

## NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG0868.AM: Grand York Rite of Nebraska (Neb.)

Records: c.1868-1954, mostly 1870-1920

Nebraska: Fraternal organization

Size: 12 cu. ft.

### BACKGROUND NOTE

The organization of the American Rite (York Rite in America) features nine degrees, according to Mackey's The Encyclopedia of Free Masonry. The lodge, a meeting of the symbolic masons, gives three degrees: Entered Apprentice; Fellow-Craft; and Master Mason. The Chapter, a meeting of Royal Arch Masons, consists of four degrees for members: Mark Master; Past Master; Most Excellent Master; Holy Royal Arch. The High Priest serves as the presiding officer of a chapter of a Royal Arch Masons (RAM). The Council, a meeting of Cryptic Masons, holds degrees as Royal Master and Select Master. The Commandery, a meeting of the Knights Templar, also has degrees: Knights of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta. The Nebraska York Rite Collection contains items from the Chapter, Council, and Commandery levels.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Nebraska York Rite Collection consists of records of the organization arranged in five series:

1) High Priesthood and Chapters, Correspondence 1868-1929; 2) Grand Councils and Councils, Correspondence 1876-1954; 3) Grand Officers and Commanderies, Correspondence 1870-1954; 4) State and International Correspondence, 1869-1920; and 5) Miscellaneous.

Furnas, Livingston, Deuel--names familiar in early Nebraska history transform into chapter names. A large portion of the materials relates to some 65 Nebraska York Rite Chapters. The chapter, council, and commandery materials include demits, dispensation papers, charter copies, petitions, by-laws and amendments, officers and installations, invitations, designated seals, and other materials related to the individual groups. Christmas observances, banquets, inspection reports, and account records are also included in the collection. Members in military service in World War I are recorded as well. The State/ International correspondence consists of communication between the Nebraska organization and 27 states and territories and 4 foreign nations. Appointment of representatives to grand (state) commanderies, member deaths (including President Garfield), printed proceedings, Grand Conclave reports, and reports of impersonation of knights (warnings to other states) comprise the State/ International correspondence. The Miscellaneous series consists of the correspondence regarding the printed electrotype plates and the formation of the Rocky Mountain (Colorado Territory) lodge.

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37. Adoniram Chapter (No. 13) (Blair), Correspondence, 1886-1919
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