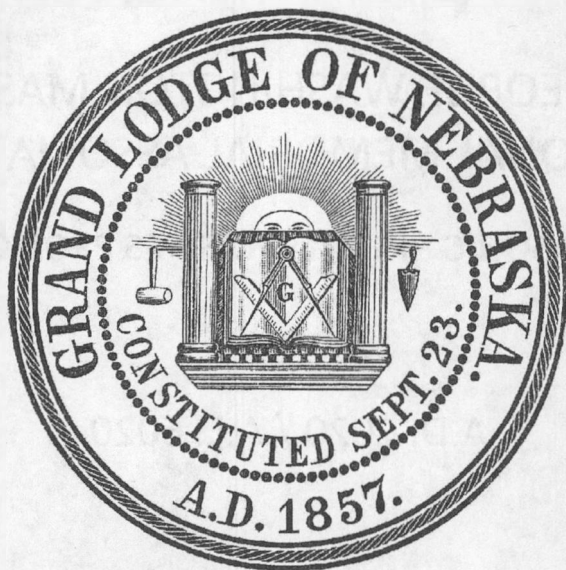


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An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, was held in the city of Lincoln, beginning at 8.30 o'clock A. M., on the above named date, there being present:

M. W. SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON. . . . proxy for the Grand Master,  
BRO. STEPHEN L. GEISTHARDT, 19. . . . as Grand Senior Warden,  
R. W. ORNAN J. KING. . . . Grand Junior Warden,  
M. W. JOHN B. DINSMORE. . . . Grand Treasurer,  
BRO. ROBERT C. PATERSON, 210. . . . as Grand Secretary,  
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH. . . . as Grand Chaplain,  
BRO. ROSCOE POUND, 54. . . . as Grand Orator,  
M. W. JOHN B. DINSMORE. . . . as Grand Marshal,  
BRO. WILLIAM W. HACKNEY, JR., 19. . . . as Grand Senior Deacon,  
BRO. CHARLES H. RUDGE, 19. . . . as Grand Junior Deacon,  
W. AUGUSTUS E. MOELLER, 19. . . . as Grand Tyler,

and a large number of brethren, members of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, and from other lodges of the jurisdiction.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form, whereupon the acting Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge opened, and the Grand Marshal so proclaimed. The acting Grand Master stated that the emergent communication of the Grand Lodge had been called to accompany the remains of Past Grand Master Robert Wilkinson Furnas to his old home at Brownville, there to inter them with the solemn ceremonies of our Fraternity.

The acting Grand Master appointed as active pall-bearers, Brothers John B. Dinsmore, 49; William R. Mellor, 106; William W. Hackney, Jr., 19; Charles H. Rudge, 19; Peter Younger, 79; Elias A. Barnes, 33; Edwin M. Searle, 159; and Jefferson H. Broady, 54. The honorary pall-bearers were, M.:W.: Charles E. Burnham, M.:W.: Martin Dunham, M.:W.: Charles K. Coutant, M.:W.: John J. Mercer, M.:W.: Robert E. French, M.:W.: Samuel P. Davidson, M.:W.: Frank H. Young, Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, Charles B. Finch and William J. Turner; Governor John H. Mickey, Ex-Governor William A. Poynter, and Harry L. Cook, George W. Hervey, Samuel C. Bassett, William W. Hackney, Sr., Frank E. Johnson, and Isaac W. Haws, members of the State Board of Agriculture.

At 8.45 A. M., the procession was formed, and the remains of Most Worshipful Brother Furnas were taken to the Burlington station, and placed on a special train that was in waiting to convey them and the sorrowing relatives and friends to Brownville.

At Nebraska City the following Grand Lodge officers and members met the special train, and accompanied the remains to Brownville, Zuingle M. Baird, Grand Senior Warden; Francis E. White, Grand Secretary; Michael Dowling, Grand Marshal; William A. De Bord, Grand Senior Deacon; Jacob King, Grand Tyler; Past Grand Masters Dunham, Coutant, and Mercer; and Brothers Charles A. Dunham, 3, and Charles A. Miller, 184.

While *en route*, appointment was made of Brother Charles B. Finch, 46, as Grand Junior Deacon, to take the place of Brother Charles H. Rudge, 19, who had been selected as one of the pall-

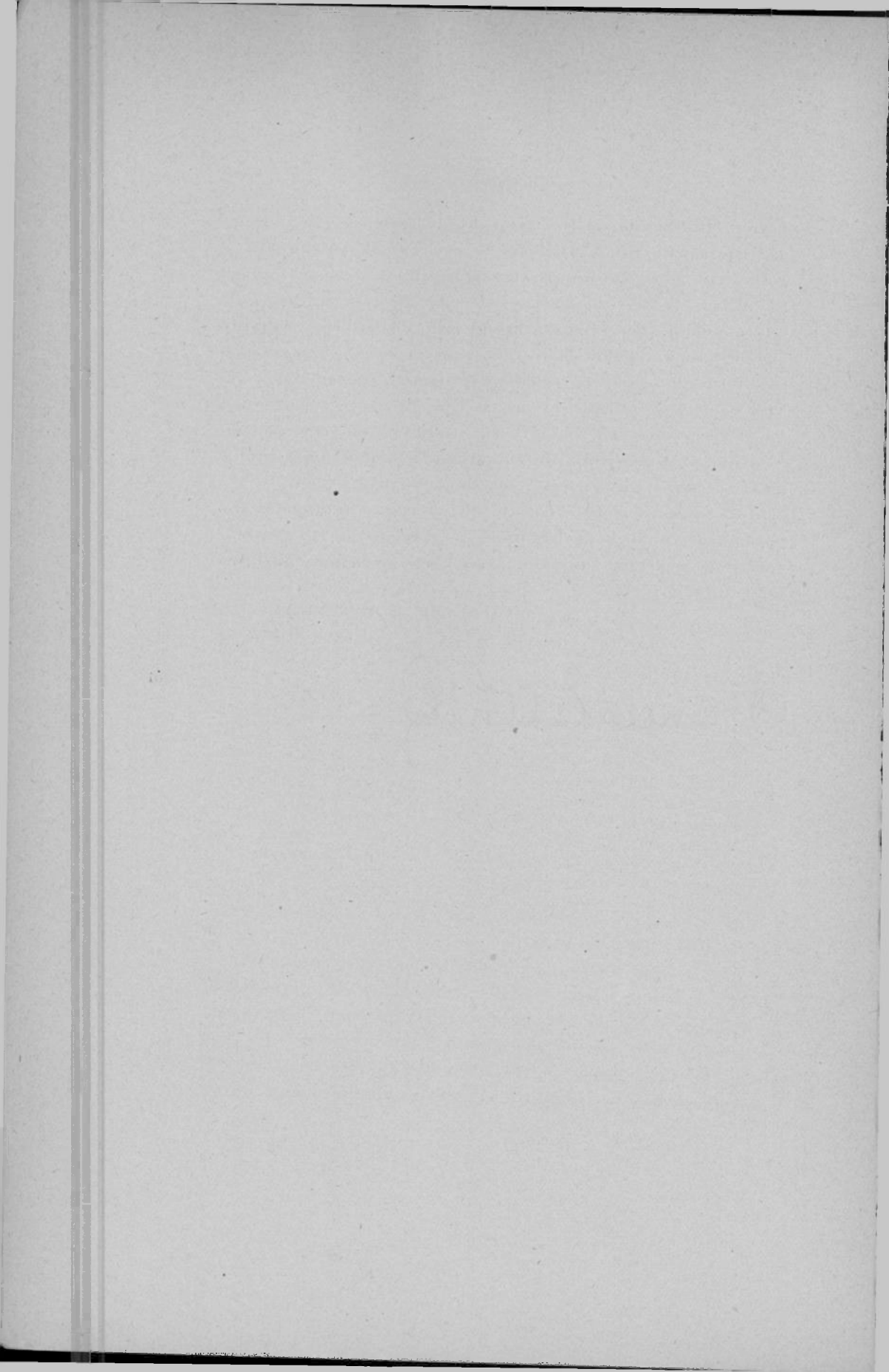
bearers, Brother James B. Taylor, 94, as Grand Senior Steward, and Brother Charles A. Dunham, 3, as Grand Junior Steward.

On arriving at Brownville, the procession was again formed, the officers of the Grand Lodge who met the train at Nebraska City assuming their several stations, and all that was mortal of our brother was followed by thousands of loving relatives and friends to the cemetery, where Past Grand Master Davidson, with Past Grand Master French as Grand Chaplain, performed the last sad rites and committed to the tomb one who had received many honors from the Fraternity, and of whom it can be said, "he fairly earned and deserved them all."

At the conclusion of the services, the procession returned to the station, the Grand Lodge returning by special train to Lincoln, where the emergent communication was declared closed in ample form.

CHARLES E. BURNHAM,  
*Grand Master.*

  
*Grand Secretary.*





PROCEEDINGS  
 OF THE  
 Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
 OF NEBRASKA,  
 AT THE  
 FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,  
 HELD IN OMAHA, JUNE 6th and 7th, 1905.

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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 Tuesday, June 6th, A. L. 5905, A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the morning, there being present:

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| M. W. CHARLES E. BURNHAM . . . . .   | Grand Master,        |
| R. W. MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL . . . . . | Deputy Grand Master, |
| R. W. ZUINGLE M. BAIRD . . . . .     | Grand Senior Warden, |
| R. W. ORNAN J. KING . . . . .        | Grand Junior Warden, |
| M. W. JOHN B. DINSMORE . . . . .     | Grand Treasurer,     |
| R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE . . . . .     | Grand Secretary,     |
| V. W. GEORGE A. BEECHER . . . . .    | Grand Chaplain,      |
| W. LEWIS H. BLACKLEDGE . . . . .     | Grand Orator.        |
| M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH . . . . .     | Grand Custodian,     |
| W. MICHAEL DOWLING . . . . .         | Grand Marshal,       |
| W. WILLIAM A. DEBORD . . . . .       | Grand Senior Deacon, |
| W. HARRY A. CHENEY . . . . .         | Grand Junior Deacon, |
| BRO. JACOB KING . . . . .            | Grand Tyler,         |

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

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, as required by the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska. The roll of lodges being called, a constitutional number was found to be represented, whereupon the Most Worshipful Grand Master



declared the forty-eighth annual communication open for the transaction of such business as might properly be brought before it, and the Grand Marshal made due proclamation thereof.

Past Grand Master Ayers being admitted bearing the American Flag, the Grand Lodge was called to order, the members singing "My country, 'tis of thee."

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

Most Worshipful Charles E. Burnham, Grand Master, thereupon delivered his address, and during the reading of that portion of the address relating to the death of Past Grand Master Robert Wilkinson Furnas, the Grand Lodge was called up, Brother Elisha D. Bellis, the organist, rendering the music of the hymn "Nearer my God, to Thee."

#### ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Once again we meet, my brethren, to renew the fraternal ties that bind us, to greet old friends, and to make new ones. The past year, with its joys and its sorrows, is behind us, and spread out before us, in panoramic view, are the hopes, ambitions, and desires of another successful Masonic year. For all the temporal blessings that we have enjoyed as men and Masons in the past, let us return our heartfelt thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, imploring a continuance of His merciful love and watchful care over us in the years to come.

In rendering an account of my official acts, I desire, first of all to assure you that harmony and good will—the foundation and bulwark of Masonry and fraternity—prevail within our jurisdiction; not even the little differences and minor contentions which may and usually do exist, have arisen. By this I do not mean that there have not been some slight misunderstandings, as will be evidenced by the official report which will follow, but these have all been adjusted by the ties of brotherly love that so bound us that each member in this Grand Jurisdiction has seemed to endeavor to enact that noble tenet of our Fraternity, "Those can best work who best agree." It has appealed to me that the individual members have done everything in their power to make the present administration renowned for the general peace and good will which has characterized it. I am indeed very happy to report to you that no question of discipline or unpleasantness (other than that which the Grand Lodge has had cognizance of heretofore) has come before me during the year.

The affairs of this jurisdiction were never in a more satisfactory condition. The finances are all that could be desired, we have ample funds for all purposes, and never in the history of the Grand Lodge has there been such an amount of money on hand as at the present time. Possibly the net increase of our membership is not as large as in former years, but this is occasioned, in part, by the reason of suspensions, or on account of increase in Grand Lodge dues. It is not always great accretion in membership that denotes strength—in fact it is sometimes quite the reverse. It may be well to here interpose a word of caution. I believe that the only menace to this jurisdiction retaining its position well up in the front ranks of the Masonic world, is from the apparent interjection of commercialism into our lodges; that is, the tendency to increase our membership simply to obtain the fees and dues, which at times seems to overshadow the principle that it is quality which will strengthen the Institution, and not quantity.

The recent liberal policy of supplying the Grand Secretary with sufficient help has resulted in a most excellent and complete system of record; the work is well done and is now kept up to date, and with the establishment of a register of the membership—which no doubt will be provided for at this session—nothing more will be desired, and your records will be equal, if not superior, to those of any jurisdiction.

The Orphans Educational Fund has now reached the sum of forty thousand dollars in round numbers—this is the educational fund of the Fraternity. The investment of these funds has been very carefully looked after by the trustees, as the detailed report will show.

In the establishment of the Masonic Home I believe that a spirit of charity has been engendered throughout the state; the increased dues for the support of the Home have generally been cheerfully paid. The affairs of the Home are being attended to in an economical and careful manner, the “wards” are happy and contented, and the jurisdiction is proud of the fact that we have at last a home for our brethren and loved ones.

The report of the Grand Secretary will give you all of the details relating to the Home. I, however, desire to suggest that the Grand Lodge should determine how its stock in the corporation should be represented at the shareholders meetings. The Grand Lodge, owning a majority of all of the stock, is placed in a position to absolutely control its affairs, and it would seem as though this responsibility should be divided. In any event the matter should be determined definitely.

#### OUR ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD.

#### ROBERT WILKINSON FURNAS.

On June 1st, the Grim Messenger, Death, called to his long home, our well beloved brother, Past Grand Master Robert Wilkinson Furnas.

While Brother Furnas's physical condition was known to many as not being at all good, yet no one believed it to be serious. On the 30th of May he was brought from his home at Brownville to Lincoln for

medical attendance, and while upon the train was taken seriously ill, and soon passed into an unconscious state, from which he never rallied, passing from the cares and turmoils of this life to the Celestial Lodge above, Thursday, June 1st, at 10.50 o'clock P. M.

All of the marks of respect so justly due the memory of this grand old brother were willingly bestowed by the citizens of Lincoln and vicinity, and the Fraternity at large throughout the state. A private funeral was held Friday afternoon, June 2d, at 4 o'clock P. M., in the parlors of the Lindell Hotel, at which the Rev. H. C. Swerengin, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

The remains were then removed to the Masonic Temple, where they lay in state, guarded by a detail of the Knights of Kadosh. The beautiful and impressive Kadosh services were rendered at St. Paul's Church, Lincoln, at 12 o'clock P. M., Washington time, 10.40 Lincoln time, Saturday evening, June 3d.

On the morning of Sunday, June 4th, an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the city of Lincoln, beginning at 8.30 o'clock A. M., when the remains were taken in charge by the Grand Lodge and we proceeded by special train to Brownville, the brother's old home, where the solemn and impressive burial service was rendered by Past Grand Master Samuel P. Davidson; and surrounded by the beauties of nature, this brother who had done so much for Nebraska as to earn the title of "Father of Nebraska," was tenderly and carefully laid at rest by the loving hands of the Fraternity.

In view of the fact of Brother Furnas' valuable services rendered to the Masonic Fraternity in this state, I refer the matter to a committee of three, consisting of M. W. Brothers Henry H. Wilson, John B. Dinsmore, and Samuel P. Davidson.

#### SUPERVISION OF LODGES.

Like my predecessor, my business has been of such a nature as to make it impossible for me to personally visit as many lodges as I desired. I have, however, gone where it was necessary in the discharge of my official duties, but I desire to suggest to this Grand Lodge the necessity of devising some means of personal or representative visits to the weaker lodges. An encouraging word spoken or counsel given to some of our brethren who are struggling to maintain a lodge, would do much towards strengthening and supporting them in their efforts. During the latter part of my term I issued a commission to our worthy Grand Custodian, empowering him as my representative to visit such lodges as he deemed necessary, examine the records, business methods, and morals of the same, and instruct the brethren along the lines of Masonry outside of esoteric work, and I believe that his visits have been productive of much good. I desire to suggest to my successor a continuance of the policy, believing that during the time of Schools of Instruction it would be well to hold schools for say one week, then from three to six days of official visitations by the Grand Custodian. In this manner

the custodian would receive a rest from his arduous duties, or at least obtain a change.

By correspondence and through the efforts of the Grand Custodian, I have investigated and endeavored to strengthen and support the lodges mentioned by Past Grand Master Bullard, and I am pleased to report that the lodge at Orleans seems now to be in the right hands, and I trust that patience and perseverance will, in time, crown their efforts with success. They are surely in a much more satisfactory condition. At Mason City, the errors formerly reported have been corrected, and I am confident that they will not have to be called to account in the future. At Sumner, better feeling exists, and the moral standard has been greatly elevated, and I trust we will only hear good words of them in the future. At Ravenna, agreeable to the orders of the Grand Lodge, on July 2d I ordered Brother Robert E. French to proceed to that point and, as my representative, to demand the charter, furniture, and funds of said lodge. This he did, making due returns. The furniture and paraphernalia, with the charter, were sent to the office of the Grand Secretary, and the last act in the dissolution of Orion Lodge No. 242, was accomplished. On June 18th, 1904, the Grand Secretary transmitted to me a petition for a lodge U. D. at Indianola, duly signed by the constitutional number of Master Masons, but owing to the report of my predecessor as to the cause of arresting the charter of Indianola Lodge No. 123, formerly in existence at this point, I was inclined to look with disfavor upon the issuance of a dispensation. Through our Grand Custodian and other means, I made a careful investigation as to the conditions existing in the village, and found that the factional differences still existed, that the proper conception of the duties of Masons did not exist, and that the issuance of a dispensation to the petitioners, as asked, would only tend to intensify the bitterness evident among these brethren. I, on August 6th, advised the four proposed principal officers that I could not grant their request. On August 25th, at McCook, I was waited upon by what I took to be a representation of the other faction, who desired to know if it would be possible for them to obtain a dispensation. I frankly told them, no. That, while I sympathized with all of them in being deprived of a Masonic lodge, yet they must inculcate the principles of brotherly love and learn to dwell together in peace and unity before we could again grant them a charter. And I now feel constrained to recommend that no dispensation be granted for a lodge at this point without a thorough investigation, and then only by an act of this Grand Lodge.

#### CONSTITUTING LODGES.

On the evening of July 30th, accompanied and assisted by Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, Brother Zuingle M. Baird, Grand Senior Warden, Brother Michael Dowling, Grand Marshal, Brother George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain, and a number of brethren from Lincoln, I constituted and formed the brethren at Hickman, Nebraska,

into a regular lodge, to be known as Hickman Lodge No. 256, A. F. & A. M., and duly installed their officers for the then current year.

On the evening of July 28th, assisted by the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Grand Custodian, and Grand Chaplain, I constituted and formed the brethren of Bradshaw into a regular lodge, to be known as Bradshaw Lodge No. 255, A. F. & A. M., and installed their officers for the then current year.

On the evening of July 29th, assisted by the same Grand Officers, I constituted and formed the brethren of Holbrook into a regular lodge to be known as Holbrook Lodge No. 257, A. F. & A. M., and duly installed their officers for the then current year.

At all of the above places our reception was most cordial, and the ceremonies passed off very pleasantly. I am very glad to report that from each lodge constituted we hear only good reports as to their progress, and that all are maintaining Masonry in their respective localities at the highest possible level.

#### CORNER-STONES.

Upon proper request from the authorities in charge, and in accordance with the ancient usages and customs of the Craft, corner-stones were laid during the year as follows:

McCook, Nebraska, August 25th, 1904. I, in person, accompanied and assisted by Grand Junior Warden Ornan J. King, Grand Secretary Francis E. White, Grand Custodian Robert E. French, Grand Chaplain George A. Beecher, Grand Senior Deacon William A. De Bord, laid the corner-stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church successfully. The valuable assistance of McCook Lodge No. 135 was a material factor in our success.

Lincoln, September 2d, 1904. Assisted by Deputy Grand Master Hopewell, Grand Junior Warden King, Grand Custodian French, Grand Marshal Dowling, Past Grand Orator Pound, and the brethren of Lincoln, East Lincoln, and Havelock lodges, the corner-stone of the Lincoln Federal Building was successfully laid.

Rushville, September 13th, 1904. Brother Robert E. French, Past Grand Master, as my representative, with the assistance of the brethren of Amity Lodge No. 169 and neighboring lodges, laid the corner-stone of the court house of Sheridan County successfully in an impressive manner. This occasion was made a gala day for the locality and a grand, good time is reported.

Hastings, October 14th, 1904. Past Grand Master Manoah B. Reese, as my representative, accompanied and assisted by Past Grand Master Black, Grand Secretary White, Grand Chaplain Beecher, and with the assistance of the brethren of Hastings Lodge No. 50, and surrounding lodges, successfully and impressively laid the corner-stone of the Hastings Federal Building.

Kearney, October 18th, 1904. Accompanied and assisted by Past Grand Master Bullard, Grand Secretary White, Grand Orator Blackledge,



Grand Junior Deacon Cheney, and with the able assistance of the brethren of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and the brethren of surrounding lodges, I, in person, laid the corner-stone of the Kearney State Normal School successfully—despite a heavy deluge of rain. Had it not been for the unfavorable weather, this would have been a great day in Kearney. All preparations had been made for the entertainment of a multitude of people. The state officials were in attendance, and the schools of the county and city were closed to allow the children and teachers to unite in celebrating the consummation of Kearney's ambition.

At McCook, Lincoln, Hastings, and Kearney, the local commanderies of Knights Templar acted as escort to the Grand Lodge, and I desire to thank them for contributing to the success of the ceremonies.

#### NEW LODGES.

December 10th, 1904, after careful examination, I issued a dispensation to eleven brethren at Anselmo for a lodge to be known as Anselmo Lodge U. D. ., and appointed Brother John J. Tooley, Master, Brother George E. Carr, Senior Warden, and Brother Ira M. Foster, Junior Warden.

February 11th, 1905, after a rigid examination, I issued a dispensation to the brethren at Bee, Seward County, for a lodge to be known as Bee Lodge U. D. ., and appointed as Master, Brother Arthur Terwilliger; as Senior Warden, Brother Arthur Loss; and as Junior Warden, Brother Will Moler. A former petition at this place had been refused for the reason that the proposed officers were not sufficiently qualified to confer the degrees appropriately, but the examination at this time by the Grand Custodian, found them amply qualified.

From both of these lodges good reports have been received as to the character of the material which they have moulded into Masonic supports.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On February 6th, 1905, our Grand Secretary informed me of the receipt of advice from California of the adoption of the following resolution, at the annual communication of their Grand Lodge for 1904:

"It will be patent to any one who will give the matter of the appointment of Representatives to and from other Grand Lodges, proper consideration, that this custom is as useless as the appendix vermi formes in the human body. It seems to us that the custom must have originated in a desire to decorate members with a mere title.

The only proper way for one Grand Lodge to communicate with another is through the Grand Masters. Your committee can see no necessity for the continuance of the custom, and therefore, recommend that it be abolished."

This left us but one alternative—the cancellation of the commission in the hands of Brother George Johnson of San Francisco, our representative near the Grand Lodge of California, and, there is no doubt but what California has withdrawn the commission of Brother Frank C. Babcock, of Hastings, their representative near this Grand Lodge.

I believe it is true that the only correct manner of communication

between Grand Jurisdictions is through the office of the Grand Masters. Yet many acts of brotherly love and relief have been accomplished through the office of Grand Representative, and I would suggest that this be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence of this Grand Lodge so that our position may be plainly defined.

I have during the year passed issued commissions to the following brothers to represent the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near other Grand Lodges, as follows:

June 11th, 1904, James M. Jackson, near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

October 20th, 1904, Harry J. Guthrie, near the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

November 3d, 1904, Jesse J. Dunn, near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

December 27, 1904, Frank E. Noyes, near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

April 5th, 1905, Michael Bey Saleh, near the Grand Lodge of Egypt.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I have no sympathy with the too prevailing idea of "railroading" any one through the degrees of Masonry, and as a consequence, have been somewhat chary of using the prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations to confer the degrees without regard to time.

I have, however, granted such requests as were made by the following named lodges, but in each instance have investigated and found that each appeared to be an emergency case.

July 20th, to Oakland Lodge No. 91, to confer the degree of Fellow Craft without regard to time.

September 11th, to Nebraska Lodge No. 1, to ballot and confer the Master Mason degree without regard to time.

September 22d, to Beatrice Lodge No. 26, to confer the degrees without regard to time.

December 16th, to Capitol Lodge No. 3, to confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason without regard to time.

December 23d, to Osceola Lodge No. 65, to confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, without regard to time.

March 8th, to Geneva Lodge No. 79, to confer the degree of Master Mason without regard to time.

March 28th, to Bee Lodge U.·D.·., to confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason without regard to time.

May 11th, to Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, to confer the degree of Master Mason without regard to time.

In each case the fee of \$10.00 for each degree conferred, accompanied the request, and was transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

Dispensations to elect and install officers were issued to the following lodges: Pawnee, No. 23; Hope, No. 29; Hebron, No. 43; Elk Creek, No. 90; Porter, No. 106; Elm Creek, No. 133; Rawalt, No. 138; Kenesaw, No. 144; Bancroft, No. 145; Samaritan, No. 158; Merna, No. 171; Graf-



ton, No. 172; Amethyst, No. 190; Gavel, No. 199; Landmark, No. 222; Silver Cord, No. 224; Grace, No. 226; Mt. Hermon, No. 231; Zion, No. 234.

The fee of \$10.00 was collected in each case, except from the following lodges, the Grand Lodge having ordered dispensations issued to them without fee: Elk Creek, No. 90; Kenesaw, No. 144; Grafton, No. 172; Amethyst, No. 190; Gavel, No. 199; Landmark, No. 222. The dispensation issued to Elm Creek, No. 133, was returned, hence no fee was collected.

#### DECISIONS.

It does not seem necessary to me that all questions that have been propounded to me, touching upon Masonic law, be here enumerated. There have been a great many inquiries answered by the citing of the page and section of the law covering the points sought to be settled. The correspondence of the Grand Master could be very greatly reduced if the various Masters of lodges would carefully read the law as it is written. Looking towards this end, I issued an edict under date of June 27th, 1904, requiring that the law be read in open lodge by October 1st, but in spite of this precaution, many inquiries were made which would indicate that if the law was read, it was not read understandingly. In each instance I have endeavored to answer all inquiries promptly, plainly, and in a courteous manner. But, for the benefit of my successor, I would suggest the reiteration of the resolution that no correspondence be answered by the Grand Master unless under the seal of the subordinate lodge.

No. 1. When objections as to advancement are lodged with the Master, and the Master dies without communicating to the Senior Warden the name of the objector, the candidate may petition for the remaining degrees in the regular manner. Ballot may result in renewal of objection unless it was personally the Master who objected.

No. 2. When objections are lodged against a candidate in a lodge in a city having two or more lodges, with concurrent jurisdiction, a waiver of jurisdiction in favor of one of the other lodges cannot be entertained in said lodge.

No. 3. Common courtesy demands that the secretary of a blue lodge certify as to the standing of a brother when requested to do so by chapter, commandery, or Eastern Star officially.

No. 4. A candidate who has lost the thumb of the right hand is not eligible for the degrees of Masonry.

No. 5. Application for demit must state that the same is desired to join another lodge of Freemasons. The sincerity of a brother applying for a demit to join another lodge cannot be questioned. The demit should issue upon proper application, unless charges are preferred; possibly, should he not join another lodge within a year, charges might be preferred against him for obtaining a demit under misrepresentation.

No. 6. A candidate with the right foot off about 8 inches below the knee, even if he can use a cork foot so as not to be detected, is not eligible for the degrees of Masonry.

No. 7. When a brother pleads guilty to selling liquor, and the lodge passes a sentence of indefinite suspension upon him, the lodge is to be the judge as to whether the sentence is adequate or not, taking into consideration the circumstances surrounding the case.

No. 8. Nebraska does not have fraternal relations with any Grand Lodge in Sweden. Therefore, a brother claiming to hail from Sweden has no right to visit or affiliate.

No. 9. A lodge room dedicated to Masonry should not be used for dancing.

No. 10. A brother, becoming crippled after having received the E. A. Degree, is not barred from receiving the F. C. and M. M. Degrees.

No. 11. Section 81, page 39, does not contemplate the collection of fifty cents dues for the Masonic Home, from the brothers who hold exemption certificates from Grand Lodge dues.

No. 12. A candidate who has lost the right thumb up to the first joint, but who can perform all of the physical requirements of the degrees, is eligible to be made a Mason.

No. 13. The payment of dues assessed against members of extinct lodges will entitle them to the same rights and privileges as members of regular lodges, i. e., "The right of Membership," of "Affiliation," of "Visit," of "Avouchment," of "Relief," of "Demission," of "Appeal," of "Burial," and of "Trial."

#### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED.

I have approved amendments to by-laws of the following lodges: Capitol, No. 3; Tekamah, No. 31; Platte Valley, No. 32; Evening Star, No. 49; Wahoo, No. 59; Edgar, No. 67; Oakland, No. 91; Wayne, No. 120; Mt. Nebo, No. 125; McCook, No. 135; Mount Zion, No. 161; Mason City, No. 170; East Lincoln, No. 210; North Star, No. 227; Comet, No. 229; George Washington, No. 250.

#### SEALS APPROVED.

In order to supply the proper data to make a complete record in the Grand Lodge office, I have approved the seals of the following lodges. No doubt in many instances the seals have been approved by former Grand Masters, but diligent search does not disclose that fact: July 12th, 1904, John S. Bowen, No. 232; July 22d, 1904, Bradshaw, No. 254, and Hickman, No. 256; July 23d, 1904, Bassett, No. 254; Holbrook, No. 257; July 27th, 1904, Tecumseh, No. 17; Platte Valley, No. 32; Juniata, No. 42; Hebron, No. 43; Evening Star, No. 49; Upright, No. 137; Kenesaw, No. 144; Jachin, No. 146; Valley, No. 157; Amethyst, No. 190; Crystal, No. 191; Purity, No. 198; Plainview, No. 204; Relief, No. 219; Grace, No. 226; Delta, No. 230; Zion, No. 234; Hampton, No. 245; Laurel, No. 248; July 28th, 1904, Hope, No. 29; August 1st, 1904, Solomon, No. 10; Orient, No. 13; Tekamah, No. 31; Elm Creek, No. 133; Unity, No. 163; Mystic Tie, No. 166; Gauge, No. 208; Bartley, No. 228; Corner-stone, No. 247.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

On January 16th, 1905, I refused to re-establish Orion Lodge No. 242, at Ravenna, considering it not in my province to do so. I advised them that the only way would be for them to petition for a lodge the same as if no lodge had ever existed there.

I have in two instances asked neighboring lodges to perform the burial service over deceased members of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109, extinct. On one of these occasions Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, was present and conducted the services. The expense attendant to these funerals I ordered paid out of money received at the time the charter of Arapahoe Lodge was arrested. I have also ordered charged to the same account the expense incurred at the trial of three members of the lodge.

On July 25th, 1904, I waived jurisdiction over Brother Charles W. Goodon, an Entered Apprentice of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109, extinct, in favor of Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Oxford.

On July 7th, 1904, I waived jurisdiction over Brother Harry C. Lett, an Entered Apprentice of Indianola Lodge No. 123, extinct, in favor of Charity Lodge No. 53, at Red Cloud.

On February 14th, 1905, I made request of the Grand Master of New Jersey, to authorize Trimble Lodge No. 117, of Camden, New Jersey, to confer the Master Mason Degree upon Hanford Pope, who had been elected to receive the degree by Auburn Lodge No. 124, and later on was advised that the same had been done.

In many instances, upon proper showing having been made as to the inability to read the law within the prescribed time, I have extended the time so as to have the same duly read in open lodge.

February 13th, 1905, the lodge room, furniture, and charter of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, were destroyed by fire. I at once issued them a dispensation to work until the session of the Grand Lodge, and recommend that they be granted a copy of the original charter, properly certified.

February 15th, 1905, Wausa Lodge No. 251 suffered a loss by fire, but the charter, and a portion of the furniture, was saved. I granted them permission to use the opera house temporarily, cautioning as to tyling well.

On January 11th, 1905, I granted permission to Grace Lodge No. 226, at Wilcox, to join with other secret societies in erecting a hall.

On May 31st, I waived jurisdiction over Brother Edward Swazey, a Fellow Craft of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109, extinct, in favor of Holbrook Lodge No. 257.

On June 1st, I waived jurisdiction over Arthur H. Hansel, an Entered Apprentice of Battle Creek Lodge U. D. U., extinct, in favor of Porter Lodge No. 106.

## PARAPHERNALIA SOLD.

I disposed of the furniture of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109, extinct, to Eminence Lodge No. 223, and remitted the proceeds, amounting to \$40.00, to the Grand Secretary.

I sold the furniture used by Bassett Lodge while under dispensation, to Bee Lodge U..D.., the price to be fixed at some future time.

I sold the one-fifth interest of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109, extinct, in a stove, carpet, lamps, chairs, pedestals, etc., for \$10.00, to other societies interested, and remitted the amount to the Grand Secretary.

ASHLAR LODGE NO. 33.

A brother was expelled for unmasonic conduct after due trial; he requested me to set aside the sentence. After investigation, finding no irregularities in the trial, I refused to do so. The brother has advised me by letter of his intention to appeal to this Grand Lodge for redress.

OLIVER LODGE NO. 38.

This is a case in which a brother was indefinitely suspended, after due trial, April 1st, 1904, by Oliver Lodge No. 38 at Seward.

The brother failed to make his appeal as provided for by law, and asked me to use my good offices to procure for him a new trial or reinstatement. After due investigation I could find no irregularity in the trial, and advised the brother to request reinstatement from the lodge. This I believe, he did, but as to the result, I have not been officially advised.

ARAPAHOE LODGE NO. 109 (EXTINCT).

Agreeable to the orders of the Grand Lodge at its 1904 session, to bring to trial three members of the above named lodge, on December 6th, 1904, I issued a commission to Deputy Grand Master Hopewell, Grand Senior Warden Baird, and Grand Junior Warden King, as trial committee of the Grand Lodge to proceed to Arapahoe and take evidence upon charges made by my orders by the Grand Junior Warden, based upon the evidence of the investigation committee at the time the charter of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109 was arrested by Grand Master Bullard.

Owing to personal business, Grand Senior Warden Baird was unable to act as one of the commission, and under date of January 16th, 1905, I issued a commission to Grand Senior Deacon DeBord to act in his stead.

The committee proceeded to Arapahoe, and on January 17th, 1905, commenced the trial. The brothers were present in person and were defended by counsel. Two days and two evenings were consumed in taking evidence which is very voluminous. The recommendation of the committee, after weighing the evidence, is as follows:

That one of the brothers be indefinitely suspended; that two of them be expelled.

The evidence and finding of the committee are available for you should you desire to review it.

SILVER CORD LODGE NO. 224.

Under date of June 30th, I received formal charges against the Master-elect of Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, the same having been filed

June 11th, 1904. I at once commissioned, under date of July 2d, Brother Zuingle M. Baird, Grand Senior Warden, to go as my representative and make investigation and proceed with trial if necessary, empowering him to make a settlement of the difficulties which had arisen, if in his judgment such was advisable.

Under date of July 8th, he reported, substantially, that charges were withdrawn; the Master-elect refused to be installed, asked for and received a demit, and, while he explained that the proceedings were somewhat irregular, yet in the interests of peace and harmony he recommended that such action be approved, which I did, issuing a special dispensation to elect and install a Master. Peace and harmony apparently exists with them.

LINCOLN MASONIC RELIEF BOARD VS. EVENING STAR LODGE NO. 49.

August 23d, 1904, the Lincoln Masonic Relief Board submitted to me a claim which said board held vs. Evening Star Lodge No. 49 at Sutton, by reason of aid extended to a member of that lodge. After making investigation I have decided that it is best to refer the matter to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and through their report establish a precedent for future guidance.

GRAND LODGE OF IDAHO VS. STAR LODGE NO. 88.

I am pleased to report that this matter is about adjusted. I administered a severe reprimand to our Star Lodge No. 88, for the precipitate manner in which the brother was admitted, and the Grand Master of Idaho advises me that he administered to Grove City Lodge No. 33, a reprimand for their discourtesy and neglect in not answering inquiries made of them.

Recently the Grand Master of Idaho has advised me of grave rumors as to the moral turpitude of the brother, and I recommend that the incoming Grand Master advise the Grand Master of Idaho to procure the evidence, and that Star Lodge No. 88 be instructed to place the brother upon trial.

GIBSON MEDAL.

On July 15th, agreeable to a resolution adopted at the last session of this Grand Lodge, I presented to M. W. Brother Robert W. Furnas, the "Jordan Medal," worn by Brother Isaac Gibson of Tekamah, as the oldest Mason in Nebraska, research having developed that Brother Furnas had that distinction.

PRINTING THE LAW.

The Grand Lodge, at the last session, adopted a resolution to have the Law of Freemasonry of 1904 electrotyped, but after consulting with our Grand Secretary, and taking into consideration the possibility of numerous changes in the law at this session, I ordered the Grand Secretary to have the law printed in pamphlet form, paying the printer for the type, so that the same would belong to the Grand Lodge, and changes could be easily and economically made.



I believe that it would be of practical value to the jurisdiction to have the law printed each year, as all changes in the law would then be before the membership, and possibly the mail of the Grand Master would be somewhat lessened of the burden attendant upon answering over and over again questions as to law.

#### MEMBERS OF EXTINCT LODGES.

Under our present law, members of extinct lodges are allowed to remain in good standing by the payment of \$5.00 per annum, Grand Lodge dues. Many of such brethren do not make any attempt whatever to become affiliated with subordinate lodges, preferring to remain as (what they, in error, call themselves) members of the Grand Lodge. I am confident that the Grand Lodge only meant to provide for them temporarily when it enacted Section 81 (page 39) of our present law, and I wish to recommend the repeal of the last five lines of said section which appertains to unaffiliated brethren, members of extinct lodges. Infringements against the moral and Masonic law by these brethren bring shame and disgrace upon the Grand Lodge, and it is impossible for the Grand Lodge to take cognizance of such infringements without great trouble and expense, and the local lodges in whose jurisdiction the offenders reside will not take up any additional burdens.

I cannot offer a remedy at this time, for what would be justice to the offenders would prove an injustice to those brethren who were so unfortunate as to be caught in the drag net which follows the surrender of a charter. But I believe that this body of Masons will evolve a remedy that will prove equitable to all.

#### DUES OF MEMBERS OF EXTINCT LODGES.

On January 2d, 1905, I obtained from the Grand Secretary a list of the members of Arapahoe, No. 109, Indianola, No. 123, and Orion, No. 242, and sent the same to Brother French and commissioned him to go to Arapahoe, Indianola, and Ravenna, and collect as much as possible of the dues of the brethren, and at the same time urge upon them to apply for demits from the Grand Lodge and become affiliated with some subordinate lodge. Fair success attended his efforts from a financial standpoint, and up to the present time there has been received the sum of \$475.09.

Elsewhere I have offered a recommendation as to the carrying of members of extinct lodges in the Grand Lodge, and I trust that the Grand Lodge will adjust this very important matter at this session.

#### CLANDESTINE.

Many jurisdictions are complaining of clandestine Masons and frauds, and, no doubt, we may expect some impositions upon the lodges within this jurisdiction. I believe it highly necessary that some safeguard be adopted, and would like to suggest something along the lines adopted in Missouri, which is as follows:

“Hereafter, no lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor from

any lodge outside of this jurisdiction unless a Master Mason, known as such in the lodge, shall vouch for the visitor as a Mason in good standing, or until the visitor, after strict examination, shall have proven himself to be a Mason in good standing; and no such visitor shall be examined until he produces to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge or to the Committee of Examination appointed by him, a certificate under the seal of his lodge showing that he is a member of such lodge in good standing, which certificate shall also be fortified by a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction whence the visitor comes, that the lodge giving the certificate is a lodge in good standing in that jurisdiction."

The adoption of this would necessitate also the regulation of brethren from this jurisdiction visiting lodges other than their own, and I would urge the use of the diploma, upon the back of which can be given a short personal description of the brother. This, together with a receipt for dues, covering the current year, ought to be legal information.

#### CARD SYSTEM.

If this Grand Lodge adopts the card system of membership registry, we will find that there has been a large number of Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and suspended Masons carried upon the rolls in the Grand Lodge office. It seems advisable that this roll be reduced and that we adopt such measures as will, in the future, keep at a minimum, the records of such.

I recommend that all Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and suspended Masons who have been carried upon the rolls for a period of five years, shall be dropped, to be restored only on application to the Grand Lodge, and in the case of suspended Masons, upon the payment of all of their indebtedness; providing, however, that the lodge from which such Apprentice, Fellow Craft, or suspended Mason was reported, be first duly notified that such action will take place, and an opportunity given for advancement or reinstatement. And such advancement or reinstatement shall take place within thirty days of such notice by the Grand Secretary.

#### MILEAGE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Secretary, with a view of obtaining a uniform and correct tabulation of the mileage of representatives from their respective lodges to Omaha, had the distance computed by clerks in the Post Office Department, considering that they would use the most expeditious route. This computation resulted in so much difference when compared with the certified mileage used at the last session, that we hesitated about using such a basis without bringing it before the Grand Lodge.

The mileage as computed by the Post Office Department makes the amount less by over 1,000 miles. It would seem advisable to approve the mileage as given by the department; yet, if there is any reason why not, the representatives should be given an opportunity to explain to the Committee on Pay-roll, and whatever mileage is agreed upon at this session should be the recognized mileage in the future.



## WEAK LODGES.

The official visitations of Brother French, as my representative, have developed other lodges which will need the careful, fostering care of the incoming Grand Master. Among them I desire to mention, Kenesaw, No. 144, Hesperia, No. 178, Elm Creek, No. 133. In the last named lodge the unmasonic use of the black ball seems to be the trouble. This serious condition exists in a number of our lodges. In time it corrects itself, but in the meantime, the lodge oftentimes goes down.

I wish to recommend that some means be devised whereby the Grand Master can be empowered to investigate, and if deemed advisable, arrest the charter. Only stringent measures will correct this evil that is always based upon personal venom and spite.

## CONCLUSION.

And now, my brethren, I return to you the trust confided to me one year ago. I sincerely thank you for the confidence you reposed in me when you granted me the honor of occupying the Grand East. It was with a great lack of confidence in my ability to perform the requirements of the position that I accepted the gavel from our worthy brother, Past Grand Master Lininger, and, being conscious of the grave responsibilities resting upon me, I have endeavored to do my best.

If I have done aught which does not meet with your approval consider the frailty of human nature, and cover my shortcomings with the mantle of Masonic charity.

My business cares have been such that I could not give to Masonry the time that I should have liked to, nor the time it deserves, and had I followed my own inclination I should have foregone the honor at the outset, of being Grand Master, and have given to some other brother loyal support, glad indeed to have refused to be installed. But, upon the promise of support and counsel of my good brethren, who have proved loyal, I accepted.

I desire especially to thank our Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian for their kind assistance and counsel. With these two worthy brothers for guides, crooked paths are made straight, and obstacles, which seem insurmountable, are overcome. True as steel, loyal to a fault, and ever ready to do anything for the upbuilding of Masonry, it is no wonder that this Grand Jurisdiction stands well at the top in the Masonic world. Let us hope they may each be spared to us many years.

To all of my associate officers I desire to express my thanks for loyal support; ever ready to perform duty, they have also contributed towards making my burden lighter. And to you, my brethren, Masters of the various lodges, I most sincerely offer my thanks for your able assistance in making my administration renowned for the peace and harmony which has reigned throughout the jurisdiction. To you and not to me is accorded all the honor, for you have seemed to recognize my weakness, and by precept and example controlled the elements of discord and made it possible for me to report, "Peace reigns supreme."

May the Grand Architect prosper you, and may you always accord to each succeeding Grand Master the same careful, kind, and loving consideration accorded me.

CHARLES E. BURNHAM,  
*Grand Master.*

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

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

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

##### GENERAL FUND.

On hand as per last report . . . . .	\$13,326.71
Received from the Grand Secretary . . . . .	24,141.88
Total . . . . .	\$37,468.59
Paid orders Nos. 2242, and 2245 to 2354, except No. 2331	\$20,791.00
Balance on hand . . . . .	\$16,677.59

##### RELIEF FUND.

On hand as per last report . . . . .	\$2,922.06
Received from the Grand Secretary . . . . .	1,535.27
Total . . . . .	\$4,457.33
Paid orders Nos. 1997 to 2000, and 2400 to 2436, inclusive,	\$1,487.62
Balance on hand . . . . .	\$2,969.71

##### RECAPITULATION.

General fund on hand . . . . .	\$16,677.59
Relief fund on hand . . . . .	2,969.71
Total . . . . .	\$19,647.30

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 submit herewith my report as Grand Secretary for the year ending June 5th, 1905.

The charter of Orion Lodge No. 242 was arrested July 6th, 1904, as per instructions given at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

All papers relating to grievances have been delivered to the chairman of the Committee on Grievances; all those relating to new lodges at Anselmo and Bee have been delivered to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations; all books and accounts with the necessary vouchers have been delivered to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Bids for printing and binding Volume 8, for the card registry, and for new ledgers are herewith submitted. The Grand Lodge should decide how many years Volume 8 should include. Bids are separately made for printing and binding the years 1901-2-3-4; also the years 1901-2-3-4-5.

The following shows the amount of appropriations made and the amounts expended:

	Appro- priated	Ex- pended
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage	\$300 00	\$220 00
Stationery.....	50 00	50 00
Blanks.....	200 00	65 50
Incidentals.....	50 00	37 43
Pay-roll.....	3,801 35	3,801 35
Chairman of the Committee on Returns.....	100 00	100 00
Grand Master's expense.....	300 00	200 00
Grand Master's clerk.....	600 00	600 00
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	50 00	50 00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,800 00	1,800 00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	1,000 00	1,000 00
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,200 00	1,200 00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	600 00	600 00
Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, salary.....	5 00	5 00
Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, clerk.....	60 00	60 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100 00	100 00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1904.....	900 00	900 50
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	700 00	465 38
Library, purchasing and binding.....	50 00	23 75
Printing parchment charters.....	40 00	40 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.....	40 00	30 00
Printing the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska.....	250 00	145 62
Premium, Kent insurance, paid out of relief fund	750 00	682 12
Grand Tyler.....	50 00	44 00
Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	15 00	15 00
Grand Treasurer's surety bond.....	30 00	30 00
Grand Treasurer's assistants at 1904 session.....	10 00	10 00
Stenographer for 1904 session.....	10 00	10 00
Fitting up filing cases.....	14 27	14 27

	Appropriated	Expended
144 Webb's monitors.....	\$57.60	\$57.60
Grand Treasurer's expense, 1903-1904.....	2.16	2.16
Expense of Frank E. Bullard, Grand Master, 1903-1904.....	8.34	8.34
William H. Banwell, mileage and per diem, 1903.....	20.50	20.52

## EXPENDITURES FOR WHICH NO APPROPRIATION WAS MADE.

Robert E. French, expense to Ravenna to arrest charter.....		7.47
Repairs on library, new shelving, etc.....		50.26
Return of fee for lodge at Bridgeport.....		25.00
Robert E. French, expense collecting dues.....		11.03
Merna Lodge No. 171, returned amount overpaid on fees and dues.....		10.00
Expense of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109.....		218.05
Transferred to the relief fund.....		1,535.27
Transferred to the Nebraska Masonic Home.....		6,870.00
Totals.....	\$13,474.22	\$21,425.62

## RELIEF FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

May 20th, 1904, balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer..	\$2,922.06
May 20th, 1905, 10 per cent. of the fees and dues, year ending March 31st, 1905.....	1,535.27
Total.....	\$4,457.33

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Edgar Lodge No. 67, for relief of Mrs. Eliza Bunn.....	\$80.00
Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, for relief of Charles P. Hackney.....	120.00
Rawalt Lodge No. 138, for relief of William T. Lindsay.....	60.00
Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, for relief of Mrs. Mary Russell.....	30.00
Hesperia Lodge No. 178, for relief of Mrs. Isabella Springer..	100.00
Faith Lodge No. 181, for relief of Mrs. Charles Pearson.....	60.00
Parian Lodge No. 207, for relief of Mrs. Martha Pike.....	60.00
Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, for relief of Arthur N. Doane.....	60.00
John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232, for relief of Jabez Charles....	60.00
George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, for relief of Mrs. Mary Gray.....	120.00
Wausa Lodge No. 251, funeral expenses of Brother George W. Delk.....	55.50
Premiums on policy No. 65814, life of Lewis A. Kent.....	682.12
Balance with the Grand Treasurer.....	2,969.71
Total.....	\$4,457.33

## NOTES BELONGING TO THE RELIEF FUND.

June 11, 1905, Indianola Lodge No. 123, extinct. ....	\$60.50
July 30, 1900, Lewis A. Kent and wife, .....	521.31
July 31, 1900, " " " .....	367.36
Jan. 31, 1901, " " " .....	888.67
July 31, 1901, " " " .....	879.57
Jan. 31, 1902, " " " .....	857.37
May 1, 1902, " " " .....	913.46
July 31, 1902, " " " .....	857.42
Jan. 31, 1903, " " " .....	857.37
July 31, 1903, " " " .....	850.19
Jan. 31, 1904, " " " .....	850.17
July 31, 1904, " " " .....	842.26
Jan. 31, 1905, " " " .....	842.26
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	\$9,587.91

## NOTES BELONGING TO THE GENERAL FUND.

Aug. 13th, 1891, Lewis A. Kent and wife, assigned by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.....	\$741.23
Interest is not included in the above statement.	
As Indianola Lodge No. 123 is extinct I ask if the balance due on the note given by said lodge shall be charged to Profit and Loss.	

## NOTES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

July 31st, 1904, renewal of note, Lewis A. Kent and wife, dated July 31st, 1899, \$375.06, with interest at 7 per cent, for five years. ....	\$501.20
Semi-annual premium on insurance policy No. 65814. ....	341.06
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	\$842.26
Jan. 31st, 1905, renewal of note, Lewis A. Kent and wife, dated Jan. 31st, 1900, \$375.06, with interest at 7 per cent for five years. ....	\$501.20
Semi-annual premium on insurance policy No. 65814. ....	341.06
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	\$842.26

## SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand last report. ....	\$3,690.74
Purchased during the year. ....	522.98
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Total. ....	\$4,213.72
Sold and issued free during the year. ....	634.23
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Balance on hand, March 20th, 1905. ....	\$3,579.49



GENERAL EXPENSES.

Postage and exchange, Grand Treasurer Dinsmore.....	\$2.16
Committee on Returns, \$100.00; Committee on Foreign Correspondence, \$100.00.....	200.00
Assistants to Grand Treasurer, \$10.00; Grand Tyler, \$44.00	54.00
Stenographer, \$10.00; Pay-roll \$3,801.35.....	3,811.35
Premiums on bonds, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer..	45.00
Charters for four lodges, \$40.00; printing proceedings of 1904 \$784.85.....	824.85
Printing the law, \$145.62; rent of office \$200.00; heat and light, \$50.00.....	395.62
Expense of Grand Master, \$200.00; expense of Grand Custodian, \$600.00.....	800.00
Janitor, \$60.00; blanks, \$65.50; stationery, \$50.00; telephone, \$30.00.....	205.50
Filing cases, \$14.27; expense of Grand Master Bullard, \$8.34	22.61
Mileage, William H. Banwell, 1903.....	20.52
Incidentals, \$37.43; postage, telephone calls, and expressage \$220.00.....	257.43
Robert E. French, expense collecting dues, members of extinct lodges.....	11.03
Clerk hire, Grand Master, \$600.00; Grand Secretary, \$1,000.00	
Trustee, Orphans Educational Fund, \$60.00.....	1,660.00
Salaries, Grand Secretary, \$1,800.00; Grand Treasurer, \$50.00; Grand Custodian, \$1,200.00; Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, \$5.00.....	3,055.00
Total.....	\$11,365.07

TRIAL BALANCE, MAY 20TH, 1905.

Grand Lodge jewels.....	\$227.50
Grand Lodge office furniture.....	859.35
Grand Lodge library furniture.....	1,664.64
Grand Lodge library.....	913.73
Electrotype plates.....	16,315.29
Inventory.....	\$18,810.89
Cash, General Fund.....	16,675.09
Cash, Relief Fund.....	2,969.71
Jordan Medal Fund.....	33.15
Stock, Nebraska Masonic Home.....	6,900.00
Nebraska Masonic Home, uncollected from Hesperia Lodge No. 178.....	5.00
Supplies.....	3,579.49
Blue River Lodge No. 30.....	.16
Hesperia Lodge No. 178.....	9.28
Arapahoe Lodge No. 109.....	481.43
Bee Lodge U. D. charter fee.....	50.00
Anselmo Lodge U. D. charter fee.....	50.00
Bills Receivable.....	10,329.14
Profit and Loss.....	41,012.91
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	\$60,443.38
	\$60,443.38

Continuation of the list of Nebraska Freemasons who have been placed on the retired list:

Crt. No.	NAME AND LODGE	BORN	1°	2°	3°
295	Robert G. Wignall, 19. . . . .	Apr. 1,'39	Jul. 2,'68	Oct. 28,'68	Nov. 26,'68
296	Isaac M. Grubb, 50. . . . .	Apr. 13,'39	May 20,'65	Jul. 17,'65	Oct. 21,'65
297	Phillip H. Traxler, 50. . . . .	Feb. 20,'28	* '63	* '63	* '64
298	John T. Lane, 37. . . . .	May 28,'38	Dec. 27,'66	Feb. 12,'67	Mar. 22,'67
299	Fielding E. Scott, 207. . . . .	Sep. 4,'33	Sep. 5,'65	Oct. 31,'65	Nov. 28,'65
300	Berea M. Willsey, 21. . . . .	June 26,'39	Aug. 27,'72	Nov. 12,'72	Dec. 11,'72
301	Richard Allbery, 21. . . . .	Dec. 1,'37	June 10,'72	Jul. 22,'73	Aug. 30,'73
302	David Mooney, 61. . . . .	Apr. 20,'34	Sep. 13,'64	Oct. 11,'64	Nov. 8,'64
303	Hiram D. Hathaway, 19. . . . .	Oct. 20,'35	Feb. 26,'64	Apr. 29,'64	June 25,'64
304	John P. White, 21. . . . .	June 12,'39	Apr. 13,'68	May 25,'68	June 11,'68
305	Fyfield H. Longley, 32. . . . .	Mar. 7,'33	May 19,'68	June 8,'68	July 6,'68
306	Reuben Forbes, 3. . . . .	Aug. 1,'38	Oct. 4,'65	Dec. 6,'65	Jan. 24,'66
307	Thomas B. Ellingwood, 3. . . . .	Feb. 3,'38	Dec. 5,'68	Feb. 6,'69	Aug. 20,'69
308	William H. Sturtevant, 93. . . . .	Dec. 28,'38	Feb. 11,'68	Apr. 1,'68	Apr. 8,'68
309	Jonas S. Pusey, 140. . . . .	Feb. 12,'31	May 3,'71	June 14,'71	July 12,'71
310	William Taylor, 5. . . . .	Oct. 6,'39	Jan. 19,'67	Mar. 16,'67	June 29,'67
311	James C. White, 209. . . . .	Aug. 29,'29	*	*	*
312	William D. Jones, 6. . . . .	May 2,'39	Aug. 16,'71	Oct. 18,'71	Dec. 6,'71
313	John D. Simpson, 6. . . . .	Sep. 12,'26	Feb. 8,'61	Jul. 1,'61	Sep. 2,'61
314	Joseph C. Gilmore, 6. . . . .	Dec. 17,'32	May 21,'69	July 23,'69	Mar. 18,'70
315	Joseph J. Imhoff, 19. . . . .	May 8,'35	Feb. 10,'65	Aug. 18,'65	Sep. 2,'65
316	William Hammack, 96. . . . .	Dec. 10,'39	Jan. 18,'67	Mar. 15,'67	Apr. 16,'67
317	Rice Arnold, 10. . . . .	June 27,'37	Apr. 3,'66	May 2,'66	May 19,'66
318	Thomas S. C. Dabb, 6. . . . .	Aug. 13,'36	May 2,'72	July 18,'72	Aug. 15,'72
319	Israel M. Wolf, 37. . . . .	Apr. 1,'39	Nov. 25,'65	Nov. 29,'65	Dec. 6,'65
320	William H. Newell, 6. . . . .	Dec. 3,'37	May 18,'70	Sep. 7,'70	Oct. 12,'70
321	Washington Smith, 6. . . . .	July 31,'36	Apr. 7,'57	Nov. 4,'57	Dec. 25,'57
322	James R. Meagher, 58. . . . .	Mar. 17,'38	Dec. 20,'60	Feb. 18,'61	Mar. 25,'61
323	James C. Jackson, 35. . . . .	Jan. 22,'38	Sep. 10,'73	Oct. 8,'73	Nov. 6,'73
324	Lewis C. Davenport, 2. . . . .	Mar. 31,'39	Mar. 8,'61	May 2,'62	Jan. 16,'63
325	Amos J. Harding, 2. . . . .	May 2,'39	*	*	Feb. 15,'66
326	Charles B. Bickel, 2. . . . .	May 16,'26	June 17,'71	July 11,'71	Aug. 16,'71
327	J. Peter Taylor, 2. . . . .	Dec. 9,'36	*	Jan. 9,'74	Feb. 13,'74
328	Charles L. Humphrey, 51. . . . .	July 26,'32	Apr. 5,'64	May 10,'64	May 31,'64
329	Henry C. McArthur, 19. . . . .	Aug. 27,'39	Oct. 19,'66	Nov. 16,'66	Dec. 21,'66
330	James W. Thompson, 3. . . . .	Mar. 13,'38	May 26,'63	May 27,'63	May 27,'63
331	William H. Palmer, 21. . . . .	Aug. 29,'39	Prior to	Prior to	Prior to
332	William T. Bullis, 192. . . . .	Aug. 22,'39	Aug. 31,'64	Aug. 31,'64	Aug. 31,'64
333	Austin W. Beals, 10. . . . .	July 11,'36	Oct. 28,'68	Nov. 25,'68	Feb. 10,'69
334	Delevan Bates, 68. . . . .	Mar. 17,'40	Sep. 15,'66	Oct. 3,'66	Nov. 27,'66
335	John Randall McKee, 2. . . . .	June 5,'39	Apr. 11,'66	May 4,'66	May 8,'66
336	William L. Wilson, 2. . . . .	June 5,'39	Dec. 3,'70	Mar. 24,'71	June 9,'71
337	William L. Wilson, 2. . . . .	Mar. 4,'40	Jan. 30,'66	Feb. 27,'66	Mar. 29,'66
337	Seth H. Craig, 26. . . . .	Feb. 14,'25	Aug. 15,'57	Sep. 22,'57	Oct. 31,'57
338	(Not issued; error in data.)				
339	Andrew J. Kelley, 100. . . . .	Apr. 8,'35	Oct. 24,'72	Nov. 14,'72	Dec. 12,'72
340	Daniel C. Bond, 46. . . . .	Jan. 25,'38	Feb. 2,'71	Mar. 24,'71	Mar. 27,'71
341	Hiram V. B. Gibson, 31. . . . .	Jan. 20,'39	Mar. 23,'70	Apr. 6,'70	May 11,'70
342	Clinton M. Houston, 31. . . . .	Sep. 28,'28	July 27,'69	Aug. 28,'69	Sep. 14,'69
343	Myron H. Morehouse, 31. . . . .	June 4,'38	July 15,'63	Sep. 9,'63	Sep. 26,'63
344	Walter B. Newton, 31. . . . .	July 24,'35	Feb. 28,'71	Apr. 5,'71	May 13,'71
345	Rialto Philleo, 120. . . . .	Feb. 18,'39	Jan. 4,'61	Apr. 2,'62	Aug. 16,'62
346	Beach I. Hinman, 32. . . . .	May 23,'29	Mar. 21,'74	Apr. 23,'74	May 19,'74
347	William W. Mason, 31. . . . .	Feb. 14,'39	Mar. 27,'65	Apr. 21,'65	May 11,'65
348	George E. Stratton, 25. . . . .	Jan. 19,'33	July 8,'69	Sep. 25,'69	Oct. 9,'69
349	Orlando S. Wood, 25. . . . .	Jan. 27,'32	Oct. 2,'69	Nov. 13,'69	Nov. 29,'69
350	Willis J. Horton, 209. . . . .	June 3,'31	Apr. 7,'69	Nov. 6,'72	Feb. 5,'73

\*No data.



## NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

There has been collected and delivered to the Treasurer, the following sums:

Dues from Freemasons, formerly belonging to lodges now extinct. . . . .	\$475.09
Amount collected from lodges on 13,740 members. . . . .	6,870.00
Total. . . . .	<u>\$7,345.09</u>

On December 31st, 1904, the following items, some of them having run from the date of organization, May 28th, 1889, were charged to Profit and Loss:

Clothing for residents of the Home. . . . .	\$44.13
Expense. . . . .	392.12
Salaries for Matron and Assistant. . . . .	698.00
Maintenance. . . . .	1,811.59
Insurance. . . . .	184.35
Postage. . . . .	52.26
Printing. . . . .	119.50
Betterments. . . . .	260.03
Total. . . . .	<u>\$3,561.98</u>

The following items were credited to Profit and Loss, December 31st, 1905:

Donations. . . . .	\$878.08
Interest. . . . .	2,027.19
Payments on stock forfeited. . . . .	120.00
Dues from members of extinct lodges. . . . .	51.00
Total. . . . .	<u>\$3,076.27</u>

The cost of maintaining the Home for the first four months of 1905 was

Premiums on official bonds. . . . .	\$18.50
Printing stock certificates. . . . .	12.00
Maintenance. . . . .	450.39
Salaries and labor. . . . .	235.80
Expense. . . . .	8.65
Clothing for residents. . . . .	11.55
Total. . . . .	<u>\$736.89</u>

There has been contributed by commanderies of Knights

Templar, for medical supplies. . . . .	\$414.06
Paid out of the fund. . . . .	119.80
Balance on hand. . . . .	\$294.26
The cost of furnishing the Home was. . . . .	<u>\$3,097.63</u>
Amount donated by individuals, lodges, chapters, commanderies, and chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star . . . . .	2,638.51
Leaving a cost to the Home of. . . . .	<u>\$459.12</u>

Eighteen residents have been received and cared for at the Home. One was discharged, two have left, and three have died, leaving at this date, three women, six men, two boys, and one girl, total, twelve. One man and one woman have been accepted by the Trustees, and will, no doubt, be sent to the Home at an early date. Other applications are in the hands of lodges for completion.

## TRIAL BALANCE, MAY 20TH, 1905.

Building and grounds. . . . .	\$5,600.00	
Stock paid in full. . . . .		\$14,050.00
Stock paid in part. . . . .		758.00
Donations. . . . .		19.90
Printing. . . . .	12.00	
Insurance. . . . .	18.50	
Bills receivable. . . . .	7,200.00	
Furnishing. . . . .	459.12	
Maintenance. . . . .	450.39	
Salaries and labor. . . . .	235.80	
Expense. . . . .	8.65	
Cash. . . . .	7,924.78	
Medical supplies. . . . .		294.26
Dues from members of extinct lodges. . . . .		424.09
Clothing. . . . .	21.30	
Profit and Loss. . . . .		6,384.29
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	\$21,930.54	\$21,930.54

I submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, if it would not be well to order all supplies that are sent from the Grand Secretary's office to lodges, to be prepaid, charging the amount of expressage or postage to the lodges, to be paid at the end of the year. If this were done, it would save secretaries the trouble of presenting bills to their lodges for the small items of charges, as they no doubt have to do now.

FRANCIS E. WHITE.

*Grand Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

TO THE M. W. THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA:

The years may come and the years may go,  
 But memory still is ever green;  
 As brethren let us dwell here below,  
 Above we'll renew the happy scene.

BRETHREN: It is with sincere pleasure that I submit my fifth annual report as your Grand Custodian, for your information and consideration. Perfect harmony has prevailed between the Craft and myself, and to their high praise we may say, they have done their duty well. No discourteous word has passed between them and me; I have made no pretensions of infallibility, and have exhibited no exaggerated pride of opinion, but have

endeavored as best I could to impart the lessons of the esoteric work, without addition or subtraction of a single word, and it is gratifying for me to report to you that a spirit of inquiry in many cases has been awakened among our brethren of the mystic tie, and they are more zealous than ever in the attainment of true Masonic knowledge; many are no longer satisfied with the mere repetition of the ritualistic services as the sole end and aim of the institution, but are seeking in the stores of scientific learning for the elucidation and proper comprehension of our mysteries. This spirit, if thoroughly awakened, cannot fail to make its hal- lowing influence pre-eminently felt among the members of the first of human institutions, devoted to the culture of mankind. A knowledge of the technicalities of the ritual is essential, but not sufficient to a right appreciation of its mystical philosophy. As a progressive moral science Masonry can neither be understood or estimated without first a knowledge of the teachings of the great principles which underlie the foundation of its history, laws, and usages, viz.: "The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul."

The mysteries of Masonry cannot be revealed;  
Wisely in its symbols they are safely concealed.  
Like the rays of a sunbeam Truth's secrets will dart,  
Through the wide-open door of a pure, honest heart.

There have been three hundred and twenty sessions of official schools held in fifty-five different lodges throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. Total attendance, four thousand, nine hundred and eleven.

Hastings, Sept. 20; Grand Island, Sept. 22; Ansley, Sept. 26; Broken Bow, Sept. 29; Hyannis, Oct. 6; Crawford, Oct. 10; Gordon, Oct. 13; Bassett, Oct. 17; Neligh, Oct. 20; Norfolk, Oct. 24; Madison, Oct. 27; Beemer, Oct. 31; Fremont, Nov. 3; Herman, Nov. 7; Tekamah, Nov. 10; Bancroft, Nov. 14; Pender, Nov. 17; Coleridge, Nov. 21; Osmond, Nov. 24; Columbus, Nov. 28; Fullerton, Dec. 1; Burwell, Dec. 5; York, Dec. 8; Friend, Dec. 12; Callaway, Dec. 17; Stromsburg, Jan. 9; Surprise, Jan. 12; North Bend, Jan. 16; Cedar Bluffs, Jan. 19; Omaha, Jan. 23; Springfield, Jan. 26; Plattsmouth, Jan. 30; Lincoln, Feb. 6; Brock, Feb. 9; Stella, Feb. 13; Tecumseh, Feb. 16; Liberty, Feb. 20; Filley, Feb. 23; Nehawka, Feb. 27; Ashland, Mch. 2; Tobias, Mch. 9; Kearney, Mch. 13; Hildreth, Mch. 16; Cambridge, Mch. 20; Pierce, Apr. 13; Wayne, Apr. 17; Diller, Apr. 24. Thirty of the above lodges have a membership of fifty or more, twenty of fifty or less. Special requests were made for schools from lodges Nos. 17, 110, 120, 153, 200, 207, and 247, all of which were granted.

#### REGULAR SCHOOLS CANCELLED.

By order of the Grand Master and at their own request, the following schools were cancelled, viz.: Nos. 13, 61, 84, 98, 117, 174, 185, 194, 209, and 217. Lodges should remember that when they receive official dates for schools if from any reason conditions are such that the attendance of their officers and members will not be sufficient to warrant the Grand

Lodge in holding said school, they should notify the Grand Master immediately; otherwise it may incur a loss of time to the Grand Custodian and extra expense to the Grand Lodge, as was the case in many of the above cancellations. By waiting until the last day we could not give other places dates in time to notify their members. When lodges get into such a condition that they cannot hold schools of instruction, they should make a plain statement of all the facts to the Grand Master, otherwise it may lead to a wrong impression as to the whys and wherefores.

OFFICIAL ORDERS.

An edict of the Grand Master issued under date of July 15th, 1904, making the use of any key, cypher, of any form whatsoever, unmasonic and unlawful, and strictly forbidding the same under the severest penalties known to our laws, has been read in each school of instruction and a certificate under the seal of the lodge has been returned to the Grand Master that said order has been obeyed. By an order of the Grand Master under date of Dec. 14th, no custodian's schools were held from Dec. 17th to Jan. 9th. Under date of Jan. 2d, the Grand Master directed me to make an effort to collect annual and delinquent dues from all members of extinct lodges. After mailing three formal notices, much correspondence, and one personal visitation, I collected and forwarded the sum of \$300.98 to Grand Secretary White. If the Grand Lodge wishes to avoid embarrassing complications, the sooner it repeals all that part of Sec. 81 of Chapter XI., pertaining to unaffiliated brethren of extinct lodges, the better it will be for the Grand Lodge as well as for the individual brethren. By an official order of the Grand Master I personally visited McCook, Lincoln, Hastings, and Rushville, and perfected all the preliminary arrangements for the formal ceremonies of laying corner-stones of different public buildings at these cities.

As the representative of the Grand Master and with the assistance of the brethren of Amity Lodge No. 169, and visiting brethren, on Sept. 13th, 1904, I laid the corner-stone of the court house of Sheridan County, at Rushville, in accordance with the ancient ceremonies of Freemasonry. The only event in these ceremonies out of line was the acting Grand Senior Warden applying the level to the stone up-side-down, but he declared it level just the same, which caused the operatives to smile a good, broad grin. Following these ceremonies a barbecue was held at which six cattle, six hogs, and six sheep were roasted. Many of the descendants of Sitting Bull were present, and enjoyed the feast to the utmost of their capacity.

Under date of Apr. 5th, 1905, I was commissioned by the Grand Master, as his representative, to officially visit all such lodges as had cancelled their dates for schools, as well as all other points that time and conditions would permit. Under this order I visited Hardy, Fairfield, Elm Creek, Kenesaw, Minden, Gibbon, Lexington, and Shelton, and made a careful examination of past and present conditions, as well as future prospects, inspected their records, ledgers, and compendiums,

examined the Master as to his proficiency in the law, gave such instructions in the ritual as existing circumstances would permit, making a full and complete report of my findings to the Grand Master. The wisdom and good judgment of our efficient Grand Master is worthy of imitation in this particular; it should be followed up, as good results will surely come of it.

Acting under the Grand Master's order, under date of July 2d, 1904, I took up the charter and all the properties of Orion Lodge No. 242, at Ravenna, and shipped the same to Grand Secretary White.

#### OFFICIAL EXAMINATIONS FOR LODGES U. D. S.

October 3d, by order of the Grand Master, I made an official examination at Anselmo, Custer County. My recommendation was held in abeyance until such time as their officers could become proficient as a whole. In due time these requirements were complied with, the proposed hall was safe and suitable, conditions and environments were favorable, and my official certificate was issued.

Feb. 2d, by order of the Grand Master, I made an official examination at Bee, Seward County. I declined to recommend these petitioners in March, 1903, for the reason that they were unable to comply with the requirements of the law relative to proficiency; but at the later examination the proposed officers were very proficient, in all their parts, the proposed hall was safe and suitable, the conditions and environments favorable, and my official certificate was issued.

#### OFFICIAL VISITATION.

July 24th, 25th, and 26th, I assisted the Grand Master in constituting lodges at Hickman, Bradshaw, and Holbrook. June 22d, I installed the officers of Hampton Lodge No. 245, in public. Previous to the installation, with the assistance of three actual Past Masters, I conferred the Past Masters degree on Brother Clinton B. Condon, Master-elect of said lodge.

#### FUNERAL OBSEQUIES.

At the official requests of the Masters of the several lodges I have conducted the rites of burial in accordance with the usages and customs of our ancient Fraternity, as follows: one at Genoa, two at Hastings, one at McCook, one at Grand Island, and two at Arapahoe. "Thus as human ties are broken the world becomes less and less, and the hope to be re-united with those who have gone before grows more and more."

While we stood around their silent tomb,  
With brethren met in sorrow and gloom,  
To drop the 'cacia of immortal green,  
The last kind act of that solemn scene,  
While on their breast the lambskin was laid,  
To rest with them 'neath the stilly shade,  
While their spirits have flown to other lands,  
That temple above not made with hands.



## OFFICIAL REPORTS.

I have continued the same method of mailing a full report in writing to the Grand Master as heretofore. In addition I have made a special report as to the Master's proficiency in jurisprudence, covering thirty-five propositions, and to which the Master certifies as to whether they are all observed and obeyed, under the seal of the lodge. I have also furnished the secretary with a form of minutes as compiled by Grand Secretary White, which ought to bring their form of records up to a higher standard of perfection. I have also given each secretary a copy of the minutes of each school held, covering all the essential points, to be transcribed on their records. No records have been kept, generally speaking, of official schools heretofore.

## IRREGULARITIES.

Lodges hold meetings, not conclaves, convocations, communications, or sessions. Lodges are opened in form by the Master—not due form or ample form. The minutes should show the hour of opening and closing, should be signed by the secretary—not clerk. The treasurer's and secretary's books should be carefully audited each year, and the report of the committee should be spread in full on the record. This is not being done in many lodges. None but good and true men, men of high standing, moral character, unimpeachable integrity; men whose ability, zeal, and fidelity qualify them as representatives of our ancient and honorable order, should be chosen as standard bearers. No man's personality should ever stand in the way of the best interests of Masonry. Greater care and diligence should be exercised by committees in examining visiting brethren. The committee should impart no information whatever—they are not on trial—it is not the fault of the committee that a man has not taken enough interest in Masonry to become proficient so as to prove himself to be what he claims to be, or has forgotten what he once knew. He should satisfy the committee beyond all doubt without any assistance on their part in the least. The clandestine fraud and imposter is abroad in the land, "Reaping where he has not sown, and gathering where he has not strewed." Do not be satisfied with less than that the man is what he claims to be, a Mason, worthy, and in good standing. Committees of investigation on applicants for initiation are not well informed as to the importance of the duty that rests upon them. No man should ever be permitted to sign a formal petition for initiation until he understands every proposition set forth in said petition. Tell him what Masonry is and what will be expected of him if he ever becomes a Mason. Tell him that the spirit of Masonry dwells in a region above and beyond the ambition of kings, and the craft of politicians; in a region where mere forms of civil or political government are unheeded, where the wrangling of parties is not heard, and the sound of battle never comes. Define to him the three great duties—to God, humble reverence and cordial submission to his laws, moral and physical; to our country, faithful allegiance, and hearty co-operation to promote the greatest good to the whole;

to our fellow man, brotherly love, and above all, charity; to ourselves, unyielding integrity of purpose and practice. This committee should be informed as to the law governing the reception of petitions, as to age, residence, occupation, physical defects, but above all, moral and mental qualifications. When a committee has faithfully and conscientiously discharged its duty, and must report unfavorably, should a member of the lodge inform the rejected applicant who the committee was, he should be expelled. We regret that much complaint has been made to us in this respect.

FINALE.

In my official relations with Grand Master Burnham I have found him faithful to every trust reposed; true as steel to the principles of Freemasonry, conscientious and just in every official command, a beloved brother, a courteous and affable gentleman. It is with sincere regret that I realize our official relations must soon terminate. I shall miss him, but will never forget him.

Such friendship is born in divine love.  
A gracious gift from the Master above.

During the year we have had the pleasure of being honored with the presence at our schools of Grand Master Burnham, Deputy Grand Master Hopewell, Grand Senior Warden Baird, Grand Junior Warden King, Grand Marshal Dowling, Grand Senior Deacon De Bord, and Past Grand Masters Mercer, Evans, Cain, and Davidson. We thank you, brethren, for these complimentary visitations, it is both encouraging and inspiring. We want you to inspect our work, we need your counsel and advice.

To Brother White, our Grand Secretary, he is a jewel, a rare stone, he ought to be well set.

To the Craft:

May friendship's tie be strong and secure,  
May love be your motive, sincere and pure;  
May peace in all your lodges abide,  
The "Great Light" of Masonry be your guide.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Amount of appropriation for expenses. . . . .	\$600.00
Amount unexpended June 1st, 1904. . . . .	19.02
Amount received from Grand Master Burnham. . . . .	19.06
Amount received from Grand Secretary White. . . . .	11.03
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	\$649.11
Total amount expended. . . . .	558.59
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May 13, 1905, amount unexpended. . . . .	\$90.52

## ITEMS.

Transportation.....	\$155.31
Hotel.....	265.10
Postage, official circulars, correspondence, and dues.....	28.05
Stationery, official circulars, notices for dues.....	27.30
Telephone and telegrams.....	26.07
Supplies, express, and baggage.....	14.68
Attending forty-seventh annual communication of Grand Lodge.....	21.05
Constituting three lodges U..D.....	21.03
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	\$558.59

It is hereby certified that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the several amounts have been actually expended. I have used no free transportation; I receive no mileage and per diem as Past Grand Master.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,  
*Grand Custodian.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS  
EDUCATIONAL FUND.

OMAHA, NEB., May 20, 1905.

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

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

## SECURITIES.

Securities on hand as per last report.....		\$36,148.11
Purchased since:		
1904 Aug. 16, Bilby No. 120.....	\$2,400.00	
Sept. 24, Bundy, No. 121.....	2,000.00	
1905 Jan. 11, Hopewell, No. 122.....	1,100.00	
Feb. 7, Kelley, No. 123.....	1,000.00	
1905 Feb. 7, Jensen, No. 124.....	2,000.00	
Feb. 18, Van Antwerp, No. 129.....	1,000.00	
March 15, Thomas, No. 125.....	2,000.00	
March 29, Kelley, No. 126.....	1,000.00	
March 31, Homan, No. 127.....	400.00	
March 31, Thomas, No. 128.....	2,000.00	
May 17, Kennedy, No. 130.....	1,500.00	16,400.00
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		\$52,548.11

Received on account of securities paid since last report:

1904	Aug. 2, No. 108, Tjaden . . . . .	\$800.00	
	Aug. 5, No. 92, McCaffrey. . . . .	100.00	
	Aug. 23, No. 106, Romano. . . . .	50.00	
	Aug. 29, No. 39, Northern Light Lodge,	100.00	
1905	January 3, No. 90, Saling. . . . .	350.00	
	Jan. 6, No. 60, Francis. . . . .	900.00	
	Jan. 7, No. 77, England. . . . .	500.00	
	Jan. 7, No. 35, Ord Village bonds. . . . .	1,600.00	
	Feb. 18, No. 118, Tekamah Lodge. . . . .	400.00	
	Feb. 24, No. 39, Northern Light Lodge,	100.00	
	Feb. 27, No. 78, Hellman. . . . .	350.00	
	Feb. 27, No. 106, Romano. . . . .	50.00	
	March 7, No. 82, Pendergast. . . . .	250.00	
	March 29, No. 117, Kelley. . . . .	300.00	
	March 31, No. 87, Hodges. . . . .	400.00	
	March 31, No. 104, Flannagan. . . . .	2,000.00	
	April 1, No. 62, Warren. . . . .	309.65	
	April 3, No. 114, Larsen. . . . .	200.00	
	April 10, No. 43, Frear. . . . .	300.00	
	April 11, No. 11, Lindner. . . . .	350.00	
	April 17, No. 121, Bundy. . . . .	500.00	
	May 8, No. 15, Petersen. . . . .	400.00	10,309.65
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	Securities on hand. . . . .		\$42,238.46

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

NO.	BORROWER	AMOUNT	RATE	INT. PAID TO
9,	Voss. . . . .	\$1,000.00	6 per cent	Dec. 1, 1904
10,	Grentmann. . . . .	300.00	7 " "	Apr. 1, 1905
15,	Petersen . . . . .	600.00	6 " "	May 1, 1905
34,	Grady. . . . .	750.00	7 " "	May 1, 1905
35,	Ord Village Bonds. . . . .	1,600.00	7 " "	Jan. 1, 1905
39,	Northern Light Lodge 41.	850.00	6 " "	Feb. 27, 1905
44,	Cole . . . . .	800.00	6½ " "	Mar. 15, 1905
48,	Neisendorfer. . . . .	50.00	8 " "	Dec. 8, 1904
51,	School District 246 . . . . .	300.00	7 " "	Sept. 1, 1904
62,	Warren . . . . .	138.46	6 " "	Jan. 20, 1905
86,	Gallaher. . . . .	600.00	10 " "	Feb. 1, 1905
97,	Robinson. . . . .	1,800.00	5 " "	Mar. 1, 1905
100,	Hogeboom. . . . .	400.00	8 " "	Jan. 13, 1905
101,	Goodrich. . . . .	400.00	6 " "	Feb. 1, 1905
102,	Pospisel. . . . .	1,500.00	5 " "	Mar. 1, 1905
105,	Sklenar . . . . .	1,000.00	5 " "	Mar. 24, 1905
106,	Romano. . . . .	400.00	6 " "	Mar. 1, 1905
107,	Lomax. . . . .	1,500.00	6 " "	Apr. 1, 1905
108,	Tjaden. . . . .	1,200.00	5 " "	Aug. 1, 1904

NO.	BORROWER	AMOUNT	RATE	INT. PAID TO
109,	Andersen. . . . .	300.00	7 per cent	Dec. 31, 1904
110,	Westerfield . . . . .	1,500.00	5 " "	Jan. 20, 1905
111,	Bacon. . . . .	2,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 1, 1905
112,	Kelley . . . . .	2,000.00	5½ " "	Apr. 1, 1905
113,	Richardson. . . . .	1,100.00	5½ " "	Apr. 1, 1905
114,	Larson. . . . .	1,350.00	8 " "	Apr. 1, 1905
115,	Lomax. . . . .	1,200.00	6 " "	Nov. 2, 1904
116,	Colsen . . . . .	400.00	6 " "	Dec. 1, 1904
118,	Tekamah Lodge 31 . . . . .	300.00	6 " "	Feb. 17, 1905
119,	Walker. . . . .	1,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 1, 1905
120,	Bilby . . . . .	2,400.00	5 " "	Int. not due.
121,	Bundy. . . . .	1,500.00	6 " "	Mar. 1, 1905
122,	Hopewell. . . . .	1,100.00	5½ " "	Int. not due.
123,	Kelley . . . . .	1,000.00	5½ " "	Int. not due.
124,	Jensen . . . . .	2,000.00	5½ " "	Int. not due.
125,	Thomas. . . . .	2,000.00	5½ " "	Int. not due.
126,	Kelley. . . . .	1,000.00	5½ " "	Int. not due.
127,	Homan. . . . .	400.00	5½ " "	Int. not due.
128,	Thomas. . . . .	2,000.00	5½ " "	Int. not due.
129,	Van Antwerp. . . . .	1,000.00	8 " "	Int. not due.
130,	Kennedy. . . . .	1,500.00		Int. not due.
		<u>\$42,238.46</u>		

## CASH.

Cash on hand last report. . . . .		\$2,741.48
Received on securities paid. . . . .	\$10,309.65	
For interest. . . . .	2,628.79	
For rent, 4420 Harney St. . . . .	180.00	
For rent, 609 N. 32d St. . . . .	111.00	
From Grady, balance taxes 1903. . . . .	7.45	
From Grady, to pay taxes 1904. . . . .	25.00	
Costs refunded in foreclosure No. 60	6.15	
From sale Martin and Lennox farms,		
No. 75. . . . .	2,500.00	
Expenses repaid on loan No. 127. . . . .	12.65	15,780.69
		<u>\$18,522.17</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

For securities purchased. . . . .	\$16,400.00
For interest on securities purchased. . . . .	68.33
1904 May 27, Repairs, 4420 Harney St. . . . .	2.65
June 11, Repairs, 609 N. 32d St. . . . .	1.85
June 22, Taxes, 4420 Harney St. . . . .	29.52
June 22, Taxes, 609 N. 32d St. . . . .	12.17
July 21, Insurance Bond, Treasurer. . . . .	20.00



1904 July 21, insurance. . . . .	\$2.20	
Aug. 1, Printing. . . . .	2.50	
Aug. 5, Recording Assignment and satisfaction No. 92. . . . .	1.25	
Aug. 16, Ex. on draft No. 51 . . . . .	.25	
Oct. 6, Rent safety deposit vault. . . . .	6.00	
Nov. 3, Taxes paid, Grady, No. 34. . . . .	14.80	
Nov. 14, Tax 609 N. 32d St. . . . .	2.80	
Dec. 2, Exp. 4420 Harney . . . . .	2.20	
Dec. 5, Exp. 8 deeds, No. 75. . . . .	10.00	
1905 Jan. 6, Exp. Atty. fee, foreclosing No. 60. . . . .	75.00	
Jan. 6, Exp. Commission on sale No. 75	125.00	
Jan. 6, Abstract title No. 75. . . . .	15.00	
Jan. 6, Taxes No. 75. . . . .	43.50	
Jan. 6, Exchange and collection No. 75	3.50	
Mar. 7, Recording assignment No. 82. . . . .	.90	
Mar. 11, Repairs, 609 N. 32d St. . . . .	6.00	
Mar. 31, Ex. drawing and acknowledging 5 releases. . . . .	3.75	
April 10, Ex. Collecting No. 11. . . . .	20.00	
April 10, Letter press book. . . . .	.90	
April 13, Exp. No. 127. . . . .	12.65	
May 11, Grady, balance after paying taxes. . . . .	13.20	
May 17, Recording mortgage No. 129. . . . .	2.00	
May 18, Exp. postage during year. . . . .	2.80	\$16,900.72
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Cash on hand to balance. . . . .		1,621.45
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		\$18,522.17

Respectfully submitted,  
 CHAS. K. COUTANT,  
*Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee, having carefully examined the returns from all chartered lodges, herewith submits a summary and tabulated statement of the work done by the Craft during the Masonic year, ending March 31st, 1905:

Number of working lodges. . . . .	233
Number of lodges under dispensation. . . . .	2
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Total. . . . .	235

Number initiated . . . . .	953	
Number passed. . . . .	896	
Number raised. . . . .		908
Number admitted. . . . .		360
Number reinstated . . . . .		110
Number gained otherwise. . . . .		140
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Total gross increase. . . . .		1,518
Number demitted. . . . .	438	
Number deceased. . . . .	191	
Number suspended. . . . .	216	
Number expelled. . . . .	5	
Number lost otherwise. . . . .	140	
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Total decrease. . . . .		990
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Net gain during the year . . . . .		528
Number of Master Masons March 31st, 1904 . . . . .	14,190	
Error in addition, report for 1904 . . . . .	1	
Number of Master Masons March 31st, 1905 . . . . .	14,719	
Membership dues for the year. . . . .	\$20,940.00	
Fees for the year . . . . .	4,765.00	
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Total due Grand Lodge. . . . .		\$25,705.00
Due lodges, rebate credit for 1904 . . . . .		3,414.84
Due the Nebraska Masonic Home. . . . .		6,875.00
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Net amount available for use of Grand Lodge. . . . .		\$15,415.16
Rebates recommended to be allowed. . . . .		\$3,347.82

One hundred and eighty-nine lodges had their returns, with the funds, in the hands of the Grand Secretary in time to entitle them to the maximum rebate.

Thirty-five whose returns were not received until after April 6th, 1905, have been credited with a proportionate rebate.

Lodges Nos. 90, 108, and 178 failed to forward their returns until after April 30th, 1905. In addition to the loss of rebate they are assessed the penalty of ten per cent., No. 90, \$5.17; No. 108, \$4.75; No. 178, \$2.85.

The failure of No. 30 to remit the full amount of funds due the Grand Lodge as required by law, after being requested by the Grand Secretary to do so, in addition to the loss of rebate causes it to be assessed the penalty of ten per cent., \$5.85.

The returns for No. 152 were incomplete, and for the erasure of the Grand Secretary's figures, in addition to the loss of rebate the lodge is assessed the penalty of ten per cent., \$6.60.

Full rebate is allowed only when both copies of the annual returns, "correctly made," with one given name in full for each individual named, (see page 34, Law of Freemasonry, in regard to returns, etc.), are received by the Grand Secretary by April 6th.

If the figures in the blanks do not agree with your books, you should not change them, for by so doing you lose the rebate, but write the Grand Secretary for an explanation. He is always at your command, and will give you the desired information.

If by any possibility, the figures entered in the blank are incorrect, the gain or loss should be adjusted under the head of "other causes," full explanation being made of the change desired, "how lost, or how gained."

One hundred and fifty-nine lodges report having insurance on their property. Fifty-eight lodges report having no insurance, and sixteen make no report. Two hundred and twenty-two lodges make report of mileage.

The following lodges failed to make report of mileage, and under our law their representatives are not entitled to mileage and per diem, Nos. 77, 81, 152, 153, 177, 227, and 256. See Chapter XI., Section 85, page 40, Law of Freemasonry.

The total amount of rebate allowed by your committee, as shown by the table marked Exhibit "A," is \$3,347.82, which amount we recommend be placed to the credit of the respective lodges.

Your committee recommends that in the future the financial statement of the lodges as now carried on the tabulated sheet each year, be omitted from said report, for the reason that the Grand Secretary closes and balances the account with each lodge at the close of each Masonic year, and a statement of the account is sent to every lodge, so that this statement again made by the Committee on Returns, is not necessary, and is only an additional expense in publishing the report.

In closing this report we want to say that the returns as a whole are much better than in former years, and the secretaries are entitled to great credit for correctness in making up their reports, and if they will carefully note the instructions and the law in regard to making the returns, there is no reason why they should be incorrect. The Masters should assist the secretaries in making up their reports, and see that they are correct before signing them. Many of the secretaries are inexperienced, and with the assistance of the Master they will do good work for their lodges.

Fraternally,

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	251	\$62.75	61	25	77	\$19.25	114	25	55	\$13.75
2	25	150	37.50	62	25	40	10.00	116	21	60	12.60
3	25	374	93.50	63	25	16	4.00	117	25	48	12.00
4	25	32	8.00	64	25	54	13.50	118	20	20	4.00
5	25	77	19.25	65	25	63	15.75	119	25	79	19.75
6	25	105	26.25	66	25	15	3.75	120	25	54	13.50
9	23	85	19.55	67	25	72	18.00	121	25	66	16.50
10	25	40	10.00	68	25	99	24.75	124	25	62	15.50
11	25	346	86.50	70	21	39	9.75	125	25	74	18.50
13	25	17	4.25	71	3	72	2.16	126	25	50	12.50
14	25	49	12.25	72	25	49	12.25	127	25	40	10.00
15	25	210	52.50	73	21	35	7.35	128	25	27	6.75
17	25	82	20.50	74	25	24	6.00	129	25	54	13.50
19	25	373	93.25	75	25	69	17.25	130	25	35	8.75
21	25	86	21.50	76	25	48	12.00	132	16	39	6.25
23	25	104	26.00	77	25	51	12.75	133	25	32	8.00
25	25	453	113.25	78	25	52	13.00	134	23	53	12.19
26	25	159	39.75	79	25	97	24.25	135	25	109	27.25
27	25	37	9.25	81	25	27	6.75	136	20	41	8.20
29	25	32	8.00	82	25	104	26.00	137	25	42	10.50
30				83	25	34	8.50	138	25	56	14.00
31	25	97	24.25	84	19	63	11.97	139	25	44	11.00
32	25	131	32.75	85	25	45	11.25	140	16	50	12.50
33	25	178	44.50	86	16	38	6.08	143	25	30	7.50
34	25	69	17.25	87	25	51	12.75	144	25	26	6.50
35	25	139	34.75	88	23	37	8.51	145	25	40	10.00
36	25	85	21.25	89	25	62	15.50	146	25	65	16.25
37	25	75	18.75	90				147	25	33	8.25
38	25	99	24.75	91	25	50	12.50	148	25	91	22.75
39	25	35	8.75	92	5	35	1.75	149	25	22	5.50
40	25	28	7.00	93	25	75	18.75	150	25	34	8.50
41	25	42	10.50	94	25	38	9.50	151	25	34	8.50
42	25	46	11.50	95	21	51	12.75	152			
43	25	80	20.00	96	25	30	7.50	153	19	27	5.13
44	25	49	12.25	97	25	35	8.75	154	19	28	5.32
46	25	142	35.50	98	25	29	7.25	155	25	59	14.75
48	25	47	11.75	99	25	45	11.25	156	13	41	5.33
49	25	49	12.25	100	25	59	14.75	157	25	47	11.75
50	25	182	45.50	101	25	53	13.25	158	25	54	13.50
51	25	101	25.25	102	25	51	12.75	159	25	45	11.25
52	25	51	12.75	103	25	65	16.25	160	20	25	5.00
53	25	75	18.75	104	19	87	16.53	161	25	35	8.75
54	25	275	68.75	105	25	59	14.75	162	25	48	12.00
55	25	94	23.50	106	25	44	11.00	163	25	35	8.75
56	25	226	56.50	108				164	25	25	6.25
57	25	53	13.25	110	25	60	15.00	165	9	49	4.41
58	25	91	23.75	111	25	48	12.00	166	25	29	7.25
59	25	77	19.25	112	23	72	16.56	167	25	52	13.00
60	25	36	9.00	113	25	48	12.00	168	25	40	10.00

## 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
169	25	50	\$12.50	199	25	22	\$5.75	228	25	26	\$6.50
170	25	47	11.75	200	25	63	15.75	229	25	36	9.00
171	11	52	5.72	201	16	50	8.00	230	25	35	8.75
172	25	35	8.75	202	25	61	15.25	231	25	31	7.75
173	25	28	7.00	203	25	44	11.00	232	25	43	10.75
174	25	31	7.75	204	25	40	10.00	233	25	43	10.75
175	25	33	8.25	205	25	37	9.25	234	25	38	9.50
176	19	52	9.88	206	25	45	11.25	235	25	41	10.25
177	25	24	6.00	207	19	35	8.75	236	25	17	4.25
178	.....	.....	.....	208	25	21	5.25	237	20	31	6.20
179	25	46	11.50	209	25	62	15.50	239	25	28	7.00
180	25	48	12.00	210	25	90	22.50	240	25	36	9.00
181	25	53	13.25	211	25	62	15.50	241	25	58	14.50
182	25	24	6.00	212	25	21	5.25	243	25	29	7.25
183	25	103	25.75	213	25	24	6.00	244	14	32	4.48
184	25	137	34.25	214	25	28	7.00	245	25	36	9.00
185	25	48	12.00	215	25	52	13.00	246	25	30	7.50
187	25	80	20.00	216	25	24	6.00	247	19	42	7.98
188	21	58	12.18	217	25	32	8.00	248	25	31	7.75
189	25	55	13.75	218	25	62	16.25	249	25	21	5.25
190	25	21	5.25	219	25	28	7.00	250	25	41	10.25
191	25	37	9.25	220	25	65	16.25	251	25	24	6.00
192	25	73	18.25	221	25	26	6.50	252	19	26	4.94
193	19	34	6.46	222	25	38	9.50	253	6	34	2.04
194	25	30	7.50	223	25	48	12.00	254	25	35	8.75
195	25	50	12.50	224	25	23	5.75				
196	25	28	7.00	225	25	33	8.25				\$3,347.82
197	25	41	10.25	226	25	36	9.00				
198	25	44	11.00	227	20	39	7.80				



ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS							SUSPENDED									
		GAIN		Total	LOSS				GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	GAIN		Total						
		No. March 31, 1904	By Initiation		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905		No. March 31, 1904	By Passing	Other Causes	By Raising		Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	No. March 31, 1904	By Suspension	Other Causes
Nebraska	1	29	10	1	40	12		12	28	8	12		20	13		13	7	32		32					
Western Star	2	13	8		21	6		6	15	4	6		10	6		6	4	31	2	33					
Capitol	3	38	26		64	18	1	19	45	11	19		30	19		19	11	90	4	94					
Nemaha Valley	4	3			3			3	3									12	1	13					
Omadi	5	12	6		18	6		6	12	9	6		15	8		8	7	17		17					
Plattsmouth	6	22	5		27	7		7	20	5	7		12	8		8	4	29	4	33					
Falls City	9	18	7		25	7	1	8	17	8	7		15	10		10	5	20		20					
Solomon	10	7	2		9	1		1	8	5	1		6	4		4	2	2	2	4					
Covert	11	53	22		75	18		18	57	14	12	1	33	24		24	9	117	16	136					
Orient	13	8			8				8									8		8					
Peru	14	1	2		3	2		2	1	3	2		5	2	1	3	2	12		12					
Fremont	15	11	10		21	12		12	9	2	12		14	9		9	5	39		39					
Tecumseh	17	15	8		23	5		5	18	6	5		11	5		5	6	33		33					
Lincoln	19	34	20	1	55	25		25	30	8	25	1	34	29		29	5	90		90					
Washington	21	3	2		5	1		1	4	3	1		4	1		1	3	16		16					
Pawnee	23	11	5		16	5	1	6	10	4	5		9	4		4	5	15	4	19					
Saint Johns	25	65	28		93	24		24	69	12	24		36	22		22	14	109		109					
Beatrice	26	30	4		34	5	1	6	28	12	5		17	8		8	9	64	3	67					
Jordan	27	7	3		10	1		1	9	3	1		4	1		1	3	18	1	19					
Hope	29	5	1		6	1	1	2	4	2	1		3	1		1	2	22		22					
Blue River	30	4			4				4	2			2	1		1	1	7		7					
Tekamah	31	4	4		8	3		3	5	2	3		5	2		2	3	13	4	17					
Platte Valley	32	15	14		29	12	1	13	16	5	12		17	10		10	7	32	3	35					
Ashlar	33	22	4		26	5	1	6	20	6	5	1	12	6		6	6	49	11	60					
Acacia	34	11	1		12	1		1	11	6	1		7	2		2	5	31	10	41					
Fairbury	35	14	11		25	9	1	10	15	4	9		13	6		6	7	19	5	24					
Lone Tree	36	6	5		11	6		6	5	2	6		8	6		1	7	1	27	27					
Crete	37	7	6		13	4		4	9	5	4		9	2		2	7	28		28					
Oliver	38	14	5	1	20	7		7	13	1	7		8	5		1	6	2	26	26					
Papillion	39	5	4		9	3	1	4	5	3	3		6	3		3	3	17		17					
Humboldt	40	6	1		7	1		1	6	2	1		3			3	16		16	16					
Northern Light	41	5	2		7	3		3	4	2	3		5	3		3	2	19	1	20					
Juniata	42	12	1		13	1		1	12	1			1			1	23	2	25	25					
Hebron	43	10	6		16	4		4	12	2	4		6	4		4	2	31		31					
Harvard	44	5	1		6	2		2	4	2	2		4	3		3	1	16		16					
Rob Morris	46	12	8		20	8		8	12	8			8	6		6	2	38	2	40					
Fairmont	48	11	5		16	6		6	10	2	6		8	6		6	2	26		26					
Evening Star	49	7	6		13	4		4	9	2	4		6	5		5	1	23	2	25					
Hastings	50	17	6		23	7		7	16	6	7		13	9		9	4	28		28					
Fidelity	51	14	10		24	7		7	17	5	7		12	8		8	4	26	2	28					

June, 1905.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

OF NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1905.

MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS				GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.													
Reinstatement	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	No. March 31, 1904	GAIN				Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	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, 1905	No. of Lodge
	By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss			By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion							
3	1	4	26	251	13	3	3	270	5	4	4	9	261	\$63.50	\$8.04	\$376.50	\$50.00	\$371.04	1		
1	1	1	33	150	6	3	3	159	2	4	2	8	151	66.75	.25	225.00	40.00	198.50	2		
2	2	2	93	374	19	11	1	405	9	6	4	19	386	103.75	24.16	561.00	130.00	611.41	3		
2	2	2	13	32	77	8	2	32	2	2	1	3	29	17.50	7.59	48.00	30.00	30.50	4		
6	6	6	15	77	8	2	2	87	2	2	2	2	85	27.75	7.59	115.50	30.00	125.34	5		
6	6	6	27	105	8	4	6	123	6	2	4	12	111	39.50	2.65	157.50	25.00	145.65	6		
2	2	2	20	85	10	3	3	98	2	1	2	3	95	21.25	2.40	127.50	35.00	143.65	9		
2	2	2	4	40	4	4	4	44	1	1	2	3	41	13.00	1.00	60.00	10.00	57.00	10		
4	4	4	86	373	29	4	4	410	6	4	4	11	399	108.50	2.40	559.50	100.00	553.40	19		
2	2	2	1	86	1	1	1	88	2	1	1	3	85	25.50	25.58	129.00	10.00	113.50	21		
2	2	2	8	17	3	1	2	17	2	2	1	2	15	4.50	4.58	25.50	10.00	21.00	13		
2	2	2	12	49	3	1	1	53	4	1	1	5	53	17.75	5.50	73.50	10.00	66.25	14		
2	2	2	39	210	9	4	4	223	4	1	1	5	218	53.50	1.50	313.00	50.00	313.00	15		
2	2	2	31	82	5	2	2	91	2	2	1	5	86	17.50	1.00	123.00	40.00	146.50	17		
4	4	4	86	373	29	4	4	410	6	4	4	11	399	108.50	2.40	559.50	100.00	553.40	19		
2	2	2	16	86	1	1	1	88	2	1	1	3	85	25.50	25.58	129.00	10.00	113.50	21		
2	2	2	19	104	4	3	2	111	1	3	4	8	103	25.25	8.54	156.00	25.00	164.29	23		
2	2	2	107	453	22	7	2	484	6	6	4	12	472	107.00	20.77	679.50	140.00	733.27	25		
2	2	2	67	159	8	5	5	173	1	3	3	3	164	36.72	3.25	238.50	20.00	225.03	26		
1	1	1	18	37	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	3	37	9.50	.60	55.50	15.00	61.60	27		
2	2	2	22	32	1	1	1	33	4	1	1	8	33	5.12	4.88	48.00	5.00	47.88	29		
2	2	2	7	39	1	1	1	40	2	1	4	7	40	6.84	3.25	58.50	20.00	51.66	30		
2	2	2	17	97	2	1	1	100	2	1	4	7	93	23.00	3.25	145.50	20.00	145.75	31		
2	2	2	35	131	10	5	5	146	1	2	3	6	140	36.50	10.04	196.50	70.00	240.04	32		
2	2	2	58	178	6	2	2	186	2	2	1	16	170	43.25	.80	267.00	20.00	244.55	33		
2	2	2	39	69	2	3	2	76	2	2	11	13	63	16.16	1.00	103.50	5.00	93.34	34		
2	2	2	24	139	6	4	4	149	6	6	5	11	138	34.00	.50	208.50	55.00	230.00	35		
2	2	2	25	85	6	3	2	97	1	3	3	4	93	19.75	25.00	127.50	25.00	132.75	36		
2	2	2	28	75	2	2	2	79	1	1	1	4	78	25.00	112.50	112.50	30.00	112.50	37		
1	1	1	25	99	5	1	1	106	3	1	1	4	102	16.45	2.65	148.50	25.00	157.05	38		
2	2	2	17	35	3	3	3	39	3	1	1	1	38	9.50	2.65	52.50	20.00	65.65	39		
1	1	1	16	28	2	2	2	30	1	1	1	2	30	7.00	.50	42.00	5.00	40.50	40		
1	1	1	20	42	3	3	3	45	1	1	1	4	43	10.75	5.00	63.00	10.00	62.25	41		
1	1	1	24	46	4	4	4	46	1	2	1	2	42	14.25	5.52	69.00	5.00	59.75	42		
1	1	1	30	80	4	2	1	87	1	1	1	1	86	10.14	5.52	120.00	30.00	145.38	43		
2	2	2	14	49	3	3	2	54	2	1	1	3	51	16.50	8.82	73.50	5.00	62.00	44		
1	1	1	39	142	6	7	1	156	5	2	2	9	147	34.14	8.82	213.00	40.00	227.68	46		
1	1	1	26	47	6	1	1	54	3	2	1	7	50	15.75	3.40	70.50	25.00	79.75	48		
1	1	1	25	49	5	7	1	54	3	2	2	4	47	13.25	3.25	73.50	30.00	93.65	49		
1	1	1	28	182	9	7	1	198	1	2	2	3	195	43.25	3.25	273.00	30.00	263.00	50		
1	1	1	27	101	8	3	1	114	6	2	2	8	106	25.00	10.29	151.50	50.00	186.79	51		

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS							SUSPENDED									
		GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	GAIN							
		No. March 31, 1904	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss	No. March 31, 1904	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising		Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. March 31, 1904	By Suspension	Other Causes	Total
Hiram	52	10	1	11	4			4	7	2	4		6	4				4	2	24	2		26		
Charity	53	8	6	1	15	8			8	7		8	8	7				7	1	30	2		32		
Lancaster	54	45	34	1	80	36	5		41	39	7	41	48	32	3			35	13	52			52		
Mosaic	55	6	2		8	2			2	6		2	2	1				1	1	29			29		
York	56	12	8		20	6			6	14	3	6	9	7				7	2	31			31		
Mt. Moriah	57	10	3		13	3	1		4	9	3	3	6	2				2	4	11			11		
Lebanon	58	16	3		19	7			7	12	4	7	11	9				9	2	6	1		7		
Wahoo	59	7	2		9	2			2	7	2	2	4	1				1	3	22			22		
Melrose	60	9	5		14	5			5	9	1	5	6	5				5	1	13			13		
Thistle	61	7	1		8				8	1			1					1		25			25		
Keystone	62	8	3		11	3			3	8	1	3	4	4				4		9			9		
Riverton	63	5	2		7	1			1	6	1	1	2	1				1	1	14			14		
Blue Valley	64	2	2		4	1			1	3	1	1	2	1				1	1	15	2		17		
Osceola	65	9	4		13	2			2	11	2	2	4	1				1	3	7			7		
Livingstone	66	2			2				2	2										9			9		
Edgar	67	6	7		13	8			8	5	1	8	9	5				5	4	15			15		
Aurora	68	10	3		13	1			1	12	5	1	6	2				2	4	23			23		
Sterling	70	11			11					11	3		3	1				1	2	7			7		
Trowel	71	18	4		22	3	1		4	18	3	2	6					6	18			18			
Hooper	72	7	5		12	5			5	7		5	5	5				5		10			10		
Friend	73	4	6		10	5			5	5	1	5	6	4				4	2	19			19		
Alexandria	74	1	5		6	3			3	3		3	3	1				1	2	4			4		
Frank Welch	75	8	5		13	4			4	9	6	4	10	5				5	5	15			15		
Joppa	76	4	11		15	6			6	9	3	6	9	8				8	1	11	1		12		
Nelson	77	6	4		10	1			1	9	1	1	2	1				1	1	17			17		
Albion	78	8	1		9	1	1		1	3	6	2	1	3	1			1	2	12	2		14		
Geneva	79	7	5		12	6			6	6	1	6	7	5				5	2	31	4		35		
Composite	81	4			4					4	1		1					1		6	4		10		
Saint Paul	82	4	6		10	7			7	3	3	7	10	9				9	1	37	3		40		
Corinthian	83	6	1		7	1			1	6	2	1	3	1				1	2	8			8		
Fairfield	84	10	1		11	3			3	8		3	3	3				3		10			10		
Tyre	85	10	1		11	1			1	10	2	1	3	1				1	2	22			22		
Doniphan	86	3			3					3	2		2					2		15	4		19		
Ionic	87	8	3		11	3			3	8	4	3	7	5				5	2	10	3		13		
Star	88	4	3		7	4			4	3	2	4	6	6				6		6			6		
Cedar River	89	8	3		11	3			3	8	3	3	6	4				4	2	14			14		
Elk Creek	90	3	2		5	2			2	3		2	2	2				2		9			9		
Oakland	91	1	3		4	3			3	1	1	3	1	5	5			5		3			3		
Hubbell	92	4	1		5	3			3	2	1	3	4	4				4		4	1		5		
Beaver City	93	8	8		16	5			5	11	2	5	7	5				5	2	9			9		

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MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS				GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.											
No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1904	GAIN			Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	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, 1905	No. of Lodge
	By Expulsion	By Death	Reinstatement		Reinstatement	By Admission	By Raising		By Demission	By Suspension	By Expulsion	By Death							
25	1	1	1	51	4	1	56	2	2	2	6	56	10.32	1.80	76.50	5.00	72.98	52	
32	1	1	1	75	7	1	77	2	2	2	6	77	16.50	1.10	112.50	30.00	127.10	53	
48	1	1	1	275	35	12	325	6	4	4	10	315	62.00	...	412.50	170.00	520.50	54	
27	1	1	1	94	1	1	97	4	1	1	4	93	16.74	1.60	141.00	10.00	135.86	55	
27	1	1	1	226	7	4	240	5	2	2	7	233	57.75	2.40	339.00	40.00	323.65	56	
11	1	1	1	53	2	2	57	3	1	1	4	53	16.50	3.40	79.50	15.00	78.00	57	
7	1	1	1	91	9	4	104	2	3	1	6	98	23.25	...	136.50	15.00	131.65	58	
22	1	1	1	77	1	4	82	3	1	1	4	78	17.75	3.40	115.50	10.00	107.75	59	
13	1	1	1	36	5	1	42	1	1	1	4	41	6.50	6.42	54.00	25.00	78.92	60	
22	1	1	1	77	3	3	80	4	1	1	4	76	19.25	...	115.50	5.00	101.25	61	
9	1	1	1	40	4	4	45	3	1	1	4	45	9.25	...	60.00	15.00	65.75	62	
14	1	1	1	16	1	1	17	1	1	1	6	17	4.00	...	24.00	10.00	30.00	63	
17	1	1	1	54	1	1	56	1	3	2	6	50	17.00	...	81.00	10.00	74.00	64	
7	1	1	1	65	1	1	66	1	1	1	1	65	20.75	1.00	97.50	20.00	97.75	65	
7	1	1	1	15	2	2	17	4	1	1	4	13	4.75	...	22.50	...	17.75	66	
15	1	1	1	72	5	5	77	3	2	2	5	72	19.25	25	108.00	35.00	124.00	67	
19	1	1	1	99	2	2	108	4	1	1	4	104	33.50	...	148.50	15.00	130.00	68	
6	1	1	1	39	1	1	40	1	1	1	4	40	7.92	...	58.50	25.00	30.58	70	
18	1	1	1	72	1	1	72	1	1	1	1	71	18.00	...	108.00	20.00	110.00	71	
9	1	1	1	49	5	1	55	1	2	2	3	52	11.75	2.40	73.50	25.00	89.15	72	
18	1	1	1	35	4	5	45	3	3	3	3	42	11.50	1.50	52.50	30.00	72.50	73	
4	1	1	1	24	1	1	25	2	1	1	3	22	2.40	...	36.00	25.00	63.40	74	
15	1	1	1	69	5	5	74	4	1	1	5	69	15.50	4.80	103.50	25.00	117.80	75	
9	1	1	1	48	8	3	62	3	1	1	5	57	11.33	3.50	72.00	55.00	119.17	76	
16	1	1	1	51	1	1	54	1	3	3	4	50	11.00	...	76.50	20.00	85.50	77	
14	1	1	1	52	1	2	55	2	1	2	5	50	13.25	...	78.00	5.00	69.75	78	
33	1	1	1	97	5	1	104	2	2	2	8	96	26.75	...	145.50	25.00	143.75	79	
9	1	1	1	27	1	1	28	2	1	1	3	21	10.50	1.50	40.50	30.00	31.50	81	
38	1	1	1	104	9	1	116	4	4	3	7	109	14.55	3.40	156.00	5.00	174.85	82	
8	1	1	1	34	1	1	35	2	2	2	2	33	9.50	75	51.00	5.00	47.25	83	
7	1	1	1	63	3	2	69	2	1	1	3	66	11.78	4.02	94.50	5.00	91.74	84	
21	1	1	1	45	1	1	48	3	3	3	3	45	9.75	...	67.50	5.00	62.75	85	
19	1	1	1	38	1	1	38	2	2	4	6	32	9.50	...	57.00	5.00	47.50	86	
12	1	1	1	51	5	3	60	1	3	3	4	56	10.08	50	76.50	15.00	81.92	87	
6	1	1	1	37	6	1	44	1	1	1	1	43	...	6.00	55.50	15.00	76.50	88	
13	1	1	1	62	4	3	70	2	2	2	2	68	20.00	...	93.00	15.00	88.00	89	
8	1	1	1	22	2	2	25	1	1	1	1	25	7.2	...	33.00	10.00	42.28	90	
3	1	1	1	50	5	2	57	1	1	1	1	56	9.25	2.90	75.00	15.00	83.65	91	
5	1	1	1	35	4	3	39	1	2	1	4	35	7.75	...	52.50	5.00	49.75	92	
75	1	1	1	75	5	3	83	3	1	1	3	80	22.50	4.52	112.50	40.00	134.52	93	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS							SUSPENDED										
		GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	GAIN								
		No. March 31, 1904	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss	No. March 31, 1904	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising		Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	No. March 31, 1904	By Suspension	Other Causes	Total
Bennet	94	3	5	8	5			5	3	1	5		6	5			5	1	13			13				
Garfield	95	7	1	8	1			1	7	3	1		4	3			3	1	23			23				
Utica	96	3	2	5					5										8			8				
Euclid	97	7	3	10	2	1		3	7	1	2		3	3			3		16			16				
Republican	98	7	4	11	3			3	8	4	3		7	3			3	4	6			6				
Shelton	99	10	2	12	2	1		3	9	2	2		4	2			2	2	14			14				
Creighton	100	9	7	16	10			10	6	2	10		12	10			10	2	12	2		14				
Ponca	101	8	4	12	3		1	4	8	2	3		5	3			3	2	13	1		14				
Waterloo	102	5	1	6					6	1			1					1	19	5	1	25				
Ord	103	5	1	6					6	5			5	3			3	2	29	4		33				
Wymore	104	13	6	19	9			9	10	4	9		13	8			8	5	32			32				
Stella	105	7	3	10	1			1	9	1	1		2	2			2		6	6		12				
Porter	106	3	5	8					8	2			2				2		9			9				
Table Rock	108	4	2	6	4			4	2	2	4		6	2			2	4	10			10				
Pomegranate	110	3	11	14	11			11	3	5	11		16	11		1	12	4	17			17				
De Witt	111	8	7	15	7			7	8	3	7		10	6			6	4	17			17				
Springfield	112	8	4	12	6			6	6	1	6		7	6			6	1	10	3		13				
Globe	113	11	2	13	3			3	10	3	3		6	2			2	4	15			15				
Wisner	114	7	2	9	2		1	3	6		3		3	2			2	1	13	5		18				
Harlan	116	9	3	12	4	1		5	7	3	5		8	4			4	4	11			11				
Hardy	117	3	1	4	1			1	3	1	1		2	2			2		4			4				
Doric	118	3	1	4	1			1	3	1	1		2	1			1	1	13	1		14				
North Bend	119	5	3	8	3			3	5	4	3		7	5			5	2	5	1		6				
Wayne	120	9	8	17	6			6	11	5	6		11	8			8	3	15			15				
Superior	121	3	2	5	2			2	3	2	2		4	3			3	1	12			12				
Auburn	124	3	9	12	8			8	4		8		8	6			6	2	12			12				
Mount Nebo	125	6	5	11	2			2	9	3	2		5	1			1	4	7	3		10				
Stromsburg	126		8	8	6			6	2		6		6	6			6		4			4				
Minden	127	5	2	7	2			2	5	3	2		5	2			2	3	14			14				
Guide Rock	128	4	4	8	4	1		5	3		4		4	2			2	2	6			6				
Blue Hill	129	2	2	4	4			4		1	4		5	4			4	1	9			9				
Tuscan	130	1	1	2	1			1	1	1	1		2	1			1	1	6			6				
Scribner	132	2	1	3	1			1	2	1	1		2				2		5			5				
Elm Creek	133	3	2	5					5	1			1				1		4			4				
Solar	134	6		6	2			2	4		2		2	2			2		5			5				
McCook	135	10	6	16	7			7	9	2	7		9	6			6	3	29			29				
Long Pine	136	7	1	8	1			1	7	2	1		3				3		8			8				
Upright	137	5		5	1			1	4		1		1	1			1		6			6				
Rawalt	138	2		2	2			2	2		2		2	2			2		14	2		16				
Clay Center	139		2	2	1			1	1		1		1	1			1		7			7				



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No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	No. March 31, 1904	GAIN			Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	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, 1905	No. of Lodge
		By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension							
10	38	5	1	1	44	1	1	1	2	42	8.25	.50	57.00	25.00	74.25	94
22	51	3	3	1	55	6	1	1	6	49	1.53	.50	76.50	5.00	79.97	95
7	30	1	1	1	31	1	1	1	3	31	5.76	4.75	45.00	10.00	53.99	96
16	35	3	1	1	40	1	2	1	5	35	8.00	.50	52.50	15.00	60.00	97
5	29	3	2	1	35	1	1	1	2	33	6.75	3.25	43.50	20.00	60.00	98
13	45	2	2	1	50	1	1	1	1	49	11.00	.25	67.50	10.00	66.75	99
14	59	10	3	3	72	1	1	2	4	68	12.75	14.79	88.50	35.00	125.54	100
13	53	3	1	1	58	2	1	1	4	54	12.00	1.00	79.50	20.00	87.50	101
25	51	1	1	1	53	1	1	5	6	47	11.75	3.75	76.50	5.00	73.50	102
33	65	3	2	2	70	5	1	4	11	59	18.00	.....	97.50	5.00	84.50	103
30	87	8	2	1	96	5	2	1	6	90	23.50	.50	130.50	30.00	137.50	104
12	59	2	1	1	62	4	2	6	12	50	.55	7.20	88.50	15.00	102.95	105
9	44	2	2	1	46	1	1	1	2	44	11.00	1.00	66.00	25.00	87.00	106
9	29	2	2	1	32	2	2	2	2	30	6.00	.....	43.50	10.00	41.50	108
14	60	11	2	2	76	2	2	2	2	74	16.25	2.25	90.00	55.00	131.00	110
16	48	6	1	1	55	2	2	3	2	53	11.50	.....	72.00	35.00	95.50	111
12	72	6	1	1	80	5	2	3	10	70	14.00	7.20	108.00	20.00	121.20	112
15	48	2	1	1	51	1	1	1	5	51	11.50	8.25	72.00	10.00	78.75	113
17	55	2	2	1	60	2	2	5	10	51	13.00	1.00	82.50	10.00	80.50	114
11	60	4	2	2	66	2	2	2	2	64	13.50	.....	90.00	15.00	91.50	116
4	48	2	1	1	51	3	1	1	4	47	11.75	.40	72.00	5.00	65.65	117
14	20	1	1	1	21	1	1	1	2	19	5.00	4.20	30.00	5.00	34.20	118
6	79	5	1	1	85	2	2	1	5	80	19.50	.....	118.50	15.00	114.00	119
15	54	8	2	2	64	1	1	1	2	62	17.75	10.50	81.00	40.00	113.75	120
11	66	3	3	4	75	1	1	1	2	73	13.50	.....	99.00	10.00	95.50	121
12	62	6	2	2	71	4	4	1	4	67	6.38	1.50	93.00	45.00	133.12	124
9	74	1	1	1	76	3	1	3	6	69	11.81	8.04	111.00	25.00	132.23	125
3	50	6	3	1	60	5	1	1	6	54	13.00	.50	75.00	40.00	102.50	126
14	40	2	2	1	42	2	2	1	2	40	8.82	9.25	60.00	10.00	70.43	127
6	27	2	1	1	30	3	3	2	2	30	4.16	9.57	40.50	20.00	65.91	128
9	54	4	4	1	58	1	1	1	1	57	12.75	.....	81.00	10.00	78.25	129
6	35	1	1	1	36	3	3	1	3	36	9.00	.....	52.50	5.00	48.50	130
4	39	1	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	39	9.75	.....	58.50	5.00	53.75	132
4	32	2	2	1	32	1	1	1	1	31	8.00	.....	48.00	10.00	50.00	133
5	53	2	2	1	55	1	2	1	4	51	13.75	.....	79.50	.....	65.75	134
28	109	7	5	1	122	3	2	1	5	117	29.75	.....	163.50	30.00	163.75	135
7	42	1	1	1	42	2	1	1	2	40	10.75	5.30	61.50	5.00	61.05	136
6	41	1	1	1	43	2	1	2	3	40	8.50	.50	63.00	.....	55.00	137
16	56	2	2	2	60	1	1	2	3	57	13.50	7.00	84.00	.....	77.50	138
7	44	1	1	1	45	1	1	1	1	44	10.00	.....	66.00	10.00	66.00	139

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS								SUSPENDED							
		No. March 31, 1904	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	No. March 31, 1904	GAIN		Total											
			By Initiation	Other Causes		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	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	No. March 31, 1904	GAIN	
																								By Suspension	Other Causes
Western	140	5	4	9	7			7	2	2	7	1	10	8			8	2	9	2	1				
Crescent	143	3	2	5			1	1	4	1			1					1	6			1			
Kenesaw	144	6		6					6										15			1			
Bancroft	145	10		10	1			1	9	3	1		4	1			1	3	15	3		1			
Jachin	146	12	3	15	4			4	11	6	4		10	5			5	5	22			2			
Siloam	147	5		5	1			1	4	1	1		2	1			1	1	7						
Emmet Crawford	148	12		12	2			2	10	3	2		5	2			2	3	12	3		1			
Jewel	149	2	6	8	8			8		3	8		11	8			8	3	9			1			
Cambridge	150	2		2					2	1			1					1	7						
Square	151	13	2	15	5			5	10	2	5		7	3			3	4	15			1			
Parallel	152	11	4	15	4	1		5	10	6	4		10	6			6	4	11	6		1			
Evergreen	153	2	4	6	4	1		5	1	2	4		6	3			3	3	8			8			
Lily	154	1		1					1										3	1					
Hartington	155	8	4	12	3			3	9		3		3	2			2	1	9			9			
Pythagoras	156	9	2	11	2	1		3	8	3	2		5	1			1	4	8	4		1			
Valley	157	5	3	8	1			1	7	1	1		2	1			1	1	6			6			
Samaritan	158	4	2	6	2			2	4	2	2		4	2			2	2	15			1			
Ogalalla	159	2	4	6	4			4	2	2	4		6	4			4	2	11			1			
Zeredatha	160	1	1	2	1			1	1		1		1				1	11			1	1			
Mount Zion	161	2	5	7	5			5	2		5		5	5			5		2	2		4			
Trestle Board	162	4	10	14	10			10	4	3	10		13	13			13		3			3			
Unity	163	1	5	6	3			3	3		3		3	2			2	1	15			1			
Atkinson	164	3		3					3	2			2	1			1	1	6			6			
Barneston	165	3	1	4					4		1		1	1			1		9			9			
Mystic Tie	166	9	2	11	2	1		3	8	2	2		4	1			1	3	6	4		10			
Elwood	167	3	4	7	4			4	3		4		4	3			3	1	16			16			
Curtis	168	3	2	5	2			2	3	1	2		3	3			3		13	2		1			
Amity	169	7	3	10	4	1		5	5	2	4		6	4			4	2	4			4			
Mason City	170	3	4	7	4			4	3	3	4		7	1			1	6	4	2		6			
Merna	171	6	2	8					8	5			5	3			3	2	12			1			
Grafton	172	7		7					7	2			2				2		4	5		9			
Robert Burns	173	7		7					7	1			1				1		10	5		1			
Culbertson	174	2	2	4	1			1	3	2	1		3	2			2	1	5			5			
Temple	175		3	3	2			2	1	4	2		6	3			3	3	11	4		1			
Gladstone	176	6	2	8	2			2	6	1	2		3	2			2	1	4			4			
Hay Springs	177	1	5	6	2			2	4	1	2		3	2			2	1	5			5			
Hesperia	178	5		5					5										10			10			
Prudence	179		1	1					1	1			1				1		9	4		1			
Justice	180	1	2	2	1			1	2	1	1		2	2			2		3	1		1			
Faith	181	11	8	19	10	2		12	8	1	10		11	6			6	5	22	4		2			

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MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS				GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.															
Reinstatement	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	No. March 31, 1904	GAIN				Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	Amounts Due Lodges on Old Accounts	Amounts Due Grand Lodge on Old Accounts	Dues on Master Masons	Fees on Initlation	Amounts Due Grand Lodge, March 31, 1905	No. of Lodge		
	By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss			By Raising	By Admision	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion								Other Causes	Total Loss
1	1	2	9	50	8	1	1	60	3	2	5	55	12.50		75.00	20.00	82.50	140					
1	1	2	6	30	1	1	1	31	1	1	1	30	7.50		45.00	10.00	47.50	143					
1	1	1	14	26	1	1	1	27	1	1	1	26	5.88		39.00		33.12	144					
2	2	2	20	40	1	1	1	42	2	3	5	37	9.50	7.70	60.00		58.20	145					
				65	5	3	2	75	6		6	69	12.39	8.54	97.50	15.00	108.65	146					
1	1	2	7	33	1	1	1	35				35	6.80		49.50		42.70	147					
2	2	2	13	91	2	2	2	97	3	3	6	91	23.25	.50	136.50		113.75	148					
1	1	1	8	22	8	1	1	32	1		1	31	4.20	.50	33.00	30.00	59.30	149					
2	2	2	7	34	3	1	1	35	3		3	32	8.50	.50	51.00		43.00	150					
				34	3		2	39	3		3	36	9.25		51.00	10.00	51.75	151					
				47	6			50	2	1	1	41	10.75		66.00	20.00	75.25	152					
				27	3	5		35	1	1	1	34	5.32		40.50	20.00	55.18	153					
				28	2			28	2	1	3	25	8.25		42.00		33.75	154					
				59	2	2		63	1	2	3	60	13.75	.50	88.50	20.00	95.25	155					
				41	1			42		4	5	37	8.50		61.50	10.00	63.00	156					
				47	2	2		50	1		1	49	11.00	1.00	70.50	15.00	75.50	157					
				15	5	5		61	1		1	61	13.68		81.00	10.00	77.32	158					
				45	4	2		51	1	1	2	49	11.75		67.50	20.00	75.75	159					
1	1	1	11	25	4			25	1		1	24	5.75		37.50	5.00	36.75	160					
				35	5			40	3	2	5	35	9.00	1.50	52.50	25.00	70.00	161					
				48	13	2		68	1		2	61	11.75		72.00	50.00	110.25	162					
				35	2			37				37	9.50	2.40	52.50	25.00	70.40	163					
				54	4			51	1		1	27	6.25		37.50		31.25	164					
				25	1	2		28	1	2	2	49	12.00		43.50	5.00	47.09	166					
				49	1	1		51			7	24	7.75	1.34	43.50	10.00	54.79	166					
				29	1	1		31	3	4	4	24	7.75		43.50	10.00	54.79	166					
				52	3	1		57	3	1	4	53	12.75		78.00	20.00	85.25	167					
				40	3	1		43		2	5	38	3.96		60.00	10.00	66.04	168					
				50	4			54	1	2	3	51	11.75	6.30	75.00	15.00	84.55	169					
				47	1	2		50	1	2	4	46	11.50		70.50	20.00	79.00	170					
				52	3	2		57			7	57	12.00	2.65	78.00	10.00	78.65	171					
				35	3	1		37	1	5	4	30	10.00		52.50		42.50	172					
				28	1	1		29	1	3	4	25	8.25		42.00	10.00	33.75	173					
				31	2			33	2	1	2	31	7.25	.50	46.50	10.00	49.25	174					
				33	3	1		37	1	4	5	32			49.50	15.00	65.00	175					
				52	2			54	1	2	3	51	11.75		78.00	10.00	76.25	176					
				24	2	1		27	1	1	7	30	2.97		36.00	25.00	58.03	177					
				19	1			19	4		4	15	2.72		28.50		25.78	178					
				48	2	4		50	1	1	5	45	10.50	1.00	62.00	5.00	64.50	179					
				46	2			50	1	2	4	46	12.50		72.00	10.00	70.50	180					
				53	6			62	4	4	4	58	14.40	1.90	79.50	40.00	107.00	181					

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES										FELLOW CRAFTS										SUSPENDED		
		GAIN					LOSS					GAIN					LOSS							
		No. March 31, 1904		Total	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905				No. March 31, 1904		Total	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905				No. March 31, 1904		Total						
		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							
Incense	182	3	4	7	4	4	3	3	4	7	3	4	3	4	3	4	11		11					
Alliance	183	20	11	31	10	1	11	20	5	11	16	11		11	5	11	1	12						
Bee Hive	184	10	14	24	11		11	13	2	11	13	9		9	4	14		14						
Boaz	185	4	3	7	2	1	3	4	1	2	3	2		2	1	5		5						
Israel	187	2	1	3	2		2	1	4	2	6	4		4	2	5		5						
Meridian	188	2	2	4	1		1	3	2	1	3	1		1	2	11	1	12						
Granite	189	1	1	2			2	4	2		4	1		1	3	16		16						
Amethyst	190	1	1	2	1		1	1	2	1	3	1		1	2	3		3						
Crystal	191	5	2	7	1		1	6	1	1	2	2		2		9		9						
Minnekadusa	192	8	4	12	2		2	10	3	2	5	1	1	2	3	15		15						
Signet	193	5	3	8	3		3	5		3	3	2		2	1	6		6						
Highland	194	2		2			2	2	2		2			2	15		15							
Arcana	195	2	3	5	2		2	3	2		2	2		2	8		8							
Level	196								3		3			3	4		4							
Morning Star	197	3	3	6	3		3	3	1	3	4	3		3	1	1	5	6						
Purity	198	14	6	20	8	1	9	11	2	8	10	6		6	4	1	1	2						
Gavel	199	1		1			1	1	2		2			2	7		7							
Blazing Star	200	1	1	2	1		1	1	6	1	7	6		6	1	4		4						
Scotts Bluff	201	7	5	12	1		1	11		1	1	1		1	12	2		14						
Golden Sheaf	202	10	5	15	10		10	5	2	10	12	10		10	2	7	1	8						
Roman Eagle	203	13	4	17	7		7	10	2	7	9	7		7	2	15		15						
Plainview	204	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	2			2	2	1		3						
Golden Fleece	205	1		1			1	1	3		3	1		1	2	5		5						
Napthali	206	2	2	4	1		1	3	2	1	3	2		2	1	7		7						
Parian	207	4	7	11	5		5	6	1	5	6	6		6		2	1	3						
Gauge	208	8	8	16	8		8	8	1	8	9	7		7	2	17		17						
Canopy	209	7	6	14	8	1	9	5	3	8	11	8		8	3	2		2						
East Lincoln	210	4	21	25	17		17	8	5	17	22	20		20	2	7	1	8						
Cement	211	2	1	3	1		1	2	1	1	2			2	1	1		1						
Compass and Square	212	4		4			4	4	2		2			2	9	1		10						
Square and Compass	213	2	1	3	1		1	2	2	1	3	3		3	8			8						
Plumbline	214														4			4						
Occidental	215	2	3	5	3		3	2		3	3	3		3	5			5						
Palisade	216	5	1	6			6	6	1		1			1	12			12						
Wauneta	217		3	3	2		2	1	1	2	3			3	7	3		10						
Bloomfield	218	5	10	15	7		7	8	3	7	10	9		9	1	5		5						
Relief	219	4	3	7	3	2	5	2		3	3	3		3	1			1						
Magnolia	220	3	4	7	4		4	3	1	4	5	5		5	6			6						
Wood Lake	221	2		2	2		2		1	2	3	2		2	1	1		1						
Landmark	222							1			1	1		1	1	1	1	2						

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MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS										GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.					No. of Lodge		
LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	No. March 31, 1904	GAIN				LOSS						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, 1905	
Reinstatement	By Death	By Expulsion			By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes							Total Loss
1		1	10	24	3	2	1	30	2					2	28	6.00		36.00	20.00	50.00	182
			12	103	11	5		119	2	2	1			5	114	24.75	3.25	154.50	55.00	188.00	183
1		1	13	137	9	3	1	150	4	5				9	141	34.25	19.48	205.50	70.00	260.73	184
2		2	3	48	2		2	52	2	1				3	49	13.75		72.00	15.00	73.25	185
			5	80	4			84							84	20.75		120.00	5.00	104.25	187
1		1	11	58	1	1	1	61		2	1			3	58	18.75		87.00	10.00	78.25	188
			16	55	1	1		57	2	2				4	53	13.25		82.50	5.00	74.25	189
			3	21				22							22	5.25	.50	31.50	5.00	31.75	190
			9	37	2			39	1	1				2	37	8.75		55.50	10.00	56.75	191
1		1	14	73	1	1	1	76	2	1		1		4	72	14.91	3.60	109.50	20.00	118.19	192
			6	34	2			36							36	8.50	.25	51.00	15.00	57.75	193
	2	2	13	30				30		2				2	28	8.25	.40	45.00		37.15	194
1		1	7	50	2		1	53	2	1				3	50	11.50		75.00	15.00	78.50	195
			4	28				28							28	6.16	1.00	42.00		36.84	196
			6	41	3	2		46	2		5			7	39	9.75		61.50	15.00	66.75	197
			2	44	6			50	1		1			2	48	10.56	3.05	66.00	30.00	88.49	198
			7	22				22	1	1				2	20	4.41		33.00		28.59	199
			4	63	6	1		70							70	17.25	.50	94.50	5.00	82.75	200
2		2	12	50	1	1	2	54	2		2			4	50	11.50		75.00	25.00	88.50	201
			8	61	10	2	1	74	1		1			2	72	14.25	1.00	91.50	25.00	103.25	202
1	1	2	13	44	7		1	52	2	1				3	49	11.00	14.37	66.00	20.00	89.37	203
			3	40				40	2		1			3	37	9.50		60.00	5.00	55.50	204
			5	37	1			38							38	9.00		55.50		46.50	205
			7	45	2	1		48	1	1				2	46	9.75	2.90	67.50	10.00	70.65	206
			3	35	6			41	1		1			2	39	10.00	6.67	52.50	35.00	84.17	207
3		3	14	21	7	1	3	32	1					1	31	5.50	19.57	31.50	40.00	85.57	208
			2	62	8		1	71	1					1	70	14.75		93.00	30.00	108.25	209
			3	90	20	1		111	5	2	1			8	103	23.00	8.44	135.00	105.00	225.44	210
			1	62		3		65	2					2	63	15.75		93.00	5.00	82.25	211
1		1	9	21			1	22	4		1			5	17	5.25		31.50		26.25	212
			8	24	3			27							27	5.50		36.00	5.00	35.50	213
			4	28		1		29							29	9.75		42.00		32.25	214
1		1	4	52	3	1	1	57	1					1	56	13.00	4.10	78.00	15.00	84.10	215
1		1	11	24		1	1	26	1					1	25	4.25		36.00	5.00	36.75	216
			10	32				32	1					1	31	8.25	.50	48.00	15.00	55.25	217
			5	65	9			74	3					3	71	15.50	.50	97.50	50.00	132.50	218
			1	28	3	1		32							32	6.50		42.00	15.00	50.50	219
			6	65	5			70	1					1	69	15.50	2.00	97.50	20.00	104.00	220
			1	26	2			28							28	5.75	.50	39.00		33.75	221
			2	38	1			39	4	2	1			7	32	10.25	7.25	57.00		54.00	222



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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS							SUSPENDED					
		No. March 31, 1904	GAIN		Total	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	No. March 31, 1904	GAIN		Total	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	No. March 31, 1904	GAIN		Total
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death			Other Causes	By Raising		Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			By Suspension	Other Causes	
Eminence	223	2	1	3	1		1	2	3	1		4	2		2	2					
Silver Cord	224		1	1	1					1		1				1		6		6	
Cable	225	3	2	5	3		3	2		3		3	3		3		2		2		
Grace	226	4	3	7	3	1	4	3	2	4		6	4	1	5	1	1	1	2		
North Star	227	4	3	7	2		2	5	2	2		4	4		4		2		2		
Bartley	228	1		1				1									1		1		
Comet	229	1	6	7	5		5	2	2	5		7	5		5	2	2	1	3		
Delta	230	4	6	10	4		1	5	5	3	4	7	6		6	1					
Mount Hermon	231	1	4	5	4			4	1	4		5	4		4	1	2		2		
John S. Bowen	232	2	1	3				3									1	2	3		
Gilead	233	12	12	24	8		8	16	1	8		9	6		6	3	3		3		
Zion	234	4	9	13	9		9	4	2	9		11	6		6	5	1		1		
Fraternity	235	4	6	10	2		2	8	1	2		3	2		2	1					
Golden Rule	236	2	2	4	1		1	3	1	1		2			2		1		1		
Cubit	237		5	5	5		5			5		5	5		5						
Friendship	239	1	3	4	1		1	3	1	1		2	2		2		2		2		
Pilot	240	3	1	4				4	1			1			1		1	3	4		
George Armstrong	241	1	5	6	6		6		1	6		7	5		5	2	2		2		
Tyrian	243	6	3	9	4		4	5	2	4		6	5		5	1					
Sincerity	244	3		3	1		1	2	1			1			1						
Hampton	245	5	3	8	4		4	4		4		4	2		2	2					
Nehawka	246	1	7	8			5	3		5		5	4		4	1					
Corner-stone	247	6	4	10	3		3	7	4	3		7	5		5	2	1	2	3		
Laurel	248	4	3	7	4		4	3	2	4		6	5		5	1					
Gothenburg	249	1	1	2	1		1	1		1		1			1						
George Washington	250	1	10	11	9		9	2		9		9	7		7	2					
Wausa	251	3	2	5	2		2	3	2	2		4	3		3	1					
Hildreth	252	1	7	9	7		7	2	1	7		8	7		7	1					
Beemer	253	4	2	6	2		2	4	3	2		5	2		2	3					
Bassett	254	4	4	8	4		4	4	4	4		8	5		5	3					
Bradshaw	255		6	6	3		3	3		3		3	3		3						
Hickman	256		2	2	1		1	1		1		1	1		1						
Holbrook	257	1	2	3	2		2	1	1	2		3	2		2	1					
Extinct Lodges		57	13	70		1	1	69	12	4	16				16	99	27		126		
Anselmo, U. D.			10	10	9		9	1		9		9	8		8	1					
Bee, U. D.			5	5	2		2	3		2		2	1		1	1					
Grand Totals		1635	953	2361	885	16	19	8928	1683	526	896	9143	1904	5	4913	518	3162	246	43412		

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GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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OF NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1905.

No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	MASTER MASONS			MASTER MASONS			GRAND LODGE DUES, FEES, ETC.					
	Reinstatement	LOSS	By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1905	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, 1904	No. of Lodge
1	1	1	1			1						
125	92	8	1			125	218	45	5	50	168	Ext.
21413271	14066908360	11044015584	438191216	51586514719	\$3414.84	\$543.38	\$20940.00	\$4765.00	\$22833.54			
6	48	2	1			48	11.75	.50	72.00	5.00	65.75	223
2	23	2	1			24	7.00	1.30	34.50	5.00	33.80	224
2	33	3	1			35	7.75	1.00	49.50	10.00	51.75	225
2	36	5	4			35	4.80	1.00	54.00	15.00	65.20	226
2	39	2	1			42	10.12		58.50	15.00	63.38	227
1	26	1	1			24	8.25	14.34	39.00		30.75	228
3	36	5	1			40	8.25	1.00	54.00	30.00	90.09	229
3	35	6	2			37	7.75	1.00	52.50	30.00	75.75	230
2	31	4	2			35	9.25		46.50	20.00	57.25	231
3	43	1	2			40	10.25		64.50	5.00	59.25	232
3	43	6	1			49	10.50	9.34	64.50	60.00	123.34	233
1	38	6	1			43	7.75	2.90	57.00	45.00	94.25	234
1	41	2	1			42	9.25		61.50	30.00	85.15	235
2	17	5	3			17	4.75		25.50	10.00	30.75	236
2	31	5	2			36	8.25		46.50	25.00	63.25	237
2	28	2	2			28	7.25		42.00	15.00	49.75	239
4	36	5	1			33	8.00	.50	54.00	5.00	51.50	240
2	58	5	1			64	12.25	9.04	87.00	25.00	108.79	241
2	29	5	2			34	6.25		43.50	15.00	52.25	243
2	32	2	1			29	7.75		48.00		40.25	244
2	36	2	2			28	7.25		42.00		49.75	245
2	30	4	1			34	7.50	9.04	45.00	35.00	81.54	246
1	42	5	1			48	9.75	8.04	63.00	20.00	81.29	247
2	31	5	1			36	5.04		46.50	15.00	56.46	248
2	21	1	1			20	1.00		31.50	5.00	31.50	249
2	41	7	4			51	8.00	6.12	61.50	50.00	109.62	250
2	24	3	1			27	3.40		36.00	10.00	42.60	251
2	26	7	1			33	4.50		39.00	35.00	69.50	252
2	34	2	1			36	5.10	4.02	51.00	10.00	59.92	253
2	35	5	1			40			52.50	20.00	72.50	254
2	5	3	27			35				30.00	30.00	255
2	7	1	12			19				10.00	10.00	256
2	2	2	15			19				10.00	10.00	257
1	92	8	1			8		11.50		50.00	61.50	U.D.
1	1	1				1		4.02		25.00	29.02	U.D.

A claim for the return of the special dispensation fee to Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 231, petitions from members of extinct lodges asking to be exempt from the payment of Grand Lodge dues, and the following amendment to the law presented by Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Amend Section 68, Chapter IX., Law of Freemasonry, to read as follows:

A brother who was a member in good standing of a lodge at the time such lodge became extinct, and remains unaffiliated, shall remain and be deemed in good standing for one year from March 31st, 1905, or for one year after such lodge ceases to exist.

Failing to pay his dues to the Grand Secretary and procuring a demit within such year shall be deemed a Masonic offense, for which he shall be tried by a commission appointed by the Grand Master, and if found guilty, shall be suspended from all of the rights and privileges of Masonry.

A petition for a new lodge at Indianola was presented, and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Bids for printing a new form of ledger were presented and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The roll of committees appointed by the Grand Master in a circular dated May 5th, was called, and the following were present and entered upon the discharge of their duties:

*Jurisprudence*—M. W. Frank E. Bullard, Chairman.

*Codification of the Law*—Brothers John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Robert E. Evans, 5.

*Foreign Correspondence*—Brothers Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Christopher Schavland, 113.

*Fraternal Dead*—Brother Charles H. Sloan, 79.

*Relief*—Brothers James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Julius E. Wilder, 71; Charles A. Barnes, 221.

*Grievances*—Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; Roderick D. Sutherland, 77; Marion B. Foster, 113; Frank O. Robinson, 155; Andrew R. Oleson, 114.

*Doings of Grand Officers*—Brothers Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; James M. Kennedy, 125; Emerson Hanson, 135; George I. Parker, 219.

*Accounts*—Brothers Arthur B. Peden, 91; George F. Milbourn, 127; John G. McIlvain, 32; Clarence A. Murch, 46.

*Charters and Dispensations*—Brothers Victor Seymour, 54; Ensign J. Rix, 55; Thomas W. Eustice, 124; Delos E. Ryder, 33.

*Credentials*—Brothers Charles H. Epperson, 84; Charles A. Dunham, 3; Lew E. Smith, 136; Hugh L. McGinitie, 71.

*Ways and Means*—Brothers Peter McFarlane, 201; Lynn A. Quivey, 247; Thomas L. White, 244; Daniel D. Coburn, 248; John K. Brown, 100.

*Grand Lodge Office*—Brothers Velosco V. Leonard, 6; John F. Newhall, 166; John C. Pentzer, 227; Thomas E. Housh, 169.

*Returns*—Brothers John J. Mercer, 3; George N. Mark, 210; William W. Quivey, 153; William E. Miller, 112; George E. Henton, 73.

*Pay-Roll*—Brothers John T. Marriott, 83; Frederick M. Weitzel, 78; Matthew A. Priestly, 15; Frank E. Ward, 31; Henry Gibbons, 46.

*Visiting Brethren*—Brothers Raymond V. Cole, 3; Charles L. Shook, 1; Allen S. Romano, 11; Charles C. Howe, 184; Henry H. Hahn, 21.

*Unfinished Business*—Brothers Charles L. Richards, 43; Michael Cowan, 17; Jacob H. North, 19; Alva W. Loomis, 48.

*Card Registry*—John S. Bishop, 54; Samuel S. Whiting, 54.

Brother Kennedy, 125, for the committee, submitted the following report, which on motion was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers fraternally reports, and recommends that the following matters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

All decisions made, and special dispensations issued by the Grand Master; his approval of amendments to by-laws; those portions of his address and of the report of the Grand Custodian relating to Freemasons who were formerly members of lodges that are now extinct; that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to clandestine lodges and members thereof; also that portion relating to voting the stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home; the payment of mileage to representatives, and the number of miles to be paid for to representatives, with the suggestion that the law should be construed as to where mileage is to be paid from, whether from the place where the lodge is located, or where the representative resides; that portion of the report of the Committee on Returns showing the failure of lodges to report the mileage, also to omitting the publication of the financial transactions of lodges in the annual reports; also that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to printing the law each year, and taking from the rolls all Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and suspended Masons, who have been carried on the rolls for a period of five years; also the question of the cancellation of the commission of our former representative of California.

We recommend that the subject of card register, referred to in the Grand Master's address and the report of the Grand Secretary, be referred to the special committee appointed at the last session.

We recommend that the portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to printing and binding Volume 8, be referred to a special com-

mittee of three Past Grand Masters, said committee to consider how many years it is desirable to include in the volume, also as to whether the law shall be published with it.

We recommend that the petitions for charters for lodges at Anselmo and Bee, and for furnishing a copy of the original charter to Pawnee Lodge No. 23, to replace the one destroyed by fire, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

We recommend that the report of the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, the report of the Grand Treasurer, and the matters relating to finance in the report of the Grand Secretary, also the question of charging to Profit and Loss the balance due on the note of Indianola Lodge No. 123, extinct, be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

We recommend that the portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to prepaying charges on supplies sent to lodges, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

We recommend that the report of the trial of members of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109, extinct, and all matters relating to grievances, be referred to the Committee on Grievances.

We recommend that the portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the Grand Lodge of Idaho vs. Star Lodge No. 88, be referred to the incoming Grand Master; also the condition of lodges Nos. 133, 144, and 178, and the condition of lodges generally.

We recommend that the report of the Grand Custodian be referred to all incoming Masters, with the request to read and consider such portions as relate to irregularities and official orders.

We recommend that matters relating to the Nebraska Masonic Home, except voting the stock, be referred to a special committee of three.

In the published list of dead we notice some data missing. We recommend that some steps be taken to compel secretaries to furnish such data. It seems inconsistent to provide memorial pages for our deceased brethren if there is not sufficient interest taken by the lodges to furnish the dates of their deaths.

We recommend that all acts not specially referred to committees or otherwise disposed of, be approved.

We commend the Grand Master for his zeal and for giving the necessary time and labor to heal the differences to which he refers; and we congratulate the Grand Jurisdiction upon the peace, harmony, and prosperity that prevail throughout the jurisdiction, as shown by the address of the Grand Master.

Brother Epperson, 84, presented the report for the Committee on Credentials, and it was adopted subject to changes during the session. As finally adopted the report is as follows:



## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Nebraska lodges are represented with the exception of lodges numbered 35, 39, 57, 60, 61, 66, 72, 81, 90, 116, 128, 130, 146, 156, 178, 199, 226, 243, 250, and 257.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

M.:W.:Charles E. Burnham . . . . .	Grand Master,
R.:W.:Melville R. Hopewell . . . . .	Deputy Grand Master,
R.:W.:Zuingle M. Baird . . . . .	Grand Senior Warden,
R.:W.:Ornan J. King . . . . .	Grand Junior Warden,
M.:W.:John B. Dinsmore . . . . .	Grand Treasurer,
R.:W.:Francis E. White . . . . .	Grand Secretary,
V.:W.:George A. Beecher . . . . .	Grand Chaplain,
W.:Lewis H. Blackledge . . . . .	Grand Orator,
M.:W.:Robert E. French . . . . .	Grand Custodian,
W.:Michael Dowling . . . . .	Grand Marshal,
W.:William A. DeBord . . . . .	Grand Senior Deacon,
W.:Harry A. Cheney . . . . .	Grand Junior Deacon,
Bro.:Jacob King . . . . .	Grand Tyler.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters: M.:W.:Brothers Daniel H. Wheeler, Harry P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, George W. Lininger, Edward K. Valentine, Edwin F. Warren, Manoah B. Reese, Charles K. Coutant, George B. France, John J. Mercer, Robert E. French, Bradner D. Slaughter, Samuel P. Davidson, 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, Robert E. Evans, Nathaniel M. Ayers, Frank E. Bullard. Past Deputy Grand Masters: Henry Brown, Elias H. Clark.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE	No.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	1	Charles L. Shook		
Western Star	2	* <i>Frank B. Eccleston</i>	* <i>Frank B. Eccleston</i>	* <i>Frank B. Eccleston</i>
Capitol	3	Raymond V. Cole	Millard M. Robertson	William E. Rhoades
Nemaha Valley	4	* <i>Edward E. Lowman</i>		
Omadi	5	John H. Ream	George J. Boucher	
Plattsmouth	6	Velosco V. Leonard	William L. Pickett	
Falls City	9	* <i>Frank C. Wisner</i>	Frank C. Wisner	
Solomon	10	Oliver M. Ireland		
Covert	11	Allen S. Romano		
Orient	13	George N. Ocamb		
Peru	14	Horton W. Bedell		Joseph S. Robinson
Fremont	15	Matthew A. Priestley		August J. Albers
Tecumseh	17	Michael E. Cowan	* <i>Arthur C. Sullivan</i>	* <i>John S. Harman</i>
Lincoln	19	Jacob H. North		
Washington	21	Henry H. Hahn		
Pawnee	23	James N. Stevens		
Saint Johns	25	Albert P. Johnson	Charles A. Tracy	
Beatrice	26	Clemens A. Spellman		
Jordan	27		Pliny M. Moodie	
Hope	29	Benjamin T. Skeen		
Blue River	30	* <i>Ezra J. Newton</i>		
Tekamah	31	* <i>Frank E. Ward</i>		
Platte Valley	32	John G. McIlvain		
Ashlar	33	Delos E. Ryder		
Acacia	34	* <i>Henry C. Wright</i>	Henry C. Wright	Donald D. McLeod
Lone Tree	36	Joseph E. Benton		* <i>Arthur J. Lindley</i>
Crete	37	Melville H. Fleming		
Oliver	38		Barclay M. Hickman	
Humboldt	40	Leroy S. Hackett		
Northern Light	41	* <i>John A. Ehrhardt</i>		
Juniata	42	Frank R. Hughes	* <i>Enos J. Hanchett</i>	* <i>William G. Saddler</i>
Hebron	43	Charles L. Richards		
Harvard	44	Andrew J. Jennison		
Rob Morris	46	Clarence A. Murch	* <i>Roy S. Shahan</i>	* <i>Wyman S. Clapp</i>
Fairmont	48	Alva W. Loomis		
Evening Star	49	Lester B. Stiner	Nathaniel A. Tyler	
Hastings	50		John D. French	
Fidelity	51	Major R. Stenson	Alex. E. Etting	
Hiram	52	Joseph C. Chapman		
Charity	53	* <i>Frank W. Cowden</i>		
Lancaster	54	Victor Seymour		* <i>Robert O. Wolf</i>
Mosaic	55	Ensign J. Rix		
York	56	Burnard King		
Lebanon	58	Henry Ragatz		
Wahoo	59	* <i>Joseph N. Davis</i>	Frank R. Schell	
Keystone	62	* <i>Daniel E. Price</i>		
Riverton	63	Willis P. Fulton		
Blue Valley	64	Porter F. Dodson	James J. Grimm	
Osceola	65	Samuel A. Snider		
Edgar	67	James G. Walley	John Sugden	
Aurora	68	Isaiah W. Haughey		
Sterling	70	Loyal R. Zink	Frank H. Catchpole	
Trowel	71	Julius E. Wilder	* <i>Hugh L. McGinitie</i>	

\*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE	No.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Friend.	73	George E. Henton.		
Alexandria.	74	*William C. Beers.	William C. Beers.	
Frank Welch.	75	William J. Shoemaker.		
Oppa.	76	Perry Hildreth.		
Nelson.	77	Roderick D. Sutherland.		
Albion.	78	Frederick M. Weitzel.	William C. Weitzel.	
Geneva.	79	Charles H. Sloan.		
Saint Paul.	82	George E. Bartholomew.		
Corinthian.	83	John T. Marriott.		*Frank A. Davis.
Fairfield.	84	Charles H. Epperson.		
Cyre.	85	*D. . . . W. Rising.		
Doniphan.	86	Clarence M. Lowry.	*Clarence M. Lowry.	
Tonic.	87		Henry W. McKeown.	
Star.	88	*Larimo D. Lambert.	Larimo D. Lambert.	
Cedar River.	89	*William F. Prowett.	William F. Prowett.	
Oakland.	91	Arthur B. Peden.	William H. Myers.	August C. Holmquist.
Hubbell.	92	Samuel Patton.		
Beaver City.	93	*Levi H. Corbin.	Thomas M. Davis.	
Bennet.	94	William Nelson.		Harry E. Hagaman.
Garfield.	95	Stephen J. Weekes.		
Utica.	96	William C. Kenner.		
Euclid.	97	Calvin M. Rowland.		
Republican.	98	*Clarence A. Luce.		
Shelton.	99	Charles F. Brady.		
Creighton.	100	Harry A. Cheney.	John K. Brown.	
Ponca.	101	James R. Pomeroy.		
Waterloo.	102	Charles E. Wilkins.		
Ord.	103	William J. Milford.		Charles C. Shepard.
Vymore.	104	*Harrison F. Vernon.		
Stella.	105	James R. Cain, Jr.	*L. Edward Lyanna.	
Porter.	106	*Charles W. Conhiser.		
Cable Rock.	108	*James Tillotson.		
Pomegranate.	110			Frederick A. Koehler.
De Witt.	111	*Leroy J. Cross.		
Springfield.	112	Will E. Miller.		
Globe.	113	Marion B. Foster.		
Wisner.	114	Andrew R. Oleson.		
Hardy.	117	Henry W. Gunnison.		
Doric.	118	William Freidell.		
North Bend.	119	*Fred A. Howe.		
Wayne.	120	James G. Mines.		
Superior.	121	John W. Mitchell.		
Auburn.	124	Thomas W. Eustice.	Edward Grant.	
Mount Nebo.	125	*Cyrus Greek.		Cyrus Greek.
Stromsburg.	126	Albert M. Johnson.		
Minden.	127	George F. Milbourn.	McLeod W. Chappell.	
Blue Hill.	129	*Robert A. Simpson.	Robert A. Simpson.	
Scribner.	132	James M. Beaver.		
Elm Creek.	133	George L. Richards.		
Solar.	134	*Elmer M. Wallace.	William H. Mockridge.	*Elmer M. Wallace.
McCook.	135	Emerson Hanson.		
Long Pine.	136	Lew E. Smith.		
Upright.	137		Jacob Dehl.	

\*Proxy.

## REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Rawalt. . . . . No. 138	*Aaron J. Cole. . . . .		
Clay Centre. . . . . " 139		Jesse G. Jessup. . . . .	
Western. . . . . " 140	Charles E. Rhynolds. . . . .		
Crescent. . . . . " 143	*Daniel H. Tate. . . . .	Daniel H. Tate. . . . .	
Kenesaw. . . . . " 144	Samuel H. Smith. . . . .		
Bancroft. . . . . " 145		J. Herman Russman. . . . .	
Siloam. . . . . " 147	*Edward A. Walker. . . . .	Edward A. Walker. . . . .	
Emmet Crawford. . . . . " 148	William R. Bruce. . . . .	*Alpha Morgan. . . . .	
Jewel. . . . . " 149	George S. Gillespie. . . . .		
Cambridge. . . . . " 150	*Louis A. Rodwell. . . . .		
Square. . . . . " 151		Frederick S. Parker. . . . .	
Parallel. . . . . " 152	Harley E. Bowhay. . . . .	*Daniel Brennsbach. . . . .	
Evergreen. . . . . " 153	William W. Quivey. . . . .		
Lily. . . . . " 154	*Robert Tweed. . . . .		Robert Tweed.
Hartington. . . . . " 155	Frank O. Robinson. . . . .	Stephen C. Lynde. . . . .	Fred W. Barnhart.
Valley. . . . . " 157		*Charles W. McComb. . . . .	
Samaritan. . . . . " 158	George H. Willis. . . . .		
Ogalalla. . . . . " 159		James K. Allen. . . . .	
Zeredatha. . . . . " 160		Andrew C. Moore. . . . .	
Mount Zion. . . . . " 161	*William T. Mawhor. . . . .		
Trestle Board. . . . . " 162		*Benjamin H. Bailey. . . . .	
Unity. . . . . " 163	*William E. Hand. . . . .		
Atkinson. . . . . " 164	Alexander Searl. . . . .		
Barneston. . . . . " 165	Seth S. Ratliff. . . . .	Proctor Goin. . . . .	John A. Anderson.
Mystic Tie. . . . . " 166	John F. Newhall. . . . .		
Elwood. . . . . " 167	*Andrew Dow. . . . .		Ed. Lervig.
Curtis. . . . . " 168		Byron Andrews. . . . .	
Amity. . . . . " 169	Thomas E. Housh. . . . .		
Mason City. . . . . " 170	John Walker. . . . .		*James H. McAllister.
Merna. . . . . " 171	Ernest M. Coleman. . . . .		
Grafton. . . . . " 172	Albert Holmes. . . . .		
Robert Burns. . . . . " 173	*Francis M. Pfrimmer. . . . .		
Culbertson. . . . . " 174		James Ferrier. . . . .	
Temple. . . . . " 175	Ausmer C. Tilton. . . . .		
Gladstone. . . . . " 176	Albert F. Pinkley. . . . .		
Hay Springs. . . . . " 177	Frank Tulloss. . . . .		
Prudence. . . . . " 179	William H. Ritchie. . . . .		
Justice. . . . . " 180	Charles C. Barr. . . . .	John G. Walthall. . . . .	
Faith. . . . . " 181	*Paris G. Cooper. . . . .		
Incense. . . . . " 182		Samuel J. Spelde. . . . .	
Alliance. . . . . " 183	Samuel A. Franklin. . . . .		
Bee Hive. . . . . " 184	Charles C. Howe. . . . .	*Claude L. Talbot. . . . .	
Boaz. . . . . " 185	*James C. Lafferty. . . . .		
Israel. . . . . " 187	James M. Stephens. . . . .	Edward Northway. . . . .	
Meridian. . . . . " 188	*Winslow W. Smith. . . . .	*Winslow W. Smith. . . . .	*Winslow W. Smith.
Granite. . . . . " 189	*Roy A. Davis. . . . .	Roy A. Davis. . . . .	
Amethyst. . . . . " 190	Allen C. Kirby. . . . .		
Crystal. . . . . " 191	Theodore J. Stoetzel. . . . .		
Minnekadusa. . . . . " 192	William T. Bullis. . . . .		
Signet. . . . . " 193	Herman P. Buhman. . . . .		
Highland. . . . . " 194	John A. Johnston. . . . .		
Arcana. . . . . " 195		Samuel S. Joice. . . . .	
Level. . . . . " 196	James A. Williams. . . . .		

\*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Morning Star	No. 197	William Davidson.		
Purity	" 198	John C. Hayes.		
Blazing Star	" 200	Robert P. Oliver.	William Banks.	
Scotts Bluff	" 201	Peter McFarlane.		
Golden Sheaf	" 202	Harry M. Hammond.		
Roman Eagle	" 203	*Frank B. Caywood.		
Plainview	" 204	*Abel Buckingham.		
Golden Fleece	" 205	Frederick Sudman.		John O'Neil.
Napthali	" 206	*Adelbert C. Stotts.		*Thomas Nelson.
Parian	" 207	Jacob D. Troyer.	August Jaeger.	
Gauge	" 208	*James W. Landers.		
Canopy	" 209	William Atchison.	John P. Gonzales.	John C. Brown.
East Lincoln	" 210	George N. Mark.	John Forburger.	
Cement	" 211	Rosecrans R. Root.		
Compass and Square	" 212	*Marcus E. Bush.		
Square & Compass	" 213	*Erie W. Northrop.		
Plumbline	" 214	*Daniel J. Killen.	Daniel J. Killen.	
Occidental	" 215	*Jesse Gidley.		
Palisade	" 216	Charles J. Wilcox.		
Nauneta	" 217	Austin C. Pence.		
Bloomfield	" 218	*Will A. Needham.		
Relief	" 219	George I. Parker.		
Magnolia	" 220	Morris H. Evans.		
Wood Lake	" 221	*David Hanna.		
Landmark	" 222	Frank Erikson.		
Eminence	" 223	*George H. Washburn.		
Silver Cord	" 224	James A. Hart.		
Table	" 225	*Gage J. Hammond.	Gage J. Hammond.	
North Star	" 227	John C. Pentzer.		
Bartley	" 228	*Samuel W. Clark.		
Comet	" 229	Otto Eliason.		
Delta	" 230	*Elmer W. McFarland.		
Mount Hermon	" 231	William Whalen.		
John S. Bowen	" 232		Oliver S. Alloway.	
Filead	" 233	John A. Lawson.	William Derig.	
ion	" 234	*Thomas McCawley.		
Fraternity	" 235		Walter Gaebler.	
Golden Rule	" 236	Horace S. Woodworth.		
Lubit	" 237	Fernando E. Kruse.		
Friendship	" 239		Jesse Frimann.	
Pilot	" 240	George W. Little.		
George Armstrong	" 241	Theophilus I. Minier.		
Sincerity	" 244	Thomas L. White.		
Hampton	" 245		Martin Hansen.	
Wahawka	" 246		Andrew F. Sturm.	
Corner-stone	" 247	Lynn A. Quivey.		
Laurel	" 248	Daniel D. Coburn.		Claude C. Sackett.
Bothenburg	" 249	Edwin J. Spaulding.		
Vausa	" 251	Charles E. Gallagher.	George L. Bosse.	
Mildreth	" 252	Alonzo L. Beck.		
Secmer	" 253			Ira E. Williams.
Wassett	" 254	Mark J. Lipman.		
Bradshaw	" 255		Emil C. Roggy.	
Lickman	" 256	Aaron J. Vail.		

\*Proxy.



Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Alpha Morgan, 148; Arizona, Lewis A. Kent, 127; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps, 34; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson, 17; District of Columbia, Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; Egypt, George W. Lininger, 3; England, George W. Lininger, 3; Georgia, Edwin F. Warren, 2; Illinois, George H. Thummel, 33; Indiana, Harry P. Deuel, 11; Indian Territory, James M. Kennedy, 125; Ireland, William Cleburne, 3; Kansas, James P. A. Black, 76; Louisiana, Robert E. Evans, 5; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough, 25; Maryland, Henry Gibbons, 46; Michigan, Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Minnesota, George A. Beecher, 32; Missouri, George B. France, 56; Montana, John J. Mercer, 3; Nevada, John B. Dinsmore, 49; New York, Edward K. Valentine, 27; North Carolina, Melville R. Hope-well, 31; North Dakota, John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Nova Scotia, Henry H. Wilson, 19; Oklahoma, Zuingle M. Baird, 155; Oregon, Henry Brown, 3; Prince Edward Island, Charles E. Burnham, 166; Rhode Island, Michael Dowling, 119; South Carolina, Frank E. Bullard, 32; South Dakota, Manoah B. Reese, 19; Tennessee, Francis E. White, 6; Texas, Martin Dunham, 3; Utah, Robert E. French, 46; Vermont, Frank H. Young, 207; Washington, Charles K. Coutant, 11; Western Australia, Ornan J. King, 54; Wisconsin, Albert W. Crites, 158.

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

### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 6th, 1905.

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

The following letter was read, and ordered published with the proceedings, and the communication referred to in the letter was read and ordered placed on file:

TACLOBAN, P. I., April 17th, 1905.

MR. C. EDWIN BURNHAM,

1608 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

*M. W. Sir and Dear Brother:*—I enclose a communication for the Grand Lodge which I hope may reach you in time for the current session, and which you are at liberty to make such use of thereat as seems fitting to you. This will be the first Grand Lodge Session I have missed for nine years, and it did not seem natural to allow the occasion to pass without some word to the officers and representatives.

I would be greatly obliged if you would direct the Grand Secretary to send me hereafter the proceedings and also a copy of the revised code of the law as finally adopted and printed, together with a couple of copies of that preliminary report which we had printed something over a year ago. Notwithstanding the fact that I served on the codification committee for five years, I have never yet seen a copy of the completed code, and am naturally anxious to have one.

Congratulating you on your successful year of administration which is now drawing to a close, and upon the profitable session which I know you will have, and with fraternal regards to all, I remain,

Very sincerely,

CHARLES S. LOBINGIER.

The following report for the Committee on Card Registry was presented by Brother Bishop, 54, and after a full discussion of the subject, it was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CARD REGISTRY.

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

Your committee appointed to "consider and report the advisability of adopting the card registry system and its probable cost," respectfully report as follows:

We first considered the question of "advisability." We find and report that the card system has been greatly perfected until it is now in quite general use. It has been adopted and is in satisfactory use by the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Nebraska. The Grand Lodge of Kansas adopted the card system for compiling and keeping her records in 1895. The work of installing the system was completed in 1898, and has been in use since that time. R.:W.:Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, writes your committee that no changes have been made in the system during the six years it has been in use, and that it gives satisfaction. We have interviewed other users of card systems and believe that the card registry system is more elastic, accessible, permanent, simple, and practicable than the system now employed in keeping our records. That when installed, it will lessen and simplify the labor of the secretary of each subordinate lodge in making returns to the Grand Lodge; that it will be more easily and quickly consulted and less liable to error, always complete and convenient, and capable of indefinite expansion with the growth of our Order.

We next considered the question of the "probable cost," and obtained prices or proposals from reliable dealers of standard cabinets and cards, which are hereunto attached together with the communication from the Grand Secretary notifying us of our appointment and duties and recommending 50,000 cards for each of the two cabinets required, and upon which the prices referred to above were obtained by us. The lowest price is \$210.00 without rods, or \$247.14 with rods. This is for

standard sectional cabinets of polished quarter sawed white oak Globe-Wernicke make, which we recommend, assuming that they will be kept in a fire-proof vault. The larger item is for the necessary clerical work of verifying the present records and copying them onto the cards. The Grand Secretary suggests that by increasing the appropriation for clerk hire in his office \$400.00 per annum, the work can be done most economically and in two years' time. We are informed that the Grand Lodge of Kansas paid for labor and expense in completing her card registry \$2,500.00. She then had 20,103 Master Masons in good standing. Our membership on March 31, 1904, was 14,190. We estimate the "probable cost" at \$1,000.00.

We therefore report in favor of adopting the card registry system, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed an extra appropriation of \$400.00 per annum for the coming year, and be authorized and instructed to purchase the necessary cabinets and cards and commence installing the card registry system.

A letter from the secretary of Gavel Lodge No. 199 in regard to the conditions at Carleton, was read, and on motion it was referred to the incoming Grand Master.

Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodges of Iowa and Wisconsin, now in session, and a message of sympathy was sent to Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes, with regret for his enforced absence on account of illness.

A letter was read from Brother Williamson S. Summers, 26, Chairman of the Committee on Monitor and Ceremonies, explaining that on account of illness in his family he was unable to be present.

Past Grand Master Davidson reported that the Committee on Monitor and Ceremonies had divided the work, and to him had been assigned the duty of preparing the funeral ceremonies, and that he was ready to report, if the Grand Lodge should so direct. On motion of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, Brother Davidson was requested to report the funeral ceremonies he had prepared as a member of said committee. Later in the session Brother Davidson read the ceremonies, and after making a few changes at the suggestion of some of the brethren, Past Grand Master Warren offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, That the form of burial service and burial proceedings reported by the committee be approved, and recommended for use in the burial of deceased brethren.

That Brother Samuel P. Davidson be authorized to have the same edited in proper form and style, and that at least 1,000 copies of the same be distributed under the direction of the Grand Secretary, to the several lodges of the state in proportion to the membership thereof.

A division of the question was called for, and on motion, that portion relating to the approval and recommending of the services for use in the burial of deceased brethren, was adopted.

Brother Simpson, 129, moved that further consideration of the matter be indefinitely postponed. Past Grand Master Phelps raised the point of order, that the motion could not be entertained as it would indefinitely postpone the entire subject, and the Grand Master sustained the point of order.

Past Grand Master Bullard then offered the following amendment to the portion of Brother Warren's resolution authorizing Brother Davidson to have the burial services edited and distributed by the Grand Secretary. The amendment was adopted, also the original resolution as amended:

That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have 5,000 copies of the ceremonies printed, and to send five copies to each lodge in the jurisdiction, other copies to be supplied to lodges at cost as wanted.

Past Grand Master Davidson moved the following, and it was carried:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge regards the ceremonies recommended by this Grand Lodge to be performed by a chartered lodge, in the burial of a deceased brother, as the final consummation or completion of the great truths symbolized in the ceremonies of the Fraternity.

A committee consisting of Brothers Cheney, 100, Richards, 43, and Murch, 46, was appointed to visit Past Grand Master Wheeler, and present him with a bouquet of flowers in token of the sympathy of the Grand Lodge, and to express the hope for his speedy recovery to health and strength.

On a question submitted by the Committee on Ways and Means, on motion of Brother De Bord, 3, the Grand Secretary was instructed to adopt the card registry system, the committee to make the necessary appropriations therefor. A roll-call was demanded on the motion and afterwards withdrawn, and the motion was carried.

At six o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock.

## FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 6th, 1905.

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

A special committee, consisting of Past Grand Masters Mercer, Coutant, and Slaughter, was appointed to consider the printing of Volume 8 of the Grand Lodge proceedings. Later in the session the committee was given power to act, and if the volume is printed and bound, payment for it is authorized.

The Grand Master appointed as a special committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home, Brothers Lininger, 3, Beecher, 32, and White, 6.

W. Brother Lewis H. Blackledge delivered the oration, and on motion of Past Grand Master Evans, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered him, and he was requested to furnish a copy for publication with the proceedings.

## ORATION.

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

I had the honor and pleasure upon a former occasion, some three years ago, of appearing before this Grand Body as the representative of a distinguished character. At that time, as is the custom on similar occasions in all regular and well governed Masonic lodges, my reception was marked by an interest which left with me a lasting impression.

Having passed through the period of representation without the tragic results which in at least one instance are related to have befallen an eminent brother of this degree, and become presumably able to travel and work, by the kindness of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, I was called upon to fill this station.

It has been said that "brevity is the soul of wit," I shall therefore, be witty.

Having no one as heretofore to speak for me, and being no longer a representative character, I realize that now I must speak for myself, and I am, upon the threshold, impressed with the solemnity and importance of the step I am about to take. Knowing as I do the admirable qualities of mind and brilliant achievements of many of my predecessors in this station, whose fame has shed lustre upon our state as well as



our Fraternity, and that there are those present from whom I could learn much of Masonic history, achievement, and interest, it is with many misgivings I offer my thoughts for your consideration.

I have observed, however, that as to the things we do, there is everything in the purpose we have in doing them; as to what we observe, there is everything in the point of view.

My purpose herein I leave to your own conclusion. The correctness of the statement as to the point of view may be illustrated by this incident: Two gentlemen of African descent were discussing a biblical question in which they were much interested, pertaining to the race and color of the Apostles. One maintained that, as Palestine was about on a line with Africa, the Apostles must all have been colored. "Why bress yo' heart," said the other, "St. Peter and St. Paul an all dem 'postles was as white as dat no'the'n gemman ober dah." "No sah, no sah," said the first, "St. Paul may ha been, but St. Petah was a cullud gemman." "Now yous'e wrong shuah," said the second, "cause ef St. Petah'd been cullud, dat coek'd never ha crowed more'n oncet."

Shall we attempt a research into the history, achievements, misfortunes, and traditions of the Fraternity? We are at once engulfed in the immensity of it all, and would need choose some isolated and comparatively unimportant part for consideration in the time at our disposal.

Shall we discuss the philosophy of the Masonic institution? So many able minds have devoted years to that branch of the subject, that any attempts by the ordinary citizen engaged in active business must be either mediocre or an appropriation of the work of a better mind.

Shall we, as is frequently done, puff ourselves up with vanity, and with a few well worn platitudes "pat ourselves on the back," thereby becoming easily convinced that we are the greatest Fraternity in existence?

Shall we, as the Pharisee of old, thank God that we "are not as these others are?"

Or can we better for our own good, and our Fraternity's, at these times of annual convocation say, "What lack I yet?"

Our Fraternity is not for the educated alone, but its purpose is *to educate*.

Is there not then, some tangible, practical thing, upon which we may lay hold and depart feeling that thereby we shall be made better Masons—better men?

We are told that the greatest and best of men have never deemed it derogatory from their dignity to level themselves with the Fraternity. Here then we meet upon the level, and take counsel together for the common good. Relying upon this tenet I would fain put before you one thought, nay possibly an admonition, that in these days of strenuous activity, of commercializing, of cold unsympathetic science, of getting money merely for the sake of getting, we do not depart from the first

tenets of our Order. "No institution was ever raised upon a better principle or more solid foundation."

The first step then—how important; and how important that in taking the second, we do not lose sight of the first.

The stone that turns aside the little rivulet, determines the course of a mighty river which subsequently bears upon its bosom the commerce of a people.

The persistent faithfulness of the boy was the first step toward the general who could fight it out on one line though it took all summer and accomplish a nation-saving victory.

The first step in disregard of his Emperor's orders by Napoleon's general in making camp before he reached the designated road, lost to France the battle of Waterloo, and changed the destinies of people, of kings, and nations.

With what interest, sympathy, and anxiety does the mother watch the first step of the child that has not yet learned to walk: will it fall and be hurt and discouraged and not try again for days or weeks? Will it make a false step and have its ambitious beginning dashed to disaster? Will it be successful and acquire courage and hope for further effort? A simple thing, you say. To you, who have passed through the stage and forgotten, yes. But to the childish mind, what an undertaking! With what importance is it fraught, and what limitless possibilities thereupon open out to the infant mind.

The beginning: with what possibilities of good or evil is it surrounded, and how important that it be well guided and directed, and that the first impressions be permanent.

Human beings we, created for social order, dependent upon each other. As we stand at the doorway of the opening future, confiding in the fidelity of others and with receptive mind and heart, what a scroll of integrity, morality, industry, and manhood is unfolded to the aspiring entered apprentice. Not a theory, valuable principally for academic discussion, not an intangible senseless something that leaves a vague impression of distance and impracticability, but a sensible creation, which reaches out with the hand of brotherly love; comes close to the common, erring man, places him firmly, with the first step upon the foundation stones of justice, fortitude, temperance, produce, and truth, and bids him look outward and upward for the good there is around us, and, seeing, to lay hold in a practical way upon the cardinal virtues.

Too often our Masonic work becomes a mere form, our utterances a parrot-like repetition of a lesson learned, and devoid of the spirit and feeling which should be present and active.

Let us beware lest we become commercialized, in these days of buying and selling, when buying and selling are considered salutary, whatever the intrinsic worth of what we buy or sell. There is a vast difference between *winning* money and *making* money—between taking it out of another's pocket and putting it into ours, and filling both. It matters not so much what is the work we do, as what is the final end of it.

When Solomon, King of Israel, ruled the Craft, he taught us that "truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue." Of what use is the telegraph around the world, if it does not increase the morals of the world? Of what use is a railroad across the continent that can carry wheat, cattle, corn, or gold from San Francisco to New York in seven or eight days, if truth must still go on foot, and take six months to make the journey?

The use of the telephone and dispatches to the newspapers is to circulate the truth a little faster. But if lies travel by electricity and truth must go by mail, we have not gained by taking electricity into our service. \*

It makes a vast difference whether business is busy in mischief or in benefit. We must know that the real worth of an institution does not depend upon its numbers, its wealth, or its published principles alone; but upon all these in proper proportion with moral possessions.

And, accepting the statement of our esteemed Brother Pound, that the post of the Masonic Order is between religion and law, between church and state, upon the broad ground of the universal moral sentiments of mankind, it is well that we should leaven our lives with tenets that teach us of the brotherhood of man, and that "it is not all of life to live, nor all of death to die."

We have been quick to adopt railways, but we can not realize Fraternity. We have put our ears eagerly to the telephone, but have too often been deaf to the voice of the lonely stranger within our gates.

We accept an army of incompetence, insanity, and disease as a special burden from Providence, and consider our virtue perfect in erecting tablets of stone, and liberally wasting the pound of cure, when the ounce of prevention is utterly neglected.

This is the age of energy—the next will be that of the science of life, wherein let us see to it, and so regulate our lives and beloved Fraternity, that no small place shall be given the Masonic hand that reaches out to the drifting individual and says: "Come, my brother, and be helped to better things."

This then, my brethren, is the thought, not new or novel, but sometimes lost to view, that I would gladly leave with each one in the earnest hope that you may find it worthy of consideration; that in our doings as Masons we think not less of form but more of substance; remembering that as the benefit is great if rightly received and worthily applied, so is the danger great if our principles are bruited about as a cloak for insincerity or unbelief; that our Fraternity originated of workers, for workers, and as the foundation is, whether of rock or sand, so must the structure stand or fall. That the first step is, that we be moral and upright before God and have such worth of character and high ideals, that we shall be of good repute before the world.

Then for the final verdict as to the true worth of our Institution, we will look to the long line of men, not immaculate (for of the twelve chosen by divine wisdom, one doubted, one denied, and one betrayed),

but common erring men to whom Masonry has shown the light of a better life; to the passing pageant of wives, widows, and orphans, over whom in their sorrow and adversity, the mantle of Masonic protection has been thrown, and to whom in a kind and quiet, not a vain or ostentatious way, Masonic relief has been given when most needed. To these and to the world, which has seen and will see our works, knowing that we are to be judged by our fruits and not by vain pretensions, we turn and with unwavering confidence look for the approval of God and man.

The following report for the committee, presented by Brother Richards, 43, was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business has examined the proceedings of the last session of this grand body, and would respectfully report:

The following amendment to the law was laid over until this session, objection being made to its consideration last year:

##### Sec. 9. Committee on Work.

The Committee on Work shall consist of five members, the chairman of which shall be the Grand Custodian, and the other four members shall be appointed by the Grand Master, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years, and annually thereafter the Grand Master shall appoint one member thereof for the term of four years.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Work to have custody of the work, and before a Grand Custodian shall be permitted to give instruction as to esoteric work, he shall by examination satisfy said committee that he is fully competent to teach the same, and shall receive a certificate to that effect.

Said amendment appearing on page 771, proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1904.

Your committee would further state that a report is due from the Committee on Monitor and Ceremonies.

Brother Richards, 43, moved that the amendment to the law be not adopted, and the motion prevailed.

Past Grand Master Phelps presented his report on foreign correspondence, and on motion it was ordered printed with the proceedings.

Brother Leonard, 6, presented the following report, which was adopted:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

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

We, your committee, having investigated the conditions in the Grand Lodge office, report that we find everything to be satisfactory, the Grand Secretary being supplied with all that is necessary for caring for the affairs of the Grand Lodge, with one exception. We find that some shelving is needed in the store-room, and we therefore recommend that a small appropriation be made, so that the shelves necessary for the extra books may be supplied.

At nine-thirty P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 7th, 1905.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, Grand Master Burnham presiding.

Greetings from Brother Charles W. Kraft, 209, representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, were read, and ordered placed on file.

Brother Seymour, 54, presented the following report, which was adopted:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations to whom was referred the petition of Anselmo Lodge U.:D.: for a charter, fraternally recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that a charter be issued them under the name of Anselmo Lodge No. 258.

We recommend that the petition for a charter be granted to the brethren at Bee, under the name of Bee Lodge No. 259.

We recommend that the matter of a petition for a lodge under dispensation at Indianola be submitted to the incoming Grand Master, for such action as he in his wisdom deems for the best interest of Masonry.

In the matter of the petition from Hope Lodge No. 29, praying that the name "Hillsdale Lodge" be stricken out of the charter, and the name "Hope Lodge" be written therein, we most respectfully recommend that the petition be granted, as the records in the Grand Secretary's office show that the charter was erroneously made, as the name Hillsdale was written in place of Hope.



Your committee further recommend that the petition of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, for a copy of the original charter, to replace the one destroyed by fire, be granted.

In regard to the errors connected with the charters and seals referred to us by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to make the necessary corrections in accordance with his statement.

The Grand Secretary stated that without additional authority, he could not make the corrections, as he had no authority to compel lodges to send in their charters and seals, and on motion of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, the whole matter was referred to a special committee to report at the next session.

Brother Peden, 91, presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

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

We, your Committee on Accounts, report as follows:

We have checked the books, vouchers, receipts, and securities of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, and find them correct.

Amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer:

General Fund . . . . .	\$16,677 59
Relief Fund. . . . .	2,969 71
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	\$19,647 30
Outstanding warrant No. 2331, General Fund, unpaid. . . . .	2 50
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Net cash balance. . . . .	\$19,644 80
Orphans Educational Fund, securities on hand. . . . .	\$42,238 46
Orphans Educational Fund, cash on hand. . . . .	1,621 45
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Total. . . . .	\$43,859 91

We recommend that the item of \$16,315.29, electrotype plates, now carried on the Grand Secretary's books as an asset, be closed into Loss and Gain account, inasmuch as these plates represent no real value.

We recommend that the same be done with a large number of duplicate Grand Lodge reports, carried as Grand Lodge Library, and suggest that such items hereafter be charged to expense, to which account they properly belong.

We recommend that the note of Indianola Lodge No. 123, extinct, for \$60.50 be charged to Loss and Gain account, as said lodge is now extinct.

We recommend that a warrant for \$2.97 be drawn in favor of Grand Master Charles E. Burnham, being the amount expended by him in excess of warrants drawn for the expenses of the Grand Master.

Brother McFarlane, 201, presented the following report, and on motion it 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:

Pay-roll (the necessary amount) . . . . .	\$3,784.05
Chairman, Committee on Returns . . . . .	100.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence . . . . .	100.00
Grand Master's expense . . . . .	300.00
Grand Master's clerk hire . . . . .	600.00
Grand Secretary's salary . . . . .	1,800.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire . . . . .	1,000.00
Grand Treasurer's salary . . . . .	50.00
Grand Custodian's salary . . . . .	1,200.00
Grand Custodian's expense . . . . .	600.00
Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, salary . . . . .	5.00
Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, clerk hire . . . . .	60.00
Grand Lodge office, rent . . . . .	200.00
Grand Lodge office, heat and light . . . . .	50.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor . . . . .	60.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone . . . . .	40.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond . . . . .	15.00
Grand Treasurer's surety bond . . . . .	30.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage . . . . .	300.00
Stationery . . . . .	50.00
Incidentals . . . . .	50.00
Blanks . . . . .	200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue . . . . .	700.00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1905 . . . . .	900.00
Library, purchasing and binding . . . . .	50.00
Printing parchment charters . . . . .	40.00
Premium, Kent Insurance . . . . .	750.00
Grand Tyler . . . . .	50.00
Grand Treasurer's assistants at Grand Lodge, \$5.00 each . . . . .	10.00
Stenographer for session . . . . .	10.00
Printing the Law of Freemasonry . . . . .	
For shelving and arranging books in store-room . . . . .	40.00

Upon consideration of the bids for printing a 200-page ledger, 14 leaves of index, three-fourth bound, as described in the specifications furnished by the Grand Secretary, we find that the Rees Printing Com-

pany agrees to print and deliver the same for a price of \$3.90 each. We would therefore recommend that 100 ledgers be ordered from this firm at the price named.

In the matter of the printing of Volume 8 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, we would recommend that the bid of the Omaha Printing Company, at a price of \$600.00 for 700 copies of a 900-page volume, and \$800.00 for the same number of a 1,200-page volume, be accepted, and the same ordered.

We recommend that an appropriation of the necessary amount be made to cover the purchase of cards and cabinets, and \$400.00 additional for additional clerk hire in inaugurating the card registry.

We recommend that an appropriation of \$2.64 be made to cover the bill of Grand Treasurer Dinsmore, for postage during the year.

In addition to the foregoing, appropriations were made for refunds to lodges Nos. 158, and 231, for special dispensations \$20.00  
 For balance due the Grand Master, for expenses..... 2.97  
 For mileage and per diem, John S. Bishop, 54..... 7.30  
 For 500 copies of the law, no sum named.  
 For 5,000 copies of the burial service, no sum named.  
 For purchasing supplies for card registry, no sum named.

Total .....\$14,766.96

Brother Gibbons, 46, submitted the following, and on motion the report was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

*To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

By an amendment to the law, page 99, proceedings of 1901, the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund was brought into being. The duties of this committee have been to try and find young people, children of Nebraska Masons or Masonic orphans who needed means to help them in their education, and give them such financial aid as was thought best. The committee has been empowered to use for this purpose seventy-five per cent. each year of the interest received from the fund, and although every effort has been made to find any needing such assistance, within the last four years, but one person made application for and received help from this fund. This can easily be accounted for, as public school-houses are in every part of the state, and education is free to any one who may desire it.

To your Committee on Orphans Educational Fund was also assigned the work of checking up the report of the treasurer of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, but by the new law, this report is now referred to the Committee on Accounts. Therefore nothing being left for the committee to do, it ought to be abolished. In doing this the fund

set apart for the use of this committee, or indeed, all of the interest each year from the Orphans Educational Fund, might be appropriated to the Nebraska Masonic Home, if the Grand Lodge desires to do this. Then the assessment upon members of fifty cents for the Home, might be reduced to thirty cents per member.

In order that this matter may have thorough investigation, we recommend that this report be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, for such action as they may think proper.

Past Grand Master Phelps presented the following, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Your committee has received a request for our Grand Lodge to recognize the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

In that province there were, in April, 1904, 152 lodges, 62 under the English, 64 under the Scottish, and 26 under the Irish constitution. Of these, 25 Irish lodges, and 14 Scottish lodges, 39 in all, proceeded and organized a Grand Lodge. It will be seen that only about one-fourth of the lodges in the province were included, the others, three-fourths of the whole, were opposed to the establishment of a Grand Lodge. These 152 lodges had been under the immediate supervision of Scotch, Irish, and English Provincial or District Grand Lodges in Queensland.

The above statement of facts comes to your committee not through any proceedings submitted by the Grand Lodge of Queensland, but through Masonic correspondence, regular and reliable.

There is a contention, on the one hand, that a majority of all of the lodges are necessary, under the circumstances existing in Queensland, to organize a Sovereign Grand Lodge, but that rule has not found anything like universal sanction. On the other hand it is contended that any three or more of the lodges may organize a Grand Lodge, and when thus organized, all of the lodges interested having been invited to participate therein, such Grand Lodge becomes at once the ultimate source of Masonic authority in such territory.

The latter view, perhaps, is more nearly in accord with precedent. But under the circumstances of the case, and from the statement of a Grand Lodge in fraternal communication with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, we ought to await the compromising of the differences existing between the new Grand Lodge and the other Grand Lodges interested.

The matter has been under consideration in several Grand Lodges to which application for recognition has been made, and is receiving earnest attention aroused by the question involved.

Your committee recommends that further consideration of the application of the Grand Lodge of Queensland be postponed, with the earnest

hope that our brethren in Queensland, their lodges, the several Provincial Grand Lodges interested, and the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and England, may settle their differences and harmoniously erect another Grand Lodge in Australasia.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was duly organized in 1888, by lodges duly chartered and registered under the constitutions of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland. Shortly thereafter, as also in 1890, application was made to our Grand Secretary for recognition, but for some reason was overlooked, which your committee feels is to be regretted. For there has never been any reason, from the first, for denying the usual recognition to newly formed Sovereign Grand Lodges organized, as this was, with careful attention to every provision in its organization, constitution, and regulations, sanctioned by Grand Lodges throughout the English-speaking Masonic world.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales had, one year ago, as shown by the last statistics reaching your committee, one hundred and ninety-eight chartered lodges, with a membership of more than ten thousand. It maintains a Freemasons Benevolent Institution, by voluntary subscription, amounting to the sum of more than \$8,000.00, for the year ending June, 1905.

Your committee fraternally recommends that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales be recognized, and an exchange of representatives requested.

Your committee also recommends that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico be recognized, and an exchange of representatives requested.

Past Grand Master Wheeler was admitted and welcomed by the Grand Master, who expressed the pleasure of the Grand Lodge in the fact that Brother Wheeler was recovering his health and strength.

A committee, consisting of Past Grand Master French, Brothers Fuller, 110, and Railsback, 110, was admitted with Brother Charles P. Hackney, of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, the oldest Mason in the state. Brother Hackney was born in 1814, and was made a Mason April 23d, 1846. The Grand Master welcomed Brother Hackney to the Grand Lodge, and he responded, thanking it for helping to care for him and his wife in his declining years. The Grand Master asked Past Grand Master Lininger to respond to the remarks made by Brother Hackney, and Brother Fuller also addressed the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Past Grand Master Lininger the Committee on



Relief was instructed to increase the appropriation for relief of Brother Hackney from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per month.

Brother De Bord, 3, moved that all lodges having representatives present, and who had not, in accordance with the law, reported the mileage in the returns, be allowed mileage and per diem. The motion prevailed.

On motion, three o'clock P. M. was fixed as the hour for election of officers.

At twelve M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two P. M.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 7th, 1905.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, Grand Master Burnham presiding.

Past Grand Master Wilson presented the report for the Committee on Grievances, and it was adopted:

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

Your Committee on Grievances begs to report—

First. We recommend that Brother ————— be reinstated as a member of the Fraternity, as recommended by Pawnee Lodge No. 23, from which he was expelled.

Second. We recommend that the appeal of Brother David H. Fair against Plainview Lodge No. 204 be sustained, and that the sentence of indefinite suspension be reversed, and the charges dismissed.

Third. We recommend that the punishment of Brother ————— of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109, extinct, be reduced, and that he be suspended until August 1st, 1905.

Fourth. We recommend that the findings of the commission and the recommendation regarding Brother ————— of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109, extinct, be approved, and the accused expelled from Masonry.

Fifth. We recommend that the findings of the commission in the case of Brother ————— of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109, extinct, and the recommendation be approved, and the accused be expelled from Masonry.

Brother Cain, 105, for the committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

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

Your Committee on Relief has carefully considered all matters referred to it, and makes the following recommendations:

We recommend the payment of \$80.00 to Edgar Lodge No. 67, for the relief of the aged widow of Brother Granville Bunn, who was a worthy member of that lodge.

We recommend the payment of \$5.00 per month, to Parian Lodge No. 207, for the relief of the widow of Brother James A. Pike.

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month to Rawalt Lodge No. 138, for the relief of Brother William T. Lindsey, a member of said lodge.

We recommend that \$10.00 per month be granted for the relief of Brother Washington G. Russell, to Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166, of which he is a member.

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month for the relief of Mary Gray, the widow of Rev. Albert S. Gray, who was an honored member of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, at the time of his death.

We recommend the continuance of \$5.00 per month to Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, for the relief of Brother Arthur N. Doane, and take pleasure in commending said lodge for the substantial assistance they have given this worthy brother.

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month to John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232, for the relief of Brother Jabez Charles.

Your committee take great pleasure in following the recommendation of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and fraternally recommend that the allowance heretofore made to Brother Charles P. Hackney of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, of \$10.00 per month for life be increased to \$25.00 per month, all payments to the lodges to be made quarterly in advance.

The special hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as tellers, Brothers Minier 241, Mitchell, 121, Weekes, 95, and Hahn, 21. The election resulted in the choice of the following:

BRO.:MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL, 31 . . . . . Grand Master.  
 BRO.:ZUINGLE M. BAIRD, 155 . . . . . Deputy Grand Master.  
 BRO.:ORNAN J. KING, 54 . . . . . Grand Senior Warden.  
 BRO.:WILLIAM A. DEBORD, 3 . . . . . 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.:GEORGE A. BEECHER, 32 . . . . . Grand Chaplain.  
 BRO.:RODERICK D. SUTHERLAND, 77 . . . . . Grand Orator.

BRO.: ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46. . . . . Grand Custodian.  
 BRO.: MICHAEL DOWLING, 119. . . . . Grand Marshal.  
 BRO.: HARRY A. CHENEY, 100. . . . . Grand Senior Deacon.  
 BRO.: HENRY GIBBONS, 46. . . . . Grand Junior Deacon.  
 BRO.: JACOB KING, 3. . . . . Grand Tyler.

Bros.: William A. DeBord, 3; Milton J. Kennard, 1; Lorenzo D. Woodruff, 19; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Frederick W. Kenney, 21; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bros.: Edwin F. Warren, 2; Edward K. Valentine, 27; William W. Keysor, 25; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Bros.: James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Albert W. Crites, 158; Charles H. Sloan, 79; Committee on Relief.

Bros.: Melville R. Hopewell, 31, (term expires June, 1906); Charles K. Coutant, 11, (term expires June, 1907); Frank H. Young, 207, (term expires June, 1908); Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund.

Bros.: John J. Mercer, 3; Charles K. Coutant, 11; Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; Committee on Printing Volume 8.

Bros.: Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; John J. Mercer, 3; Francis E. White, 6; Committee on New Pay-Roll.

Past Grand Masters Coutant, 11; Thummel, 33; Mercer, 3; Committee on Errors in Charters and Seals.

Brother Sloan, 79, presented the following report, which was adopted by a silent rising vote:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:*

The past Masonic year's record reminds us that even the "strong grip" cannot stay mortality's hand. The countless dead have added to their silent host death's annual requisition. No grade or walk of life has been immune. Arrogance of wealth, pomp of power, pride of ancestry, aristocracy of brain, have frequently been an impetus, rather than an obstacle, to obedience to the command which none may ignore.

That death which "lays its icy hands on kings" has touched the plodding toiler as well as the princes of our Craft, and they are dust. On earth, they walked its level; now they lie beneath its level, awaiting that final resurrection after which Masons having died, will live again.

"How fast has brother followed brother from sunshine to the sunless land" is writ in the numerous reports from Nebraska lodges, receiving the last solemn rites that Masonry confers, as well as in the "shining marks" from other jurisdictions throughout the world; the latter, a list of which we here append, were men of mark in their respective jurisdictions. Their ability and fidelity made them objects of esteem and repositories of trust for those who knew them best.

They were of those who, before the world, sustained and maintained

the learning, character, and dignity of our Craft. Let us believe that the standards by them yielded are in worthy hands. That Masonic history may be illumined and Masonic character dignified and ennobled, that not only its votaries may benefit in manly and moral worth, but its influence may be for peace, progress, and fraternity. That Masonry may grow and

“Live to hail that season  
By gifted minds foretold,  
When man shall live by reason,  
And not alone by gold.  
When man to man united,  
And every wrong thing righted,  
The whole world shall be lighted,  
As Eden was of old.”

Our Grand Secretary has received the announcement of the deaths of the following distinguished brethren:

CHARLES CLARENCE WARNER. . . Past Deputy Grand Master. Arizona.  
CALVIN EDGAR REED. . . . . Grand Junior Deacon. . . . Colorado.  
OLIVER AUGUSTUS WHITTEMORE. Past Deputy Grand Master. Colorado.  
NELSON G. HINCKLEY. . . . . Grand Trustee. . . . . Connecticut.  
WILLIAM FORSYTH BYNUM. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Florida.  
DR. BELA DE KATONA. . . . . Grand Master. . . . . Hungary.  
JOHN NEWTON McCLANAHAN. . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Iowa.  
GEORGE BANTA VAN SAUN. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Iowa.  
ALMON RALPH DEWEY. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Iowa.  
GEORGE S. GREEN. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Kansas.  
SAMUEL MANNING TODD. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Louisiana.  
MARQUIS FAYETTE KING. . . . . Grand Treasurer. . . . . Maine.  
JACOB ARMEL KIESTER. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Minnesota.  
JOHN D. VINCIL. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Missouri.  
JAMES RATHBONE WESTON. . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Montana,  
JAMES WILLIAM HATHAWAY. . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Montana.  
JAMES HAMILTON MILLS. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Montana.  
TRENMOR COFFIN. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Nevada.  
DAVID CHRISTMAS MOORE. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Nova Scotia.  
THEODORE WYGANT. . . . . Past Grand Treasurer. . . Oregon.  
JAMES ELISHA TILLINGHAST. . . . Grand Master. . . . . Rhode Island.  
CHARLES ALBERT FISHER. . . . . Grand Senior Warden. . . So. Dakota.  
ALBERT WELLS COE. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . So. Dakota.  
OZRO MEACHAM. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Vermont.  
WILLIAM H. H. FLICK. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . W. Virginia.  
OLIVER LIBBEY. . . . . Past Grand Master. . . . . Wisconsin.

Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas' death having been referred to a special committee, no further reference is made herein thereto.

To all Masonic dead, let this Grand Jurisdiction here represented, award the meed of its memory, the homage of its honors, the tribute of its tears; ever remembering that he most appropriately mourns the dead who lives as they would have him do.

Past Grand Master Bullard presented the report for the committee, and it was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the decisions of the Grand Master be approved, but that the last two lines of decision 5 be stricken out.

In the matter of dues from the members of extinct lodges, we recommend that the dues of Brothers Henry Crabtree, Ahira Z. Jones, John Gustafson, John M. Henderson, and Cyrus L. Kincaid, be remitted, and that they be relieved from further payment of dues.

That in the case of William O. Bond, he be granted an extension of one year from the closing of this Grand Lodge, for the payment of his delinquency

That the special dispensations issued by the Grand Master be approved.

That that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to the approval of amendments to by-laws be referred to the Committee on By-laws of Chartered Lodges.

In the matter of mileage paid to members of this Grand Body, we recommend that Section 5, Chapter I., of the Grand Lodge by-laws be amended by striking out from line seven the words "most direct" and inserting the words "usually traveled;" and we further recommend that Brothers Slaughter, Mercer, and White be made a special committee to make up and report to the Grand Secretary the correct mileage for each subordinate lodge, and when so reported, the Grand Secretary shall cause the same to be printed on the pay-roll, for the guidance of the Committee on Pay-roll.

We further recommend that action in the matter relating to clandestine Masons be deferred until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

That the Grand Master represent the Grand Lodge at all meetings of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

That no change be made in the form of printing the returns from the subordinate lodges.

We further recommend that the action of the Grand Master in withdrawing the commission of the representative of this Grand Lodge near that of California, be approved.

In the controversy between the Masonic Board of Relief of Lincoln, and Evening Star Lodge No. 49, we recommend that the Lincoln Board of Relief be reimbursed from the Relief Fund of this Grand Lodge, and that an order for \$25.00 be drawn therefor.

We further recommend that the matters relating to the errors connected with charters and seals, as compiled by the Grand Secretary, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.



We recommend that the fee paid for a special dispensation to install officers by Mount Hermon Lodge No. 231, be refunded.

We recommend that the Orphans Educational Fund be not diverted from its present purpose, and that it be administered under our present laws.

We recommend the following amendment to the law:

Amend Section 16, Chapter III, By-laws of the Grand Lodge, by striking out the first clause ending with the words "on relief" in the eighth line, and inserting the following clause in lieu thereof: "The Committee on Orphans Educational Fund shall consist of the Trustees of said fund, the Grand Secretary, and the outgoing chairman of the Committee on Relief."

Unanimous consent being asked for and granted to consider the foregoing amendment, it was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence having reported favorably on the amendment to Section 68, Chapter IX., Law of Freemasonry, presented by Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, and unanimous consent having been asked for and granted to consider it, the amendment was adopted, as follows:

A brother who was a member in good standing of a lodge at the time such lodge became extinct, and remains unaffiliated, shall remain and be deemed in good standing for one year from March 31st, 1905, or for one year after such lodge ceases to exist. Failing to pay his dues to the Grand Secretary and procuring a demit within such year shall be deemed a Masonic offense for which he shall be tried by a commission appointed by the Grand Master, and if found guilty shall be suspended from all of the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt presented the following amendment to the law, and unanimous consent having been asked for and granted for its consideration, the motion to adopt the same was lost:

Amend Section 163, Chapter XXIV., of the Law of Freemasonry, by adding after the word "meeting" in the ninth line, the following, "or special meeting called for that purpose."

Under the law, the amendment offered by the Committee on Jurisprudence, as follows, lies over until the next session:

Amend Section 5, Chapter I., by striking from line seven the words "most direct," and insert the words "usually travelled."

On motion of Past Grand Master Crites, the fee paid by Samaritan Lodge No. 158 for a special dispensation to install officers, was ordered returned.

On motion of Past Grand Master Crites, the Grand Secretary

was authorized to print 500 copies of the Law of Freemasonry, including the changes made at this session. (It was decided that the decisions of the Grand Master are not to be included until Section 12, Chapter III., of the Law of Freemasonry, has been complied with.)

Brother Marriott, 83, presented the report of the Committee on Pay-roll, showing a total of \$3,784.05 for mileage and per diem. On motion the report was adopted.

Brother John S. Bishop, 54, having served on the Committee on Card Registry, at this session, was ordered paid mileage and per diem, amounting to \$7.30.

A question of taxing the Masonic property in the state was presented, and on motion of Brother Sloan, 79, it was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to make a test case, and adjudicate the question.

At six o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until seven-thirty P. M.

## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 7th, 1905.

At the appointed hour the Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor.

M.:W.:George W. Lininger, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, for the special committee, verbally reported in regard to its affairs, stating the work accomplished up to the present time, and outlining in a measure, the work for the future. He admonished the brethren to foster and care for it, saying that it was in every way worthy of their support, and that the trustees were trying to make it a Home where the orphan could be maintained, educated, and sent into the world to become a good and useful citizen; where the aged and the needy of the Fraternity could pass their days in contentment and peace, fully assured that they would always receive proper care. Grand Chaplain Beecher, who had recently visited the Home, told of the gratitude expressed to him by the residents of the

Home, for the care and consideration received from the Fraternity, in which every member in the jurisdiction has a share. He further stated that without a single exception all of our family at the Home were satisfied with the care bestowed upon them.

Past Grand Master Lininger proceeded to install the Grand Officers, selecting Past Grand Master Burnham to act as Grand Marshal. In presenting the officers for installation, Brother Burnham briefly recorded their services to the Grand Lodge, making special mention of their assistance to him during the past Masonic year, Past Grand Master Lininger following with words of commendation, and admonishing the several officers as to their duties, and pointing out how much the future success and prosperity of the Grand Lodge depends upon those whom it had so highly honored. While all of the ceremony was informal, it was the unanimous opinion that it was the most interesting and impressive ever witnessed in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Past Grand Master Wilson presented the following, which on motion of Past Grand Master Crites, was ordered published with the proceedings:

I was informed only a few moments ago that I was named as chairman of a committee to prepare a memorial upon the death of our late beloved brother, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Furnas. I am unwilling that this Grand Lodge should be closed without putting upon record some tribute to his memory, although of course it is impossible for the committee to get together, or to make any formal report at this time.

The history of Brother Furnas is so interwoven with the political, the economic, and the Masonic history of this state that a volume could well be written upon the part he has taken in it. When Brother Furnas cast his lot west of the Missouri River that which is now the great state of Nebraska had just been organized as territory under the Federal government. This great city was a mere village. The vast domain that has become the veritable granary of the northwest was at that time unbroken prairie. This Grand Lodge with its subordinate membership numbering now nearly fifteen thousand was not yet organized. Such a material growth, and such a Masonic growth would have been impossible a century ago anywhere on the face of the earth. It has been rendered possible in the last forty years only, because modern invention

and modern facility for communicating intelligence, and for travel, have rendered it possible for the sturdy pioneers of Nebraska, among whom Brother Furnas was easily among the first, to direct this vast development.

We are emphatically the agriculture state of the Union. There is perhaps no other state of the forty-five that is so entirely agricultural in its natural products; and Brother Furnas was easily first, for the last thirty-five years, in directing the agricultural education and activities of this state. In our own Fraternity he has not only graced the Grand East, but he has stood all these years as an exemplar of the principles of Freemasonry. As one of the early governors of this state he lent grace and honor to the executive chair of Nebraska. He was a many sided man; a man well informed on many topics; a man with whom one could not converse for an hour without being improved by it. While no formal report can at this time be made by the committee, I offer the following resolution and move its adoption until a more adequate memorial may be presented:

*Whereas*, on the first day of the present month our beloved Brother, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Robert W. Furnas, departed this life full of years, and of honors, therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, that in the death of Brother Furnas this Grand Lodge, and the Masonic Fraternity has lost a loyal, enthusiastic, and exemplary member, the country a brave and patriotic soldier, the state a faithful public servant, and the community a useful and upright citizen;

*Resolved*, that we tender to his family our profound sympathy in this their great sorrow.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by a unanimous vote.

Past Grand Master Wilson presented the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the retiring Grand Master, Brother Charles E. Burnham, for the able, zealous, and efficient administration of his high office during the Masonic year just closing.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered the Fraternity of Omaha, for their hospitality during the session, and the motion was carried.

At nine-thirty P. M., June 7th, 1905, no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed.

MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL,  
*Grand Master.*

  
*Francis C. White*  
Grand Secretary.

THIS PAGE IS INSCRIBED TO THE

Memory of

Robert Wilkinson Furnas,

GRAND MASTER, JUNE 23d, 1865, TO JUNE 20th, 1867.

GRAND SECRETARY, JUNE 2d, 1858, TO JUNE 3d, 1862,  
AND OCTOBER 28th, 1869, TO JUNE 19th, 1872.



*Born May 25th, A. D. 1824, A. S. L. 5824.*

*Died June 1st, A. D. 1905, A. S. L. 5905.*



THIS PAGE IS INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR  
BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

**At Rest.**

NAME	LODGE	No.	DATE OF DEATH
CHARLES BUTZ	Nebraska,	1	Dec. 19, 1904
WILLIAM C. ALLEN	Nebraska,	1	Jan. 10, 1905
CHARLES G. SPRAGUE	Nebraska,	1	Jan. 18, 1905
DANIEL H. WHEELER, JR.	Nebraska,	1	Mar. 29, 1905
ABRAM M. SMITH	Western Star,	2	May 9, 1904
ROBERT A. BLACK	Western Star,	2	Aug. 24, 1904
FRANCIS M. SELLS	Western Star,	2	Oct. 25, 1904
THOMAS E. THOMPSON	Western Star,	2	Mar. 4, 1905
WILLIAM N. NASON	Capitol,	3	April 15, 1904
WILLIAM COPLEY	Capitol,	3	July 14, 1904
LEVERETT M. ANDERSON	Capitol,	3	Nov. 1, 1904
FRANK T. MURPHY	Capitol,	3	Dec. 12, 1904
HENRY K. SMITH	Capitol,	3	Dec. 21, 1904
CLINTON D. ORCUTT	Capitol,	3	Jan. 27, 1905
WILLIAM WETTENCAMP	Plattsmouth,	6	Aug. 1, 1904
FRANK J. MORGAN	Plattsmouth,	6	Oct. 7, 1904
EZRA E. METTZ	Falls City,	9	Mar. 26, 1905
ST. ANDRE D. BALCOMBE	Covert,	11	May 6, 1904
PHILIP GOTTHEIMER	Covert,	11	May 18, 1904
CALEB M. CLARK	Covert,	11	July 22, 1904
CHARLES H. OGBURN	Covert,	11	Jan. 29, 1905
HENRY C. ATKINSON	Covert,	11	Jan. 4, 1905
GEORGE BOWKER	Orient,	13	Dec. 31, 1904
JAMES H. CRABBS	Fremont,	15	April 9, 1904
JOHN AUMAN	Tecumseh,	17	Jan. 11, 1905
JOHN WILSON	Tecumseh,	17	Feb. 26, 1905
ANDREW J. BILLMAYER	Lincoln,	19	June 28, 1904
WILLIAM E. BARKLEY	Lincoln,	19	July 13, 1904
CHARLES H. GERE	Lincoln,	19	Sept. 30, 1904
WILLIAM H. TYLER	Lincoln,	19	Jan. 22, 1905
JAMES H. MEAD	Washington,	21	Sept. 30, 1904
JOHN CASEY	Pawnee,	23	Aug. 8, 1904
HOWARD B. SEGUR	Pawnee,	23	Sept. 5, 1904
JAMES S. ORR	Pawnee,	23	Oct. 26, 1904
WILLIAM P. DAVIS	St. Johns,	25	Aug. 17, 1904
SIMON GOETZ	St. Johns,	25	Aug. 23, 1904
HENRY MEYER	St. Johns,	25	Oct. 20, 1904
JOHN RUDD	St. Johns,	25	Jan. 10, 1905
JAMES DELANEY	St. Johns,	25	Feb. 8, 1905
ROBERT W. DYBALL	St. Johns,	25	Feb. 25, 1905
JOHN E. SANKE	Beatrice,	26	Nov. 17, 1901
ROBERT W. GEERE	Beatrice,	26	Sept. 13, 1902
BENJAMIN W. DAVIS	Beatrice,	26	May 2, 1904
WILLIAM B. CONLEE	Beatrice,	26	June 19, 1904
JAMES C. CRAWFORD	Jordan,	27	Feb. 9, 1905
ISAAC GIBSON	Tekamah,	31	April 22, 1904
ANSON S. BALDWIN	Platte Valley,	32	April 5, 1904

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WARREN LLOYD	Platte Valley,	32	April 13, 1904
ESKE SORENSEN	Ashlar,	33	Sept. 14, 1904
CHARLES F. ROLLINS	Ashlar,	33	Dec. 17, 1904
MINER CODDINGTON	Lone Tree,	36	Sept. 16, 1904
JOHN T. BIGGS	Lone Tree,	36	Dec. 28, 1904
JAMES H. BERRYMAN	Lone Tree,	36	Jan. 17, 1905
WILLIAM REDFORD	Oliver,	38	Dec. 6, 1904
CHARLES H. REEVES	Papillion,	39	April 19, 1904
JULIUS F. STONE	Harvard,	44	Dec. 15, 1904
CHARLES W. VANALSTINE	Rob Morris,	46	Feb. 1, 1904
CLARENCE A. BROWN	Rob Morris,	46	Sept. 20, 1904
CHARLES MOON	Evening Star,	49	April 8, 1904
RICHARD DOBSON	Evening Star,	49	July 19, 1904
WILLIAM W. LYONS	Hastings,	50	July 25, 1904
GEORGE H. LA MONTE	Hastings,	50	Mar. 9, 1905
OLIVER C. CASE	Charity,	53	May 13, 1904
SILAS GARBER	Charity,	53	Jan. 12, 1905
WILLIAM O'SHEA	Lancaster,	54	Aug. 27, 1904
WILLIAM H. READ	Lancaster,	54	Nov. 17, 1904
EDWARD H. ALLEN	Lancaster,	54	Feb. 12, 1905
WILLIAM D. FITZGERALD	Lancaster,	54	Feb. 27, 1905
EPHRAIM COOK	York,	56	May 14, 1904
CHARLES J. TROWBRIDGE	York,	56	Mar. 3, 1905
THOMAS WILSON	Mount Moriah,	57	Oct. 1, 1904
DOUGLASS R. PATTON	Lebanon,	58	April 27, 1904
JOHN WIGGINS	Lebanon,	58	Sept. 4, 1904
JACOB LOCH	Lebanon,	58	Dec. 4, 1904
MASON L. ELLSWORTH	Wahoo,	59	Oct. 11, 1904
FRANK F. GAY	Blue Valley,	64	May 17, 1904
CENEK DURAS	Blue Valley,	64	Sept. 12, 1904
THOMAS A. SAWYER	Blue Valley,	64	Mar. 17, 1905
ALEXANDER N. JAY	Osceola,	65	Sept. 6, 1904
JAMES B. KYLE	Edgar,	67	June 7, 1904
ANDREW J. HOLDEN	Edgar,	67	Nov. 4, 1904
WILLIAM A. LAFLIN	Trowel,	71	Mar. 24, 1905
THOMAS BUCHHOLZ	Hooper,	72	May 9, 1904
JOHN S. HOUGH	Hooper,	72	Nov. 12, 1904
JAMES A. THOMPSON	Alexandria,	74	May 1, 1904
JULIUS NEUBAUER	Frank Welch,	75	Oct. 31, 1904
GEORGE MASER	Joppa,	76	Dec. 16, 1904
JAMES M. LINES	Nelson,	77	Oct. 22, 1904
JOSEPH VAN VALIN	Nelson,	77	Feb. 14, 1905
WILLIAM G. BRADLEY	Nelson,	77	Feb. 16, 1905
JAMES B. BARNES	Albion,	78	Mar. 15, 1905
HENRY H. ATHERTON	Geneva,	79	June 25, 1904
IRVIN L. TURNER	Geneva,	79	Mar. 22, 1905
JAMES O. HURD	Composite,	81	Mar. 22, 1905

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ALEXANDER M. BABCOCK	Fairfield,	84	June 11, 1904
EDGAR BROWN	Tyre,	85	May 15, 1904
GEORGE U. JONES	Tyre,	85	Nov. 13, 1904
JOHN AULT	Tyre,	85	Feb. 22, 1905
CHARLES A. PETERSON	Oakland	91	April 7, 1904
LINCOLN D. SHOLL	Hubbell,	92	April 19, 1904
SAMUEL D. LOCKWOOD	Hubbell,	92	Aug. 18, 1904
JUDSON E. VANDERLIP	Bennet,	94	Oct. 30, 1904
JACOB COX	Euclid,	97	Aug. 18, 1904
HIRAM PECK	Euclid,	97	Jan. 16, 1905
WILLIAM VANKIRK	Creighton,	100	Dec. 23, 1904
WILLIAM L. BLADEN	Ponea,	101	April 5, 1904
GEORGE D. PHILLIPS	Waterloo,	102	Oct. 20, 1904
ENOCH POWELL	Ord,	103	Nov. 6, 1904
JOHN NULK	Stella,	105	Sept. 25, 1904
LUKE FISHER	Stella,	105	Feb. 15, 1905
ZACHARIA H. ODENDAHL	Porter,	106	June 7, 1904
JOHN J. BISHOP	Springfield,	112	May 19, 1904
HARLEIGH H. SAGE	Springfield,	112	Sept. 7, 1904
ZACHARIA H. GARDNER	Wisner,	114	April 21, 1904
JASPER L. REWEY	Wisner,	114	Jan. 31, 1905
EMANUEL SHAWVER	Hardy,	117	Aug. 11, 1904
WALTER E. JACK	Doric,	118	Nov. 13, 1904
WILLIAM H. EASON	North Bend,	119	April 9, 1904
JOHN B. FOOT	North Bend,	119	April 9, 1904
JOHN S. FRENCH	Wayne,	120	Dec. 24, 1904
ENOS L. LESTER	Superior,	121	Dec. 16, 1904
GEORGE A. JACKSON	Mt. Nebo,	125	May 28, 1904
LEWIS A. CRITCHLOW	Stromsburg,	126	Mar. 11, 1905
GEORGE A. MANCUR	Elm Creek,	133	Feb. 12, 1905
HANS ROLFSON	Solar,	134	Mar. 14, 1905
FRANKLIN SWEET	Solar,	134	Mar. 17, 1905
GEORGE J. BURGESS	McCook,	135	Sept. 17, 1904
SAMUEL L. GREEN	McCook,	135	Jan. 29, 1905
ERNEST A. LINDEMAN	Upright,	137	Sept. 25, 1904
ABRAM F. MANLEY	Parallel,	152	Jan. 23, 1905
MARSHALL D. NISBET	Hartington,	155	Aug. 16, 1904
JOHN F. LOUDY	Hartington,	155	Feb. 10, 1905
GEORGE W. WIENHART	Ogalalla,	159	Dec. 24, 1904
JOHN WILBERGER	Trestle Board,	162	Mar. 28, 1905
WILLIAM J. HIGBEE	Atkinson,	164	Jan. 1, 1905
CHARLES CRUSE	Barneston,	165	June 14, 1904
JOHN R. DE MOTT	Barneston,	165	Feb. 22, 1905
JAMES J. PECK	Amity,	169	June —, 1903
WASHINGTON H. BROWN	Amity,	169	Dec. —, 1904
EDWARD H. WILLIAMS	Mason City,	170	April 10, 1904
WILLIAM H. MILLS	Grafton,	172	Aug. 13, 1904

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JOHN TALBOT	Gladstone,	No. 176 July 13, 1904
AI. W. HAINES	Gladstone,	" 176 Aug. 30, 1904
ELIAS VAUGHAN	Prudence,	" 179 July 8, 1904
JOHN C. EDWARDS	Justice,	" 180 June 25, 1904
WILLIAM J. DAVIS	Justice,	" 180 Aug. 12, 1904
WILLIAM J. BRITTON	Alliance,	" 183 Feb. 3, 1905
RUFUS K. LANGSON	Alliance,	" 183 Feb. 26, 1905
CHARLES ALLEN	Bee Hive,	" 184 Aug. 18, 1904
ALEXANDER N. VAN SANT	Bee Hive,	" 184 Feb. 4, 1905
RALPH SAGE	Bee Hive,	" 184 Feb. 8, 1905
BYRON T. CARPENTER	Bee Hive,	" 184 Mar. 19, 1905
DANIEL S. CURTIS	Bee Hive,	" 184 Mar. 22, 1905
SIMEON BILLINGS	Boaz,	" 185 June 20, 1904
RICHARD L. REED	Meridian,	" 188 April 29, 1904
JASPER L. ATKINSON	Meridian,	" 188 Nov. 11, 1904
THOMAS KIRK	Granite,	" 189 Dec. 9, 1904
SAMUEL WENZELL	Granite,	" 189 Jan. 22, 1905
CARL C. COOK	Crystal,	" 191 Sept. 30, 1904
ALBERT E. THACHER	Minnekadusa,	" 192 Jan. 20, 1905
HENRY H. SILVER	Highland,	" 194 Aug. 3, 1904
ROLLIN B. ROBBINSEN	Highland,	" 194 Nov. 20, 1904
SAMUEL GREGORY	Arcana,	" 195 Oct. 15, 1904
ITHAMAR C. STEPHENS	Gavel,	" 199 Feb. 8, 1905
JOHN T. GOWER	Roman Eagle,	" 203 Sept. 10, 1904
JESSE W. MILLER	Napthali,	" 206 April 11, 1904
EDGAR C. PATTERSON	East Lincoln,	" 210 Nov. 18, 1904
STEPHEN T. COREY	East Lincoln,	" 210 Jan. 23, 1905
FRANK L. STULL	Landmark,	" 222 Feb. 18, 1905
BENARDER TRUEBLOOD	Landmark,	" 222 Mar. 15, 1905
JONATHAN FOSTER	Eminence,	" 223 Jan. 22, 1904
EDWARD AULT	Grace,	" 226 Sept. 17, 1904
JAMES S. JOHNSON	North Star,	" 227 Mar. 13, 1905
GALEN MCKEAN	Bartley,	" 228 May 26, 1904
IRVING G. BRAINERD	Delta,	" 230 Dec. 9, 1904
AUGUST G. SCHLEH	Delta,	" 230 Mar. 9, 1905
ENOS M. SHAW	Mt. Hermon,	" 231 Dec. 13, 1904
EDWARD COOK	Mt. Hermon,	" 231 Mar. 2, 1905
MARTIN H. PATMORE	Zion,	" 234 April 26, 1904
FRANK J. HAMILTON	George Armstrong,	" 241 April 6, 1904
JOSEPH SEVNA	Sincerity,	" 244 Mar. 31, 1905
SAMUEL HOGG	Hampton,	" 245 Jan. 20, 1905
HENRY C. PAYTON	Hampton,	" 245 Feb. 26, 1905
ROBERT E. GIFFEN	Gothenburg,	" 249 Mar. 9, 1905
JOHN RENNAU	George Washington,	" 250 Sept. 26, 1904
LOYD SHIELDS	Hildreth,	" 252 Nov. 17, 1904
GEORGE B. HERRINGTON	Bassett,	" 254 July 7, 1904
HOMER B. SEYBOLD	Hickman,	" 256 Feb. 21, 1905

## PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan.....	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong.....	1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler, Omaha, 559 South 26th Ave.....	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas.....	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish.....	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel, Omaha, 1902 Dodge Street.....	1869-70
William E. Hill, 2511 East 1st Street, Station B, Los Angeles, California.....	1871-72
Martin Dunham, Omaha, 712 South 17th Street.....	1873
*Frank Welch.....	1874
*Alfred G. Hastings.....	1875
George H. Thummel, Omaha, Post Office Building.....	1876
George W. Lininger, Omaha, 1801 Davenport Street.....	1877
Edward K. Valentine, West Point.....	1878
*Rolland H. Oakley.....	1879
*James A. Tulleys.....	1880
James R. Cain, Falls City.....	1881
Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City.....	1882
Samuel W. Hayes, Norfolk.....	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 97 Bell Avenue.....	1884
Manoah B. Reese, Lincoln.....	1885
Charles K. Coutant, Omaha, 1465 Farnam Street.....	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., Treasury Department.....	1887
George B. France, York.....	1888
John J. Mercer, Omaha, 2811 Hickory Street.....	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney.....	1890
Bradner D. Slaughter, Omaha, U. S. Army Headquarters.....	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh.....	1892
James P. A. Black, Hastings.....	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.....	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln.....	1895
Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.....	1896
John B. Dinsmore, Sutton.....	1897
Frank H. Young, Broken Bow.....	1898
William W. Keysor, Kirkwood, Missouri.....	1899
Albert W. Crites, Chadron.....	1900
Robert E. Evans, Dakota City.....	1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.....	1902
Frank E. Bullard, North Platte.....	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk.....	1904

\*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
British Columbia	Edward B. Paul	Victoria	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada	William Roaf	Toronto	July 12, 1899
Colorado	Edward P. Hufferd	Colorado Springs	Aug. 12, 1905
Connecticut	Reuben H. Tucker	Ansonia	Dec. 4, 1894
Cuba	Manuel S. Castellanos	Havana, Union Ge Reyes	Feb. 4, 1904
Delaware	Harry J. Guthrie	Wilmington	Oct. 17, 1904
Dist. Columbia	Frederick G. Alexander	Washington City, 945 R St., N. W.	Nov. 15, 1901
Egypt	Michael Bey Saleh	Cairo	April 3, 1905
Florida	Thomas M. Puleston	Monticello	Nov. 26, 1898
Georgia	James M. Jackson	La Fayette	June 11, 1904
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
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
Mexico, Valle de	Rufe C. March	Guadalajara, Jalisco	July 10, 1905
Michigan	Charles F. May	Detroit	Jan. 19, 1904
Minnesota	Jeremiah E. Finch	Hastings	June 6, 1892
Mississippi	James F. McCool	Kosciusko	Dec. 3, 1901
Missouri	Charles F. Vogel	St. Louis, 624 Chestnut St.	April 4, 1892
Montana	Henry M. Parchen	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	Granville Pendleton	Aztec	Aug. 10, 1903
New South Wales	Frederick A. Banks		Aug. 25, 1905
New York	Thomas Hillson	New York, 129 Broad St.	June 29, 1905
New Zealand	Oliver Nicholson	Auckland	Feb. 14, 1903
Nova Scotia	Marston Guillod	Parrsborough	July 16, 1902
Ohio	Horace A. Irvin	Dayton	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma	Jesse A. Dunn	Alva	Nov. 1, 1904
Oregon	Phil Metschan	Portland	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. Grenshaw	San Antonio	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah	Abbot R. Haywood	Ogden	Feb. 20, 1892
Vermont	Charles C. Miller	Burlington	Aug. 10, 1900
Victoria	Francis W. W. Morton	Melbourne, Collins St.	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia	Sol Cutchins	Richmond	April 20, 1901
Washington	Archibald W. Frater	Seattle	April 13, 1900
West Australia	Thomas William Paisley	Bunbury	July 19, 1902
West Virginia	James McCahen	Wheeling	April 19, 1899
Wisconsin	Frank E. Noyes	Marinette	Dec. 23, 1904

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GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Alpha Morgan, 148	Broken Bow	July 25, 1903
Arizona.....	Lewis A. Kent, 127	Minden	Jan. 4, 1891
Arkansas.....	Samuel W. Hayes, 55	Norfolk	Mar. 6, 1878
Brt. Columbia..	William Adair, 5	Dakota City	May 12, 1874
Canada.....	Williamson S. Summers, 26	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1901
Colorado.....	Charles J. Phelps, 34	Schuylcr	Oct. 8, 1890
Connecticut.....	Samuel P. Davidson, 17	Tecumseh	Oct. 10, 1889
Cuba.....	Charles W. Kraft, 209	Lincoln	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware.....	Carroll D. Evans, 58	Columbus	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. Columbia	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89	Omaha	Dec. 17, 1901
Egypt.....	George W. Lininger, 3	Omaha	Nov. 16, 1901
England.....	George W. Lininger, 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, 33	Omaha	Mar. 14, 1892
Indiana.....	Harry P. Deuel, 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, 50	Hastings	Nov. 21, 1893
Louisiana.....	Robert E. Evans, 5	Dakota City	Aug. 9, 1904
Maine.....	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25	Omaha	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba.....	Elias W. Beghtol, 146	Holdrege	May 7, 1903
Maryland.....	Henry Gibbons, 46	Kearney	Oct. 3, 1899
Mexico, Valle de	George A. Day, 1	Omaha	July 1, 1905
Michigan.....	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1	Omaha	Jan. 1, 1903
Minnesota.....	George A. Beecher, 32	Omaha	Mar. 17, 1904
Mississippi.....	John M. Burks, 19	Lincoln	Dec. 31, 1869
Missouri.....	George B. France, 56	York	June 25, 1888
Montana.....	John J. Mercer, 3	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1899
Nevada.....	John B. Dinsmore, 49	Sutton	Sept. 6, 1899
New Brunswick	Addison S. Tibbets, 54	Lincoln	July 16, 1900
New Hampshire	Roscoe Pound, 54	Lincoln	Dec. 23, 1903
New Jersey.....	James R. Cain, 9	Falls City	Sept. 24, 1878
New Mexico.....	Henry E. Palmer, 11	Omaha	April 25, 1879
New South Wales	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78	Albion	July 26, 1905
New York.....	Edward K. Valentine, 27	West Point	Feb. 11, 1883
New Zealand.....	Frank E. Ward, 31	Tekamah	July 22, 1905
North Carolina	Melville R. Hopewell, 31	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.....	George W. Little, 240	Lyons	June 23, 1905
Oklahoma.....	Zuingle M. Baird, 155	Hartington	Jan. 4, 1902
Oregon.....	Henry Brown, 3	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1869
P. Edward Isl'd.	Charles E. Burnham, 166	Norfolk	Oct. 21, 1902
Quebec.....	James Tyler, 19	Lincoln	July 26, 1901
Rhode Island.....	Michael Dowling, 119	Omaha	July 30, 1903
South Carolina	Frank E. Bullard, 32	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1881
South Dakota.....	Manoah B. Reese, 19	Lincoln	Mar. 30, 1885
Tennessee.....	Francis E. White, 6	Omaha	Mar. 12, 1900
Texas.....	Martin Dunham, 3	Omaha	Feb. 22, 1876
Utah.....	Robert E. French, 46	Kearney	May 4, 1888
Vermont.....	Frank H. Young, 207	Broken Bow	Oct. 21, 1899
Victoria.....	John S. Bishop, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 19, 1904
Virginia.....	John S. Davissou 136	Long Pine	July 14, 1900
Washington.....	Charles K. Coutant, 11	Omaha	April 12, 1900
West. Australia.	Ornan J. King, 54	Lincoln	Sept. 26, 1904
West Virginia.....	Frank M. Knight, 183	Alliance	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin.....	Albert W. Crites, 158	Chadron	Aug. 3, 1904

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	Robert E. Brett	Victoria.
California	George Johnson	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada	Hugh Murray	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford. [Rica, Amer. Cent.
Costa Rica	Edmund A. Osborne	P. O. Box 429, San Jose de Costa
Cuba	Aurelio Miranda	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware	Benjamin F. Bartram	Wilmington.
District Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Masonic Temple, Washington.
England	Edward Letchworth	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	William A. Wolihin	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	William M. Isaac	5 N. Howard St., Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico	Felix M. Iglesias	Box 10, Mexico City.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	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 Hartt	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque. [Sydney.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Masonic Hall, 283 Castlereagh St.,
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Johnston St., Wellington.
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	Guthrie.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Is	Neil 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	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
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	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
Wisconsin	William W. Ferry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

## NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Acacia, 34.  
 Adams, U. D., (extinct)  
 Adoniram, (159)  
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131.)  
 Albion, 78.  
 Alexandria, 74.  
 Allen, U. D., (236.)  
 Alliance, 183.  
 Amethyst, 190.  
 Amity, 169.  
 Anchor, 142. (extinct.)  
 Anselmo, 258.  
 Arapahoe, 109. (extinct.)  
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 Ark and Anchor, 131. (ext.)  
 Armada, U. D., (extinct.)  
 Ashland, 18. (extinct.)  
 Ashlar, 33.  
 Atkinson, 164.  
 Auburn, 124.  
 Aurora, 68.  
 Bancroft, 145.  
 Bannack City, U. D., (ext.)  
 Barneston, 165.  
 Bartley, 228.  
 Bassett, 254.  
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)  
 Beatrice, 26.  
 Beaver, U. D., (179.)  
 Beaver City, 93.  
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 Bell Creek, U. D., (241.)  
 Benkelman, U. D., (180.)  
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 Brainard, 115. (extinct.)  
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)  
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 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143.)  
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 Custer, U. D., (148.)  
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 Danbury, U. D., (185.)  
 Davenport, U. D., (154.)  
 Decatur, 7. (extinct.)  
 Delta, 230.  
 DeWitt, 111.  
 Doniphan, 86.  
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 Evening Star, 49.  
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 Ewing, U. D., (156.)  
 Exeter, U. D., (extinct.)  
 Fairbury, 35.  
 Fairfield, 84.  
 Fairmont, 48.  
 Faith, 181.  
 Falls City, 9.  
 Fidelity, 51.  
 Firth, U. D., (66.)  
 Fortitude, 69. (extinct.)  
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 Friend, 73.  
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 Garfield, 95.  
 Gauge, 208.  
 Gavel, 199.  
 Geneva, 79.  
 Genoa, U. D., (125.)  
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 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.  
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 Harmony, U. D., (extinct.)  
 Hartington, 155.  
 Harvard, 44.  
 Hastings, 50.  
 Hay Springs, 177.  
 Hebron, 43.  
 Hermon, U. D., (231.)  
 Hesperia, 178.  
 Hickman, 256.  
 Highland, 194.  
 Hildreth, 252.  
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29.)  
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 Holbrook, 257.  
 Holdrege, 146.  
 Hooper, 72.  
 Hope, 29.  
 Hubbell, 92.  
 Humboldt, 40.  
 Hyannis, U. D., (234.)  
 Idaho, U. D., (extinct.)  
 Imperial, U. D., (198.)  
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 Ionic, 87.  
 Israel, 187.  
 Ithmar, 238. (extinct.)  
 Jachin, 146.  
 Jasper, 122. (extinct.)  
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 Joppa, 76.  
 Jordan, 27.  
 Juniata, 42.  
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 Lancaster, 54.  
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 Mackey, U. D., (242.)  
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 McCook, 135.  
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 Nelson, 77.  
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 Norfolk, U. D., (55.)  
 North Bend, 119.  
 North Loup, U. D., (142, ext.)  
 Northern Light, 41.  
 North Star, 227.  
 Oakland, 91.  
 Occidental, 215.  
 Odell, U. D., (122, ext.)  
 Ogalalla, 159.  
 Ohio, U. D., (182.)  
 Oliver, 38.  
 Omadi, 5.  
 Ord, 103.  
 Orient, 13.  
 Orion, 242, (extinct.)  
 Oseola, 65.  
 Oxford, U. D., (138.)  
 Palestine, U. D., (extinct.)  
 Palisade, 216.  
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct.)  
 Papillion, 39.  
 Parallel, 152.  
 Parian, 207.  
 Pawnee, 23.  
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23.)  
 Peru, U. D., (extinct.)  
 Peru, 14.  
 Pilot, 240.  
 Plainview, 204.  
 Platte Valley, 32.  
 Plattsmouth, 6.  
 Plumb, 186, (extinct.)  
 Plumblin, 214.  
 Pomegranate, 110.  
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 Prudence, 179.  
 Purity, 198.  
 Pythagoras, 156.  
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 Rising, U. D., (81.)  
 Rising Star, U. D., (20.)  
 Riverton, 63.  
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 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct.)  
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred.)  
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 Saint Paul, 82.  
 Salem, 47, (extinct.)  
 Saline, U. D., (73.)  
 Saline, U. D., (101.)  
 Saline, U. D., (118.)  
 Samaritan, 158.  
 Scotia, U. D., (191.)  
 Scotts Bluff, 201.  
 Scribner, 132.  
 Seward, U. D., (38.)  
 Shelby, U. D., (161.)  
 Shelton, 99.  
 Shickley, U. D., (178.)  
 Signet, 193.  
 Siloam, 147.  
 Silver Cord, 224.  
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)  
 Sincerity, 244.  
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 Springfield, 112.  
 Square, 151.  
 Square and Compass, 213.  
 Stanton, U. D., (41.)  
 Star, 88.  
 Steele City, 107, (extinct.)  
 Stella, 105.  
 Sterling, 70.  
 Stockville, U. D., (196.)  
 Stromsburg, 126.  
 Summit, 7, (transferred.)  
 Summit, 141, (extinct.)  
 Superior, 121.  
 Syracuse, U. D., (57.)  
 Table Rock, 108.  
 Talmage, U. D., (162.)  
 Tecumseh, 17.  
 Tekamah, 31.  
 Temple, U. D., (5.)  
 Temple, 175.  
 Thistle, 61.  
 Tobias, U. D., (149.)  
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 Trestle Board, 162.  
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 Trowel, 71.  
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 Valentine, U. D., (113.)  
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 Waco, 80, (extinct.)  
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 Weeping Water, U. D., (97.)  
 Western, 140.  
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 Wilcox, U. D., (226.)  
 Winside, U. D., (235.)  
 Wisner, 114.  
 Wood Lake, 221.  
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Arcadia, 208.  
Arlington, 52.  
Arnold, 225.  
Ashland, 110.  
Atkinson, 164.  
Auburn, 124.  
Aurora, 68.
- Bancroft 145.  
Barneston, 165.  
Bartley, 228.  
Bassett, 254.  
Battle Creek, 244.  
Beatrice, 26.  
Beaver Crossing, 179.  
Beaver City, 93.  
Bee, 259.  
Beemer, 253.  
Benkelman, 180.  
Bennet, 94.  
Blair, 21.  
Bloomfield, 218.  
Bloomington, 76.  
Blue Hill, 129.  
Blue Springs, 85.  
Bradshaw, 255.  
Brock, 162.  
Broken Bow, 148.  
Brownville, 4.  
Burchard, 137.  
Burwell, 200.  
Butte, 233.
- Callaway, 207.  
Cambridge, 150.  
Carleton, 199.  
Cedar Bluffs, 215.  
Cedar Rapids, 143.  
Central City, 36.  
Ceresco, 229.  
Chadron, 158.  
Chapman, 239.  
Chappell, 205.  
Clarks, 134.  
Clay Centre, 139.  
Coleridge, 219.  
Columbus, 58.  
Cook, 231.  
Cortland, 194.  
Cozad, 188.  
Craig, 241.  
Crawford, 181.  
Creighton, 100.  
Crete, 37.  
Culbertson, 174.  
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- Dakota City, 5.
- Danbury, 185.  
Davenport, 154.  
David City, 51.  
Decatur, 88.  
DeWitt, 111.  
Diller, 206.  
Doniphan, 86.  
Dorchester, 118.  
Douglas, 237.
- Edgar, 67.  
Elk Creek, 90.  
Elm Creek, 133.  
Elmwood, 209.  
Elwood, 167.  
Emerson, 220.  
Ewing, 156.
- Fairbury, 35.  
Fairfield, 84.  
Fairmont, 48.  
Falls City, 9.  
Filley, 175.  
Firth, 66.  
Fort Calhoun, 10.  
Fremont, 15.  
Friend, 73.  
Fullerton, 89.
- Gandy, 190.  
Geneva, 79.  
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Gering, 201.  
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Gordon, 195.  
Gothenburg, 249.  
Grafton, 172.  
Grand Island, 33.  
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.  
Hickman, 256.  
Hildreth, 252.  
Holbrook, 257.  
Holdrege, 146.  
Hooper, 72.  
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Hyannis, 234.
- Imperial, 198.
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Neligh, 71.  
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Norfolk, 55.  
North Bend, 119.  
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- Oak, 243.  
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Ogalalla, 159.  
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Orleans, 60.  
Osceola, 65.  
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Oxford, 138.
- Palisade, 216.  
Papillion, 39.  
Pawnee City, 23.  
Pender, 203.  
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Phillips, 62.  
Pierce, 153.  
Plainview, 204.  
Plattsmouth, 6.  
Ponca, 101.
- Randolph, 202.  
Red Cloud, 53.  
Republican City, 98.  
Reynolds, 160.  
Rising City, 81.  
Riverton, 63.  
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Rushville, 169.
- Saint Edward, 230.  
Saint Paul, 82.  
Schuyler, 34.  
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Scotia, 191.  
Seward, 38.  
Shelby, 161.  
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Shickley, 178.	Table Rock, 108.	Wauweta, 217.
Sidney, 75.	Tecumseh, 17.	Wausa, 251.
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Cheyenne, 75.	Johnson, 17, 70, 90, 231.	Seward, 30, 38, 96, 179, 259.
Clay, 44, 49, 67, 84, 139.	Kearney, 127, 226.	Sherman, 106.
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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED	BECAME EXTINCT
Summit, No. 7*	Parkville, Colorado		May 6, 1861....	June 5, 1861....	
Rocky Mountain, No. 8*	Gold Hill, Colorado		May 21, 1861....	June 5, 1861....	
Peru, U. D.	Peru	Nemaha	June 13, 1861....		June 23, 1863....
Central City, U. D.	Colorado		1860 or 61		
Columbus, U. D.	Columbus	Platte	July 1, 1861....		
Decatur, No. 7.	Decatur	Burt		June 3 or 4, 1862.	June 18, 1873....
Bannack City, U. D.	Bannack City, Idaho		April —, 1863 or June 21, 1863....		
Monitor, U. D.	United States Army		July 30, 1863....		Prior to 1867.
Columbus, No. 8	Columbus	Platte	Aug 25, 1863....	June 23 or 24, 1864	June 25, 1868....
Idaho, U. D.	Nevada City, Idaho.		Nov. 17, 1863....		June 23, 1864....
Nebraska City, No. 12	Nebraska City	Otoe	Feb. 19, 1866....	June 22, 1866....	Mar. 10, 1903....
Rock Bluff, No. 20	Rock Bluff	Cass	July 15, 1867....	June 24 or 25, 1868	July 16, 1884....
Eureka, No. 16.	Arago	Richardson	Jan. 27 or 29, 1868	June 24, 1868....	Dec. 23, 1875....
Ashland, No. 18	Ashland	Saunders	Jan. — or Apr. 10, 1868....	June 24, 1868....	Aug. 17, 1881....
Macy, No. 22	Plattsmouth	Cass	Feb. 10, 1869....	Oct. 29, 1869....	Dec. 31, 1877....
Lafayette, No. 24	Lafayette Precinct (Later Grant)	Nemaha	June 29, 1869....	Oct. 27 or 28, 1869	Mar. 27, 1877....
Wyoming, No. 28†	South Pass City, Wyoming		Nov. 24, 1869....	June 23, 1870....	
Harmony, U. D.	Saint Deroin	Nemaha	Nov. 26, 1870....		1870.
Columbus, U. D.	Columbus	Platte	Jan. 3, 1871....		May 12, 1871....
Harmony U. D.	Saint Deroin	Nemaha	Jan. 3, 1871....		June 19, 1873....
Palmyra, No. 45	Palmyra	Otoe	Jan. 9, 1872....	June 26, 1874....	Nov. 20, 1901....
Salem, No. 47	Salem	Richardson	Feb. 21, 1873....	June 26, 1874....	June 18, 1891....
Fortitude, No. 69.	Ulysses	Butler	Apr. 24, 1877....	June 19, 1878....	July 14, 1887....
Waco, No. 80	Waco	York	Mar. 20, 1880....	June 23, 1880....	Jan. 31, 1885....
Steele City, No. 107.	Steele City	Jefferson	Jan. 23, 1883....	June 19, 1883....	Aug. 13, 1902....
Arapahoe, No. 109	Arapahoe	Furnas	Feb. 10, 1883....	June 19, 1883....	June 8, 1904....
Brainard, No. 115	Brainard	Butler	July 11, 1883....	June 24, 1884....	Sept. 5, 1903....
Jasper, No. 122	Odell	Gage	Nov. 26, 1883....	June 24, 1884....	Apr. 24, 1901....
Indianola, No. 123	Indianola	Red Willow	Dec. 8, 1883....	June 24, 1884....	June, 8, 1904....
Ark & Anchor, No. 131	Ainsworth	Brown	July 3, 1884....	June 24, 1885....	Sept. 26, 1890....
Summit, No. 141	Johnson	Nemaha	Dec. 6, 1884....	June 24, 1885....	Feb. 5, 1900....
Anchor, No. 142.	North Loup	Valley	Dec. 18, 1884....	June 24, 1885....	June 5, 1901....
Silver Creek, U. D.	Silver Creek	Merrick	Feb. 26, 1886....		June 17, 1886....
Battle Creek, U. D.	Battle Creek	Madison	Aug. 23, 1886....		June 21, 1888....
Trenton, U. D.	Trenton	Hitchcock	June 27, 1887....		June 20, 1889....
Bromfield, U. D.	Bromfield	Hamilton	July 1, 1887....		June 20, 1890....
Palestine, U. D.	Beatrice	Gage	July 9, 1888....		June 20, 1889....
Plumb, No. 186	Grant.	Perkins	Jan. 31, 1889....	June 20, 1889....	Nov. 15, 1897....
Adams, U. D.	Adams	Gage	Jan. 18, 1890....		June 20, 1890....
Armada, U. D.	Armada, Miller, and Sumner	Buffalo	Aug. 26, 1890....		1891.
Exeter, U. D.	Exeter	Fillmore	Feb. 21, 1894....		June 10, 1896....
Ithmar, No. 238	Crab Orchard	Johnson	Aug. 29, 1895....	June 10, 1896....	Feb. 9, 1903....
Royal, U. D.	Savage	Antelope	Nov. 13, 1900....		June 6, 1901....
Orion, No. 242.	Ravenna	Buffalo	Mar. 31, 1897....	June 16, 1898....	July 6, 1904....

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WITH LOCATIONS, 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	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	Oct. 28, 69
	Lincoln, " 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	May 4, 68	June 25, 68
15	Washington, " 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Feb. 24, 68	June 25, 68
	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
	Jordan, " 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Dec. 25, 69	June 23, 70
20	Hope, " 29	Nemaha City	Nemaha	Friday on or before ○	Nov. 8, 69	June 23, 70
	Blue River, " 30	Milford	Seward	Thursday on or before ○	Apr. 25, 70	June 23, 70
	Tekamah, " 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays	Aug. 19, 69	June 23, 70
	Platte Valley, " 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second Tuesday	Jan. 15, 70	June 23, 70
	Ashlar, " 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Aug. 11, 70	June 22, 71
25	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

	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
	Oliver,	" 38	Seward	Seward	Saturday on or before ○	July 25, 71	June 18, 73
30	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
	North'n 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
	Hebron,	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Mar. 10, 73	June 18, 73
35	Harvard,	" 44	Harverd	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Mar. 25, 73	June 18, 73
	Rob Morris,	" 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Feb. 21, 73	June 26, 74
	Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Tuesday on or before ○	Dec. 4, 73	June 26, 74
	Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton	Clay	Second and fourth Thursdays	Dec. 22, 73	June 26, 74
	Hastings,	" 50	Hastings	Adams	First Tuesday	Jan. 3, 74	June 26, 74
40	Fidelity,	" 51	David City	Butler	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	First and third Fridays	Mar. 2, 74	June 26, 74
	Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	April 20, 74	June 26, 74
	Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Oct. 1, 74	June 23, 75
45	York,	" 56	York	York	Last Friday	Oct. 1, 74	June 23, 75
	Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse	Otoe	Thursday on or before ○	Nov. 7, 74	June 23, 75
	Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Dec. 7, 74	June 23, 75
	Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Jan. 20, 75	June 23, 75
	Melrose	" 60	Orleans	Harlan	Saturday on or before ○*	Mar. 10, 75	June 24, 75
50	Thistle,	" 61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	May 8, 75	June 21, 76
	Keystone,	" 62	Phillips	Hamilton	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 1, 76	June 21, 76
	Riverton,	" 63	Riverton	Franklin	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
	Osceola,	" 65	Osceola	Polk	Second and fourth Saturdays	Nov. 23, 67	June 20, 77
55	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	Tuesday on or before ○	July 16, 77	June 19, 78
	Trowel,	" 71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Wednesdays	Jan. 28, 78	June 19, 78
60	Hooper,	" 72	Hooper	Dodge	Saturday on or before ○	Mar. 19, 78	June 25, 79

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED	CHARTERED
Friend, No. 73	Friend . . . . .	Saline . . . . .	Thursday on or before ○ † . . . . .	May 4, 78. . . . .	June 25, 79
Alexandria, " 74	Alexandria . . . . .	Thayer . . . . .	Second and fourth Mondays . . . . .	Dec. 26, 78. . . . .	June 25, 79
Frank Welch, " 75	Sidney . . . . .	Cheyenne . . . . .	First Tuesday . . . . .	Dec. 26, 78. . . . .	June 25, 79
Joppa, " 76	Bloomington . . . . .	Franklin . . . . .	Friday on or before ○ . . . . .	Mar. 29, 79. . . . .	June 25, 79
65 Nelson, " 77	Nelson . . . . .	Nuckolls . . . . .	Thursday on or before ○ . . . . .	Mar. 15, 79. . . . .	June 23, 80
Albion, " 78	Albion . . . . .	Boone . . . . .	First and third Saturdays . . . . .	Aug. 1, 79. . . . .	June 23, 80
Geneva, " 79	Geneva . . . . .	Fillmore . . . . .	Friday on or before ○* . . . . .	Nov. 24, 79. . . . .	June 23, 80
Composite, " 81	Rising City . . . . .	Butler . . . . .	Tuesday on or before ○ . . . . .	Mar. 20, 80. . . . .	June 22, 81
Saint Paul, " 82	Saint Paul . . . . .	Howard . . . . .	Third Thursday . . . . .	April 15, 80. . . . .	June 22, 81
70 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 . . . . .	Tuesday on or before ○ . . . . .	Sept. 16, 80. . . . .	June 22, 81
Doniphan, " 86	Doniphan . . . . .	Hall . . . . .	Saturday on or before ○ . . . . .	Jan. 7, 81. . . . .	June 22, 81
Ionic, " 87	Niobrara . . . . .	Knox . . . . .	Thursday on or before ○ . . . . .	Jan. 24, 81. . . . .	June 20, 82
75 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
Hubbell, " 92	Hubbell . . . . .	Thayer . . . . .	Second and fourth Saturdays . . . . .	April 29, 82. . . . .	June 19, 83
80 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
Euclid, " 97	Weeping Water . . . . .	Cass . . . . .	First Monday . . . . .	July 21, 82. . . . .	June 19, 83
85 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

\*And two weeks thereafter.

†And on June 24th.

	Waterloo	No. 102	Waterloo	Douglas	Tuesday on or before ○	Sept. 7, 82	June 19, 83
90	Ord	" 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
	Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Jan. 24, 83	June 19, 83
95	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
	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
100	Harlan	" 116	Alma	Harlan	Friday on or before ○*	July 12, 83	June 24, 84
	Hardy	" 117	Hardy	Nuckolls	Thursday on or before ○	July 18, 83	June 24, 84
	Doric	" 118	Dorchester	Saline	Saturday on or before ○	Aug. 2, 83	June 24, 84
	North Bend	" 119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Sept. 5, 83	June 24, 84
	Wayne	" 120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Fridays	Sept. 26, 83	June 24, 84
105	Superior	" 121	Superior	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 22, 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	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 16, 84	June 24, 84
	Minden	" 127	Minden	Kearney	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 22, 84	June 24, 84
110	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
115	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 Saturday	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
120	Clay Centre	" 139	Clay Centre	Clay	First and third Saturdays	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85
	Western	" 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

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Kenesaw, No. 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
125	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
130	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
135	Pythagoras, " 156	Ewing	Holt	Saturday on or before ○ †	Oct. 24, 86	June 16, 87
	Valley, " 157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Saturday on or before ○	Feb. 22, 86	June 16, 87
	Samaritan, " 158	Chadron	Davies	First and third Thursdays	Mar. 17, 86	June 16, 87
	Ogalalla, " 159	Ogalalla	Keith	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 14, 86	June 16, 87
	Zeredatha, " 160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Aug. 21, 86	June 16, 87
140	Mount Zion, " 161	Shelby	Polk	Monday 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
145	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	Third Saturday	July 29, 86	June 21, 88
	Mason City, " 170	Mason City	Custer	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 1, 87	June 21, 88
150	Merna, " 171	Merna	Custer	Saturday on or after ○	Aug. 2, 87	June 21, 88

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	Grafton,	No. 172	Grafton	Fillmore	Wednesday on or before ○*	Oct. 18, 87	June 21, 88
	Rob't Burns	" 173	Stratton	Hitchcock	Second and fourth Wednesdays	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
155	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
160	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
165	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 Wednesdays	Aug. 5, 89	June 20, 90
	Crystal,	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	Saturday on or before ○	Aug. 7, 89	June 20, 90
170	Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	Tuesday on or before ○	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
175	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
180	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
	Napthali,	" 206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Dec. 31, 90	June 18, 91

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185	Parian, No. 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	Second Thursday†	Nov. 5, 91	June 16, 92
	Cement, " 211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before ○	Nov. 27, 91	June 16, 92
190	Compass & Square, " 212	Sumner	Dawson	Tuesday on or before ○	Dec. 12, 91	June 16, 92
	Square & Compass, " 213	Miller	Buffalo	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 14, 91	June 16, 92
	Plumblin, " 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
195	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
200	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
205	North Star, " 227	University Place	Lancaster	First and third Wednesdays	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	Thursday 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
210	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
	Zion, " 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before ○	July 19, 95	June 10, 96

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†And on June 24th.



	Fraternity, No. 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
215	Cubit, " 237	Douglas . . . . .	Otoe . . . . .	Thursday on or before ○ . . . . .	Aug. 9, 95 . .	June 10, 96
	Friendship, " 239	Chapman . . . . .	Merrick . . . . .	Second and fourth Fridays . . . . .	Oct. 7, 95 . .	June 10, 96
	Pilot, " 240	Lyons . . . . .	Burt . . . . .	Third Friday . . . . .	Nov. 29, 95 . .	June 10, 96
	George Armstrong, " 241	Craig . . . . .	Burt . . . . .	First and third Tuesdays . . . . .	Aug. 1, 95 . .	June 17, 97
	Tyrian, " 243	Oak . . . . .	Nuckolls . . . . .	First and third Wednesdays . . . . .	Aug. 24, 98 . .	June 8, 99
220	Sincerity, " 244	Battle Creek . . . . .	Madison . . . . .	Second Tuesday . . . . .	Feb. 18, 99 . .	June 8, 99
	Hampton, " 245	Hampton . . . . .	Hamilton . . . . .	First and third Wednesdays . . . . .	July 13, 99 . .	June 7, 00
	Nehawka, " 246	Nehawka . . . . .	Cass . . . . .	Wednesday on or before ○ . . . . .	Jan. 2, 00 . .	June 7, 00
	Corner-stone, " 247	Osmond . . . . .	Pierce . . . . .	Friday on or before ○ . . . . .	Jan. 3, 00 . .	June 7, 00
	Laurel, " 248	Laurel . . . . .	Cedar . . . . .	Second and fourth Wednesdays . . . . .	Feb. 12, 00 . .	June 7, 00
225	Gothenburg, " 249	Gothenburg . . . . .	Dawson . . . . .	Wednesday on or before ○ . . . . .	June 20, 00 . .	June 6, 01
	George Washington, " 250	Havelock . . . . .	Lancaster . . . . .	Second and fourth Thursdays . . . . .	June 20, 00 . .	June 6, 01
	Wausa, " 251	Wausa . . . . .	Knox . . . . .	Friday on or before ○* . . . . .	Nov. 18, 00 . .	June 6, 01
	Hildreth, " 252	Hildreth . . . . .	Franklin . . . . .	Wednesday on or before ○* . . . . .	July 2, 01 . .	June 5, 02
	Beemer, " 253	Beemer . . . . .	Cuming . . . . .	First and third Wednesdays . . . . .	Jan. 1, 02 . .	June 5, 02
230	Bassett, " 254	Bassett . . . . .	Rock . . . . .	Second and fourth Thursdays . . . . .	Oct. 8, 02 . .	June 4, 03
	Bradshaw, " 255	Bradshaw . . . . .	York . . . . .	First and third Mondays . . . . .	June 17, 03 . .	June 9, 04
	Hickman, " 256	Hickman . . . . .	Lancaster . . . . .	Thursday on or before ○ . . . . .	Dec. 7, 03 . .	June 9, 04
	Holbrook, " 257	Holbrook . . . . .	Furnas . . . . .	First and third Saturdays . . . . .	Jan. 11, 04 . .	June 9, 04
	Anselmo, " 258	Anselmo . . . . .	Custer . . . . .	Wednesday on or before ○ . . . . .	Dec. 10, 04 . .	June 7, 05
235	Bee, " 259	Bee . . . . .	Seward . . . . .	Thursday on or before ○ . . . . .	Feb. 11, 05 . .	June 7, 05

\*And two weeks thereafter.

†And on June 24th.

June, 1905.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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WITH INSTALLED OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1906.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	No. 1	Edward A. Northup.....	Albert W. Jefferies....	Walter B. Graham....	William C. McLean.
	" 2	William A. Forbes.....	C. Martin Stalman....	John C. Poling.....	Milton R. Thorp.
	" 3	Millard M. Robertson....	William E. Rhoades....	La Forest L. Pratt....	John Bamford.
	" 4	Abraham L. Lawrence....	William M. Kauffman....	Arthur L. Barber....	Edward E. Lowman.
5	" 5	George J. Boucher.....	Julius J. Eimers.....	Willie L. Ross.....	Mell A. Schmied.
	" 6	William L. Pickett.....	Robert W. Sherwood....	Robert B. Hays.....	Michael Archer.
	" 9	Barton C. Metz.....	H. Clyde Johnston....	Milton J. Bohrer....	Amos E. Gantt.
	" 10	Oliver M. Ireland.....	J. Marion Trisler....	Austin W. Beales....	Camille Saltzman.
	" 11	Paul A. Froelich.....	Charles L. Porter.....	John B. Lindsey....	Frank W. Boyer.
10	" 13	†George N. Ocamb.....	†John C. Shepherd....	†Dudley Van Vakenburg	†George D. Kirk.
	" 14	Joseph S. Robinson....	William R. Hart.....	Joseph P. Gillilan....	Clayton E. Hadley.
	" 15	August J. Albers.....	Eugene A. Schullian....	Seth F. Stiles.....	John L. Schurman.
	" 17	James A. McPherrin....	Edgar H. Grist.....	Clarence R. Wright....	Charles M. Wilson.
	" 19	Charles M. Keefer.....	Howard J. Whitmore....	Elmer W. Brown.....	James W. Frow.
15	" 21	George C. Marshall....	Clark O. Hanlon....	Charles T. Farnham....	Frederick W. Arndt.
	" 23	James N. Stevens.....	Oscar E. Hall.....	Frank S. Colwell....	George E. Becker.
	" 25	Charles A. Tracy.....	Everett R. Woods....	Matthew E. Muxen....	Carl E. Herring.
	" 26	Clemens A. Spellman....	J. Edward C. Fisher....	Samuel Eccles.....	Burt L. Spellman.
	" 27	Pliny M. Moodie.....	Charles F. Nitz.....	James C. Elliott.....	Frederick A. C. Leffert.
20	" 29	Benjamin T. Skeen.....	William W. Seid.....	William W. Sanders....	William E. Wheeldon.
	" 30	William K. Loughridge....	Ezra J. Newton.....	Frederick W. Andrus....	John A. Cocklin.
	" 31	Carl G. Norseen.....	George H. Wixer.....	Harry K. Clark.....	John A. Singhaus.
	" 32	John G. McIlvaine.....	Frank L. Mooney.....	Charles A. Weir.....	Frank E. Bullard.
	" 33	Thomas Robinson.....	George H. Miller.....	William T. Alden.....	Oscar Wells.
25	" 34	Eugene B. Sherman.....	Donald D. McLeod....	Frederick A. Bernard....	William A. Rathsack.

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	Fairbury,	No. 35	Charles H. Denney. . . . .	Percy Thornton. . . . .	Homer McAnulty. . . . .	Lewis Shelley.
	Lone Tree,	" 36	Carroll E. Clark. . . . .	Charles C. McEndree. . . . .	Elmer E. Ross. . . . .	William S. Gardner.
	Crete,	" 37	Lucius H. Denison. . . . .	George L. Meissner. . . . .	Harry W. Gasser. . . . .	Jared J. Atwater.
	Oliver,	" 38	Barclay M. Hickman. . . . .	Orrin D. Wicks. . . . .	Frank H. Newton. . . . .	Ernst C. Holland.
30	Papillion,	" 39	Alexander Catherwood. . . . .	Robert B. Armstrong. . . . .	Artemas L. Ireland. . . . .	Charles F. Schaab.
	Humboldt,	" 40	Leroy S. Hackett. . . . .	J. Frank Snethen. . . . .	*George W. Joseph. . . . .	Edgar S. Norton.
	Northern Light,	" 41	John A. Ehrhardt. . . . .	Melvin V. Lane. . . . .	Edward B. Baer. . . . .	William T. McFarland.
	Juniata,	" 42	Frank R. Hughes. . . . .	Jacob S. Robey. . . . .	Charles I. Cates. . . . .	Addison P. Slack.
	Hebron,	" 43	Charles L. Richards. . . . .	Murray A. Ashbrook. . . . .	Clark M. Liggett. . . . .	William B. Hughes.
35	Harvard,	" 44	Linus A. Higgins. . . . .	Frederick A. Haseloh. . . . .	Fenn C. Kenower. . . . .	Griffith J. Thomas.
	Rob Morris,	" 46	Roy S. Shahan. . . . .	Lester E. Watson. . . . .	Robert Hurst. . . . .	James D. Hawthorne.
	Fairmont,	" 48	Alvah W. Loomis. . . . .	Melvin E. Millen. . . . .	Samuel M. Dewey. . . . .	Virgil A. Stuart.
	Evening Star,	" 49	Nathaniel A. Tyler. . . . .	Stephen Kendall. . . . .	Homer W. Gray. . . . .	Herman H. Schultz.
	Hastings,	" 50	John D. French. . . . .	Willis A. Reynolds. . . . .	Merton L. Francis. . . . .	Robert R. Damerell.
40	Fidelity,	" 51	Alex. E. Etting. . . . .	Fred W. Sleeper. . . . .	Harry E. Burdick. . . . .	John Harper.
	Hiram,	" 52	Joseph C. Chapman. . . . .	Anson B. Newkirk. . . . .	John H. Dorbecker. . . . .	Joseph C. Blackburn.
	Charity,	" 53	Lewis H. Blackledge. . . . .	George M. Morhart. . . . .	Harold A. Letson. . . . .	Albert U. Kaley.
	Lancaster,	" 54	Roscoe Pound,	Claude S. Wilson. . . . .	Robert O. Wolf. . . . .	John S. Bishop.
	Mosaic,	" 55	Joseph Alberry. . . . .	David Rees. . . . .	Andrew H. Viele. . . . .	William R. Hoffman.
45	York,	" 56	George H. Holdeman. . . . .	George R. Reed. . . . .	Homer R. Hatfield. . . . .	Irvin A. Baker.
	Mt. Moriah,	" 57	James R. Alexander. . . . .	Dennison P. West. . . . .	*Willard F. Abbott. . . . .	William O. Stanbro.
	Lebanon,	" 58	Jackson C. Echols. . . . .	W. Irving Spiece. . . . .	George A. Scott. . . . .	James R. Meagher.
	Wahoo,	" 59	Joseph N. Davis. . . . .	Edward N. Hood. . . . .	John D. Frahm. . . . .	John C. Hamilton.
	Melrose,	" 60	George S. Austin. . . . .	Milton M. Claypool. . . . .	G. T. Peterson. . . . .	William H. Banwell, Jr.
50	Thistle,	" 61	Frederic L. Temple. . . . .	Frank L. Fox. . . . .	Philo J. Hewitt. . . . .	Samuel C. Mullin.
	Keystone,	" 62	Eben Rogers. . . . .	John T. Price. . . . .	Didrick Sorenson. . . . .	Milton A. Sprinkle.
	Riverton,	" 63	Willis P. Fulton. . . . .	William M. Clopper. . . . .	David Eastwood. . . . .	John D. Fulton.
	Blue Valley,	" 64	Porter F. Dodson. . . . .	James J. Grimm. . . . .	Charles Whipple. . . . .	Thomas J. Taylor.
	Osceola,	" 65	Frederick H. Ball. . . . .	Josiah D. Hartman. . . . .	Knox Boude. . . . .	Lanson Shaw.
55	Livingston,	" 66	†Albert R. TonVelle. . . . .	†E. Cicero Hill. . . . .	†Timothy H. Davis. . . . .	†Abraham P. Monteba.
	Edgar,	" 67	John Sugden. . . . .	Charles M. Ferree. . . . .	Frank M. Ferree. . . . .	John J. Walley.
	Aurora,	" 68	Isaiah W. Haughey. . . . .	Amos W. Travis. . . . .	Charles Vanberg. . . . .	Delevan Bates.
	Sterling,	" 70	Fred Catchpole. . . . .	George Potter. . . . .	John R. Hagerman. . . . .	E. Ross Hitchcock.
	Trowel,	" 71	Hugh L. McGinitie. . . . .	Gay N. McDougal. . . . .	Willis W. Cole. . . . .	Henry E. Kryger.
60	Hooper,	" 72	Charles C. Cushman. . . . .	Clifford J. Lamberson. . . . .	George W. Heine. . . . .	Charles H. Lyman.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Friend,	No. 73	Owen E. Champe. . . . .	Robert M. Proudfit. . . . .	Isaac H. Price. . . . .	George E. Henton.
Alexandria,	" 74	William C. Beer. . . . .	Charles W. Samms. . . . .	George A. Birdsall. . . . .	Benjamin L. Terry.
Frank Welch,	" 75	Herman Schroeder. . . . .	Fred G. Griffith. . . . .	Hugh M. Barnhart. . . . .	Leslie Neubauer.
Joppa,	" 76	James B. Sumner, Sr. . . . .	William F. Humphreys. . . . .	Ray V. McGrew. . . . .	Edward M. Hussong.
65 Nelson,	" 77	Roderick D. Sutherland. . . . .	John T. Dysart. . . . .	Thomas W. Cole. . . . .	Jacob Ritterbush.
Albion,	" 78	William C. Weitzel. . . . .	Wallace W. Ladd. . . . .	Stephen H. Payne. . . . .	Thompson F. Martin.
Geneva,	" 79	Joseph West. . . . .	Charles P. Weston. . . . .	Jason Shackelford. . . . .	George H. Nelson.
Composite,	" 81	Joseph H. Downing. . . . .	Frederick Oesterricher. . . . .	Willis H. Birth. . . . .	Alonzo Noddings.
St. Paul,	" 82	Cassius B. Manuel. . . . .	Charles Iams. . . . .	Jacob O. Stewart. . . . .	Frank E. Pope.
70 Corinthian,	" 83	John T. Mariott. . . . .	Nels H. Hanson. . . . .	Edward F. Powell. . . . .	Frank L. Shoop.
Fairfield,	" 84	Charles H. Epperson. . . . .	Thornton P. Shively. . . . .	George P. Whitham. . . . .	Melvin D. Gates.
Tyre,	" 85	Elmer L. Hevelone. . . . .	Joseph C. Brown. . . . .	Robert H. Woodruff. . . . .	Edward S. Gillett.
Doniphan,	" 86	Thomas S. Hackler. . . . .	Isaac T. Ward. . . . .	Samuel S. Marsh. . . . .	John Gallacher.
Ionic,	" 87	Henry W. McKeown. . . . .	Charles A. Nippell. . . . .	Joseph F. Rolette. . . . .	George L. Adams.
75 Star,	" 88	James R. Elliott. . . . .	Larimo D. Lambert. . . . .	Bennie Evans. . . . .	Edgar A. Sears.
Cedar River,	" 89	William F. Prowett. . . . .	Albert R. Miller. . . . .	J. Dudley Barnes. . . . .	William P. Hatten.
Elk Creek,	" 90	William A. Davis. . . . .	Robert E. Bicknell. . . . .	Isaac H. Bonham. . . . .	John Robison.
Oakland,	" 91	William H. Myers. . . . .	August C. Holmquist. . . . .	Charles P. Lang. . . . .	Victor L. Fried.
Hubbell,	" 92	Samuel Patten. . . . .	George Cottam. . . . .	Oscar D. Gooden. . . . .	Fred E. Wilcox.
80 Beaver City,	" 93	Thomas M. Davis. . . . .	Fred G. Downing. . . . .	Thomas A. Boyd. . . . .	Thomas F. Newton.
Bennet,	" 94	Harry E. Hagaman. . . . .	Everett W. Randell. . . . .	Oscar Nelson. . . . .	Harry Honner.
Garfield,	" 95	Robert R. Dickson. . . . .	Oscar O. Snyder. . . . .	Lloyd G. Gillespie. . . . .	James C. Harnish.
Utica,	" 93	William C. Kenner. . . . .	Jacob Severin. . . . .	Gus Rudenbeck, Jr. . . . .	Charles L. Swartz.
Euclid,	" 97	Frank J. Davis. . . . .	Henry T. Wilson. . . . .	John T. McKay. . . . .	Philemon S. Barnes.
85 Republican,	" 93	George H. Woolman. . . . .	Arthur H. Warren. . . . .	Sanford Y. Hart. . . . .	Charles W. Whitney.
Shelton,	" 93	William C. Bentley. . . . .	Harry R. DeLand. . . . .	Pliny H. Graves. . . . .	Walter S. Allison.
Creighton,	" 100	Harry A. Cheney. . . . .	John K. Brown. . . . .	Oscar A. Danielson. . . . .	Frank N. Austin.
Ponca,	" 101	Edward J. Berry. . . . .	John A. Mohr. . . . .	Edward T. Champion. . . . .	Marion I. Mellon.
Waterloo,	" 102	John Einfald. . . . .	Bryan B. Hopper. . . . .	Frank E. Mendenhall. . . . .	Henry R. Bassler.

90	Ord,	No. 103	William M. Welsh. . . . .	Charles C. Shepard. . .	Truman A. Waters. . .	James F. Colby.
	Wymore,	" 104	Conrad E. Beinert. . . . .	Albert G. Smart. . . . .	Fred C. Laffin. . . . .	William R. Hamilton
	Stella,	" 105	James R. Cain, Jr. . . . .	Isaac L. Callison. . . .	Alfred Shellenbarger. .	Guy S. Jameson.
	Porter,	" 106	Carsten Truelsen. . . . .	William R. Mellor. . . .	James I. Depew. . . . .	Lauritz Hansen.
	Table Rock,	" 108	John R. Sutton. . . . .	Roseo C. Zink. . . . .	John N. Phillips. . . . .	James Tillotson.
95	Pomegranate,	" 110	Fred A. Koehler. . . . .	Samuel H. Martin. . . . .	John A. Scott. . . . .	George L. Scott.
	De Witt,	" 111	Albert Thomas. . . . .	Thomas V. Whiffen. . . .	William Howlett. . . . .	John W. Hartman.
	Springfield,	" 112	Will E. Miller. . . . .	Lee W. Douglas. . . . .	Charles D. Martin. . . . .	Junius G. Timberlake.
	Globe,	" 113	Marion B. Foster. . . . .	Edward Fricke. . . . .	Paul L. Grant. . . . .	Willard G. Jones.
	Wisner,	" 114	Andrew R. Oleson. . . . .	Oscar R. Thompson. . . .	Frederick Balster. . . . .	Sylvanus Lant.
100	Harlan,	" 116	James G. Thompson. . . . .	George T. Vermillion. . .	Samuel M. Baker. . . . .	David A. McCulloch.
	Hardy,	" 117	Henry W. Gunnison. . . . .	Charles W. Miller. . . . .	Charles E. Stone. . . . .	James H. Fair.
	Doric,	" 118	William Freidell. . . . .	Alonzo W. Simmons. . . .	John G. Potter. . . . .	J. Frank Longanecker.
	North Bend,	" 119	Fred A. Howe. . . . .	Burlingame Walker. . . .	Charles A. Long. . . . .	Charles E. Haverfield.
	Wayne,	" 120	James G. Mines. . . . .	Albert R. Davis. . . . .	Horace W. Theabald. . . .	J. Murray Cherry.
105	Superior,	" 121	John W. Mitchell. . . . .	George J. Spohn. . . . .	Peter Johnsen. . . . .	Marcellus L. Pierce.
	Auburn,	" 124	Thomas W. Eustice. . . . .	Edward Grant. . . . .	Thomas E. McKnight. . . .	Samuel D. Teare.
	Mt. Nebo,	" 125	Cyrus Greek. . . . .	William E. Mahon. . . . .	Charles E. Peterson. . . . .	Warren E. Steinbach.
	Stromsburg,	" 126	Hamilton R. Hardy. . . . .	John P. Carlson. . . . .	John B. Pike. . . . .	Wellington A. Post.
	Minden,	" 127	McLeod W. Chappell. . . . .	Roscoe J. Slater. . . . .	James A. Martin. . . . .	Galusha L. Godfrey.
110	Guide Rock,	" 128	George B. McCall. . . . .	Ralph W. McCallum. . . .	Harry T. Vaughan. . . . .	S. Ervin Ely.
	Blue Hill,	" 129	Robert A. Simpson. . . . .	Jotham K. Martin. . . . .	John A. Kohler. . . . .	Albert D. Ranney.
	Tuscan,	" 130	Sherman R. Severn. . . . .	Herbert A. Fair. . . . .	Edwin E. Miller. . . . .	Amasa S. Chapman.
	Scribner,	" 132	John F. Drenguis. . . . .	George Foster. . . . .	John E. Burns. . . . .	Howard Van Deusen.
	Elm Creek,	" 133	George L. Richards. . . . .	August Pierson. . . . .	Elvin C. Krewson. . . . .	Charles A. Willis.
115	Solar,	" 134	William H. Mockridge. . . .	Elmer M. Wallace. . . . .	Lowell Little. . . . .	William R. Morse.
	McCook,	" 135	George B. Berry. . . . .	Alonzo Cone. . . . .	Charles L. Fahnestock	Clinton B. Sawyer.
	Long Pine,	" 136	Lewis E. Smith. . . . .	Ephraim O. Merritt. . . .	Oscar Leaderach. . . . .	John S. Davisson.
	Upright,	" 137	Jacob L. Deihl. . . . .	Albert Stake. . . . .	William Hackenburg. . . .	David J. Reynish.
	Rawalt,	" 138	Harry B. Tomlinson. . . . .	Robert D. Sands. . . . .	James O. Tomlinson. . . . .	George W. Hall.
120	Clay Center,	" 139	Jesse G. Jessup. . . . .	Frank E. Dickson. . . . .	Frank T. Swanson. . . . .	Charles C. Blanchard.
	Western,	" 140	Charles E. Rhynalds. . . . .	William S. Grafton. . . . .	Levi N. Smith. . . . .	William W. Farmer.
	Crescent,	" 143	Daniel H. Tate. . . . .	John L. Probst. . . . .	Dennis Tracy. . . . .	William A. Gibson.
	Kenesaw,	" 144	Samuel H. Smith. . . . .	Elbert J. Latta. . . . .	William H. Long. . . . .	Truman P. Booth.
	Bancroft,	" 145	J. Herman Russman. . . . .	Nels Hjelm. . . . .	W. White Troxell. . . . .	E. Harry Morgan.



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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY	
125	Jachin,	No. 146	Nels Nelson. . . . .	Eugene W. Reed. . . . .	Ward C. Hunt. . . . .	Eben E. Brown.
	Siloam,	" 147	Edward A. Walker. . . . .	Levi C. Reichard. . . . .	William N. Coats. . . . .	*Robert E. Chittick.
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Emerson R. Purcell. . . . .	Leander H. Jewett. . . . .	Joseph S. Molyneaux. . . . .	Augustin R. Humphrey
	Jewel,	" 149	Courtney W. Nunemaker. . . . .	George W. Cobel. . . . .	Frank P. Steele. . . . .	William G. McFarland.
	Cambridge,	" 150	George A. Remington. . . . .	William H. Faling. . . . .	*John M. Rankin. . . . .	Louis A. Rodwell.
130	Square,	" 151	Fred S. Parker. . . . .	Julius Petermichel. . . . .	William G. Johnson. . . . .	William Bays.
	Parallel,	" 152	Harley E. Bowhay. . . . .	William L. Harman. . . . .	Nelson H. Olmsted. . . . .	Henry L. Yother.
	Evergreen,	" 153	William W. Quivey. . . . .	Walter G. Hiron. . . . .	Leander R. Brown. . . . .	William B. Chilvers.
	Lily,	" 154	Charles C. Snowdon. . . . .	Edwin Sedgewick. . . . .	*Thomas Mosier. . . . .	Henry Ritzen.
	Hartington,	" 155	Stephen C. Lynde. . . . .	Fred W. Barnhart. . . . .	John Schwabland. . . . .	Charles C. Seibert.
135	Pythagoras,	" 156	†Samuel W. Green. . . . .	†Carl Jaco. . . . .	†Andrew W. Davis. . . . .	†Louis P. Sorenson.
	Valley,	" 157	John Johnson. . . . .	LaVern L. Brown. . . . .	Harmon E. Cody. . . . .	Edward J. Hamilton.
	Samaritan,	" 158	George H. Willis. . . . .	Adolph W. Rickman. . . . .	John E. Stekel. . . . .	Benjamin F. Pitman.
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Axel Nelson. . . . .	James K. Allen. . . . .	Richard H. Austin. . . . .	Malcolm MacLean.
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Andrew C. Moore. . . . .	Hiram A. Filley. . . . .	Winfield S. Willoughby. . . . .	Thomas J. Kirk.
140	Mount Zion,	" 161	Henry Burritt. . . . .	George M. Smith. . . . .	Neil H. Brigham. . . . .	Fred Berger.
	Trestle Board,	" 162	Addison C. Maynard. . . . .	James W. Bailey. . . . .	Edwin C. Yont. . . . .	Almon C. DePue.
	Unity,	" 163	William E. Hand. . . . .	Milan Blair. . . . .	Samuel J. Miller. . . . .	John E. Wiedeman.
	Atkinson,	" 164	Alexander Searl. . . . .	Charles E. Havens. . . . .	Willard A. Wheeler. . . . .	James L. McDonald.
	Barneston,	" 165	Seth S. Ratliff. . . . .	Proctor Goin. . . . .	John A. Anderson. . . . .	Alvin D. Spencer.
145	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Benjamin H. Mills. . . . .	John D. Askwith. . . . .	Charles A. Smith. . . . .	John F. Newhall.
	Elwood,	" 167	Charles A. Yeoman. . . . .	Ed. Lervig. . . . .	Andrew Dow. . . . .	Hiram A. Willard.
	Curtis,	" 168	Jacob Scherer. . . . .	Abel E. Thorne. . . . .	Thomas M. Dempcy. . . . .	Samuel W. Gilbert.
	Amity,	" 169	Joe Bell. . . . .	Joseph E. West. . . . .	William W. Wood. . . . .	George D. Peck.
	Mason City,	" 170	John Walker. . . . .	Guy F. Frazier. . . . .	John C. Spencer. . . . .	Henry L. Crosley.
150	Merna,	" 171	Francis Jacquot. . . . .	*Leonard W. Wilson. . . . .	Ralph P. Stanford. . . . .	Edgar J. Francis.
	Grafton,	" 172	Albert Holmes. . . . .	Jacob T. Shroyer. . . . .	William M. Smith. . . . .	Christian Garret.
	Robert Burns,	" 173	William R. Ratcliff. . . . .	Charles A. Besack. . . . .	John W. Smith. . . . .	Francis M. Pfrimmer.

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	Culbertson,	No. 174	George G. Eisenhart. . . . .	James Ferrier. . . . .	John A. Kirk. . . . .	Alexander H. Miller.
	Temple,	" 175	Joseph M. Linscott. . . . .	Lewis C. Caley. . . . .	Horace M. Miller. . . . .	Elon E. Hill. . . . .
155	Gladstone,	" 176	Alfred F. Pinkley. . . . .	John W. Scott. . . . .	William R. Young. . . . .	Charles R. Hare.
	Hay Springs,	" 177	Frank Tullos. . . . .	Louis J. Stiehl. . . . .	Charles E. Sage. . . . .	Philander R. Cooper.
	Hesperia,	" 178	†Nels F. Anderson. . . . .	†Frank B. Huston. . . . .	†Peter Bergquist. . . . .	†Howard I. Converse.
	Prudence,	" 179	William H. Ritchie. . . . .	James R. Barnes. . . . .	Charles P. Simonton. . . . .	John Edmiston.
	Justice,	" 180	Charles C. Barr. . . . .	John G. Walthall. . . . .	Lewis C. Rudisill. . . . .	Jacob Rickard.
160	Faith,	" 181	Paris G. Cooper. . . . .	Seth W. Cook. . . . .	Thomas H. Spindlo. . . . .	Orville R. Ivins.
	Incense,	" 182	Samuel J. Spelde. . . . .	George W. Phelps. . . . .	Alex. W. Fitzsimons. . . . .	Clayton E. Babcock.
	Alliance,	" 183	Ira E. Tash. . . . .	William Mitchell. . . . .	Frank W. Irish. . . . .	Leon H. Mosher.
	Bee Hive,	" 184	John W. Moorhouse. . . . .	Frank W. Slabaugh. . . . .	Howard C. Auchmuty. . . . .	Lloyd D. Erion.
	Boaz,	" 185	Otto Puelz. . . . .	Marion J. Walters. . . . .	Chauncey S. Messner. . . . .	Solomon H. Stilgebouer
165	Israel,	" 187	James M. Stephens. . . . .	Edward Northway. . . . .	Joseph Blair. . . . .	John W. Burge.
	Meridian,	" 188	Winslow W. Smith. . . . .	Edgar C. Stanley. . . . .	James A. Byrne. . . . .	John T. Buckley.
	Granite,	" 189	Roy A. Davis. . . . .	James G. Walker. . . . .	Charles A. Putnam. . . . .	Ira A. Kirk.
	Amethyst,	" 190	Allen C. Kirby. . . . .	Hugh L. McLeay. . . . .	William A. Mansfield. . . . .	Franklyn R. Hogeboom
	Crystal,	" 191	Obediah B. Bundy. . . . .	William B. Weeber. . . . .	Alonzo B. Story. . . . .	Henry S. Sprecher.
170	Minnekadusa,	" 192	John T. Kelley. . . . .	Albert L. Towle. . . . .	William T. Kincaid. . . . .	George Elliott.
	Signet,	" 193	Horace W. W. Graves. . . . .	Henry C. Hooker. . . . .	Joseph F. McKinley. . . . .	Herman Buhman.
	Highland,	" 194	John A. Johnston. . . . .	William Rohe. . . . .	John Bunte. . . . .	Leonard Grieser.
	Arcana,	" 195	Ulia F. Powell. . . . .	Dwight H. Griswold. . . . .	Rudy A. Swigert. . . . .	Samuel H. Ladd.
	Level,	" 196	Richard D. Logan. . . . .	John L. Sanders. . . . .	Johnson W. Bliss. . . . .	Luke H. Cheney.
175	Morning Star,	" 197	William Davidson. . . . .	Frank O. Steffen. . . . .	Otto B. Leidtke. . . . .	Samuel A. Tobey.
	Purity,	" 198	Perlee W. Scott. . . . .	Albert C. Clayburg. . . . .	Philander N. Foster. . . . .	Phineas E. Burke.
	Gavel,	" 199	Walter C. Bates. . . . .	William H. Grone. . . . .	Elmer E. Wheeler. . . . .	James H. Bryant.
	Blazing Star,	" 200	William Banks. . . . .	William W. Hemmett. . . . .	Fred W. Sawyer. . . . .	Cyrus O. Brown.
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Henry M. Thornton. . . . .	James P. Westervelt. . . . .	Rollin B. Judson. . . . .	Clarence W. Bonham.
180	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Arthur E. Cook. . . . .	Charles Krause. . . . .	Obed O. Reed. . . . .	Clarence B. Willey.
	Roman Eagle,	" 203	Frank B. Caywood. . . . .	*Samuel D. Love. . . . .	John W. Chambers. . . . .	Robert Racely.
	Plainview,	" 204	George H. Hecht. . . . .	*Fred J. Morse. . . . .	*Archie G. Cole. . . . .	Abel Buckingham.
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	Frederick Sudman. . . . .	John O'Neil. . . . .	Edward C. Wolf. . . . .	Harvey I. Babcock.
	Naphthali,	" 206	A. Delbert Stotts. . . . .	J. Smith Diller. . . . .	Calvin L. Waggoner. . . . .	Ora J. Mayborn.
185	Parian,	" 207	Jacob D. Troyer. . . . .	August Jaeger. . . . .	Harvey S. Mahan. . . . .	Henry H. Andrews.
	Gauge,	" 208	Clyde C. Hawthorne. . . . .	Walter Sorensen. . . . .	Henry S. Kinsey. . . . .	Peter Christian.
	Canopy,	" 209	John P. Gonzales. . . . .	John C. Brown. . . . .	William P. Current. . . . .	Floyd L. Woolcott.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY	
	East Lincoln,	No. 210	John Forberger. . . . .	El Roy Deputy. . . . .	* <i>Rollin H. George.</i> . . . .	Thomas W. Moore.
	Cement,	" 211	Ross R. Root. . . . .	George B. McGlassen.	John R. Jewett. . . . .	William W. Mitchell.
190	Compass & Square,	" 212	Peter W. Felker. . . . .	John Holthem. . . . .	Lambart Johnson. . . . .	Marcus E. Bush.
	Square & Compass,	" 213	Samuel Veal. . . . .	Lewis P. Rose. . . . .	Lester W. Hall. . . . .	Erie W. Northrop.
	Plumblin,	" 214	Daniel J. Kiplen. . . . .	Jesse A. Miller. . . . .	James B. Coffman. . . . .	John E. Killen.
	Occidental,	" 215	Jesse Gidley. . . . .	Wm. F. Bockemuehl.	Elmer E. Hays. . . . .	John H. Mackprang.
	Palisade,	" 216	James E. Rhodes. . . . .	George Y. Kittle. . . . .	Myron J. Posson. . . . .	Solomon H. Blum.
195	Wauneta,	" 217	Austin C. Pence. . . . .	Fayette T. Dimick. . . . .	Orley E. McCallum. . . . .	James A. Dick.
	Bloomfield,	" 218	Sherman Saunders. . . . .	* <i>George Ballantyne.</i> . . . .	Edward L. Caya. . . . .	* <i>Louis G. Crosby.</i>
	Relief,	" 219	George I. Parker. . . . .	Nels Lindquist. . . . .	George H. Peck. . . . .	George A. Gray.
	Magnolia,	" 220	Morris H. Evans. . . . .	John L. Davis. . . . .	Franklin G. Ross. . . . .	George H. Haase.
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Joseph P. Kreycik. . . . .	William F. Parker. . . . .	Neil Hanna. . . . .	Andrew L. Johnson.
200	Landmark,	" 222	Floyd Van Valin. . . . .	Charles R. Gray. . . . .	Rasmus H. Rasmussen	Charles P. Christensen.
	Eminence,	" 223	George F. Washburn. . . . .	Frank H. Brock. . . . .	Frank W. Mather. . . . .	George H. Washburn.
	Silver Cord,	" 224	Walter H. Williams. . . . .	Charles A. Barnes. . . . .	Herbert W. Fournier. . . . .	Rollin S. Rising.
	Cable,	" 225	John Finch. . . . .	Gage J. Hammond. . . . .	Richard E. Allen. . . . .	Charles M. Blowers.
	Grace,	" 226	* <i>John T. Petteys</i> . . . . .	* <i>Cleon W. Acken</i> . . . . .	* <i>Stewart E. Carskadon</i> . . . . .	* <i>Arthur J. Batty.</i>
205	North Star,	" 227	Dennis C. Berry. . . . .	Rude Bailey. . . . .	Ernest W. Day. . . . .	Thomas W. Smith.
	Bartley,	" 228	Sidney W. Stuart. . . . .	Harry H. Payne. . . . .	* <i>Edward E. Smith.</i> . . . .	James R. Sipe.
	Comet,	" 229	Guy S. Heltman. . . . .	Joseph W. Blodgett. . . . .	John W. Clark. . . . .	Charles D. Curyea.
	Delta,	" 230	Elmer W. McFarland. . . . .	George A. Ireland. . . . .	Winifred F. Flory. . . . .	Jud. C. Wilson.
	Mount Hermon,	" 231	William Whalen. . . . .	Owen D. Platt. . . . .	John H. Howarth. . . . .	Albert H. Souders.
210	John S. Bowen,	" 232	Oliver S. Alloway. . . . .	John Blaco. . . . .	John B. Burgess. . . . .	August F. Schafer.
	Gilead,	" 233	William Dereg. . . . .	Donald A. Sinclair. . . . .	Robert V. Wilson. . . . .	Robert Ford.
	Zion,	" 234	John M. Gentry. . . . .	Rufus Haney. . . . .	Albert E. Sheldon. . . . .	Thomas McCawley.
	Fraternity,	" 235	Walter Gaebler. . . . .	George S. Farran. . . . .	Jacob H. Prescott. . . . .	Gilbert E. French.
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Horace S. Woodworth. . . . .	Samuel Saberson. . . . .	William H. Pomeroy. . . . .	Vernon W. McDonald
215	Cubit,	" 237	Judson A. Schoenthal. . . . .	J. LeRoy Marshall. . . . .	George J. Steele. . . . .	James A. Harlan.

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	Friendship,	No.239	Jesse Frimann. . . . .	John P. Lamb. . . . .	Benjamin F. Lantz. . .	Junius A. Fishburn.
	Pilot,	" 240	George W. Little. . . . .	Thomas Hanson. . . . .	George E. Lundberg. . .	Charles A. Darling.
	George Armstrong,	" 241	Theophilus I. Minier. . . . .	Charles B. Clark. . . . .	J. Dwight Gordon. . . .	Ai. L. McPherson.
	Tyrian,	" 243	William F. Mitchell. . . . .	William S. Price. . . . .	James O. Moore. . . . .	Vincent P. Britts.
220	Sincerity,	" 244	Danford Taylor. . . . .	Caleb C. Allberry. . . . .	Harry E. Reavis. . . . .	Frank E. Martin.
	Hampton,	" 245	Martin Hansen. . . . .	Stephen C. Houghton. . .	Samuel C. Stephenson . .	George C. Boudier.
	Nehawka,	" 246	Andrew F. Sturm. . . . .	Lester E. Stone. . . . .	William B. Banning. . .	Edwin A. Kirkpatrick.
	Corner-stone,	" 247	Lynn A. Quivey. . . . .	Earnest W. Fisher. . . . .	Jasper L. Dennis. . . . .	Charles F. Chamberlain
	Laurel,	" 248	Claude C. Sackett. . . . .	James C. Guinn. . . . .	John B. Jouvenat. . . . .	Joseph F. Guss.
225	Gothenburg,	" 249	Edwin J. Spaulding. . . . .	William D. Giffen. . . . .	William H. Haywood.	John J. Jennings.
	George Washington,	" 250	Fred Kroehler. . . . .	Larsh S. Gilman. . . . .	Oliver E. McCutcheon . .	Guy C. Harris.
	Wausa,	" 251	Charles E. Gallagher. . . . .	George L. Bosse. . . . .	Theophil Planck. . . . .	Alvin C. Grace.
	Hildreth,	" 252	Alonzo L. Beck. . . . .	Horace E. Ouderkirk. . .	George M. Myers. . . . .	Winfield S. Marr.
	Beemer,	" 253	Alfred C. Nellor. . . . .	James J. Fenelon. . . . .	Ira E. Williams. . . . .	Edwin Albright.
230	Bassett,	" 254	William E. Preble. . . . .	Adon O. Smith. . . . .	Pearl H. Davis. . . . .	Harry E. Artus.
	Bradshaw,	" 255	John F. Houseman. . . . .	Emile C. Roggy. . . . .	George B. Steadman. . .	Chancy B. Palmer, Jr.
	Hickman,	" 256	Cyrus Black. . . . .	Joseph M. Swiggart. . . .	William W. Cook. . . . .	Aaron J. Vail.
	Holbrook,	" 257	Albert M. Keyes. . . . .	Christian O. Olswold. . .	Harvey C. Bible. . . . .	Albert Phillipson.
	Anselmo,	" 258	John J. Tooley. . . . .	George E. Carr. . . . .	Ira M. Foster. . . . .	Mervin J. Johnson.
235	Bee,	" 259	Albert Terwilliger . . . . .	Arthur Soss. . . . .	Will Moler. . . . .	Oliver C. Bedford.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Herewith is submitted our report on correspondence. Statistics will be found in a table appended, and are so placed to be more convenient for reference than if mingled with the body of the report. We have reviewed all proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions that have reached the writer before sending our manuscript to the printer.

CHARLES J. PHELPS,  
*For the Committee.*

### ALABAMA, 1904.

December 6th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, the eighty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Robert J. Redden, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from three hundred and thirty-three of its subordinate lodges, in attendance.

A retrospective view of the past, from the beginning of their Grand Lodge, engaged the attention of the Grand Master in opening his annual address, with an exhortation to his brethren to live up to the high standard of the professions of our Fraternity, for, he declares, Masonry will live and move in its majesty and in its beauty in spite of the lethargy and indifference of a part of its members. He reported having issued dispensations for the forming of seventeen new lodges, for the reorganization of two dormant lodges, nine to continue work to lodges that had forfeited their right to do so, and seven to authorize the removal of lodges to new points. Forty-three special dispensations had he granted to confer degrees out of time, and several for other purposes. Five corner-stones, two for Masonic halls, one for a church, one for a city hall, and one for a public school building, he had laid or caused to be laid.

He reports sixteen decisions, from which we extract:

No. 2. A Lodge cannot refuse to grant a member a dimit because he owes the Lodge a debt, evidenced by a note, nor can it grant a dimit on condition that the note be paid. If a member is in good standing and owes the Lodge no dues, he is entitled to a dimit, even if he owes the Lodge a note. The dimit must be granted, if applied for, or charges preferred against him.

No. 8. A person holding a dimit from a Subordinate Lodge in a Grand Jurisdiction not recognized by this Grand Lodge can not affiliate with a Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction. He is, to all intents and purposes, a profane, and, if elected must pass through all the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising.



The first of these decisions seems to be right, but we do not recollect having seen the question decided before. The second we think too broad, for there are, doubtless, Grand Jurisdictions, regular and legitimate, which any given Grand Lodge, Alabama's for instance, has not as yet officially recognized. Take Western Australia to illustrate, and the years before Alabama recognized it. Would this decision have fitted a case where a demitted Mason from Western Australia applied for affiliation to an Alabama lodge?

A very full and complete report is that of the Grand Secretary, R. W. George A. Beauchamp.

Charters were granted to thirteen lodges U. D., and eight lodges working under dispensation were continued. From report of the action of the Grand Lodge upon the subject of a Masonic Home we extract:

WHEREAS, the establishment of this much desired institution can only be accomplished through a campaign of education, and the concerted efforts of those who will volunteer to vote and work for the Home. Be it *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master call upon the various Masonic Districts for volunteers who are willing and will organize in their respective counties a crusade of education and will keep this issue before the respective lodges in their counties and report to M. W. Grand Lodge at the next annual communication.

We remember when the subject was considered in Nebraska, that we sent for historical sketches and annual reports of all the Masonic Homes in this country, carefully briefed the interesting facts and figures so as to enable the presentation of the subject, and that it was a very easy matter to reach the result, a Home; and from a careful study of the subject we think it safe to say that in every jurisdiction having such a Home the Craft is almost a unit in enthusiastic support of it. Again, the Eastern Star is a very effective auxiliary in the work. In Iowa, the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., has taken the initiative, and the Grand Lodge will, by force of the enthusiasm of the sisters, be almost compelled to go ahead in the good work. In Kansas the Star was in the front, in establishing their beautiful Home, now most enthusiastically maintained.

Brother William Y. Titcomb presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and eighty-two pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1904, among them. Generally we are in accord with Brother Titcomb, but he is opposed to our view that amendments to the constitution should not be referred to the subordinate lodges for action thereon, and says: "We, however, are opposed to excessive centralization of power." Now, we think the idea of such reference to the lodges is borrowed from civil procedure in states and nations; but in Grand Lodge jurisprudence, we think that generally, it is declared, if not embodied in the Grand Lodge constitution, as with us, that the Grand Lodge has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all subjects of Masonic legislation, and its enactments and decisions upon all questions shall be the supreme Masonic law of the jurisdiction.

How familiar is the declaration that a Grand Lodge is a sovereign Grand Body, having supreme authority and jurisdiction, legislative and judicial, and, subject to the ancient landmarks, executive. Why, then, should a Grand Lodge resort to the modern plan of the referendum?

In commenting upon a case where a member had, through a mistake as to the identity of the candidate, cast a black ball, and afterwards, upon the learning of his mistake, and being anxious to have the unintentional wrong righted, made it known to the Master of the lodge, who applied for and obtained a dispensation for a new ballot, Brother Titcomb remarks that the brother had no right to disclose his ballot; that, as a general rule, is, of course, true; but where, as in that case, it was to correct a mistake, and undo a wrong unintentionally done, we think justice required just what was done.

The report is a valuable contribution to the literature of Freemasonry.

M. W. Henry H. Matthews, Montgomery, is Grand Master.

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

#### ARIZONA, 1904.

November 15th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Tucson, the twenty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James Sommerville Cromb, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from sixteen of its eighteen subordinate lodges, in attendance.

A fraternal welcome marks the opening paragraph of the Grand Master's annual address. He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead. He speaks of their territory as prosperous in all its varied industries, but with apparent regret that the early admission of it as a state in the Union was not likely. The increase in numbers in their lodges, he says, is larger than in any previous year, and the lodges are in a strong, healthy condition. He reports the exchange of representatives with several Grand Lodges, the constituting of one newly chartered lodge and the installation of its officers. He reports several decisions, holding in one, correctly, we think, that a man who has lost an eye by accident, the sight of the other not being in the least impaired, is eligible as a candidate for the degrees. The following is also certainly right:

No. 1. *Question*—Would it be wrong at the funeral of a Mason who belongs to other Orders, for the Masons to suspend their service immediately after they drop the sprig of acacia in the grave and allow other Orders to file around the grave and drop their evergreen into it, and then the Masons to conclude the funeral service.

*Answer*—When the funeral services are conducted by a Masonic Lodge they should conclude the whole ceremony without interruption and re-form in procession and return to the Lodge-room, when any other Order of which the deceased was a member may perform their funeral services at the grave.

The Grand Master also held that a Masonic lodge cannot give of its funds a donation for the erection of a church. He granted one special dispensation, to hold a special election for Master, the brother elected having failed to qualify. He visited many of his lodges, says many pleasant things of his visits, and expresses his regret that he was unable to visit them all.

M.·W.·Brother George J. Roskruge, Grand Secretary, submits an admirable report.

The Grand Lodge granted a charter to a lodge U.·D.·. The Committee on Jurisprudence, upon consideration of the above quoted decision said:

Decision No. 2 is approved, but the following change in the wording is recommended: "When a Lodge conducts the funeral service of a brother it should do so without any interruption, or participation in, by any other Society or Order. When its service is ended, the Lodge at its pleasure, may return to the Lodge-room or remain until other Lodges or Societies conclude their service."

In view of precedent, we think the Grand Master's wording was more nearly correct. Upon another matter the same committee remarked:

Masonry is not a prohibition society, nor is it its province to reform the world. Temperance is defined by us as a domestic and public virtue, whereby we are taught to avoid excess; but one may be intemperate in his views on the "liquor question" as well as in other ways.

Brother Charles D. Belden presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and fifty-four pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1904, receiving generous consideration. Commenting on the subject of the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and in answer to some one's suggestion that Masonry in Mexico is in a chaotic condition, he says:

There is nothing "chaotic" about the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. It is the correct thing. There is a lot else in Mexico that is chaotic that pretends to Masonry, and it will remain hideously prominent so long as we do not put our O. K. brand on the correct thing. When it is found that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico receives universal recognition by American Grand Lodges that other sort will evaporate.

We have enjoyed Brother Belden's reviews. He has been writing them for ten years, either in the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chapter, but announces his purpose of retiring from the field, which we much regret. Belden and Roskruge have been pillars of strength in Arizona's Freemasonry.

M.·W.·George Shand, Tucson, is Grand Master.

M.·W.·George J. Roskruge, Tucson, is Grand Secretary.

## ARKANSAS, 1904.

November 15th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, the sixty-second regular communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John T. Hicks, Grand Master, with representatives from three hundred and seventy-nine chartered lodges, and twelve lodges under dispensation, in attendance.

The Grand Lodge, because of a large debt incurred in building its temple, meets only once in two years, and thereby has nearly paid, or laid aside the funds to pay off that debt.

The Grand Master's address covers, therefore, matters running over a period of two years, during which time only one present or past Grand Officer in that Grand Jurisdiction had died, M. W. Brother George E. Dodge being that one, who died February 6th, 1904. To his memory the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute.

The Grand Master reports the instituting of fifteen lodges under dispensation, the laying of fifteen corner-stones, and the granting of quite a large number of special dispensations. Twenty-four of these dispensations were to permit degrees to be conferred upon candidates with physical defects. He was constrained, he says, to do so because of a very liberal edict issued at the last regular communication and he recommends its repeal, or modification. He discusses the subject, and among other things, says:

With the utmost caution at my command, and with a steadfast purpose to prevent an abuse of the liberality provided by this edict, coupled with a sincere desire to deal impartially with all who have come under this category, I have been constrained to issue no less than twenty-four dispensations of this character. The difficulty which confronts us with great seriousness is just where we should draw the line of demarkation. If there be certain signs that are usually given and received with the right hand, why may not those signs be "intelligently given and received" by the use of the left hand? If there be other signs that are usually given and received by the use of both hands, why may not those signs be "intelligently given and received" with one natural and one artificial hand, or with two artificial hands?

He reports twelve decisions, two of which are as follows:

No. 6. Question: If a dimitted Mason presents his petition for affiliation and is rejected, has he the right to visit the Lodge? What is his relation to the fraternity? Does his dimit die after seven months?

Answer: For the period of seven months after the date of his dimit his relation to the fraternity is that of a dimitted Mason in good standing, and he has the right to visit the Lodge and give and receive Masonic communication. If he should reside seven months continuously within the jurisdiction of a Lodge and fail to apply for affiliation, he then becomes wilfully nonaffiliated, and is not entitled to Masonic privileges, and all Masonic conversation with him should be discontinued. He still has the right to petition for affiliation, and if he does so and is rejected the element of wilfulness is removed for another period of seven months, and he is again in good standing during that time. He must renew his effort to affiliate every seven months in order to maintain his fraternal relation with the order.

No. 10. A candidate was elected to receive the second degree. The Senior Steward moved that the conferring of the degree be postponed, urging the lateness of the hour. The motion was put to the Lodge and defeated. Thereupon the Master called the Stewards before the altar, gave them the usual instructions, and they retired. Refusing to obey his instructions, the Senior Steward withdrew from the preparation room and repaired to his home, without the knowledge or permission of the Master.

This was a case of gross unmasonic conduct, and a flagrant violation of his Masonic obligation on part of the Senior Steward, for which the Lodge should administer proper discipline.

He urges with unanswerable argument the project of building a Masonic Home, urging the fact that in six years, by holding biennial communications, the Grand Lodge has saved money enough to pay a debt on their temple, now returning yearly rentals to the amount of \$10,000.00. He advised that they should, if necessary, continue ten years longer upon that plan and build and equip a Home, saying:

In order that this movement may assume definite form, I recommend the appointment of a commission at the present session, whose duty it shall be to take such preliminary steps as in their judgment may promote the cause, and report to the next session of this Grand Lodge; and I urgently advise that a resolution be adopted proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for biennial sessions for a term of at least ten years. The action of the next Grand Lodge upon such a resolution in 1905 would govern the further conduct of the proposed commission, and the Masonic Home so much desired and so seriously needed, might then become an established fact. In that case, Arkansas Masons will have consecrated themselves to the most glorious cause within the purview of the order.

R.:W.:Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary, renders a very complete report, covering every important item of the business of the office for two years, and showing a most satisfactory financial condition. The sacrifices made by our Arkansas brethren to relieve their Grand Lodge debt, and their present purpose to continue like efforts in establishing a Masonic Home, entitle them to the admiration and commendation of all good men.

R.:W.:Brother Festus O. Butt, Grand Orator, delivered an entertaining address, eloquent and beautiful as a whole, instructive in its parts, and declaring some fundamental truths that Masons should know and realize more fully than is general in our membership. He defines clearly the distinction between a secret society—ours is not—and the few secrets that we maintain; declares that "every principle or precept necessary to make the true and complete Mason, and complete in the fullest sense, is found in the three degrees of the Blue Lodge," but in no wise does he disparage the degrees of the other recognized Masonic ranks, according to their merits, that are worthy the attention of all those who have the time and means for their attainment and study, and shows that moral ideas have shaped the world's history. It is well worth the time of any Mason to obtain a copy of the address and peruse it. We quote briefly upon a single point:



If, as is sometimes suggested, Masonry had its origin among and during the church building era of the Middle Ages, those guilds or societies, which constructed those masterpieces of architecture, working as they did, under the patronage and protection of the Christian church of that day, would have almost inevitably founded their order upon Christianity, or would at least have specifically recognized it. But Masonry does not do so. Its peculiar monotheistic doctrine, which more than any other one thing, is a fundamental tenet of Masonry, places upon it the indelible stamp of an origin prior to the Christian era, and among a people whose religious learnings tended to teach the existence of but one God, and these restrictions point to the Hebrew nation as the source of its birth, more strongly than any other proof possible to produce.

The following is interesting:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arkansas:*

The Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, in session assembled, congratulates the Grand Lodge upon its contemplated action relative to a Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Arkansas, and by resolution adopted, hereby tenders its assistance, both moral and financial, to bring about this great blessing to the Craft throughout the State.

Sixteen lodges under dispensation were granted charters. The Grand Orient of Brazil, the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, and the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico were extended recognition. The routine business of the Grand Lodge was carefully, and with great harmony, considered and dispatched.

There is no report on correspondence.

M.:W.:Styles T. Rowe, Greenwood, is Grand Master.

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

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1904.

June 23rd, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Rossland, the thirty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:C. Ensor Sharp, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from thirty-two of the thirty-five subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master pays that rational homage to Deity, which is due from a creature to his Creator, and emphasized in the devotional services of all regular Masonic lodges. He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of M.:W.:Brother Alexander R. Milne, Past Grand Master, buried by the Grand Lodge, in special communication, January 20th, 1904, at Victoria.

He reports having recommended a Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Italy, and another for Bavaria. He also recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Brazil, but their relations with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba seem to be somewhat strained by reason of alleged infringement of territory belonging to British Columbia. Another grievous wrong, of which he complains, arose from the making a Mason by a lodge in Scotland, of a resident of British Columbia, while sojourning in that country for a three month's visit. The Grand

Master is clearly in the right, we think, in holding that by the rule "of this Continent," it was an infringement on the right of the American Grand Lodge.

The criticism of the Grand Master was fully endorsed by the committee and the Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the fact that "the Grand Lodge of Scotland claim universal jurisdiction, and the right to use material from any part of the known world." We especially desire the attention of Brother W. A. DeWolf Smith to the sanction of a rule of Masonic jurisdiction "of this Continent," in view of his remark, applied to this writer, who discussed another American rule of jurisprudence involved in the Washington so-called Negro Masonry controversy, wherein Brother Smith asks: "But if, as Brother Phelps seems to imply, there is Masonry other than that derived from England—or perhaps we should rather say Britain—we would feel obliged if he would tell us where it originated." We are glad that purblindness is not afflicting the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and that its Grand Master promptly insisted upon an American rule of Masonic jurisprudence.

The Grand Master discusses their rule, a wise one we think, requiring a strict examination of all Masters-elect, by a board of installed Masters, before their installation, and expresses himself in well directed insistence upon the rule. He says:

The office of Master requires that the Master-elect should have a thorough knowledge of the Ritual, and also a fair acquaintance with the Book of Constitutions, the Rules of Order, and the Duties of Officers, and an examination is the guarantee to the Installing Master, and to the Brethren of his Lodge that the candidate is so qualified. There is too great a tendency to make Masters of Lodges, and the Craft would be in a better condition if Lodges were to retain a Master for at least two years, and if he is exceptionally able, for a longer period. The Craft would be better ruled, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary would be saved a great deal of unnecessary correspondence, and the very dangerous practice of promotion by rotation would be done away with.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of three new lodges, the granting of several special dispensations, and the visiting of several lodges, but reports no decisions.

The Deputy Grand Master and the eight District Deputy Grand Masters make reports showing a careful attention to visiting the lodges, and a very satisfactory condition throughout the grand jurisdiction. A very excellent report is that of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Robert E. Brett, full and giving due credit to the promptness of the lodge officers in making returns.

R. W. Brother W. A. DeWolf Smith presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1903, among them. In commenting upon our report of 1903, he declares that this writer implied "that Brother Upton could not have done worse than go to England for authorities on Masonic subjects," and upon that assump-

tion proceeds to hurl "ridiculous." To begin with, we said nothing whatever, by implication or otherwise, justifying his statement of our position, and we are surprised at the unfair remark.

M.:W.:W. J. Bowser, Vancouver, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Robert E. Brett, Victoria, is Grand Secretary.

#### CALIFORNIA, 1904.

October 11th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, the fifty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Charles W. Nutting, Grand Master, with representatives from two hundred and twenty-three of its two hundred and eighty-four chartered lodges, and delegates from five of its seven lodges under dispensation.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master says that the past year had been one of unusual activity among the Craft, and that the gain in membership was larger than in any previous year during the existence of the Grand Lodge. Among the dead he speaks of their P.:G.:M.: Morris March Estee, who died on October 7th, 1903, at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, and to his memory the Committee on Necrology paid fraternal tribute in a report to form a permanent record and memorial of his worth as a man and Mason. The Grand Master reports but few decisions, and those not of general interest. He scores politics and political methods in the Grand Lodge, remarking:

The officers selected to serve this Grand Lodge should be the uninfluenced choice of a majority of its members. Consultations as to the best material are perfectly proper; but consultations having the least semblance of those methods so notorious in political conventions should be avoided.

This is all—it is only necessary to call attention to these things and the overwhelming majority of Masons, recognizing the danger, will formulate a cure for the evil.

He recommends that the affiliation fee shall be small, or none at all. We in Nebraska prohibit our lodges from charging any.

Of their Masonic Home the Grand Master speaks. He had spent almost two weeks in looking over its affairs, and says that the general trend of the management has been in the right direction, and as the years go by he thinks they will be able to point with pride to it, as the greatest Masonic charity ever established on that coast. During the year the total receipts amounted to \$70,316.61, and there was expended in all \$39,169.89, over eleven thousand of which was for new buildings, improvements, and furnishings. The following resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

*Resolved*, That a per capita tax of one dollar per year be levied upon the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, said tax to be due and payable to this Grand Lodge the same as the annual Grand Lodge dues are now paid. The said per capita tax, when paid to the Grand Lodge,

shall be placed in the Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund, subject to the order of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, for the support and maintenance of said Home.

A resolution was offered and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, "That before a candidate shall be permitted to sign the By-Laws of the Lodge in which he is being raised, he shall pass a satisfactory examination on the obligation of the Master Mason Degree." But the committee reported adversely, holding that it was in conflict with constitutional provisions, and we think the same would be true in most, if not all, of the Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge supports most liberally Masonic Relief Boards in various cities in that state, and their liberality is well illustrated by the following:

The correspondence with reference to claims of San Francisco Masonic Board of Relief against two Lodges of another jurisdiction for relief furnished two widows of deceased Masons who were at the time of death members of such outside Lodges, together with the letter from such Board of Relief requesting a decision as to whether it is the duty of this Board to support both widows in this city, in consideration of the fact that their home Lodges offer them an abode should they return to their respective homes, has been submitted to this committee, and we respectfully report:—

This Grand Lodge has decided that it is the duty of Lodges in this State and of Boards of Relief to extend, so far as in their power lies, all *necessary* assistance to brother Masons, their widows and orphans within their jurisdiction, regardless of whether the jurisdiction from which they hail reimburses them or not. (Vol. XXIV, Proceedings, pp. 26-274, 1899.) So long as these widows remain in this jurisdiction, are in distress and require assistance, it is the duty of the Board of Relief to render all *necessary* assistance. We know of no way by which they can be compelled to remove from our jurisdiction. However, the method and manner of relief is under the control of the one who dispenses the charity, and if the Board deems it for the best interest of the applicants that they be sent to their own Lodges where they will be provided with homes and care, and there being no valid reason and their condition of health permitting, we think the applicants should accept such relief as, in the judgment of the Board, is the best.

Seven lodges U. D. were granted charters.

W. Brother Alonzo J. Monroe, Grand Orator, delivered a very eloquent address, taking as a theme: "The Contributions of Masonry to Human Progress." The address shows a high appreciation of the truth as taught in our ritual and charges, a wide knowledge of ancient history, and a familiarity with Masonic tradition. He says:

The past is secure. Our institutions have been a potent influence, and our Lodges have ever been rallying places in the cause of liberty and moral progress. This we believe they will continue to be. We believe that in the after ages virtue, truth and justice will adorn the characters and govern the relations of all men. And when that time comes, may the philosopher and the historian, in tracing the steps and the causes by which man has reached such a happy state, rightly ascribe with respect and gratitude a large measure of that achievement to the Institutions of

Masonry. May Masonry then be acknowledged to have been one of the greatest forces operating through the ages for man's moral, spiritual and intellectual progress and uplift.

M. : W. : Brother William A. Davies presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of all the American Grand Lodges, except that of Rhode Island, and including several foreign English-speaking Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1903, and 1904, receive fraternal consideration. Our Grand Lodge's dedication of our Home is noted, and our Past Grand Master Lininger's labors in its behalf are noticed and praised.

Under Indian Territory he quotes a tribute paid to the O. E. S. of that territory by Past Grand Master Furman, who is receiving great encouragement in building up a hundred thousand dollar Home fund, in which the sisters are much interested.

Brother Morcombe of Iowa had said upon the question of avouchment: "It might be possible to imagine a case where one qualified to sit in Chapter or Commandery was nevertheless ineligible to participate with his Brethren in the Lodge," to which Brother Davies replies:

Not in California, Bro. Morcombe. There has been no time in the history of the Grand Lodge of California when a Mason, of however high degree, could sit in Chapter, Council, or Commandery unless he were a Master Mason in good standing; we were built upon the lines of dependent membership.

Upon another important question we are glad to find him saying:

We are pleased to note in the last New York Journal of Proceedings the acknowledgment by that sound Masonic authority, of the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico as a just and legal Grand Lodge—it is an endorsement of the action of the Grand Lodge of California, and will aid and assist American Masons in Mexico in placing the institution on a higher plane than it has heretofore occupied in that Republic.

Of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, he says it seems to be anchoring itself in the records of the Masonic world, "and despite the persistent opposition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is regarded in Masonic communities as a permanent Grand Jurisdiction."

We excerpt the following from his statistical tables:

Number of Lodges in the United States. . . . .	12,176
Number of Lodges in British Dependencies. . . . .	661
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Total number. . . . .	12,837
Gain in membership during the year. . . . .	50,117
Number of affiliated Master Masons in the United States and the British Dependencies, January, 1904. . . . .	989,176
M. : W. : George W. Hunter, Eureka, is Grand Master.	
R. : W. : George Johnson, San Francisco, is Grand Secretary.	



## CANADA, 1904.

July 20th, in the town of Brockville, the forty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: John E. Harding, Grand Master, with representatives from three hundred and thirty-five of the three hundred and eighty-one lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master extended a most hearty greeting and welcome to his brethren, and at once proceeded to a practical consideration of the many important interests needing their attention. He had attended important gatherings of the Craft during the year, of which he speaks briefly. Five new lodges had been constituted and consecrated. Five especial communications to dedicate new Masonic Halls had been held, and two to lay corner-stones; eight new lodges under dispensation had been instituted, all of which, he said, were doing well. He reports having granted one hundred and seventy-one special dispensations.

An excellent financial condition is shown in the report of the Grand Treasurer, whose receipts amounted to the sum of \$30,141.52, from which disbursements were made in the sum of \$25,937.10. During the year \$12,905.00 was expended in benevolence to members of the Craft in that jurisdiction, in addition to that expended by the lodges. The Grand Secretary's report is very full, and shows excellent conditions.

The Deputy Grand Master's address deals largely in a report of good conditions found by him in visiting the lodges. The District Deputies did their duty, visiting in their respective districts, inspecting and instructing the lodges wherever they went.

The six lodges U.:D.: were granted charters upon the report of the proper sub-committee, through the Board of General Purposes, which committee, following the English custom, has supervision over all matters of business.

A well-to-do brother, who had been dabbling in stocks on margin, and bought some forged stocks of another Mason, issued a circular letter entitled "A Brother in Distress," and setting out his losses. The Grand Master instructed the Grand Secretary to order the brother to recall his circulars, but the brother did not do so, but wrote a letter to the Grand Secretary alleging that he had a right to call upon his brother Masons to help him. The Grand Master suspended the offending brother from membership, and appointed a commission to investigate the matter. A year's suspension resulted.

Under the District Deputy plan, all but five of their three hundred and eighty-one lodges were officially visited during the year. This system seems to be thoroughly worked out in this jurisdiction. The District Deputy is required to advise and enlighten, and if occasion requires, to criticise, reprimand, or even suspend an offending lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence held that in a case where a brother, having lost his certificate of withdrawal or demit, applies for a dupli-

cate, the secretary of the lodge should certify, under the seal of the lodge, that the minutes showed that on a certain date the brother so applying had been regularly demitted. This would seem a wise course, as it cuts off an improper use which might be made of a duplicate demit.

The report on correspondence, covering ninety-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, is the work of M. W. . Brother Henry Robertson, his twenty-second. In speaking of the Craft, he says:

The general outlook is that of harmony and prosperity. There are differences upon what may be called academical questions, and there are also different ways of administration, but all are united in motive, especially in the practical and benevolent work of the Craft. Some have magnificent Homes for the Aged, the Widows and the Orphans. Others have the Cottage Home system, others the payment of annuities, and all contribute largely of their means to the relief of distress as occasion requires.

The perusal alone of the many thousands of pages of the proceedings of over sixty Grand Lodges is no light task, and the discrimination necessary in making the most suitable selections requires the most careful attention.

M. W. . Benjamin Allen, Toronto, is Grand Master.

M. W. . Hugh Murray, Hamilton, is Grand Secretary.

#### COLORADO, 1904.

September 20th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, the forty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. . James R. Killian, Grand Master, with representatives from one hundred of the one hundred and seven subordinate lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master in opening his address, eloquently expresses the joy of meeting his brethren in annual session, dwells upon "Those feelings of reverence and devotion that fill the soul of every true Mason as he approaches the sacred altar," and the peculiar pleasures so hard to define and express, incident to such occasions. The rich heritage that is ours, and the proud record made in the annals of our Fraternity are well worth the time and search of the Masonic student, and we always read with interest those addresses which urge upon our membership the importance of research.

He pays loving and eloquent tribute to the memory of two of his fellow officers, R. W. . George T. Cooper, D. G. . M. ., who died June 20th, and R. W. . Andrew Armstrong, Grand Chaplain, who died September 3rd, 1904.

The Grand Master reports the consecration, dedication, and constitution of three newly chartered lodges, the institution of five U. D. ., and the granting of a good many special dispensations. He reports seven decisions, all upon questions arising under the laws of their own jurisdiction, and not of general interest. He reports having

visited a good many subordinate lodges, and says that the work he witnessed, upon the whole, was conducted in a dignified and impressive manner. Three corner-stones, one of the assembly room of the State Industrial School, another of the Carnegie Public Library at Idaho Springs, and one of the County Court House at Julesburg, had been laid.

Past Grand Master Greenleaf, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a carefully prepared report, recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, which was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adopted the Book of Constitutions, prepared by Brother Greenleaf, containing their new code of laws recently adopted, and also the ceremonials prepared for the use of the Fraternity in that jurisdiction.

Past Grand Master Ernest LeNeve Foster, Grand Lecturer, visited, with the Grand Master, many lodges and instructed them in the work. He reports an excellent condition among the Craft, and praises them for great accuracy in the ritual.

Three lodges under dispensations were granted charters.

M. W. Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf presents the report on correspondence, his twentieth, covering one hundred and eighty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1903, receives liberal fraternal consideration.

We always enjoy Brother Greenleaf's reviews, and gladly give place to a brief extract:

The more Masonry is studied, the deeper and more unfathomable its mysteries become. The superficial observer may endeavor to belittle it with his wordy vaporings, but they will never gain lasting acceptance, for the plummet of intelligence has sounded the depths.

The great Masters of our art like our own gifted Bromwell, were not spending a life-time of effort poring over the work of the ritualists from Clare to Webb, who, themselves, as we intimated last year, were engaged in an effort to explain and formulate a pre-existing symbolism. Read the great work of Brother H. P. H. Bromwell, entitled "Restorations of Masonic Geometry and Symbolry," now being published, and for which this Grand Lodge stands sponsor, and Masonry will have for you a grander, holier and more sublime significance.

M. W. Benjamin L. James, Denver, is Grand Master.

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

#### CONNECTICUT, 1905.

January 18th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, the one hundred and seventeenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George E. Parsons, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and eight of the one hundred and ten subordinate lodges, in attendance.

"We have gathered here today," said the Grand Master in opening his annual address, "amid the blessings of plenty, health and peace," upon which he congratulated his brethren, and extended to them a hearty

welcome. Prosperity had attended the labors of the Craft, but the Grim Reaper had done his work, not, however, taking any officer or permanent member of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master reports an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge at Monroe, to dedicate a new Masonic hall, a fine cut of which forms a frontispiece of the proceedings. He visited a good many of his lodges, but owing to ill health was prevented from visiting as many as he would like to have done.

We like what he says:

I shall not take time or space to enlarge upon the sentimental side of the question of this Home. You all know that it stands as a living monument to that practical charity which is an inseparable part of the Masonic institution, and to the unselfishness of those who have been diligent in season and out in its promotion and maintenance.

This Home has made this Grand Jurisdiction known and honored wherever Masons congregate and dwell, and it is the duty of every Mason who owes allegiance to this Grand Lodge to contribute as liberally to its support as he can without injury to himself, that it may continue as a memorial to the generosity of all good Masons, and to the end that it may be said to the credit of the Craft in this Jurisdiction that the faithful Mason has not been "forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

He had granted a goodly number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, the necessity for which arises in every Grand Jurisdiction, and will, so long as Masonry holds, as it must, to the ancient landmarks, the distinguishing features in Masonic jurisprudence; for the latter day sensitiveness on the subject of special dispensations arises only because of a misconception of the foundations of our institution.

The welfare of the Craft, the harmony existing throughout his Grand Jurisdiction, as well as the success, he attributes to the faithful services of their District Deputies, a system thoroughly carried out.

To prevent the admission of clandestinely made Masons into their lodges, he and the Grand Secretary had procured and caused to be forwarded to each lodge a list of all lawful lodges in the country, a precaution which is being taken, we notice, in several Grand Jurisdictions. He admonishes his brethren to carefully study Masonic law, as necessary to the conducting of the affairs of the lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master makes report of faithfully visiting such lodges as the Grand Master had asked him to visit, and of having accompanied the District Deputies in visiting many more. He details many interesting incidents, and his report is evidence of an active interest in all that concerns the Craft, including their Masonic Home, and on his return from a trip to the Pacific Coast, he stopped off at St. Louis, and with great pleasure, visited the Masonic Home of Missouri.

M.·W.·Brother John H. Barlow, Grand Secretary, presents an excellent report, full and complete, of the business transacted through that office. His zeal as a Freemason is attested by his record in the Grand Lodge, and the writer experienced pleasure in meeting him on a recent visit to Hartford; and later, on visiting a lodge in our old home, West

Hartford, found the members enthusiastic over a then recent visit Brother Barlow had made to the lodge.

For convenience, but with safeguards, the Grand Lodge adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master shall appoint a permanent standing committee consisting of three Past Grand Masters, to be known as "The Custodians of the Work." Said committee shall investigate and decide what the Standard Work is, and may—if the same can be done within the meaning of the obligations of the degrees—indelibly fix the text of the Standard Ritual so that it may be referred to for harmony and purity of practice. That no publication shall be made for sale or distribution, of anything purporting to be the secret work or any part of the same, but that any memorandum or manuscript in reference thereto made by said committee or any of them shall be and always remain within the keeping of said committee and never be taken outside the office of the M. W. Grand Lodge unless for the purpose of use in Grand Lodge communication.

This is as far as any Grand Lodge should go.

For the support of their Masonic Home the per capita tax seems now to be fixed at seventy-five cents; formerly, if we remember aright, it was one dollar and fifty cents.

Two lodges were not represented, and the proper committee recommended, and the Grand Lodge ordered, that they be requested to show cause for such non-representation at the next annual communication; a very proper step, one would think, in a jurisdiction where railroads abound, and distances are no greater, but it would not do in some of our larger Western states.

M. W. Brother John H. Barlow presents his eleventh annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-nine pages and reviewing the proceedings of forty-eight domestic and twenty-five foreign Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1904, receiving generous space and consideration.

Under Alabama he speaks of the rule there held that, where the Grand Lodge reverses the decision of a subordinate lodge that has suspended or expelled a brother, such reversal shall in no case restore the accused to membership in the lodge, and says that the rule might work injustice. We fully agree and cannot understand how such a rule could find favor in any Grand Lodge.

He is opposed to the creation of life membership after the payment of dues for a certain number of years; says that they, in Connecticut, have the system, which exempts about twenty-five per cent of their membership. Their rule, like ours, exempts after thirty years. We are impressed by his views on the subject.

He notes with approval the building up of Masonic Homes and accords praise to the O. E. S. as an auxiliary, and as a faithful helpmate in the building and maintenance of Masonic Homes. He thinks that a petitioner for the degrees should be of full age before his petition can be received by a lodge.

He is opposed to paying mileage and a per diem to delegates to Grand Lodge, but while that may be all right in Connecticut, it would be a hard-



ship in Nebraska, where delegates, in some instances, have to travel more than four hundred miles to reach Grand Lodge, at great expense.

M.·W.·Asa P. Fitch, Hartford, is Grand Master.

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

#### COSTA RICA, 1904.

January 29th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San José, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Brother Gen. Rucavado, Deputy Grand Master, with seven Grand Representatives, three Past Grand Officers, and representatives from six subordinate lodges, in attendance.

An election of Grand Officers took place, and at an adjourned session the annual reports of the Grand Master, M.·W.·John M. Keith, R.·W.·Edmund A. Osborne, Grand Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer, were read and ordered published in the proceedings.

In his address the Grand Master spoke of having been abroad, and proceeding said:

On my return to this country I was greatly rejoiced to find that the differences between this Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council of Central America were at last completely adjusted and that relations between these Administrative Bodies belonging to the same Fraternity are now so firmly established as to warrant a firm belief in the peaceful progress of the Craft in this country. This happy settlement was mainly effected through the united and untiring efforts of Bros. Thomas Povedano, Ric. Mora F., Gustavo Pradilla and Arthur G. M. Gillott; it is peculiarly satisfactory to me to find that the Sup. Coun. have appointed Bro. Povedano their Representative at this Grand Lodge and I take this opportunity of expressing to the Sov. Grand Commander Bro. Padilla my grateful appreciation of this courteous compliance with our desire.

In addition to our settlement with the Sup. Coun. of Cent. Amer. we also have to congratulate ourselves on having entered into official relations with the following Grand Lodges:—

#### ALABAMA

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

This brings the number of our recognitions hitherto received by this Grand Lodge to the total of 48. While some Grand Bodies, such as the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and Illinois, have denied us recognition—basing their reasons on their inability to recognize the acts of Lodges founded by a Supreme Council—others have delayed their decision, owing no doubt to the distance and the difficulty of procuring information; nevertheless we may confidently expect an increase in the number of our relations before the end of the year.

The Grand Lodge, having adopted, at its organization, a thoroughly Masonic constitution and regulations in entire harmony with Masonic landmarks, as understood in the English-speaking nations of the world, met with some obstacles owing to absurd claims made by the Supreme Council of Central America, Scottish Rite, now happily overcome, and is progressing in dispensing true Masonic light, to the great satisfaction of Masons generally.

M.·W.·Gustavo Pradilla, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Edmund A. Osborne, San José, is Grand Secretary.

## DELAWARE, 1904.

October 5th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Wilmington, the ninety-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles H. Maull, Grand Master, with representatives from eighteen of its twenty-two lodges, a large number of permanent members, and many visitors, in attendance. The Grand Master of New Jersey, with four of his Grand Officers, was also in attendance, and all were received with honors due their rank.

With appropriate thoughts upon the passing of another year, and a fraternal welcome to his brethren, the Grand Master opened his address. Appropriate fraternal tribute is paid to the dead, and honorable mention of their Masonic lives is recorded.

He reports having visited every lodge except one, in his jurisdiction, and in each instance, he says, was warmly and fraternally greeted by the officers and members, and received and entertained by a large and full attendance of brethren. Schools of instruction maintained under the supervision of competent chairmen appointed to the work, have, he says, done well, and the work throughout the jurisdiction has become very nearly uniform. A lodge banquet marked each visit he made during the year. Waivers of jurisdiction over candidates were courteously granted between his state and New Jersey, Maryland, and North Carolina, through correspondence and the consent of the Grand Master in each instance. From his reported decisions, we extract the following correspondence and decision as containing a rule that should be more generally known and adhered to:

Dear Sir and M. W. Bro.: At a regular communication of Oriental Lodge, No. 27, A. F. A. M., held September 2nd, 1903, charges were made and entertained by the lodge against delinquent members for non-payment of dues. On October 7th, 1903, a regular Communication was held to which the Lodge was notified to try the several brethren against whom charges had been laid, the trials were proceeded with in a number of cases, as the minutes will show. However, during the progress of the Communication and without the cases being permitted to come before the Lodge, as they had a right to be, and whose property they now were, the Worshipful Master without any statement to the Lodge whatever, privately directed the Secretary to incorporate into the minutes of the Lodge the following:

"Past Master H. B. McIntire, Bro. Frank S. Emmons and Bro. T. Sharp Pugh having made satisfactory arrangements in regard to their indebtedness, charges were held up pending a settlement."

While we waive the question of the right of the Worshipful Master to make an agreement with delinquent members against whom charges have been laid, provided he report the same, we do believe that his action is illegal in attempting to settle such cases unbeknown to the Lodge, and directing that an entry be made thereof on the record of proceedings of the Lodge, so that it would appear that the cases had been brought before the Lodge and so decided, when no such action was ever taken.

He reports the constituting of one newly chartered lodge, and says:

After closing the Lodge, the Grand Lodge was entertained by Doric Lodge, No. 30, at an elaborate banquet served in the public hall of the

town, at which most of the citizens of the town were present with their wives, and the same was an occasion that will linger long in the memory of all present, and I am sure it was a big benefit to Doric Lodge as well as to the Fraternity throughout this Jurisdiction.

Commenting upon their large increase in numbers, he expresses a truth which should be deeply impressed upon Freemasons everywhere:

What we fancy to be strength may be in reality weakness, for our real strength lies not in numbers, but in our fidelity to the principles and teachings of Free Masonry, in the upbuilding and uplifting of individual character, and the uniting of those characters into a compact and harmonious society, having for its aim the advancement of everything that stands for more intelligent citizenship, more godly homes and better lives. The bringing into this society of imperfect material weakens its force, destroys its influence and nullifies its aims.

By action of the Grand Lodge a fund is being raised to defray the expense of the approaching centennial anniversary of their Grand Lodge.

Memorial resolutions commemorative of the labors of Past Grand Master Daniel McClintock, who died during the year, were adopted. He was fifty years a Mason, for forty-six of which he was a member of the Grand Lodge, and a high meed of praise is bestowed upon his life and labors.

The routine business of the Grand Lodge was conducted with care, but was of local interest only.

R. W. Brother Lewis H. Jackson again presents a concisely written and able report on correspondence, covering eighty-one pages, Nebraska, 1904, receiving generous fraternal consideration. In his conclusion he says:

Here ends our work of review for the year 1904. Our duties have been arduous, but we have enjoyed our excursions among the Jurisdictions of our own and foreign lands. We have found Masonry everywhere expanding, and the Craft zealously accomplishing their noble missions of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and we bid one and all God-speed, extending true fraternal greetings to our Fellow-Craftsmen everywhere around the globe.

M. W. R. Henry Young, Wilmington, is Grand Master.

R. W. Benjamin F. Bartram, Wilmington, is Grand Secretary.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1904.

December 21st, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Washington, the ninety-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James A. Wetmore, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from all the twenty-six chartered lodges, in attendance. But Nebraska's Grand Representative is not mentioned, and it is about time we should ask, why?

The Grand Master, in his annual address, pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Master M. W. Brother Malcolm Seaton, who died September 6th, 1904, saying of him:

Nature had done much for him, for he was handsome, dignified, and courtly. He was a man of varied talents, genial, lovable, and approachable, and with all his honors I think he most appreciated the place he occupied in the hearts of his brethren.

The Grand Master reports three decisions, and submits in one of the cases an opinion at length, showing an intimate knowledge of some of the more important questions of Masonic jurisprudence, recognizing the prerogatives of a Master of a lodge. The decision, however, is of a well known principle, but its difficult feature arises from their Grand Lodge legislation, notwithstanding which he holds, justly, we think, that a Master may call a special meeting of the lodge to confer degrees, notwithstanding a custom and possible by-law requiring the Master at a regular meeting to announce that a special meeting will be called for the purpose. He reports the granting of several special dispensations, and the reasons therefor in some of the cases.

Because the population of the District of Columbia contains so many government officials and employees, whose residence is necessarily at Washington, but who, by law, retain the right to vote in the state from which they come, so long as they are serving the general government, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia regards such persons eligible as candidates for the degrees in its lodges. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the contrary, holds that such persons, who are voters in Pennsylvania, are within the jurisdiction of its lodges, and that the conferring of the degrees on such persons by the lodges in the District of Columbia is an infringement upon the jurisdictional rights of its lodges. Over these respective claims the Grand Masters of the two jurisdictions have exchanged letters, each setting forth, ably, his claims, but without finally agreeing. The candidate involved, being in the service of the United States, and having resided in Washington some four years, petitioned a Washington lodge, was elected and finally received the degrees.

The Grand Master reports the laying of three corner-stones, one for the Daughters of the American Revolution for their Memorial Continental Hall, and two for church edifices, all in the city of Washington.

The Grand Master reports his Grand Visitations, a feature in that Grand Jurisdiction. His officers go with him, and a program is arranged for entertainment, and an examination of the affairs of each lodge is made. The writer on several occasions has greatly enjoyed being present. He speaks of their project of building a new Masonic Temple, a site for which has been purchased and paid for at a cost of \$115,000.00, with a balance of \$25,000.00 on hand, and the prospect of soon obtaining from the Craft enough to commence building "a temple in fact as well as in name, worthy the fraternity in this jurisdiction." He also speaks hopefully of the realization of the determination of the O. E. S. to build a Masonic Home, a site for which, containing five acres, within easy access of the city, has been donated by a lady, Mrs. Sarah E. Seek, and the work of building, we are assured, will soon commence.

The Grand Lodge extended recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle

de Mexico. The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and of local importance only.

M. W. Brother George W. Baird presents his fifth annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, receives generous fraternal consideration. He says that much appears in proceedings which he wishes had not been printed, and emphasizes his wish when he comes to reports on suspensions, expulsions, and appeals. Of an interesting matter he thus speaks:

One of our "cogent reasons" for wishing a record to be kept of the articles deposited in the cavity of every corner-stone is that our records may be full and complete, and that they may be of national or international importance. A few years ago I was asked by a prominent Government official if I could inform him what was in the corner-stone of the "White House" (President's house) in this city. After an exhaustive search I could find nothing further than the official record that "it was laid with Masonic ceremonies." There is no record of what lodge, nor what Master laid it; of what went into it, nor at which corner of the building it was placed. The corner-stone of the Capitol is at the southwest corner. The custom of placing the stone was not then, as now, that it must essentially be placed at the northeast corner.

Upon an important question and in reply to Brother Jackson's agreement with Brother Robbins' stand, he says:

Well, we all wish it were possible to establish the York Rite *everywhere*, as it is in English-speaking countries—that the other rites might surrender jurisdiction over the three symbolic degrees, as it is in this Republic, but we see no way to accomplish this. Then why not do the next best thing?

We surely do not need to depart from the old principle of the universality of Masonry; we see no need of severing all fraternal communication with symbolic Grand Lodges in the Latin countries where a belief is required in the S. A. O. T. U., with the Book of the Law and the Testimony upon the altars, and which are sovereign bodies, possessed of the essentials and requirements of craft Masonry. Some such Grand Lodges derived their origin from the Scottish Rite, but many of the continental Masonic organizations of Europe owe their formation to the Grand Lodge of Great Britain.

M. W. Lurtin R. Ginn, Washington, is Grand Master.

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

#### FLORIDA, 1905.

January 17th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, the seventy-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Thomas M. Puleston, Grand Master, with representatives present from one hundred and forty of the one hundred and fifty-three chartered lodges.

Expressions of gratitude to the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe for "the many tokens of his care and the evidences of prosperity and happiness everywhere prevalent throughout the bounds of our State," mark the opening of the Grand Master's annual address.



To the memory of their Grand Tyler, Brother Octavious H. Dorsett, who died March 5th, 1904, and who had faithfully served the Grand Lodge for eighteen years, he pays loving fraternal tribute. Past Grand Master William Forsythe Bynum died on May 9th, 1904, and honorable record of his valuable services is made and fraternal tribute is paid.

The Grand Master reports but few decisions, and those construing their regulations and not upon questions of general interest. Special dispensations in a good many cases had he granted, and by dispensation he continued one lodge U. D., and instituted four new ones, and he approved appeals for aid to several indigent brethren and widows of deceased brethren. He reports a commendable zeal and activity on the part of the trustees of their Home and Orphanage, for which a fund is being raised by a per capita tax and by subscriptions. He had constituted one newly chartered lodge, but owing to pressing duties had been able to visit but few of his lodges.

The Grand Lodge owns a temple property fully paid for, valued at \$51,140.98, and a considerable revenue is derived therefrom.

Four lodges U. D. were granted charters, and two continued under dispensation.

M. W. Brother Silas B. Wright, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a quite full report on the applications of the Grand Orient of Brazil and the second Grand Lodge of Western Australia, for recognition, both of which were refused, the first, because of its subordinate relation to the Supreme Council S. R., of Brazil, the second because of the establishment of a regular Grand Lodge in Western Australia in 1900, which has been quite generally recognized. Another application was from a body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Queensland, but its organization was irregular, and for that reason its application was rejected.

The following was adopted:

“Resolved, That on every application for the Mysteries of Free Masonry the following words be printed in plain type ‘the regulations of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of the State of Florida render any man engaged in selling intoxicating liquors ineligible for initiation into the Mysteries of Free Masonry and forbid any Mason in this jurisdiction to engage in such business.’”

On the second day of the communication, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of their Grand Lodge was celebrated, and M. W. Brother Samuel Pasco, P. G. M., delivered a very instructive historical address, valuable as a record. Going back to the early introduction of Masonry into that territory, 1768, then under the British Crown, he speaks of the establishment, under the grant of a warrant by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of a lodge at St. Augustine, and the appointment of a “Provisional Grand Master.” We call attention to the word “Provisional,” and presume it to be a mistake of the printer, and one calculated to create a mistake on the part of many a reader, for, of course, no such term could have been used by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The ad-

dress follows the fortunes of Florida under Great Britain, Spain, and its acquisition by the United States and its admission into the Union as a state, and the progress of Masonry from the beginning.

M. W. Brother Silas B. Wright presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and twenty-five pages. He reproduces Brother Cunningham's discussion of the subject of "Private Grand Honors;" the point made is in favor of the view expressed by our Past Grand Master Crites, *i. e.*, that certain due guards and S. . constitute such Private Grand Honors. The writer confesses that he is sceptical, and cannot believe that by anything like a general ancient custom the aforesaid due guards and S. . have been understood as Private Grand Honors.

Brother Wright's review of Nebraska, 1904, is fraternal; the oration delivered by Brother Summers, he says is a gem; he quotes several of our decisions as good law, and notes the writer's favorable comments on their Grand Master Puleston's address.

M. W. Charles W. Johnson, Jacksonville, is Grand Master.

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

#### GEORGIA, 1904.

October 25th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Macon, the one hundred and eighteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Max Meyerhardt, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and fifty-five of its four hundred and sixty-one subordinate lodges in attendance.

From the opening paragraph of the Grand Master's annual address, we extract:

Never before in all her splendid history has Masonry enjoyed such abounding prosperity as during the year just past. A substantial increase in numbers; peace and harmony prevailing; the moral standard raised high; a full treasury; many new lodges instituted; and above all, the Home, for which we have labored so long and so earnestly, fully completed, and soon to open its hospitable doors to the worthy wards of Georgia Masonry. Surely our hearts should glow with fervent gratitude to the God of our fathers who has showered so bountifully upon us His richest blessings and His choicest benedictions.

He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, and well says: "It is the glory of Masonry that it cherishes the memory of its beloved dead."

And he makes a good showing:

I am glad to state that, notwithstanding the heavy expense incident to the erection of the Masonic Home, and the additional expense of furnishing the Home, and many other details, and also the expenditure of nearly \$1,000 in making safe and enlarging the seating capacity of our Temple, the Grand Lodge does not owe one cent, and at the close of the present communication, after paying all expenses, I am assured that we will have a surplus in the treasury of between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

He reports the constituting of twelve new lodges, the instituting of four U. D. ., the laying of a good many corner-stones, and the granting

of a very large number of special dispensations, the applications for which he attributes to the rapid growth of Masonry in Georgia. He had received, he says, not less than two thousand letters during the year, containing inquiries as to Masonic law and usage, but he reports only such as he regarded as of general interest to the Craft in that jurisdiction—ten in all. From these we select three as of more than ordinary interest, and as we think expressing the law:

1. It is improper to install officers on Sunday, even when St. John's Day occurs on that day. Under our law, only works of necessity or charity can be performed on Sunday.
2. An unfavorable report made by an investigating committee cannot be set aside by the Lodge, nor can the committee be required to give any reason why such report was made.
3. Where a candidate has been examined and balloted for to receive the Fellow Craft degree at a called communication, without dispensation, such action on the part of the Lodge is irregular and illegal, and would subject the Lodge and Master to Masonic discipline. The status of the candidate, however, is not affected, he having been guilty of no wrong and having received the degree in good faith.

He officially visited a great number of his lodges. We gladly give place to the good news:

With feelings of profoundest joy, I beg to announce that the Masonic Home of Georgia has been completed and furnished and in a few days will be ready for occupancy. This afternoon the Home will be dedicated with imposing ceremonies to its noble uses. This day will mark an epoch in the history of Masonry in Georgia. Our long cherished hopes have been fully realized and our fervent prayers have been abundantly answered. The home stands today, and will stand for centuries to come, as a magnificent monument to the generosity and the liberality of Georgia Masons.

As I predicted in my last annual address, the Home has been the recipient of several munificent contributions and one legacy. Many Lodges and individuals have contributed towards furnishing the Home. They deserve and will receive your hearty praise and commendation.

The sessions of the Grand Lodge were busy ones; one lodge surrendered its charter, five dormant lodges were restored, and seven new lodges were granted charters.

Their new Masonic Home was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies and addresses by the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters Thomas H. Jeffries and W. A. Davis, and others. These addresses, published in the proceedings, abound with eloquent passages and one well nigh catches the fervor of their utterance, as if listening to the glad sound of the words falling from the lips of the impassioned orator.

The Grand Master says: "This is an historic day;" "This shall in truth be 'Home;' Home in comfort and in care; home from all life's ills and grim vicissitudes; home where love and tenderness shall reign supreme; home, the prototype of Heaven, where God himself abides;" adding: "I dedicate it to its noble and holy purposes. I dedicate it to suffering humanity. I dedicate it to the alleviation of human want. I dedicate it to the widow and the orphan, the aged and the helpless."

To support the Home it is proposed to appropriate one-half of the surplus accruing in the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and to refer the question of imposing a per capita tax of fifty cents to be levied annually, to the subordinate lodges.

They have the District Deputy system, and the deputies make annual reports of their acts. The committee on the Grand Master's address commended the zeal of their chief, and the Grand Lodge re-elected him to a fifth term in that office. The Grand Lodge extended its recognition to the Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Queensland.

The duties of the Grand Secretary had been heavy, but were so zealously performed that the Grand Lodge, by resolution, commended him.

Brother A. Q. Moody presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fourteen pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1903, receiving generous consideration. He compliments our Grand Master Ayers for his modesty, praises and quotes our Grand Orator, Brother Roscoe Pound, notes our Grand Lodge's action on the subject of Nebraska's Masonic Home, and our Brother Lininger's enthusiasm attracts his notice. He says:

A serious question with Grand Lodges will be what attitude to assume toward Bodies created by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite?

It is difficult to understand how a Grand Lodge can be a governing power, and yet be subservient to still higher power.

We do not understand that any American Grand Lodge has recognized any Grand Lodge created by any Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. But when blue lodges, created under Supreme Councils, have severed themselves from the control of the S. C., and formed a Grand Lodge in the territory where it is proper to erect a Grand Lodge, such Grand Lodges have been, for a long time, quite generally, and we think quite properly, recognized.

The report evidences painstaking care and ready ability.

M.·W.·Max Meyerhardt, Rome, is Grand Master.

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

#### IDAHO, 1904.

September 13th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Boise, the thirty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Joshua M. Cowen, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from thirty-four of its thirty-seven subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In his annual address, the Grand Master employs several more or less expressive figures of speech, and some proverbs and maxims calculated to adorn his opening remarks. He reports the establishment of three new lodges U.·D.·., the visiting of all but two of the lodges in the state, and notes that there is a substantial growth. He had dedi-

cated one Masonic hall, and granted several permissions and other special dispensations. He reports twelve decisions, none of which are of general interest. Among his recommendations we find the following:

2. I fraternally recommend that our laws be amended that no dispensation be granted to form a new lodge unless, in addition to the requirement of Sec. 1, Article XII, the proposed Master shall file with the petition for a dispensation a certificate from the Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer or his deputy, that he, the proposed Worshipful Master, is competent to properly confer the three degrees of Masonry, and to deliver the lectures thereunto, in strict accordance to the work adopted by this Grand Lodge.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we learn the gratifying fact that their Grand Lodge has an Orphan fund amounting to \$39,999.50. A very full and well arranged report is that of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Theophilus W. Randall.

The Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Valle de Mexico were duly recognized. The Grand Lecturer shows in his report that he worked three hundred and twenty-five days during the year in instructing brethren in the lodges. He discusses quite fully the conditions prevailing, thinks rotation in office all right where the officers qualify themselves for what is ahead, but "rotation regardless of qualification is pernicious," which is, of course, true.

By a unanimous rising vote the Grand Lodge did a very graceful act:

*Resolved:* That for the purpose of placing a monument at the grave of Past Grand Master Edward A. Stevenson and his family, the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund.

One evening was devoted to the exemplification of the work in conferring the third degree in the local lodge, and another evening was devoted to a social gathering and banquet given by the ladies of the local chapter, O. E. S.

The Committee on Appeals had four cases before it, and did well in correcting some very grievous acts committed in subordinate lodges.

The Grand Lodge, recognizing the good work of their Grand Lecturer, Brother William B. Goodheart, and the necessity therefor, resolved to keep him in the field for another year. Three lodges U. D. were granted charters.

Brother George E. Knepper again presents the report on correspondence, covering ninety-four pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1904, among them. We had said that the word "constitute" instead of "institute" as applied to the ceremony following the granting of a charter, in establishing a lodge, was proper, but Brother Knepper thinks that their "Grand Master was not far afield" in using the word institute. But we feel that our Institution has a nomenclature, as well as laws, of its own, and that certain words, by long use among us, have a distinctively Masonic meaning



that should in our literature be recognized and uniformly used. That the word in question is as much one of them as that of "passed," "raised," or the term "making a Mason."

M.:W.:Albert W. Gordon, Kendrick, is Grand Master.

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

#### ILLINOIS, 1904.

October 4th, at Studebaker Hall, in the city of Chicago, the sixty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:William B. Wright, Grand Master, with representatives from seven hundred and nine of its seven hundred and thirty-two subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Brief but well expressed remarks upon the busy days of the year past, mark the opening paragraphs of the Grand Master's address. Honorable record of the names of the fraternal dead was made, and a tribute to their memory paid, by the action of the Grand Lodge in all rising to their feet and standing in silence while the list was read.

The Grand Master reports the granting of dispensations for eight new lodges, and a great many special dispensations, the necessity for which naturally arises in so large a jurisdiction. He also reports the laying of corner-stones for four Masonic temples, four churches, three school buildings, three library buildings, two court houses; a total of sixteen. Occasional Grand Lodges were opened for the dedication of four Masonic halls, and he had constituted three newly chartered lodges. He reports the holding of five schools of instruction in different parts of the state, the wisdom of which he highly commends, and compliments the board under whose supervision they were conducted. Four duplicate charters were issued, when the originals had been lost or destroyed. Two controversies between lodges in Illinois, one with a Wisconsin lodge, and the other with an Indiana lodge, were settled in the proper way, through correspondence between the Grand Masters.

Under the head "Decisions," he says that he had been called upon to decide over two hundred and fifty questions, all of which were clearly answered in the law of the Grand Lodge and approved decisions. He had been asked if it was proper for Masons, individually or as a lodge, to participate or aid in the conduct of a "fair where books of chance and drawings were features," which he very emphatically decided in the negative, we are glad to note. From his discussion we briefly extract:

While I do not think any argument necessary in support of the above decision, I take this occasion to emphasize the position of this Grand Lodge upon the subject of gambling in all its various forms.

Lotteries and games of chance are prohibited by Acts of Congress and by acts of the legislatures in nearly every state. The acts are held to be constitutional and are enforced by the courts when they are invoked in cases pending before them. And the Mason who aids or gives countenance to lottery or gift enterprises in any form or under any pretext, not only violates the plain provisions of the above section but transgresses the law of the land which he is taught in his lodge to respect and obey.

You certainly will agree with the statement that nothing is more damaging to the public welfare or more harmful and demoralizing than the tacit license given by public officials to conduct gambling enterprises when carried on by people of good standing in the community.

Under Section 3, Article 4, Part Third Grand Lodge By-Laws, the Master of a lodge has no authority to appoint a "brother to act as attorney for the accused." The *lodge* must make the appointment.

The term "attorney" as used in this section does not mean attorney-at-law but attorney in fact.

No appointment is necessary or proper where the accused shall answer the notice and appear in person.

This case recalls to mind certain enterprises in Nebraska that are not to the credit of those engaged, and it will be remembered that our Grand Master at the time, and our Grand Lodge at its next annual communication, were quite as emphatic in condemnation as was the Grand Master of Illinois.

The Grand Master discusses the importance of the work carried on in their two Masonic Homes, one established by the Grand Lodge, and the other acquired by the relinquishment of its management. He bespeaks the earnest and enthusiastic support of the Craft for these institutions, as "living monuments to the wisdom, energy, and fraternal solicitude of the Craft in Illinois."

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary involve large interests, and a corresponding painstaking care in detail and accuracy, which is evidenced in each.

R.:W.:Brother William A. Northcott, Grand Orator, delivered an oration of far more than ordinary merit, beautiful in conception and eloquent in every part.

Well prepared reports of the boards in charge of the Masonic Homes make a good showing of their important work. A rule governing admissions is contained in the following:

*First.*—Persons not affiliated with lodges in Illinois cannot be received. Applications have come from a considerable number for admission who are either not affiliated at all, or who belong to lodges in other states. The following rule of admission has been adopted: "All applicants must be Master Masons in good standing in a lodge in the State of Illinois for a period of at least one year last ensuing; or the wife, widow or child of such. A Master Mason who has been voluntarily unaffiliated one year or more shall not be deemed eligible for admission until two years after his restoration except by action of the entire Board of Trustees. The same rule will apply to the wives, widows and children."

Seven lodges U.:D.: were granted charters. The Grand Lodge heartily endorsed and approved the decision and comments of the Grand Master, in the "fair" case above mentioned.

A great deal of important business came before the Grand Lodge, and it was all carefully considered and disposed of harmoniously and agreeably to those admirable rules of Masonic jurisprudence which should prevail in all such assemblies.

M.:W.:Brother Joseph Robbins again presents an excellent report

on correspondence. Its length, three hundred and thirty-nine pages, enables our learned brother to give a more extended review than the limits, usually granted, permit. But every page is valuable and of inestimable worth to the Masonic student. We agree with him fully in what he so well says:

A survey of the field traversed during the year shows about the average out-cropping of questions that have been prominent for a generation, and which probably will to a certain extent be, like the poor, always with us; such as physical fitness; non-affiliates, what to do and what not to do with them; the abuse of the ballot; the scope of the right of objection, and the many minor questions which are inseparable from administration. The attention given to these questions year after year by reviewers is frequently condemned by the superficial critic as the profitless threshing over of old straw; but this criticism overlooks the fact that each year's army of masters and wardens is in part a new one whereof a portion of the recruits have only routine, traditional knowledge, and have given little thought to the *principles* which govern in administration. All these must be trained as best they may, and the only way to do it is by endless repetition—line upon line.

Nebraska, 1903, receives extended notice.

M.:W.:William B. Wright, Effingham, is Grand Master.

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

#### INDIANA, 1904.

May 24th, in Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, the eighty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:William E. English, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from five hundred and fourteen of its five hundred and seventeen lodges, in attendance.

With justifiable pride, the Grand Master in his annual address says that the year had been the most prosperous and the most successful ever known to their Grand Jurisdiction, and the greatest increase in membership, 2,871, ever made in a year. But death had claimed many, and to their memory he pays fraternal tribute. He had constituted seven new lodges, and he had authorized six to be instituted U.:D.:., while he had authorized the issuance of three duplicate charters to lodges, each of which had lost its original charter by fire. A goodly number of special dispensations for the usual purposes had been granted, and he had dedicated six new Masonic halls. The corner-stones of two churches, two Carnegie library buildings, three public school buildings, and one court house, had he caused to be laid with Masonic ceremonies.

He had rendered a good many decisions, reporting a few, one of which holds that an objection to a petitioner prior to the ballot thereon is not effective. The Grand Lodge sustained this decision, and we think correctly, upon the ground, we presume, that the law does not contemplate an objection until an election has taken place, the presumption being that any one present will express any objection he may have

by the use of the ballot. We see decisions and by-laws declaring that an objection stops all proceedings; that it has the same effect as a black ball, all of which is of course true; but nevertheless, we think, such declarations have in contemplation that the objection came after a favorable ballot had been taken.

Five lodges U. D. were granted charters. Much business came up from the active subordinate lodges, and many questions of local interest were considered and disposed of with due regard to the wholesome rules of Masonic jurisprudence. Non-affiliates, seeing the prosperity enjoyed by the lodges, are taking steps to return to the fold, and much of such work was before the Grand Lodge.

The adoption of the following, was certainly a wise step:

The Recommendation of the Grand Master "that reports of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals should in every instance only embrace a statement of the case, and the finding of the Committee, the same to be published in its printed Proceedings, all other matter in reports from the Committee on Grievances and Appeals to be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary, but eliminated from the printed Proceedings," meets with the approval of your Committee on Jurisprudence and they recommend its adoption.

M. W. Brother Daniel McDonald presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-three Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1903, among them. He professes surprise that this writer does not know what the Private Grand Honors are, and advises us to ask our Past Grand Master Crites. We know his opinion, but are in no way bound thereby. We simply don't know. We note his declaration: "Several Grand Lodges which contemplated the erection of Homes, made a thorough investigation into the cost and management of the Homes established in this country which resulted in deciding to abandon the enterprise for the present." And that is another thing that this writer did not know, and he thinks he has read almost every page published upon the subject during the past three or four years. Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Nebraska, during the years he refers to, have each taken hold of the matter, and established Homes, and other Grand Lodges are now preparing to go ahead with the work. A great many have been established, and not in a single instance is there any complaint of the cost, but unbounded confidence and enthusiasm prevail in every one of the many jurisdictions where they exist. It is organized relief, a glorious work, and one of the best evidences we can present that we believe in what we profess as Masons.

But we gladly give place and agree in what he says, in the following:

There has been a perceptible loosening of the iron-clad rule in many of the Grand Lodges prohibiting the occupancy of Masonic Halls by Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star. Two or three Grand Lodges the past year opened their doors and arranged to allow this beautiful "Appendant Order" the use of Masonic Halls on the same terms and conditions as Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Commanderies of

Knights Templar. The world still moves and "in the sweet by and by," we may hope that our wives, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters, belonging to this Order, may have universal recognition, to the extent, at least, of being allowed to hold their meetings in Masonic Halls.

M.·W.·George E. Grimes, Ladoga, is Grand Master.

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

#### INDIAN TERRITORY, 1904.

August 9th, at Claremore, Cherokee Nation, the thirty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.· Philip Doddridge Brewer, Grand Master, with representatives from one hundred and thirty of its one hundred and fifty-one subordinate lodges, in attendance.

With well considered remarks upon the duties of a Grand Master in his care of the Craft during the year, the Grand Master opened his annual address, which he modestly calls his report. But he assures us that the year had been a prosperous one in that jurisdiction, with Masonic lodges coming into existence everywhere. Freemasonry in that territory has been interesting to this writer, and the annual proceedings have attested the wisdom and care bestowed by its leaders.

To the memory of R.·W.·Benjamin G. Martin, their Grand Lecturer, who died April 1st, 1904, he pays high tribute. He had been a Mason for forty years and during the later years had been a zealous instructor of the lodges in ritualistic work, and in his death Masonry in that Grand Jurisdiction suffers a great loss.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of ten lodges duly chartered, and the instituting of fifteen lodges U.·D.·. He also issued quite a number of special dispensations for the usual purposes. He reports having visited many lodges, and from other lodges had received encouraging reports, and he says that the lodges, with few exceptions, are in excellent condition in every way, and are doing splendid work. He reports several decisions, all of which are in accord with well understood Masonic law, and not of special interest generally.

An Orphans' Home is projected and a fund is already being collected therefor, which receives hearty support among the Craft; \$7,457.11 has already been subscribed, collected, and paid during the year. M.·W.· Brother Henry M. Furman, Financial Agent Orphans' Educational Fund, makes a report from which we extract briefly:

Allow me to commend to you as an example of pure charity a noble woman whose acquaintance I had the great good fortune to make this year. She is a widow and is in only moderate circumstances. I was dining at her hospitable table and noticed two children to whom she was showing motherly attention. I said: "Are these your grandchildren?" She replied: "No; they are not any kin to me. They are orphans, and I could not stand to see them suffer." This so touched my heart that I made inquiry of others and learned that during long years of widowhood this noble woman has always had at least one orphan in her home and sometimes she has had a number. Brother Joe LaHay, of Claremore



Lodge, tells me that within his knowledge she has reared and educated at least twenty orphan children. You all want to know the name of this noble woman. She is a Cherokee Indian, and the widow of a Master Mason. She lives at Tahlequah and is affectionately called by every one "Aunt Eliza." Her name is Mrs. Alburty. Brethren, while we have been professing Masonry this woman has been living Masonry. As royal blood flows through her veins as ever came from the heart of any queen. She has not expected earthly recognition or reward.

He further says that "If the brethren will continue to be as liberal with their contributions as they have been in the past, in two years at most the fifty thousand dollars decided upon by the Grand Lodge will be raised." Carry the information to Brother McDonald of Indiana, where there are more than seven times as many Freemasons as in Indian Territory.

The routine business of the Grand Lodge was carefully conducted, with harmony and careful attention to all Masonic interests in that Grand Jurisdiction.

Brother Thomas C. Humphrey presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty Grand Lodges. His review of Nebraska is for the year 1903. Our Grand Master Ayers' address is liberally quoted, and the space given in our report to the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory is noted. The review is a good one.

M.:W.:Wilson Otho Bruton, Muldrow, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Joseph Samuel Murrow, Atoka, is Grand Secretary.

#### IOWA, 1904.

June 7th, in the Grand Opera House in Sioux City, the sixty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Charles C. Clark, Grand Master, with representatives from four hundred and sixty-five of its five hundred and four subordinate lodges, in attendance.

An ode to June marks the opening of the Grand Master's annual address. His labors throughout the year had been to him, he says, "a constant joy," and his lines cast in pleasant places. He reports that in a measurable degree, the affairs of the Grand Lodge had been reduced to a business basis, notwithstanding the fact that the Grand Master and the members of the Board of Trustees happened to be lawyers. They, he says, have introduced system where system was needed, have pruned where pruning was advisable, have practiced economy without being parsimonious, and in short, have endeavored to carefully manage all departments. Yet he says much remains to be done.

Their great Masonic library, the building up of which was almost a life work of their late Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master, Theodore S. Parvin, receives consideration in the Grand Master's report.

He had instituted three lodges U.:D.: during the year. They have, he says, several small lodges whose usefulness seems at an end, and what

to do with them is the query of the Grand Master; but he thinks the Grand Lodge should terminate their existence. Because of the fearfully and wonderfully constructed mulct law, the Masonic law, intended to exclude saloon-keepers, is not effective, and the Grand Master held that a person selling "booze" under the aforesaid mulct law is eligible to membership in their lodges. And the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the Grand Lodge, sustained the decision. The case, however, was wholly considered from the standpoint of the civil law, ignoring the rule that Masonry is a law unto itself; for had the question been considered from its relation to the moral law, recognized in Masonic jurisprudence, it might have appeared that running a saloon is morally wrong, and hence a Masonic offense, as it certainly is considered to be in many jurisdictions. One of our greatest Masonic jurists, the late Josiah H. Drummond, a great lawyer as well, deplored the tendency to follow the civil law instead of considering our own Masonic law in determining questions arising in our Masonic organizations.

We quote another decision which we think is certainly sound: "Do false representations as to residence, made in a petition for the degrees, constitute a Masonic offense, such that the one making them may be tried and punished after he becomes a Mason?" Held, "that any wilful misrepresentation of any of the prerequisites for admission is a Masonic offense, for which the perpetrator may at any time after reception be tried and punished."

But here is something new:

*Fifth.* Section 273 is as follows: "At a stated meeting there must be present seven members of the particular lodge, including the Master or a Warden."

Section 146 provides that no Master Mason shall be allowed to vote or hold office until he has passed an examination in open lodge upon that degree. I have therefore, held that the membership contemplated by Section 273 is of those entitled to vote; the number cannot be filled by those who have not passed the required examination. To hold otherwise might put it in the power of one brother to absolutely control lodge matters, decide upon questions of the utmost consequence, and commit the lodge to a course which might involve great trouble and expense.

And the decision was approved.

With all that the Grand Lodge of Iowa has done, entitling her to great praise, still she had, as she supposed, set her face finally against a Masonic Home. But, behold! Our sisters, God bless them! of the Eastern Star, quite zealously determined upon a Home, and it is now "up to" the Grand Lodge to persuade the sisters to desist, or gracefully submit and take hold in the glorious enterprise, which latter, we opine, they will do. Two corner-stones, each for a public school house, had the Grand Master laid. He devoted much time profitably, to officially visiting his lodges.

Two Past Grand Masters had died during the year, Brother John Scott, September 23d, 1903, and Brother Israel P. Wilson, on March 9th, 1904. To their memory high tribute is fraternally paid by the Grand Master.

The report of the Grand Secretary, always of great interest in Iowa, by

R. W. Newton R. Parvin, as Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian, contains much of absorbing interest to every lover of Freemasonry. He well sustains the admirable work which his late father inaugurated in the great office which he held and adorned for more than fifty years. The library, formed in 1844, and said to be the largest Masonic library in the world, is contained in a fire-proof building built by the Grand Lodge, and said to be the only purely Masonic library building in the world.

A plan to catalogue the books and to index Masonic publications, is suggested for the benefit of all, and the assistance of other Grand Jurisdictions in bearing the necessary expense, would make the expense light for any single Grand Body. There is a great need for such a work. An article upon the subject, by Brother Joseph E. Morcombe, the Iowa reporter on Fraternal Correspondence, published in the Philadelphia Keystone, suggests the great importance of the work, and it is hoped that it will be taken up; and that the co-operation suggested will be heartily endorsed. Our own Grand Secretary White has asked the writer to present the matter to our Grand Lodge, and we hope to be able to do so at our next annual communication in June, 1905.

Business of great importance to our Iowa brethren was transacted by the Grand Lodge, with that practical deliberation and dispatch for which that Grand Lodge is justly famous.

Brother Joseph E. Morcombe presents the report on correspondence, his third, covering one hundred and seventy-three pages. It is an able paper and contribution to the literature of Freemasonry.

Nebraska, 1903, receives generous space and fraternal consideration. He is not in accord with us on the subject of Masonic Homes, but all great men, and some women, change their minds. They have some great women in Iowa, and we hope to see Brother Morcombe change his mind, for the women aforesaid are right, and he will be persuaded, we hope.

We like his style:

In an armed camp, during the night watches, there passes at intervals from outlying post to post the reassuring cry of the sentinels, betokening watchfulness and security. So from year to year there goes from one to another of these writers on correspondence the "All's Well" of Masonry. These are the watchers upon whom you rely for warning of danger from within or without. And happy indeed the Craft, when one after another of these sentinels answers: "There is peace and harmony and prosperity within our bounds." Here and there, perhaps, a little argument in the camp—some slight brotherly difference in counsel or in methods, but naught which may disturb harmonious relations or render the work less effective.

M. W. Sumner Miller, Guttenburg, is Grand Master.

R. W. Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, is Grand Secretary.

## IRELAND, 1904.

We have received the annual report. From the list of the Grand Officers we copy:

His Grace THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. Grand Master.  
 SIR JAMES CREED MEREDITH, LL.D., R.W. Deputy Grand  
 Master.  
 Right Hon. VISCOUNT TEMPLETOWN, R.W. Senior Grand Warden.  
 Right Hon. LORD RATHDONNELL, R.W. Junior Grand Warden.  
 W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, LL.D., R.W. Grand Treasurer.  
 Right Hon. LORD CASTLETOWN, R.W. Grand Secretary.  
 The Rev. BENJAMIN GIBSON, M.A. } R.W. Grand Chaplains.  
 Right Rev. Lord BISHOP OF DOWN, }

A list of Provincial Grand Lodges includes fifteen. Among the Grand Representatives listed is the name of our Brother William Cleburne, their representative near our Grand Lodge of Nebraska, while our Grand Lodge is represented by R. W. John Gordon, K. C., M. P., near the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The communication was held on St. John's day, December 27th, and the annual address was by the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Sir James Creed Meredith, LL. D., and its opening is characteristic:

BRETHREN, before proceeding with the address which it has been my custom for some years to deliver on this day, I desire on your behalf, and on my own behalf, to express the great gratification which I am sure every Mason in Ireland felt at the fact that this year Ireland had been again honoured by a visit from their Majesties the King and the Queen, and also our great pleasure at the knowledge that Ireland is to be visited in the coming year by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I must add an earnest desire that His Royal Highness were himself a member of our Craft (hear, hear). But though he is not, another member of the Royal Family has been, and is one of the most active Masons amongst us—His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. His Royal Highness was until recently the Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in Ireland, and we were in hopes that he would have continued longer in this country and that we would, time and again, have had the pleasure of seeing him, as we have had, in this hall. However, he has been called to serve his Sovereign in the sister country, and we can only hope that his duties as Inspector General of His Majesty's Forces may, from time to time, bring him to this country, and I am perfectly satisfied that whenever he does come he will receive a right royal welcome at your hands.

Extended tribute is paid to the memory of the illustrious dead of the year, and many interesting events of the year are related of notable brethren at home and abroad. He thus speaks of conditions:

As to the progress of Freemasonry in this country, nine new Warrants have been issued during the year, all in two Northern Provinces, the Province of Antrim and the Province of Down. Though nine is a very fair number, it does not come up to that of last year, when we had twenty, but I think it is a very fair average, and it shows that in the North of Ireland at any rate Masonry is progressing in a most satisfactory manner. There is another test of progress in the Order which is equally satis-

factory. The Accounts of the Grand Lodge, which will be appended to the printed report of this day's proceedings, though they are not yet closed, as there are a few days to come of the financial year, will show that while this has not been a record year—we cannot make records every year, we made one last year—it has been a very successful one. The credit balance at the foot of our account is a very substantial one. The number of Initiations that have taken place in the City of Dublin will constitute 1904, if not a record in that particular, at least very nearly one, and the number of Initiations in the Order generally throughout the country has been equally satisfactory. Therefore, I have no hesitation in saying that this year has been a year in which Masonry has progressed in every particular.

Charity is a feature, and considerable money is contributed to maintain boys and girls schools. The place of holding the session of the Grand Lodge is at Masonic Hall, in Dublin, and there the Grand Secretary maintains his office.

#### KANSAS, 1905.

February 15th, in Toler Auditorium, in the city of Wichita, the forty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Thomas G. Fitch, Grand Master, with representatives from two hundred and twenty-seven of the three hundred and sixty-nine subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Abundant blessings showered upon the people of a great commonwealth, accompanied by material prosperity, engages the Grand Master's attention in the opening paragraphs of his annual address, and an unparalleled increase of membership in their lodges, he says, has taken place during the year past.

Two Past Grand Masters died during the year, M.·W.·Brother Joseph D. McCleverty, May 30th, and M.·W.·Brother Jacob D. Rush on October 26th, 1904, to whose memory honorable record and fraternal tribute are made.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of five lodges that were granted charters at the last preceding annual communication; the instituting of five lodges U.·D.·; the issuing of copies of charters to four lodges that had lost the original by fire; the granting of eighty special dispensations, thirty-six of which were for the purpose of conferring degrees by waiving statutory time, and for the laying of a goodly number of cornerstones. He made but few official visits, deeming it unnecessary because of their District Deputy system of lodge visiting and inspection. He discusses the Masonic Home, giving facts and figures showing excellent judgment, and all within the means furnished, which have been abundant. Necessary and substantial improvements have been added during the year and everything at the Home is prosperously progressing to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, and to the great credit of the whole-souled brethren of Kansas. He reports only two decisions, both upon questions of local interest merely.

The Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, and Grand Junior



Warden, each made report of the performance of the duties—not many—of his office.

And here is what the Council of Administration says in its report upon the ritual enterprise:

It was ordered that three copies of the new ritual be issued to each lodge free of cost on proper receipt signed by the Master, and that the new rituals be sold through the Secretaries of lodges at \$1.00 each to Master Masons in good standing, and on proper receipt signed by the purchaser and forwarded to the Grand Secretary; it was further ordered that the first edition of the ritual be limited to 5,000 copies, and that all present elective Grand Officers and all Past Grand Masters be furnished, on their application, with a copy of the ritual, they giving proper receipt therefor.

It is deplorable that a Grand Lodge should so far forget the obligation every Mason has taken, and follow the example of other societies, including, of course, Masonic bodies other than the blue lodge, and at the same time deliberately make an innovation in the body of Masonry. It was the earnest hope of many that the Ancient Craft would not drag its ritual in the mud of publicity. Whatever may be said in favor of a printed ritual for other societies, in ours it is an abomination.

R.:W.:Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, presents a most complete report of the business of the jurisdiction recorded in his office.

Five lodges U.:D.: were granted charters and one of the old lodges surrendered its charter. No matters of grievance or appeal appeared to vex the peace of mind of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

An association of Past Grand Masters was formed, and its proceedings, including its constitution and by-laws, are printed and included in the volume under review. Its objects declared are:

1. To continue and maintain the active interest of Past Grand Masters in the labors and work of the fraternity.
2. To encourage and secure the attendance of Past Grand Masters on the Communications of the Grand Lodge.
3. To observe, maintain and protect the ancient landmarks.
4. To aid in the enforcement of sound masonic jurisprudence.
5. To practice in our lives, and to teach unto others, the true spirit and principles of Freemasonry, and to encourage social intercourse among the membership.

M.:W.:Brother William M. Shaver presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and sixty pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1904, among them. Our Grand Master Bullard's address receives extended, favorable notice, and our Past Grand Master Lininger's statements of our Masonic Home are noticed.

Brother Shaver discusses the subject of Private Grand Honors, evidently favoring the idea that due guards and signs are such. We had thought that our Grand Master Crites was the first to suggest that view, which the writer regards as wholly erroneous, and we have seen nothing to convince us that we are in error. Whatever the Grand Honors may be, certainly due guards and signs are not such.

The report is comprehensive and ably written.  
M.:W.:Samuel R. Peters, Newton, is Grand Master.  
R.:W.:Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, is Grand Secretary.

#### KENTUCKY, 1904.

October 18th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Louisville, the one hundred and fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Owen D. Thomas, Grand Master, with a very large representation from the subordinate lodges, in attendance.

A single sentence in the opening paragraphs of the Grand Master's annual address, attracts the writer's attention, as justly expressive of the high aim that has engaged the attention of our brethren in that Grand Jurisdiction. He says: "May the glory of an honored past be an effectual inspiration to us, so that we may turn, from a brilliant retrospect, to see, with a prophetic eye, a no less brilliant prospect." Their Widows and Orphans Home, Old Masons Home, and Masonic Temple, speak eloquently of the past, and are evidence of the spirit of Freemasonry, prophesying great things in store in the future for that people.

Two Past Grand Masters had died during the year, M.:W.:Brother J. Soule Smith, on June 20th, 1904, and M.:W.:Brother James A. McKenzie, on June 25th, 1904, and to their memory he pays loving fraternal tribute.

The Grand Master reports several decisions, all holding well understood rules. One, however, perhaps less frequent, holds that a ballot for proficiency need not be unanimous, but that a majority decides. He reports the granting a considerable number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, but he had denied many requests to confer degrees out of time. Some corner-stones were laid, and some official visitations of lodges he reports. He discusses quite fully how a M.:M.: should wear his apron, giving numerous authorities and concludes that, as an evidence of rank, it should be with a corner turned, as Brother French teaches, up. He speaks of their beautiful temple "The Masonic," recently finished at a cost of about \$267,000.00, of their Old Masons' Home, and of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, one of the oldest in this country.

The Grand Treasurer's report deals with generous receipts and disbursements, and the Grand Secretary's report, as usual with Brother Grant, abounds with clearly stated and admirably arranged facts, showing all the important transactions of his office.

Twelve lodges U.:D.: were granted charters, and three lodges that had lost their charters by fire were granted new ones. The Grand Lodges of Western Australia, Costa Rica, and Queensland were recognized, while the application of the Grand Orient of Brazil was postponed for a year to enable an investigation to be made. Much routine business was transacted.

Past Grand Master William W. Clark presents the report on correspondence, covering eighty pages. Nebraska, 1904, receives fraternal consideration, our Grand Master Bullard's address is reviewed, and the writer's comments on Masonic Homes favorably noted. Judicious quotations with brief comment make up a well written review.

M.·W.·Roland H. C. Rhea, Morganfield, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Henry B. Grant, Louisville, is Grand Secretary.

#### LOUISIANA, 1905.

February 6th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of New Orleans, the ninety-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Louis P. Delahoussaye, Grand Master, with representatives from one hundred and eight of its one hundred and fifty-nine chartered lodges, in attendance.

The flight of time commands words of poetic beauty, in the Grand Master's opening address, and proceeding: "For our great country it has been a year of marvelous progress along all the lines of grander development. For our State it has been an era of prosperity and commercial advancement and for our Craft one of unparalleled growth and success." He further expresses the belief "that the dawning of the day is near when the influences of Masonry shall be felt and understood as never before in the history of our Craft."

The death of their Deputy Grand Master, R.·W.·E. T. Sellers, on January 27th, 1905, engages earnest words of tribute to his memory. On February 1st, 1905, their senior Past Grand Master, M.·W.·Brother Samuel Manning Todd, died, and to his memory loving words of tribute are paid.

The Grand Master speaks of improvements upon their Grand Lodge temple and recommends alterations in the way of increased accommodations for their tenants and the brethren of the Masonic bodies occupying the building. He reports no decisions, having disposed of questions submitted by reference to their Grand Lodge Digest of Laws, but explains a matter coming to his attention from the Master of a lodge, who was a magistrate, and who asked as to the course he should pursue in the event of a possible appeal to mob law in his jurisdiction:

It appeared that a party had been arrested, charged with a heinous offence, and the anger of the community aroused to an extent that the law was about to be ignored and violated by a mob. It further appeared that some of the members of the Masonic Lodge in the vicinity contemplated taking active part as members of the mob. My answer was emphatic. I told him in positive terms that his duty as an officer of the law was paramount and that any Mason who did not actively assist him in defending the law was recreant to his obligations and duties as a Mason, and that I would assert every prerogative of my office to punish by expulsion every such so-called Mason. I am not advised of any further action and think the calmer reasonings of the brethren avoided the commission of an act that would have stained the escutcheon of every Mason in that section.

He reports the granting of special dispensations for the usual purposes; he had refused requests for permission to appeal to the Craft generally in behalf of destitute Masons, their widows and orphans, in most cases. He did some official visiting among his lodges, with great pleasure and pleasant memories which he cherishes. One occasion was the laying of the corner-stone of a new Jewish Synagogue. The oration was delivered by an Episcopal minister, Rev. Brother C. C. Kramer, and the Grand Master says:

It seemed to me that the spirit of our Institution was thus fittingly symbolized and that there in the presence of the God of Israel, the God of the Gentile and the God of Masonry was being laid deep and strong and sure a corner-stone of Toleration and Truth upon which shall rest, a Temple in whose principal arch shall be placed, as a cap-stone, Love of God and Love of Man. I desire to personally thank Rev. Bro. Kramer for his eloquent presentation of the great purpose and end of Freemasonry. The congregation of the Synagogue and their learned Rabbi are worthy of special mention for the consideration shown our "Ancient Craft" and for the musical and vocal selections which added much to the general interest and to the impressiveness of the ceremonies.

They have paid off the debt against their temple, a valuable property, bringing considerable revenue, and by reason of a provision in their Grand Lodge law, so soon as the debt is paid, the whole revenue which may be derived from it, after the payment of the necessary and unavoidable expenses on its account, shall be devoted exclusively to charitable purposes, in the relief of worthy distressed members of the Order, their widows, and orphans. So that now our Louisiana brethren have before them a glorious work, and they will doubtless do it wisely, whether it be in establishing a Masonic Home, or upon some other, perhaps as wise, a plan. The Grand Master prefers the Iowa plan and discusses it, but we think the Order of the Eastern Star will persuade the Grand Lodge of Iowa to undertake the "Home" plan. We suggest that our Louisiana brethren keep an eye on Iowa.

A thoroughly complete report is that made by the Grand Secretary, R.:W.:Richard Lambert.

R.:W.:Brother Curtis T. Hines, Grand Lecturer, is doing a great work, as shown by his report, in keeping the ritual work up to the standard. The total estimated revenues for the year next following that annual communication, amount to more than twenty-one thousand dollars, which is very large for a jurisdiction with only about 8,500 members. Five lodges U.:D.: were granted charters.

The following comes from an Eastern Star chapter, and was sent with greetings to the Grand Lodge:

*Resolved*, That Rob Morris Chapter, No. 1, through its officers and members, individually and collectively, pledges its hearty co-operation to this M.:W.:Grand Lodge in any work it may undertake looking to the care of the Masons, widows and orphans and the aged and infirm, and will lend its moral and financial assistance to further any plan that may be adopted by this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, and would deem it a special privilege to assist the Masonic brethren in their noble and glorious work.

A very exhaustive report on the subject of providing relief for distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans, was presented, recommending the establishment of a Home fund. Without any tax whatever the Grand Lodge will receive about \$10,000.00 a year, by reason of the revenue from the temple, as above mentioned, and the Grand Lodge is seeking light on the subject how to best undertake the great object in view, and laid over the final consideration of the report until the next annual communication. Past Grand Master Henry M. Furman, of Indian Territory, who is doing a great work at home, in raising a fund for a Home, was present by invitation and addressed the Grand Lodge upon the subject.

The routine business of the Grand Lodge was all carefully considered and dispatched very harmoniously.

Brother Herman C. Duncan presents another ably written report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1904, among them.

M.·W.·Louis P. Delahoussaye, New Orleans, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Richard Lambert, New Orleans, is Grand Secretary.

#### MAINE, 1904.

May 3d, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Portland, the eighty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·William J. Burnham, Grand Master, with representatives from one hundred and ninety of the one hundred and ninety-nine subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master paid fraternal tribute to the dead, among them, Past Grand Master Winfield Scott Choate, who died June 27th, 1903, and Past Grand Master Joseph Alvah Locke, who died April 21st, 1904.

He reports a good condition of the Craft, the granting of a considerable number of special dispensations, for the usual purposes, and the rendering of decisions, five of which are set out in the record, three of these being as follows:

2. *Question.* Can lodge funds be used to pay for banquets, entertainments, etc., where it can be done without distress to the lodge?

*Answer.* Among the several ways which our regulations forbid the use of lodge funds, are pleasure excursions, and expense of annual receptions; a reasonable expense only for refreshments at lodge meetings would be proper.

4. *Question.* Can a collective ballot be allowed where there are several applications to be voted upon?

*Answer.* No. A ballot should be had on each application separately.

5. *Statement.* A ballot upon an application was declared "clear and the candidate accepted"; the records were so made up. After the meeting had closed the S. D. stated that he noticed one black ball in the box as he emptied it for another ballot; a member present stated that he had cast such a ballot, but should make no objection to it remaining as it was. *Question.* What should be done?



*Answer.* The record as made must stand and the degrees be conferred, unless an objection is made, in which case the W. M. should declare the candidate rejected. While it was careless on the part of the W. M. and Wardens in not detecting the ballot, and stupid on the part of the S. D. in not calling the attention of the W. M. to it, as the party who so voted did not object, it must stand as declared.

He reports the constituting of one newly chartered lodge, the dedication of two new Masonic halls, and the laying of the corner-stone of a church at Lewiston, and the instituting of a lodge U. D. D.

The state is divided into twenty-five districts, each with a District Deputy whose duty it is to visit and instruct the lodges in his district. Schools of instruction are also held, and by these methods the conditions, as shown by the reports of the Deputies and the Grand Lecturer, are good, and an earnest interest and zeal for high standards is maintained throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, and the lodges are having a large measure of prosperity.

The Grand Lodge, with moneys contributed therefor to the amount of \$2,737.27, had erected a monument to the memory of the late Josiah H. Drummond, and secured his Masonic Library from the estate, which is now, by itself, contained in the library of the Grand Lodge. It was with great pleasure I looked upon it on a recent visit to Portland, and also had a pleasant visit with Grand Secretary Berry in his office.

Brother Chase, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in a report upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, discusses its regularity, and doubts its Masonic legality. The facts are, we believe, that the lodges composing the Grand Lodge, at the time of its organization, held charters from the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, of Central America, and worked under the Scottish Rite ritual, but upon the organizing of the Grand Lodge adopted a constitution and regulations strictly in accord with the ancient landmarks and constitutions of Masonry as existing in England and North America. Our Grand Lodge of Nebraska, recognizing a rule that such lodges are legitimate and may, under such conditions, erect a Grand Lodge, entered into fraternal relations with the Costa Rican Grand Lodge. The writer recommended it, because of the frequent declarations of the late Josiah H. Drummond that the rule suggested was the true one. Our late Brother Drummond, in his 1901 report, said that: "The proceedings in the organization were regular." Some forty Grand Lodges, it is said, have recognized the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, and we cannot but think that it is entitled to such recognition.

The several reports made to the Grand Lodge are remarkable for conciseness of statement, evidencing ability in their writers, and sound practical sense in making up the record of their proceedings.

Lodge histories are a feature, and these are compiled from time to time and filed in the Grand Lodge library. Few lodges, it is said, are without such records.

M. W. Brother Albro E. Chase presents the report on correspondence,

covering one hundred and eighty-four pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1903, receives liberal space and fraternal consideration, the reviewer freely extracting from our proceedings of that year, and commenting upon such interesting questions as he finds in the record.

Of himself he says:

We are of a conservative nature. We believe in Masonry as it existed in the days of our fathers; we mean before all the hurry and bustle of the present day, when there was time for everything, and everything at a proper time; in the days when the attentive ear caught the true meaning of Masonry, and it was not thought necessary by means of robes and glittering paraphernalia, to teach Masonry to a candidate through his eyes. As a matter of fact it is "light in Masonry" that the candidate is seeking for, and it is only by a study of the teachings of Masonry through his brains that his heart becomes filled with pure masonic love to God, his neighbor, and himself.

M. W. Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor, is Grand Master.

R. W. Stephen Berry, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

#### MANITOBA, 1904.

June 18th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Edmonton, the twenty-ninth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Master, with representatives from sixty-eight of its seventy-nine subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Think of Edmonton about June 18th, the long days, twilight at 11 o'clock P. M. and daylight soon after 1 A. M. June in Alberta is a delightful month.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master extended a hearty, fraternal greeting on the glad occasion of their meeting, and submitted earnest and well chosen words of commendation of the principles of our great Fraternity, speaking directly of what constitutes the true Freemason. It is well to hold high ideals, and ever point to the attainments within the reach of the faithful. He had made many official visits to subordinate lodges and records his high appreciation of his reception on each occasion. That is an interesting country, rapidly filling up, and Masonry is prosperous. Of it he says:

The path of progress in this Western Jurisdiction has been strewn with abundant evidences of rare wisdom applied in the Councils of the past, of the active thought of worthy brethren who lived to bestow their best for others, and of the record of those who died, their memories revered for the good that was theirs, and for the uplifting influence of their lives. Material progress has been the unvarying record of this Grand Lodge, but happily not alone, nor the chief cause for rejoicing; all these, however, have been an inspiration from year to year, inspiring as they have to better effort and to greater joy. Are we better, truer, more self sacrificing men? More ready to believe and acknowledge the wise dispensation of Divine Providence, to follow only the path that leads to eternal happiness, and while we live not to lend, but to give brotherly Love and Relief and to live the Truth itself.

Eloquently he speaks of the prospects of the future and urges his brethren to renewed effort in maintaining a high standard of excellence in their individual and organized efforts as Masons. Some practical recommendations were:

I wish to suggest that all members of the fraternity should, at the meeting of Grand Lodge, District Lodges, Installations, or any particular function in their lodge, wear the insignia of their present or past rank.

That after the third degree has been conferred, the examination shall be held in this as in the first and second degrees, and that the new member must also be examined and work his way into lodge as if he were an utter stranger.

Further, as we have no Grand Lecturer, I consider it the duty of Past Masters, who have had the honor of the chairs, to offer guidance and instruction to the brethren on every suitable occasion by short lectures on Masonic subjects. This suggestion I made during my official visits (I am glad to see at Prince Albert that the suggestion has been followed).

His address throughout shows that he has been thoroughly impressed with the deeper thought and the loftier aims of the Fraternity. His labors in the high office to which he had attained, he says, have been abundantly rewarded in the enlarged vision he had gained as to the meaning of Masonry and its influence for good over its members.

The Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, dedicated the building in which they were assembled, owned by Edmonton Lodge No. 53, the rooms of which it is said "are commodious, beautifully furnished and fitted up for Masonic purposes."

They have the District Deputy system with twelve districts, and each deputy makes report of having performed his duty. The Committee on the Condition of Masonry, to whom these reports were referred, speak of the zeal and ability of the deputies, and of the bright prospects in view.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is very gratifying, and we copy it:

No amendments to the Constitution have been proposed or submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

No Appeals or Questions of Masonic Law and Usage have been submitted for your Committee's consideration, from which we draw the pleasing conclusion that peace and harmony universally prevails throughout the large territory covered by this Grand Lodge.

Five lodges U. D. were granted charters and three, not having worked four months in accordance with a provision of their constitution, were continued for one year.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. A. Chisholm, Macgregor, is Grand Master.

M. W. James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, is Grand Secretary.

## MARYLAND, 1904.

November 15th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, the one hundred and eighteenth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. Henry C. Griffin, Senior Grand Warden; after which the entrance of M. W. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master, was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given, and he took the gavel tendered him by the Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address does not, as is usual in nearly all the Grand Jurisdictions, contain anything like a full report of his official acts, but is general in its brief statements. His greeting is fraternal and he speaks of continued prosperity throughout the entire jurisdiction. He speaks of the disastrous conflagration that had occurred in Baltimore, which for a time, he says, almost paralyzed the energies of a large portion of its population, but it is rebuilding and the city will be more beautiful than before. He pays tribute to the fraternal dead, recounts the pleasures enjoyed in several official visits made to subordinate lodges, sometimes accompanied by his Grand Officers. On one occasion the cornerstone of a new Masonic temple at Salisbury, Maryland, was laid; at another time, the corner-stone of the new Chamber of Commerce in Baltimore was laid.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer submit concise accounts of receipts aggregating nearly \$30,000.00.

The Board of Grand Inspectors for the city of Baltimore submitted a very satisfactory report of conditions in the city lodges. Relief to the amount of \$913.15 had been granted by the Lodge of Relief during the year. "Quite a number of local and foreign cases were investigated and relieved; two were buried, one of these in the Lodge of Relief lot; the other sent to his former home."

"Several local cases here (Baltimore) received substantial assistance and are now taking care of and supporting themselves and children."

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$50.00 for renewal of membership in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. Two proposed amendments to their law were submitted by Brother Edward T. Schultz, their veteran reviewer, which lie over one year, providing:

"No Lodge shall act upon the application, for initiation, passing, raising or membership of any candidate who has been rejected, within six months after such rejection."

"The question of proficiency shall be determined by viva-voce vote without objection, and not until the examination is satisfactory shall the ballot be taken for advancement."

R. W. Brother Edward T. Schultz presents the report on correspondence, his eighteenth, covering one hundred and eight pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-seven American Grand Lodges, and five "Beyond the Seas." Our brother is, and for several years has been, sadly stricken by blindness, but his Grand Lodge, recognizing his faith-

fulness and efficiency, has continued him in the work, which, with the assistance of a reader and amanuensis, he most acceptably performs.

Of which he thus speaks in his conclusion:

With the feeling of relief which comes to me at the conclusion of a task that has occupied my attention for some months, comes a feeling of profound gratitude to a Merciful Providence which has spared my life and health and enabled me to prepare for the Eighteenth time a Report on Foreign Correspondence to my Grand Lodge.

I am also reminded that the work could not have been accomplished without the assistance of others, and I gratefully acknowledge the aid received. First, from my reader and amanuensis, Bro. George H. Rogers, who for six months has given me from two to three hours daily of his time and labor, and to my associates on the Committee, Bro. James E. Green, for examining and marking such passages in the proceedings as should receive attention, especially for his interesting review of the Jurisdictions "Beyond the Seas," and Bro. Rev. Henry Branch for reading and correcting proof.

We have been for years familiar with his work as a reporter for the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter; in the latter for some thirty years, fifteen of which we have followed him with interest and admiration, and seldom, if ever, have we seen any reason for disagreement with his conclusions. He not only maintains the love and sympathy of the Craft in Maryland, but throughout the Masonic World. In the review now under consideration he ably maintains his high standard. Nebraska, 1904, is fraternally considered, and everything of general interest is carefully noted. He thus does up a matter in our Grand Lodge, that at the time escaped the writer's attention, but we must acknowledge that his criticism is warranted:

A brother submitted the following:

"A Lodge in a foreign country requests a Lodge in Nebraska to confer the Master Mason's degree on one of its members.

"Question. Suppose objection be lodged against the conferring of the degree, will the brother making the objections have to give the Master his reasons for so objecting, and what will the Master do in the matter?"

"After due consideration, Past Grand Master Ayers, for the Committee on Jurisprudence, answered as follows:

"An objection of this kind should not be respected until after the degrees are conferred."

Apparently this was too difficult a question for the Grand Lodge to tackle, as it took no action on the subject. For the life of us we cannot see what could be accomplished by an objection after the Brother had received the Master's degree.

Under Canada, he discusses the proposition that a lodge, while engaged in burying its dead, and a Grand Lodge, while laying a corner-stone, is an open lodge or Grand Lodge, as the case may be, laboring as a lodge or Grand Lodge. We had always supposed that this view was universally true, but it seems that after opening in Canada and three American Grand Jurisdictions, the lodge calls off and performs the work while at refreshment, under the theory that a lodge cannot be open and at labor, in public. We certainly agree with Brother Schultz's position.



Brother Schultz's report, as usual, abounds with well considered comment upon interesting questions, and for this is valuable.

M.·W.·Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·William M. Isaac, Baltimore, is Grand Secretary.

#### MASSACHUSETTS, 1904.

Four quarterly, and the stated communication on December 27th, being its one hundred and seventy-first anniversary, constitute the proceedings coming to us for review.

The first quarterly was, as all the others were, convened in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston. M.·W.·Balis Sanford, Grand Master, presided, with a large attendance of representatives from the subordinate lodges. The Grand Master announced the death of a permanent member of the Grand Lodge, and among other things said:

R. W. Henry Goddard, who was at the time of his decease the oldest living Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, serving in that office in 1858, died at his home in Worcester on January 12, 1904, in the eighty-first year of his age. His funeral occurred at his late residence on Friday, January 15, at which the Grand Lodge was represented by the Grand Master and R. W. Forrest E. Barker, Senior Grand Warden. The Knights Templar burial service was beautifully and impressively rendered by the officers of Worcester County Commandery, of which R. W. Brother Goddard was Past Eminent Commander.

A tribute to his memory was presented by R.·W.·Brother Forrest E. Barker, historical and highly complimentary, furnishing a permanent record of value to his friends and the Craft.

An interesting historical record is made in the following:

The Recording Grand Secretary presented two mahogany ballot boxes received from Dr. J. Collins Warren, an eminent physician and surgeon of Boston and the great-grandson of Dr. John Warren who was our Grand Master in 1783, 1784 and 1787. These boxes, with the appropriate furnishings, were found in a chest belonging to Gen. Joseph Warren, after his death in the battle of Bunker Hill, and had remained in the custody of his family ever since. For the last thirty years they have formed a part of the interesting collection of relics contributed by the Warren family to the Museum in the Old South Church. These boxes and their contents were probably in the service of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge while Joseph Warren presided.

But little routine business came before the Grand Lodge.

The second quarterly was on June 8th, and the Grand Master presided. The trial commissioners made report of their findings in one case. An amendment to their constitution was proposed, to change the rank and title of Past Grand Officers, but it found little favor, and the matter was dismissed.

Several special communications are reported for the laying of cornerstones of public buildings, and some of the addresses on such occasions are published with the proceedings.

The third quarterly was held on September 14th, at which the Grand

Master presided. Little business was transacted, but more specials, for the purpose of laying corner-stones and the dedication of a Masonic hall, are recorded.

The fourth quartely occurred on December 14th, with the Grand Master in the chair. At this communication the Grand Master delivered his annual address. He reports a united and prosperous condition of Masonry, generally, throughout the state, and a devotion and loyalty exhibited by the lodges and brethren. To the memory of the dead he pays fraternal tribute. He reports a goodly number of official visits to the subordinate lodges, in some of these visits being accompanied by his associate officers. He speaks of the District Deputy Grand Masters as constituting one of the most important departments of the Grand Lodge, and praises their labors.

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. Frederic L. Putnam, made report of active labor in his field.

The Grand Master speaks of entertaining the Earl of Dartmouth, Provincial Grand Master for Straffordshire, of the Grand Lodge of England, and his wife, the Countess, and their daughter, in conducting them through the several apartments of the Boston Masonic Temple, in company with R. W. Brother Charles T. Gallagher and his wife. The Earl, at the time, he says, was visiting America, in response to an invitation extended to him by the President of Dartmouth College, to assist in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the new Dartmouth Hall, to be erected on the site of the old hall which had been destroyed by fire, and to which, and the college, the Earl's great-grandfather contributed a liberal sum at its inception, and for which he received the honor of having the college bear his name.

At this communication the election of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year was held. There was a very large attendance of representatives, and much routine business was disposed of.

And now comes the stated communication of December 27th, when all the Grand Officers are installed, and then "The Grand Feast," celebrating the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, instituted when Masonry was first introduced into the Commonwealth, more than two hundred years ago. It is an occasion of great enjoyment. The after dinner speeches sparkle with wit, and there are always speakers equal to the occasion. The Grand Master presides as toast-master, with lawyers, doctors, clergymen, and others on every side. Here is what one of the clergymen, their Senior Grand Chaplain, said:

**MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN:**—I think it is a matter of prudence to call us from refreshment to labor, at this time, otherwise some of us might be in the condition of the boy whose mother took him out to a public dinner, where, for once in his life, he got all he wanted to eat; and when he got filled up, he said to his mother, "Take me home, but don't bend me." [Laughter.] It might be disastrous to attempt to bend some of us. Brother Storer sits pretty straight, I see; but you must

"Take him up tenderly,  
Lift him with care;  
Fashioned so slenderly,  
Young and so fair."

Brother Horton, another preacher, and Associate Grand Chaplain, a great wit and story teller, usually on hand, was absent, but Brother Gallagher is always there, and in introducing him the Grand Master said some very flattering things. Whereupon Brother Gallagher told the story of the head of a great work, who took his assistant, a young and eloquent man, along to explain the work to a Committee of Congress. The young man, as the story goes, grew eloquent, described the development of the work, and at the same time lauded his chief. The chief, aforesaid, was a modest man; blushing with embarrassment he jumped up and said: "Gentlemen, I want you to understand that I didn't bring this young rooster here to crow for me."

To get even with Brother Skinner, and account for that reverend gentleman's eloquence in asking the blessing before the feast began, alleging that Skinner had glanced at the good things, he told the following:

I was irreverent enough to recall the story I think in Bishop Wilberforce's Memoirs, or letters, of the bishop of the Anglican Church who, when requested to say grace at a dinner, first cast his eyes over the table and if he saw that there were no wine glasses or other evidences of elaboration, was wont to say, "Oh, Lord, we thank Thee for even the meanest of these, Thy gifts;" but if the table were laden with good things and a variety of wine glasses were in evidence, he then addressed the Throne of Grace effusively: "Oh, Lord, how bountiful and manifold are Thy blessings for which we thank thee, etc., etc."

The writer reads from year to year with increasing interest the speeches at the "Grand Feast," and suggests that the reader get the annuals containing them and enjoy the treat.

M. W. Baalis Sanford, Brockton, is Grand Master.

R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston, is Grand Secretary.

#### MINNESOTA, 1905.

January 18th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of St. Paul, the fifty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William A. McGonagle, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from a large number of its two hundred and forty-four subordinate lodges, in attendance.

A cordial fraternal greeting to his brethren marks the opening of the Grand Master's annual address. He says that the condition of the Craft is most excellent, and from every direction come reports of the most substantial growth of our Institution. He reports the constituting of three newly chartered lodges, and the instituting of three U. D.; he had granted a few special dispensations, and he reports only three decisions, although scores of questions, answered by reference to their Masonic Code, had been submitted to him. He held that an applicant must be

twenty-one years of age before his petition can be read in the lodge to which it is directed; and that a brother stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, and a suicide, may receive Masonic burial by courtesy of the lodge.

The corner-stone for a new Masonic temple at Duluth, one for a new court house at Windom, and one for a public High School building at Anoka, were all laid by the Grand Master and his officers. He reports having made as many official visits to lodges as was possible, and attend to the duties of his vocation in the business world.

To the memory of their Past Grand Master Jacob Armel Kiester, who died at his home in Blue Earth, Minnesota, December 13th, 1904, he pays loving fraternal tribute, placing on record an extended memorial.

Brother Luis G. Hoffman, Grand Orator, delivered an address, eloquent in earnest words, and evidencing the true conception of the worth of Freemasonry to the human race.

Some critic has said that most of the societies holding annual sessions, meet to amend the constitution and elect officers. In many Grand Lodges the amendment of the constitution requires time, and a degree of circumlocution, quite inconsistent with the fact that a Grand Lodge is said to possess supreme authority, Masonically, to legislate, execute, and judicially determine all matters coming before it. The time it took in Minnesota is indicated by the following:

The Grand Master stated that the first order of business would be the approval of the revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge as adopted last year, whereupon, on motion of Bro. Chas. L. West (39), seconded by Bro. S. L. Frazer (186), the Grand Lodge Constitution adopted last year, as published with the proceedings of 1904, and as found in the Masonic Code of Minnesota, published in 1900, was voted upon and declared by the Grand Master to be unanimously approved, ratified and confirmed.

The following was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the letter of Bro. J. C. Townsend, requesting recognition of the Masonic Observer, of which he is publisher, fraternally report that we recognize in the Observer a faithful and intelligent exponent of Masonic events in this and other Grand Jurisdictions and recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Fraternity.

Two lodges U. D. were granted charters, and one was continued under dispensation.

The proceedings of their Masonic Veteran Association, at the twelfth annual reunion, are appended, and constitute interesting reading. The annual feast was a very enjoyable occasion, and addresses were made by the President and others.

The following deserved tribute contains so much of historical interest that we make room for it:

ELEANOR C. BERRIEN was born on the 29th day of May, 1819. Her girlhood days were spent like other young girls of that day. She was married at Long Island, on the 19th of October, 1835, to Bro. A. T. C.

Pierson, who afterward became so prominent in the Masonic history of Minnesota as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and as Secretary thereof for many years. Brother Pierson came to Minnesota in 1850, locating at the Winnebago agency, now Long Prairie. Mrs. Pierson came two years later on, when Minnesota was but a wilderness. She at once adapted herself to a frontier life. Some time afterwards they removed to St. Paul, where her husband became prominent as the leading and first Mason in the state. It was there that she gave evidence of her love and affection for the Masonic fraternity. Much of her time was given to the manufacture of Blue and Grand Lodge regalia, without hope of fee or expectation of reward, solely through her love of the Order.

Brother Irving Todd again presents the report on correspondence, ably written, covering eighty pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1904, receiving generous consideration.

M.:W.:Henry M. Tusler, St. Paul, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Thomas Montgomery St. Paul, is Grand Secretary.

#### MISSISSIPPI, 1904.

February 18th, in the city of Greenville, the eighty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Emmet N. Thomas, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from two hundred and fifty-nine of its two hundred and eighty-eight subordinate lodges, in attendance.

A fraternal greeting to his brethren, marks the opening paragraph of the Grand Master's annual address. Of the condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction he says that in all truthfulness it is exceedingly gratifying. To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute. Two of their Past Grand Masters had died during the year, M.:W.:Brother John L. Spinks and M.:W.:Brother John Riley, of whom honorable record is made.

Of decisions he says:

I referred questions not requiring executive action, to the committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, and with a few minor exceptions in which unimportant questions were involved, made no decisions, where I was not called upon to take some action.

He granted a few special dispensations, refusing as many as did not come within the rule of necessity therefor, which the exercise of a sound discretion required. He reports the laying of nine corner-stones of as many such public buildings as it is proper to honor with such ceremonies. To facilitate the work of their twelve District Deputy Grand Masters, a meeting of all of them was held and a two days' session had; the Grand Master was in attendance, and he says of it, "The work was charming."

He reports having signed four charters, granted at the last preceding session of the Grand Lodge, and having granted dispensations for three new lodges. The erection of so many lodges often leads to what has taken place in that Grand Jurisdiction, for by reference to their statistical



table, we learn that of the total number of lodges chartered, 464, one hundred and sixty-six are now defunct.

Ten of their twelve District Deputies make reports which are included in the published proceedings, and they accord with the Grand Master's declarations as to the good condition of the Craft.

M.:W.:Brother Frederic Speed, Grand Secretary, presents as usual, an admirable report, with statistical tables and full showing of the important transactions of his office.

Fraternal relations had been entered into with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and M.:W.:Brothers Speed and Howard were received as Grand Representatives of those Grand Jurisdictions, Brother Speed for England and Brother Howard for Scotland. Brother Speed responded in a short address, highly befitting, and such as would be expected of so distinguished a Mason.

Six lodges U.:D.:were granted charters, and four new lodges were granted dispensations.

Accompanying the proceedings, but separately bound, we have received a volume containing 227 pages, closely printed, of the Digest of the Law of Masonry in Mississippi, with an index, a most valuable publication, prepared and edited by Past Grand Master Frederic Speed.

M.:W.:Brother Andrew H. Barkley presents a well written report on correspondence, covering eighty-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges. His ability to well express himself is shown in his brief conclusion:

We have sat in the counsels of the wise men of the East, and drunk of the refreshing waters which flow from this perennial stream. We have walked the halls of science with the solons of the mystic art, and caught up the instructive words as they fell from their lips. We have gleaned in the Masonic fields, and gathered up the golden sheaves as they dropped from the hand of the busy reaper. We have plucked the ripe fruit from the tree of knowledge, and, having completed our labors, we lay these precious treasures upon the altar of our faith, and dedicated them to the use of a common Brotherhood.

M.:W.:Thomas Upton Sisson, Winona, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, is Grand Secretary.

#### MISSOURI, 1904.

September 27th, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in St. Louis, the eighty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:William F. Kuhn, Grand Master, with representatives from three hundred and eighty-nine of its five hundred and fifty-nine subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Preceding this, and on the 13th day of August, 1904, the Grand Secretary, Reviewer, and Past Grand Master, M.:W.:Brother John D. Vincil, was honored by his brethren, who gathered and celebrated the Golden Jubilee, on his fiftieth anniversary as a Master Mason; a banquet with after dinner speeches and the presentation of a Past Grand Master's jewel,

accompanied by twenty ten dollar gold pieces, enlivened the occasion. At the annual communication Brother Vincil attended to all his duties as Grand Secretary and submitted his report on correspondence. But, alas! on October 15th following, he departed this life. An historical sketch of his busy life constitutes the opening pages of the volume under review.

At the annual communication, the Grand Master in opening his annual address, said:

Here, where the flag of the Castilian was first planted; where the tri-color of France once floated; one hundred years ago, our country's flag first unfurled its silken folds to awaken a new civilization beyond the Father of Waters. The event of a century ago is now being celebrated, and for a brief period the red, white and blue of the old is entwined with the red, white and blue of the new, while the fleur-de-lis graces the fairest stars that ever shone in the azure hue.

He reports having issued dispensations for ten new lodges, and a considerable number to elect officers out of time, and for other purposes. He had laid, or caused to be laid, eleven corner-stones for Masonic buildings, churches, and other public structures, and had dedicated a good many Masonic halls. An enjoyable occasion was his visit to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, at Topeka, in February, 1904, when he met the Grand Master of Colorado, and where the hospitality and courtesies usual were exchanged.

He reports fourteen decisions, the first, if correct, and we think it is, states the law upon a very important question; as approved it holds:

It was correctly decided that it is not competent for a Grand Master to restore a Charter arrested by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge is the supreme Masonic authority in this State. Its decrees are final and conclusive. They are not subject to be reviewed, set aside or vacated by the Grand Master, or any other officer or Body. Implicit obedience must be accorded them. When the Grand Lodge has acted upon a matter, any errors that may have been committed can only be corrected by the Grand Lodge itself. This decision is affirmed.

The second decision was, where a member of a lodge in another jurisdiction, but residing in Missouri, and a saloon-keeper, which he might be without offense in the lodge where he was a member, died, and the Missouri lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided, was asked to bury him with Masonic honors, and it was held, correctly, we think:

A Lodge is not compelled by comity to extend Masonic courtesies to a Mason of another Grand Jurisdiction, whose conduct and standing, while a resident here, do not entitle him to such consideration. A Grand Lodge is not obligated to disregard its own policy, laws and usages and its ideas of Masonic propriety for the purpose of extending courtesies to a resident of this State, affiliated with a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, when such recognition would not be extended to him if he was a member of one of its own Lodges. Such courtesies are matters of comity, and this does not require a Grand Lodge to sacrifice its own dignity or policy. All that can be asked is that a Mason of one Jurisdiction shall receive all the rights and privileges that would be accorded to him if he was affiliated in the Jurisdiction where he has fixed his residence

Another decision correctly holds that only those who have been present during the entire trial and have heard all the testimony, are entitled to vote on the guilt or innocence of the accused. And another holds that a man is not considered Masonically in his dotage as long as he can intelligently understand the work and learn the lectures of Masonry. It is not the number of years that a man has lived, but his mental condition. And the following is a good one:

9.—Question.—Is it necessary to have a dispensation for a public installation of officers, either alone or in conjunction with the Order of the Eastern Star?

Answer.—The public installation of Lodge Officers is a Masonic occasion. No dispensation is necessary. Go ahead and be happy with the Sisters.

In discussing physical qualifications, he pertinently remarks: "An Apollo with a wooden head is a greater menace than the absence of a finger on the hand of a good man. The plumb line of measurement is not physical perfection or physical symmetry, but good work, square work, true work."

His testimony on their Home is valuable. He says:

It is needless for me to detain you with an eulogy of our Home or to urge you to greater faithfulness. The love and fidelity that you bear to this great work of charity is so strongly entrenched in your hearts that no words from me are necessary.

The Order of the Eastern Star, above their fifteen cents per membership tax, is pouring into the Home a constant stream of the little things, so much desired, that only the heart of a woman can suggest.

It can be safely estimated that from this source alone a thousand dollars worth of the little needs are supplied. Brethren, speak a kind, encouraging word, aye more, aid the ladies in their faithful beneficent work.

It is not necessary to add more; but talk for our Home, work for our Home, visit our Home, be a blessing to the Home.

The amount due the Masonic Home from Grand Lodge dues for the year is stated to be \$18,735.50; other considerable sums of money were received by the Home, together with many gifts of useful things, contributed by other Masonic organizations and the O. E. S.

Ten lodges U. D. were granted charters.

R. W. Allan McDowell, Grand Lecturer, makes report showing active labor in his field at eleven state lodges of instruction. He says the Grand Master presided. Together with the District Deputies and District Lecturer a good many district lodges of instruction had been held.

M. W. Brother John D. Vincil, since deceased, presented the report on correspondence, his twenty-seventh, covering one hundred and ninety-six pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1903, is fraternally reviewed.

As his last words in this field, we give place to his conclusion:

Closing my annual report, and looking back over the field of Masonic labor, I note with interest the steady advance of Masonry in all Jurisdictions. The general prosperity obtaining in all of our sister Grand Lodges

is most gratifying. In our own jurisdiction, prospects have never been better or more encouraging along moral lines as well as material prosperity. With a hearty appreciation of the kindness shown to me by members of the Guild, as well as my Brethren of Missouri, I close my Twenty-seventh Annual Report with kind and fraternal greetings to all.

M.·W.·Leroy B. Valliant, St. Louis, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Brother John D. Vincil was re-elected, but soon thereafter died.

#### MONTANA, 1904.

October 5th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Helena, the fortieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·H. S. Hepner, Grand Master, with representatives from fifty of its fifty-one chartered lodges, in attendance. In opening his annual address the Grand Master thus recites the various products of his state:

At a time when the best products of her fields and orchards, of her mines and mills, of her flocks and herds, are gathered on exhibition in this capital of our grand commonwealth, it certainly seems a natural occasion for the gathering of the cream of her population.

Passing from the subjects of commercial interest, including "cream," his phraseology becomes laden with expressions of Masonic significance, and he pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their illustrious dead, four Past Grand Masters, all of whom, he says, were pioneers of Montana; all helped to lay securely the foundations of their state, and all were "present at the birth of our Order in Montana, and aided in nurturing it into a strong and healthy growth." M.·W.·Brother Samuel Word died at Helena, September 24th, 1903; M.·W.·Brother James R. Weston died at Townsend, on August 13th, 1904; M.·W.·Brother James W. Hathaway died at Helena, on August 29th, 1904; and on the 5th day of September, 1904, M.·W.·Brother James H. Mills died in the city of Deer Lodge, Montana.

The Grand Master reports a healthy growth and a prosperous condition of the lodges, the constituting of two chartered lodges, the instituting of two lodges under dispensation, and the issuing of one dispensation to a lodge to attend divine worship on St. John the Evangelist's Day. By a resolution of our Grand Lodge, a lodge in Nebraska can without dispensation and at its pleasure attend church as a lodge. He also issued two special dispensations to elect officers, where vacancies existed, but he refused requests to confer degrees on candidates who had not shown proficiency in preceding degrees, and one to modify the form of initiation owing to physical deformity of the candidate. This last request seems altogether out of place, and a curiosity in Masonic records.

He reports twelve decisions, all of which seem to be sound; four of them because of their importance, and the distinct manner of statement, we extract:

2. In conferring the third degree the work of either the first or second section cannot be omitted.

4. The status of a demitted member who petitioned a lodge for affiliation and was rejected, is that of an involuntary non-affiliate. He can visit lodges of this jurisdiction for one year after rejection; he can renew the right if he desires by petitioning again for affiliation and being again rejected, if such should be the case; his right of visitation of a lodge is subject to objection by a member whose objection is deemed sufficient by the Master of the Lodge.

5. In the absence of the Master and of one of the Wardens, the other Warden, being present, can call any brother to the east for the performance of such duties as the Warden may desire, either to open, close or preside over the business of the communication, conferring of the degrees, or for any or either of these; but the Warden must remain in the lodge room; he may relieve the brother at any time and assume charge of the east.

6. A Master may use his discretion in the matter of occupying his chair or vacating it while speaking on a matter under discussion; he cannot make motions or offer amendments without vacating his chair and having some one else preside.

8. Petitioner for degrees elected, and then removes from this jurisdiction; lodge requests a lodge in his new place of residence to confer the E. A. degree on the candidate; refused on ground that objections have been filed in that lodge against complying with this request; candidate returns to this jurisdiction and asks that degrees be conferred on him; held that the objections in the lodge that was asked the courtesy have no efficacy in the lodge that elected candidate unless they be made in conformity with our code provisions in the lodge that elected the candidate.

He speaks of the necessity for a Masonic Home, and recommended the continuance of a committee, with power to act, which was approved by the Grand Lodge. Special reference to our Nebraska Masonic Home is made in their proceedings as an example of what Montana can do. A member, now deceased, bequeathed one-half of his estate, now in the possession of the Grand Lodge, for a Home; the Grand Lodge has also a fund for the purpose, and assesses a per capita tax, and preparations to build are being made.

M. W. Brother Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary, presented an admirable report, divided under two heads "General" and "Financial." In his general report he mentions all the important transactions of the year, and speaks in confident terms of their soon establishing a Home. We note his approval of the plan, because of his long years of service and his ripe years of observation and experience, commanding as it must the thoughtful consideration of intelligent brethren. A deceased brother, as noted in our last annual review of Montana, had left by will a large estate, in lands, as now ascertained to the amount of 14,659 acres, and personal property, the amount of which had not as yet been determined, and all of this for the support of the Home, a magnificent gift, greatly encouraging the Craft in their laudable undertaking.

It coming to the knowledge of the Grand Lodge that Brother Reed of the state of Washington, was unwell, the following occurred:



Thomas M. Reed,  
Olympia, Washington.

The Grand Lodge of Montana in session today by unanimous vote instructed me to send you their greetings and pray for your continued health and strength as the Nestor of the Craft on the Pacific Coast and the oldest Grand Secretary in the world.

CORNELIUS HEDGES,  
Grand Secretary.

RESPONSE.

Before the close of the afternoon session the following reply was received:

Cornelius Hedges,  
Grand Secretary Masons, Helena, Mont.

Your telegram received. The loving words of greeting and fraternal expressions of good will from the congregated Masons of Montana fill my heart to overflowing with deepest sense of gratitude and appreciation. May our Father in Heaven ever have you in His holy keeping.

THOMAS M. REED,  
Grand Secretary.

The routine work of the communication was carefully considered and harmoniously dispatched.

M.·W.·Brother Cornelius Hedges, their oldest Past Grand Master, and, for many years Grand Secretary and reviewer, presents another excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-nine pages, Nebraska, 1903, and 1904, receiving fraternal and courteous treatment. He notes our returns and the large number of demissions, but by reference to our tables it will be seen that proportionally there is little difference between our jurisdictions. Our demissions are *all* to join other lodges. We are glad to find him commending our modest Masonic Home, and its economical management, as an example for Montana.

M.·W.·Lew L. Callaway, Virginia City, is Grand Master.

M.·W.·Cornelius Hedges, Helena, is Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1904.

June 14th, at Masonic Hall, in Virginia City, the fortieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R.·W.·George Gillson, Deputy and acting Grand Master, with representatives from nineteen of its twenty-one subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Owing to the severe illness of their Grand Master, M.·W.·Trenmor Coffin, the Deputy Grand Master read the Grand Master's annual address, in which he first expresses his regret at being unable to be present, and says:

With true Masonic pride I have looked forward to that highest of high honors, the distinction of presiding over my brethren in Grand Lodge assembled; but the Supreme Grand Master has willed otherwise. He doeth all things well. I dare look up to him and say, "Deal with me as Thou wilt; I am Thine." Though I cannot be with you, brethren, I send you greeting, and rejoice with you that our lodges are prosperous and that peace prevails.

A brief and eloquent exhortation to his brethren to obey Masonic precepts and live Masonry marks a portion of his opening. To the memory of the dead he pays fraternal tribute. He reports several decisions, well considered, but upon familiar questions and not of general interest.

Owing to his severe illness during his whole term as Grand Master he was unable to visit any of his lodges. By resolution the Grand Secretary was directed to telegraph the Grand Master, the sorrow of the Grand Lodge for his absence, and its deep sympathy on account of his illness.

The Deputy Grand Master reported that he had laid the cornerstone for their Masonic Home at Carson City, and one for the Carnegie Public Library building at Reno. And the Grand Lodge, by resolution, returned thanks.

The first evening the members of the Grand Lodge were entertained by the local chapter, O. E. S. and regaled with a banquet prepared by the sisters. The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and of local interest only.

Brother Edward D. Vanderlieth presented the report on correspondence, his third, covering one hundred and thirty-six pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. Under Nebraska, 1903, in reviewing our Grand Master's holding, he says:

Our Brother most emphatically holds it proper for lodges to carry the American flag in processions. The Star Spangled Banner needs no parading by Masons to make it more favorably known, and Masons need no such display to show their patriotism. A true Mason must be a true patriot for he is required to be true to his government and just to his country, and this is known the world over.

He compliments our Grand Orator Pound, who, we find, has been often quoted, on his oration. This writer had expressed surprise at a decision of the Grand Master of New Mexico, holding, in two cases, that the proprietor of a bar at which intoxicating liquors were sold, was eligible to be made a Mason, and we said this decision, approved by the New Mexico Grand Lodge "was so evidently in flagrant disregard of what is generally regarded decent that we wondered at the apology added." The apology was that the lodge was the best judge of the moral qualifications of applicants. This latter, dear Brother Vanderlieth, has not, as you assume, "shocked" us. We suggest a more careful study of what you choose to criticise. We don't like to be misquoted. It may seem to be all right in New Mexico and Nevada—we don't know—to take saloon-keepers into Masonic lodges, but generally speaking it is *shocking*. Of their Grand Master Morgan's remark in his annual address that he would like to see more warmth and brotherly feeling shown to a brother from other parts visiting among them, we added not one word of comment. Simply copied the remark. But our brother's remark that if we "would come west," provokes a smile. The west has been our home for a good many years, and the landscape views of Ne-

vada are not unfamiliar to our gaze, nor are the doings of its Masonic bodies, which generally we have approved, unfamiliar reading.

Under British Columbia, Brother Vanderlieth uses some pretty expressive language, applied to non-affiliates, saying that "This idea that a Mason should be at liberty to come and go is all fol-de-rol." A study of statistics, and a computation of the numbers "suspended" and "reinstated," reported from year to year, would probably satisfy any investigator that a large percentage of those thus cut off return. In some jurisdictions as high as ninety per cent. come back, and there is no real necessity for getting panicky over the matter.

M.·W.·George Gillson, Carson City, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson City, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1904.

May 18th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Concord, the one hundred and fifteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Harry M. Cheney, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from fifty-five of the seventy-nine subordinate lodges, in attendance. At the semi-annual communication, held in the city of Manchester, sixty-six lodges were represented, when the exemplification of work on the E.·A.·degree and the conferring of the F.·C.·and M.·M.·degrees constituted the principal work done on that occasion.

At the annual communication the Grand Master delivered his address, in which he first discusses Freemasonry in New Hampshire from the beginning. He pays fraternal tribute to the dead of the year, reports the granting of quite a number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, the granting of waivers of jurisdiction in favor of other Grand Jurisdictions, first consented to by his lodges interested, and the laying of a cornerstone of a new Masonic temple in Laconia. He did some official visiting among the lodges, and dedicated one new Masonic hall.

He gives a very interesting account of the building of their Masonic Home, which was solemnly dedicated, and on January 1st, 1904, officially decreed to be ready for the reception and care of inmates. A per capita tax was levied the year before, and he says that not one word of complaint had he heard of the increase. We have noted in studying the subject for years that the Fraternity has always liberally provided such tax, and cannot recall ever seeing a complaint on account of such a levy.

He thus recites his conversion to a more reasonable rule:

When, two years ago, I assumed the duties of the office of Grand Master, I counted myself a firm believer in the principle of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material. I was satisfied with the reasonableness of the theory for such perpetuity, and confess that I was prejudiced in that direction. It was almost a tenet of my Masonic profession. But during the incumbency of the office of Grand Master I have had to deal with the theory and with the practice, as held here and as held elsewhere, in an official capacity, and my faith in it has been transformed into a

personal belief that it is unreasonable, and sooner or later is destined to be discarded by this grand jurisdiction, as being unreasonable, and because it is not in conformity with the law and practice of the majority of other grand jurisdictions, with whom, without surrendering too much, we should strenuously endeavor to be in happy concord.

Nebraska holds to the old rule, but the writer has been convinced for years that the new rule is the better one.

He reports three decisions, one of which is as follows:

Question:—May a member of a New Hampshire Lodge, without prejudice to his Lodge standing, accept an election, either active or honorary, to membership in any Lodge of another grand jurisdiction which permits and recognizes either dual or honorary membership, or both?

Answer:—Yes, when not in derogation of the rules and regulations of our jurisdiction.

And this decision the Grand Master supports by a lengthy opinion which, but for its length, we would gladly quote in full, but our limit forbids. We quote, however, a brief declaration:

The Grand Lodge has power to control the movements of those who owe it obedience wherever and however they are situated. Any membership which they may seek in other jurisdictions must not be repugnant to the common law of the craft. "The Grand Lodge has absolute and supreme authority in the matter of government of those of its obedience in all things Masonic." It has declared its understanding of the law to be that it has supreme authority in Masonry—that it has the power to determine what Masonry is, and what bodies are legitimate where symbolic Masonry is made use of in its ceremonies. This rule of control does not in the least degree interfere with or infringe upon the authority and rights of the Grand Lodges in other jurisdictions. The principle involved is that the Grand Lodge must and will maintain its control of the members of its obedience whether at home or abroad so far as their Masonic relations are concerned.

By resolution, the Grand Secretary, with the approval of the Grand Master, is authorized to expend a sum not to exceed one hundred dollars annually, for the purchase of such books or publications as may be deemed desirable to possess as a part of the Grand Lodge library.

The Grand Lodge, by its direct action, granted a dispensation for the erection of a new lodge upon a petition therefor, accompanied by the necessary consent, and the approval of a District Deputy Grand Master.

Brother Albert S. Wait again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-one pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1903, receives fraternal consideration, Grand Master Ayers' administration is noted, and our Grand Orator Pound's address is praised.

His conclusion is of interest, as the opinion of one well qualified to arrive at a sound estimate:

It has been a year of great prosperity, in all respects in which prosperity can truly be said to consist. While in membership the increase has been greater than in any preceding year. The accessions have been of that character to bring to Masonry a strength and elevation of character hardly attained in its former history. Scarcely a ripple has exhibited

itself in the fraternal relations existing among the brethren, or between the grand jurisdictions; and the fraternity may well congratulate itself on the promise which existing conditions afford of a more full realization in the future of the great and beneficent objects of the institution than the retrospect presents.

M. W. Henry I. Haselton, Manchester, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW MEXICO, 1904.

October 17th, in the city of Albuquerque, the twenty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John C. Slack, Grand Master, with representatives from fourteen of its twenty-two subordinate lodges, in attendance.

A fraternal greeting marks the opening paragraph of the Grand Master's annual address. To the memory of the dead he pays fraternal tribute. He reports the granting of several special dispensations, the instituting of two lodges U. D., and the laying of four corner-stones. Owing to sickness he was prevented from officially visiting lodges. He reports seven decisions all governed by local law.

Two lodges U. D., were granted charters. The following shows the extent to which the ritual may be reduced to writing:

We recommend the omission of the remarks of the Grand Master relative to rituals from our printed proceedings. We do not think that good would result from any additional copies of the ritual, as the original idea of the ritual committee was to have on record an unchangeable authority from which there could be no appeal, which idea is carried out by the one copy in the hands of the custodians.

The routine business of the Grand Lodge received careful consideration.

Brother William H. Seamon presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. He reviews Nebraska, 1904, giving a summary of the matters contained in our Grand Master Bullard's address, notes a matter or two coming before our Grand Lodge, says of Brother Summers' oration that "it is worthy of notice," and proceeds to roast this writer for his position on the question of the recognition of the Valle de Mexico, says I have distorted his statements with reference to Mexico, which I deny, and ask for specifications. He also says that Mexico has asked for a copy of the cipher ritual "so they can make their work just like that in the United States," and asks: "Will Brother Phelps, as a friend of Valle de Mexico, furnish them with a copy, or will he write them his views on the use of cipher rituals, or will Brother Phelps stultify himself and justify their use of ciphers?"

No. We are utterly opposed to ciphers, written or printed rituals, but as New Mexico has a written ritual, as disclosed in the proceedings under review, we surmise Mexico might ask Seamon, who boasts of his large acquaintance there, for light on the subject. We do not tolerate



any such thing in Nebraska. But he refers us to his many articles on the Valle de Mexico. We have read them, and must say that we have concluded that he has been on both sides of the question of its recognition, alternately heretofore, but in this last effusion he is astride, declaring "we are ready to unite with the majority and recognize everything," but—etc., etc. Instead, therefore, of relying upon his many papers, we prefer, in collecting evidence, to rely on Brothers Davies of California, Mathews of Texas, Belden of Arizona, consistent friends of Mexico, and many other thoroughly reliable and stable friends of any cause they may espouse.

M.:W.:George W. Ward, Las Vegas, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES, 1904.

The volume of proceedings coming to us contains the transactions of the Grand Lodge at its four quarterly communications, also that of a special communication, assembled at the Town Hall in Sydney July 20th, 1903. The first quarterly, September 9th, 1903, a special October 9th, 1903, another quarterly on December 9th, another quarterly on March 9th, 1904, followed by a special June 7th, and the final quarterly was held on June 8th, 1904.

These were all held, except the first, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Sydney. At the first, the principal business was the installation of M.:W.:John Cochrane Remington, for his fifth year as Grand Master, and to celebrate the centenary of the "Dawn of Freemasonry in Australia." As visitors the Grand Masters of Tasmania and Victoria, the District Grand Inspector of Queensland, and the Grand Secretary of South Australia, were present. His Excellency, the Governor of New South Wales, a Vice-Admiral, and other dignitaries, were received, the whole assemblage standing and singing the National Anthem. Apologies were received and read from Masonic dignitaries in the other Australian Grand Masonic Bodies. Over 3,500 brethren were in attendance, and a welcoming address, patriotic speeches, and impressive ceremonies, appropriate for the occasion, were engaged in. The Grand Master's address was largely historical, and of great interest to the Masons there assembled, and as a record, of historical value to the Craft generally.

At the first quarterly, the Grand Master in an address, laid before his brethren the important transactions of his office, and the transactions of the Grand Lodge were of routine matters, as were also those of the special of September, 1903

At the quarterly communication held in December, the Grand Master reported his official visits during the quarter, and the happy conditions existing throughout. A record, also, of the meeting of their Board of General Purposes, and its transactions, is made. Again, at the quarterly held March 9th, 1904, the Grand Master made a full report of his doings,

the Board of General Purposes reported the transaction of considerable business, and the Grand Inspector of Workings made report.

Their titles are expressive, and carry with them a suggestion of the duties of various offices and committees. Careful attention, and an evident enthusiasm, mark the reports submitted.

At the last quarterly, on June 8th, 1904, the Grand Master reports that during the year ninety lodges had been officially visited, and on many of the visits he was accompanied by his officers, he and the Deputy Grand Master making a tour for that purpose through a large portion of the Grand Jurisdiction. He also reports the granting of a number of special dispensations, two being each for the initiation of a Lewis, in accordance with a clause in their Book of Constitutions.

At this session, the Grand Master was again elected to preside over the Craft.

The Board of Accounts report having held eighteen meetings during the year. The Inspector of Workings submitted an extended report, showing the active performance of his duties.

The report of the Board of Benevolence shows an expenditure for relief, during the quarter, of £447 5s, the total for the year being £1466 7s 6d. They also have a Masonic Convalescent Home, and an interesting report of the year's work of this institution is made.

A report on correspondence, covering one hundred and six pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-three English speaking Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1903, among them, is the joint work of Brothers William H. Shortland, Herbert S. Thompson, Thomas L. Rowbotham, Claude Leplastrier, and Alfred M. Howarth, each attaching his initials to the jurisdiction reviewed by him. Nebraska was generously treated by Brother Howarth. Our Grand Master's address receives favorable comment, the change in the law is noticed, and our Grand Orator Pound's oration is praised. The report throughout is good.

M.:W.: John Cochrane Remington, is Grand Master.

R.:W.: Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW YORK, 1904.

May 3d, in Masonic Hall, in the city of New York, the one hundred and twenty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R.:W.: Frank H. Robinson, Deputy Grand Master, with representatives from nearly all of their seven hundred and sixty-three subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Owing to illness, the Grand Master, M.:W.: Elbert Crandall, could not be present at the opening, and his address was read to the Grand Lodge. In opening he comments upon the wonderful prosperity of the lodges and the great increase in membership, 7,992 net, a just cause for congratulation. He says: "From every part of that Jurisdiction you come here as representatives of the Craft, to consider that which has been achieved during the year, to ascertain the needs of the present and the

future, and by conservative and judicious action to do those things which shall best promote our welfare and establish the enduring character of our Masonic life and purposes."

To the memory of their illustrious dead, he pays fitting tribute, and makes enduring record of their Masonic labors and honors.

He reports the granting of four dispensations for the establishment of new lodges. Under the action of the last communication of the Grand Lodge, he had officially recognized the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. He recommended the addition of a word or two to a provision of their constitution so as to make it certain that the use of any written or printed or written and printed ritual of work and lectures by lodges or brethren of that jurisdiction is absolutely prohibited. He had visited and highly commends the German Masonic Home for the care of the aged of their association. He also commends the project of building a Masonic Sanatorium for consumptives, for which a fund of more than \$5,000.00 had already been subscribed and paid in. The Home at Utica is inadequate, he says, and plans for its enlargement are being considered, and they have the funds for additional buildings. Under the head "Ceremonies," he reports the laying of corner-stones and other interesting duties performed during the year, in different parts of the state.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and the various boards having funds to deal with, show large totals, and disclose enterprises of large benefactions. The report of M.:W.:Brother Jesse B. Anthony, Superintendent of the Masonic Home at Utica, is one such. The report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund shows a reserve fund of \$234,031.90. To maintain the Home \$3.00 from every initiate goes into the fund.

Upon a favorable report the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was duly recognized. Four lodges U.:D.:, were granted charters, one lodge whose charter had been lost was granted a duplicate, and one lodge was granted a change in its name.

On Wednesday, the second day of the session, the Grand Master was able to be present and preside.

M.:W.:Brother Jesse B. Anthony presents the report on correspondence, his sixteenth, covering one hundred and ninety-eight pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges. His tables of statistics are always of interest, his reviews are always carefully prepared, and of great interest to his readers. His understanding of what the Grand Honors are is contained in the following:

Our brother makes reference to the Grand Honors of Masonry. According to our understanding, there are three kinds. Public Grand Honors, being the battery three time three; Private Grand Honors, the combination of the battery, with an addition between the threes, which can only be given within a tyled Lodge, and the Funeral Grand Honors, which with the responses, are to be found in any Monitor.

M.:W.:Frank H. Robinson, New York City, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York City, is Grand Secretary.

## NEW ZEALAND, 1904.

May 5th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Dunedin, the Grand Lodge assembled and was opened by M. W. Herbert James Williams, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from many of the subordinate lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, in which he extended a hearty and cordial welcome to the representatives assembled, and expressed great pleasure in seeing so many of the brethren present, the largest delegation, he says, they ever had at any communication of the Grand Lodge, saying: "As you are aware this city is the home of the brother who is to be elected as your chief ruler to-day, and who is the originator of the representative system of Grand Lodge. \* \* \* \* \* I imagine that the representation scheme has come to stay, and I think he will be a bold man who will suggest its abrogation."

He also discussed their difficulty with the Scottish constitution, under which many lodges exist in that colony, and he expressed a fear that their efforts for a settlement might not prevail. Difficulties also with the English constitution are unadjusted, and are giving their Grand Lodge trouble.

He pays a high tribute of praise to their Grand Secretary, R. W. Malcolm Niccol.

The Scottish organization is a Provincial Grand Body under the jurisdiction of Scotland, and a rival of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which is an independent sovereign Grand Lodge, and should, the writer thinks, have precedence in the colony, and the latter, it is to be hoped, will finally be recognized as such by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. A good deal of correspondence between the Grand Lodges is published in the proceedings. Similar difficulties exist in regard to lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of England, but they seem in a fair way to be settled.

The election and installation of their new Grand Master was followed by an address from him, full of zeal and determination to serve his brethren.

M. W. Alfred Henry Burton, Dunedin, is Grand Master.

R. W. Malcolm Niccol, Dunedin, is Grand Secretary.

## NORTH CAROLINA, 1905.

January 10th, at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Raleigh, the one hundred and eighteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Walter S. Liddell, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from a great many of its three hundred and thirty-three chartered lodges, present.

"We have no time to waste on petty differences; how we can best work and best agree and accomplish most that is desirable should consume the time of this communication of the Grand Lodge," said the Grand Master, in opening his annual address. He thinks a better feeling

or a more desirable condition never prevailed among the Craft in that Grand Jurisdiction. He had visited a great deal and spent much time in attending to the duties of his office, and reports the institution of eight lodges under dispensation, and the restoration of the charter to one old lodge. He had granted a few special dispensations for the usual purposes. He reports eight decisions upon the question of physical qualifications, all on the conservative side of the old regulation. One decision was when a man unwittingly joined a clandestine lodge, but learning of the fact, applied to a regular one, and the Grand Master held that his petition could be received. He reports seven special communications of the Grand Lodge to lay corner-stones, one to celebrate the festival of St John the Baptist, and one to install the officers of several lodges in the hall of one of them.

Of their Masonic Home for orphans he thus speaks:

The reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum will be submitted in printed form and will soon be in your hands. These reports should make glad the heart of every Mason in North Carolina. It has been my pleasure to visit and inspect the Asylum twice during the year, once in midsummer and again in midwinter. The same happy children, the same kindly discipline, the same scrupulous cleanliness, the same perfect order are always there regardless of seasons.

Col. Hicks is an ideal Superintendent of an ideal Orphanage. Let us pray God that his life may be spared many years.

R. W. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, submitted a very complete report of the doings of the year as recorded in his office. The Grand Orator, Brother T. C. Linn, delivered a very entertaining address along the lines of the following excerpt:

The Masonic Fraternity surrounds her members with the best influences and incites into their mind the desire for that which is purest, truest and *most salutary*. Who can estimate the material worth of such an institution?—who can place a market value of its effect upon society or upon the individual? The sweetest and most satisfactory connection in life are those formed between persons of congenial minds, equally linked together by the conformity of their virtues. This helpful, healthful influence reaches out to all the world. It does not confine itself within the recesses of the lodge room, but permeates the universe.

A great deal of routine business was transacted.

Brother John A. Collins presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, receives generous space and fraternal consideration. He quotes and comments:

After the Grand Lodge was declared open, the "Star Spangled Banner" was brought in, the Grand Lodge arose and sang "My Country! 'Tis of Thee."

This display, if made before the opening of Grand Lodge or after its close, might be considered an exhibition of doubtful taste on the part of a body of sensible Masons whose loyalty to their country had never been questioned, but when it is made in open lodge it seems to us to be



a departure from old and established Masonic procedure and should not be encouraged.

M. W. : Walter S. Liddell, Charlotte, is Grand Master.

R. W. : John C. Drewry, Raleigh, is Grand Secretary.

#### NORTHERN CHINA, 1904.

The proceedings reaching us are of the ceremony of installation of Right Worshipful William H. Anderson, as District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China, at Masonic Hall in the city of Shanghai.

This Grand Lodge is under the English Constitution, and has been in existence since 1887. Inasmuch as there is no sovereign Grand Lodge in that country, the country is free for any Grand Lodge desiring to constitute lodges, and among those that have taken advantage of the opportunity is the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The District Grand Lodge under review has twelve chartered lodges on its roll. R. W. : William H. Anderson received his appointment at the hands of the Grand Master of England, the Duke of Connaught. The installing officer, W. : Brother T. W. Kingsmill, delivered an address in which he reviews briefly the history of their District Grand Lodge, and Masonry in Northern China, under its supervision, from which we learn that good progress has been made, good conditions prevail, and harmony exists among all the lodges, including those under other constitutions. We briefly quote:

The Masonic District of Northern China covers an extensive area; the distances are great and the communications not always certain. To rule such a District will no doubt make serious calls upon your leisure; but the past may afford a useful lesson. When the District was established it contained but four lodges within its jurisdiction; it is pleasant to observe that twelve are now congregated under its banner. We cannot foresee the future, but circumstances are working for the cause of truth and enlightenment, and I cannot but hope that in your hands the progress of the craft shall be equally assured, not only in numbers but in efficiency. Your first pleasing duty will be to appoint a Deputy with power, under your authority, to assist you in the arduous duties which you have undertaken; and I trust that your Deputy will, equally with yourself, comprehend the high dignity and importance of the office.

In response, the District Grand Master said many interesting and instructive things, from which we extract:

You all know how on the death of our respected late D. G. M. R. W. Bro. Moore, I expressed a wish not to be appointed his successor in this chair and many of you also know the reasons which have induced me now to accept the honour. I need not go into them, but simply say that, as H. R. H. has been pleased to confer the office on me, I shall endeavor to carry out my duties so as to give satisfaction to him and also to meet the approbation of the Brethren in this District. I can assure you I feel the responsibility which has now fallen on me. When I was only Deputy D. G. M. in charge, I did not experience it in the same degree because I believed that whatever my shortcomings might be, and what-

ever mistakes I might make, every thing would be put right when a new D. G. M. was appointed. Now that I have been installed in the higher and more permanent position I feel that, in the carrying out of the duties which devolve on me, I have a higher responsibility and must exercise greater strictness in seeing that all the Rules and Regulations of our Constitution are complied with. I trust that in doing so I shall not hurt any one's feelings, but have the assistance and co-operation of the officers and members of the D. G. Lodge and the help and good will of the Brethren.

Congratulatory speeches from officials under the Scottish constitution, the Massachusetts constitution, and their own English constitution, followed.

The business transacted was wholly routine, consisting principally of statistics submitted by the Grand Secretary.

#### NORTH DAKOTA, 1904.

June 28th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Fargo, the fifteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James T. Blacklock, Grand Master, with representatives from all except four of its seventy-two subordinate lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master in opening his annual address speaks with commendable pride of the history of the Grand Lodge and its subordinates. No lodge within its jurisdiction has ever forfeited its charter. Starting with fifteen and a membership of one thousand three hundred and twenty-two, they now have seventy-two lodges, and a membership of four thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, certainly a good record.

To the memory of their dead he pays fraternal tribute. He reports the dedicating of a new temple, the constituting of the one lodge chartered the year before, and the granting of dispensations for five new lodges. He also granted a few special dispensations.

Things were not very clear in their Crystal Lodge, at least not up to the brightness of its name, but he visited it, and succeeded in restoring harmony and enthusiasm, and that lodge is doing well, he says.

He takes great interest in their Grand Lodge library, which is being built up from year to year. He reports a number of decisions, all but one of which were determined by specific laws of that jurisdiction. The remaining one was that an election where the ballot box, when passed, contained white balls only, was void, and this decision, upon reason, was certainly right.

M. W. Brother Frank J. Thompson submits his twelfth annual report as Grand Secretary and Librarian, very full and, like his former work, showing painstaking care and attention to every detail of his work. He reads a lecture to the lodge secretaries and, because of contradictions in the records as to their births and places of birth, of several members demitting from one lodge to another, he says: "This occurs so often that one is inclined to believe that a large portion of Masons are not certain where or when they were born." That, perhaps, is because they have

to rely on "hearsay evidence," or, although present, some of them may not have a very clear recollection of the event.

The five lodges U. D. instituted during the year, were all granted charters.

The following recommendation of the committee having the matter in charge, was adopted:

1. Whereas, the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota has regularly recognized, and has sustained fraternal relations with, the Grand Symbolic Diet of the United States of Mexico, which was composed of representatives of the Grand Lodges of several states of Mexico; and, whereas, on the 30th day of April, 1901, said Grand Symbolic Diet was dissolved, by mutual agreement, and its powers reposed in the Grand Lodges of the several states which were included in the confederation, be it recommended that the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota fraternize with each of the following Grand Lodges: A. F. & A. M. of Mexico; Valle de Mexico, located at the City of Mexico; Benito Juarez, located at the City of Porfirio Diaz; and Ignacio Ramirez, located at the City of Tampico.

By resolution, their method of suspension for non-payment of dues is made explicit, and obviates a formal trial; but to reinstate, a majority vote of the lodge is required. With us a trial is required, but the suspended brother, by paying the dues for which he was suspended, is reinstated by operation of law, and the Master is required to direct the secretary to restore his name to the roll of members. Our system of suspension is clumsy and we like the North Dakota procedure better, but think our plan of restoration the better. Of course, if the suspended brother has become an offender against any rule of our law involving immoral conduct, charges should be preferred, and our law contemplates such procedure.

The Grand Lodge of Norway and Sweden was duly recognized, with a view to the exchange of Grand Representatives.

The following proposed amendment of law was submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and by it was regarded to be unconstitutional:

Every Master Mason hereafter raised to the degree of Master Mason in this jurisdiction 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.

Provided, however, that such examination may be made and record entered in any lodge which may be designated for such purpose by the lodge in which the Master Mason was raised. And until such proof is given no such Master Mason shall be allowed to vote, or hold office in such lodge, or dimit therefrom.

The Grand Lodge adopted flag resolutions as follows:

*Resolved*, That, agreeably to the recommendation of the Grand Master, the flag of our country shall be displayed at all sessions of the Grand Communications of this Grand Lodge in token of our reverence and esteem of the liberty that it proclaims to all our people.

And we recommend that this noble emblem of liberty be displayed in the halls of all particular lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction;

And we further recommend that it be carried at the head of all Masonic processions upon occasions when it would be appropriate.

And this is what the Grand Orator, M. W. Brother Walter L. Stockwell, said and did:

M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grand Orator, was now called upon for his address. He stated that he had not prepared one, for two main reasons: one, that his duties as Superintendent of Public Instruction of the state had drawn very heavily upon his time; and, second, that the address of President Roosevelt upon Masonry and Citizenship, delivered at the Sesqui Centennial Anniversary of the Raising of George Washington, at Philadelphia, November, 1902, expressed in so many ways, and better than he could hope to do, those ideals which had formed in his mind under the influence of Masonry, that he believed he could do no better service to the Grand Lodge than to read that most excellent address of our President, which he proceeded to do.

But by a provision of their law it is made the duty of the Grand Orator, and he "*shall prepare* an address upon the subject of Masonry, to be delivered to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication."

There is no report on correspondence, but an appropriation therefor was made, and one is promised for next year

M. W. James W. Foley, Bismark, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, is Grand Secretary.

#### NOVA SCOTIA, 1904.

June 8th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Halifax, the thirty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William Ross, Grand Master, with representatives from forty-nine of its sixty-four chartered lodges, in attendance.

A fraternal greeting to his brethren marks the opening of the Grand Master's annual address. He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Master Charles John MacDonald, who died October 12th, 1903, saying:

His disposition was so buoyant, his experience so wide, and his Masonic knowledge so great, that we all recognized his value as a counsellor and appreciated his friendship as a choice possession. In all times of difficulty and discouragement he was the center of a happy influence, of hope and confidence, and no matter who became wearied in well doing he was ever abounding in activity and courage. His Masonic life did much to upbuild the Craft in this Jurisdiction and to render it admired at home and respected abroad. He is no more truly mourned in his own domestic circle, with whom we deeply sympathize, no more greatly missed in the community and province in which he was so long an important figure, than in the Grand Lodge which his service did so much to improve and strengthen.

He likewise speaks quite fully in his tribute to the others of their Grand Jurisdiction who had died during the year.

He reports but one decision, in which he held that a candidate having one leg several inches shorter than the other and requiring an artificial support, is physically disqualified to become a member in that jurisdiction. He reports the granting of a considerable number of special dispensations for the usual purposes. He commends highly, the good

work done in the United States and in Great Britain, in Masonic Homes, but owing to a debt on their Freemasons Hall, he does not feel that they can undertake such a work at present, but recommends the supporting of ten old brethren in a Home for Aged Men, to be in full operation soon in the city of Halifax.

Owing to his duties as a member of the parliament at Ottawa, he was often away from Nova Scotia during the year, and the duties of his office as Grand Master were largely performed by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Augustus J. Wolff, who makes report of his official acts. He had granted a good many special dispensations, laid one cornerstone, and made several official visits to lodges.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Thomas Mowbray presents a report, including statistical tables, and financial conditions. Their nine District Deputy Grand Masters made reports showing a faithful performance of duty, and a healthy and prosperous state of affairs in the jurisdiction.

The following was unanimously adopted:

“That this Grand Lodge pledge itself to place in the hands of Trustees to be appointed by the Grand Master a sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars per annum, to be applied in manner set forth in circular dated 15th of February, 1904, toward the support of aged and indigent members of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the Jurisdiction in the ‘Home for Aged Men’ now being established in the City of Halifax;

“And that each Lodge in the Jurisdiction be asked to contribute annually a sum equal to or exceeding twenty-five cents for each member on the roll of said Lodge as a voluntary contribution towards reimbursing Grand Lodge for this expenditure.”

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and of local consequence. R. W. Brother Thomas Mowbray submitted the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and ninety-two pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1903, receiving generous fraternal consideration. He quotes quite freely and comments upon the more important questions arising in the jurisdictions he reviews, and presents a very good report.

M. W. Charles Reynolds Smith, Amherst, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, is Grand Secretary.

#### OHIO, 1904.

October 19th, at the Valentine Theatre, in the city of Toledo, the ninety-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. O. P. Sperra, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and six hundred and thirty-eight representatives from four hundred and eighty-nine of its five hundred and three subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Greetings and welcome were extended to the Grand Lodge by the Mayor of the city, and on behalf of the Masonic Bodies and brethren of the city, Past Grand Master Barton Smith welcomed the Grand Lodge and its mem-



bers. The Grand Master, as also by his request, Past Grand Master Allen Andrews, responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Distinguished brethren, and officers of other Ohio Grand Masonic Bodies were introduced and welcomed to the session, and invited to the East, each of whom, it is said "made most beautiful and appropriate replies."

"Once more Symbolic or Ancient Craft Masonry in Ohio makes its bow to its votaries and to the world, and it does that, too, with a record of progress, elevation, and advancement unabated," said the Grand Master, most truthfully, in opening his annual address. The spirit of Masonry inculcated by the fathers of the Order, he well says, has not diminished, and the cement of brotherly love, as spread by them, has sustained the structure in solid mass so that twentieth century Masonry in its broadest and best sense is stronger and cleaner than ever before.

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays appropriate tribute. In their own Grand Jurisdiction, a great Mason had fallen, M.:W.: Brother S. Stacker Williams, thrice elected their Grand Master, and for many years a forceful writer of reviews. He was Grand Master when the iniquitous Cerneau Monster was strongest in Ohio, and to the firm and vigorous stand he took in upholding the authority of his Grand Lodge, and the intelligent manner in which the dispute was handled, not only in the Grand Lodge, but in the civil courts, was to be credited, the Grand Master says, the suppression of spurious Masonry in that Grand Jurisdiction. He died on April 3d, 1904.

The Grand Master reports the granting of a large number of special dispensations, the issuing of his proxy, on several occasions, to lay corner-stones, constitute lodges, and dedicate new lodge rooms. He laid four corner-stones himself. He also reports the granting of four dispensations for lodges U.:D.:, and made a number of official visits to lodges, and treasures the memory of many pleasant occurrences. Correspondence with the officers of subordinate bodies obviated the necessity of many decisions. He, however, reports several, one holding:

*Held:* That citizenship is not a requisite of Freemasonry. If the applicant possesses all of the other necessary qualifications and requirements, his petition should receive the same consideration accorded other applicants.

The citizenship here mentioned is to be distinguished, of course, from residence in the jurisdiction of the lodge, which is required in Ohio. We find him saying:

The circulation of a printed ballot prior to the annual Lodge election, with the names of the parties desiring favor thereon, or any statement with reference to candidates, is improper. I recommend that this practice be wholly discontinued, and suggest that the District Lecturers give this matter consideration in the future.

Masonic fairs and raffles, in a few cases, had occurred, but knowledge of them did not reach him in time for him to interfere, which we infer

he would have done, for he believes, he says, these practices should be wholly discontinued, which is most certainly true.

He visited their Masonic Home and says:

All the inmates of the institution were on hand to meet me, and a song of welcome rendered by the little children, residents of the Home, produced an effect upon me, not only one that I will always cherish, but of such a character and with such feeling, that I was almost unfitted to perform the duties required of me as Grand Master. I took every inmate by the hand and heard from their lips the expression of satisfaction and comfort concerning their condition.

The annual reports of officers of the Masonic Home are published, as usual, and are of great interest and value as evidence to all friends of that plan of organized relief in Grand Lodge jurisdictions. The total receipts during the year amounted to \$50,606.28; the total disbursements to \$33,328.45; excess of receipts over disbursements, \$17,277.83; total balance on hand, \$51,006.62; and it must be remembered that neither in Ohio nor in any other Grand Jurisdiction where Masonic Homes are maintained, is there any complaint of the small per capita tax imposed. More than twenty such Homes are doing their great work of brotherly love and relief in our country. Will Iowa take notice?

M. W. Brother Jacob H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary, submits another, his sixteenth, admirable report, showing among other things, after paying current expenses estimated, a balance of \$13,030.14, and recommends the donation of \$12,000.00 thereof, to the Masonic Home, similar to that made the year before. The Grand Lodge unanimously agreed to do that very generous thing, and it was so ordered.

Three lodges U. D., were granted charters and the Grand Lodge ordered one continued U. D.:

We are glad to find the Committee on Jurisprudence declaring, what ought to be good law, in the following: "The power of Subordinate Lodges to remit dues already accrued and payable of any of its members is well established in this Grand Jurisdiction. Whether in any given instance it is wise or unwise, provident or improvident, just or unjust to exercise this power rests with the judgment of the Lodge."

Very much routine business came before the Grand Lodge and was dispatched with that regard to Masonic law and sound judgment, to be expected at the hands of the distinguished men and Masons who are leaders in Ohio.

M. W. Brother William H. Cunningham presents the report on correspondence, covering three hundred and thirty pages, and reviews the proceedings of sixty-four English speaking Grand Lodges, and sixteen non-English speaking Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1903, receives generous space and fraternal consideration. Our Grand Master Ayers' remarks on rotation in office are noticed, our Grand Orator Pound's address liberally quoted from and complimented, and our position that subordinate and not constituent is the proper term to apply to lodges, is approved.

Brother Cunningham has been in harness as a reviewer for a good many years, and his reports deservedly command the respect of his brethren. We gladly give place to the following:

The writer has also at times written Reports on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, the Grand Chapter R. A. M., and the Grand Commandery K. T. of Ohio. In this connection, as a matter of personal mention, the writer would state that in all of his Reports on Foreign Correspondence, or in any other Masonic papers, for a period now of nearly half a century he can not recall any instance in which he has failed to assert the Supremacy and Sovereignty of Craft Masonry over all other Masonic Grades or Rites building upon its foundation or using its esotery, and that in this connection the ranking prerogative pertains to the first three degrees of the York Rite, and the highest Masonic honor, therefore, that can be conferred upon a Free Mason is that of Grand Master of Masons.

M.:W.:Clifford G. Ballou, Toledo, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, is Grand Secretary.

#### OREGON, 1904.

June 15th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Portland, the fifty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Silas M. Yoran, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from eighty-five of its one hundred and five subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master dwells upon the favorable condition prevailing in his Grand Jurisdiction, and generally extending to his brethren most cordial expressions of greeting and welcome. He speaks thus of a calamity:

On Sunday evening, June 14, 1903, immediately following the last annual session of our Grand Lodge, the beautiful little city of Heppner was overwhelmed and nearly destroyed by a great water spout in which many homes were swept out of existence and two hundred people lost their lives. Six of our brethren of Heppner Lodge, No. 59, were among the lost, and many others lost wife or children, or both, together with a loss of all worldly possessions.

As Grand Master, he at once directed the sending of money to relieve, as did also the Grand Master of Washington, and many of the subordinate lodges in Oregon. Soon thereafter he visited Heppner and says: "Words are inadequate to express the depth of sorrow many of them had been called to enter, neither can words express the gratitude that came from those sorrow-burdened souls for the prompt and liberal manifestations of fraternal love and relief offered to the extent of their willingness to receive."

He reports the granting of dispensations for three new lodges, the constituting of one newly chartered lodge, and the restoring of good feeling in a lodge where discord had arisen. He had convened the Grand Lodge in special communication to dedicate a new and commodious building erected by one of his lodges. He says that

there were many brethren present, and that the occasion will be long remembered as a very pleasant one. Corner-stones for two public school buildings he had laid. While he had answered some questions submitted, he reports no decisions, as he felt unwilling to dignify them by that term; but he had visited nearly half the lodges in his large domain, commendable service, and requiring all the time he had at his disposal.

Money, Portland city bonds, Portland Post bonds, notes and shares in the Masonic Building Association, all valued at \$94,082.47, constitute their Educational Fund, which was first organized when educational facilities in Oregon were poor. Now that public schools, ample for educational purposes have been established, it becomes a question of what use to put it to. Legislation, enabling the Grand Lodge to exercise discretionary power in the conversion of this fund into other property of a more permanent character, has been enacted. The Grand Master directed the attention of the Grand Lodge to the consideration of the subject, but no final action seems to have been taken in the matter.

The Grand Master and the Committee on Jurisprudence, recommended the repeal of their law holding to perpetual jurisdiction, and the adoption of the five year limit, which was carried, but an amendment to the constitution is necessary. Such an amendment was approved, but lies over for one year.

W.:Brother W. A. Cleland, Grand Orator, delivered an address, eloquent in language and evidencing a clear conception of the high aims of Freemasonry. Four lodges U.:D.:were granted charters, and one thousand dollars was appropriated for Masonic purposes incident to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, now being held at Portland.

M.:W.:John M. Hodson presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1903, receives very generous consideration, our proceedings are quite fully summarized, and more than two pages are devoted to a favorable review of our report on correspondence. We had not thought it necessary to say that the writer recognizes the power of the Grand Master to make a Mason at sight, although our Nebraska Grand Lodge says "no." Once on a time we did what Brother Grace says he did.

We agree with him in that: "The signs and salutations of the degrees are sometimes spoken of as 'Private Grand Honors,' but it is a mistake on the part of those using the expression." And again:

Non-payment of dues and the ever-increasing army of non-affiliates continue to exercise the righteous souls of various Grand Masters, and a few doctors suggest remedies, but the fellow who advocates quietly letting them alone and ceasing to talk and write about them seems to be in the majority.

And again:

Some rather versatile writers affirm there never was a Grand Lodge nor a Grand Master before the reorganization of Masonry in 1717, and

that those elected since have not, nor never had, any prerogatives except what are guaranteed in the constitution of the Grand Lodge electing them. Of course, we deny all such assertions, and affirm that before Grand Lodges were, Grand Masters were elected by General Assemblies of all the Craft, and that certain prerogatives, among which is authority to make Masons at sight, is included, and that they have existed from time to which the memory or knowledge of man runs not to the contrary.

And we also concur in the following:

It appears that in Alabama, when a Brother is suspended or expelled by a Lodge, and upon appeal to the Grand Lodge is found "not guilty as charged," the Grand Lodge cannot restore him to membership in his Lodge. This, we think, is wrong, for if the Brother has been wrongly convicted the Grand Lodge has the power, and it is its duty to restore all rights of which he has been wrongly deprived. In case of restoration after the Brother has been punished sufficiently, it is different, then the power of the Grand Lodge is exhausted when it restores him to the rights of a non-affiliated Mason.

Bro. Titcomb reported in favor of recognizing the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, and the Grand Lodge approved. It has been a peculiar case, but we think they did the right thing. We are forced to recognize one great fact that in a large portion of the world there are no Lodges except those originating from the Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite, and while the ritualistic services of that Rite may and does differ in some non-essential features, from the York Rite, yet the principles and teachings are the same, and when the symbolic Lodges of that Rite set up a Grand Lodge for the control of the three degrees, we think it the proper thing to do to recognize them, to the end that Masonry may become in fact what it is in theory, universal.

M.·W.·Thomas Gray, Portland, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·James F. Robinson, Eugene, is Grand Secretary.

#### PENNSYLVANIA, 1904.

December 27th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Philadelphia, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R.·W.·James W. Brown, Grand Master. Quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge had been held at the same place, on March 2d, June 1st, September 7th, and December 7th, when the routine business arising from time to time was disposed of. At the December quarterly, the annual election of officers took place, but they were installed at the annual communication, and at that time the Grand Master delivered his annual address. In its opening he says that the year past had been one of tranquility and prosperity to the Grand Lodge and its subordinates throughout the jurisdiction. It had also been a year of sorrow and bereavement; their Past Grand Master Conrad B. Day, died January 11th, their Junior Grand Warden Charles M. Swain, died July 23d, and their Past Grand Master George Wagner, died September 30th. To their memories he pays fraternal tribute.

He dwells upon the great importance of each lodge selecting a well informed, capable, and accurate secretary, a subject worthy of emphasis. He says he should be so careful in his methods, so exact and precise in his



habits, that nothing is taken for granted, and promptness in correspondence with the Grand Secretary should be his invariable rule. The Grand Master highly commends schools of instruction, condemns every phase of electioneering for office in a Masonic lodge, and he calls attention to their law forbidding the publication in newspapers of reports of lodge meetings, as well as any business transactions, and election of officers in subordinate lodges. It is a maxim in Pennsylvania that "The outside world should not be informed as to what takes place within the walls of the Masonic edifice." He feels that some of their lodges are too large, and says: "It is impossible for the Brethren to know one another in a Lodge with a membership of four or five hundred, and I believe it would be better, when the Lodges reach that number, if they would divide and start new Lodges."

He regards it the duty of the Grand Master to enforce the ancient usages, customs, and landmarks of Freemasonry, and to prevent innovations and the abolition or obliteration of any of the ancient symbols.

He reports a large number of decisions, among them holding that the funds of the lodge cannot be used for payment for a banquet when other than Masons are present. That only Masons can be present at a lodge banquet. That a man with more than five toes on one foot and a man with two thumbs on one hand are physically disqualified, and that the amputation of the index finger at the first joint is a physical disqualification; that all correspondence relating to Masonic subjects affecting other jurisdictions must be conducted by the respective Grand Masters, and not by officers of subordinate lodges; that brethren having objections to petitioners should file them with the Grand Secretary, who will notify the committee of inquiry, who must determine whether the objections are Masonic; that a lodge cannot hold a "Fair" or any other affair for the purpose of raising funds for any purpose; that no brother can be advanced save in the lodge of which he is a member; that all communications to lodges from the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Lodge must be written in full in the minutes, after having been read in open lodge; that no dispensation can be granted whereby one who is under our laws physically disqualified can be made a Mason; that a Masonic lodge cannot be used for the purpose of settling business differences, and hypothetical questions are not considered, but those which arise based on facts and real issues will receive attention.

Although the Grand Master in that jurisdiction is held to possess all the prerogatives and extraordinary powers claimed for that great office, yet he had granted special dispensations only in a few cases and only for the election of lodge officers. Among the edicts he had issued, one was forbidding all lodges in that jurisdiction to admit as a visitor and prohibiting the members thereof from having any Masonic affiliation with one who, having been rejected in a lodge in that jurisdiction, was made a Mason in another. In view of the fact that in quite a number of Masonic Grand Jurisdictions a time limit is fixed, when jurisdiction over a rejected candidate is recognized, it is to be expected that some

discussion of the question as to the duty of one Grand Lodge to recognize the lawful members of another, will arise.

He reports the laying of seven corner-stones, the constituting of one lodge, his attendance upon several schools of instruction, and official visits made to several subordinate lodges.

Their Masonic Home in Philadelphia has already accomplished splendid results, we are told, in its twenty years of usefulness, and another is now being built, the William L. Elkins Masonic Orphanage for Girls, the corner-stone of which was laid on the 3d day of December last. A committee to consider the establishment and maintenance of Masonic Homes has been appointed, and great interest is felt, and a determined effort is being made to establish and maintain Masonic Homes commensurate with the need therefor in their Grand Jurisdiction.

Brother James M. Lamberton presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and forty-one pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges. His review of Nebraska is for 1904, in which a quite full summary of our proceedings is presented, with quotations from Grand Master Bullard's address, and several from our report on correspondence.

He thus relates what took place in Alabama:

A Lodge conferred the first and second degrees upon a man with a cork leg, "not knowing that they were violating the constitution, until their attention was called to it by a member of another Lodge." Application was then made to the Grand Master as to what should be done in regard to advancing the applicant to the third degree, and that Most Worshipful Brother notified the Master to proceed no further. An application having been made for a dispensation to confer the degree, the Grand Master refused, but referred the matter to Grand Lodge, recommending that the permission be given with a most distinct and emphatic declaration that this was not to be a precedent. We are glad to see that the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence did not concur, and their report was adopted by Grand Lodge.

In reviewing the Grand Master's decisions in Arizona, we find the following:

One of his decisions, that a Lodge should not officiate in the services of laying the corner-stones of buildings on Sunday, was not approved by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, whose report received the approval of Grand Lodge, which we regret, as Sunday is a day of rest from work, from Masonic as well as other work. The reason given by the Committee was, "We believe that by so doing we exercise an influence for good." Laying a corner-stone on Sunday is hardly a work of mercy or of charity, certainly not of necessity. There are actions which "exercise an influence for good" which may well be postponed to the six week-days.

R.·W.·James W. Brown, Philadelphia, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·William A. Sinn, Philadelphia, is Grand Secretary.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1904.

June 24th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Charlottetown, the twenty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Benjamin Rogers, Sr., Grand Master, with representatives from all of its fifteen subordinate lodges in attendance.

A hearty fraternal welcome marks the opening of the Grand Master's address. He reports a happy and fairly prosperous year, and that no strife or ill-will had been engendered among the brethren. He had officially visited all but one of their lodges, and had greatly enjoyed mingling with the Craft. He says that peace and prosperity reign in their island. No pestilence, floods, or fire had destroyed their homes, and in the Dominion they had had a bountiful harvest, with good prices, and he rejoiced that the Empire was at peace with all the world. He says he viewed with sorrow the awful war between Russia and Japan, and hoped for a speedy termination, and expressed sympathy for "our brethren in Japan."

To the memory of the year's dead he pays fraternal tribute.

He reports the granting of a considerable number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, some of which were to authorize lodges to attend Divine Service in lodge regalia. By a resolution of our Grand Lodge, in Nebraska, that may be done without dispensation, and it always seemed to the writer so appropriate a thing to do, that a dispensation ought not to be required.

He details in a pleasing manner his visits to the lodges, each getting a pleasant write up of the occasion. In these visits he was generally accompanied by Brother R. M. Johnson, Grand Lecturer, who renders a very interesting report thereof, and shows himself to be a zealous Mason, anxious to dispense true Masonic knowledge. The Deputy Grand Master, and the Junior Grand Warden, each submitted a report of official visits to subordinate lodges.

R.·W.·Neil MacKelvie, Grand Secretary, presents a very full report of good conditions prevailing. The business was wholly routine in character.

There is no report on correspondence.

M.·W.·Benjamin Rogers, Charlottetown, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Neil MacKelvie, Summerside, is Grand Secretary.

## RHODE ISLAND, 1904.

May 16th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Providence, the one hundred and fourteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·William Howard Walker, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, several Past Grand Officers, one hundred and forty-eight Past Masters, and representatives from thirty-one of the thirty-seven subordinate lodges, two hundred and forty members in all, in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his address, proceeds directly to a

statement of conditions, making use of statistics gathered, which show material progress and increase in membership, and a better financial condition. Practical labor in performing the duties of his office mark his report. He visited where he had some practical object in view, inspecting the lodges, celebrating anniversaries, dedicating halls, and, on several occasions, receptions, social functions, and pleasant entertainments were enjoyed.

He makes extended record of their dead, devoting a paragraph to each who had attained the Master's Chair in his lodge, many of whom had departed this life during the year, and to the memory of all he pays fraternal tribute.

He issued six dispensations, to as many lodges, allowing each to attend church in lodge formation. A dispensation is not required with us, and we think generally it is not, but that the custom, long observed, ought to sanction such attendance. Several special dispensations for the usual purposes, also, he reports. Every one will agree that the Grand Master should rebuke as he did, the surprising action of a Master and his officers, by issuing an edict showing the circumstances, as follows:

*Whereas*, It is made to appear by a certified copy of the records of Roger Williams Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., that at the Regular Communication of said Lodge held on the 27th day of February, A. L. 5904, the Master and officers of said Lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice degree upon two candidates after objection to their receiving this degree had been made to the Master, and after the Master had announced to the Lodge that such objection had been made; and

*Whereas*, The conferring of this degree upon said candidates, after such objection had been made, was in direct violation of the provisions of section 17, Article VII, of the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

We do, therefore, by virtue of the authority in us vested, arrest the Charter of said Roger Williams Lodge, No. 32, and suspend the officers thereof who were present at the conferring of this degree.

The Grand Lodge restored the charter, reinstated the officers, except the Master, against whom the Grand Junior Warden was ordered to prefer charges.

The five District Deputy Grand Masters each made report. Their specific duty seems to be to preside at the election and install the officers in each lodge. All had done this with one exception, and that on account of his being called away from the state at the time of the elections in several of his lodges.

The Grand Lecturer had instructed the Deputies at meetings held therefor, in the ceremony of conferring the Past Master's degree, and in correcting certain errors that had crept into the work of the third degree, in some of the lodges. He speaks of some of their lodges as being distant from sources of instruction and information. What? And within Rhode Island?

The following is self-explanatory, and greatly to the credit of our Rhode Island brethren:

The undersigned Committee on the Webb Monument and Grounds in the North Burial Ground beg leave to state that there is nothing new to state in regard to their condition.

The ground is kept in perfect order, and the monument to that illustrious Mason, Thomas Smith Webb, being constructed of marble, shows some signs of deterioration, which is only natural after having been exposed to the elements for so many years; but it is looking well, nevertheless, and will probably continue to do so for many years, or until the "Webb Monument Fund" amounts to a sufficient sum to provide a new monument of the more durable granite.

There is no review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, but Brother Rugg, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented a report on the application of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, recommending its recognition, which was accordingly granted.

An amendment to their constitution provides:

ART. VII, SECTION 21.—Every subordinate Lodge, upon taking a ballot (except in the election of officers), shall proceed in the following manner:

Each member of the Lodge shall be given two ballots, one of which shall be white and the other black. The Senior Deacon (or such other officer or member of the Lodge as the Master shall designate) shall then proceed to collect, in a suitable box, one of said ballots from each member present, excepting only such members as may be excused by the Master from voting. In case of a ballot for the degrees or for membership, one black ballot shall reject the petitioner. If, however, but one black ballot appear, the Master may, upon the supposition of a mistake, immediately order a second ballot, which shall be final.

M. W. James Elisha Tillinghast, Providence, is Grand Master.

R. W. S. Penrose Williams, Providence, is Grand Secretary.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA, 1904.

June 14th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Yankton, the thirtieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Byron P. Dague, Grand Master, with representatives from eighty-three of its one hundred and three subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Reminiscent of the early days of Yankton, and of the organization of their Grand Lodge, the Grand Master in opening his annual address, alluded to some very interesting events, complimentary to that city and its St. Johns Lodge No. 1.

Their Past Grand Master Robert Crosset Hawkins died on September 16th, 1903, and to his memory the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute and accords honorable record.

He reports an active year, large correspondence, and a great number of official acts, the granting of dispensations for three new lodges, the exchange of representatives with several Grand Lodges, the laying of a corner-stone for a new court house at Webster, where he says several thousand people were present to witness the ceremonies, the granting



of several special dispensations, the rendering of nineteen decisions, and much other routine business.

We like the form in which he places each decision, as it declares the principle involved; but one decision holds that: "The Past Master's degree is not a pre-requisite to the office of Worshipful Master." We had thought it was, in every chartered lodge under the Grand Lodge system; that the only exception to the rule is that of a lodge U. D. All his other decisions are in accord with well understood Masonic law, and familiar to most of the Craft.

Brother Benjamin F. Ives, Grand Lecturer, made report to the Grand Master, but not direct to the Grand Lodge. He had held schools of instruction in fifty-four lodges, and says that the Craftmen are taking great pains to perfect themselves in the work. R. W. George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary, submitted his tenth annual report, full and excellent, as such papers from him uniformly have been.

From the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted, we extract the following:

*Resolved*, That to the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of South Dakota, we extend our fraternal greetings and trust that their meeting may be one of profit and pleasure to those who are in attendance

*Resolved*, That so much of these resolutions as relate to the Order of the Eastern Star, be forthwith transmitted to the Grand Chapter now in session.

Four lodges U. D., were granted charters.

There is absolutely no sense in the following, from the Committee on Jurisprudence. It recognizes the power, says the Grand Master, they are satisfied, used his best judgment, but, etc., etc.:

Your Committee regret to notice and disapprove of the many dispensations granted, conferring degrees out of the statutory time. Grand Lodge has from time to time, in no uncertain language, desired a restriction of the dispensing power in this particular. However, your Committee realize the pressure upon the Most Worshipful Grand Master and are fully satisfied that he has used his best judgment in their granting, believing them to be for the best interest of the Craft and of Grand Lodge, but we again reiterate the wishes of Grand Lodge as expressed for many years to restrict the issuance of dispensations for this purpose to the minimum.

It is safe to assume, and we have no doubt that the Grand Master gave more consideration to each application for a dispensation, than the whole committee, individually and collectively, gave to the whole of them, but it is so easy to criticise, and it sometimes is considered smart. If your Grand Lodge is opposed to the exercise of the prerogatives given him as Grand Master by the Ancient Landmarks and Constitutions of Masonry, why doesn't it legislate them away? Perhaps it might undertake to show the Masonic world that *it is in its power* "to make innovations in the body of Masonry."

From the Grand Chapter O. E. S., came the following:

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. Assembled,  
Fraternal Greetings:*

Officers and members of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. in session this fifteenth day of June, 1904, heartily appreciate your greetings.

May your Noble Order grow in strength and usefulness throughout all time, is the sincere wish of your Sister Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Samuel A. Brown presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-seven pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges, and appended thereto is what Brother Emil Frenkel, of New York, says upon various Grand Lodges of Europe, an instructive feature of the report.

Under Nebraska, 1903, he thus criticises one of Nebraska's decisions, and we must say that personally he is exactly right:

He ruled that if a candidate declines to submit to the mode of preparation his fees are the property of the Lodge.

We always dissent from this policy. A Masonic Lodge, in our opinion, should never be allowed to become needy enough to require to take something valuable from a profane for nothing. The fees are for the degrees and not for a clear ballot.

Under Wisconsin we find him saying what we regard as sound, and of special interest upon an important question:

The report on correspondence was as usual by our accomplished Brother, Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks. Our Brother is as firm as ever in his position that the Lodges composing the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and *Valle de Mexico* are clandestine, and are therefore not qualified to form recognizable Grand Lodges.

It was on our recommendation that these Grand Lodges were recognized, and therefore a word in support of our action is not out of place.

We do not regard as clandestine a Lodge erected by authority of the Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction A. A. S. Rite, in a country where no other Masonry exists. First, because that body has been formally recognized as Masonic by a number of Grand Lodges, and virtually by many others, notwithstanding its claim of the right to constitute Lodges where no Grand Lodge exists. Second, because the members of that body are all Masons in good standing in the United States. Third, because for nearly a hundred years it has been the custom to recognize the right of Lodges so constituted to unite in forming a Grand Lodge, notably the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

The report is good throughout.

M.:W.:Ivan W. Goodner, Pierre, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, is Grand Secretary.

#### TENNESSEE, 1905.

January 25th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Nashville, the ninety-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:James Lloyd Sloan, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and fifteen of its four hundred and twenty-nine subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master expresses a firm reliance upon Divine Providence, and great gratitude for mercies vouch-

safed to him during the year past, and a heart full of love for the Craft. He reports general progress and great prosperity among the lodges, but deplores the fact that so many members, delinquent in dues, are carried upon the rolls, and like his predecessor is vehement in his opposition to exempting old members from payment of dues.

He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead, making honorable mention of their labors during their lives. He had granted a great many special dispensations, did a great deal of official visiting among the lodges, and dwells largely on what he saw. We quote briefly:

In the earlier part of my visitations I tried to assist in the conferring of degrees. The result was that the entire time of the visit was taken up in degree work. Some lodges thinking the Grand Master should have plenty to do on his visit, when they received notice of his coming asked for special dispensations to confer degrees out of time, so he could get a job. I soon refused to do or assist in degree work. Sometimes the Lodge, having no candidate, actually used a "dummy" to show the visitor how they could do the work if they only had a genuine candidate. I finally said in my notices of visits that no degree work should be done. I found that talking on matters of great Masonic interest entertained the members on the visits much more than degree work. I followed this course—the result must answer whether it was wise or not.

He reports a number of decisions, but all, or nearly all are upon questions arising under their local Masonic law and not of general interest or importance. He reports the laying of four corner-stones, the visiting of their Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, and reports that it is well managed.

The Deputy Grand Master also makes report of visiting a great many lodges. The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report emphasize a rule that ought to be the law everywhere:

While upon the subject of Rulings the committee unanimously and emphatically approve the Grand Master's recommendation that, for the protection and relief of the Grand Master, the declaration of the Grand Lodge made in 1869, be now placed in the permanent form of an Edict, as follows:

"The Grand Master shall not make an official ruling, except upon such questions as actually exist before some Subordinate Lodge which shall have been certified to him by such Lodge or the Master thereof."

This Edict, of course, is not to be construed as forbidding the Grand Master to give advice and council, whenever he may choose to do so. Its object is, and its effects should be, confined to the terms used. Its purpose is to prevent the opinion of the Grand Master on suppositious cases, often put before him merely to gratify curiosity or to settle a private contention on abstract Masonic law. It is hoped thus to confine decisions to actual cases; and for this it is recommended as an Edict.

From the report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home, we learn that much good is being done in that institution; the receipts for the year amounted to very nearly \$13,000.00, while the expenses were \$12,855.35, and they have an increasing endowment fund, now amounting to more than seventeen thousand dollars. There are one hundred and twenty-two inmates, with a superintendent's family, two teachers and one nurse, seven in all, in addition.

Six lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and one continued under dispensation; and three petitions for dispensations were recommended and granted by the Grand Lodge. There was considerable business on hand and disposed of by the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

We find published in the volume under review, the constitution and edicts of their Grand Lodge, and extract from one of the articles of the constitution the following:

SECTION 1. *Powers.*—The Grand Lodge when convened agreeably to the provisions of this Constitution, has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all subjects of Masonic legislation, and appellate jurisdiction from the decisions of Subordinate Lodges; and its enactments and decisions upon all questions are the supreme Masonic law of the State, when not in conflict with "the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry," nor in violation of the reserved rights of Subordinate Lodges.

Now we beg to enquire what are the "*reserved rights of Subordinate Lodges,*" and when, pray, was the reservation made?

M. W. Brother Henry A. Chambers presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifteen pages. He prepares his report with great care. We admire faithful work and think it no more than fair that we all be permitted to say that we approve what costs effort on the part of a brother reviewer, and that our commendation of another arises naturally and is evidence of sincerity. Our brother does the same briefly in such phrases as: "He furnishes an excellent abstract of our proceedings," "the valuable report by \_\_\_\_\_," "an entertaining and valuable review," "the excellent report on foreign correspondence," "Brother \_\_\_\_\_ renders a fine review on foreign correspondence," and these commendatory expressions are quite frequent throughout his report.

Now, my dear Brother, we would like to know where the line should be drawn between these expressions and those which subject one to the humiliating attitude suggested in the somewhat reproachful term "mutual admiration society of correspondents,"

He gives excellent reasons for quoting freely:

We are still content to quote more than interpret or comment. As a rule, especially in jurisdictions where Grand Masters are not re-elected and the term is short, the Grand Masters desirous of making a good and lasting record are at their best and take careful, genuine and zealous interest in Masonic matters during their term. Consequently, their addresses are their very best efforts at expression on Masonic subjects, and contain the results of their very best thought on questions that come before them in their official capacity. Whenever, therefore, the subject they discuss seems to be of sufficient interest to Tennessee Masons to have a place in this report, we prefer, in justice to them and to ourselves, to let them, as far as practicable, speak for themselves. Indeed, we think this the best course as to the important deliverances of any Masonic writer or speaker. By this course the reader is not misled by any interpretation by us.

M. W. James W. Irwin, Savannah, is Grand Master.

R. W. John B. Garrett, Nashville, is Grand Secretary.

## TEXAS, 1904.

December 6th, in the Grand Lodge Masonic Temple, in the city of Waco, the sixty-ninth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William James, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and seventy of its seven hundred and five subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Their new temple is enthusiastically spoken of by the Grand Master, in opening his annual address. To the memory of their Past Grand Master, A. J. Rose, who died December 11th, 1903, he pays fraternal tribute and places on record the principal facts in his long and remarkable life.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of ten newly chartered lodges, the instituting of sixteen under dispensation, and the granting of a great many special dispensations for the usual purposes, including some for conferring degrees out of time. He reports twenty-five decisions, nearly all of which were approved, and it was finally declared that the St. Johns' Days are festivals, and not stated meetings; and upon these festivals the business of stated meetings cannot be transacted; that where a man unwittingly received two degrees in a clandestine lodge, and afterwards makes application to a lodge for the degrees, that the lodge would proceed as though he had not taken such clandestine degrees. In other words, he would be compelled to apply for the Entered Apprentice and any succeeding degrees, as would any other profane, and if found worthy and satisfactory, could be admitted to receive the same. And another, the following, which we think equitable and should be the general rule. The need for such a rule exists, at least in Nebraska:

It was held by the Grand Master that where a lodge conferred the degrees on a person who was under the jurisdiction of another, that the fees belonged to the lodge holding jurisdiction, and that the latter lodge might grant a waiver to the offending lodge to accept the brother as a member after re-obligating him in the degrees conferred on him. The conferring of the degrees on one belonging to the jurisdiction of another lodge was an irregularity upon the part of the offending lodge, and in no way affected the regularity of the brother. He was as fully a Mason as though the degrees had been conferred in his own lodge, and when he received the degrees he became a member in good standing of the lodge to whose jurisdiction he rightly belonged, and in order to become a member of the lodge that conferred the degrees on him he would be compelled to proceed according to the prescribed rules, by obtaining a dimit and applying for affiliation.

The Grand Master commends in earnest words the great good being done in their Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. It is situated in the city of Fort Worth, the Grand Master's home, and he had visited it frequently. The most pleasing event, he says, of his entire administration was the exercises at that Home on Christmas Day, when all of the Grand Officers and many of the Past Grand Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star, and members of local chapters had prepared a beautiful Christmas tree, laden with presents for every member of the Home.

In the evening, on the first day of the Grand Lodge, they dedicated,



with elaborate ceremonies their new Grand Lodge Masonic Temple. Music and eloquent addresses enlivened the occasion.

A valuable report by the Committee on Correspondence, recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico and the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, sets forth enough of the history of those bodies to make the report interesting, instructive, and well worthy of commendation. Their recommendations were approved.

Seventeen lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and four were granted upon petition therefor made directly to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chapter, R. A. M., had donated \$10,000.00 for the new Masonic Temple, at its annual convocation, then just closed, one-half of which was to be paid at once and the other half some time during the following year, and the Grand Lodge by resolution expressed its appreciation of the generous act.

M. W. Brother Thomas M. Matthews presents the report on fraternal correspondence, ably reviewing, without extracts, the proceedings reaching his table. We regret that Nebraska is not found among them. The report is concise, and valuable for the information it conveys and the frequent expressions of views generally in accord with those held by the guild of Masonic reviewers.

M. W. A. W. Campbell, Dallas, is Grand Master.

R. W. John Watson, Waco, is Grand Secretary.

#### UTAH, 1905.

January 17th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Ogden, the thirty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Richard Louis Conely, Grand Master, with a full attendance of officers, permanent members, and representatives of the chartered lodges, in attendance.

With well considered remarks upon the justifiable pride a Freemason should feel in our Institution, the Grand Master opened his annual address. He reports a warm and cordial union among the brethren in his Grand Jurisdiction, and a prosperous condition and growth in the lodges, and that the brethren have exercised due caution and judgment, with a view to quality rather than quantity, in admitting candidates.

To the memory of their dead he pays fraternal tribute, expressing feelings of sincere sympathy to the widows and fatherless.

He reports his official visits, and speaks of the pleasure and profit which they brought to all concerned, recommending that the Grand Lecturer be sent early in the year to instruct new officers and preserve a uniformity in the ritual work of conferring the degrees. And for the same purpose he had directed the Grand Lecturer to exemplify the work at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

He speaks, in every instance, of the lodges as constituents. We think they are more properly subordinates. One lodge had been constituted during the year. One special dispensation only, had been issued,

and he had not been called upon for a decision. He recommended that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish each lodge a published list, giving the name, number, location, and names of the principal officers of every regular lodge in the country, so that lodges may guard their meetings from the intrusion of men hailing from clandestine lodges.

The Grand Master's address is evidence of a sincere administration of the affairs of Freemasonry in that Grand Jurisdiction, and as such will command the approval of his brethren.

The Grand Secretary, Christopher Diehl, presents a very full annual report, so complete that one gets from its perusal a summary of everything of importance concerning the Grand Lodge and its subordinates. He says that "the onward march of the Craft in the Jurisdiction during the year 1904, is a matter of rejoicing, and the prospects for the future are as bright as the sun on a June morning." His report as Grand Librarian is evidence of the care he has bestowed upon the Grand Lodge Library for more than thirty years, and although they have only a little more than twelve hundred affiliated Masons in their Grand Jurisdiction, yet their library is worth he says, not less than \$5,000.00.

The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was recognized, but that of Queensland was refused recognition.

One thousand dollars was appropriated to their Grand Lodge Charity Fund. A resolution proposing an amendment to their by-laws so as to allow the Past Masters of each lodge in the jurisdiction one vote in the Grand Lodge, was after consideration, defeated, wisely we think.

R.:W.:Brother Christopher Diehl presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eleven pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1904, among them. It is his twenty-ninth, and his experience and zeal are reflected in a very excellent report. His summary of our proceedings is complimentary, but he thinks this writer's position on landmarks recognizes altogether too many; that the "fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man and life to come," include all there are. We think that our brethren of the eighteenth century could not have made the mistake of believing in landmarks where none existed, nor that they would have safeguarded the landmarks as they did if there had not been preserved for them all that are generally regarded as ancient landmarks. Records of the past they did not have and they began the matter of making records, and of first importance was their recognition of landmarks.

He loves his work, for he says of it:

Our work for the past year, in this department of labor, is again finished. It has been arduous, and has kept us busy many evenings till nearly midnight for nine long months, but it has been a pleasant and profitable occupation. Pleasant because it has brought us in intercourse with the most gifted Masonic writers and thinkers of the present age, and profitable because they have taught us to appreciate Masonry, its teachings, history and wise regulations for the betterment of mankind, more than we ever did before.

We only hope our brethren in Utah will heed the advice of Grand

Master Conely and will read the report attentively and carefully. Even the wisest have always something to learn and in the report may be found some instruction which has been appropriated from the thousands of pages we have perused during the year. There will be found in the report some things which ought to enlarge the sympathies of even the best of men, some things of interest to the Masonic student, and, not to make it too dry reading, some things of a humorous nature. A good laugh keeps the heart young and all physicians agree that it is a life-preserving tonic. If some unwise things have fallen from our pen, all we wish is that they were written in water. Trusting that our Brethren of the reviewers' guild will be as kindly to Utah in the future as they have been in past, we bid one and all a hearty farewell.

M.:W.:Charles Stetson Varian, Salt Lake City, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, is Grand Secretary.

#### VALLE DE MEXICO, 1904.

January 8th, at Masonic Temple, in the City of Mexico, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: Manuel Levi, with all the Grand Officers, Past Grand Master W. J. De Gress, eleven Grand Representatives, and representatives from a majority of their forty-one subordinate lodges, present.

In his annual address the Grand Master speaks most encouragingly of conditions in his Grand Jurisdiction. With each year that passes, he says, the stability of their Grand Lodge becomes more and more marked, in spite of the many obstacles which impede the growth of true Masonry there. We extract briefly:

It is with the greatest satisfaction I advise you the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Missouri, in the United States of North America has exchanged representatives with this Grand Lodge.

Twenty-one years ago the Grand Lodge of Missouri upon petition of a number of American brethren here and in view of the anarchy which reigned in Mexican Masonry, granted a charter to Toltec Lodge to work in Mexican territory. Later this charter was returned and that Grand Lodge made no objection to having Toltec Lodge continue its work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, but it did not feel willing to reorganize any Body of Masonry here until after a scrupulous and careful investigation. Now that that investigation is finished with results favorable to us, the two Grand Lodges are united by ties of full and sincere friendship. Little by little it can be seen that the unfounded scruples against the recognition of the Grand Lodge "Valle de Mexico" by the Grand Lodges of the United States are being swept away and the example of Missouri will doubtless be followed by others, and in order that this may result, it is greatly to be desired that the Grand Lodges of the United States refuse to credit the statements made against us by mischief-makers; but as they have the advantage of having frequently one or more of their brethren coming to this country, that they commission those brethren to visit the various Lodges and investigate for themselves the legality and honesty of our work and the justness of our claims.

Those who have earnestly investigated the situation in Mexico, we think, have favored the claims of the Valle de Mexico, while those who have rejected them have listened to theoretical detraction and given credence to enemies of Ancient Craft Masonry in Mexico.

It will perhaps be said that Brother Seamon, of New Mexico, is an exception to what I say, but he has certainly been on both sides, and in the last utterance of his to which the writer's attention has been called, he expressed a somewhat impatient readiness to recognize those claims. At any rate Brother Seamon has been influenced, as Past Grand Master Davies said, if we remember correctly, by the pernicious influence of the Mexican Grand Council, Scottish Rite, which is a bitter enemy of any Masonry in Mexico that does not acknowledge its supreme authority over it.

From the report of R.·W.·Felix M. Iglesias, Grand Secretary, we learn that six new lodges had been added to their roll during the year, and that all of them work the York Rite in the English language; that of their forty-one lodges, twenty work in English, twenty in Spanish, and one in German.

The Grand Treasurer, R.·W.·Carlos D. Curtis, makes a good showing of the finances of the Grand Lodge with a fair balance in the treasury, and concludes with some well considered remarks, one of which is quite suggestive. After stating that the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are always accessible to their brethren, he adds: "There are other bodies here which keep a most profound silence regarding this important point, the detailed report of their receipts and expenditures. We, on the contrary, hasten to place it before you, whose money it is, that you may have full knowledge of the manner in which your interests are being handled by those whom you have chosen for that purpose."

The entire good faith and sincerity of our brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction in conforming to the law, usages, and customs of Ancient Craft Masonry, cannot be doubted by an impartial observer.

M.·W.·Manuel Levi, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Felix M. Iglesias, City of Mexico, is Grand Secretary.

#### VERMONT, 1904.

June 15th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, the one hundred and eleventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Olin W. Daley, with representatives from eighty-six of its one hundred and three subordinate lodges, in attendance.

A cordial welcome and fraternal greeting marks the opening of the Grand Master's address. To the memory of their fraternal dead he pays loving tribute; among them was R.·W.·Myron J. Horton, Grand Junior Warden, who died on January 7th, 1904, and R.·W.·Dan P. Webster, Past Deputy Grand Master, who died March 13th, 1904.

The Grand Master reports the instituting of one lodge under dispensation, and the granting of several special dispensations. He reports only one case, and that was governed by a Grand Lodge rule of local application and importance only. He reports the constitution of one newly chartered lodge, by the Grand Lodge, in special communication, a sumptuous banquet and a good time. He says that the occasion was unique in

character. Two lodges in the town, Bellows Falls, had voluntarily surrendered their charters and united in a new organization. Another special communication of the Grand Lodge was held to constitute a new lodge and to dedicate its new hall. He reports official visits to a number of lodges, accompanied by the Grand Lecturer. The Grand Lodge granted a charter to the one lodge under dispensation.

A lodge of sorrow was held by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and memorial addresses commemorative of the lives of their fraternal dead, were made by earnest and eloquent brethren.

Upon recommendation by the Committee on Jurisprudence a digest of decisions was ordered.

M. W. Brother Marsh O. Perkins presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1903, among them. This report, as usual with Brother Perkins, states briefly the important matters reviewed, and comments upon them in concise and clearly stated propositions.

Under Alabama, and in speaking of its reviewer, this matter of brief statement is well illustrated. He says:

Personally, Bro. Titcomb does not sustain his Grand Lodge in its declaration that a person, who cannot read or write, is ineligible to the degrees, and is also more inclined to a liberal construction of the regulation anent physical qualifications, for which in our belief he is to be commended. May his influence prevail in securing a more enlightened position by his Grand Lodge on both questions. Referring to the Alabama requirement, that in all cases of suspension or expulsion a majority of the whole lodge must be present, he says under New York:

It may have occurred occasionally that a trial has been postponed for lack of a majority present, but we have not been apprised of any very serious embarrassment on that score. When a member is on trial for his Masonic life, it seems best that he should have the benefit of the judgment of a large number of his brethren instead of that of a small number thereof.

Yet there must be many lodges with widely scattered membership in which the infliction of the penalty in either case must be practically impossible. What is the remedy then, Bro. T.?

We extract from his conclusion:

All who may follow us in our journeyings through Masonic lands can but be impressed by the reports on every side of unparalleled prosperity, and notice everywhere the cautionary signals against the impending danger making Freemasonry too popular. These signals are not to be disregarded, yet if the Fraternity presents itself to right-minded, right-thinking men as a means of inculcating the basic principles of true benevolence and the betterment of mankind, numerical strength must enlarge the sphere of usefulness, and make more potent the influence of our beloved Institution. Accepted and applied in this spirit, Freemasonry can never be too popular. May it ever be our constant endeavor then to keep its widening and broadening sphere within these right lines.

M. W. Olin W. Daley, White River Junction, is Grand Master.

R. W. Henry H. Ross, Burlington, is Grand Secretary.



## VIRGINIA, 1905.

February 14th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Richmond, the one hundred and twenty-seventh annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Thomas N. Davis, Grand Master, with a very large representation from the chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master delivered some very suggestive thoughts on the difficulty arising when one attempts to define Masonry; coming to the practical he speaks of those who, with a very favorable view of the institution, are satisfied with being on the surface, paying dues and helping to maintain the necessary expense of its organizations, and then of "the young and enthusiastic Mason who is charmed with the rhythm of the ritual," reserving a high meed of praise to him who has penetrated the inner courts, "wrought his regular hours and earned the wages of knowledge."

He pays loving tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Master Mann Page, who died at Richmond, Virginia, May 29th, 1904. He reports the exchange of Grand Representatives with other Grand Lodges, the granting of dispensations for ten new lodges, the granting of special dispensations to some sixteen chartered lodges and one U. D., the visiting of a good many lodges, the approval of by-laws, and speaks of the excellent condition of their finances and says he takes an optimistic view of the financial future of their Grand Lodge. Of the by-laws of a lodge he has well defined views, naming the subjects, and saying:

1. Place of assembly.
2. Time of assembly—always with assent of the Master.
3. Income.
4. Expenses.
5. Management of property, both real and personal, if any.
6. Conditions of repeal, amendment and distribution.

Practical experience has demonstrated that from ten to twelve local laws flowing from the above mentioned subjects, together with the prerogative of the Master to rule and govern his Lodge and set the Craft to work, will successfully and Masonically run a Lodge.

In other words, a cumbersome code of by-laws cannot rule and govern a Lodge, for to rule and govern is the clear-cut, ingrained right of the Master, and neither supreme nor subordinate legislation can abate it.

He speaks of the great pleasure and privilege it is to maintain their Masonic Home, and the Grand Lodge subscribed to the same generous sentiments. He reported fifty-one decisions, all of which seem to be in accord with Masonic law. Among them it was held: That a profane with only one eye had the right to petition for the degrees, and if elected, receive them; that a lodge has a right to devote its funds to appeals of legitimate character, provided the Master consents, and enough funds are left to pay debt accrued and to accrue; that the attendance of officers and members upon lodge meetings is a voluntary matter, notwithstanding that a regulation requires the Treasurer to attend each stated meeting with his books; that the Ancient York Ritual contemplates and concedes no degree called the *third*, and the proper title is "The Master

Mason's Degree;" that it is illegal and unmasonic for a lodge organized and clothed to appear in public and act as an escort for any other organization, such as Knights Templar, etc.; that a lodge cannot in any particular prescribe the duties of the Master and Wardens; that a Masonic lodge has a right to rent its lodge room to other organizations of known or reputed respectability; that the explanatory lectures in the degrees are a part thereof, and cannot be omitted, and should not be even postponed for a more convenient season; and that a petitioner for initiation, rejected in a foreign jurisdiction, but now residing in a Virginia jurisdiction for the last successive twelve months, is eligible to petition his nearest Virginia lodge.

Upon the proposition that the system of Grand Representatives should be abolished, the Grand Lodge declared that the appointment of Grand Representatives was entirely in the hands of the Grand Master. Nine lodges under dispensation were granted charters and two continued U. D. Considerable time was devoted to proposed amendments of their law, but it is noteworthy that each amendment in no wise departs from well established Masonic principles, nor in any respect introduces innovations into the body of Masonry.

R. W. Brother Joseph W. Eggleston presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-three pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, receives fraternal and favorable consideration. He highly approves our proposed amendment *in re* Work:

We can tell them from experience that a committee of custodians paid for their work, and no member appointed for any other reason except fitness and qualifications, will keep their ritual without change. The one man system will never work while that one man is mortal. We have the committee plan in our Grand Lodge, and it is a complete success, the Grand Chapter has practically the one man plan and it is not and never can be.

We like what he says upon the subject of the rejection of a candidate:

"When a candidate is rejected and so declared, the Master's gavel should fall, and he should tolerate no word further on the subject." On the same line, in Nebraska, it is made a Masonic offense for "expressing the opinion that a particular brother cast a black ball."

He abhors, as the writer does, anything approaching a printed ritual of the secret work; he opposes the submitting of amendments to Grand Lodge law to subordinate lodges, for the best of reasons, and his entire report bristles with sound comment.

M. W. Thomas N. Davis, Lynchburg, is Grand Master.

R. W. George W. Carrington, Richmond, is Grand Secretary.

## WASHINGTON, 1904.

June 14th, in the city of Seattle, the forty-seventh annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Charles Duncan Atkins, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, representatives from one hundred and fourteen of their one hundred and twenty chartered lodges, and delegates from eight of their nine lodges U.:D.: present.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master said:

We have food for grateful reflection in the munificent outpourings of Providence upon our great state and the fraternity within its boundaries; never before, since it has been my privilege to view the progress of our fraternity in its march forward to greater light and the greater enlightenment of fellow-man has such prosperity been the fruit of our labors.

To the memory of the dead he pays fraternal tribute, among them one Past Grand Officer, R.:W.:and Rev. John F. Damon, P.:D.:G.:M.:, who died at Seattle on January 11th, 1904.

The Grand Master reports eight lodges constituted during the year, eight lodges instituted under dispensation, dispensations issued allowing twelve lodges to remove to new halls, none, however, from one town to another; and he granted a considerable number of special dispensations, laid one corner-stone for a church, dedicated three new halls, and visited a good many of his lodges. He reports nine decisions, all of which were approved by the Grand Lodge, we think correctly. One is of general interest, holding:

7. In declaring the result of a ballot on a petition for the degrees, the J. W. reported "dark," the other officers "clear;" the J. W. being located in a darker part of the room presumed he had not seen clearly and let it pass, and the first degree was conferred on the petitioner the same evening; subsequently, a brother who was present at the balloting objected to the advancement of the petitioner on the ground that he was not elected; I ruled that the brother having been present at all the proceedings and having had ample opportunity for making the objections before the initiation and remaining silent, had thereby accepted the result pronounced by the Master, and that the initiate was regularly elected.

Among the dispensations granted was one permitting two lodges, in the city of Tacoma, to appear in public on Sunday, December 27th, for the purpose of attending Divine service in celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. With us, and in many Grand Jurisdictions we think, a dispensation is not necessary. The Grand Master justly urges the importance of a Grand Lecturer in the field, and recommends that he be paid one hundred dollars a month and his expenses. In Nebraska, our Grand Lodge pays \$1,200.00 a year and all the expenses.

M.:W.:Brother Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary, presents a very full and admirably arranged report, with tables, showing the transactions in and through his office for the year. W.:Brother David S. Prescott, Grand Lecturer, makes a report showing zeal and diligence in the performance of his duties. We note that the Grand Lodge followed the

Grand Master's recommendation as to compensation, and we think it wise to do as the Grand Lodge has done.

W.:Brother Calvin J. Craven, Grand Orator, delivered a scholarly address, well worth careful perusal.

The following amendment, recommended by the Grand Master, and the Committee on Jurisprudence, was adopted:

*Provided*, That the territorial jurisdiction of all Lodges in cities and towns having defined corporate limits under the civil law, and all Lodges located outside such limits, but within two miles thereof, shall be concurrent. This provision shall not be applicable where the incorporated limits of one city or town are within two miles of the limits of a city or town in which there is a Constituted Lodge or Lodges.

We are glad to find the following adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee of nine be appointed by the Grand Master to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a Masonic Home at an early date, and to suggest plans and recommendations with that end in view.

Seven lodges under dispensation were granted charters and two were continued U.:D.:

Past Grand Master William H. Upton is the writer of the report on correspondence. He, some eight years ago, by specious argumentation, beguiled his Grand Lodge into a position abhorrent to every other Grand Lodge in the United States, and one after another they cut off fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington, which, coming to its senses, repealed its obnoxious enactments. Of Upton, the late Josiah H. Drummond said, he had a little superficial knowledge, but thought he knew it all. Upton has steadily misrepresented everybody and everything, and we think he ought to have learned long ago what he says in the following: "We suggest that it is the part of wisdom not to hasten to put into the form of hard and fast legislation the conclusions reached in his closet by any one student."

M.:W.:Edwin Hugh Van Patten, Dayton, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Thomas M. Reed, Olympia, is Grand Secretary.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1903-1904.

The first quarterly communication was held at the city of Perth, July 24th, 1903, M.:W.:John W. Hackett, Grand Master, presiding. His address shows an active quarter, and he reports that the progress in their Grand Jurisdiction was very satisfactory. He had made a goodly number of official visits to the lodges and reports the consecration of several lodges.

Owing to the difficulties arising from the action of the lodges under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, most unreasonable, the following remarks of the Grand Master are of interest:

I have already called your attention to the progress we are making. The forward march of our Constitution is evidenced each quarter in a most encouraging manner by the increase of our membership, by the additions to our Lodges, by their energetic working, by the growth of

our funds, by the hearty and fraternal accord which everywhere prevails. It must add to our satisfaction to find our proceedings and position so favorably commented upon by sister Grand Lodges, of which we are receiving constant testimony. I would call your attention to a pamphlet which has been issued by the Board of General Purposes, and which contains a second series of extracts from reports of Grand Lodges elsewhere, specially referring to the position and authority of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. As was to be expected all of those Grand Lodges which have examined into the subject express their full concurrence in our claim that we have absolute and unquestionable possession of this territory. They insist that "Masonic justice is on our side," that our position is "impregnable," that our rights are "indisputable," and that those who hold a contrary view must be guided by "unadulterated, un-Masonic stubbornness."

The next quarterly communication was held on October 23rd, 1903, at which the Grand Master presided. Communications from the Grand Lodges of Canada, Vermont, and British Columbia, establishing fraternal relations and happily gratifying were reported, and the exchange of Grand Representatives with New York and Colorado during the quarter. This subject of the recognition of their Grand Lodge was discussed by the Grand Master in his address. He also reported the acceptance of the allegiance of another, making up to that time seven Scottish lodges coming into the fold of the Grand Lodge of Australia.

The third quarterly was held at Perth, on January 22nd, 1904, the Grand Master presiding. In his address he reports official visitations, the consecration of a newly constituted lodge, and the recommendation for a new lodge at Perth. Again he takes up and discusses the Scottish contention as regards their opposition to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, in which he shows that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had prohibited its subordinates in Western Australia from discussing the question of their uniting with the English and Irish lodges, although certain of said Scottish lodges were much in favor of doing so.

The fourth quarterly was held at Perth, April 22nd, 1904, and was largely attended. Another address by the Grand Master discusses the progress and prospects of their Grand Jurisdiction, and its recognition by many Grand Lodges. The routine business, quite large at this communication, was dispatched with due regard to the recognized customs of the Fraternity. There is no report on correspondence.

M.:W.:C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth, is Grand Master

R.:W.:J. D. Stevenson, Perth, is Grand Secretary.

#### WEST VIRGINIA, 1904.

November 16th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Clarksburg, the fortieth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:George Hatch, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and seventeen of its one hundred and twenty-four subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master bids his brethren a cordial and fraternal welcome, remarking that one needs but to glance



at their beaming countenances and witness their hearty greetings as they meet each other face to face after the absence of a year, to know that brotherly love prevails. He reports that substantial gains had been made during the year. Treating Freemasonry as a great family, of which Grand Lodges are divisions, and subordinate lodges subdivisions, their legislation should be wise, for that which affects a part will affect the whole, he says, and he calls upon his brethren not to forget the charge concerning the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity.

To the memory of their Past Grand Master William H. H. Flick, who died June 7th, 1904, he pays fraternal tribute, recording the principal events of an honorable life

Special communications of the Grand Lodge had been convened for laying thirteen corner-stones, and constituting two lodges, and special dispensations had he granted in considerable numbers for the usual purposes. He had also granted four dispensations for new lodges, and he reports nine decisions, four of which are as follows:

(2) A profane whose right hand was smaller than the other, the fingers of which were not more than one-half inch long, is not eligible for the mysteries of Freemasonry.

(3) A telegrapher, who was born with but two fingers on his right hand, his thumb being perfect, is not eligible for the mysteries of Freemasonry.

(4) A man who had lost the first three fingers of his right hand close to the palm, is not eligible to the mysteries of Freemasonry.

(5) After a petition has been regularly received, and laid over four weeks, an objection to the ballot being had is of no force; it must be disposed of by ballot at that time.

This last decision, we think, is in accord with the current of authority, for the law seems to regard it to be the duty of the lodge to ballot upon all petitions for the degrees; but if a candidate has been elected in the absence of some brother who has reasons for objection, or if some fact comes to the knowledge of a member of the lodge after an election, then objection, only, is left to prevent the candidate being made a Mason. Where candidates received the degrees in a regular lodge, but were residents within the jurisdiction of another lodge, the irregularity was held to be such as to require the healing of the brethren, and this was done. We do not remember seeing a decision before to this effect, but its reasoning seems sound, and perhaps such a disposition of all such cases would tend to prevent the frequent transgression of the law in this respect. Such transgressions are very exasperating, and we have always felt that they should be dealt with in a more severe way than is usual.

The Grand Lodge granted charters for three lodges U. D. and approved a petition for a lodge U. D. The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and of local interest only.

M. W. Brother George W. Atkinson presents the report on correspondence, his nineteenth, covering three hundred and twenty-six pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-nine Grand Lodges. He reviews Nebraska, 1904, and his remarks are commendatory of our Grand Master

Bullard's administration and of the action of our Grand Lodge at the communication reviewed. He agrees with this writer that due guards and signs do not constitute "private Grand Honors."

He says that he has a good deal of sympathy with American Masons residing in Mexico, and would rejoice to see the Masonry of that Republic recognized by the Grand Lodges of the United States, but that heretofore, he has not seen his way clear to recommend recognition. We think that the recognition of the Valle de Mexico by so many American Grand Lodges has done a great deal to purify Masonry in Mexico. The evils which formerly existed have been remedied, and everything that an American Freemason could ask in the way of reformation was granted some seven or eight years ago, and American ideas in Masonry have become ideals in the Valle de Mexico and its chartered lodges.

We feel encouraged by what he says in the following:

The use of ciphers and mnemonics is still a live question in all sections of the country. Occasionally a Grand Lodge which changes its ritual allows the use of a cipher or key; and on the other hand another Grand Lodge will rail out against such usage, and so it goes. Two or three of our Masonic writers have given it as their judgment the present year, that ciphers are gaining ground. I, however, cannot see it that way, because my candid judgment is that the opposite is true. I firmly believe the time will come when such innovations will be universally prohibited. They are dangerous experiments, and cannot bring about anything but baneful results.

\* We enjoy a full report with frequent comment, especially when the writer from long years of experience is qualified, as Brother Atkinson is, to discuss questions involving Masonic law and usages.

M.:W.:Luther H. Clarke, Kyle, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:George W. Atkinson, Charleston, is Grand Secretary.

#### WISCONSIN, 1904.

June 14th, at the Masonic Building, in the city of Milwaukee, the sixtieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:John Corscot, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from two hundred and thirty-seven of its two hundred and fifty-two chartered lodges, in attendance.

The flight of time and a poetic allusion to the beautiful garb of June, opens the annual address of the Grand Master. He assures us that the year had been one full of peace and prosperity to the Craft of his Grand Jurisdiction, for which and many temporal blessings he returns heartfelt thanks to the Great and Bountiful Author of all good things. Alas, that death should have visited them, and taken from them their Past Grand Master Gabriel Bouck, and Past Grand Secretary George E. Hoskinson, to whose memory grateful, loving, fraternal tribute is paid.

The Grand Master had granted one hundred and five special dispensations, sixty-four of which were for waiving constitutional time limit

in conferring degrees. Two dispensations to institute new lodges had been granted, and eleven special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held for constituting new lodges and laying corner-stones. He reports ten decisions, holding that there is no objection to the use of a lodge room by Jews for their days of atonement and prayer; that a brother has no right to tell either the accused or accuser at a Masonic trial, how a brother voted; that it is not permitted to allow the Order of the Eastern Star to fasten the Star carpet to the floor, and then permit the Masonic Altar to rest permanently thereon; that in conferring the Master Mason's degree on three candidates at one and the same communication, they must proceed separately until the Historic Lecture is delivered; after that they may proceed conjointly; that it is not proper to notify lodge members through the mails that balloting is to take place on the application of a person named in said notice at a given time; and that a lodge doing work for another is entitled to the fee unless there is a previous contrary arrangement.

The Grand Master expresses a doubt as to the entire propriety of Masonic fairs, but admits that it might be permissible if they were conducted "on the order of the least objectionable of church fairs." But we object upon the ground that organized law breaking is abominable, and can never be made respectable; nor can we excuse such flagrant conduct upon the ground that they run lottery games at church fairs.

The writer had sorrowed, *a little*, for having indulged moderately, last year, in criticism of Wisconsin's peculiar views of their Grand Lodge's duty in affording relief. With 20,571 members in their magnificent jurisdiction, rich in material resources, they argue against the plan of Masonic Homes; think there is a better plan and that they have it; tell us that the left hand should not know what the right hand doeth in charity, etc. But the Grand Master says:

During the past year your Grand Master has devoted to charity the sum of \$200.00, being the entire sum entrusted to him for that purpose, and his only regret is that the sum at his disposal to aid suffering humanity was not five times the amount.

We are sorry that Brother Jenks should feel the burden of attempting to maintain that their theory is Masonically correct.

Carefully prepared reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Board of Trustees, fully setting forth conditions, show an excellent financial state of things, and an ability to do great good.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence overhauled the Grand Master's decisions. In one, holding:

Decision numbered 7 is disapproved. It is in conflict with the following edict: "In case a Lodge does work at the request of another Lodge the fee belongs to the Lodge making the request and the candidate remains a member thereof, but the fee may be disposed of by agreement between the two Lodges."

Nebraska holds that the fee belongs absolutely to the lodge electing the candidate, and that it is not subject to disposal by agreement be-

tween the lodges. The same committee reported an edict which was adopted, providing that: "The holding of Masonic Fairs, gift enterprises or public entertainments of any nature for gain, are forbidden and no Lodge or body of Masons, as Masons, shall take part or participate therein."

By action of the Grand Lodge the salary of Brother Aldro Jenks, for services as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, was raised from \$300.00 to \$600.00 a year. Two lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks presents his seventh annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-eight pages. His review is an able one. We can quote but briefly from his conclusion:

Again we have come to the end of our journey. Our excursion among other Grand Lodges has taken us around the world. Into England, the birthplace of modern Masonry; Ireland with its warm-hearted, loyal members of the Craft; Scotland, where Bobby Burns, the first Poet Laureate of Masonry, breathed in inspired strains the exalted spirit of Fraternity; even distant Australia and New Zealand have been visited. Everywhere we find the Craft true to its traditions, carrying on the glorious work, enlightening, instructing, and ameliorating the condition of mankind. Forms and ceremonies differ, even their understanding of the landmarks vary to some extent, but everywhere and at all times the spirit of Freemasonry is the same.

It is manifest, however, that by far the greatest strength of Freemasonry is to be found on the Continent of North America. It was in Masonic Lodges that the spirit of liberty was nurtured in its infancy, and now the debt is being repaid. In North America, as in nowhere else, perfect freedom is found. In this soil Masonry has taken root and thriven beyond expectation. Here, as nowhere else on the face of the globe, men "meet upon the level and part upon the square." No note of strife is heard, hardly a ripple of discord. The questions discussed in the proceedings reviewed this year have been much the same as in former years, though some are dropping out of sight.

M. W. David H. Wright, Madison, is Grand Master.

R. W. William W. Perry, Milwaukee, is Grand Secretary.

#### WYOMING, 1904.

August 17th, in the city of Evanston, the thirtieth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. T. S. Taliaferro, Jr., Grand Master, with representatives from sixteen of their twenty-one chartered lodges, in attendance.

A distinguished visitor, Brother Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah, was present, and was welcomed by the Grand Master and received with the Grand Honors.

With well chosen words of the rapid flight of time, and of his appreciation of the pleasures experienced during the year, the Grand Master opened his annual address. He reports quite fully each of several lodges which he officially visited, participating in the work of conferring the degrees on several occasions. Banquets were served generally, and social pleasures indulged. Everywhere, he says, he was received with that

kindness and courtesy universal among Masons, and particularly with that deference and consideration which is due to the ancient and honorable office of the Grand Master. He says:

Although my official visitations have not been as numerous as I had hoped, yet I have been in constant communication with and supervision of every portion of the Grand Jurisdiction, and its Masonic welfare has had my earnest and constant care. I have traveled much in the past year, have gone up and down the State, in and among our brothers, in their homes, and in their daily lives, and I am happy to say to this Grand Communication, and through it to a wider world—to our brethren everywhere—that peace and harmony, brotherly love, relief and truth prevail among us, and with that charity which thinketh no evil, that prudence which speaketh no wrong, and temperance and justice and fortitude and the other virtues which are the tenets and the cardinal points of our institution, are upheld as the ideals of the perfect citizenship of this young commonwealth. It is the "perfect character," the "cubical stone" of manhood, which our brethren must strive to obtain, while with naked and bleeding feet, in the darkness of perplexity and doubt, bound fast by the cable tow of passion and prejudice, they struggle up the hill of life, in search of the light and blessings of a better and holier day. No discord or dissension has marred the harmonious proportions of our stately edifice. We are, so far as my observation can discern, dwelling together as brothers should—IN UNITY. Our increase in membership is greater than ever before for the same period of time, and the applicants for our favors have been unexceptionable in their lives and in their various callings.

In beautiful language, employing expressive symbols, he pays loving and fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead.

He reports the institution (constitution) of two lodges, chartered at the last preceding annual communication of the Grand Lodge. He records few decisions, among them the following, which were, we think, correctly approved by the Grand Lodge:

Answer: First—To waive jurisdiction over rejected material, the vote must be by ball ballot, had in the Lodge where the rejection occurred.

The reason I so construe the intent of the law, that a ball ballot is required, is because of the universal rule that a brother shall be protected in his right to reject any material for Masonry, and that unquestioned by his brethren, hence the security of the ball ballot system. I take it that the same rule should hold, and that the ball ballot should be required in the case of waiver, under the circumstances; otherwise the brother, or brethren, who originally cast the black ball, or black balls, would be compelled, through an open ballot, to disclose his or their identity, thereby destroying the security of the ballot, or he or they would be compelled to vote in favor of granting the waiver to save him or them from being identified as the party or parties originally objecting.

Third—A written objection lodged with the Worshipful Master has no legal effect whatever until a petitioner has been elected; and the Master should, on receipt of such communication, return it to the brother, with the information that such procedure is only applicable after the election of a candidate and before initiation.

Answer: The petitioner has no power whatever over his petition after it has been presented regularly and received by the Lodge, but any member of the Lodge can show to the Lodge, if he so desires, the wish of the petitioner, and the reasons why he desires to withdraw the same,



and, if the Lodge, at a regular communication, believes that good reason has been shown for the withdrawal of such petition and unanimously consents to the same, it may be withdrawn. (See Section 76, By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.)

The Grand Master reports<sup>a</sup> the granting of several special dispensations, including some to ballot and confer degrees out of time.

By the provisions of the constitution of their Grand Lodge, he may grant such special dispensations. We think, however, that said provisions are only declarations of the Grand Master's powers and prerogatives, pertaining to the office. After enumerating and specifying the acts he may perform, the constitution further provides:

To require the land marks to be observed, and he shall have power to do and perform all other acts to be performed by him under any provision of law, *and shall have and exercise such other and further powers as may be necessary to lawfully govern and protect the Craft, and Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and necessary to maintain the lawful dignity of his office and the rights of this Grand Lodge* between the regular communication thereof, and no others. He shall also be custodian of the Grand Lodge jewels during his term.

The italics are ours, to enable reference thereto without repeating, our view being that such powers of necessity exist, from use from a time whence the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, as well as reserved by solemn compact between the Grand Masters and the Grand Lodges, to which the Grand Masters at that time, 1717, resigned many of their powers. With this view, held by all Masonic jurists, until quite recently, the writer is irresistibly carried. Another fact adds force to this conclusion. It is this: No constitution, nor regulations, until very recently, attempted to prescribe the exercise of such powers, and hence, from necessity, if the lodges and brethren were to be served faithfully for their good and the "Good of Masonry," the Grand Master must act, dispensations must be granted in special cases.

M.·W.·Brother William L. Kuykendall, Grand Secretary, submitted a very full and well arranged report, including a valuable comparative statement of their membership.

Two lodges under dispensation were granted charters. The amount of mileage for representatives seems to be fixed by resolution, that for the next annual communication being the amount of railroad and stage fare by the most practicable route and actually expended, to be paid to two representatives from each lodge and each Grand Officer attending. The delegates from the two lodges U.·D.·, after the granting of the charters, above noted, were, by resolution, admitted as regularly accredited representatives, with the same rights and privileges as representatives present from lodges heretofore chartered, and the Grand Secretary was directed to issue them warrants to cover their transportation expenses.

M.·W.·Brother William L. Kuykendall presents the report on correspondence, his nineteenth, covering eighty-seven closely printed pages. Nebraska, 1903, receives fraternal consideration.

He criticizes the rule governing with us, that a demitted Mason has a right to join any lodge that will receive him, without reference to his residence. Of course, that rule with us, and our Grand Lodge decisions, has reference only to lodges, where application is made, in Nebraska, but we had thought the rule quite general. Having never heard it questioned we have never looked up authority on the question, and have not the time at this writing to do so. Quite likely Brother Kuykendall is right in saying that many Grand Lodges have legislated against it.

Under New Jersey and upon the subject of landmarks he states in forceful language his views, and among other things says that, in his opinion no Grand Master of Speculative Masonry ever existed prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, and he throws doubt, if we understand him aright, upon the existence of landmarks. And to further fortify his position, he quotes at length Brother Speed's comments in a review of the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in defining what it regarded as landmarks. If we understand the latter aright, aside from the belief in God as a landmark, all others are mythical. In Speed's contribution, Mackey is spoken of as authority. We think Mackey possessed a clearer understanding of the subject than any author who has ever written upon the subject of Masonic Jurisprudence, and he carefully and learnedly defines twenty-five landmarks.

Is it not true that our English brethren in 1717, based their organization upon the old customs and ancient usages of Masonry, and the recognition of Grand Masters as then existing? Is it not true that ever since 1717, Masters, before their installations, have been required to acknowledge that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry? Is it not true, that in framing every Grand Lodge constitution since 1717, the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity have been acknowledged, and provision made that they be held inviolate?

Can it be presumed that all the recognition given in 1717, by our brethren of that day, to the existence of Grand Masters then in power, and their prerogatives from a time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, was all idle speculation?

We think that Oliver, Mackey, and many other scholars, who have written upon the subject are not mistaken, and cannot consent that Speed and Kuykendall are right. And we say this with all due respect for them, and in the most fraternal good will to them.

M.:W.:Frank A. Luckfield, Rawlins, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, is Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGES	Date	Number of subordinates	Number of members		Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Dropped, suspended, and expelled	Died	Net gain	Loss
			Raised								
Alabama	1904	401	15393	1375	639	310	841	426	287	1053	
Arizona	1904	19	1191	112	52	4	41	38	21	68	
Arkansas	1904	460	16155	1460	483	16	493	337	318	811	
British Columbia	1904	35	2624	237	84	11	97	39	24	151	
California	1904	291	29468	2665	722	151	513	245	490	2390	
Canada	1904	381	32708	2552	476		633	475	393	2223	
Colorado	1904	107	10559	669	263	46	227	103	144	493	
Connecticut	1905	110	19346	983	150	53	88	150	465	299	
Cuba	1903	52	2256	407	455		398			347	
Delaware	1904	22	2602	159	10	1	23	6	44	97	
Dist. of Columbia	1904	26	7365	432	103	59	80	94	119	301	
Florida	1905	153	6019	596	367	83	261	100	95	590	
Georgia	1904	471	24120	1764						1279	
Idaho	1904	37	1700	183	113	11	43	27	25	102	
Illinois	1904	732	70921	5662	1331	416	1355	740	1083	4254	
Indiana	1904	524	40199	3688	807	252	845	342	603	2871	
Indian Territory	1904	151	5689	571	437	62	424	149	88	402	
Iowa	1904	504	34505	2428	816	272	1161	532	465	1362	
Kansas	1905	373	25986	1852	618	188	835	308	357	1244	
Kentucky	1904	486	25416	2502	680	485	778	714	391	1869	
Louisiana	1905	159	8960	974	181	56	214	112	158	707	
Maine	1904	199	24611	1309	127	83	194	200	471	671	
Manitoba	1904	70	4274	405	210	22	132	51	40	463	
Maryland	1904	106	10293	781	77	27	79	6	184	567	
Massachusetts	1904	236	46715	2781	275	65	339	355	695	1540	
Michigan	1904	303	49724	3239	744	154	771	302	690	2344	
Minnesota	1905	244	20290	1313	419	58	532	241	240	775	
Mississippi	1904	288	11457	694	389	126	412	124	152	491	
Missouri	1904	569	39080	2824	1042	334	1104	692	700	2496	
Montana	1904	51	4013	303	96	33	123	52	57	233	
Nebraska	1905	235	14719	908	362	107	438	221	191	528	
Nevada	1904	21	985	54	28	4	24	4	17	41	
New Brunswick	1903	35	2084	151	14	14	49	23	34	73	
New Hampshire	1904	79	9572	297	56	15	72	98	207	12	
New Jersey	1904	179	22102	2146	379	115	233	222	336	1751	
New Mexico	1904	24	1431	136	84	5	51	21	24	174	
New South Wales	1904	198	10044	1327	667		1059	165	94	676	
New York	1904	763	126177	10665	1168	1216	1159	261	1927	7992	
New Zealand	1904	128	6631	665	289		418	118	58	432	
North Carolina	1905	333	14578	1195	299	143	345	273	254	915	
North Dakota	1904	72	4847	468	110	15	183	36	31	343	
Nova Scotia	1904	64	4171	336	76	36	89	64	47	289	
Ohio	1904	503	58243	4511	773	751	884	1139	870	3178	
Oklahoma	1904	111	5219	752	466	16	290	48	44	1071	
Oregon	1904	105	6953	541	298	44	153	81	112	548	
Pennsylvania	1903	447	67706	5841	747		447	449	1083	4609	
Prince Edward Isld.	1905	15	604	39	16		25	18	14		2
Quebec	1904	57	4433	368	72	40	120	70	48	242	
Rhode Island	1904	37	6091	370		7	17	34	112	208	
South Australia	1903	44	2756	128	60	19	54	40	30	84	
South Carolina	1903	191	7251				248	117	116	325	
South Dakota	1904	103	5710	319	193	29	204	20	51	266	
Tennessee	1905	429	19420	1418	620	211	646	321	367	915	
Texas	1904	705	36436	2697	1400	292	1766	455	528	1640	
Utah	1905	11	1213	88	38	11	34	24	19	62	
Vermont	1904	103	11288	607	101	26	164	58	204	305	
Virginia	1905	284	15846	1156	539	101	585	201	275	845	
Washington	1904	128	7961	803	425	96	271	164	91	905	
Western Australia	1904	69	3348	411	305		250	71	27	368	
West Virginia	1904	124	9399	855	200	70	218	101	99	689	
Wisconsin	1904	252	20571	1373	347	95	485	166	315	858	
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