the annual session which was held January 19th, 1901, Brother W. J. DeGress was granted the rank of Grand Master in recognition of his valuable services during the past two years.

In the quarterly session held April 22d, there was no business brought before the Grand Lodge.

In the emergency session of May 4th, this Grand Lodge received the circular announcing the voluntary dissolution of the Gran Dieta Symbolica of the United States of Mexico, conveying the following resolutions:

1st.—The confederation of the Gran Dieta Symbolica of the United States of Mexico is hereby declared dissolved.

2nd.—The Gran Dieta hereby returns to each of its Confederated Grand Lodges those powers delegated to it by Article 15 of the constitution of 1899, being the authority to represent them before Foreign Masonic Powers which said Grand Lodge voluntarily conferred upon this Grand Body. It also hereby recommends its confederated Grand Lodges to the fraternal recognition of all Foreign Masonic Powers which have sustained fraternal relations with it.

3rd.—Upon the taking effect of this dissolution the Gran Dieta shall communicate the fact to the Masonic world, giving due notice at the same time that no person or persons in the future shall have the right to make use of the name of the Confederation, which now disappears forever, by the resolution of those who have formed it.

4th.—The Archives and Seals of the Gran Dieta Symbolica of the United States of Mexico shall be delivered to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. A. F. & A. M. and that Grand Lodge is requested to guard them carefully as part of the history of Symbolic Masonry in this Republic.

5th.—Today, April 30th, 1901, is hereby named and fixed as the date on which the Gran Dieta Symbolica shall end its labors.

WHEREUPON THE GRAND LODGE RESOLVED:

1st.—To preserve with due care the Archives, seals and other property of the defunct Gran Dieta Symbolica of the United States of Mexico.

2nd.—Communicate the same to all other Masonic Powers.

3rd.—Take measures to establish fraternal relations with those powers.

4th.—Notify the Masonic World that this Grand Lodge has resumed the only one of its sovereign attributes which it had by the Constitution of 1899 ceded to the Gran Dieta: that of representation before other Grand Lodges.

In the quarterly session of June 24th this Grand Lodge celebrated St. John's day in the usual manner.

Logically this Grand Lodge is entitled to the recognition heretofore accorded to the former Supreme Body, the Gran Dieta. Doubtless it was its most reliable constituent. In its petition for recognition much of interest is stated as to the history of Masonry in Mexico.

M.:W.:Manuel Levi is Grand Master.

R.:W.:F. M. Iglesias, City of Mexico, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

MICHIGAN, 1902.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan met in its fifty-eighth annual communication in the city of Muskegon, on the 28th day of January, 1902, and it being ascertained that a constitutional number of subordinate lodges was

represented, together with the entire corps of grand officers, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. We find that there were fourteen Past Grand Masters present, bringing the record of Past Grand Masters up to compare favorably with our own jurisdiction. Representatives were present of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions, Nebraska's, M.:W.:Brother Abraham T. Metcalf, being one of the number. Three hundred and eighty-two lodges were represented, fourteen chartered lodges were not.

The Grand Master delivered a lengthy address covering thirty-five pages of the proceedings, which contained much of general interest to the Craft in Michigan. He paid a very fraternal tribute to the dead of other jurisdictions, including Brother William McKinley, late President of the United States, as well as brief reference to our late brothers, P.:G.: M.:James A. Tulleys and P.:G.:Treasurer James W. Moore. A splendid tribute was paid to the memory of Past Grand Masters John W. Champlin and William L. Webber, of Michigan. The Grand Master was kept busy during the year issuing special dispensations for the conferring of degrees, and for changing the dates of the annual communications of the subordinate lodges. We find that thirty-eight dispensations were issued for the aforesaid purposes. This is a serious burden to place upon the Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge should revise its law to obviate at least the necessity for changing the date of the annual election of lodge officers. Four lodge halls were destroyed by fire, but two of which were reported as carrying insurance. We think every lodge should be required to insure their furniture and halls, and if they cannot afford to insure, then Masonry is at such a low ebb that the charter should be taken up.

We think that the furnishing of rituals by the Grand Lodge to subordinates is reprehensible and should be discontinued, for lost ones are common, and fall into improper hands. But eight decisions were reported and they were upon questions which were easily answered by the Grand Master. In fact, the Masters propounding them would have been able to answer them had they examined the Michigan Blue Book, or any standard work on Masonic jurisprudence.

We see that Michigan has that Masonic "elephant" to contend with, viz: refusing to grant demits except to a brother who has petitioned another lodge for membership and been elected, when the lodge electing shall apply for and be forwarded a demit from the lodge from which the brother hails. We, in Nebraska, have tried the system and found it woefully lacking. Of course we deprecate the fact that any brother should ask for and receive a demit, then fail to affiliate, but when the brother as a profane petitions a lodge it is of his own free will and accord. Should he desire to sever his connection he should have the right to do so, provided he is clear on the books of the lodge and no charges have been made against him—give him six or twelve months to affiliate, and failing to do so, he should be thereby deprived of all rights or benefits of Masonry, save the right to petition, and should he do so and be rejected it should place him in good standing for another six or twelve months when he should be required to again petition. A Master Mason with a demit under *our* law can affiliate with

any lodge in the jurisdiction, without reference to his residence. Under the law a non-affiliate is always subject to discipline by the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides. The report of the Grand Master shows that the interests of his jurisdiction "have been numerous and extremely weighty" and that the duties must have occupied a large portion of his time, yet apparently he neglected nothing. We, from a distance, should say "well done, good and faithful servant, pass thou unto thy reward."

The report of the Grand Secretary was full, complete and interesting, and we were particularly interested in his summary of the ten years work done since he was elected. We congratulate the Grand Lodge and the brethren of Michigan upon the excellent services of their Grand Secretary. The completion by Brother Conover of their membership register is cause for congratulation, and no one who has not engaged in such a task can comprehend the immensity of such an undertaking, when half a century or more has elapsed before the work was begun.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the balance on hand at the commencement of the session to be \$25,268.13. The Grand Lecturer's report shows sixty-two visitations made during the year, and he reports that the Craft is in excellent condition and as a rule the work is commendable. A very interesting letter was read from our old friend Past Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, who, among other things, said: "I sincerely regret that I will not be there to meet and greet them as I have annually for the last fifty-one years with one exception, and I assure my brethren that while I am in the flesh and able to be with them I will never be absent again." We regret that we are not able to reproduce the entire excellent letter of our Most Worshipful Brother Hugh. The Board of Control of the Masonic Home reports the Home in an excellent condition, with forty-four beneficiaries, thirty-two men and twelve women, with four others admitted but not yet arrived. The average age of the men was 71 years, that of the women 70 years. The average weekly expense per capita was \$2.87.

The Finance Committee reported that the balance in the Grand Lodge treasury, after paying all expenses of the present session, including mileage and per diem, would be \$11,273.58. We shall be greatly pleased when the Grand Lodge emerges from darkness, and appoints a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and through such committee commend or criticise the doings of other Grand Lodges, as has been its custom for many years in the past. As an old wolverine and former Michigan Mason the writer urges this upon the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

M. W. Neal McMillan, is Grand Master.

R. W. Jefferson S. Conover, is Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1902.

The forty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held in St. Paul, commencing January 22nd, 1902, with all the grand officers present, except the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Junior Deacon. A quorum of subordinate lodges being present, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

There were seven Past Grand Masters present as well as three Past Deputy Grand Masters, three Past Grand Senior Wardens, and four Past Grand Junior Wardens, showing that the Past Grand officers still take an active interest in Masonry in the jurisdiction that had honored them.

The record shows that during the communication, 216 of the lodges out of a total of 221 on the roll of the Grand Lodge were represented, showing a commendable record for the subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Five decisions were reported by the Grand Master, and they being only of local interest are not quoted. The decisions were all approved by the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Jurisprudence to which was referred the query, "Is a person who is engaged in business as a wholesale liquor dealer eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry?" having considered the same, reported, "that such dealer is eligible if otherwise qualified." After some discussion on the foregoing report, the following resolution was offered as a substitute for the report of the judiciary committee, viz:

"*Resolved*, that no person who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, is eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry, or for membership in a Masonic Lodge." This resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge, thus placing it, as we think, upon the true Masonic standard.

A most interesting and valuable oration was delivered by Grand Orator Roberts, from which we would be glad to quote, but it is so connected that we cannot do the brother justice without reproducing the same in full and our space forbids us doing so. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence covers 238 pages in a comprehensive and interesting review of other Grand Jurisdictions. Nebraska receives favorable notice therein.

M.:W.:Ambrose D. Countryman is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Thomas Montgomery is Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1901.

February 28th, in the Court Room in the city of Oxford, the eighty-third annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:B. V. White, Grand Master, with representatives from more than two hundred of its two hundred and eighty lodges, in attendance.

M.:W.:Brother John Corson Smith, P.:G.:M.:of Illinois being present, was welcomed and received with the private Grand Honors, and entertained the members of the Grand Lodge with interesting incidents of his visit to the Holy Land and Egypt. M.:W.:Brother B. F. Price, Grand Master of Tennessee, was likewise present, received and honored, and also made a speech.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master welcomed and in the most fraternal spirit greeted his brethren. He paid loving tribute to the memory of three of their Past Grand Masters, who during the year had died, M.:W.:Brothers John Marshal Stone, John F. McCormick, and William Starling.

He reported no decisions, remarking:

Such questions as have been propounded, I have either referred the same to the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, or simply cited the law which governed. If the brethren would read the Constitution, Rules and Regulations in connection with the Digest, a great annoyance both to themselves and the Grand Master would be avoided and the labors of the Grand Master would be lightened very much indeed. Our laws are plain and comprehensive and easily understood.

He reported a number of special dispensations granted for the usual purposes, many of them to ballot and confer degrees out of time. A goodly number of corner stones had been laid, and he had granted a dispensation for one new lodge.

A unique case is found in the following:

On May 23rd, on articles of impeachment filed with me against Bro. C. H. West, Master of the Leaf River Lodge, No. 19, by Brethren R. W. Knight, P. M., E. Wheeler, P. M., C. W. Rogers, P. M., W. M. Hinton, W. W. Hall, Jr., J. E. Bradley, J. M. Knight and W. D. Carter, for violating the laws of Masonry in adjourning the stated meeting of the Lodge for the purpose of forcing certain applicants on the Lodge. I suspended Bro. West and summoned him to appear before the next session of the Grand Lodge for trial, and directed the Senior Warden to take charge of the Lodge. Appointed Brethren W. W. Fairchild, P. M. and J. K. P. Shows, P. M., to take the testimony with a copy of the minutes of the several meetings of the Lodge, and forward to the Grand Secretary. They were sent to me, and I forwarded same to the Grand Secretary with the request that all the papers be sent to the proper committee. In this connection I wish to state that during the summer, or early fall, I visited this Lodge and had a full and free conference, not only with the members, but also with Bro. West, and found that a bad state of feeling exists among some of the brethren. After canvassing the matter closely and exhaustively, I found that the whole thing grew out of personal feelings between the brethren, and, while Bro. West technically violated the law, as the testimony shows and admitted by him, I cannot believe that he did so with any sinister motive, but acted solely, as he thought, for the best interest of the fraternity. After the brethren understood my position, they readily conceded that I could not have done otherwise than to have suspended Bro. West. Bro. West is a zealous and active Mason, well versed in the Ritual, and is a man without reproach in the community, and but for his enthusiasm to secure members for his Lodge (and that, too, out of the very best young men in that section of the State), would not have committed the error that he fell into. The committee are in possession of all the papers in the case, which are respectfully submitted.

An interesting and instructive feature of the proceedings is the report of the Law Committee presided over by P.:G.:M.: Frederic Speed covering seventeen closely printed pages, from which we extract:

The Master is the sole judge as to whether a visitor shall be admitted to his Lodge, subject to the right of any member to object. It is a part of his installation obligation "that no visitor shall be admitted into his Lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular Lodge," and he cannot delegate this duty to a committee or to the Lodge. It was proper for the committee to report its doubts as to the regularity of the Lodge from which the visitor hailed to the Master, but this ought to have been done before they proceeded to examine him. The first thing to be ascertained by the committee sent out

to examine a visitor on this point before he can claim the right to proceed with the technical examination, and if a doubt arises as to the character of a Lodge, it should report to the Master for his instructions. It is not the province of the Master, however, to determine whether a Lodge is regular or clandestine, for that is a function of the Grand Lodge, which prohibits any intercourse between its Lodges and their members and any Lodge not expressly recognized by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction where it exists. The decision referred to was not made by this Grand Lodge, and is not now nor never was Masonic law. It is, in the first place, the province of each Grand Lodge to determine the regularity of everything claiming to be Masonic in its jurisdiction, and there can be nothing Masonic which is not expressly recognized as Masonry by the Grand Lodge of the place, and its decision is binding everywhere.

M.:W.: Andrew H. Barkley presented the report on correspondence covering one hundred and nine pages. He comments freely with evident knowledge of the questions discussed.

M.:W.: Oliver L. McKay, Meridian, is Grand Master.

R.:W.: John L. Power, Jackson, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

MISSOURI, 1901.

October 15th, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of St. Louis, the eighty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: Campbell Wells, Grand Master, with the representatives of three hundred and four of its five hundred and sixty-two lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master greeted and welcomed his brethren, dwelling upon the pleasure of coming up to the annual assemblage of the Craft, admonishing them of their duties and responsibilities. To the memory of their Past Grand Master, Benton H. Ingram, who died November 10, 1900, he paid loving fraternal tribute.

He reported the issuing of three duplicate charters, where, in each case, the original had been destroyed by fire; the granting of dispensations for seven new lodges; the turning over of \$10,000 to the Masonic Home Board for the purpose of assisting in the completion of a new building at the home, which had been authorized by action of the Grand Lodge; the laying of ten corner-stones, for as many public, religious and Masonic buildings; and the rendering of many decisions, among them the following :

2.—A petitioner who refuses to be properly prepared for initiation must be permitted to retire and the Secretary ordered to return the fee to him.

5.—It is highly improper to expunge from the records of a Lodge any matter which has been regularly approved by the Lodge and any such attempted action of expunging will not change the effect of said records.

10.—A Brother presents the following: Mr. A. B. petitions a Lodge for the mysteries of Freemasonry, is elected and duly initiated and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, whereupon he folds his arms and rests from his labors for ten years, after which he becomes ashamed of the careless and indifferent manner of discharging his duties.

Question.—Is the long lapse of time any bar to his being raised to the degree of Master Mason, if found proficient in the preceeding degrees?

Answer.—No.

Inasmuch as our present law in regard to physical qualifications is comparatively new and still a matter of considerable comment and some contention in this and other Grand Jurisdictions, I deem it proper to report all questions and answers on that important subject during my term of office.

The following comprises a complete list of the same, though some of the questions have been duplicated several times :

1. — A candidate for the degrees in Masonry has his left hand off at the wrist. Is he eligible ?

Answer. — Yes, provided he has an artificial hand.

2. — A petitioner for the mysteries of Freemasonry has lost one leg, but has an artificial limb, with good use of the same, being able to kneel and perform literally all of the requirements in the various ceremonies. Is he eligible ?

Answer. — Yes.

3. — An applicant for the mysteries of Freemasonry has lost the fingers from his right hand, but has the thumb and knuckles of the first two fingers. Is he eligible ?

Answer. — Yes, provided he has remaining a sufficient portion of his hand to properly communicate the various grips of the degrees.

4. — A candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry has left arm off just above the elbow, but has an artificial arm and hand, of which he has good use. Is he eligible ?

Answer. — Yes.

The Grand Master acted under the following advice and opinion of the chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence :

In answer to yours of this date as to the power of the Grand Master in setting aside a verdict of a Masonic trial, and for the preservation of peace and harmony to refer the whole matter to the Grand Lodge, I beg to say that I think he has such power. The power of the Grand Master to set aside the verdict is unquestioned and is established by a long line of adjudicators in this State. The power to order a new trial or to refer the whole matter to the Grand Lodge is not a greater, but a less power than to set aside a verdict. If the peace and harmony of a Lodge, or of the Order generally, will be best subserved by referring it to the Grand Lodge, then it should be so referred. The Grand Master has great power — it seems only to be limited by the provision that he shall have no power to suspend any By-law of the Grand Lodge. There is no By-law of the Grand Lodge which prevents him from referring the whole matter to it for adjudication.

He could not visit all the lodges to which he was invited, but he did, with great pleasure, he says, visit many of them.

Brother Allan McDowell, Grand Lecturer, had done efficient service and makes extended report.

Charters were granted to seven new lodges. Upon the matter hereinbefore mention where the Grand Master set aside a conviction in a subordinate lodge, the Grand Lodge adopted a very ably written report from which we extract :

During the recess of the Grand Lodge it has provided for and delegated to the Grand Master, largely, its own powers, as warranted, and enjoins him to perform all the duties required of him by the ancient regulations or customs of the Craft. The only limitation placed upon the exercise of such powers, is, that he shall not suspend the operation of any law of the Grand Lodge.

He becomes the executive head of the Craft within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, whether that body be in session or at recess, and his

responsibility is secured by an enactment requiring him to give an account of his official acts performed when the Grand Lodge is not in session.

The regulations provide, and the power is expressly delegated to the Grand Master, that for good cause he may arrest the charter of any Lodge, or, in his discretion, suspend its functions.

They also provide that the Master of a Lodge shall be supreme in his conduct of its proceedings, but secures his responsibility to the Craft, in express terms, by permitting a review, by the Grand Master, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, subject to final action by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, in reviewing the action of subordinate Lodges, and of their Worshipful Masters, is charged with the enforcement of the laws enacted by the Grand Lodge for the government of the Fraternity, and cannot permit either to be violators of the moral or Masonic Code.

Suspended, as it is, over the most humble of the Craft, the protective aegis of the Grand Lodge is preserved, and gross irregularity or arbitrary, unjust and unwarrantable action is prevented by an uplifting from its influence.

Such condition appears in this case, and your committee believe that the Grand Master has the power, and it is his duty, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to interfere for the purpose of protecting any member of the fraternity from arbitrary, unjust and unwarrantable action, either of the Subordinate Lodge or of its Worshipful Master. We are firmly and unanimously of the opinion that the Grand Master conscientiously discharged his full duty, under the law, and recommend that his action be sustained.

M.:W.:Brother John D. Vincil presents the report on correspondence covering one hundred and sixty-one pages and reviewing the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska's did not reach him in time to be included. It is his twenty-fourth and is up to his excellent standard.

M.:W.:Joseph C. Finagin, St. Louis, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Brother John D. Vincil, St. Louis, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

MONTANA, 1901.

The M.:W.:Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.:, convened in the thirty-seventh annual communication at Helena, September 18th, 1901, and was opened in ample form by the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and Grand Lodge members, including nine Past Grand Masters, and the representatives from forty-five subordinate lodges.

The Grand Lodge, as a body, attended public services on September 19th, held by the citizens as a memorial of the death of Brother William McKinley, late President of the United States. Resolutions were also adopted by the Grand Lodge, expressive of its sorrow, and were spread upon its records.

A special emergent communication had been held at Butte to unite in the funeral obsequies of William T. Boardman, Past Grand Master.

We excerpt the following from the address of the Grand Master:

On the afternoon of the 6th instant (September) our nation was shocked by the news that a native born American citizen had, in a public place, in the presence of thousands of his fellow citizens, his hellish designs concealed by a treacherous show of friendly regard and admiration, succeeded in accomplishing this dastardly crime against this common-

wealth. He was actuated by no feelings of hostility to William McKinley. William McKinley had no enemies. His life is an open book, to be read and admired by every lover of American institutions. Springing from lowly but respectable parentage, by his sterling worth, untiring industry and fine natural endowments, he rose step by step to the highest honors in the nation. As a private citizen and head of a family; as a private soldier; as a commissioned officer; as an attorney at the bar; as a public prosecutor; as a member of Congress; as the governor of his own state; as the chief magistrate of eighty millions of people, his exemplary life has furnished inspiration for every patriotic American and an example for every American boy who is taught to love our land and all of its institutions. Gentle and kindly dealings with his fellows; clean in his private life; devoted to his domestic duties; pure and upright in his public life; never spoiled by the enjoyment of honors or the possession of power; quick to perceive the right course, and tactful in the adoption of the means to reach his ends, ready to yield to the suggestions of others, but never swerved from the path of duty by the use of questionable expedients; true to himself; true to his friends; true to his country, and devoting all of his splendid abilities to further the welfare of his fellow men, he presented to us one of the finest examples of American manhood. Furthermore, he was an honored and distinguished brother Mason, and represented all that is best in our fraternity. The assault was not made upon him, but upon the thing represented by him, namely, our national life. The spirit which prompted the act, if it should accomplish its full purpose, would destroy our national life and reduce us to a condition worse than savagery.

Peace, harmony, and prosperity prevail among the Craft in this jurisdiction.

Six decisions only were reported as being of sufficient importance to claim the attention of the Grand Lodge. We quote one, as the same principle and holding is the rule in this Grand Jurisdiction, viz: "When a lodge at the request of a sister lodge, confers a degree or degrees upon a candidate elected by the latter, the latter is entitled to the fees."

The Grand Lodge donated from the General Fund \$1,000, so that the Masonic Home Fund now amounts to \$13,466.97. The Grand Lodge concluded that the time had not arrived for the erection of a Masonic Home.

M.:W.:Cornelius Hedges presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in his usual vigorous and fraternal style, covering the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges, and occupying 122 pages. Nebraska was not included in the review.

M.:W.:George T. Slack, Fort Keogh, Grand Master.

R.:W.:Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1901.

June 11th, at Masonic Hall, in Carson City, the thirty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: Joseph A. Miller, Grand Master, with representatives from eighteen of the twenty subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master dwells upon the high moral and religious character of Freemasonry, its beautiful symbolism, attesting the impression it has made upon his mind. Fraternal tribute to the memory of the illustrious dead of other Grand Jurisdictions, he pays. He reports several official visits to his lodges and a good condition pre-

vailing; the granting of dispensations for two new lodges; the granting of two special dispensations, one to elect officers and the other to receive petitions for the degrees out of time.

He reported five decisions, all of which were approved. We copy the following:

The statement submitted shows that the Brother Entered Apprentice was elected to receive the degrees of Masonry in Silver Bow Lodge No. 48, Montana jurisdiction, and that he received the Entered Apprentice Degree therein more than twelve months ago.

Not having applied to his Lodge for advancement for a period of twelve months, under the Montana Code, he has been dropped from its rolls, and should he apply there for the other degrees he would have to be balloted for again, hence, in order to receive the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees in your Lodge, he must petition for them in the usual form, and if found worthy, upon receiving the Master Mason Degree, he will become a member of your Lodge.

No. 2. The following was submitted to me by Silver Star Lodge No. 5, to which I replied as follows:

Statement—Brother H. C. Blanchard, formerly a member of Silver Star Lodge No. 5, F. and A. M., was expelled for un-Masonic conduct by Bodie Lodge No. 252, California registry, in A. D. 1881; he was restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry by the Grand Lodge of California in A. D. 1900. What is his standing?

Answer—An expulsion of a member of a Constituent Lodge of this Jurisdiction by a Lodge subordinate to another Grand Jurisdiction, has the same force and effect as if the expulsion were by the Lodge of which the expelled was a member; and a restoration by a Sister Grand Lodge has the same force and effect as if restored by this Grand Lodge. Therefore as restoration by Grand Lodge does not restore to Lodge membership, it follows that the present status of Brother Blanchard is that of an un-affiliated Mason in good standing, and that to become a member of a Lodge he must make application required of non-affiliates.

No. 3. The following statement was submitted by the Worshipful Master of Wadsworth Lodge No. 25:

Statement—Our Lodge received a petition for the Degrees at our July meeting and the applicant was elected at our August meeting, but in the meantime he left here and now resides in Utah. Is it necessary for him to come here to take the E. A. Degree or can we ask some Lodge where he now resides to confer this Degree upon him?

Answer—No, it is not necessary for the applicant to come to your Lodge for the degrees. You are authorized to request the Lodge in which jurisdiction he resides to confer one or more of the degrees upon him. See decisions Nos. 12 and 13.

A proposed amendment prohibiting the making a Mason of one engaged in the traffic of intoxicating liquors, failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote.

The Committee on Grievances had no work on their hands. Two new lodges were granted charters, and two charters were taken up, because of the lodges having been practically dormant for several years. The certificate plan of transferring membership was adopted by amendment to their law.

Brother E. D. Vanderlieth, presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty pages. Nebraska, 1900, receives liberal space, Grand Master Keyser's address and Grand Orator Wells' oration

are each quoted from with approval, and praise well deserved. The report throughout shows careful study and research, and deserves, as it will receive, the approval of those who read it. His aim, "We have culled with youthful discretion, items we deemed of interest to the Brethren; we have sought for the excellencies rather than any imperfections," is a high and truly fraternal one.

M.:W.:George A. Morgan, Virginia City, is Grand Master.

V.:W.:Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson City, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1901.

The Grand Master, assisted by the grand officers, three Past Grand Masters and the representatives of twenty-two subordinate lodges, opened the Grand Lodge at Saint John, in ample form on August 27th, in its thirty-fourth annual communication.

On the 23d of June an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the town of St. Stephen, and under the escort of the Knight Templars of St. Stephen Encampment, the Grand Lodge attended divine service in the Methodist church of that town. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Thomas Marshall, Past Grand Chaplain. After the conclusion of the service, the Grand Lodge was escorted to the Masonic Hall by the Knights Templar, where the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The Grand Master after the opening of the Grand Lodge, delivered his annual address, which was a practical common-sense report pertaining principally to local matters relating to the jurisdiction. One dispensation was issued for a new lodge, and he recommended that a charter be issued to said lodge U.:D.:

The Grand Master has set an example worthy to be followed in American jurisdictions so far as practicable, for he visited officially every lodge in his jurisdiction. Not a jarring note had disturbed the two years of the Grand Master's occupancy of the Grand East, and he could well say, "we have peace within our jurisdiction and prosperity in all our lodges." The Grand Master communicated through official channel the great sorrow of the Fraternity at the death of that loyal woman and preeminent sovereign, Queen Victoria.

By action of the Grand Lodge, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Costa Rica, but the proposition from the Grand Lodge of Switzerland for an International Union was rejected, for the reason, that in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, Freemasonry would not be advanced by any such medium. We heartily endorse the action of the Grand Lodge in rejecting the Switzerland proposition. *Oil and water will not mix. The wolf and lamb will not dwell together in harmony unless the lamb is inside the wolf. Protestantism and Romanism and Atheism will never affiliate in fraternal harmony.*

There was no report upon foreign correspondence.

M.:W.:Arthur I. Trueman, Grand Master.

R.:W.:J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1901.

May 15th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Concord, the one hundred and twelfth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George I. McAllister, Grand Master, with sixty of the seventy-eight subordinate lodges represented.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master declares that "it is with pride and satisfaction that I hail you as brothers of the mystic tie in this masonic home in the beautiful capital city of our Granite State." And further: "I bring to you good tidings of peace, prosperity, of increased membership and of greater enthusiasm for the Order throughout the state."

He expressed sorrow that there were empty chairs :

When the roll is called, the gentle and noble KINGMAN, our distinguished Deputy Grand Master ; the brilliant and devout SMITH, for twelve years our Grand Chaplain ; the faithful and venerable WALKER, and the strong and manly HILDRETH, for fifteen years our Grand Marshal, pillars of wisdom and strength in our fraternity, do not respond to their names. I will answer for them — "Dead on the field of truth."

And he pays extended loving tribute to their memory.

He reports the granting of several special dispensations; the convening of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers in an important meeting; his attendance upon several anniversary celebrations; the dedication of a large, beautiful and elegantly furnished hall of Doric Lodge, at Tilton; several visitations; a contribution to the sufferers at Jacksonville, Florida ; the efforts made and an act of the state legislature to establish a Masonic Home; a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of a Massachusetts lodge; a notification to certain of his lodges to stop receiving initiation fees in installments, as violating their constitutional provisions; an arrangement with the state librarian, who proposed to take all the duplicate reports of the Grand Lodge and make the best effort possible to complete the different sets, to bind one set of reports of every Grand Lodge with which their Grand Lodge exchanges report and place them on the shelves of the state library in Concord for permanent preservation; and among other things his decisions, from which we learn that he held that an applicant, who has a stiff knee which he cannot bend, is physically disqualified from receiving the degrees; that lotteries and shows for raising money, and playing cards for money and prizes are not allowed in their Masonic halls; that it is the duty of the Master, when present, to examine the candidate for advancement; that the conferring of a degree in that state, by a lodge upon a candidate, for the accomodation of a lodge in another state, can only be done through the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of the two states, and then only upon the ground of courtesy existing between different jurisdictions, and other questions not of general interest.

From his eloquent closing remarks we extract :

The past is safe. What of the future? It is bright with promise. Peace, harmony and brotherly love prevail. Masonry need not fear the attacks of vice, ignorance, prejudice and bigotry, for it has demonstrated

in the crucible of public opinion its right to live, and is strongly entrenched in the hearts of the best people in every community.

The District Deputy Grand Masters made extended reports exhibiting an excellent condition throughout the state; the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Western Australia were recognized and admitted to fraternal relations. An amendment to the constitution results in the following :

SECTION 2. The Grand Lodge consists of its Officers, and the Masters and Wardens, for the time being, of the several particular Lodges under its jurisdiction, or their legally appointed Proxies, and one Representative of each Lodge, to be elected by its members; together with all Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, and Past District Deputy Grand Masters, while they retain their allegiance to this Grand Lodge, such permanent members as the Grand Lodge has elected and may from time to time elect, and the members of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Jurisprudence construes their constitutional law:

Section 117 provides: There shall be but one ballot for all the degrees. Any member of the Lodge, after ballot and before the conferring of the degree, may make his objections to the Master privately and without giving his reasons; and such an objection shall be a rejection and have the same effect as if made by ballot. The fact of objection only, without the name of the member making the objection, shall be entered on the records.

This maintains, if we understand it right, after a most thorough examination of authorities, that the provisions for a single ballot for the three degrees are in conflict with the ancient landmarks, constitutions and usage of the Craft, although the exact point decided referred to the right of a secret objection to the Master.

The report is a valuable contribution to the discussion of Masonic jurisprudence, and marks a clear discernment of the force of landmarks as a source of even constitutional law in Grand Lodges.

The report on correspondence is by R. W. Brother Albert S. Wait, covering one hundred and sixty-two pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1900, receives fraternal and generous consideration. The report throughout, evidences the ability that has marked his work for years in the field of correspondence. We are glad to have his opinion in the following :

Most prominent among these subjects of difference appear to be non-payment of dues, non-affiliation and physical qualification for the degrees, and upon these there appears to be about the same variety of sentiment as heretofore; but the discussions upon them have been without acrimony, or the exhibition of any spirit of intolerance.

The rule of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates for the degrees, in the extreme character which has largely prevailed in this country, appears to be giving way to more liberal views, and it seems probable that it will in the not distant future undergo in most American jurisdictions essential modification.

M. W. Henry B. Quinby, Lakeport, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

NEW JERSEY, 1901.

January 23rd at Masonic Hall in the city of Trenton, the one hundred and fourteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: Joseph E. Moore, Grand Master, with representatives from one hundred and sixty-two of its lodges, in attendance.

With appropriate recognition of the source of all blessings, and the dependence of man upon a kind Providence, the Grand Master, in opening his annual address, welcomed and greeted his brethren. He records with profound sorrow the then recent death of Queen Victoria, and pays tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead.

He reports the granting of several special dispensations for the usual purposes, the laying of the corner-stone of a high school building; and the application for warrants for two new lodges, which, coming late in the year, he placed in the hands of the Grand Lodge for its consideration. He reports no decisions. He made many official visits to subordinate lodges, and discusses many questions of special interest to the members of the lodges in his own jurisdiction.

A somewhat extended report by the committee on the Masonic Home shows that institution to be performing well its duty to the wards of the Fraternity in New Jersey.

A young craftsman from New York, Brother Charles A. Alden, scarcely two years a Mason, he says, delivered an oration of much merit.

M.:W.: Brother Charles Belcher presents the report on correspondence covering one hundred and seventy-two pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Jurisdictions. Nebraska, 1900, receives fraternal consideration. Grand Master Keysor's account of the Washington Memorial services and his observations, are spoken of as eloquent, with a quotation of an interesting paragraph. His review shows the careful selection of the more important matters in each jurisdiction, and comment along the line of sound views of Masonic landmarks, law and usages.

M.:W.: Joseph E. Moore, Jersey City, is Grand Master.

R.:W.: Thomas H. R. Redway, Trenton, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

NEW MEXICO, 1901.

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held at Albuquerque commencing on October 21st, 1901, and was opened in ample form by M.:W.: Elias S. Stover, Grand Master, assisted by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and the representatives from seventeen subordinate lodges. We find that there were present ten Past Grand Masters.

The address of the Grand Master gave a complete report of his official acts for the year just closing; an extended obituary notice of the life and official positions held by our Brother William McKinley, late President of the United States, together with the rank he had attained in our Order. Among the kind things said by the Grand Master we excerpt the following:

A whole nation bows in sorrow about his tomb; our Brethren throughout the world bear tribute to his virtues; while millions of others in all lands and of all races who were bound to him only by the ties of common humanity unite with us in doing honor to his memory and mingle their tears with ours above his hallowed resting place.

A fitting tribute was paid to the memory of their oldest living Past Grand Master Simon B. Newcomb, whose death occurred on May 23rd, 1901. An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Las Cruces on May 24th, 1901, to pay, as a Grand Lodge, the last tribute of respect to his memory, and commit his body to the ground, to remain until the final resurrection when he shall arise and be clothed in raiment of living light, and join the countless thousands which have preceded him to the celestial lodge on high. Kindly expressions were given for the loss of eminent Masons in other jurisdictions, among which reference was made to our late P.:G.:M.:James A. Tulleys, and R.:W.:James W. Moore. The decisions reported were of only local application. The Grand Master thought the question of visiting brethren was of sufficient importance to make the following suggestions to his Grand Lodge:

I am informed that some of our Lodges permit visitors to enter the outer door who can show no documentary evidence that they are members of our fraternity in good standing. As a rule this should not be permitted. That an applicant is "bright" is not conclusive evidence that he is a Mason. Documentary evidence alone is not sufficient, but being well informed and having some written evidence, we may safely admit. While the Brother has the right to visit, the Lodge has the right to, and should demand sufficient evidence that the applicant is a Mason in good standing. There are thirty-three clandestine lodges in Ohio alone. Should we not, therefore, be cautious? We, also, only recognize those to be entitled to visit our Lodges who are members in good standing of subordinate or Grand Lodges of the several Grand Jurisdictions with which our Grand Lodge is in fraternal correspondence.

This we think timely and wise advice, and should be heeded not only by our brethren of New Mexico but in other jurisdictions. The Grand Master made reference to a notable event which occurred at Santa Fe on May 12th, when Montezuma Lodge No. 1 celebrated the semi-centennial anniversary of its organization. He says: "So far as we are informed, Montezuma Lodge No. 1 was the first Masonic body to be organized in all that area now composing the states of Oregon, California (except San Francisco), Nevada, Utah, Montana, Idaho, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Texas (west of San Antonio), New Mexico and Arizona," and he could have also included Nebraska in the above list.

The Grand Master makes an extended reference to Mexican Masonry, and incidentally refers to the report upon this subject made by Brother Seamon, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence (which, by the way, is probably the most complete and convincing report made upon this vexed question). As the Gran Dieta has departed this life the question has been permanently settled.

The Grand Master reported that he was in receipt of a communication from the Grand Lodge of Switzerland relative to the establishment of continuous relations between the different Masonic powers of the globe,

and said: "I am in complete sympathy with the movement." This recommendation was referred to a committee, which subsequently submitted the following report thereon, which was approved by the Grand Lodge:

We recommend that the request of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, to establish "continuous relations between the Masonic Bodies of the Globe" be not considered, from the fact that their request as presented to this Grand Lodge recognizes (if it does not emanate from) the Grand Orient of France, from which body this Grand Lodge has withdrawn Masonic recognition.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Brother W. H. Seamon, and is written in a pleasant and forcible manner, covering eighty-one pages of the proceedings. Nebraska is duly considered, covering two pages, giving in narrative form the salient points of the work of the Grand Lodge for 1900. Brother Seamon, in speaking of the report on Correspondence by Brother Phelps, eulogises his work, but does not agree with him in all things upon the liquor question. He says:

Our views on the liquor question are not endorsed. * * * We have in other places referred to the position of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico upon this question and only wish to add here that while the Grand Lodge of New Mexico believes that the general rules laid down in the fundamental constitutions are sufficient guidance for its subordinates in the selection of all material, and therefore refuses to make any specific regulation to fit this special question, it must not be construed that this Grand Lodge favors the admission of saloon keepers into the Fraternity. In fact, in this jurisdiction, it is impossible for any saloon keeper to hope for admission into the Fraternity. It is true that a traveler in New Mexico will occasionally meet a saloon keeper in Masonic Halls. In nearly every instance he will find the man was made in and still retains membership in some Lodge back East. If he conducts his business in a way that does not cause scandal we recognize him as a Mason; if the contrary, we pass him by."

M.:W.:A. H. Harlee, Silver City, Grand Master.

R.:W.:Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1900.

Quarterly and special communications from June, 1899 to June, 1900 form the matters contained in the proceedings reaching this committee.

At a special communication, June 23rd, 1900, M.:W.: John C. Remington, Grand Master presiding, much business was transacted and the Grand Master having been re-elected, proclamation of his installation was made by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

That Grand Lodge maintains the system of a Board of General Purposes, and among other things it is provided by law :

78. The Board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting lodges or individual Masons, when regularly brought before it, and generally take cognisance of all letters relating to the Craft.

79. The Board may proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension, according to Masonic usage, and its decision shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge.

Its reports constitute a large part of the business of the Grand Communications.

The Grand Master addressed his brethren upon the conditions existing, pointing out carefully the course he desired to pursue, explaining the law and precedent involved in some recent proceedings which had created considerable discussion and some ill feeling.

A report on correspondence covering 125 pages and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking Grand Lodges is the work of a committee of which D.:G.:M.: John B. Trivett is chairman. Nebraska, 1899, is fraternally considered. From it we extract:

Previously to the present moment we have known of the existence of this Grand Lodge by our reading alone. We have long desired to form a closer acquaintance with the members thereof; and, although the material to our hand on this occasion consists simply of a small pamphlet containing formal reports, we gladly seize upon it as a pretext to improve the acquaintance, and now take the opportunity of presenting to the brethren of Nebraska the assurance of our warm fraternal regard.

The Grand Master, in addressing Grand Lodge, spoke of the dawn of more auspicious surroundings, following upon an experience of drought and business stagnation; the outlook is in consequence regarded as cheering. The Craft has partaken of the general prosperity, candidates have been abundant and of a worthy type.

M.:W.: John C. Remington is Grand Master.

R.:W.: Arthur H. Bray is Grand Secretary. Address, Sidney, New South Wales.

C. J. P.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1901.

A quarterly communication was held at Sidney, December 11th, 1901, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.:W.:John C. Remington, Grand Master. The minutes of the last quarterly communication were read and approved. The Grand Master delivered an address, and from it we learn that he by cable sent a message of sympathy to the American people for the untimely death of Brother and President McKinley, which was suitably acknowledged by Hon. John Hay, Secretary of State, of the United States. The Grand Master refers in his address to an unfortunate controversy which had been existing for some time, between sundry brethren of Lodge Cambrian under English warrant No. 656, as having been at last settled, as would appear from a report made by the Grand Master's Council, (England) and which the Grand Master refers to as follows: "This Report was signed by the Pro-Grand Master of England, Lord Amherst; and as nothing more has followed, I think this most unpleasant business may be allowed to remain without further comment at our hands." This Grand Lodge appears to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

M.:W.: John C. Remington, Grand Master.

R.:W.: Arthur H. Bray, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1901.

May 7th, in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, in the city of New York, the one hundred and twentieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles W. Mead, Grand Master.

Opening his annual address with a cordial greeting, the Grand Master dwelt for a moment upon the beauties of springtime, the unfolding leaf and swelling bud, the gifts of the all-bounteous Author of nature, to whom, in accord with what we, as Masons, are taught, he, with his assembled brethren, led by the Grand Chaplain, bowed in adoration, invoking a Divine blessing.

To the memory of their deceased Past Grand Master Benjamin Flagler, who died in the city of New York, October 30th, 1900, he paid loving tribute, and such honorable mention as is due to so illustrious a brother. Loving tribute to the fraternal dead was duly accorded.

He makes due record of many ceremonies presided over by him in his official capacity during the year, reports the instituting of five lodges under dispensation, and the returns made in each case, showing a compliance with the requirements of the constitution, and he recommended that charters be granted, which by action of the Grand Lodge was done.

He refers briefly to the continued severed relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington, the applications for the establishing of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and the Grand National Lodge of Germany, suggesting that the Committee on Jurisprudence consider the question whether the organization of the Grand Lodge of West Australia, with only a majority of the lodges in the jurisdiction, is sufficient to constitute a supreme body. Later the said committee reported a finding that the organization was strictly in conformity to the regulations prescribed by the United Grand Lodge of England, relative to the formation of Grand Lodges under its constitution. Believing that the Scottish bodies in that colony will soon unite with her they deemed it wise to defer action at present. The Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Germany were recognized, and fraternal relations recommended.

From the Grand Treasurer's report it is shown that, of the \$82,915.70 received through the hands of the Grand Secretary, he disbursed \$80,144.20, leaving a balance in the treasury of the Grand Lodge of \$54,274.72, in the permanent fund \$103,690.90, in the reserve fund \$215,022.43. The latter two items are taken from the reports of the trustees of the permanent fund and the reserve fund.

M. W. Brother Jesse B. Anthony presents the report on correspondence, his thirteenth, covering one hundred and eighty-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of forty-three American and seven Canadian Grand Lodges, together with a number of foreign grand bodies.

Nebraska, 1900, receives very fraternal consideration, our Grand Master Keyser's address is honored by liberal quotations, the oration of our Brother Wells noticed, and our report on correspondence mentioned. Valuable statistical tables form an interesting feature of the report.

Under Washington, 1900, we find the following just estimate and deserved rebuke:

If the paper appended to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington (238 pp.) is correctly termed a report on Correspondence, then we must confess that we have been entirely at fault in our conception of the scope and tone which should ever characterize such reports.

It is to be regretted that M.:W.:WILLIAM H. UPTON, should so far forget himself as to indulge in the vituperation which permeates the paper before us, in his reference to Grand Lodges, Grand Masters, and Committees on Correspondence.

A calm, unbiased judgment and a true conception of the amenities of fraternal ties—let alone as between gentlemen—would have prevented an unparalleled exhibition of assurance. We cannot but think that in after years he will be deeply concerned "*in what he has said of others.*"

Our brother, in his consideration of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York for 1899, has embodied therein a savage attack upon the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, and the chairman of this committee. Personally, we are content to let the M.:W.: brother have the last word, for to enter into a discussion, along the lines laid down by him, we will not.

We also think that the dignity of the Grand Lodge of New York will be best conserved by ignoring the personalities of an individual, for most assuredly we do not consider that the Grand Lodge of Washington is, in the slightest degree, responsible therefor. The relations between the two Grand Bodies will not be disturbed by any unfair deductions, although it would appear to us that M.:W.:BRO. UPTON by his injustice would fain do his part toward that end.

Our brother has plainly expressed his opinion of the chairman of this committee, in somewhat questionable language, in exceeding bad taste—coupled with an inuendo unworthy of him—but we are satisfied to let the record, on both sides, stand as heretofore written.

We had designed to enter into a discussion of some of the general features growing out of the declaration of the Grand Lodge of Washington (1899), with other points collateral thereto, but we are convinced that it would not be received with that spirit of fairness which should characterize the discussion of all Masonic questions.

M.:W.:Charles W. Mead, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Edward M. L. Ehlers, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

NEW ZEALAND, 1901.

April 25th at Choral Hall, Christchurch, the annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: Alexander Stuart Russell, Grand Master, with representatives from thirty-one of its one hundred and seventeen lodges present.

There was no annual address and report of official acts by the Grand Master such as is almost universally given by them.

A large amount of business was transacted, and the Grand Master was re-elected, whereupon he addressed the Grand Lodge, a synopsis of which as published is here given as showing briefly what is going on in that far away country:

In an address to Grand Lodge, thanking it for his re-election, and thanking the Canterbury brethren for their kindly reception of himself, the Grand Master said that Freemasonry in the colony was in a thor-

oughly satisfactory state. He had been much pleased with the way in which the work had been carried on in all the North Island Lodges that he had so far been able to visit. The cause of charity was well looked after, and the fund providing for widows and orphans had now accumulated to the extent of £776, while the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund had grown to £242. It was desirable to do everything they could to stimulate the brethren to assist in augmenting funds of this kind. Freemasons should consider it a privilege to be able to contribute to these funds. Subscriptions that were small in themselves could be taken up at installation gatherings and the like, and would in the aggregate place large sums at the disposal of Grand Lodge, to be used for the establishment of the necessary Masonic institutions when the proper time arrived. A great deal had been heard about the proposed Victoria Institute for the orphans of Freemasons, proposed by Bro. Dr. Closs of Dunedin. The idea was good in itself—still, the New Zealand Grand Lodge should endeavour to do something in that direction on its own account. For the present, the best course was to see to the building up of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund, and give prominence to these on all possible occasions. Especial attention should be given to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Year by year each Lodge should make a point of contributing something to it, however small. In conclusion, he exhorted all Members of the Craft, whether they held under the New Zealand, the English, the Irish, or the Scottish Constitutions, to do their utmost to promote the interests of the Craft in the colony.

M.:W.: Alexander Stuart Russell is Grand Master.

R.:W.: Malcolm Niccol, Auckland, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1901.

January 8th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Raleigh, the one hundred and fourteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: B. S. Royster, Grand Master, with a large number of representatives of the subordinate lodges in attendance.

With expressions of zealous devotion to the ties of fraternal brotherhood, and commendable pride in their history as a Grand Lodge, embracing "the best and purest of North Carolina's beloved sons," the Grand Master, in opening his annual address, greeted his brethren.

Of the state of the Craft, he reports that, with few exceptions, earnest and hearty co-operation has been the watchword among the lodges, a gratifying increase in numbers, and an increase of nine lodges. He did some official visiting and expressed regret that it had not been his privilege and pleasure to visit more. A custom of celebrating June 24th at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, by a special communication of the Grand Lodge, has grown up, and this the Grand Master highly commends.

He reported twenty-three decisions, among them the following :

6. A party 61 years of age, receiving pensions from the United States Government, not physically deformed, has sufficient means of support and is otherwise qualified, is eligible to membership.

7. A Master Mason holding a dimit may apply for membership in any lodge when and as often as he may please. It does not require a twelve months' residence within the jurisdiction of the lodge before a Master Mason holding a dimit may apply for membership in such lodge.

11. It is the duty of a lodge to bury, with Masonic honors, one of its

members who commits suicide. One convicted of and executed for a capital felony should not be buried with Masonic honors.

12. A party who has lost two fingers of his left hand is eligible to the degrees in Masonry, provided he is otherwise qualified and physically able to earn a livelihood.

13. A Master Mason who has been elected to membership in a lodge, and acted as a member, paid dues, etc., but who has not signed the By-laws, is a member of such lodge. The Master, under such circumstances, would have no right to declare him not a member of the lodge.

15. A brother against whom charges are preferred, who is present at the time the charges are preferred and accepts service in open lodge of the notice of the time for the trial of such charges, thereby waives his right to demand that such notice be served on him as prescribed in the Code.

He reported the granting of dispensations for six new lodges, the revival of one lodge and the restoration of its charter, and the granting of many special dispensations for the usual purposes.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we are gratified to learn that promptness and accuracy mark the returns of subordinate lodges.

An extended report of the board of directors of their Masonic Home makes a most gratifying showing of the good which that institution is doing, where over two hundred children find a home. It is also very gratifying to know that the institution is out of debt.

W. Brother John A. Collins presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-four pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1900, is fraternally reviewed, Grand Master Keysor's address is complimented and liberally quoted. From his observation we find him declaring:

The most surprising evolution in the Craft within the last few years is the new zeal for the building of Masonic Homes for the care of aged and indigent Masons, their widows and orphans. Many comparatively poor Grand Lodges have taken steps looking to the establishment of a Home or of creating a fund to be used in the future for the erection and maintenance of such a charity. The growth of this sentiment has become almost a fad, and is a wide departure from the old and well-known ways of dispensing Masonic relief, but if any Grand Lodge is willing to build a costly Home and maintain it, the other Grand Lodges will applaud the benefaction, albeit not endorsing the plan.

M. W. B. S. Royster, Oxford, is Grand Master.

R. W. John C. Drewry, Raleigh, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1901.

June 18th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Fargo, the twelfth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edwin H. James, Grand Master, with most of the subordinate lodges represented.

The Grand Master, inspired, doubtless, by the atmosphere of the month of roses, felt like grappling with all things mundane, for in opening his annual address he said:

We meet at this, the twelfth annual session of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota, under the most favorable circumstances. Our

beloved country is at peace with all nations, and the great questions arising from the Spanish-American War in connection with Cuba and the Philippine Islands are practically solved to the satisfaction of the masses. The grave doubts entertained by many as to the ability of the country to cope with such perplexing questions are all dispelled. It sufficiently demonstrates that the heads of our government may be ever trusted to do what is for the best interests of the country and its people.

Of course, what is going on at the seat of government at the present writing, April 25th, 1902, in re examination into Philippine military matters, involves no "perplexing questions."

He expresses a comprehensive view of what Freemasonry is, and takes a just pride in the zeal of the brethren of Fargo in their incessant labors for the completion of their beautiful Temple. He pays tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Treasurer, Donald Rae Davidson, who died during the year. Thirty-five members of subordinate lodges had died, and to their memory he pays fraternal tribute and makes honorable mention and record, as also of the illustrious dead of other Grand Jurisdictions. He reports the constituting of seven chartered lodges; twenty-two special dispensations had he granted for the usual purposes, but he had not visited as he had "firmly resolved to do," the majority of the lodges, and really made "but a few visitations," but in every instance he was received most cordially. He had granted dispensations for three new lodges, and the rapid increase goes on in that fast developing new state. He reported eight decisions, all of which, with one exception, were approved, and one of which is the following:

Question 6.—It developed in Passing a brother that owing to a gun shot wound received some years ago he could not raise his hand above his head. Nearly all the members of the Lodge have known the brother for years and had no idea of his condition. He is a farmer, does his own work, pitching hay and all other farm work, besides doing carpenter work on his buildings. It seems hard to stop him now, as he is a good man and will make a good Mason. Can we advance him without a dispensation or with one.

Answer 6.—No dispensation will be granted and the candidate cannot be advanced. The Grand Master has no desire to prevent any Lodge from taking in good material, provided they are physically qualified for admission. In your case, the candidate cannot give some of the most important signs. It is always the duty of the committee appointed to investigate the character of a candidate to find out whether or not he is physically qualified for admission before making its report to the Lodge. You will find in the Grand Lodge By-Laws a number of decisions made by Past Grand Masters in this jurisdiction. These decisions have all been sustained by the Grand Lodge, and state that a candidate is not eligible to receive degrees unless he can give all the signs, grips and passwords and pass through the various ceremonies unaided by artificial means.

There is law with no let up. The true rule would have excluded the brother, for now he is a brother, and having been made a Mason and passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft, he in sound reason, as recognized by a very large majority of authorities, is entitled to further light. The perfect youth theory should extend only to the initiation of a profane, not to a brother Mason.

The Grand Secretary's report evidences painstaking care and conscientious attention to the important duties of his office.

Brother John Scott, Grand Lecturer, reports having visited and instructed the lodges as directed, thus performing some of the more valuable work in the jurisdiction.

Won't it be gorgeous?

Resolved that a Special Committee be appointed to draft a design for Past Grand Masters' Aprons, and that aprons fashioned after this design be purchased for all Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge and also for the family of Past Grand Master Best, said aprons not to cost more than \$20 each.

There is no report on correspondence.

M.:W.: Thomas L. Foulks, Fargo, is Grand Master.

R.:W.: Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1901.

The thirty-sixth annual communication of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at Halifax, commencing June 12th, 1901, and was opened in ample form by M.:W.: Theodore A. Cossmann, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers, Past Grand officers and the representatives from sixty-three subordinate lodges.

The Grand Master in opening his annual address to the Grand Lodge gave a brief history of Freemasonry in his jurisdiction, showing that the first lodge, St. Andrew's No. 1 was established in 1768, St. John's No. 2, in 1780, and Virgin No. 3, in 1782. He says that these three lodges have continued to meet regularly since the date of their formation! This is a most remarkable and gratifying record when we recall the wonderful changes in governments, peoples, and the time that has elapsed since their organization. The statement is also made that at one time during the last century there were three Grand Lodges claiming and exercising jurisdiction in the territory now under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. In 1869, happily, all three Grand Bodies were consolidated under one jurisdiction, now known as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia. On December 31st, 1900, the then Grand Secretary, R.:W.: Hon. William Ross resigned, and said resignation was accepted, and the Grand Master appointed Brother Thomas Mowbray to fill the unexpired term, Brother Ross having been elected representative to the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada. The death of Queen Victoria was feelingly referred to, and the accession of Edward VII to the throne was loyally mentioned, with the regret that the King should resign the office of Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Official recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. The application for recognition of certain Mexican Grand Lodges was received, and action thereon was laid over until the next annual communication. The business of the session was of a local character.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence embraces 174 pages and comprises the proceedings of sixty Grand Bodies, including Nebraska for 1900. We quote the following from the pen of Brother Mowbray of the committee, upon the kindly expression of sympathy and sadness upon the occasion of the death of President William McKinley.

When the news of Bro. McKinley's death reached our own city (Halifax) flags were immediately half-masted, and social events were either canceled or postponed, and on the day of interment a solemn memorial service was held in Old Saint Paul's church, which was attended by Imperial officers, Consuls, Dominion, Provincial and Civic officials and a vast concourse of other citizens, all pointing to the great respect entertained for our departed brother and profound sorrow for the untimely ending of such a valuable life.

M.:W.: Thomas Trenaman was elected Grand Master.

R.:W.: Thomas Mowbray was elected Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1901.

October 23rd, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Cleveland, the ninety-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: Frank S. Harmon, Grand Master, with four hundred and eighty-three of the four hundred and ninety-nine lodges represented.

Brother John J. Sullivan, a member of one of the Cleveland lodges, eloquently welcomed the Grand Lodge, in a most happy mingling of poetic words with lofty thought and glowing symbol. To which, in the following appreciative words, the Grand Master responded:

BROTHER SULLIVAN,—I am unequal to the task of fittingly responding to your kind and eloquent words of welcome on behalf of the Fraternity. As I look out upon the faces of the representatives of the almost fifty thousand Masons of Ohio, and feel that they expect of me fitting response, I realize my inability. Your touching tribute to the memory of our deceased Brother, the late President, has filled all our hearts anew with sorrow. No tragedy, since our ancient Grand Master was stricken down, while in the performance of his duty, has so startled and horrified Masonry. Let us hope that in some way good may come from this great sorrow. My Brother, on behalf of the Masons of Ohio. I thank you for the kind welcome of the Masons of Cleveland, which you have extended.

The Grand Master in his annual address, pays loving tribute to the only Past Grand Officer of that Grand Jurisdiction who had died during the year, John Wilson Chamberlain.

Born May 21, 1837; initiated an Entered Apprentice September 21, 1858; advanced by regular steps to the thirty-third degree, which was conferred at Boston, Mass., September 15, 1885; appointed W. Junior Grand Deacon by P. G. M. L. C. Goodale in 1890, and reappointed in 1891; Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter two years, President of Council High Priesthood thirteen years; Treasurer of Ohio Masonic Home eleven years; Grand Chaplain of General Grand Council R. & S. M. of United States at time of death; died August 11, 1901. No man was more respected at his home, and no Brother will be more greatly missed at the sessions of the several Grand Bodies of Ohio than our deceased Brother.

He reported three decisions, one of which we extract:

Held: Under Rule 18, a Lodge may receive the petition of a candidate for the degrees in Masonry (candidate having resided in said Lodge's Jurisdiction one year), if three years have elapsed since said candidate's rejection by another Masonic Lodge.

He reports good work, which he commends, done by their twenty-five lecturers during the year. He expresses his disappointment, however, that every lodge had not been inspected. He had issued one hundred and fourteen special dispensations. Much work was done by his efficient proxies in the dedication of temples, constituting new lodges, and other work pertaining to his office. He, however, presided at many such occasions, and at the laying of the corner-stone of a new court house at Marietta. He also presided at an emergent Grand Lodge communication which attended the funeral, at Canton, of our late Brother William McKinley, September 19th, 1901. He visited with great pleasure as many of the lodges as he could find time to.

The Grand Lodge adopted the following from the special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence having received satisfactory information that the Grand Orient of Belgium with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal correspondence is now, and has been, holding fraternal relations and recognition of the Grand Orient of France and of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Hamburg, with both of which Bodies this Grand Lodge has interdicted any fraternal relations on account of the atheism of the one and the unmasonic and unfraternal action of the other, your Committee, therefore, recommends that fraternal recognition and the exchange of Grand Representatives with the Grand Orient of Belgium be, and is hereby, withdrawn.

M.:W.:Brother W. M. Cunningham presented a most complete and ably written report on correspondence, covering three hundred and thirty pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five English-speaking Grand Lodges and thirteen non-English speaking Grand Bodies. Nebraska, 1900, receives generous fraternal consideration. He approves our Grand Master Keysor's address, compliments it as a complete business paper, compliments our Grand Secretary, whose report, he says, shows that the duties of his important office are very carefully transacted, and quotes quite liberally from our report on correspondence. He quotes also from the oration of our W.:Brother Walter W. Wells.

Under Wyoming we find him saying:

Bro. Kuykendall still expresses his opposition to the Grand Representative System; but, in the opinion of the writer, without bringing forward any new arguments in support of his views.

The system has been too long in use (about seventy years) to be easily abolished, and is becoming more firmly established in its Masonic connection and courteous and fraternal significance between Grand Bodies than even before the onslaught that was made upon it.

He further very justly protests:

Although throughout his Report Bro. Kuykendall expresses his disbelief in the prehistoric existence of speculative or even of operative Masonry, the writer did not intend to comment further thereon, having, to his own

satisfaction at least, sufficiently established all points claimed in his Report of 1899, and of which no refutation has yet been made; but when the statement is made that the writer "*denied* that the operative Craft was the basis from which the speculative emanated," or any intimation is made whatever that he believed, as *literal* matters of history, the ritualistic traditions of Solomon, the Hiram, Enoch, or Adam, and his opinions courteously expressed are styled *rubbish*, your Committee respectfully protests against that kind of comment.

Most thoroughly does he answer the slanders contained in the review by Past Grand Master Upton, in the Washington proceedings of 1899. The wonder, with this writer, is that he could maintain the patience he exhibits.

M. W. I. M. Robinson, Chandlersville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

OREGON, 1901.

June 12th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Portland, the fifty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Henry B. Thielsen, Grand Master, with representatives from all but seven of its one hundred lodges, in attendance.

With expressions of gratitude for the privilege of again meeting, and rejoicing in the prosperity which attended the Craft, the Grand Master, in opening his annual address, greeted most heartily his brethren.

He spoke with sorrow of the loss of their Past Grand Master, Brother James R. Bayley, who died May 24th, 1901, and who, in accordance with his expressed wish and that of his family, was buried by the Grand Lodge. He was Grand Master in 1861.

The Grand Master reported granting a dispensation for one new lodge, and for the constituting of another; the laying of the corner-stone of a Masonic Temple and the subsequent dedication of the same at Baker City, and another at La Grande; the granting of nine special dispensations to confer degrees out of time, and as many more for other purposes; the making of decisions, five only of which he reports, and we extract:

Second — In response to numerous requests for a ruling upon a part of Section 1, Article V, of the By-laws, reading as follows: "No member is entitled to vote, nor can he be elected or appointed to any office, who is not clear on the books of the lodge," I was compelled to declare so much as is quoted above to be unconstitutional, in that it provides a different standing for the member who is in arrears for dues to that specified by the Constitution, Article XII, Section 5. Further, that it is in contravention of the Twelfth Landmark and in violation of what Mackay calls the Magna Charta of Masonic Liberty, "that no Mason can be punished or deprived of any of the privileges of Masonry except upon conviction after trial."

The Committee on Jurisprudence decided that this is correct, but recommended that all after the words "Section 5" be stricken out. If correct, why should it be stricken out? To the mind of the writer the eliminated part contains the only valid reason sustaining the decision.

Another decision was:

Fourth—That an admixture of Indian blood is no bar to becoming a Mason, but that inasmuch as experience teaches that in a cross between races, the vices rather than the virtues of the parents are apt to be perpetuated, it is advisable to subject the character of the petitioner to a more than usually searching scrutiny.

The committee very properly, we think, recommended that all after the word "Mason" be stricken out.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was duly recognized and fraternal relations recommended.

The semi-centennial celebration of the organization of the Grand Lodge was held on the third day of the session. An historical address by Past Grand Master Hodson, of great interest, and reminiscences by Past Grand Master John McCracken, constituted the more interesting features of the occasion.

M. W. Brother J. M. Hodson presents the report on correspondence covering one hundred and fifteen pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1900, receives generous fraternal consideration. From the review of our Grand Master Keysor's address we extract:

He laid four corner-stones, at one of which the "wine and oil" was furnished by M. W. Brother Lininger, from a supply brought by him from Jerusalem—Nebraska could furnish her own "corn." Brother Lininger had also during the year presented the Grand Lodge with an elegant set of consecrating vessels. He is the kind of Mason to have around, and the brethren of Nebraska hold him in the esteem that his merits deserve.

He approves the writer's views upon the question of landmarks and prerogatives, generously quoting what we said in answer to the Grand Master of British Columbia. His report is an excellent one. His conception of Freemasonry may be gathered from his conclusion:

The most pleasant journey terminates with your destination. The most useful and interesting task brings the greatest pleasure in its completion. From all parts of the Masonic world, wherever our lines have reached, we bring you tidings of prosperity. The ancient fraternity is steadily advancing and its lessons of wisdom are being eagerly conned by an increasing number. Its acts of charity are widening and deepening as the stream gathers from the highest hills or the lowest vales, ever flowing in an increasing tide of pure beneficence. Our record reading backward to the limits of history and tradition is secure. In the present we embody the most perfect conditions of any human organization, and our trust for the future rests upon the increasing anxiety of the attentive ear, the added wisdom of the instructive tongue, and the hope for perfect discretion of the faithful breast. Let it not be said of any of us, my brethren, that we failed as hewers in the mountains or bearers of burdens, nor yet in working out the designs drawn upon our mental and moral trestle boards by the unerring hand of the Great Architect of the Universe, to the end that future generations finding out more and more the right, may garner the richest blessings flowing from perfected human brotherhood.

M. W. William E. Grace, Baker City, is Grand Master.

R. W. James F. Robinson, Eugene, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1901.

The quarterly communication was held at Philadelphia, March 6th, 1901, with the full corps of grand officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, and two Past Grand Masters, as well as representatives from one hundred and thirty subordinate lodges in attendance. It was opened in ample form by the Grand Master.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing reported that 7,500 copies of the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1900, containing 542 pages, had been printed and distributed. The Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges reported numerous amendments to by-laws that had been referred to them from sundry lodges, which report was approved by the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Temple made report of various changes and repairs to be made, which report was adopted, and the Grand Lodge appropriated \$45,500, or so much thereof as was necessary and available from the surplus funds of the Grand Lodge. We in the west would think that sum sufficient to erect a very fine Masonic Temple in place of being used only for repairs and alterations. The Grand Lodge is to be congratulated upon having so grand a temple, and funds to make such extensive alterations and repairs.

The Grand Lodge closed the special communication at 8:05 P.M., being in session only one hour and five minutes.

The Grand Lodge convened in quarterly communication on June 5th, 1901, with all the grand officers present, including twenty-seven District Deputy Grand Masters, and the representatives from 120 subordinate lodges.

The Committee on By-Laws reported sundry amendments to by-laws of subordinate lodges, which report was adopted. A petition for a dispensation for a new lodge was received and referred to the grand officers with power to act. The Grand Lodge ordered that their "mite" in the shape of a check for \$300 be forwarded to the Grand Secretary of Florida for the relief of the fire sufferers at Jacksonville. This communication was closed at 7:55 P.M., having been in session less than one hour.

The Grand Lodge convened in quarterly communication September 4th, 1901, with the full corps of grand lodge officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, and two Past Grand Masters, and representatives from 111 subordinate lodges, in attendance. Copies of the proposed amendment to by-laws of several subordinate lodges were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws, who subsequently reported, and the report was adopted. The Grand Secretary submitted his annual report of the membership and the number of lodges in that jurisdiction for the year 1900, viz:

Number lodges.....	436
Number of members.....	59,189
Less: suspended, expelled, resigned, and died ..	1,923
	57,266
Increase during year.....	2,376

An appropriation of \$5,000 was made on account of current expenses of the temple. The Grand Lodge closed at 7:50 P.M.

The fourth quarterly communication was held December 4th, 1901, at 10 o'clock A.M., and there were present all the grand officers, thirty-seven District Deputy Grand Masters, six Past Grand Masters, and representatives from 368 subordinate lodges. The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and under their law, the first business transacted was the election of Grand Officers to serve during the coming Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day, (Dec. 27th). The report of the trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund is a splendid exhibit of the benevolence of our Masonic brethren of Pennsylvania, and shows a net value of cash and bonds of \$104,559.17. Then add to this the Stephen Girard bequest of \$63,952. Then add to this the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund of \$57,426.25. Then, too, we find the Stephen Taylor bequest, \$11,957.79. Then take into account their Masonic Temple, which is estimated to be worth at least \$1,500,000 over and above the \$198,000 still due on outstanding bonds, and we should say the Grand Lodge is well to do, if not rich. The Grand Lodge resumed its fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Philadelphia, commencing Dec. 27th, 1901, with all the grand officers present, eleven District Deputy Grand Masters, four Past Grand Masters, and representatives from only ninety-nine subordinate lodges. The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund reported that there had been received and favorably acted upon 453 applications for relief and the amount granted was \$3,852. The average amount paid was nearly \$8.50 per applicant. The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund report 190 applications for relief to whom were paid \$2,395, an average of about \$12.50 per applicant. From the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund was paid to applicants \$1,500. Total distributed from these three endowed charity bequests for the year, \$7,747. In addition to this amount the Grand Lodge paid out for charity \$1,800, making a total of \$9,547 given for charity during the Masonic year; not including \$15,120 expended at the Masonic Home during the same period.

During the year a sister of their late Past Grand Master Henry M. Phillips died, leaving a will, which after a time, and when the estate can be divided, will add to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund an additional sum estimated at \$24,000. We have mentioned this charity fund to more particularly call the attention of our wealthy and charitable Brother Masons to the great good that could be accomplished should they too remember that the greatest of all Masonic duties is Charity, and thus prove to the world that "their good work shall live after them" in the memory and hearts of their beneficiaries.

The Grand Master issued twelve edicts during the year, three of which being of general interest to the fraternity at large and being upon the same question, we quote:

March 12, 1901.—Issued an Edict forbidding Masonic intercourse with one who, while a resident of this jurisdiction and temporarily abroad, claims to have been made a Mason there. We will not recognize anyone as a Mason, who, while a resident of this Jurisdiction, is made a Mason elsewhere, without our consent first given.

April 23, 1901.—Issued an Edict forbidding Masonic intercourse with W. C. J., who after rejection in our Lodge No. 211, claims to have been made a Mason in Virginia without our consent or knowledge, or the removal of the rejection.

December 20, 1901.—Issued an Edict forbidding Masonic intercourse with H. A. G., a resident of Tyrone, in this Jurisdiction, who was made a Mason in Hiram Lodge No. 10, District of Columbia, without our knowledge or consent.

All of which we cordially endorse.

Under the head of Decisions we find:

Masonic Halls and Lodge-rooms cannot be used for meetings of a society named Eastern Star.

With which decision we cannot concur. The Grand Master could just as well, and with as much propriety, prohibit the use of lodge rooms and Masonic halls for meetings of the Scottish Rite and Mystic Shrine.

A Lodge in another Jurisdiction cannot advance members of Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

If a request is officially made to advance a member, we think it would be discourtesy to refuse, and that it is not good law to prohibit it.

All other decisions were made under the laws of this Grand Jurisdiction.

R. W. Edgar A. Tennis, the Grand Master elect, delivered an inaugural address, which was very interesting and instructive, after which the appointive officers and standing committees, trustees, and District Deputy Grand Masters were appointed. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a lengthy and very interesting report covering 251 pages, and included Nebraska for 1901.

M. W. Edgar A. Tennis was elected Grand Master.

R. W. William A. Sinn was elected Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1901.

June 24th, in Freemason's Hall, in the city of Charlottetown, the twenty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Ronald MacMillan, Grand Master, with representatives of the lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master expressed much pleasure in meeting with his brethren. This communication marks, he says, a new era in their Grand Lodge, the quarter-century mark passed, a new century opened, upon which he indulged in natural reflections. Steady love for and adherence to the Order, he evinces. Of the death of Queen Victoria, he speaks as a loving subject, loyal to the government of the country in which he resides. Continuing, he says:

Her Son and Successor to the throne, King Edward the Seventh, who was at that time Grand Master of Grand Lodge of England, owing to the onerous and responsible duties imposed on Him as the Ruler of the Greatest Empire now under the sun, has resigned that position, and H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught has formerly assumed His duties in succession to the King and a long line of Royal Masters, and we have good reason to hope that the long, wise and successful reign, inaugurated by His Mother, whose good council and sage advice we trust, with the light He has received, may be continued and exemplified even in a greater degree by His Majesty.

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute. He reports the appointment of grand representatives, the issuing of special dispensations is detailed, and he gives an account of each of his seven visits to as many subordinate lodges. Other grand officers visited other lodges, and each renders an account of such visits.

The business coming before the Grand Lodge was carefully considered and disposed of in a very fraternal spirit. There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. John Muirhead, North Tryon, is Grand Master.

R. W. Neil MacKelvie, Summerside, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

QUEBEC, 1902.

January 29th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Montreal, the thirty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edson Fitch, Grand Master, with his Grand Officers and a goodly number of representatives from the subordinate lodges, in attendance.

A very hearty welcome to his brethren marks the opening of the Grand Master's address. To the memory of their deceased Grand Secretary, Brother John H. Isaacson, a father in their Grand Lodge, who died January 14th, 1902, in his eighty-second year, he paid loving fraternal tribute.

He speaks in becoming language of the grief experienced by all law-loving men in the untimely death of President McKinley.

Of the Kings he says:

It is extremely gratifying to us to know that our beloved King, in stepping down from the throne of the mother Grand Lodge of the world—the Grand Lodge of England—to ascend that of the great British Empire, still maintains his connection with our Order and his interest in the Craft by remaining the Patron of that Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Mastership has been accepted by another Prince of the Blood Royal, in the person of our distinguished brother, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught.

He reports the laying of the corner-stone of the Haskell Public Library. This library, which stands partly in Canada and partly in the United States, illustrates the fact, says the Grand Master, that Masonry, like science and literature, recognizes no difference of race or country, and is barred by no international dividing lines.

His official acts, he says, were few, and he was called upon for no decisions of importance. A considerable number of special dispensations he

reports having granted. The District Deputy Grand Master system prevails, and each makes report, and a good showing of progress and prosperity among the Craft.

Past Grand Master, Brother E. T. D. Chambers, presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seven pages. Nebraska, 1900, receives fraternal consideration. Upon a matter of wide interest we find him thus expressing himself:

The affliction which befell our American brethren in the month of September, 1901, when their beloved Brother and Ruler, William McKinley, was stricken down by the bullet of the assassin, called forth the sincerest sympathy from all parts of His Britannic Majesty's dominions; but nowhere has the sorrow aroused in the Craft by this bereavement been more real than in the Province of Quebec, where the sympathy and support of the various Grand Lodges of the United States have ever been extended with a lavish and generous hand to our own Grand Lodge, in its struggle for exclusive Masonic jurisdiction within its territorial limits.

M.:W.:Edson Fitch, Quebec, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Will H. Whyte, Montreal, is Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, 1900.

A special communication was held at Newport on September 4th, 1899, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new city hall with Masonic services. A full corps of grand officers was present, with representatives from St. John's Lodge No. 1, and St. Paul's Lodge No. 14, with two Past Grand Masters, three Past Junior Grand Wardens and seventeen Past Masters from St. John's Lodge No. 1 and St. Paul's Lodge No. 14. After the officers had assumed their several stations, a voluntary by the band, proclamation by the Grand Marshal, the reading of the invitation to lay the corner-stone and appropriate ceremonies, a very eloquent and proper eulogy for the occasion was delivered by Rev. Brother George W. Cutter, D. D.

The corner-stone was presented by the Grand Treasurer, who read an extended list of Masonic and other documents that were deposited in the receptacle. Immediately following the Masonic services an appropriate oration was delivered by J. Stacey Brown, City Solicitor of Newport, followed by the benediction.

The Grand Lodge was then escorted to the Masonic Temple and was closed in ample form on the first degree of Masonry, after which the Craft was entertained by a banquet.

The proceedings contain a short report of a sesqui-centennial celebration of the founding of St. John's Lodge No. 1, which received its first charter, December 27th, 1749, from R.:W.: Thomas Oxnard, Provincial Grand Master of St. John's Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Providence, commencing November 20th, 1899. The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.:W.: Milton Livsey, Grand Master, and officers of the Grand Lodge, and the representatives of twenty-seven subordinate lodges were in attendance.

A short address was submitted by the Grand Master. The decisions made were of only local interest. The Committee on Credentials reported as present and entitled to vote one hundred and forty-four officers and representatives.

A Past Grand Master's jewel and apron were presented to Past Grand Master Cyrus M. Van Slyck, which gifts were appropriately acknowledged by the recipient.

The one hundred and tenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Providence commencing on May 21st, 1900. M.:W.:Milton Livsey, Grand Master, presided, with other officers and members of the Grand Lodge and representatives of thirty-one subordinate lodges present.

The address of the Grand Master referred almost entirely to local matters and no decisions were reported. Nineteen special dispensations were issued. The District Deputy Grand Masters all made their annual reports. The Grand Lecturer made report of visitations and commended the officers of the several lodges visited for their proficiency in the Masonic ritual.

The report of the Grand Secretary was very full and complete. It shows 263 Masons raised during the year. Total number of Masons, 5322, being an increase of 102 during the year. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted no report.

M.:W.: Frederick G. Stiles, Grand Master.

R.:W.: Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND, 1901.

The semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held at Providence commencing November 19th, 1900. There were present 121 officers, members and representatives of subordinate lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master. The Grand Secretary submitted his semi-annual report.

The Grand Lodge presented a Past Master's jewel and apron to Past Grand Master Milton Livsey, which was accepted in a grateful speech of thanks to the Grand Lodge for the fraternal recognition of his services. This giving of a Past Grand Master's jewel to the retiring Grand Master appears to be a regular thing in this Grand Lodge, and is certainly a pleasant way to recognize the service of an officer who has filled this exalted position.

The report of the Commissioners of Trials was a voluminous one, and the conclusion reached was that the accused brother——— was guilty of two of the charges upon which he was tried, and the report was unanimously adopted, and the brother was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry. The charge was that while he was treasurer of a subordinate lodge he embezzled some five hundred dollars, and the bank books of the lodge were destroyed.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held in East Providence on January 16th, 1901, for the purpose of dedicating a hall for the use of Rising Sun Lodge No. 30. The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master assisted by the Grand Lodge officers. The services were elaborate, as evidenced by the order of service. The eulogy by Brother George A. Littlefield was very interesting and instructive. We quote from the same the following:

There is no exaggeration in our Masonic reference to the plumb, the level, and the square. They are living tests for souls as well as for sanctuaries. Says our Rhode Island songstress:

Souls are built as temples are,
 Sunken deep, unseen, unknown,
 Lies the sure foundation stone,
 Through the sunshine, through the snows,
 Up and on the building goes.
 Every fair thing finds a place,
 Every hard thing lends a grace,
 Every hand may make or mar.

Permanent indeed then, as I have said on another occasion, is the material that is fashioned within the studio of a Masonic Lodge.

At the close of the services the Grand Lodge retired from the lodge room and was closed in ample form.

An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held on May 18th, 1901, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the late Grand Secretary, Edwin Baker, who died May 15th, 1901.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the M.:W.:Grand Master assisted by the other grand officers. It was formed in grand procession, accompanied by What Cheer Lodge No. 21, and Orpheas Lodge No. 36, under the escort of St. John's Commandery No. 1, and Cavalry Commandery No. 13, and proceeded to Swan Point Cemetery, where the body of the late Grand Secretary was committed to the grave with the solemn ceremonies of the Fraternity, the Grand Master reading the 25th Psalm, and the committal service was read by the Master of What Cheer Lodge No. 21, assisted by the officers and members of said lodge. At the close of the services the Grand Lodge returned to Freemasons Hall and was closed in ample form.

The one hundred and eleventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Providence, commencing May 20th, 1901, and was opened in ample form by the Grand Master, assisted by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and representatives from thirty-two subordinate lodges, a total of two hundred and twenty-two representatives being present. The address of the Grand Master was of a purely local character, no decisions were reported.

Acting Grand Secretary S. Penrose Williams submitted his report, which was in the usual form and contained full account of the receipts and expenditures for the year. The reports of all the grand officers were referred to the usual committees and were subsequently approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted no written report, which omission we very much regret.

M.:W.:J. Ellery Hudson was elected Grand Master.

R.:W.:S. Penrose Williams was elected Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND, 1901.

February 7th, in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, a quarterly communication was held with the Honorable James Hozier, M. P., Grand Master, on the throne, with the grand officers and a very large number of representatives present.

The hall was heavily draped with mourning, the Throne and its surroundings being covered with black, and the windows behind heavily draped in black and purple. The organ gallery opposite was treated in the same manner, and the panels in the hall were also draped. The brethren were all in mourning, their masonic clothing and jewels being covered with crape. When the Grand Master and Grand Officers entered the hall, the brethren all rose, and Adolph Adam's Funeral March was played on the organ by the Grand Organist, Brother A. J. Curle.

Grand Lodge was opened in full form and with solemn prayer, after which the Grand Master said:—"Since last we met in Grand Lodge we have lost by death, our revered Sovereign Lady—Queen Victoria, our Queen of Queens, of blessed and of glorious memory. Her Majesty was the Mother as well as the Monarch of her people, and an orphaned Empire now mourns that Mother's loss. As Monarch, Queen Victoria has passed away, but her blessing influence will forever live, and Her bright example will forever shine as a guiding light for one and all of us along the rugged path of duty. I ask you, brethren, to authorise me to sign on your behalf, and to submit to His Majesty, King Edward, for so many years the patron of our Scottish Craft, an address of respectful sympathy and of devoted loyalty, and also an address praying King Edward to deign to continue, as in the past, to be the Royal Patron of all Scottish Masonry."

The brethren, in solemn silence, indicated their assent in the usual manner, and then the Grand Master read the address, bearing the seal of Grand Lodge, and signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS TO THE KING.

UNTO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, The Honourable James Hozier, M. P., Grand Master Mason of Scotland, The Right Honourable Alexander, Lord Saltoun, Past Grand Master, John Graham of Broadstone, Grand Master Depute, The Honourable Charles Maule Ramsay, Substitute Grand Master, and the remanent Office-Bearers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, for Ourselves and on behalf of the Whole Fraternity of Scottish Freemasons at Home, in India, in the Colonies, and in Foreign Parts, beg leave, with our most humble duty and in profound sorrow, to offer to Your Majesty our respectful sympathy in the grievous loss, sustained by Your Majesty and by the Whole Empire, in the Death of our late Sovereign Lady, Her Majesty Queen Victoria of Blessed and Glorious Memory.

We beg leave, at the same time, humbly to assure Your Majesty, the Royal Patron of our Scottish Craft, of our unalterable devotion to Your Majesty's Throne, and to Your Majesty's Person. And we most earnestly pray that the Blessing of the Almighty may ever rest upon Your Majesty, upon Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, and upon every Member of Your Royal House.

Given under our hand and seal in full Grand Lodge assembled at Edinburgh, this Seventh Day of February 1901.

DAVID REID,
Grand Secretary.

JAMES HOZIER,
Grand Master Mason.

Business of importance to the Craft was transacted. The volume under review contains a list of the names of their many Provincial Grand Masters, a list of the representatives to and from other Grand Lodges, including, among others, most of the American Grand Lodges; a roll of their lodges, the highest number reaching 912; a roll of the individual members, nearly a thousand in number; a list of their Provincial Grand Lodges, more than fifty in number, with tables of statistics and other matters of interest.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. James Hozier, is Grand Master.

R. W. David Reid, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1901.

The one hundred and twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Charleston, commencing on December 10th, 1901, and there were present the full corps of Grand Lodge officers, and seventeen of the eighteen District Deputy Grand Masters, seven Past Grand Masters, as well as the representatives of one hundred and seventy-one subordinate lodges, and the representatives of twenty-eight Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master in his address referred to the death of present and Past Grand officers of other jurisdictions, including P. G. M. Tulleys of this Grand Jurisdiction. He appropriately referred to the death of Queen Victoria as a "distinguished patron of Masonry." He said, "she was always a devoted friend to Masonry; and it is therefore eminently proper that Masons, all over the world, should put on record their sincere tributes of love and veneration for her memory."

He refers to President William McKinley as a "zealous Mason, cut down in the splendor of his distinguished career, one of the best beloved of our Presidents, a victim of one of the most wanton and unprovoked assassinations of which history gives any account."

He reports that three dispensations were issued for new lodges, and one to revive a defunct lodge.

Two decisions only were reported to the Grand Lodge; both were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and by the Grand Lodge. The second decision only is of interest to the Fraternity at large:

Has the W. : M. of a Lodge the right to suspend a ballot while in progress, declare it void, and postpone a repetition of it, if it becomes evident that the secrecy of the ballot will be violated by a continuance and declaration of the result of the ballot at that time?

To this question the Grand Master replied, "that the W. : M. not only had the power, but that it was his duty to suspend the ballot under the circumstances detailed * * * . The secrecy of the ballot is the bulwark of Freemasonry, and should by all means be kept inviolate * * * ."

The Grand Master discussed the question of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, that question which is continually troubling, and will continue to trouble jurisdictions until some uniform code be agreed upon, and be adopted by all the Grand Lodges in the United States. We think steps should be taken by the several Grand Lodges to agree upon some system that will be as uniform and universal as are the essentials in our rituals. Until this is done questions will continue to arise that will make trouble between our Grand Bodies. Let all the Grand Lodges adopt a universal law upon this vexatious subject, and so far as American Masonry is concerned, make it as stable as the principles upon which our Fraternity is organized, and as unchangeable as our rituals in all essentials. We cannot agree with the proposed amendment to their law which permits lodges to receive petitions and confer degrees upon "ministers of God" without fee. We believe that ministers belong to a learned profession, are paid a salary by their congregations for their services, and that there should be no exception among petitions for Masonry; that all should pay the same fees and dues, and that the law should prohibit lodges from making contributions to ministers, on account of their vocation, thus placing every seeker after Masonic Light on the same level.

The reports of the district deputies were full, and showed that all were zealous in the discharge of their duties.

The committee on correspondence presented a comprehensive report of sixty-six Grand Lodges, covering 154 pages, Nebraska, 1900, receiving a flattering review of four pages.

The Grand Lodge ordered "that a Grand Secretary's Jewel be procured and presented to Grand Secretary Inglesby, in token of their appreciation of his services and zeal in the cause of Masonry, and of this Grand Lodge in particular."

M. : W. : Walter M. Whitehead was elected Grand Master.

R. : W. : Charles Inglesby re-elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1901.

June 11th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Sioux Falls, the twenty-seventh annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. : W. : John A. Cleaver, Grand Master, with the principal officers and representatives from eighty-two of the ninety-five subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Poetic thoughts, expressed in verse and prose, exhibiting gratitude to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, mark the opening of the Grand

Master's annual address. Death had not come nigh to break the official circle of the Grand Lodge, but to the memory of their fraternal dead throughout the jurisdiction, and the illustrious dead of other grand jurisdictions, he pays fraternal tribute. He reported the granting of twelve special dispensations, three of which were for conferring degrees out of time. Three dispensations, he issued for instituting new lodges. From his reported decisions we glean that:

Perpetual Jurisdiction over the rejected or accepted material is not the law in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Lodges hold jurisdictional rights to profane material only while it resides within their territorial Jurisdiction, immediately upon its residence removal therefrom this Jurisdictional right ceases.

An unaffiliated Mason can present his petition for affiliation to any lodge at its regular stated Communication and if rejected can present it again at the next regular Communication; a rejection does not impair the right of a Mason to present his petition for affiliation when and where he pleases.

The laying of the corner-stone of a new Masonic Temple at Deadwood, by the Grand Lodge, is reported, with an account of its pleasant features and the zeal of the brethren in that city. He also reports constituting two new lodges; the appointment of a considerable number of Grand Representatives, the dedication of a new Masonic Temple at Salem and of a new lodge room. He commends, we are glad to note, their Grand Secretary, R. W. George A. Pettigrew, for his zeal in collecting material for making a good foundation for a Masonic library. Of course, he had not found time to do as much visiting among the lodges as he had hoped to do, yet he had visited "some ten or fifteen." Of the condition of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, he says it is excellent, almost every lodge in the state having had a year of unusual prosperity. A complete showing of the important business passing through his hands is shown in the report of the Grand Secretary, evidencing painstaking care and accuracy on his part. One of the three lodges under dispensation was granted a charter, the others were continued U. D. In re the decision of the Grand Master, first above noted, the Grand Lodge took action:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully submits the following supplementary report:

The Committee while approving the decision of the M. W. Grand Master at No. 3, with reference to perpetual jurisdiction, for the reason that the same is founded upon the action of this Grand Lodge of two years ago, and there being at this time a great diversity of opinion in this Jurisdiction as to what the law should be with reference to perpetual jurisdiction over a rejected candidate while he resides in this state, by the rejecting Lodge. And your Committee, believing that decisive action should be taken by this Grand Lodge at this time with reference to this, recommends the adoption of the following By-Law:

"A Lodge which rejects a candidate for the degrees, shall have perpetual jurisdiction over such rejected candidate during his residence within this state.

"*Provided*, That waiver of Jurisdiction may be granted at any stated Communication, by a unanimous vote of those present, vote to be taken by secret ballot."

Referred to the Special Committee on By-Laws.

The following was presented by the Committee on Revision of By-Laws, read and referred to the Special Committee on By-Laws:

Your Committee on Revision of By-Laws respectfully recommend the adoption of the following as an amendment to the Grand Lodge By-Laws as a separate section: Decisions of the Grand Master govern only in the particular cases in which they are rendered, and until disapproved or set aside by the Grand Lodge; but do not become a law, except when enacted into a By-Law.

Brother Samuel A. Brown presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight other grand lodges; Nebraska, 1900, receives kindly fraternal consideration. Our Grand Master Keysor's administration was highly commended, Brother Wells' oration praised, while the writer's views on landmarks and prerogatives find sympathetic response. Upon a well understood subject he has perhaps found the true solution, for he says:

Our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Washington maintain a profound silence upon the subject of Negro Masonry. This silence is not satisfactory to many of the Brethren throughout the country, but no decisive action has yet been taken by which to express the dissatisfaction. No more Grand Lodges have declared non-intercourse, but a number have refused to exchange Representatives, and some have postponed action for one year. We are profoundly impressed with the gravity of the situation and trust that Washington Grand Lodge will speak this year. There can be no doubt that if the Masons of the United States thought that the declarations recently made by the Grand Lodge were the real sentiments of the rank and file of Washington Masons, she would be left standing alone, entirely and at once. But it is believed that Brother Upton, who champions the cause of the Negro Masons (so-called), is Masonically insane, and that his associates, recognizing his infirmity, and, hoping for his recovery, have treated him as such, agreeing with him in everything and concealing their own opinions.

The report is full of good things, including well considered comment upon many questions of interest to those who diligently search for light in things Masonic.

M.:W.:Charles Hill, Springfield, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

TENNESSEE, 1901.

January 30th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Nashville, the eighty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:James Henry McClister, Grand Master, with representatives from four hundred and three of the four hundred and twenty-seven subordinate lodges, in attendance.

The passing of another year, the last of a century, formed the theme for eloquent words spoken by the Grand Master in opening his annual address. To the memory of their Past Grand Master, George Hampton Morgan, who died on July 27th, 1900, he paid fraternal tribute. More work had been done in the aggregate in the lodges during the year than for years. He had granted a great many special dispensations for the usual purposes. He reported but few decisions, among them the following:

A brother asks: "Will an oral objection, made by Brother C. to Brother D. against the initiation of a profane hold good?" Brother D. delivering the same to the M. W. at Brother C.'s request.

Answer—Brother C. can object, either orally or in writing, to the W. M., but must do so in person. He cannot object by proxy.

The same question will probably be passed upon by our Grand Lodge and recorded in the proceedings with which this report is published.

The Committee on Jurisprudence added the following to the above Tennessee decision:

In regard to the method of objection to initiation or advancement by an absent Brother, the committee suggests to the Brethren that this can best be made in writing, sent to the Master, in which case no contention can arise over the nature, extent, or meaning of the objection.

He reports having visited a great many lodges:

Under this head I have done what I could, though not what I desired. The number of Lodges visited would have been greater had I simply visited; but, in most cases, I spent two, and often three days with the Lodges, giving them instruction in the work and lectures, and in conferring degrees.

He speaks words of approval of their Masonic Home and recommends the purchase of more land, and other improvements.

The report of the Grand Secretary contains a carefully prepared showing of faithful performance of duty, and of the conditions existing throughout the state, Masonically speaking.

The report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, is a gratifying one.

We like the following:

WHEREAS, There are many Masons in Tennessee who, because of age or afflictions, are unable to pay their Lodge dues; and

WHEREAS, It would be contrary to the spirit of Masonry to suspend such from membership after they had given the best years of their life to the Fraternity; therefore, be it

Resolved, That hereafter this Grand Lodge will not require Subordinate Lodges to pay dues on their members who, on account of age or other infirmity, are too poor to pay their Lodge dues.

Resolved, second, That no Subordinate Lodge shall report any of its members as unable to pay until it shall have investigated the same by a Committee, and so decided by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge.

Resolved, third, That each Subordinate Lodge shall report annually to the Grand Lodge the number of such indigent members.

Five new lodges received charters, and one warrant to institute a lodge U.:D.: was granted.

From the adopted report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we extract the following declaration:

The Masonic Code of Tennessee, page 34, declares Subordinate Lodges to have inherent jurisdiction "to decide who shall be admitted to membership, or be initiated therein, of such as may be properly qualified."

This gives to Subordinates undoubtedly the power to choose and decide what individual man in their territorial jurisdiction may become a Mason. No person or body can force them to admit any one, and from their deci-

sion there is no appeal. In this they are all-powerful. But unless the individual is properly qualified they can not admit him. They have no inherent power to admit the unqualified or disqualified. They are exclusive judges of the individual qualifications of petitioners. They do say whether he measures up to the fixed standards. But they can not fix the standards. Each Lodge is not a law unto itself. All are governed by general law establishing qualifications. Hence minors, women, atheists, idiots, libertines, and generally those fatally deficient physically, mentally, or morally, are excluded by the general law. The Subordinates may only decide whether the petitioner belongs to any of these classes. Now, does an Edict of the Grand Lodge, disqualifying persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating beverages abridge any inherent right of the Subordinate?

M. W. Brother Henry H. Ingersol presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-four pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty other Grand Bodies, Nebraska, 1900, receiving fraternal and generous consideration. He, like others, recognizes the "eloquent" passages contained in our Grand Master Keysor's account of the Washington centennial ceremonies, and approves the practical recommendations in his address.

We like the way he puts it:

The traveler in other States and lands, if he be observant, surely sees many odd, rare, and beautiful things to give him entertainment and instruction; and, if he hath learned the joy of giving, he notes peculiarities and gathers specimens for preservation, so that returning home he may repeat the pleasures of his tour by showing his trophies to his friends, and prompted by his notes, recount to them his sights and sensations on the pilgrimage. Thus he doubles his own joy by sharing it with others.

In some such spirit, Brethren, your Correspondent, after an annual journey through the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the world, having noted what seemed worthy of remembrance and excerpted treasures from their pages, now brings them to you with comment and remark in the hope that you may receive both pleasure and profit, and he approval and favor from the report.

Under Texas, and referring to their laying corner-stones for "churches, court houses, lodge buildings, cotton mills, etc.," he pertinently remarks:

Cotton mills, indeed! What next? Wonder what the "etc." included! Woolen mills? Rolling mills? Flouring mills? Breweries? Distilleries? Up here we are restricted to "buildings of a Masonic, sacred, or public character." Factories, hotels, banks, and depots are not honored Masonically, however useful they may be.

M. W. Isaac Jones Thurman is Grand Master.

R. W. John B. Garrett, Nashville, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

TENNESSEE, 1902.

The eighty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Nashville, commencing January 29th, 1902.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, with all Grand Officers present, together with six hundred and ten representatives from 400 lodges.

Among those present were sixteen Past Grand Masters, showing conclusively that those who had been honored by the Grand Lodge still had the interests of Masonry at heart, and were present to assist in the business of the Grand Lodge and give the brethren the benefit of their experience.

That bane of official existence of all Grand Masters, the request for special dispensations, was visited upon the Grand Master, and he granted sixty-nine special dispensations during the year, commencing with the first one on February 11th, and concluding with the last one on December 12th. Verily, his patience must have been seriously taxed. His decisions under the head of Official Rulings, were all of a local character, applying to the Craft in his jurisdiction. He made twenty-nine official visitations during the year.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash on hand at the commencement of the communication, \$20,927.05.

The Grand Secretary reported a total membership of the Grand Lodge of 17,770, and a net gain for the year of 427. After referring to the difficulty in securing replies to his official letters, and to the carelessness of secretaries in making out their reports, he says: "One redeeming feature, however, of a careless and indifferent Secretary is that he always sends too much money, and when he writes with a pencil or bad pen and uses ink that has been frozen, he acknowledges his shortcomings by saying, 'he writ without specs.'"

The Grand Secretary reported that two lodges had failed to make report for three years, and suggested that their charters be arrested, a wise suggestion, and one that should receive the prompt approval of the Grand Lodge.

The Tennessee lodges and brethren contributed \$537.60 to the Jacksonville fire sufferers. The Grand Secretary reported the official receipts of his office for the year as \$23,854.00, all of which was paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Secretary appropriately referred to the fraternal dead of other jurisdictions, including Past Grand Master Tulleys and Past Grand Treasurer Moore of Nebraska, as well as our late beloved President and honored brother, William McKinley.

The Board of Control of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home reports the total number of inmates at 103, with superintendent, matron, and teachers (4) in charge.

We find very appropriate memorials upon the deaths of Jefferson C. Cawood and Joseph H. Bullock, Past Grand Masters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica be acknowledged and received as a sister Grand Lodge, working under the system governed by the Ancient and Accepted York Rite rituals, which recommendation was adopted. The Grand Lodge directed the Grand Secretary to have printed for distribution 2,000 copies of the proceedings of 1861, which, we presume, have not been heretofore printed.

The Grand Secretary was authorized and directed to purchase a suitable jewel for the Grand Master. This was a proper recognition of the val-

uable services rendered the Fraternity of this jurisdiction for the year just closing.

Two hundred dollars was voted the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for their services in preparing their report, covering seventy-two pages of the proceedings. Nebraska, 1901, was included.

The chairman concludes his valuable review with the following:

There's a world where all are equal
 We are hurrying toward it fast,
 We shall meet upon the level there,
 When the gates of death are passed;
 There's a mansion and a welcome
 And a multitude are there
 Who have met upon the Level,
 And been tried upon the Square.

Already in the western sky
 Tho signs bid us prepare
 To gather up our working-tools
 And part upon the Square.
 Hands round, ye faithful Craftsman,
 In the bright fraternal chain,
 We part upon the Square below
 To meet in heaven again.

M.:W.:John R. Smith was elected Grand Master.

R.:W.:John B. Garrett was elected Grand Secretary.

UTAH, 1902.

January 21st, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Salt Lake, the thirty-first annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Charles Wesley Morse, Grand Master, with the grand officers and representatives from the subordinate lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master's annual address opens with words contemplating the first great duty of a Mason when entering upon any important engagement. To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays eloquent tribute. He reports an excellent condition of the Craft in his Grand Jurisdiction. Visiting subordinate lodges formed an interesting and important part of his official duties during the year. At one place he dedicated a new Masonic hall. He reports no decisions.

Their veteran Grand Secretary, Brother Christopher Diehl, presents an excellent and comprehensive report showing a careful attention on his part to the very important duties of his office, and a good condition generally throughout the jurisdiction.

At the close of the Grand Lodge its members partook of the good things provided by the three Salt Lake City lodges, and spread upon a well laden banquet table.

R.:W.:Brother Christopher Diehl, veteran Grand Secretary and chairman of the committee presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifteen pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-five other Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1901, among them. He mentions

the gift to our Grand Lodge, of our P.:G.:M.:Lininger, the fac-simile throne of an ancient Italian Prince, to serve a like purpose for our Grand Master when presiding, and speaks in terms of highest appreciation of Brother Lininger's address upon Masonry in Europe, Asia and Africa. Our Grand Master Crites is praised for his beauty, and zeal in the discharge of his duties in office. A new one for him was the decision of our Grand Lodge, holding that:

While the Grand Lodge is in actual session, none of our constituent Lodges may hold either a stated or called communication, for at least two reasons. The law requires, and therefore presumes the Master and Wardens to be in attendance upon the Grand Lodge. While the Grand Lodge is in session, it absorbs all the powers and functions of its subordinates.

Our Grand Orator's oration is generally praised, but he thinks Jefferson was not a Mason, nor, on account of his belief, could he take our O. B. In this Brother Diehl is most certainly mistaken. Jefferson's belief was that of a Christian, and he belonged to the oldest church in Virginia. We fear our Utah Brother's "mis"-information came in a too ready reliance upon the statements of Jefferson's political enemies. Go to the Declaration of Independence—the subject referred to—and we find Jefferson saying that all men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights," and later on, "with firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence we mutually pledge," etc. What is there more to recommend one holding such views to become a leader in Church, State, and in Masonry? No, Brother Diehl, you may be sure that our Brother Lobingier was right in his statement that Jefferson was a Freemason.

This review of Brother Diehl's, like all his preceding work in this field, is in a style calculated to please and entertain.

M.:W.:William J. Lynch, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

VERMONT, 1901.

June 12th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, the one hundred and eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:W. Scott Nay, Grand Master, with nearly all the subordinate lodges represented.

The Grand Master, in opening his annual address, says he counts it a duty and a high privilege to halt for a while amid the scenes of individual cares, labors and pleasures, to hold fraternal converse and render another account of stewardship. He reports the steady progress and growth of Freemasonry in Vermont, the work of cautious, painstaking care in guarding the outer door. Observations upon national and international questions, he makes, from the standpoint of a Mason and patriot.

A notable event:

On September 17th, 1900, I assisted in the last rites at the burial of the venerable James P. Cleveland of Randolph, the oldest Freemason in Ver-

mont. Bro. Cleveland was one of the few loyal Masons who were active in the dark anti-Masonic days, and succeeded in maintaining Rising Sun Lodge, of which he had always been a member, and retaining its charter during those troublous times. At the time of Bro. Cleveland's death he was said to be the oldest Knight Templar in the world. Great respect has always been shown the venerable brother, and in death his memory was revered. More than one hundred brothers, including Mt. Zion Commandery of Montpelier, which acted as escort, accompanied his body to its last resting place, where the burial service was fittingly rendered by Bro. E. J. Fish, acting as Master of Rising Sun Lodge.

He reports granting dispensations for two new lodges, and rendered the following decisions:

1. While under charges or pending an appeal in his case, one is not eligible to office.
2. When the By-Laws of a Lodge require dues to be paid in advance one applying for a dimit is not entitled to a rebate for any unexpired time of the year.
3. The notice of a trial forwarded by the Secretary to members of a Lodge, should state the day and hour and for what purpose, and a "reasonable notice" should be considered to be not less than forty-eight hours.
4. The "resident members" of a Lodge are all members who reside within the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

At Guildhall he laid the corner-stone of the Public Library and Masonic Building, built and donated by Col. E. C. Benton of Boston, a native of that town and a member of our Fraternity. Another corner-stone laid was for a new Masonic Temple at Rutland.

He recommends an amendment providing for a supplemental fee of \$5 to be charged in the future to candidates and to be known as the "Temple Fee," which shall be used for reduction of the debt on their temple.

He attended ten of the thirteen annual district meetings for instruction, and but for unfavorable weather, which interfered with transportation, would have completed the record.

He issued a number of special dispensations for the usual purposes. He had dedicated four halls and installed the officers in six lodges, in five of which the ceremonies were public.

He has something to say:

The doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction is unreasonable, and progressive masons are not slow to condemn the injustice which its conditions exact, while feelings akin to "righteous indignation" are engendered by it. Happily the Grand Lodge of Vermont disclaims a proprietorship over a candidate who leaves its borders, and it does not remove the constitutional right of any brother, younger or older, to defend his cause against some personal foe who would bar his progress.

The Grand Lodge granted a duplicate charter to a lodge that had suffered the loss of the original by fire. Recognition of the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Western Australia was granted.

M. W. Brother Marsh O. Perkins presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-five pages, and reviews all American Grand Lodges except Oklahoma, and several foreign bodies. Nebraska, 1900, receives fraternal consideration. Grand Master Keysor's address

is quoted from and our Grand Orator Wells' oration praised as masterly, and from it a portion is quoted. From his conclusion we extract:

It is a pleasure to note the growing tendency to place a more liberal construction upon the old regulations relative to physical qualifications, the increasing interest in almost every quarter in the establishment and maintenance of Masonic Homes, and the many other evidences of true Masonic expansion by the promotion of the highest interests of the Fraternity. The century closed abounded in responsibilities, the recognition and acceptance of which, with the faithful and intelligent discharge of the duties connected therewith, both strengthened and beautified our grand old Institution. The new century has brought new responsibilities, which can but increase in number and importance with each advancing year, and the question comes home to every member of the great Brotherhood as to his preparation and ability to meet the same with honor and credit to himself and Freemasonry.

M. W. Charles R. Montague, Woodstock, is Grand Master.

R. W. Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

VIRGINIA, 1901.

The one hundred and twenty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held at Richmond, commencing December 3rd, 1901, with all the Grand Officers present, also representatives from one hundred and sixty-one subordinate lodges. There were three Past Grand Masters in attendance, as well as the representatives from twenty-seven Grand Lodges, including Nebraska. A committee of Past Grand Masters from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia being in waiting, was introduced, and formally welcomed in a hearty and fraternal manner, and was then personally introduced to the representatives of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master then delivered his annual address, from which we learn that dispensations for three new lodges were issued during the Masonic year. Twelve decisions were reported to the Grand Lodge. As they were all approved by the Grand Lodge and were, as we believe, in accordance with Masonic law and usage, we have not thought it proper or particularly necessary to quote them.

Brother Joseph W. Eggleston, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted as chairman of a special committee, a very interesting report relating to the Grand Orient of Belgium being in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Orient of France. This committee reports having received a "very long letter from the National Grand Master, and a history of Belgium Freemasonry, prepared for the occasion by Brother Albert J. Kruger. * * * Both documents avow and defend their relations of fraternity of the closest character with the Atheistical Grand Orient of France, because they derive their Masonry from that source and because Continental Freemasonry is an avowed political movement against clericalism and the Church of Rome."

The committee further says that:

From many sources during the year has come indisputable proof that not only Belgium, but all Continental Grand Lodges and Grand Orients

are equally involved in this intimate relation with a Grand Orient nowhere in English-speaking countries recognized as Masonry because it denies the Mason's God, by having repealed all requirements of a belief in a Supreme Being.

Brother Eggleston refers to a report made by Brother Robbins of Illinois, upon the same question, and quotes him as saying:

There is no Masonry of the English or American sort on the entire Continent. He says that the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes in Berlin is as atheistical as the Grand Orient of France, and that the other German Grand Lodges set aside our landmark of religious liberty and admit none but Protestant Christians.

His (Robbins') conclusion is, "that English Symbolic Masonry is the only real Masonry, and the only sort that should be recognized." Brother Eggleston's report was submitted to the Grand Lodge without recommendation. We think this subject should be referred to our Grand Lodge, and to all American Grand Lodges, and that concurrent action should be taken by American Masons on this very vital and important question.

Brother Charles A. Nesbitt made a very interesting report relating to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, and we most heartily concur in the report made and the conclusions reached. The board, he says, recommends that all Boards of Relief take up all Masonic documents and letters presented by transients and hold them until the worthiness of the applicant is ascertained. He says that reports show "that more than ninety-five per cent. of these cases are frauds."

R. W. S. J. Quinn, Historian of the Washington Centennial Observance, made a very interesting report.

On the third day of the session of the Grand Lodge the special committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report which was adopted, viz:

Your Special Committee to which was referred the special report of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg leave to report as follows:

After reading the special report referred to and papers submitted therewith bearing on the Masonic status of the Grand Orient of Belgium, your Committee recommends the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That on account of their close affiliation and intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, the recognition heretofore extended to the Grand Orient of Belgium; the Grand Lodge of Netherlands; the Grand Lodge of Royal York Friendship, Berlin; the Grand Lodge of Switzerland; the Grand Lodge of Three Globes, Berlin; be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Which action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia we most fraternally commend.

The Committee on Memorials presented a most fraternal and full report, which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a full report, including Nebraska, to which they devoted three pages, quoting very freely from

the speech of P. G. M. Lininger. Here is our hand and with it the fellowship of all Nebraska Masons, for all American and English Freemasons.

M. W. H. Oscar Kerns, Grand Master.

R. W. George W. Carrington, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1901.

June 11th, in the city of Tacoma, the forty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Stephen James Chadwick, Grand Master, with representatives from all but five of its one hundred and six lodges, present.

The Grand Master in opening his annual address said:

I felicitate you upon this auspicious occasion. The opening of the Grand Lodge is of more than selfish interest—it is a matter of public concern. Its assembling and its work bear a fixed relation to the peace and good order of the State; for out of these associations it is expected that a broader and better informed sentiment will go forth than that existing at the beginning of our deliberations. Man is progressive, and out of association with his fellows, assembled to add to and make perfect a plan providing for rectitude of human conduct and universal acknowledgment of the strength and wisdom of Deity, if he be sincere in his professions and mindful of his obligations, only good can come.

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays tribute in words of honorable mention. Public duties and demands of private business, he says, prevented him from officially visiting any of the lodges of the jurisdiction. He reports a substantial and healthy growth. The laying of the cornerstone of the new synagogue, the Temple de Hirsch, at the request of the Jewish congregation of the city of Seattle, was an occasion of special interest, the local commandery acting as an escort to the Grand Lodge.

Dispensations to open four new lodges; to confer degrees out of time on four occasions, and to elect and install officers in two instances are reported; as also the constituting of five new lodges.

He reported sixteen decisions, all of which were approved by the Grand Lodge. We are pleased to note one, as recognizing what we have thought to be the true route:

9. A candidate is initiated; following his initiation he loses by accident his left hand; he is proficient and presents himself for advancement. Can he be passed and raised? It is the duty of the Lodge to confer the remaining degrees.

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge the year before, the Grand Master had corresponded with the officials of other Grand Jurisdictions with reference to the so-called Negro Masonry. Resolutions were adopted in 1898, and partially rescinded in 1899, leaving the declared purpose of Washington's Grand Lodge to be to permit its lodges to determine the standing of applicants to visit, and to admit them, even though they came from lodges held to be clandestine by the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction they existed.

In reporting his action the Grand Master clearly, and in a very fraternal spirit, sets forth the differences involved—the first we have seen emi-

nating from a member of that Grand Jurisdiction, and recommended the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Washington asserts exclusive and Masonic jurisdiction within the State of Washington, and grants to every Grand Lodge within the United States of America with which we were in fraternal relation on June —, 1898, exclusive jurisdiction within the limit and borders of the State or Territory in which they were domiciled.

And further, that the Grand Lodge of Washington claims for itself and does grant to all other Sovereign Grand Lodges the allegiance of every Lodge in its own jurisdiction; and that the Grand Lodge has the exclusive right to pass upon the question of the legitimacy of Lodges domiciled within its jurisdiction.

And further, that all Lodges are forbidden to hold Masonic intercourse with those determined to be clandestine by edict or decree of any of the Sovereign Grand Lodges falling within the terms of this resolution.

In support of which he, in an able manner, presented unanswerable arguments. But the Committee on Jurisprudence did not see fit to so completely settle the whole matter in so simple and explicit a manner and resorted to its late course of framing its resolutions, so as to possibly admit of several constructions, and reported instead the following which were adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge reiterates and reaffirms its adherence to the doctrine of unequivocal, undivided Grand Lodge Sovereignty and its inflexible purpose and determination to support and ever maintain that principle of Masonic law inherent in every Grand Lodge, of supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry within territorial limits established by its lawful authority.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge asserts the right to determine the question of legitimacy of Lodges domiciled within its territorial jurisdiction, and we concede the same sovereign right and power to the several sovereign Grand Lodges of the United States.

Why could it not declare what is so clear to everybody else should be declared in this case: "That all lodges are forbidden to hold Masonic intercourse with those determined to be clandestine by edict or decree of any of the Sovereign Grand Lodges" recognized as such?

The Grand Master thus speaks of another interesting subject:

THE EASTERN STAR.

The growing importance of this body ought to be a matter of pride to every Mason. Its original design, to afford the wives, sisters and daughters an opportunity of organization to promote the social features of the Masonic Order, has been radically departed from. It has become a factor in the promotion of those objects which among us may be called the design of Masonry. Charity is now a part of its plan, and in this work the Order has become a true helpmeet to the Masonic Order. In this State it has shown wonderful zeal and true devotion to the needs of indigent and aged Masons, and is abreast with, if not ahead, of the Lodges in its determination to erect and maintain a Masonic Home. It is not an innovation, does not pretend to be a part of Masonry, and we should not blind ourselves to the importance of its work. In its relation to the Eastern Star the Lodge should be governed by the principle of encouragement, for, as is the faithful wife or mother, so this organization, following the instincts of true womanhood, by the exercise of tender pity and loving kindness, will incite

us to nobler purposes, and make of us better men and better Masons, and Masonry will be better because of its existence.

The report on correspondence covering one hundred and seventy-three pages, is the work of W. Brother E. H. Van Patten. Nebraska, 1900, is accorded nearly five pages; but we do not find favor with him, our Grand Master and this writer having each spoken too plainly of "the late unpleasantness." The views held here and generally, are pretty well stated and supported in the most fraternal words of Washington's Grand Master in his report on fraternal relations above referred to.

M. W. Henry Laurens Kennan, Spokane, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas Milburne Reed, Olympia, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1901.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia convened in its thirty-seventh annual communication in Huntington, November 13, 1901, and was opened in ample form by M. W. A. D. W. Strickler, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers and the representatives from one hundred and twelve subordinate lodges. There were also present twelve Past Grand Masters and the representatives from seventy-one Grand Lodges, Nebraska's representative, brother James McCahon of Wheeling, not being recorded present.

The Grand Master reported eleven special communications during the year, for the purpose of laying the corner-stones of new churches, public school buildings, and a new Masonic Temple at Mannington.

Dispensations were granted for the organization of three new lodges, two of which were organized, but as the hall in which the third was to meet was not completed, the petitioning brothers requested that the dispensation be continued for another year, and the Grand Master recommended that the request be granted, which was done.

Ten decisions were deemed of sufficient importance by the Grand Master to be reported to the Grand Lodge for its consideration and the same, on recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, were approved by the Grand Lodge. We note the following:

No. 1—That a Lodge cannot accept a petition for affiliation unless the same is accompanied by a regular dimit, or a certificate issued by the Grand Secretary in lieu of a dimit, where the Lodge to which the brother belonged has become extinct.

What would be the status of a brother hailing from a New York or Michigan lodge, which does not issue a dimit except for the purpose of affiliating, and not then till he has been elected in another lodge? One jurisdiction will not receive a petition without a dimit, and others will not issue until elected. Strange laws, these!

3—A brother suspended for non-payment of dues petitions the Lodge for re-instatement, a vote was taken aye and no and the petitioner was declared re-instated. Decided that said vote was illegal and of no effect, as the vote upon the reinstatement of a brother must be by secret ballot.

We cannot concur in the decision, or approve of a law, that requires a secret ballot for reinstatement of a brother suspended only for non-payment of dues, after the cause for which he was suspended has been removed.

5—The W. M. of a Lodge cannot summons a Master Mason, who objected to the initiation of an elected candidate and compel him to prefer charges against such candidate.

The decision is right, and we would suggest if there are many W. M.'s in West Virginia who hold such views, that they be decapitated without benefit of the clergy.

9—It is not necessary that a brother give his reasons to the Worshipful Master of his Lodge for his objecting to the initiation of a candidate; nor has the Worshipful Master the right to demand his reasons therefor.

This decision is eminently correct. Eulogistic reference was made to the death of our beloved Brother William McKinley, by an unprovoked assault by an anarchist assassin on September 6th, 1901, at Buffalo, New York.

He says:

During the year I have had two requests from Lodges for permission to let the Order of the Eastern Star, an Order composed of the wives, daughters, sisters, and mothers of Masons, and also of Master Masons who have taken the degrees, to occupy their lodge rooms, but as our Grand Lodge has heretofore refused to grant its consent to such purposes, I very reluctantly refused to grant them permission to do so. I am and have been for years an ardent believer in the organization, and think it a splendid Order for those to whom we are bound by such solemn ties, and that they should be permitted to hold meetings in our halls, when not otherwise occupied by our lodges. I would, therefore, recommend that a special committee be named to report at this Grand Annual Communication as to the advisability of granting such permission to said order.

In which sentiment and recommendation we cordially concur.

The above recommendation of the M.:W.:Grand Master relating to the Eastern Star was referred to a special committee of three, who subsequently submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge, viz.:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of West Virginia:

Your Special Committee on the Order of the Eastern Star beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, We do not recognize the body known as the Eastern Star in any manner as connected with Ancient Craft Masonry, yet at the same time wishing to aid and encourage the wives, sisters, daughters and mothers of Master Masons in the organization of that body, it is hereby granted by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia permission for Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star to meet in the Lodge rooms throughout this Grand Jurisdiction; provided, the Subordinate Lodges give their permission for the same occupancy when not otherwise used by the Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska receives a four page notice by the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Kindly reference was made to the elegant chair obtained by our M.:W.:Past Grand Master George W. Lininger in Italy while on his recent visit to Europe and the far East, and which he presented to our Grand Lodge.

Our brother thinks from the report made by our Grand Custodian, Robert E. French, P.G..M., that he "is the right man in the right place," so think all the brethren of Nebraska.

He thinks that the Committee on Jurisprudence is making a drive at hair-splitting, for the season that it was recommended by the committee, and ordered by the Grand Lodge that "constituent" should be stricken out, and the word "subordinate" substituted therefor, when reference is made to the individual lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. This may be so, but we believe that we got back on good Masonic ground when we substituted that ancient Masonic word "subordinate" for that modern "high-faluten" un-Masonic word, "constituent." The new Mason often thinks we are hair splitting in the esoteric work, when we insist upon a particular word in a particular place, when he thinks another word in the same place "is just as good."

Brother Atkinson takes us to task in the following:

West Virginia's annals for 1900 are carefully written up. He quotes about a page of M.W. Grand Master Robinson's decisions, and endorses all of them except one, wherein M.W. Brother Robinson held that a candidate who was initiated irregularly and unlawfully was a clandestinely-made Mason. Brother Phelps does not believe that a candidate so initiated should be regarded as clandestine. For the life of me I cannot see why. If a man enters the fraternity in an irregular and improper manner, it seems to me that he should be classed as one irregularly made, and being irregular he must be classed as clandestine, because he can never be recognized as a legitimately made Mason until he is healed by a Grand Master or a Grand Lodge.

Brother Atkinson also takes us to task in the matter of recognizing the Gran Dieta of Mexico, but as the Gran Dieta is dead we will call that incident closed, and take the other road.

M.W. Peyton R. Harrison was elected Grand Master.

R.W. George W. Atkinson was re-elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1901.

June 11th, in the Masonic Building, in the city of Milwaukee, the fifty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.W. Charles Cassius Rogers, Grand Master, with two hundred and twenty-six of its two hundred and forty-one lodges represented.

With eloquent words of appreciation of the leaf, flower, and fragrance of June, the Grand Master, with the abandon of the birds in their sweet carol, and the children in their laughter and merry song, breaks forth in a glad refrain to the beauties of nature surrounding them. And then:

Living in an atmosphere pregnant with noble thought and deed, where fraternity and liberty are sheltered under free institutions, in this great commonwealth, in this beautiful land of ours, in this the mightiest Republic and the best government in history, at the threshold of a new century, under the Banner of Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes, pleading fidelity to country and God, in the name of this Grand Lodge and eighteen thousand Masons, I bid this noble band of Craftsmen, this brotherhood of men, greeting and thrice welcome.

To the memory of Brother John W. Laffin, for many years their efficient Grand Secretary, who died during the year, he paid loving tribute, and made honorable mention of the illustrious dead of other Grand Jurisdictions.

He reported issuing forty-eight special dispensations, thirty-seven of which were "waiving constitutional limitation as to time," quite the proper thing to do, we say, and they all do it; but what surprises us, is that those who do it seem unconscious that the Grand Master is not the creature of a Grand Lodge constitution, and limited by its provisions.

He reported the granting of four dispensations for new lodges, and six decisions on familiar questions. A most gratifying condition of the Craft, he says, exists, four new lodges having been constituted.

Of the reviewers he graciously says :

They are students, the men who burn the midnight oil, the chroniclers of its best thought, men who direct our Craft of State and keep her from drifting upon the shoals and rocks, who know the compass and chart of Masonry and keep us to our ancient and traditional moorings.

He visited with pleasure, many lodges. All of his report is marked by expressions evidencing a correct conception of the high character and great moral and social worth of our institution, as also an ability to express his ideas in elegant and chaste language.

We beg pardon, but can not repress our thought that the Grand Secretary "flies high" to say that "what Shakespeare calls 'the inaudible foot of time' has brought us to another milestone in Life's way," and really wish he would come down nearer to earth, and be a little more specific in data. It is tedious work to the reviewer to be compelled, for instance, to count the lodges reported, and ascertain their number and how many are represented.

The Grand Lodges of Cuba and Western Australia were each recognized; Costa Rica, and Valle Mexico await the report of the Committee on Correspondence at the next Grand Communication.

Two lodges U.:D.: were granted charters, and two continued under dispensation.

One of its lodges had refused to accept the widow of one of its deceased members as a charge, and render reasonable relief, whereupon the Grand Lodge, through a committee, investigated, and concluded that the lodge was unwarranted in finding that through improper motives she had, some three years before the death of her second husband, become his second wife, and ordered that said lodge "be directed to give her claim more and fuller investigation."

Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks presents the report on correspondence, ably reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six other grand bodies, Nebraska, 1900, receiving courteous fraternal consideration.

He is in error in the statement that our Grand Lodge severed fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington. The matter went over, and at our 1901 communication was indefinitely postponed, which doubtless was the wiser course. But his reasoning is correct and in accord

with the views of our own Grand Lodge and the views of those of mature judgment, notwithstanding the views held by our Grand Master and the writer in 1900.

M.:W.:Freeman H. L. Cotten, Eau Claire, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:William W. Perry, Milwaukee, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

WYOMING, 1901.

September 4th, in Masonic Hall, in the town of Wheatland, the twenty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:C. H. Townsend, Grand Master, with representatives from thirteen of the sixteen subordinate lodges, in attendance.

A hearty and cordial greeting marks the opening of the Grand Master's annual address. General prosperity in growth and in financial standing among the lodges is the report he brings to his brethren, and for which he expresses gratitude. To the memory of the fraternal dead of his Grand Jurisdiction he pays loving tribute and makes careful record. He intended—what Grand Master has not—to visit all the lodges, but sickness and other engagements had prevented. However, he did a commendable amount of such service, and met everywhere a most hearty welcome, characteristic, he says, of Wyoming and the Masonic Fraternity. He recognizes that their rules and regulations oppose special dispensations to ballot, confer degrees, and do other things, out of time, nevertheless “for good and sufficient reasons” he did issue dispensations:

May 21, 1901, Acacia Lodge No. 11, to ballot and confer the Master Mason degree upon Brother R. C. Morris at a special communication.

June 5, 1901, Rawlins Lodge No. 5, to receive and ballot upon a petition of a suspended brother for reinstatement, waving statutory time.

August 8, 1901, Evanston Lodge No. 4 to examine ballot and confer the Master Mason degree on Brother R. A. Given at a special communication August 10, 1901, on account of his residing a long distance from the lodge.

Why then, make pretense of a loftier stand than other Grand Jurisdictions? And why not recognize the fact, for fact it is, that Masonic law has always been framed with a view to the exercise of prerogatives by the Grand Master, where exigencies arise, else more comprehensive legislation would have been the rule?

He reports the instituting of two new lodges, which he visited; the trip “nearly five hundred miles over a hot, dusty road,” away from a railroad, occupied nearly two weeks, but he felt repaid by the hearty welcome and the many courtesies received. One other lodge U.:D.: was also instituted. The Grand Lodge granted charters to the two first lodges and continued the third U.:D.: Without avail, the Grand Lodges of Western Australia, Costa Rica, Porto Rico, and several others applied for recognition; they were all refused, but an interesting item is found in the following:

Regarding the paper entitled “Manifesto of the National Grand Orient of Egypt,” your committee is not in possession of sufficient data whereby to determine whether or not said manifesto applies to the Grand Orient or

Grand Lodge of Egypt recognized by this Grand Lodge at an early date. Your committee recommends adoption of following:

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to institute inquiry and ascertain the true condition of legitimate Masonry in Egypt, if any, and present the information obtained to this Grand Lodge at next annual.

The report on correspondence, covering seventy-six pages, is the work of R. W. Brother William L. Kuykendall, Grand Secretary, and is his sixteenth. Of the past, and himself, he says: "Within the last fifty years we have seen our country expand from the Missouri river to the shores of the Pacific and assisted in laying the foundation of four states on the Great American Desert as represented on the maps when we were a boy." A sort of four father of states.

M. W. Samuel Corson, Cheyenne, is Grand Master.

R. W. William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, is Grand Secretary.

C. J. P.

GRAND LODGES	Date	Number of subordinates	Number of members	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Dropped, suspended and expelled	Died	Net gain	Loss
Alabama	1901	389	12782	1029	549	354	695	379	269	581	
Arizona	1901	17	939	93	42	18	33	7	16	111	
British Columbia	1901	31	1978	173	74	9	65	43	18	130	
California	1901	271	22776	1716	451	123	338	321	432	1197	
Canada	1901	362	26939	1703	355	219	587	499	293	898	
Colorado	1901	100	8895	548	248	42	199	92	128	417	
Connecticut	1902	110	17730	874	55	57	84	324	338	240	
Costa Rica	1902	7	188	50	24	6	51	15	4	40	
Delaware	1901	21	2364	107	6	4	19	16	38	44	
District of Columbia	1901	26	6257	464	180	55	92	77	112	369	
Florida	1902	144	4623	339	212	100	216	168	79	168	
Georgia	1901	443	20844	1703						1512	
Idaho	1901	29	1410	129	53	11	43	37	16	97	
Illinois	1901	725	59723	3819	907	437	1174	721	888	2398	
Indiana	1901	500	33604	2318	668	236	692	497	517	1419	
Indian Territory	1901	104	4024	389	301	57	395	122	67	244	
Iowa	1901	489	30324	1969	615	279	1014	667	387	818	
Kansas	1902	364	22388	1548	591	200	894	386	310	766	
Kentucky	1901	487	20627		485	465	691	739	353	757	
Louisiana	1902	140	6146	612	128	74	177	105	143	389	
Maine	1901	197	22690	1038	100	67	151	296	399	413	
Manitoba	1901	70	3238	232	91	18	109	67	21	146	
Maryland	1901	104	3379	327	63	19	80	100	150	96	
Massachusetts	1901	239	42965	2165	264	75	370	348	671	1076	
Michigan	1902	386	45304	2496	702	136	702	414	700	1518	
Minnesota	1902	221	17528	1070	322	60	432	244	319	577	
Mississippi	1901	280	9856	743	329	170	380	340	238	284	
Missouri	1901	562	34707	2085	863	366	1011	585	661	1037	
Montana	1901	49	3325	234	91	28	103	55	46	149	
Nebraska	1902	236	13115	723	361	151	491	232	167	401	
Nevada	1901	20	885	44	33	16	35	7	24	27	
New Brunswick	1901	36	1884	117	39	17	42	28	15	68	
New Hampshire	1901	78	9387	334		8	58	80	186	18	
New Jersey	1901	171	18100	1177	174	118	161	267	292	714	
New Mexico	1901	20	1079	91	60	11	29	7	18	108	
New South Wales	1900	192	7506	874	399		756	105	70	342	
New York	1901	750	106225	7521	1011	1200	979	305	1961	4687	
New Zealand	1901	117	5385	477	183		333	169	49	204	
North Carolina	1901	320	11637	654	237	82	241	260	195	277	
North Dakota	1901	62	3742	328	70	8	142	20	15	209	
Nova Scotia	1901	62	5574	227	43	22	111	69	62	20	
Ohio	1901	499	48349	3004	666	736	763	1224	718	2001	
Oklahoma	1901	60	2512	237	197	18	140	24	24	378	
Oregon	1901	100	5593	367	187	33	128	77	92	290	
Pennsylvania	1901	436	59189	3709	590		330	614	979	2476	
Prince Edward Island	1901	13	559	39	5	4	12		7	29	
Quebec	1902	57	4019	292	57	22	77	68	55	171	
Rhode Island	1900	39	5322	263		3	20	52	92	102	
	1901	39	5471	310	17	5	19	51	110	158	
South Carolina	1901	245	6532				194	127	123	283	
South Dakota	1901	95	4005	311	115	31	180	60	49	922	
	1901	427	17343	375	480	201	639	378	400	122	
Tennessee	1902	430	17770	1043	554	157	631	329	367	427	
Utah	1902	10	982	56	66	20	27	28	10	75	
Vermont	1901	102	10235	452	98	28	163	80	165	69	
Virginia	1901	269	13842	732	315	106	392	189	243	399	
Washington	1901	106	5795	405	319	59	145	142	70	433	
West Virginia	1901	117	7421	519	120	59	135	97	83	470	
Wisconsin	1901	241	18210	990	367	121	422	269	272	501	
Wyoming	1901	16	1167	85	28	10	47	14	14	69	

Belgium, England, Mexico and Scotland are reviewed, but no statistics are compiled for above table.

ADDENDA

TO THE

LAW OF FREEMASONRY IN NEBRASKA.

BEING ALL AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GRAND
LODGE, APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE GRAND MASTERS, AND
REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRU-
DENCE FROM 1895 TO DATE.*

Section 1. Grand Lodge Meeting.

1. On the Wednesday on or immediately following the third day of June of each year, at such hour as the Grand Master may appoint, a Master Mason's Lodge shall be opened. So soon as a constitutional number of lodges is ascertained to be present the Grand Lodge of Nebraska shall be declared open for the dispatch of business, and the Grand Master shall then make such appointments as may be necessary to fill all vacancies in the standing committees. 1898-5637.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES.

2. Add to Section 1, Paragraph 2, "and the Committee on Fraternal Dead." 1900-5897.

3. The Grand Master shall at the time of his installation appoint the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Committee on Codification of the Law, and the Committee on Fraternal Dead; and shall appoint the other standing committees at or before the opening of the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. 1900-5897.

12a. It shall be the duty of the outgoing chairman of the Relief Committee of the Grand Lodge to investigate and report to the next session of the Grand Lodge upon the condition of the Relief Fund, and to make such recommendation in regard thereto as he may deem proper. 1901-99.

All applications for appropriations from the Relief Fund of the Grand Lodge shall be referred to the Committee on Relief, who shall consider the same and make report thereon to the Grand Lodge. This committee shall refer to the Nebraska Masonic Home all cases where widows and orphans

*Section and paragraph refer to section and paragraph Law of Freemasonry, edition of 1895, that are amended. Notes at foot of each amendment, etc., refer to year and page of proceedings.

of deceased Master Masons in good standing at the time of decease shall require permanent and continuous support. 1901-100.

20. *Resolved*, That the Grand Master be permitted to omit from his address all matters relating to deceased brethren, and that such matter be embodied in the report of the standing Committee on Fraternal Dead, and be published at the same time as the Grand Master's address and reports of officers. 1900-5898.

21. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Codification of the Law, furnish the Grand Secretary all standing resolutions, approved decisions of the Grand Master, and Committee on Jurisprudence, with reference to the proceedings wherein they were made, and that said resolutions and decisions shall be printed with the proceedings from year to year. 1896-577.

Section 2. Grand Lodge officers.

1. Add "Said Grand Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Grand Lodge, if kept in a bank, in a separate account, and not mingled with his own funds in his private account." 1900-5897.

2. Add "The Grand Secretary shall annually notify the Secretaries of the sums remaining due from or to each subordinate lodge on the 20th day of March, and on the 15th day of May of each year he shall close the account of each subordinate lodge preparatory to submitting same to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication." 1898-5623.

2a. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the names of Master Masons who are members of Nebraska lodges should be published with our next year's proceedings, and each fifth year thereafter. 1886-3417.

3a. "The Grand Wardens in the absence of the Grand Master, he not being out of the state nor under any disability, are entitled to all the courtesies and honors due to grand officers, but have no rights or power except as delegated by the Grand Master." 1898-5644.

Section 4. Appropriations.

2. *Resolved*, That hereafter no money shall be drawn from any fund under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge except it be done by regular warrant signed by the proper officers—the usual custom of drawing money. 1898-5624.

Section 6. Pay-roll.

1. The retiring grand officers and one representative from each chartered lodge and lodge under dispensation (the Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden, according to rank) if present, shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge six cents per mile for each mile traveled going to the Grand Lodge, to be estimated by the most direct route, and two dollars per day for each day's attendance. Provided, that in case the lodge is not represented by any of the first three officers, the proxy issued by the highest ranking officer shall be entitled to the mileage and per diem. No member who leaves the Grand Lodge before it is closed shall receive mileage or per diem unless he be excused by the Grand Lodge. 1902-313.

2. A brother attending Grand Lodge as a Master or Warden of a Lodge U..D..is not entitled to mileage and *per diem*. 1901-20.

Section 7. Orphans Educational Fund.

"1. There is hereby created a board of three trustees whose duty it is to have charge of, manage, control and invest the Orphans Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge, in loans upon real estate, or federal, county, or school district bonds, such loans not to exceed forty per cent. of the value of such real estate, and in all cases secured by a first mortgage upon such real estate. All unused money may be deposited in solvent banks on interest until the same shall be required for the purpose of loaning on real estate or investment." 1902-313.

2. Add "Provided that no trustee shall have any personal interest in any loan made." 1900-5897.

6. *Whereas*, Heretofore there has been organized by this Grand Lodge, and by associations of Masons under this jurisdiction, and with the sympathy, sanction and support of the Grand Lodge, funds for educational and charitable purposes. One of said funds, the Orphans Educational Fund, has now reached and passed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, after which it was intended to devote the proceeds or part thereof to be used for the purpose intended by its founders; therefore,

Resolved, That a select committee consisting of the M..W..Grand Master, M..W..Bros.:Mercer, 4; Lininger, 3; Young, 207; and W..Bro..Hopewell, 31, to be appointed to inquire into the condition of all funds, intended for charitable and educational purposes, and to report to the next Grand Lodge such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the disbursement and expenditure of the income derived from the same. 1899-5753-4.

Disbursements from this fund shall be made through a standing committee of three, to be known as the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund, to be appointed by the Grand Master; one member to serve one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and as the term of each expires, the vacancy to be filled by the Grand Master for three years; to which committee shall be added as advisory members, the Grand Master, the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, and the outgoing chairman of the Committee on Relief.

There may be expended annually from this fund, not exceeding 75 per cent. of the income; such income to be estimated and based on that of the preceding year.

All orders for the payment of money shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of such committee and sent to the Grand Secretary; upon receipt of which, warrants are to be drawn upon the Treasurer in the usual manner. 1901-99.

7. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund be required to furnish bond in such form as the Grand Master may direct, from some approved guaranty company, in the sum of \$5,000, or such additional sum as the Grand Master may direct, to be paid for from the

money belonging to such fund; said bond to be approved by the Grand Master, and filed with the Grand Secretary. 1899-5731.

8. *Resolved*, That John Stevenson Bowen, youngest child of our late lamented Grand Secretary, William R. Bowen, be and is hereby adopted as "the child of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska;" and that we pledge ourselves to exercise paternal care for his future practical education and welfare from available means of the Orphans Educational Fund of this jurisdiction. 1899-5750.

Section 8, Paragraph 1.

Amount raised to "ten per centum." 1902-322.

RELATING TO LODGES.

Section 100. Lodges.

1. A lodge shall consist of a Master, a Senior and Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Senior Deacon, a Junior Deacon, a Tyler, and as many members as are convenient. In a chartered lodge, the first five officers above enumerated shall be elected by ballot by a majority vote at the last regular meeting on or before May 31st of each year. All other officers shall be appointed by the Master. 1901-83.

1a. The offices of Master and Treasurer cannot be held simultaneously by the same person. 1902-253.

2a. The officers shall be installed during the month of June, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. 1899-5748.

3a. A Past Master can open and preside over a special meeting of a lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens only when he is a member of the lodge.

4a. Where the by-laws of a chartered lodge require that all amendments thereto lie over for one month after being offered, a proposed amendment which, after being deferred for the required time is again amended and at once voted on favorably is not legally adopted though approved by the Grand Master. 1902-253.

8a. But the location of a chartered lodge cannot be changed from one city to another without a majority vote of the lodge and the approval of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. 1902-253.

9a. A lodge cannot be opened at the house of a sick brother who is fatally ill, for the purpose of conferring the degrees upon his son, who has been regularly elected to receive the same. 1901-21.

15a. It is not admissible for a lodge to participate in a floral parade at a county fair. 1901-20.

15b. A subordinate lodge may take part in a funeral procession in which other organizations participate, but the Masonic service must be separate from and subsequent to all others; no other service may intervene or follow after the Fraternity shall have taken charge of the remains. 1902-253.

15c. A subordinate lodge may hold memorial services to which the public may be admitted, but cannot, as a lodge, participate therein with non-Masonic organizations. 1902-253.

16. A lodge cannot be permitted to bury a suspended Mason. 1899-5694.

17. A member of a lodge can be installed into office notwithstanding he is in arrears for dues. 1899-5694.

18. An individual brother cannot file objections against an officer-elect being installed without preferring charges. Matters of this kind should always be referred to the Grand Master. 1896-571.

19. Installation at other than the regular time, except by dispensation, is irregular, and any Master of a lodge permitting the same is subject to Masonic discipline. 1899-5694, 5732.

20. The installing officer should afford every brother opportunity for objection before he installs any officer of the lodge, and should the ground for objection be deemed sufficient he will be justified in refusing to install such officer; in such case the matter should be reported to the Grand Master for his action. Any brother in good standing has the right to lodge an objection directly with the Grand Master for his consideration and decision. 1899-5695.

20a. Installation may take place in a public room and a suitable address be a part of the exercises, but all that constitutes a lodge must be present and the lodge must be opened and closed in its own room. 1902-252.

21. After the regular election of officers in subordinate lodges has been held, and before the members so selected have been installed, the vote on any individual officer cannot be reconsidered. 1896-571.

21a. Absence on the night of the installation of a Senior Warden-elect who has accepted the office, will not justify the Master, who has received no notice from the officer-elect, to declare the office vacant and order an election thereto. 1902-253.

21b. A lodge which has elected its officers and failed to install within time cannot continue its old officers and avoid installing its newly elected officers, though some of them are re-elected. 1902-252-3.

22. The meeting on St. John's Day is for the special purpose of installation, and no other business can be transacted unless such meeting is made a regular meeting by the by-laws of the lodge. 1896-511.

23. Notices of lodge meetings may be published in newspapers. 1896-512.

24. A majority vote of all the existing charter lodges is necessary in order to warrant the submission of a proposed amendment to the Grand Lodge. 1902-324.

Section 101. Property.

6. A lodge may take stock in a Masonic building corporation, whose articles protect its interests and purposes. 1901-20.

Section 102. Lodge officers.

16. The Master, or, in the absence of the Master, the ranking Warden, may at any time invite any competent brother to preside over the lodge;

but in this case the brother so presiding only acts as a proxy of the officer who called him to the East, and should he be superseded by the entrance of a ranking officer, the presiding brother's authority would at once cease. 1899-5735.

17. Where charges are preferred against or objections made to a Master-elect before his installation, the matter should be referred to the Grand Master for investigation and decision. 1896-572.

18. A brother having been installed by proxy as Junior Warden, afterward re-elected as Master, all of the acts of the lodge and of the brother while serving as Master are valid. 1893-80.

19. A brother who has all other qualifications, but has lost the forefinger and middle finger of his right hand, is eligible to the office of Master. 1896-572.

20. The Senior Warden of a lodge cannot install its officers unless he be a Past Master. 1894-135.

21. When a Warden is suspended for non-payment of dues, such suspension *ipso facto* vacates his office. 1896-512.

22. Where a lodge by resolution allows its Secretary ten (\$10.00) dollars per annum for incidental expenses, he has no right to withhold it from the funds received without reporting the same to the Treasurer, and getting regular vouchers thereon. 1893-63.

23. *Resolved*, That in all cases where the question of an amendment to the constitution is presented to the subordinate lodges to be voted upon, it shall be the duty of the Master of each lodge to submit the question to his lodge and report the action thereon to the Grand Secretary before the first day of April preceding the next session of the Grand Lodge; and if such report be not received by the Grand Secretary by said time, it shall be the duty of the Grand Master to require the Masters of all delinquent lodges to submit the question at the next meetings of their lodges, and immediately report the result to the Grand Secretary. Any lodge failing to comply with this resolution shall forfeit twenty-five cents on each member from its rebate credit. 1902-325.

Section 103. Qualifications of petitioners.

4. A petitioner engaged in the liquor business shall not be elected to initiation, advancement, or membership, nor can the manager of a brewery receive the degrees though he be highly recommended for intelligence, industry, and good moral character. 1900-5844.

5. An applicant for initiation who has lost the third finger on his right hand can be initiated. 1893 63.

6. A brother Entered Apprentice who is so deaf that it is questionable whether he could receive the lectures and obligations and fully understand the nature and extent thereof, should not receive further degrees. 1894-135.

7. A petition cannot be received and acted upon before the petitioner is twenty-one years of age. 1899-5695, 5732.

8. *Query*—Can a man who has had his hip hurt so as to make one leg a trifle shorter than the other, be made a Mason? *Answer*—If the defect

is so trifling as to be scarcely discernable, and does not interfere with his performing all the requirements of Masonry, we can see no reason why he cannot. 1885-3254-5.

9. A man whose left foot is amputated two inches above the ankle can not be made a Mason, even though he wear a perfect artificial limb, and walk so naturally that the loss of his foot escapes observation. 1900-5844.

10. A candidate whose right thumb and first finger are intact, but whose second, third and fourth fingers are off at the second joint, or one who has lost his leg below the knee, is ineligible to be made a Mason. 1901-19.

11. So also is a taliper, that is, one whose feet are both clubbed, ineligible to be made a Mason, although he is able to walk without crutches, and conducts a large manufacturing business. 1901-20.

12. A man with a congenital absence of the left hand cannot be made a Mason. 1902-325.

Section 104. Lodge fees, dues, and returns.

4. A lodge may remit a brother's dues, even though he be suspended, and it may pay his Grand Lodge dues and then remit them. 1900-5843, 1901-20.

8a. The Secretary is the proper Custodian of the fee accompanying the petition, from the time of its receipt until the ballot has been spread and the result declared. 1902-253.

12. Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 30th day of April, the following Grand Lodge fees and dues, viz.: For each initiation, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00); for each member, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00); for each special dispensation to elect and install its officer or officers at a time other than that provided by law, the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00). Such fees shall accompany the petition requesting the dispensation, said petition to be under the seal of the lodge making the request. All Master Masons not under sentence of suspension who are members on the first day of the Masonic year, April 1st, and none others, shall be considered members liable for dues. 1898-5623.

13. The Masonic fiscal year of this jurisdiction shall begin on the 1st day or April, and end on the 31st day of March, and each chartered lodge shall make its annual return to the Grand Secretary within ten days thereafter; and all Grand Lodge dues, and fees of chartered lodges shall be paid on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of April. 1898-5623.

14. On the recommendation of the Committee on Returns, each chartered lodge, for each Master Mason in good standing on its roll at the beginning of the year, shall be credited one cent for each day before May 1st, both copies of its annual return, together with the appertaining funds, reach the Grand Secretary's office, provided that such credit shall in no case exceed twenty-five cents for each Master Mason in good standing at the beginning of the year. The Committee on Returns shall not recommend the above stipulated credit unless the return be reasonably accurate and well made. 1898-5623.

19. Lodges need not include adult children who are self-supporting, nor widows who are in good financial circumstances, in the lodge report of widows and orphans. 1899-5695.

20. The law relative to exempting members from payment of dues requires that the applicant must have been an affiliated Mason for thirty years, not necessarily continuous; but the time which a brother holding a demit serves in a lodge under dispensation cannot be computed in the required period. 1898-5622; 1900-5843.

21. A brother is entitled to hold his certificate of exemption from Grand Lodge dues. The lodge should, however, first make a record of it before delivering it to him. 1899-5695.

22. A lodge may retain a demitting brother's dues when paid in advance. 1894-136.

Section 105. New lodges.

5. Only those who are named in a dispensation creating a new lodge, together with those raised therein, are members of the lodge and entitled to vote on all matters coming before it, and have the absolute right to be present at its meetings. Other Masons may join in the petition for a charter, providing they are unobjectionable to the members. 1901-20.

14a. *Resolved*, That no person shall be permitted to purchase supplies from the Grand Secretary except through the Secretary of his own lodge. 1902-318.

18a. A subordinate lodge cannot make a copy of its charter in writing and have the Grand Master order the seal of the Grand Lodge placed thereon to be used in place of the charter issued by the Grand Lodge. 1902-253.

20. Every meeting of a lodge while under dispensation is a regular meeting, if properly convened, (1888-552,) but a lodge U. D. should fix as its regular or business meetings a certain time or times each month and at such meetings alone should petitions be received, reported, or voted upon. 1902-253.

21. A Nebraska Freemason holding a demit over one year can be named in a dispensation creating a new lodge, and be selected to become a charter member thereof. 1894-135, 177.

22. A vote recommending a new lodge may be taken in the same manner as if voting on other business before the lodge. 1894-135.

Section 106. Jurisdiction.

1a. The Grand Master cannot grant a dispensation to confer degrees upon a candidate who has not resided in the jurisdiction of the lodge for one year. 1899-5694.

See Paragraph 1, 1901-19.

4a. Distance, for the purpose of settling questions of territorial jurisdiction, is to be measured in a straight line from the boundaries of the cities in which the lodges are located. 1896-513.

See Paragraph 12, 1901-20.

7a. When several lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, a waiver of jurisdiction over one who resided therein, but has never petitioned any of them, to be effectual, must be granted by each of the several lodges. 1896-512.

7b. *To Whom it May Concern:* This is to certify that Bro. _____, who has received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees through _____ Lodge No. _____, has been granted the privilege of receiving the remaining degrees in any lawfully constituted lodge of Masons.

_____ W.·M.·

_____ Secretary.

The foregoing is a waiver of jurisdiction. 1899-5735.

13a. A lodge still retains jurisdiction over one whom it rejected twenty-two years ago, even though he has since resided in another jurisdiction. 1900-5843.

A petitioner for the degrees who was elected two years ago but did not attend for initiation, is the material of the lodge to which he applied for admission, and no other lodge can receive him upon petition without a waiver of jurisdiction. 1900-5843. See 1902-253-4.

14. A profane may petition the nearest chartered lodge during the month of May, who is in the jurisdiction of the lodge under dispensation on April 30th. 1893-81.

15. A profane living within the jurisdiction of Ionic Lodge No. 87, petitioned for the degrees. The petition took the ordinary course, and was acted upon favorably by No. 87. Within the year immediately following the action of the lodge he failed to apply for the E.·A.·degree, and changed his residence to the jurisdiction of Omadi Lodge No. 5, and now seeks to have the degree conferred upon him. Should there be a waiver of jurisdiction by Lodge No. 87? What course should be pursued by the applicant and the lodges, all parties desiring to aid the applicant? *Answer*—The applicant has applied to and been elected to secure the degrees in No. 87, and thereby becomes the material of No. 87. If now he wishes to become a member of No. 5 he must petition No. 5, and No. 5 must ask No. 87 to waive jurisdiction. 1899-5735.

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

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

That whenever the Grand Lodge of Kansas shall have enacted similar provisions, the M.·W.·Grand Master shall notify lodges in this jurisdic-

tion along the border-line between the two States of the taking effect thereof. 1886-3411.

Section 107. Petitioners.

5a. A candidate may petition again as soon as objections have been withdrawn. 1900-5843.

8a. The petition committee should not be a secret committee. 1902-254.

9a. The six months before a rejected petitioner can again apply, means six months from the date of the ballot to the reception of the subsequent petition. 1894-135.

10. The petition of a candidate for initiation being refused consideration by the lodge, the applicant should not be reported as rejected. 1888-552.

11. A Freemason in good standing living in any jurisdiction may petition, and, if elected, join a Nebraska lodge. 1899-5695.

12. As the Grand Lodge of Kansas and the Grand Lodge of Missouri do not claim perpetual jurisdiction over a candidate, a Nebraska lodge may act on the petition of a rejected candidate from either of these jurisdictions without a waiver of jurisdiction, because a Nebraska lodge may receive and act upon the petition of a rejected candidate from any jurisdiction in which by lapse of time a waiver exists. 1899-5694, 5732.

Section 108. Balloting and objections.

3. See 1900-5894.

4a. During the progress of a ballot, no interruption should be suffered save from a formal objection to the petitioner. 1901-20.

7a. When an E. .A. ., passes an unsatisfactory examination, the Master may direct the candidate to become proficient and again present himself for examination, and need not spread the ballot until the examination is satisfactory. 1902-254.

7b. Re-examination should always precede the spreading of the ballot for advancement after the petitioner has once been rejected. 1902-254.

8a. *Query No. 1.*—After a ballot has been taken and the Master declares the result, a brother arises and openly states that he has cast a black ball under the impression that it was altogether a different person. Can the Master, under the circumstances, repass the ballot? *Answer.*—Yes; because it would be a radical injury to the candidate to be excluded on these conditions. 1885-3254.

10a. An objection to an initiation or an advancement made to the Master, or to the lodge, holds good until removed. 1897-746, 1898-5631.

10. (b) An objection to the advancement of a candidate will have the effect to stop his progress until it is removed by the objector, or until the objector dies or ceases to be a member of the lodge. An objection made by a brother who is not a member of the lodge in which the candidate is seeking advancement, is only entitled to careful consideration, and if found well founded, the degree should not be conferred, but of that the lodge must be the judge. 1901-21.

11a. The outgoing Master should communicate to the new Master the name of each objector, and his objections shall hold good so long as the objector lives and remains a member of that lodge. 1893-78. See 1900-5844, 5895.

13. After a candidate has been elected, and before any degrees have been conferred, charges cannot be preferred against him. The proper procedure is by objection to his receiving the degrees. 1894-135.

14. When an applicant has been rejected, and at the close of the lodge it is learned that a brother who is not a member of the lodge had voted on the application, a new ballot should be ordered, and notice given at the last regular meeting before the meeting at which the ballot is to be taken. 1898-5622.

15. An objection to an entered apprentice as a visitor in a lodge which has been requested to confer the remaining degrees, should not be entertained until after such degrees have been conferred. 1901-21.

16. Fifth. It is un-Masonic to communicate by telephone objections to initiation or advancement. 1902-325.

Section 109. Lodge membership.

See Paragraph 20. 1901-21.

13. Honorary membership in subordinate lodges is not recognized in this grand jurisdiction.

14. A brother who has remained a member of an extinct lodge over one year is in good standing, provided he is clear on the books. 1893-63.

15. A petitioner for membership by affiliation, when rejected by the lodge nearest his residence, is not in bad standing, provided he renews his application as often as once in each six months. 1901-20.

16. A member's request to have his name dropped from the rolls cannot be granted. 1902-323-4.

Section 110. Demits.

1. (a) Petition for a demit should not be referred to a committee. 1895-354.

(b) An elective officer, duly installed, cannot demit to assist in forming a lodge under dispensation. 1900-5843.

6. An installed officer cannot be demitted. 1899-5695.

7. A vote demitting a brother, when announced by the Master, cannot be reconsidered. 1899-5695.

8. Nothing can be done to make the record of membership continuous of one to whom a demit has been issued, though such issue was nearly four years after the demit had been granted, and it was at once returned by the brother. 1902-323-5.

Section 111. Work.

2a. No lodge shall confer degrees unless there are at least seven Master Masons present. 1901-19.

6. See 1900-5894-5.

9. Committee on Jurisprudence reports that Webb's Monitor has heretofore been adopted by this Grand Lodge and can see no good reason for any change. 1885-3311.

10. Every Mason hereafter raised to the degree of Master Mason shall become proficient therein, as required in the former degrees, and give proof thereof by examination in open lodge; which fact shall be entered of record. 1900-5898.

11. *Resolved*: That a special committee of three be appointed to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to the work of this Grand Jurisdiction, its preservation in its original form and purity, as adopted by this Grand Lodge, if it is being taught and promulgated as adopted, and in accordance with the directions of this Grand Lodge in every particular.

FURTHER, It shall be the duty of this committee to carefully investigate the method of the promulgation of the work in the different Grand Jurisdictions, and all matters pertaining to this matter, and report their findings at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, with such recommendations as they may deem to be for the best interest of this Grand Lodge and the craft throughout the jurisdiction. 1902-326.

Section 112. Visitors.

4a. A visiting brother may be admitted notwithstanding former objections, in the absence of any further objections. 1894-177.

5a. Is it lawful for a Master of a subordinate lodge in Nebraska, meeting in Iowa a brother, a member of another subordinate lodge in this State, to acquire by examination a knowledge of the fact that he is a Mason? *Answer*—No, not to the extent that said information can be used for avouchment. 1899-5735.

9. *Query*—Should the test oath be repeated by the committee or the visitor? *Answer*—The Grand Custodian says that according to our work as now practiced the committee should lead. 1885-3255, 3289.

10. A lodge has not the right to determine for itself whether a sentence of suspension against a brother who is seeking visitation is legal or not. Such sentences can only be questioned by the brother himself, or other aggrieved brothers in appropriate proceedings therefor, and while such suspension continues, it is good in all other lodges and places. 1901-22.

Section 200. Miscellaneous.

Par. 6, Note.—This refers to the ceremony only and not the expense. 1901-21, 84.

10. A public ball should not be held in a hall dedicated to masonic purposes. 1888-552. See 1901-21.

16. Repealed 1902-318.

11. A lodge is in charge of the Master during the hours of labor; in charge of the Junior Warden when at refreshment. Masons are either at labor or refreshment. "At ease," or "the right of the floor," are improper terms and should not be used. 1891-324.

12. A lodge is at refreshment only during the short interim of the same meeting, except during trials or funerals. 1896-570.

13. A lodge is not at refreshment during the time intervening between one meeting and the next. 1896-570.

14. A lodge sending up by-laws for approval shall submit the same in duplicate, the Grand Secretary retaining one copy; a full copy of the section amended shall also be forwarded in duplicate. 1893-64.

15. Names of expelled masons should not appear upon published rosters of any lodge under any heading. 1894-136.

16. Upon a request of a Kansas lodge to a lodge in this jurisdiction to confer degrees upon a brother, our lodge should do so without examination as to proficiency, unless such request is included in the request to confer the degrees. 1894-135.

17. Members of a lodge in procession and clothed as masons, may attend church services December 27th, St. John's Day, provided the services are purely masonic, otherwise not without a dispensation from the Grand Master. 1894-136.

18. Masonic clothing should be worn only when the lodge is at work, and should not be worn in an informal procession to attend church. 1896-512.

19. The record of a regular meeting should show how the committees on the petitions for initiation report, whether favorable or unfavorable. 1896-571.

20. Funeral services may be held over the remains of a brother who is to be cremated. 1899-5695. See 1900-5844, 5896.

21. A profane may act as a pall bearer at a Masonic funeral; but in that case the pall-bearers should not be permitted in the procession between the Tyler and the Master, as the lodge on such occasions consists of all who are between these two officers, and should be at all times duly tyled. 1899-5695.

22. I think it un-Masonic for any one to use the emblems of Freemasonry on business cards for any business purpose. However, I know of no law in our jurisdiction prohibiting it, although other grand jurisdictions have enacted such laws. 1899-5695, 5733.

23. The use of the word "Masonic" in the corporate name of an accident insurance company ought not to be approved by the Grand Master though said company be controlled by Masons and issue policies only to such. 1900-5843.

24. Some time in 1897 our lodge initiated ———. Before he was passed he removed to Jewell, Iowa, and our lodge asked Republic Lodge No. 468, at Jewell, Iowa, to confer the second degree on Entered Apprentice ———, and report to our lodge. On April 10, 1898, said Republic Lodge passed Brother ———, and on April 30, 1898, raised him to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and on September 30, 1898, they reported their doings to our lodge. In April, 1899, said ——— asked our lodge for a demit. Is he our material? *Answer*—Yes. 1889-5735.

25. A lodge may adopt resolutions of condolence to a brother who has suffered the loss by death of a near and dear member of his family. 1901-21.

BY-LAWS RELATING TO DISCIPLINE.

Section 300. Penal powers of a lodge.

5a. A suspended Mason can be tried without being reinstated. 1900-5844.

Section 301. Masonic offenses.

10. A brother who has been convicted in the courts of an offense involving moral turpitude, should be put upon trial in his lodge for such offense, and if found guilty, should receive appropriate punishment. Masonic law is coincident with the moral law. 1901-21.

11. A refusal of a member of a lodge, without sufficient cause, after due notice, to watch with a sick brother, or furnish a substitute, is a Masonic offense. 1896-512.

12. A charge of perjury is sufficient to place a brother on trial. 1893-65, 66.

Section 303. Reception of charges.

3a. One who absents or secretes himself to escape service may be served by registered mail, but such facts must be clearly established. One temporarily absent in good faith must be personally served. 1902-254.

3b. A receipt from a brother acknowledging the receipt of a registered letter, which contained a notice, shall be considered sufficient proof of service. 1898-5644.

5. A notice to appear and show cause why a brother should not be suspended for non-payment of dues is not a summons such as is contemplated under the law. 1898-5570.

Section 304. Witness and testimony.

7a. Where a brother is charged with un-Masonic conduct, would the lodge be justified in admitting a certified transcript of the case in the district court as evidence in a Masonic trial? *Answer*—The trial of any Mason accused, if the offense charged be a crime of the civil law and Masonic law, the record of his conviction in the courts of the state, or a certified copy thereof, shall be competent evidence and *prima facie* proof of guilt; but in order to establish the matter of proof beyond doubt, if possible, the same should be corroborated by other evidence. 1891-325.

18. In a Masonic trial wherein a brother has pleaded guilty, and consequently no testimony has been taken, the Master should, at the request of any of the members, allow sufficient testimony to be taken to enable the lodge to vote intelligently on the grade of punishment. 1899-5695

Section 306. Punishment.

4a. Indefinite suspension may be imposed at a special meeting of the lodge. 1900-5843, 5895-6.

9. When an accused has had personal notice of the time set for trial, and does not take an appeal before the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, his lodge may not after that time grant him a new trial, unless he shall show good reasons for not having appealed from the decision of his lodge to the Grand Lodge, or shall make it appear that he is in possession of newly discovered and material evidence. 1900-5843.

10. A sentence of suspension may be questioned only by the aggrieved or some other member, and another lodge which the suspended brother seeks to visit cannot question it. 1901-22.

Section 307. Suspension for non-payment of dues.

2a. A brother being unable to pay his dues, wishing to be suspended, may ask in open lodge that this be done. 1898-5571.

2b. A brother cannot be suspended by verbally requesting the Secretary that he be immediately suspended for non-payment of dues. The request should come to the lodge in writing, signed by the brother desiring to be suspended. 1898-5571.

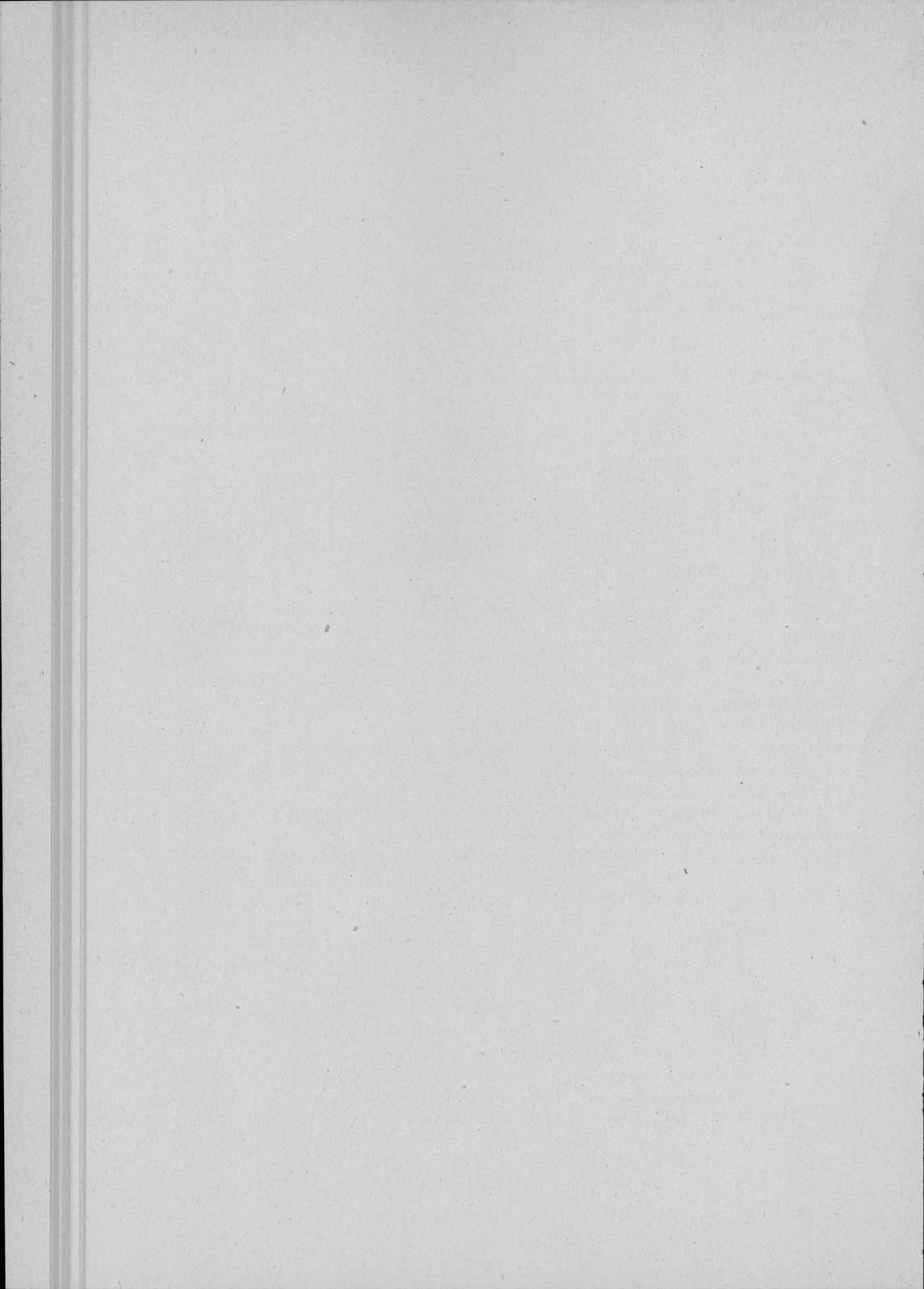
4a. The provision as to trying the delinquent for disobedience of summons is mandatory. 1900-5894.

The delinquent may be tried and suspended notwithstanding the second and third degrees were conferred upon him by another lodge at the request of his own, and he claims membership in the former. 1900-5894.

Section 309. Restorations and reinstatements.

1a. Where a subordinate lodge finds a brother guilty and imposes a penalty of suspension for one year, and upon appeal to the Grand Lodge this sentence is set aside and the sentence of indefinite suspension is imposed by the Grand Lodge, the subordinate lodge may reinstate such brother by a two-thirds vote, and no action of the Grand Lodge is necessary for the purpose. 1896-513.

Add to Par. 8. "The announcement must be made by the Master in open lodge." 1900-5895.



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