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of Florida



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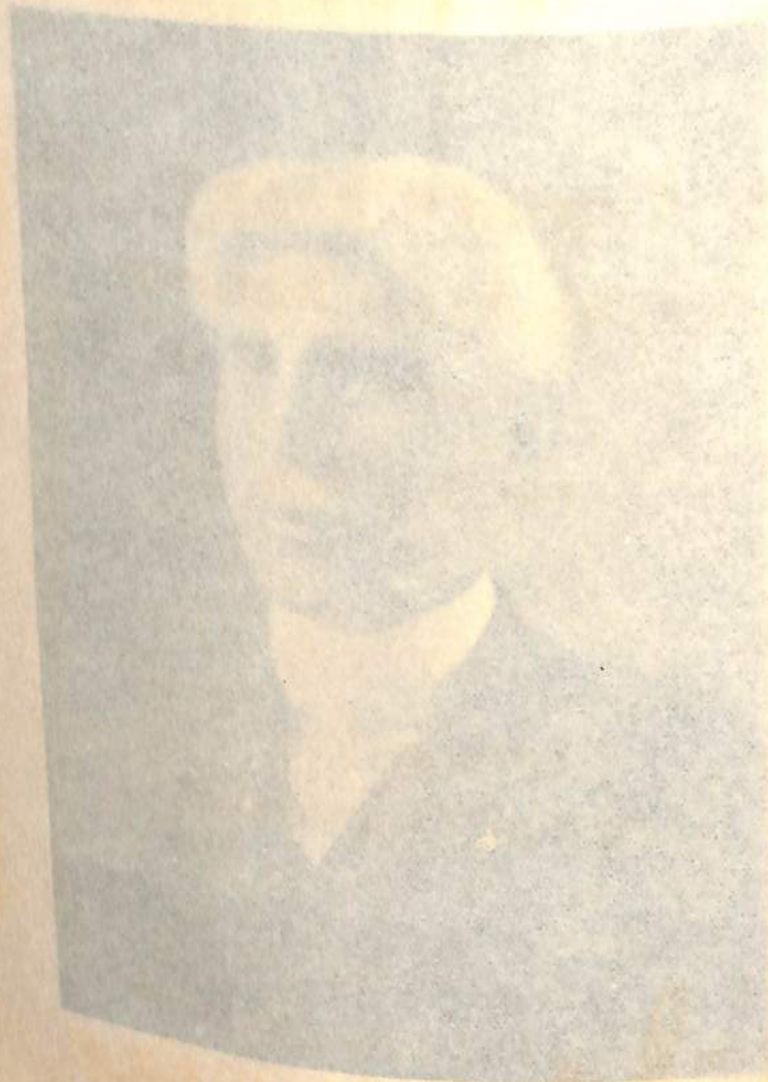
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GRAND OFFICERS  
OF THE  
**M. : E. : Grand Chapter of Florida**  
FOR  
A. I. 2447, A. D. 1917

- M. : E. : Dabney B. Palmer, Grand High Priest, Monticello.  
 R. : E. : Charles H. Ketchum, Deputy Grand High Priest, Key West.  
 R. : E. : L. F. Blalock, Grand King, Miami.  
 R. : E. : W. V. Carter, Grand Scribe, Port Orange.  
 M. : E. : Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer, Jacksonville.  
 M. : E. : Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.  
 M. : E. : Irving E. Webster, Grand Chaplain, Gainesville.  
 E. : S. May Walker, Grand Captain of the Host, Tallahassee.  
 E. : O. L. Taylor, Grand Principal Sojourner, Sanford.  
 E. : Chester DeRocher, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Brantown.  
 E. : R. J. Kishpaugh, Grand Master Third Vail, West Palm Beach.  
 E. : John L. Hall, Grand Master Second Vail, Jacksonville.  
 E. : T. T. Turnbull, Grand Master First Vail, Monticello.  
 E. : John W. Capper, Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

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The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its seventy-first Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, May 15, A. D. 1917, A. I. 2447.

A constitutional number of Grand Officers and Representatives of the constituent Chapters being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the M. : E. : Grand High Priest with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The roll being called, there were found to be present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS

- William R. O'Neal ----- M. : E. : Grand High Priest.  
 Dabney B. Palmer ----- R. : E. : D. G. High Priest.  
 Charles H. Ketchum ----- R. : E. : Grand King.  
 L. F. Blalock ----- R. : E. : Grand Scribe.  
 Marcus Endel ----- R. : E. : Grand Treasurer.  
 Wilber P. Webster ----- R. : E. : Grand Secretary.  
 J. M. Caldwell ----- as R. : E. : Grand Chaplain.  
 W. V. Carter ----- E. : Gr. Capt. of the Host.  
 S. May Walker ----- E. : Gr. Principal Sojourner.

O. L. Taylor	-----	E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
Chester DeRocher	-----	E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
R. J. Kishpaugh	-----	E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
John L. Hall	-----	E. Gr. Master First Vail.
John W. Capper	-----	E. Grand Guard.

## PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Marcus Endel,	J. W. Boyd,
S. B. Wright,	W. P. Webster,
E. E. Haskell,	Louis C. Massey,
Olin S. Wright,	William S. Ware,
T. Picton Warlow,	Robert McClellan,
H. N. Sweeting,	John M. Caldwell,
Will C. Andress,	

## REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Gainesville No. 2.—Robert McClellan, H. P., S. E. Col- lison, S.
Tampa, No. 3.—A. B. Stewart, S.
St. Johns, No. 4.—R. E. Goodman, H. P.
Halifax, No. 5.—E. L. Shear, proxy for H. P.
Mt. Horeb, No. 6.—T. T. Todd, proxy for H. P.
Eureka, No. 7.—T. Picton Warlow, proxy for H. P.
Putnam, No. 9.—E. W. Warren, H. P.
Kissimmee, No. 10.—James M. Willson, H. P.
Jericho, No. 11.—T. P. Way, S.
Jacksonville, No. 12.—J. R. M. Beatty, H. P., J. S. B. Moyer, K., W. W. Smith, S.
Ocala, No. 13.—B. C. Webb, H. P.
Inverness, No. 14.—Robert L. Clark, H. P.
Monroe No. 15.—F. L. Miller, K.
Plant City No. 16.—T. C. Calmes, proxy for H. P.
St. Augustine, No. 17.—C. T. Meakins, H. P.
Manatee River, No. 18.—E. P. Hubbell, proxy for H. P.

Lake Butler, No. 19.—C. H. Register, H. P.
Keystone, No. 20.—Guy E. Phipps, proxy for H. P.
Island, No. 21.—Chas. H. Ketchum, proxy for H. P.
Thomas Brown, No. 22.—F. M. Say, H. P., Geo. Pylant, proxy for K., E. L. Wirt, proxy for S.
Lake Worth, No. 24.—R. S. Clark, H. P., E. W. Bunker, K.
Live Oak, No. 25.—T. J. Rhodes, K.
Jefferson, No. 26.—F. J. Sattler, H. P.
Joppa, No. 28.—Wm. W. Scott, H. P.
Lakeland, No. 29.—Frank H. Thompson, H. P.
Gadsden, No. 30.—Paul S. Thomson, proxy for H. P.
St. Petersburg, No. 31.—Geo. W. Stiles, H. P.
Jackson, No. 32.—C. H. Ryals, H. P.
Eustis, No. 33.—Wm. P. McKee, H. P.
Leesburg, No. 34.—H. L. Schaeffer, H. P.
Jasper, No. 36.—W. W. Brannen, proxy for H. P.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

California	-----	W. S. Ware
Connecticut	-----	W. S. Ware
Delaware	-----	W. P. Webster
District of Columbia	-----	Silas B. Wright
Iowa	-----	John M. Caldwell
Kansas	-----	Olin S. Wright
Kentucky	-----	James W. Boyd
Maine	-----	Elmer E. Haskell
Minnesota	-----	E. P. Hubbell
Mississippi	-----	D. B. Palmer
Missouri	-----	James W. Boyd
Nebraska	-----	Robert McClellan
New Hampshire	-----	Wm. R. O'Neal
New Jersey	-----	Charles H. Ketchum
New York	-----	Marcus Endel
New South Wales	-----	John D. Grether

North Carolina	John L. Hall
North Dakota	Marcus Endel
Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow
Ohio	Ely P. Hubbell
Oklahoma	Olin S. Wright
Oregon	Harry N. Sweeting
Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey
Quebec	Louis C. Massey
South Dakota	Wm. R. O'Neal
Utah	J. J. Torrey
Victoria	J. L. Hall
Washington	Silas B. Wright

Communications were received from I. E. Webster, Grand Chaplain, and F. B. Stoneman, Past Grand High Priest, extending greetings and best wishes to the Grand Chapter and stating that it would be impossible for them to be present at this annual Convocation on account of important business matters requiring their attention.

Companion Caldwell expressed regrets of Past Grand High Priest Carnell on his being unable to be present on account of illness and upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, the Grand Secretary was directed to wire Past Grand High Priest Carnell and also to write him a letter expressing the regrets of the Grand Chapter for his illness with the hope for his speedy recovery.

The following letter was received from Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 11, 1917.  
*W. P. Webster, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter R. A. M.,  
 Jacksonville, Fla.*

DEAR BROTHER WEBSTER—I am pleased to inform you that at the last regular meeting of Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S., it was voted not to hold our regular meeting on Tuesday, May 15th,

in order that the Grand Chapter may have the use of our Chapter room.

With best wishes for a prosperous meeting, I remain

Yours fraternally,

JEANNETTE E. GREYER,

Secretary.

Companion Beatty, High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R. A. M., tendered the use of the rooms to the Grand Chapter and also invited the officers and members, with their ladies, to participate in an automobile ride at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S., and Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, R. A. M., for these courtesies, by Past Grand High Priest Caldwell.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committee on

#### RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

John L. Hall,

Henry O. Snow,

R. E. Goodman.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were adopted as printed.

Upon motion of Companion D. B. Palmer all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to seats in this Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made a verbal report that the list of Grand Officers and Representatives of constituent Chapters present was correct as furnished by the Grand Secretary at roll call and asked for further time in which to make final report.

Upon motion the report was received and further time granted.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following committees:

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. O. Snow,  
A. B. Stuart, F. L. Miller.

## PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

F. I. Archibald,  
J. M. Willson, Jr., T. P. Way.

## DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

O. S. Wright,  
F. H. Thompson, W. P. McKee

## MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

Marcus Endel,	J. W. Boyd,
S. B. Wright,	E. E. Haskell,
Louis C. Massey,	Olin S. Wright,
William S. Ware,	T. Picton Warlow,
Robert McClellan,	H. N. Sweeting,
John M. Caldwell,	Will C. Andress.

## FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

E. L. Wirt,  
T. T. Todd, E. W. Warren.

## MEMORIALS

J. M. Caldwell,  
Thomas Griffith, C. E. Connor.

## VISITORS

B. C. Webb,  
Robert L. Clark, T. L. Miller.



The M.·E.·Grand High Priest delivered the following address:

### GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

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*Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida.*

We come together to-day to begin the Seventy-first Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida under conditions never known before in all the history of the world. Almost the entire world is in a state of war, war, the like of which in death and destruction, passes the comprehension of the human mind.

Governments of the world, long established, are tottering on their foundations.

If there ever was a time when the principles of our great Order should be given full force and effect, it is to-day. The problems that may confront us and be met before we shall again meet in Annual Convocation, are unknown.

That they will be real ones which will call for all the skill of those in authority, is apparent. The die has been cast, when the end will come, no man can say, but in the language of the President, "The world must be made safe for democracy."

The great principles which the President enumerates, are principles of a Royal Arch Mason.

"We have no selfish ends to serve, we desire no conquest, no dominion. We seek no indemnities for ourselves, no material compensation for the sacrifices we shall freely make. We are but one of the champions of the rights of mankind. We shall be satisfied when those rights have been made as secure as the faith and the freedom of nations can make them."



We have faith to believe that the Great Architect of the universe, in His all-wise providence, will out of it all, work out that which is best for the human family, but it will be our duty and privilege in the year which is to come, to encourage the Companions that are down-hearted, bring flowers into the lives of those who may need help and in our daily lives, exemplify the true teachings of Capitular Masonry.

When we have done this, we will, at least, have done something towards alleviating some of the world's sorrow.

## NECROLOGY

Past Grand High Priest, Samuel Pasco, passed from this life March, 1917.

Born in London, England, reared in Massachusetts, a graduate of Harvard University, he began life in Florida as principal of the Waukenah Academy.

A soldier of the Confederate Army, he was wounded and captured in the Battle at Missionary Ridge and was a prisoner of war until 1865.

In 1885 he presided over the Florida Constitutional Convention. He was elected to the Senate of United States, in 1887, he served his state acceptably in that high office.

His Masonic History so far as I am able to obtain it, is as follows:

Raised in Jefferson Lodge No. 33, November 5th, 1859, from which he dimitted November 16th, 1867, to affiliate with Hiram Lodge No. 5. Was Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge 1868-69. Was Senior Grand Warden in 1868, Deputy Grand Master 1869. Grand Master 1870-71 and 72.

In the Grand Chapter he was Grand Scribe in 1870. Deputy Grand High Priest 1873 and 1908 and Grand High Priest in 1909.

His presence in the Grand Bodies was always an inspiration. Dignified, courteous and kind, he was a veritable Christian gentleman.

In his passing, another link which binds the early history of the state to the present, is broken.

We will cherish his memory for his many kindly deeds, extend our sympathy to his family and set apart a page in our proceedings to his memory.

## GRAND OFFICERS

The year 1916 has dealt kindly with the officers of the Grand Chapter. None have been called to answer the last summons, and all, so far as I know, have done their part in Life's work.

## COMPANIONS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY DURING THE YEAR 1916

I am submitting herewith a Roster of thirty of our number who have joined the great majority, of which mention has not heretofore been made.

The simple calling of the names will bring to mind Companions who have held large places in their Communities, who have been an influence for good on those about them. Manly men, men worth while.

A. T. Sharpe	-----Gainesville, No. 2-----	1915
L. C. Knapp	-----Gainesville, No. 2-----	1915
Chas. G. Burgoyne	-----Halifax, No. 5-----	Mar. 31, 1916
Chas. L. Smith	-----Halifax, No. 5-----	Dec. 18, 1916
Jesse S. Walton	-----Mt. Horeb, No. 6-----	Jan. 16, 1916
Mahlon Gore	-----Eureka, No. 7-----	June 27, 1916
James D. Barnes	-----Eureka, No. 7-----	July 4, 1916
E. F. Sperry	-----Eureka, No. 7-----	Aug. 13, 1916
Samuel L. Wilson	-----Eureka, No. 7-----	1916
Theo. B. Anderson	-----Putnam, No. 9-----	June 25, 1916
R. B. Fickle	-----Jericho, No. 11-----	Mar. 14, 1916
H. C. Roome	-----Jericho, No. 11-----	Mar. 13, 1916
John W. Strickland	-----Jacksonville, No. 12-----	Jan. 15, 1916
John D. Sinclair	-----Jacksonville, No. 12-----	Jan. 30, 1916

W. J. Harkness	Jacksonville, No. 12	July 13, 1916
Frank B. Avery	Jacksonville, No. 12	July 28, 1916
J. M. Bryan	Ocala, No. 13	July, 1916
Malcolm D. Clower	Inverness, No. 14	
Stanford F. Scruggs	Inverness, No. 14	
A. R. Tison	Plant City, No. 16	Aug. 31, 1916
Thos. L. Pritchard	St. Augustine, No. 17	Dec. 24, 1916
T. B. Hartig	Lake Butler, No. 19	Jan., 1916
William H. Williams	Island, No. 21	Feb. 9, 1916
Jonathan I. Roberts	Thomas Brown, No. 22	Apr. 28, 1916
George H. Maltby	Lake Worth, No. 24	May 15, 1916
Albert Furrer	Lake Worth, No. 24	October
E. S. Anderson	Lakeland, No. 29	March
George Ham	Lakeland, No. 29	Aug. 12, 1916
John Patterson	Lakeland, No. 29	Oct. 24, 1916
N. B. Murff	Leesburg, No. 34	Feb. 13, 1916

To these our Companions we set apart a page in our records and will cherish them in our memories.

#### OTHER JURISDICTIONS

From Memorials received, death has often visited other Grand Jurisdictions, taking from them Companions who have held a large place in their history.

Each Companion who has attained the honor of Past Grand High Priest must have received the confidence and esteem of his Companions, and have been found worthy and well qualified. The list which has come to me is as follows:

#### Past Grand High Priests:

- Alabama*.—John Beverly Christian.
- Arkansas*.—Robert Liddell, Caleb H. Stone.
- California*.—William Alexander January, William Abraham Davies, George Hays Monroe, Samuel Hopkins Wagener.
- Colorado*.—Christopher C. Gird.
- Connecticut*.—James Harding George.
- Illinois*.—Robert L. McKinlay.
- Iowa*.—Alfred Wingate.
- Mississippi*.—John Silas Brooks.

*Minnesota*.—Ralph Day Webb.

*Montana*.—Richard D. Wearing.

*Michigan*.—Eugene Phillip Robertson.

*Kansas*.—Augustus Ogden Wellman.

*Michigan*.—Theron Francis Giddings.

*Nebraska*.—Charles M. Kaley.

*North Carolina*.—Harry Gibbons Smallbones.

*North Carolina*.—John C. Drewry.

*Ohio*.—Wm. E. Evans.

*Ohio*.—Edward H. Archer.

*Pennsylvania*.—George Washington Kendrick, jr.

*Virginia*.—Edward Smith Conrad.

*Washington*.—Andrew Nilsson.

There are vacant chairs in several of the Grand Jurisdictions which must be filled. Each Companion who has passed on, has done his bit.

Let us rise, and with bowed heads, pause for a moment to remember those who are gone.

#### MONUMENT

Past Grand High Priest John H. Weddell.

Upon investigation it was found that a monument has already been erected. No further action was taken.

#### CAPITULAR MASONRY IN FLORIDA

I submit for your consideration the following statistics, as will more fully appear in Report of the Grand Secretary:

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Membership, Dec. 31st, 1915.....	2558	
Exalted .....	319	
Reinstated .....	12	
Affiliated .....	32	2921
Died .....	30	
Dimitted .....	39	
Suspended, N. P. D.....	110	
Suspended, U. M. C.....	1	
Expelled .....	1	
		181
Membership Dec. 31st, 1916 .....	2740	
Net Gain .....		182

You will note that the membership is 2740, a net increase over previous year of 182. While that is reasonably satisfactory for the year, with a Blue Lodge Membership in the State of 13,364, there should be at least six thousand Royal Arch Masons.

The question is a proper one: Why are there not that many? If my observation has any value, I would say, that many Royal Arch Masons do not take the trouble to explain to Master Masons that the Chapter degrees are to explain and amplify the instruction given in Blue Lodge, that there seems to be a hesitancy on the part of most Royal Arch Masons to present in a proper way the desirability of a Master Mason becoming a Royal Arch Mason.

## WARRANTS

I have signed Warrants, Nos. 1 to 25 inclusive.  
Amount paid, \$2421.94.

## GRAND CHAPTER FUNDS

I am advised by the Treasurer that there is to the credit of the Grand Chapter approximately \$11,000.00.

I venture to raise the question as to whether we are administering the trust. I do not quite understand for what purpose the Grand Chapter is building up this fund.

There are many instances that come to my attention where some help judiciously bestowed would be of great benefit to the widow and orphan of a deceased Companion. \$1,000.00 per year set aside for educational purposes would give scholarship to five students in our Florida colleges. Can a greater work be done than to have five students receive a year's training?

Again, have we Companions who suffer reverses in life that it is our duty and should be our pleasure to help over the rough and rugged road of life's journey?

Again, if we have to keep the ten thousand dollars or more as a reserve fund, it should be invested in carefully selected Bonds that will yield more than Bank interest.

## APPOINTMENTS

I have made the following appointment:

On recommendation of the Grand High Priest of New York, Emanuel M. Kaiser, P. H. P. Empire Chapter No. 170, New York City, as our Representative in New York.

I recommended the appointment of James M. Willson, of Kissimmee, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

## BY-LAWS

Jasper Chapter No. 36 having submitted their By-Laws to me, they were approved.

## DIMIT

Lake Butler Chapter has issued a Dimit to Dr. R. L. Anderson, the consideration of which was had at our last Grand Convocation.

## DISPENSATIONS

Dispensation was granted Jericho Chapter No. 11 to elect officers on December 28th, on account of a Masonic Conference which was being held on the meeting night of Chapter.

Dispensation was granted Jericho Chapter No. 11, to place a Keystone in the Christian Church in Miami, Florida.

It may be there is no precedent for this, but it was for the benefit of Capitular Masonry. The work was completed in a most dignified manner, and in my judgment, brings the Royal Chapter before the citizens of Miami, in the manner that it should be.

I congratulate the Companions of Jericho Chapter on their energy and skill.

## WORK BY COURTESY

The failure of Chapters to confer all the degrees upon a Candidate after he has been elected, before his removal to some other Jurisdiction, has necessitated making application through the Grand High Priests of other Jurisdictions to have the work completed.

Unless there are unavoidable circumstances, I recommend that a special effort be made in every Chapter to complete the work which is begun. It is unsatisfactory, both to the candidate and the Chapter, to have the delay incident to authorization.

Mt. Horeb No. 6, requested Pentalpha Chapter, N. J., to confer R. A. degree upon Brother A. J. Cooper.

Monroe Chapter No. 10 to San Gabriel Valley Chapter No. 100, at Alhambra, California, to confer degrees on Robert Webb.

Inverness Chapter No. 14 to Jackson Park Chapter

No. 222 of Chicago, to confer R. A. Degree on Edward D. Conklin.

St. Augustine Chapter No. 17 to Fitzgerald Chapter No. 32, Fitzgerald, Ga., to confer Most Excellent and Royal Arch degree upon Brother Isaac E. Smith.

This seems to be a simple matter, but frequently involves much correspondence and is unsatisfactory.

## VISITATIONS

In the beginning of my term I determined, so far as I could, to visit any and every Chapter that had a Special Occasion, where a number of Masons gathered.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to be present on many of these occasions. Every courtesy has been extended to me. I personally have enjoyed the meetings more than I can say and will cherish the friendships I have made in all the years that are to come.

Frankness compels me to say, however, that in my judgment, such meetings and visitations do not accomplish the good for the craft that they should. I am fully persuaded that, if there were designated five or more central points in the State where Convocations would be held, where a committee of three, skilled in the work, would hold a three days meeting, where Chapters within that locality would be asked to confer the degrees under the supervision of the Committee, then would Capitular Masonry come into its proper place in Florida, and not until then.

No Grand High Priest, however able or well qualified, can visit a Chapter, arriving on night train and leaving the next morning and accomplish much.

I recommend that you give this your serious consideration.

## CHAPTER AS A STEPPING STONE

I venture to raise the question as to whether or not the Chapter degrees are not used as a stepping-stone to the so-called higher degrees. Whether or not the Chapter receives that consideration to which it is justly entitled. My companions, this ought not to be. There has never been devised anywhere, in any fraternity, lessons more calculated to develop the best there is in man, than the chapter degrees from the beginning of the Mark Master to the conclusion of the Royal Arch degree. There are lessons taught that are fundamental and of practical benefit. The chapter is not a stepping stone. It does and should, stand on its own foundation and is the key stone of the Arch.

## FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Companion Ely P. Hubbell kindly consented to review the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions and make such recommendations as would seem to him to be for the interest of Florida. His report will be submitted to you.

This has been an arduous task, but has been a labor of love. I bespeak for this report your most careful consideration.

Personally, I desire to express my appreciation of his work and thank him for it.

## GRAND SECRETARY

The success of any organization depends very largely on the efficiency and ability of the Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of Florida is fortunate indeed, to have a man who, not only is efficient, but has the ability and interest in his work to make it a success.

I desire to publicly express my thanks to him for his

uniform courtesy to me, personally, and also to thank him in behalf of the Grand Chapter for the work done.

Companions, in closing this report, I think it is only fair to say, that while Capitular Masonry in Florida is not making the progress that it should, and that we have the right to expect, a careful comparison with other Jurisdictions will show that few, if any, have a higher percentage of increase in membership than Florida.

The personnel of the membership and the character of the work done is the equal of that of any other Jurisdiction.

The companions who are now the Grand Officers have the ability, the skill and the knowledge to place this state in the very front rank, if they will.

I appreciate the honor which you have done me in electing me to this high office and will always cherish, as a precious heritage, the memory of the friends that I have made as the Grand High Priest. It is but another link which binds us together.

My prayer is for each of you and all Royal Arch Masons, in Florida and elsewhere, as we travel along life's pathway, rough, rugged and dangerous as is the road; long and tedious the journey, that we will be sustained and favored by the Great I Am, when we at last arrive at our journey's end.

Fraternally                      WM R. O'NEAL,  
Grand High Priest.

Upon motion the foregoing address was referred to Past Grand High Priests, Silas B. Wright, Marcus Endel and E. E. Haskell for consideration and distribution of subjects.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Caldwell prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 7:30 p. m., and

that the first order of business be the exemplification of work in the M. M. degree by the Grand Chapter Committee on work.

The Grand Secretary made the following report which was received and referred to the special committee on Distribution.

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

COMPANIONS—I have the honor of reporting matters pertaining to the office of the Grand Secretary for the past year as follows:

Six hundred copies of our proceedings for 1915 were printed and distributed in the usual manner.

In accordance with your instructions a Past Grand High Priest's jewel has been purchased for M. E. William R. O'Neal and same is ready for presentation at the proper time.

I am pleased to report having received a communication from the Grand Chapter of Canada stating that the difficulty existing between that Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Alberta had been harmoniously adjusted and that the Grand Chapter of Alberta is now recognized by them.

I would suggest that section 14 of our constitution be amended so as to allow our chapters to reinstate members suspended for non-payment of dues without the payment of the entire amount of arrears should they desire to do so. This would make our rule in this matter conform to the rule of the Grand Lodge as given in regulation No. 205 of our Grand Lodge statutes.

I am often requested by our Chapters to furnish blank receipts for dues, and it may be well for the Grand Chapter to furnish them so as to have a uniform receipt used throughout the Jurisdiction.

All of our Chapters made returns within the limit as to time and paid dues in full with the following exceptions.

Gainesville Chapter No. 2 made returns for 1916 promptly and paid dues in full for the year 1915 but have been unable to pay the dues for 1916 amounting to \$79.00.

Inverness No. 14 has made returns and paid dues in full for 1916, but they were not received till April 21st.

Live Oak No. 25 still owes a balance of \$39.00 on its dues for 1915.

Fraternally submitted,  
W. P. WEBSTER,  
Grand Secretary.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Dr.

To Cyphers sold .....	\$ 72.00	
Dues Florida No. 1.....	70.00	
Dues Gainesville No. 2 (1915).....	94.00	
Dues Tampa No. 3.....	221.00	
Dues St. Johns No. 4.....	45.00	
Dues Halifax No. 5.....	130.00	
Dues Mt. Horeb No. 6.....	100.00	
Dues Eureka No. 7.....	146.00	
Dues Dade City No. 8.....	47.00	
Dues Putnam No. 9.....	39.00	
Dues Kissimmee No. 10.....	45.00	
Dues Jericho No. 11.....	143.00	
Dues Jacksonville No. 12.....	335.00	
Dues Ocala No. 13.....	81.00	
Dues Inverness No. 14.....	65.00	
Dues Monroe No. 15.....	71.00	
Dues Plant City No. 16.....	71.00	
Dues St. Augustine No. 17.....	94.00	
Dues Manatee River No. 18.....	82.00	
Dues Lake Butler No. 19.....	32.00	
Dues Keystone No. 20.....	57.00	
Dues Island No. 21.....	34.00	
Dues Thomas Brown No. 22.....	197.00	
Dues Lake Worth No. 24.....	123.00	
Dues Live Oak No. 25.....	64.00	
Dues Jefferson No. 26.....	32.00	
Dues Indian River No. 27.....	114.00	
Dues Joppa No. 28.....	58.00	
Dues Lakeland No. 29.....	82.00	
Dues Gadsden No. 30.....	44.00	
Dues St. Petersburg No. 31.....	120.00	
Dues Jackson No. 32.....	73.00	
Dues Eustis No. 33.....	45.00	
Dues Leesburg No. 34.....	48.00	
Dues Sarasota No. 35.....	41.00	
Dues Jasper No. 36.....	32.00	\$3,147.00

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Jan. 4, 1917.	Paid Marcus Endel, Grand Treas.-	\$277.00
Jan. 13, 1917.	Paid Marcus Endel, Grand Treas.-	625.00
Feb. 3, 1917.	Paid Marcus Endel, Grand Treas.-	309.00
Feb. 7, 1917.	Paid Marcus Endel, Grand Treas.-	71.00
Feb. 6, 1917.	Paid Marcus Endel, Grand Treas.-	756.00
Feb. 19, 1917.	Paid Marcus Endel, Grand Treas.-	462.00
Mar. 34, 1917.	Paid Marcus Endel, Grand Treas.-	141.00
Apr. 17, 1917.	Paid Marcus Endel, Grand Treas.-	154.00
Apr. 23, 1917.	Paid Marcus Endel, Grand Treas.-	65.00
May 12, 1917.	Paid Marcus Endel, Grand Treas.-	287.00
	Books and vouchers herewith submitted for examination and approval.	\$3,147.00

W. P. WEBSTER,  
*Grand Secretary.*

The Grand Treasurer made the following report which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer,  
In account with the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida:

1916		
May 16.	To Balance on hand as per last report-----	\$ 9,663.46
July 8.	To Received Interest G. L. Trustees-----	50.00
Sept. 2.	To Received Interest G. L. Trustees-----	2.50
Oct. 16.	To Received Interest G. L. Bonds-----	10.00
Nov. 28.	To Received Interest G. L. Bonds-----	500.00
1917		
Jan. 4.	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	277.00
Jan. 13.	To Received Interest G. L. Trustees-----	50.00
Feb. 3.	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	625.00
Feb. 7.	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	309.00
Feb. 6.	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	71.00
Feb. 19.	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	756.00
Mar. 24.	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	462.00
Apr. 17.	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	141.00
	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	154.00

April 20.	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	65.00
April 20.	To Received Interest G. L. Bonds-----	10.00
April 23.	To Received Interest Barnett Natl. Bank-----	233.58
May 12.	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	286.00
May 12.	To Received from Grand Secretary-----	1.00
		\$13,666.54

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By Paid Vouchers Nos. 1-25----- 2,421.94

Distributed as follows: \$11,244.60

Barnett National Bank-----	\$8,844.60
G. L. Certificates of Indebtedness-----	2,000.00
G. L. Bonds-----	400.00
	\$11,244.60

Books and Vouchers are herewith submitted.

MARCUS ENDEL,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

The special Committee on Rituals made the following report which was received and further time granted:

RITUAL

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your special committee on Ritual beg leave to report progress and have secured a number of the corrected sheets to the present Ritual and same are in the hands of the Grand Secretary ready for distribution.

The matter of further revising our Ritual has been delayed on account of inability to get a copy of the General Grand Chapter revision of their Ritual as ordered at their last Triennial Conclave. As soon as this Ritual can be secured, we hope to complete the work on our own Ritual.

We ask that further time be granted this committee.  
Fraternally submitted,

DARNEY B. PALMER,  
*Special Committee.*

A communication from the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville in regard to investing some of our surplus funds in Liberty Loan Bonds, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Companion Hubbell, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota extended greetings to the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Companion Hubbell presented his report on Correspondence which, upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Haskell, was received and ordered printed in the proceedings of our Grand Chapter.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Companion Hubbell as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for his very able and satisfactory report. Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright offered the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be directed to formulate the proper and necessary regulations for the appointment of a Committee on Relief and prescribing their duties, which shall be on the general plan of the Relief Committee of the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance and Accounts be instructed to report an appropriation of \$1,000.00 for the use of a Relief Committee to be appointed.

The first resolution was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and the latter to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Past Grand High Priest Caldwell presented the following resolution which was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three or more be appointed as a Committee on Work to hold schools of instruction after the general plan adopted by the Grand Lodge of Florida.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

## IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest with officers and members as at morning session.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The following telegram was received from the General Grand High Priest.

Concord, N. H., May 15, 1917.

Wilber P. Webster,

Grand Sec., Grand R. A. Chapter,

Jacksonville, Fla.

My sincere fraternal greetings to the Grand Chapter in annual Convocation assembled.

GEORGE E. CORSON,

General Grand High Priest.

Upon motion the Grand Secretary was directed to reply to same by wire.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter and a Lodge of M. M. was opened under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

Brothers Robert E. Merritt, Lester G. Gilbert and Julien E. Kuchler were advanced to the Honorary degree of M. M. in due form for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

The Lodge of M. M. was closed and a Lodge of P. M. was opened under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on work.

Brothers Robert E. Merritt, Lester G. Gilbert and Julien E. Kuchler were inducted into the O. C. of K. S. in due form for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.



The Lodge of P. M. was closed and labor was resumed in the Grand Chapter.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Warlow prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow and that the first order of business be the exemplification of work in the M. E. M. degree by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

The special Committee on Distribution made the following report which was received and adopted.

#### DISTRIBUTION

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee, to which was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and the report of the Grand Secretary for distribution, report as follows:

We recommend that so much of the address of the Grand High Priest as refers to necrology be referred to the Committee on Memorials; that so much as refers to dispensations issued, work by courtesy, and by-laws approved, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as refers to finance be referred to the Committee on Finance; that so much as refers to the restoration of Companions suspended for non-payment of dues be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We commend to the careful consideration of all of the members of the Chapters in Florida, that portion of the address of the Grand High Priest referring to the "Chapter as a stepping stone," and trust that the language used by the Grand High Priest will have a deep and lasting effect upon the minds and conduct of all of the Companions.

On behalf of the Companions, we extend to our Grand High Priest our sense of appreciation and thanks for the courteous manner in which he has ruled and governed the Grand Chapter for the year past, and for the efforts made by him to instill into the Chapters additional life and interest, which in many cases have been all but dormant. We have had under consideration his paragraph referring to the appointment of a Committee of three or more skilled in the work, who would hold a three days' meeting at

four or five points in the State, where conventions or schools of instruction could be held and trust that the Grand Chapter will take some action in this matter at this session.

We join with him in complimenting the report on Fraternal correspondence prepared and presented by Companion E. P. Hubbell and we trust that our worthy Companion can be induced to continue in that good work.

We join with him in all that he has said regarding the necessity for an efficient, competent and intelligent Grand Secretary in order to produce the best results in our Grand Jurisdiction and feel that he has not said too much, nor has he said enough, in compliment to our Grand Secretary W. P. Webster, whose knowledge and skill in the work have made him well-nigh indispensable to the officers and members of this Grand Chapter.

The appointments reported by him under the head of Grand Representatives, being a matter entirely within his prerogative, requires no comment at our hand.

We concur with our Most Excellent Grand High Priest in that portion of the opening paragraph of his address wherein he enunciates the "principles of a Royal Arch Mason," and agree with him that his quotation from the address of President Wilson is a correct statement of those principles.

Fraternally submitted,  
S. B. WRIGHT,  
MARCUS ENDEL,  
E. E. HASKELL,  
*Committee.*

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

#### IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 16, 10:00 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment by the M. E. Grand High Priest with officers and members as at former sessions.

The minutes of the evening session were read and adopted.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter and a

Lodge of M. E. M. was opened under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

Robert E. Merritt, Lester G. Gilbert and Julien E. Kuchler for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, and Warner T. Hamm for Putnam Chapter No. 9 were received and acknowledged as M. E. M. in due form.

The Lodge of M. E. M. was closed and labor was resumed in the Grand Chapter.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest, Olin S. Wright, the Committee on Finance and Accounts was directed to include in their budget an appropriation of \$300.00 as a testimonial of our love and esteem for Past Grand High Priest Carnell.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report which was received and adopted:

#### RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials respectfully report that all Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues prior to April 1st, as reported by our Grand Secretary with the following exceptions:

We find Inverness Chapter No. 14 has made correct returns and paid dues in full, but the returns were received too late to comply with the regulation that requires that all returns be in the hands of the Grand Secretary prior to April 1st, but they have paid the fine assessed against them. We recommend that they be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter and that their representative be placed upon the pay roll.

Gainesville Chapter No. 2 has made correct returns and filed them within the period designated under the regulation governing the same, but have paid no dues for 1916.

Tampa Chapter No. 3 has paid their dues, but returns are somewhat irregular.

Live Oak Chapter No. 25 has made correct returns and paid dues in full for 1916, but there is still a balance of \$39.00 for 1915 due.

We recommend that these irregularities be referred to the Grand Secretary for adjustment, that these Chapters be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter, and their representatives placed upon the pay roll.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. HALL,

H. O. SNOW,

R. E. GOODMAN,

*Committee.*

Companion T. T. Turnbull, Past High Priest of Jefferson Chapter No. 26, presented the following Memorial to Past Grand High Priest Pasco.

#### PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST PASCO

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Right Excellent Companions:*

Since our last Grand Convocation, death, that grim reaper, whose sickle is never dull, and whose arm never falters, has been at his appointed work, and today we mourn the loss of one whom we all loved and honored, Companion Samuel Pasco, Past Grand High Priest.

It is simple truth to say that no one occupied the same place in the affectionate esteem of the entire community in which he lived, and in the Grand Bodies of which he was a member, as did Companion Pasco.

I knew him intimately and was associated with him closely, especially in the work of the Chapter, and it is a great privilege for me to offer this brief tribute to his memory.

Born in the city of London, England, of English parentage, his early manhood found him in Massachusetts. He was educated in Harvard University, and his strong mentality to the very last of his ripe old age testified to the thoroughness of his early education.

He came to Florida when about twenty-one years of age, and settled in Jefferson County, teaching a country school for some years.

At the beginning of the Civil War, although many friends dear to his heart lived in the North, and no tie bound him here, yet he cast in his lot with his adopted State and willingly endured the hardships of the war in the ranks of the Confederacy.

Returning to Jefferson County after the close of the war, public

duty soon sought him out and he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of that county, a position he filled with great credit until removed by the operations of the Constitution of 1868, when he began the practice of law.

1876 was a red-letter year in the political history of Florida, and found Companion Pasco, as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the State, at the head of the party, victorious and triumphant, and the State redeemed to these seemingly endless days of prosperity.

The fruition of his labors was not full, however, until nine years afterwards, when, as President of the Constitutional Convention of 1885, the Constitution of 1868 was supplanted by the Constitution of 1885, and the first succeeding Legislature of 1887, with Companion Pasco as Speaker of the House of Representatives, commenced the great process of re-making the laws to conform to the new Constitution. Then his public work in the State seems to have ended, for that Legislature sent him to the Upper House of the Federal Congress to twelve years of useful legislation.

His ability there displayed brought to him upon his retirement from the Senate the Commission of the President as one of the members of the first Isthmian Canal Commission, a position of exceedingly great honor.

Companion Pasco was one of the most conspicuous and most distinguished figures in these Grand Bodies for many years, and it is useless for me to recount to you his many virtues, his unflinching devotion to the principles inculcated here and his untiring zeal in his many labors of love for Masonry.

When I turn to the past and recall the merits of our departed Companion, whose personal, private and public life have enstamped themselves alike upon the hearts of all who knew him; when I realize that in this Grand Body, of which he was an honored member, his light is extinguished and his seat is vacant; when I remember, as a young and inexperienced Mason, the beneficent effect upon me of his patient, generous dispensation of his great knowledge of the Order; when I recollect by what unflinching modesty and untiring zeal his every service was characterized; it is then that I say, it is a great privilege, though a sad one, for me to pay this tribute to his worth, and to stand here and attempt to express to you my deepest sympathy, my most profound sorrow, as we think of the said passing of one whom we had all learned to love, respect and

honor. Companions, far more indestructible than polished stone or tempered bronze is the memory of our departed Companion.

His life work left a monument more enduring than marble, which in the memory of those who knew him, will always remain as the best possible proof of his high character and distinguished achievements.

There beat in his breast a heart that was big, warm and true. He possessed personality which attracted friends and held them. He loved and was beloved. He had faith in others and was himself trusted implicitly. For the greater part of his life he was a public servant, living in the lime-light of official service, yet beyond reproach and without scandal. He served to the best of his ability those who trusted him because such service was their due. He lived a gentleman, a patriot, a Mason, and at his death there is bereavement and lamentation.

"But there are deeds that should not pass away,  
And names that must not wither."

His deeds, so characteristic of the man, shall not pass away, and his name shall be remembered wherever meritorious action and endeavor have left an impress upon the memory of man.

Upon motion Companion Turnbull was thanked for the above Memorial and it was ordered printed in our proceedings.

The motion prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 3:30 P. M.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report which was received and adopted.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

*To the M.:E.:Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida:*

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully reports that the request of the St. Andrews Grand Chapter of Belgium, temporarily located in London, for recognition be not granted for a number of reasons, chief among which are that the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Florida do not maintain Fraternal relations with any Association or Body of Masons in Belgium, and that

the so-called St. Andrews Chapter appears to be established in London without the consent of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

Fraternally submitted,  
E. P. HUBBELL,  
OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
LOUIS C. MASSEY,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report which was received.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*  
We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, find the following from 1916 meeting of the Grand Chapter:  
Amend Section 9, Article 4, to read as follows:  
Sec. 9. Every member of a Chapter, in good standing, is entitled to one vote, but only High Priests and Past High Priests, Kings and Past Kings, Scribes and Past Scribes, are eligible to the office of High Priest. Provided, That when there are none such who are competent and willing to serve, personal merit only is the rule, and the Chapter is the judge of the competency of its members.

Amend Section 3, Article 5, to read as follows:  
Sec. 3. The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a less sum than twenty dollars, which must be all paid before receiving the Royal Arch degree, and then only upon Master Masons, who are members of Lodges, in good standing, whose petitions have been duly presented in writing at a regular Convocation, reported upon by a Committee of Investigation, and unanimously accepted by the Chapter. Provided, That the fees and dues of ministers of the Gospel who are actively engaged in ministerial work may be remitted by the Chapters.

The only other unfinished business your Committee finds is that in reference to the Rituals, which has already had the consideration of this Grand Body.

Fraternally submitted,  
H. O. SNOW,  
A. B. STUART,  
F. L. MILLER,  
*Committee.*

The proposed amendments to the constitution were taken up for consideration and unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws made the following report which was received and adopted:

## DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws not having had anything referred to them have nothing to report. Therefore, request to be discharged.

Fraternally submitted,  
OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
FRANK H. THOMPSON,  
W. P. MCKEE,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following report which was received and adopted.

## FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them correct with a balance on hand of \$11,244.60, which is distributed as follows:

Grand Lodge Bonds .....	\$ 400.00
Grand Lodge Certificates of Indebtedness .....	2,000.00
Barnett National Bank .....	8,844.60
Total .....	\$11,244.60

and from which we recommend the following appropriations:

Pay roll attached .....	\$ 929.27
Grand Secretary's salary .....	500.00
Grand Treasurer's salary .....	100.00
Extra Clerical work .....	50.00
Contingent Fund .....	500.00
Relief Fund .....	1000.00
Expense of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.....	50.00
Testimonial for P. G. H. P. James Carnell.....	300.00

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel for presentation to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest at our next Grand Convocation and that a warrant be drawn from the contingent fund for same.

We also recommend that the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants on the contingent fund for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of printing, postage and stationery and other incidentals for the use of the Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and for the expenses of this Grand Convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw warrants against any unappropriated funds and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay same for such amounts as are necessary to cover the traveling expenses of the Grand Officers for official visitation to subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. WIRT,

T. T. TODD,

E. W. WARREN,

Committee.

## PAY ROLL

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
W. R. O'Neal, G. H. P.	\$ 8.94	\$ 6.00	\$ 14.94
D. B. Palmer, D. G. H. P.	8.58	6.00	14.58
C. H. Ketchum, G. K.	39.00	6.00	45.00
L. F. Blalock, G. S.	22.00	6.00	28.00
Marcus Endel, G. Treasurer		6.00	6.00
W. V. Carter, G. C. H.	6.60	6.00	12.60
S. May Walker, G. P. S.	9.90	6.00	15.90
O. L. Taylor, G. R. A. C.	7.50	6.00	13.50
C. DeRocher, G. M. 3rd V.	16.80	6.00	22.80
R. J. Kishpaugh, G. M. 2nd V.	17.94	6.00	23.94
J. L. Hall, G. M. 1st V.		6.00	6.00
J. W. Capper, G. Guard		6.00	6.00
J. W. Boyd, P. G. H. P.		10.00	10.00
S. B. Wright, P. G. H. P.	22.00	6.00	28.00
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P.	6.70	6.00	12.70
L. C. Massey, P. G. H. P.	3.30	6.00	9.30
O. S. Wright, P. G. H. P.	8.94	6.00	14.94
W. S. Ware, P. G. H. P.	11.34	6.00	17.34
		6.00	6.00

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
T. Picton Warlow, P. G. H. P.	8.94	6.00	14.94
H. N. Sweeting, P. G. H. P.	9.90	6.00	15.90
J. M. Caldwell, P. G. H. P.	5.40	6.00	11.40
W. C. Andress, P. G. H. P.		6.00	6.00
Robert McClellan, P. G. H. P.	4.26	6.00	10.26
Max Sirkin, Com. on Work	17.94	6.00	23.94
C. E. Conner, Com. on Work	6.90	6.00	12.90
E. L. Wirt, Com. on Work	12.12	6.00	18.12
H. O. Snow, Com. on Work	12.72	6.00	18.72
T. T. Turnbull, Com. on Work	8.58	6.00	14.58
E. W. Bunker, Com. on Work	17.94	6.00	23.94
A. B. Stewart, Chapter No. 3	12.72	6.00	18.72
R. E. Goodman, Chapter No. 4	6.70	6.00	12.70
E. L. Shear, Chapter No. 5	6.60	6.00	12.60
T. T. Todd, Chapter No. 6	22.20	6.00	28.20
E. W. Warren, Chapter No. 9	3.30	6.00	9.30
J. M. Willson, Chapter No. 10	9.00	6.00	15.00
T. P. Way, Chapter No. 11	22.00	6.00	28.00
J. R. M. Beatty, Chapter No. 12		6.00	6.00
B. C. Webb, Chapter No. 13	6.10	6.00	12.10
R. L. Clark, Chapter No. 14	8.88	6.00	14.88
F. L. Miller, Chapter No. 15	7.50	6.00	13.50
T. C. Calmes, Chapter No. 16	11.34	6.00	17.34
C. T. Mealkins, Chapter No. 17	2.22	6.00	8.22
E. P. Hubbell, Chapter No. 18	16.80	6.00	22.80
C. H. Register, Chapter No. 19	3.18	6.00	9.18
G. E. Phipps, Chapter No. 20	20.50	6.00	26.50
F. M. Say, Chapter No. 22	12.12	6.00	18.12
R. S. Clark, Chapter No. 24	17.94	6.00	23.94
T. J. Rhodes, Chapter No. 25	4.92	6.00	10.92
T. J. Sattler, Chapter No. 26	8.58	6.00	14.58
W. W. Scott, Chapter No. 28	14.52	6.00	20.52
F. H. Thompson, Chapter No. 29	11.35	6.00	17.35
P. S. Thomson, Chapter No. 30	11.35	6.00	17.35
G. W. Stiles, Chapter No. 31	12.72	6.00	18.72
C. H. Ryalls, Chapter No. 32	14.04	6.00	20.04
Wm. P. McKee, Chapter No. 33	9.55	6.00	15.55
H. L. Schaeffer, Chapter No. 34	7.50	6.00	13.50
W. W. Brannen, Chapter No. 36	5.40	6.00	11.40
Total	\$583.27	\$346.00	\$929.27

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following supplemental report which was received.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS  
(Supplemental)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts begs leave to submit this supplementary report:

Your Committee is in doubt as to the advisability of making an appropriation for educational purposes at this time, but are of the opinion that if it is done, it should be in the form of loans rather than gifts.

Your Committee believes that the investment of any considerable part of the funds of the Grand Chapter in any bonds at this time is not advisable from a business standpoint, but that from patriotic motives it would be advisable to invest One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in the 3½% "Liberty Loan Bonds" of the United States Government.

These matters are respectfully referred back to the Grand Chapter.

E. L. WIRT,  
T. T. TODD,  
E. W. WARREN,  
Committee.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, the Grand Treasurer was authorized and instructed to invest the sum of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars of the Grand Chapter funds in "Liberty Loan Bonds."

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions H. O. Snow, R. S. Clark and F. L. Miller as tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the Annual election of officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

Dabney B. Palmer-----M. E. Grand High Priest.  
Charles H. Ketchum-----R. E. D. G. High Priest.  
L. F. Blalock-----R. E. Grand King.  
W. V. Carter-----R. E. Grand Scribe.

Marcus Endel-----R. E. Grand Treasurer.  
Wilber P. Webster-----R. E. Grand Secretary.  
I. E. Webster-----R. E. Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. Grand High Priest elect announced the appointment of the following Grand Officers:

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

S. May Walker-----E. Grand Captain of the Host.  
O. L. Taylor-----E. Grand Principal Sojourner.  
Chester DeRocher ----E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.  
R. J. Kishpaugh -----E. Grand Master Third Vail.  
John L. Hall -----E. Grand Master Second Vail.  
T. T. Turnbull-----E. Grand Master First Vail.  
J. W. Capper-----E. Grand Guard.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 16, 3:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest with officers and members as at former sessions.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence report as follows:  
That part of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address relating to By-Laws approved and Dispensations granted is approved.

In the matter of the dispensation granted to Jericho Chapter, we recommend that in future such dispensations be not granted until the Grand Chapter shall have adopted a ceremony for such functions.

We recommend that Regulation 28 be amended to read as follows:

"28. This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into four districts and one of these districts shall annually be assigned by the Grand High Priest to each of the four highest elective officers of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to make an official visit to each of the Chapters in his district at least once during the year. They may hold district conventions in lieu of such visits or both, as they may deem expedient. The necessary expenses of such officers in carrying out this Regulation shall be paid by the Grand Chapter."

Commenting upon this Regulation, we are of the opinion that a proper and zealous effort on the part of these officers to carry out fully its intent and purposes will result in increased interest and a lively understanding of Capitular Masonry by the Chapters and we urge upon these officers the importance of fully and correctly instructing the Chapters in our beautiful ceremonies and work.

We further report that Section 14, of Article 4, of the Constitution, does not prohibit the Chapters from remitting in whole or in part arrears in dues, where reinstatement is voted, and that this be printed as a regulation.

In the matter of a Masonic Relief Committee for the Grand Chapter, we recommend the adoption of the following regulations:

Regulation No. —  
Hereafter all charitable appeals for aid shall be made to the Masonic Relief Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, which committee shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest. Said Committee shall consist of three members of this Grand Chapter, and shall be appointed as follows: The first of said Committee shall be composed of one member to be appointed for three years, one for two years and one for one year. Thereafter, one of said Committee shall be appointed for the term of three years at each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Said Committee shall make full report of their acts at each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. All appeals for aid shall be considered, determined, and such relief administered as the Committee may deem proper or the Grand Chapter or its authority, direct.

Faternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,  
J. W. BOYD,  
SILAS B. WRIGHT,  
E. E. HASKELL,  
OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
LOUIS C. MASSEY,  
T. PICTON WARLOW,  
ROBERT McCLELLAN,  
H. N. SWEETING,  
WILL C. ANDRESS,  
WILLIAM S. WARE,  
JOHN M. CALDWELL,

Committee.

The regulations as recommended, were taken up separately for consideration and adopted, after which the report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Memorials made the following report which was received and adopted:

#### MEMORIALS

To your Committee on Memorials has been entrusted the duty of writing upon the most happy experience of human existence.

Death is an enemy only when considered from a wrong viewpoint. Death is escape from bondage; a surcease from care; a deliverance from pain and sorrow. It is like a tired child going to sleep in its mother's arms; like rest to an overburdened laborer; like the return of the exile to his home. It is to exchange labor for rest; grief for joy; care for happiness; tears for laughter; and sorrow for delight. The Great God who has been our friend all the days of our lives will not become our enemy in eternity.

For wise purposes of His own our Heavenly Father has continued the labors of all our grand officers during the past year and none of them have been called from labor to refreshment.

Past Grand High Priest, Samuel Pasco, was called from the cares of life to joys eternal March 13, 1917, at an advanced age, having "by reason of strength" passed his fourscore years. Quiet and unassuming, he was gentle, brotherly and kind. Courtesy and

affability were as natural to him as for a child to love its mother. He loved the Companions and his love was by them returned measure for measure. His life as teacher, soldier, statesman and Mason met the approbation of his patrons, superior officers, constituents and Companions, and we have no doubt that his work when tested in eternity, by the Master Overseer's square, will be found to be "good work, true work, square work." We extend our congratulations to those who are near and dear to him upon his long, honorable and useful life.

Other Companions, both in our own and other Jurisdictions, have passed through the gate called Death, but which, in fact, is only the door through which they escaped from prison. We regret that we are for a short while deprived of the pleasure of looking into their kindly faces and hearing their pleasant voices, but, had we the power, we would not call them back, for they are now enjoying honors and pleasures far beyond any in the power of our bestowal.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. CALDWELL,

THOMAS GRIFFITH,

C. E. CONNER,

*Committee.*

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report which was received and adopted:

#### PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:*

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances beg to report that no grievances have been reported to us and that the Grand Chapter is to be congratulated upon the peace and harmony prevailing in this Grand Jurisdiction for the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

F. I. ARCHIBALD,

J. M. WILLSON, JR.,

T. P. WAY,

*Committee.*

The motion prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 7:30 P. M. and that the first order of business be the exemplification of the work in the Royal Arch degree by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

Upon motion the Grand Secretary was authorized and instructed to have a supply of receipts for dues printed bearing the certificate of the Grand Secretary, along the same general lines as those issued by the Grand Lodge of Florida and to furnish same without cost to our Chapters.

Upon motion of Companion Palmer the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 for the entertainment furnished by them in giving the officers and members of the Grand Chapter an automobile ride.

Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright assisted by Past Grand High Priest Olin S. Wright, as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers:

#### INSTALLATION

Dabney B. Palmer	M. E. Grand High Priest.
Chas. H. Ketchum	R. E. D. G. High Priest.
L. F. Blalock	R. E. Grand King.
W. V. Carter	R. E. Grand Scribe.
S. May Walker	E. Grand Captain of the Host.
Chester DeRocher	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.
R. J. Kishpaugh	E. Grand Master Third Vail.
John L. Hall	E. Grand Master Second Vail.
T. T. Turnbull	E. Grand Master First Vail.

It having been necessary for Companion O. L. Taylor to return home, Past Grand High Priest O'Neal was requested to install him into the office of "Grand Principal Sojourner" in his home Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Grand Chaplain having been re-elected and the Grand Guard re-appointed, their installation was not necessary at this time.



The M. .E. .Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

## CORRESPONDENCE

Ely P. Hubbell,  
Olin S. Wright, L. C. Massey.

## PRINTING

W. P. Webster,  
S. B. Wright, Marcus Endel.

## WORK

Henry O. Snow, Max Sirkin  
C. E. Connor, E. W. Bunker,  
E. L. Wirt, T. T. Todd,  
E. P. Hubbell,

## MASONIC RELIEF

Marcus Endel, three years,  
E. E. Haskell, two years,  
Chas. H. Ketchum, one year.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Companions as a Special Committee to visit Past Grand High Priest Carnell to present to him the testimonial voted by the Grand Chapter and to extend to him the greetings and best wishes of the Grand Chapter for his speedy recovery.

Silas B. Wright,  
William R. O'Neal, Charles H. Ketchum,  
E. E. Haskell, Marcus Endel.

A Past Grand High Priest's Jewel was presented to M. .E. .William R. O'Neal, Past Grand High Priest Boyd making the presentation.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

## IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. .E. .Grand High Priest with officers and members as at previous sessions.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

The following Companions were exalted to the August and Sublime degree of Royal Arch under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work: Robert E. Merritt and Lester G. Gilbert for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 and Warner T. Hamm for Putnam Chapter No. 9.

M. .E. .D. E. Shields, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee being present he was introduced by Past Grand High Priest Haskell and received in the East.

Upon motion the Grand Chapter Committee on Work was requested to arrange for the exemplification of the work in all of the Chapter degrees on the first day of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1918.

No further business appearing the foregoing minutes were read and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

DABNEY B. PALMER,  
Grand High Priest.

Attest: WILBER P. WEBSTER,  
Grand Secretary.



To the Memory of  
Companions of  
Our Jurisdiction

Who Passed Away During the Year 1916  
This Page is Fraternally Dedicated



A. T. Sharpe	-----Gainesville	-----No. 2,	1915
L. C. Knapp	-----Gainesville	-----No. 2,	1915
Chas. G. Burgoyne	---Halifax	-----No. 5, Mch. 31,	1916
Chas. L. Smith	-----Halifax	-----No. 5, Dec. 18,	1916
Jesse S. Walton	-----Mt. Horeb	-----No. 6, Jan. 16,	1916
Mahlon Gore	-----Eureka	-----No. 7, June 27,	1916
James D. Barnes	-----Eureka	-----No. 7, July 4,	1916
E. F. Sperry	-----Eureka	-----No. 7, Aug. 13,	1916
Samuel L. Wilson	---Eureka	-----No. 7,	1916
Theo. B. Anderson	---Putnam	-----No. 9, June 25,	1916
R. B. Fickle	-----Jericho	-----No. 11, Mch. 14,	1916
H. C. Roome	-----Jericho	-----No. 11, Mch. 13,	1916
John W. Strickland	---Jacksonville	-----No. 12, Jan. 15,	1916
John D. Sinclair	---Jacksonville	-----No. 12, Jan. 30,	1916

W. J. Harkness.....Jacksonville -----No. 12, July 13, 1916  
 Frank B. Avery.....Jacksonville -----No. 12, July 28, 1916  
 J. M. Bryan.....Ocala -----No. 13, July 1916  
 Malcom D. Clower..Inverness -----No. 14.  
 Stanford F. Scruggs..Inverness -----No. 14.  
 A. R. Tison.....Plant City -----No. 16, Aug. 31, 1916  
 Thos. L. Pritchard...St. Augustine -----No. 17, Dec. 24, 1916  
 T. B. Hartig.....Lake Butler -----No. 19, Jan. 1916  
 William H. Williams..Island -----No. 21, Feb. 9, 1916  
 Jonathan I. Roberts..Thomas Brown --No. 22, Apr. 28, 1916  
 George H. Maltby...Lake Worth -----No. 24, May 15, 1916  
 Albert Furrer -----Lake Worth -----No. 24, October.  
 E. S. Anderson.....Lakeland -----No. 29, March.  
 George Ham -----Lakeland -----No. 29, Aug. 12, 1916  
 John Patterson -----Lakeland -----No. 29, Oct. 24, 1916  
 N. B. Murff (P. M.)..Leesburg -----No. 34, Feb. 13, 1916

**In Memory**  
 of the  
**Distinguished Dead**  
 of  
 Other Grand Jurisdictions



Who were Called to the Celestial Chapter  
 on High During the Past Year.

In Memory of  
**Samuel Pasco**  
Grand High Priest  
1909



Born June 28, 1834  
London, England  
Died March 13, 1917  
Tampa, Florida

## GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATE	NAME	ADDRESS
General Grand Chapter	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater, Mich.
Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	John E. Johnson	Calgary, 633 15th Av. W.
Arizona	George J. Roskrige	Tucson.
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville.
California	Thomas A. Davies	San Francisco.
Canada	Henry T. Smith	Toronto, Temple Bldg.
Colorado	Chas. H. Jacobson	Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
Delaware	Stuart J. Horn	Wilmington, Box 94.
District of Columbia	A. W. Johnston	Washington.
England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Georgia	E. A. McHan	Macon.
Idaho	Lewis W. Ensign	Boise.
Illinois	Geo. W. Warvelle	Chicago.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Iowa	O. F. Graves	Indianapolis.
Ireland	H. E. Flavell	Dublin.
Kansas	A. K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Howard R. French	Mt. Sterling.
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	New Orleans.
Maine	Charles B. Davis	Portland.
Maryland	John H. Miller	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	J. Gilman Waite	Boston.
Michigan	Chas. A. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic G. Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	Robert F. Stevenson	St. Louis, 510 Pine St.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha, 1608 Capitol Av.
Nevada	E. D. Vanderlieth	Carson City.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. Johns.
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord.
New Jersey	Peter McGill	Bound Brook.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	Charles C. Hunt	Sydney.
New York	H. J. Williams	Masonic Temple, N. Y.
New Zealand	John B. Griggs	Wellington.
North Carolina	Walter L. Stockwell	Elizabeth City.
North Dakota	S. J. Waddell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Edwin Hagenbuch	Truro, Box 596.
Ohio	Leo Edmond Bennett	Urbana.
Oklahoma	James F. Robinson	Muskogee.
Oregon	George B. Wells	Portland.
Pennsylvania	Will H. Whyte	Philadelphia.
Quebec	William R. Greene	Montreal, Box 3207.
Rhode Island	Alfred A. A. Murray	Providence.
Scotland	O. Frank Hart	Edinburg.
South Carolina	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Columbia.
South Dakota	Stith M. Cain	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee	T. M. Bartley	Nashville.
Texas	Walter Daniels	Waco.
Utah	H. H. Ross	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	G. L. Marquand	Burlington.
Victoria	James B. Blanks	Melbourne, 317 Collins.
Virginia	D. K. Reed	Petersburg.
West Virginia	Yancey C. Blalock	Clarksburg.
Washington	William W. Perry	Walla Walla.
Wisconsin	Adrian J. Parshall	Milwaukee.
Wyoming		Cheyenne.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF FLORIDA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	GRAND CHAPTERS	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA
Robert T. Ward, Dadeville	Alabama	George H. White, Jacksonville.
Stephen Y. Taylor, Calgary	Alberta	James M. Willson, Kissimmee.
Prosper Powell Parker, Phoenix	Arizona	T. G. Hutchinson, Jacksonville.
T. A. Turner, Jonesboro	Arkansas	Henry G. Aird, Jacksonville.
Edward R. Hedges, Oakland	California	Wm. S. Ware, Jacksonville.
James H. Cowan, Galt	Canada	Charles F. Filler, Miami.
Geo. W. Roe, Pueblo	Colorado	J. R. Wetherell, DeLand.
Wm. K. Wilson, Danbury	Connecticut	Wm. S. Ware, Jacksonville.
George W. Beatty, Wilmington	Delaware	W. P. Webster, Jacksonville.
Benjamin F. Odell, Washington	District of Columbia	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
Geo. H. Crafts, Dublin	Georgia	J. H. Norton, Jacksonville.
F. M. Bybee, Idaho Falls	Idaho	A. E. Heyser, Miami.
Wm. B. Carlock, Bloomington	Illinois	John H. Norton, Jacksonville.
Elmer Crockett, South Bend	Indiana	Melville W. Carruth, Tampa.
A. D. Meeker, Marshalltown	Iowa	John M. Caldwell, Jasper.
Aaron H. Connitt, Great Bend	Kansas	Olin S. Wright, Plant City.
Virgil P. Smith, Somerset	Kentucky	James W. Boyd, Miami.
E. W. Driebholtz, New Orleans	Louisiana	J. R. Wetherell, DeLand.
Henry R. Taylor, Machias	Maine	Elmer E. Haskell, Palatka.
L. D. Gassaway, Annapolis	Maryland	James Carnell, Ormond.
Enoch G. Best, Greenfield	Massachusetts	I. E. Webster, Gainesville.
Herbert E. Blair, Waterville	Minnesota	E. P. Hubbell, Bradentown.
A. C. Lowe, Aberdeen	Mississippi	D. B. Palmer, Monticello.
C. C. Wood, St. Louis	Missouri	James W. Boyd, Miami.
Walter L. Spear, Geneva	Nebraska	Robert McClellan, Gainesville.
Charles A. Thompson, Pioche	Nevada	John J. Jones, Micanopy.
W. H. B. Sadler, St. John	New Brunswick	Edgar A. Richards, Orlando.
Chas. L. Wentworth, Rochester	New Hampshire	Wm. R. O'Neal, Orlando.
Wm. Herbert Lowe, Patterson	New Jersey	Charles H. Ketchum, Key West.
Emanuel M. Kaiser, New York	New York	Marcus Endel, Jacksonville.
John G. Moon, Sydney	New South Wales	John D. Grether, Jacksonville.
Wm. C. Brown, Winston-Salem	North Carolina	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
Oscar St. C. Chenery, Jamestown	North Dakota	Marcus Endel, Jacksonville.
W. P. Doull, Charlestown, P. E. I.	Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow, Orlando.
William E. Evans, Chillocothe	Ohio	Ely P. Hubbell, Bradentown.
Daniel M. Halley, McAlester	Oklahoma	Olin S. Wright, Plant City.
Ernest V. Carter, Ashland	Oregon	Harry N. Sweeting, Tallahassee.
Henry Oscar Kline, Pittsburg	Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
A. G. Adams, Montreal	Quebec	Louis C. Massey, Orlando.
Stephen Magown, Woonsocket	Rhode Island	W. E. Lewis, Tallahassee.
William Inglis, Edinburg	Scotland	
Robert T. Goodale, Camden	South Carolina	James F. Miller, Inverness.
John F. Schrader, Rapid City	South Dakota	Wm. R. O'Neal, Orlando.
Jake W. Brantley, Troy	Tennessee	Frank B. Stoneman, Miami.
William James, Fort Worth	Texas	Geo. P. Sullivan, Tampa.
David R. Beebe, Provo	Utah	J. J. Torrey, Jacksonville.
Homer Thrasher, Newport	Vermont	I. E. Webster, Gainesville.
Baron Marks, Melbourne	Victoria	John L. Hall, Jacksonville.
W. S. Mathews, Big Stone Gap	Virginia	Jos. R. Keller, Pensacola.
Wm. G. Rowland, Tacoma	Washington	Silas B. Wright, DeLand.
Jere A. Miller, Wheeling	West Virginia	L. R. Phillips, Sanford.
E. A. Raymond, Green Bay	Wisconsin	Lucien A. Spencer, Orlando.
Christian H. Hofmann, Douglas	Wyoming	Daniel O. Henry, Live Oak.

## PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

From Its Organization to Date

	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1847	Thos. Douglas*	John P. DuVal*	Harry R. Taylor*	Geo. W. Macrae*	Edwin D. Nash*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1848	John P. DuVal*	Isaac H. Bronson*	Geo. W. Macrae*	D. S. Graham*	Thomas Brown*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1849	Isaac H. Bronson*	Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1850	Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Gad Humphreys*	David C. Willson*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1851	Thomas Brown*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A. Fisher*	Benj. Sawyer*	David C. Willson*	John B. Taylor*	Geo. M. McDonald*
1852	R. A. Shine*	Samuel B. Stephens*	Samuel Boardman*	D. G. McLean*	David C. Willson*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1853	Sam'l Boardman*	J. M. W. Davidson*	C. A. M. Mitchell*	James S. Rust*	David C. Willson*	John B. Taylor*	E. G. Asay
1854	J. Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y. Henry*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1855	J. Wayles Baker*	Edward R. Ives*	Joseph S. May*	James Ellenwood*	R. A. Shine*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1856	Thomas Hayward*	Edward R. Ives*	John L. McKinnon*	James Ellenwood*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1857	Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	David S. Walker*	John S. Bond*	John B. Taylor*	J. R. Plummer
1858	Thomas Hayward*	James Ellenwood*	D. P. Holland*	Charles E. Dyke*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1859	D. P. Holland*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Calvin Davis*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1860	Thomas Y. Henry*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Geo. D. Fisher*	Josiah Payne*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1861	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Franklin Branch*	Charles Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1862	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Charles Slager*	D. C. Dawkins*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1863	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Green H. Hunter*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1864	Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Thos. K. Leonard*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1865	David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	E. S. Fuller*	Elias Earle*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1866	David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Elias Earle*	A. J. Lea*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1867	David Jones*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	Chas. K. Sparhawk*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Samuel C. Craft
1868	James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Wm. A. McLean*
1869	D. C. Dawkins*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	H. H. Berry*	Michael Bowes*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1870	D. C. Dawkins*	Chas. Slager*	Charles Mundee*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1871	D. C. Dawkins*	James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	Theodore Ball*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1872	Wm. Morrill*	Hugh A. Corley*	John C. Ley*	James L. Taylor*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1873	Michael Bowes*	Samuel Pasco*	John S. Driggs*	Ben G. Alderman*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1874	Michael Bowes*	John S. Driggs*	Benj. G. Alderman*	D. C. Wilson*	Wm. A. Young*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1875	Henry W. Long*	Edmund P. Jordan*	Wm. T. Weeks*	W. W. Tucker*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1876	John S. Driggs*	Charles J. Alred*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1877	John S. Driggs*	George R. Jones*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1878	Enos Wasgate*	Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1879	Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Hugh A. Corley*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1880	Robert J. Perry*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. A. McLean*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1881	W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	John G. Ellis*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1882	W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	G. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1883	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R. Plummer*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1884	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R. Plummer*	Angus Paterson*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1885	Wm. E. Anderson*	J.W.V.R. Plummer*	Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John S. Wharton
1886	Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich*	John G. Ellis*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1887	Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich*	R. A. Montsalvte*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1888	Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	Chas. H. Munger*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1889	Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich*	James W. Boyd*	Chas. H. Munger*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1890	J. W. Boyd*	T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau*	Silas B. Wright*	John H. Stephens*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1891	T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau*	I. E. Webster*	John H. Stephens*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1892	Irving E. Webster*	Silas B. Wright*	W. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Henry S. Ely*	W. A. McLean*	W. A. McLean*
1893	Silas B. Wright*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	J. H. Stevens*	Henry S. Ely*	Warren Tyler*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster
1894	Wm. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster
1895	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
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1898	Wilber P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	E. E. Haskell*	Marcus Endel*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1899	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	E. E. Haskell*	J. R. Wetherell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1900	E. E. Haskell*	E. E. Haskell*	E. E. Haskell*	J. R. Wetherell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1901	J. R. Wetherell*	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1902	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Louis C. Massey*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1903	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Olin S. Wright*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1904	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Joseph R. Keller*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1905	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	Wm. S. Ware*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1906	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong*	F. W. Armstrong*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1907	William S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong*	T. Picton Warlow*	T. Picton Warlow*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1908	John H. Weddell*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow*	T. Picton Warlow*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1909	Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	F. B. Stoneman*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1910	T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	Robert McClellan*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1911	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	H. N. Sweeting*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1912	Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	John M. Caldwell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1913	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Address*	Will C. Address*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1914	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Address*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1915	Will C. Address*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	D. B. Palmer*	D. B. Palmer*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1916	Wm. R. O'Neal*	D. B. Palmer*	C. H. Ketchum*	C. H. Ketchum*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster

\*Deceased

## CHAPTER DIRECTORY

CHAPTER	No.	HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE	TREASURER	SECRETARY	SEC.'S ADDRESS
Florida	1	O. C. Collins	H. O. Wood	I. G. Hays	H. N. Sweeting	A. G. Goodbody	Tallahassee.
Gainesville	2	Robert McClellan	W. R. Steckert	E. E. Collison	H. E. Taylor	L. E. Webster	Gainesville.
Tampa	3	E. G. Moore	F. E. Fletcher	A. B. Stewart	R. J. McMasters	B. M. Reed	Tampa, Box 774.
St. Johns	4	R. E. Goodman	D. B. Tuten	J. P. Garrison	S. A. Wood	F. W. Taylor	DeLand.
Halifax	5	Jacob Espedahl	W. V. Carter	E. L. Shear	Wm. G. Hobbs	A. H. Carter	Holly Hill.
Mt. Horeb	6	H. Lee Bell	Jas. A. Lyle	Wm. F. Hansen	J. S. Reese	T. T. Todd	Pensacola.
Eureka	7	Jno. W. Simmons	Chas. P. Dow	J. E. Petris	T. Picton Warlow	Carl Jansen	Orlando.
Dade City	8	C. A. Lock	R. A. McMahan	T. F. Zeigler	W. I. Porter	J. J. Brown	Dade City.
Putnam	9	Edmund W. Warren	Lewis A. Smith	Edward P. Ross	Benj. I. Gay	G. A. Bauer	Palatka.
Kissimmee	10	James M. Willson	M. D. Alexander	Saml. L. Lupfer	H. N. Bratton	Chas. W. Dann	Kissimmee.
Jericho	11	J. P. Knight	L. D. Gates	T. P. Way	R. V. Atkisson	A. E. Culley	Miami.
Jacksonville	12	J. R. M. Beatty	J. S. B. Moyer	W. W. Smith	Chas. W. Johnson	W. P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Ocala	13	B. C. Webb	H. M. Weathers	W. V. Wheeler	C. E. Simmons	Jake Brown	Ocala.
Inverness	14	Robert L. Clark	George A. Dame	E. M. Pearce	David S. Filtz	Joseph W. Knight	Inverness.
Monroe	15	C. J. Rumph	F. L. Miller	S. G. Kennedy	T. J. Miller	O. L. Taylor	Sanford.
Plant City	16	Jasper Evers	Sheldon C. Wells	Albert Schneider	Eben B. Trask	Olin S. Wright	Plant City.
St. Augustine	17	Chas. T. Meakins	Andrew E. McCoy	Herman J. Piefer	C. C. Speer	Wm. W. Bilger	St. Augustine.
Manatee River	18	Percy J. Hampton	Roscoe E. Scott	Chas. S. Hill	Jno. T. Campbell	B. G. Arnold	Bradentown.
Lake Butler	19	Chas. H. Register	John P. Sapp	J. E. Maines	M. L. McKinney	A. D. Zacharias	Lake Butler.
Keystone	20	J. G. Ewing	J. L. Gibbons	W. J. Reed	F. W. Harper	J. F. Karnatz	Ft. Lauderdale.
Island	21	Marcy B. Darnall	Wm. W. Demerritt	Gabriel Ferro	Albert Brost	Chas. H. Ketchum	Key West.
Thomas Brown	22	F. M. Say	J. B. Pylant, Jr.	D. E. Bivins	E. L. Wirt	W. J. Parker	Bartow.
Lake Worth	24	R. S. Clark	E. W. Bunker	W. E. Keen	Karl Kettler, Jr.	R. J. Kishpaugh	West Palm Beach.
Live Oak	25	Charles C. Smith	Thos. J. Rhodes	H. M. Strickland	H. F. Airth	B. W. Helvenston	Live Oak.
Jefferson	26	F. J. Sattler	R. J. Mays	John W. Garwood	R. R. Turnbull	R. E. Sloan	Monticello.
Indian River	27	Harry C. Jepson	Guy S. Peppers	Edwin E. Macy	Edward C. Langston	Aaron B. Tull	Titusville.
Joppa	28	W. W. Scott	Daniel T. McCarty	A. M. Sample	A. N. Hoofnagle	Thos. Roden	Ft. Pierce.
Lakeland	29	Frank H. Thompson	John W. Sumner	Benj. F. Driscoll	H. L. Swatts	E. O. Garland	Lakeland.
Gadsden	30	B. F. Barnes	I. Gardner	E. M. Collins	S. E. Key	Paul S. Thomson	Quincy.
St. Petersburg	31	Geo. W. Stiles	H. T. Davis	A. Aitchison	H. D. Edwards	E. A. Converse	St. Petersburg.
Jackson	32	C. H. Ryals	Jno. H. Carter	C. V. Varnadore	F. M. Golson	J. D. Stephens	Marianna.
Eustis	33	William P. McKee	David J. Caldwell	Warren A. Getch	L. A. Field	J. F. St. John	Eustis.
Leesburg	34	H. L. Schaeffer	B. A. Williams	A. L. Blizard	G. G. Ware	W. M. Robinson	Leesburg.
Sarasota	35	C. E. Hitchings	John F. Burket	J. C. Turner	J. E. Battle	Frank Redd	Sarasota.
Jasper	36	C. R. Horne	Harley M. Tuten	B. B. Johnson	E. P. Smith	Ben. M. Caldwell	Jasper.

CHAPTERS	STATISTICS												
	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Rejected	Present Membership
Florida	1	66	5	0	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	0	64
Gainesville	2	75	4	0	1	82	2	2	0	0	0	0	72
Tampa	3	147	36	0	2	185	0	1	0	0	0	0	184
St. Johns	4	39	3	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Halifax	5	115	11	0	0	126	2	1	3	0	0	0	120
Mt. Horeb	6	94	4	0	1	99	1	0	21	0	0	0	77
Eureka	7	133	8	0	1	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	136
Dade City	8	47	2	0	2	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Putnam	9	37	3	0	0	40	0	0	1	0	0	0	38
Kissimmee	10	43	3	0	0	46	0	0	1	0	0	0	45
Jericho	11	118	13	0	3	134	2	0	0	0	0	1	132
Jacksonville	12	283	30	4	2	319	4	6	2	0	0	0	307
Ocala	13	68	7	0	0	75	1	1	10	0	0	0	63
Inverness	14	63	2	0	1	66	2	0	0	0	0	0	64
Monroe	15	61	6	0	2	69	0	2	0	0	0	0	68
Plant City	16	68	9	0	0	77	1	1	0	0	0	0	71
St. Augustine	17	70	13	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
Manatee River	18	70	10	0	0	80	0	2	5	0	0	0	73
Lake Butler	19	43	0	4	0	47	1	1	0	0	0	0	45
Keystone	20	34	10	0	0	44	0	0	3	0	0	0	44
Island	21	40	0	1	0	41	1	1	1	0	0	0	38
Thomas Brown	22	110	46	0	3	159	1	1	2	0	0	0	153
Lake Worth	24	80	18	1	4	110	2	3	5	0	0	0	100
Live Oak	25	37	2	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Jefferson	26	69	1	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Indian River	27	74	23	0	0	97	0	5	7	0	0	0	85
Joppa	28	55	3	0	0	58	0	1	6	0	0	0	61
Lakeland	29	89	3	0	0	92	4	1	6	0	0	0	80
Gadsden	30	47	0	0	0	47	0	0	1	0	0	0	47
St. Petersburg	31	76	23	0	1	100	0	1	1	0	0	0	93
Jackson	32	60	7	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
Eustis	33	42	1	0	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Leesburg	34	30	10	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Sarasota	35	35	4	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Jasper	36	30	2	0	1	33	0	1	0	0	0	0	32
Total		2568	319	12	32	2921	30	39	110	1	1	1	22740

## DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
Florida	1 Tallahassee	Second Monday
Gainesville	2 Gainesville	Third Friday
Tampa	3 Tampa	First and Third Thursday
St. Johns	4 DeLand	Third Friday
Hallfax	5 Daytona	Second Thursday
Mount Horeb	6 Pensacola	Second Monday
Eureka	7 Orlando	First and Third Tuesday
Dade City	8 Dade City	Fourth Monday
Putnam	9 Palatka	Second and Fourth Monday
Kissimmee	10 Kissimmee	Second Monday
Jericho	11 Miami	Second and Fourth Thursday
Jacksonville	12 Jacksonville	Fourth Thursday
Ocala	13 Ocala	Fourth Friday
Inverness	14 Inverness	Fourth Monday
Monroe	15 Sanford	Second and Fourth Thursday
Plant City	16 Plant City	Second Wednesday
St. Augustine	17 St. Augustine	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Manatee River	18 Bradentown	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Lake Butler	19 Lake Butler	First Thursday
Keystone	20 Ft. Lauderdale	First and Third Tuesday
Island	21 Key West	Second and Fourth Wednesday
Thomas Brown	22 Bartow	Second and Fourth Friday
Lake Worth	24 West Palm Beach	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Live Oak	25 Live Oak	Second Friday
Jefferson	26 Monticello	First and Third Wednesday
Indian River	27 Titusville	Third Wednesday
Joppa	28 Fort Pierce	First and Third Friday
Lakeland	29 Lakeland	First and Third Thursday
Gadsden	30 Quincy	Third Monday
St. Petersburg	31 St. Petersburg	First and Third Thursday
Jackson	32 Marianna	First and Third Thursday
Eustis	33 Eustis	Second and Fourth Thursday
Leesburg	34 Leesburg	First and Third Friday
Sarasota	35 Sarasota	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Jasper	36 Jasper	Second Tuesday

## Regulations

ADOPTED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DIGEST

### BUSINESS

Regulation No. 6 is amended to read as follows:

6. No business shall be transacted at a special or called Convocation other than that for which the meeting was called. This rule is not applicable in cases where every member of the Chapter is present at the meeting and no objection is made to transacting such other business. *Provided*, that receiving of petitions and balloting for candidates cannot be done at a special Convocation except by special dispensation of the Grand High Priest. 1916.

### CANDIDATES

Physical Perfection is not required in a candidate for degrees in a Chapter. The question of physical qualification is to be determined by each particular Chapter.

### DIMITS

A member paying his dues in full and applying for a dimit prior to December 27th, is not chargeable with dues for the following year for want of action by the Chapter as action thereon should have been taken on, or before, December 27th.



## DISPENSATIONS—U. D. CHAPTERS

Regulation No. 25 is amended to read as follows:

25. No dispensation to form a new Chapter can issue by the Grand High Priest without the recommendation of the Chapter nearest to where the new Chapter is to be held, nor unless the petitioners therefor shall show that they are Royal Arch Masons, and in good standing as such, and have paid their dues in full for the current year. No charter shall be issued until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill by labor under dispensation for at least three months. Provided, that the Grand Chapter may in Annual Grand Convocation grant a dispensation to nine regular Royal Arch Masons on the usual form of petition without the recommendation of any Chapter and later, after proof of skill, may grant a charter on same, and any Chapter U. D. so formed shall be under the immediate control of the Grand High Priest the same as if the dispensation had been issued by him.

## DISTRICTS

Regulation 28 is amended to read as follows:

Regulation 28. This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into four districts, and one of these districts shall annually be assigned by the Grand High Priest to each of the four highest elective officers of this Grand Chapter, whose duty it shall be to make an official visit to each of the Chapters in his district at least once during the year. They may hold district conventions in lieu of such visits or both as they may deem expedient. The necessary expenses of such officers in carrying out this Regulation shall be paid by the Grand Chapter. 1917.

## DUES

Section 14, of Article 4 of the Constitution does not prohibit the Chapters from remitting in whole or in part, arrears in dues, where reinstatement is voted. 1917.

## MASONIC RELIEF

Regulation No. Hereafter all charitable appeals for aid shall be made to the Masonic Relief Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida, which committee shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest. Said Committee shall consist of three members of this Grand Chapter, and shall be appointed as follows:

The first of said Committee shall be composed of one member to be appointed for three years, one for two years and one for one year. Thereafter, one of said Committee shall be appointed for the term of three years at each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. Said Committee shall make full report of their acts at each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. All appeals for aid shall be considered, determined, and such relief administered as the Committee may deem proper or the Grand Chapter, or its authority direct. 1917.

## QUORUM

51. Nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum to transact any business whatever, but for the purpose of opening and conferring degrees the quorum of nine may include Royal Arch Masons in good standing not members of the Chapter. Provided, That the High Priest may call meetings of the Lodges respectively to confer the Lodge degrees upon duly elected candidates, and do the work with the working quorums; Mark Master's Lodge 5, Past Master's Lodge

3, and Most Excellent Master's Lodge 2, all of whom are not required to be Royal Arch Masons: and for such purpose the Chapter need not be opened in the Royal Arch Degree. 1914.

#### RESTORATION OF CHAPTERS

If a chapter has surrendered its charter and Grand Chapter certificates have been issued to any who were members at the time of its surrender, a petition for restoration of the charter must be accompanied by the Grand Chapter certificates of the petitioners. If no Grand Chapter certificate has been issued to a Companion who is shown by the Grand Chapter records to have been a member of the Chapter at the time of the surrender and who signs the petition for restoration, no such certificate is necessary to be filed with the petition. 1913.

#### RETURNS

Reg. No. 52, amended to read as follows:  
 Reg. No. 52. Annual returns of chapters are required to be prepared immediately after the close of each Masonic year, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary. Annual dues should also be forwarded at the same time. Chapters failing to have their returns and dues in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before April 1st, may be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter, and their representatives placed on the payroll by special action of the Grand Chapter, but a fine of five (\$5.) dollars shall be assessed against such chapters for such delinquency and collected by the Grand Secretary, who shall notify the High Priest and the Secretary of the delinquent chapter of the assessment of the fine. 1913.

## Amendments to Constitution

Section 9, Article IV, amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 9.** Every member of a Chapter, in good standing, is entitled to one vote; but only High Priests and Past High Priests, Kings and Past Kings, Scribes and Past Scribes, are eligible to the office of High Priest. *Provided*, That when there are none such who are competent and willing to serve, personal merit only is the rule, and the Chapter is the judge of the competency of its members. 1917.

Section 3, Article V, amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 3.** The degrees of the Chapter shall not be conferred for a less sum than twenty dollars, which must be paid before receiving the Royal Arch degree, and then only upon Master Masons, who are members of Lodges, in good standing, whose petitions have been duly presented in writing at a regular Convocation, reported upon by a Committee of Investigation, and unanimously accepted by the Chapter. *Provided*, That the fees and dues of ministers of the Gospel who are actively engaged in ministerial work may be remitted by the Chapters. 1917.

# Order of High Priesthood

## ANNUAL CONVENTION

1917

The Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville, on Wednesday, May 16, A. D. 1917 at 2:00 o'clock P. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. Olin S. Wright --- President.  
E. S. May Walker ---- as Vice President.  
E. E. P. Hubbell ---- as Chaplain.  
E. W. P. Webster ---- Secretary and Treasurer.  
E. C. DeRocher ---- as Master of Ceremonies.  
E. Marcus Endel ---- Conductor.  
E. J. W. Boyd ---- as Herald.  
E. William R. O'Neal --- Steward.  
E. W. C. Andress ---- Guard.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form. Upon motion the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convention was dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were adopted as printed. Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:

R. E. Goodman, H. P.—St. Johns Chapter No. 4.  
T. T. Todd, P. H. P.—Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.

J. R. M. Beatty, H. P.—Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.  
B. C. Webb, H. P.—Ocala Chapter No. 13.  
C. T. Meakins, H. P.—St. Augustine Chapter No. 17.  
F. M. Say, H. P.—Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22.  
R. S. Clark, H. P.—Lake Worth Chapter No. 24.  
Wm. W. Scott, H. P.—Joppa Chapter No. 28.  
Frank H. Thompson, H. P.—Lakeland Chapter No.

29. George W. Stiles, H. P.—St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31.

C. H. Ryals, H. P.—Jackson Chapter No. 32.  
William P. McKee, H. P.—Eustis Chapter No. 33.  
W. S. McLelland, P. H. P.—Eustis Chapter No. 33.

The Companions being found eligible, their petitions were received and they were duly elected to receive the Order.

All of the above Companions being in waiting, they were introduced, anointed and consecrated in due and ancient form.

The Secretary and Treasurer made the following report, which was received and adopted:

### SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer,  
In account with the Grand Council, O. H. P.  
Dr.

To balance as per last report.....\$56.39  
To Fees ..... 26.00 \$82.39

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By Paid Guard for Services and Supplies .....\$ 2.30  
By Paid 25 Bibles at \$1.15..... 28.75  
By Paid Express on Bibles..... 4.77 \$35.82

To Balance on Hand..... \$46.57

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

Upon motion the Secretary was directed to pay the Guard 55 cents for supplies and \$2.00 for services.

The annual election being held, the following officers were duly re-elected for the ensuing year :

M. E. Olin S. Wright --- President.  
 E. John M. Caldwell --- Vice President.  
 E. Irving E. Webster --- Grand Chaplain.  
 E. W. P. Webster --- Secretary and Treasurer.  
 E. F. B. Stoneman --- Master of Ceremonies.  
 E. M. Endel --- Conductor.  
 E. James Carnell --- Herald.  
 E. William R. O'Neal --- Steward.  
 E. W. C. Andress --- Guard.

No further business appearing the foregoing minutes were read and adopted.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

OLIN S. WRIGHT,  
*President.*

Attest :

W. P. WEBSTER,  
*Secretary.*

## REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP.

NAME	DATE
John F. Benezet	Consecrated January 12, 1865
Charles H. Munger	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Fred S. Goodrich	Consecrated January 19, 1888
William A. Griffith	Consecrated January 19, 1888
William M. Somerville	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Marcus Endel	Consecrated January 19, 1888
James W. Boyd	Affiliated January 19, 1888
Robert McClellan	Consecrated January 18, 1889
Thomas S. Wilmarth	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Frank P. Mersereau	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Silas B. Wright	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Irving E. Webster	Consecrated May 13, 1891
Edgar A. Richards	Consecrated May 13, 1891
William S. Jordan	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Elijah H. Bunker	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Charles J. Hays	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Dougald McLachlan	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Olin S. Wright	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Alexander C. Martin	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Wilber P. Webster	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Everard F. Barns	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Thomas J. Smith	Consecrated March 5, 1894
William M. Dunn	Consecrated May 9, 1894
James E. Pound	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph Townsend	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Lowell C. Ruter	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph F. Tolbert	Consecrated January 15, 1895
James Harden	Consecrated January 15, 1895

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

NAME	DATE
Andrew E. Gleason	Consecrated January 15, 1895
George W. Hyde	Consecrated January 18, 1895
Henry F. Airth	Consecrated January 24, 1896
James Carnell	Consecrated May 13, 1896
Henry Payne	Consecrated May 13, 1896
John R. Wetherell	Consecrated May 13, 1896
Charles R. Oglesby	Consecrated May 13, 1896
John N. Bradshaw	Consecrated May 13, 1896
Eugene P. Mickel	Consecrated Dec. 27, 1896
Louis C. Massey	Consecrated May 11, 1897
Roque V. Rogero	Consecrated May 11, 1897
Elmer E. Haskell	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Wm. E. Ballough	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Geo. P. Ballough	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Charles E. Waite	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Thomas G. Hutchinson	Consecrated January 21, 1898
Ludwig W. Buchholz	Consecrated January 21, 1898
William H. Hausman	Consecrated May 9, 1898
Abraham H. West	Consecrated Dec. 27, 1898
John T. Miller	Consecrated January 19, 1899
H. V. R. Schrader	Consecrated May 10, 1899
Joseph G. Torrey	Consecrated May 10, 1899
T. P. Warlow	Consecrated January 19, 1900
Henry N. Sweeting	Consecrated May 9, 1900
Arthur H. Carter	Consecrated May 9, 1900
W. W. Faris	Consecrated January 17, 1901
Joseph R. Keller	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Thomas West Gary	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Frank W. Armstrong	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Bascom H. Palmer	Consecrated May 15, 1901
William S. Ware	Consecrated October 23, 1901
John H. Norton	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Z. T. Merritt	Consecrated January 23, 1902
James M. Chesser	Consecrated January 23, 1902

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

NAME	DATE
Orson J. Hill	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Benjamin F. Hough	Consecrated May 14, 1902
James F. Miller	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Franklin L. Rees	Consecrated June 24, 1902
Mordicai G. Buck	Consecrated January 7, 1903
Hugh W. Wear	Consecrated May 13, 1903
George H. Clark	Consecrated May 13, 1903
James O. Harris	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Melville W. Carruth	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Victor F. Balcom	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Louis Harrison	Consecrated May 13, 1903
John MacDiarmid	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Henry W. Davis	Consecrated May 18, 1904
John J. Jones	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Daniel D. Beekman	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Lucien A. Spencer	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Clarence S. Hammatt	Consecrated May 18, 1904
James E. Terwilleger	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Joseph Dawson	Consecrated January 19, 1905
Will C. Andress	Consecrated January 19, 1905
L. R. Philips	Consecrated January 19, 1905
John C. White	Consecrated May 10, 1905
William G. Hobbs	Consecrated May 10, 1905
James D. Girtman	Consecrated May 10, 1905
Wilmot R. Fitts	Consecrated May 9, 1906
John H. Hibbard	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Wm. R. O'Neal	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Frank B. Stoneman	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Geo. H. White	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Louis Thompson	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Albert S. Munson	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Henry Koert DuBois	Consecrated May 15, 1907
John D. Grether	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Samuel E. Curry	Consecrated May 15, 1907

NAME		DATE
Harry A. Stacy	Consecrated May	15, 1907
Galen B. Seaman	Consecrated May	13, 1908
Charles S. Bonacker	Consecrated May	13, 1908
William S. Murrow	Consecrated May	13, 1908
Robert F. Hall	Consecrated May	13, 1908
Herbert Bradley	Consecrated May	13, 1908
Jacob Espedahl	Consecrated May	12, 1909
Jeff D. Miller	Consecrated May	12, 1909
William G. Tilghman	Consecrated May	12, 1909
James B. Young	Consecrated May	12, 1909
William N. Cone	Consecrated May	12, 1909
Marcey B. Darnall	Consecrated May	12, 1909
Marion E. Gruber	Consecrated May	12, 1909
Dabney B. Palmer	Consecrated May	12, 1909
Frederick L. Hemmings	Consecrated May	12, 1909
Willoughby A. Cox	Consecrated May	12, 1909
James Laurens Young	Consecrated April	16, 1910
Henry Benj. Wordehoff	Consecrated April	16, 1910
Samuel Edward Mays	Consecrated April	16, 1910
Earl Walton Mays	Consecrated April	16, 1910
George Pierce Sullivan	Consecrated April	16, 1910
August Wm. Windhorst	Consecrated April	16, 1910
Charles F. Filer	Consecrated May	11, 1910
John M. Caldwell	Consecrated May	11, 1910
John C. Calhoun	Consecrated May	11, 1910
John H. Wynn	Consecrated May	11, 1910
Richard R. Turnbull	Consecrated May	11, 1910
Marvin O. Thomas	Consecrated May	11, 1910
L. F. Blalock	Consecrated May	11, 1910
John O'Donald	Consecrated May	11, 1910
Robert B. Rutherford	Consecrated May	11, 1910
James W. Eley	Consecrated May	11, 1910
James C. Adkins	Consecrated May	11, 1910
John T. Burrows	Consecrated May	11, 1910

NAME		DATE
John W. Williams	Consecrated May	11, 1910
Vivian B. Collins	Consecrated May	5, 1911
James L. Love	Consecrated May	5, 1911
Pedan B. Haynes	Consecrated May	5, 1911
Arthur Williams	Consecrated May	10, 1911
William V. Carter	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Lucius L. Payne	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Alfred W. Bumby	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Wm. O. Richtmann	Consecrated May	10, 1911
J. Perry Hodge	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Allen E. Heyser	Consecrated May	10, 1911
John A. Bouvier	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Benjamin E. Dyson	Consecrated May	10, 1911
William Moody	Consecrated May	10, 1911
J. Jones Stewart	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Charles H. Ketchum	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Benjamin Burnett	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Wm. C. Simmons	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Paul S. Thomson	Consecrated May	10, 1911
William Mosedale	Consecrated May	10, 1911
John B. Pruit	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Len J. Lester	Consecrated May	22, 1912
George F. Smith	Consecrated May	22, 1912
George E. McCulloch	Consecrated May	22, 1912
W. Irving Porter	Consecrated May	22, 1912
John L. Hall	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Chester DeRocher	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Thomas O. Otto	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Charles E. Bayley	Consecrated May	22, 1912
David S. R. Jones	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Richard Whyte	Consecrated May	22, 1912
John F. Wilson	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Angus L. Hinson	Consecrated May	22, 1912
William B. Pope	Consecrated May	22, 1912

NAME	DATE
James M. Henderson	May 5, 1913
Harry B. Roberts	May 5, 1913
S. May Walker	May 21, 1913
Dorsey H. Rutter	May 21, 1913
Claude E. Connor	May 21, 1913
Alvah H. Perkins	May 21, 1913
William W. Davis	May 21, 1913
Albert D. Leonard	May 21, 1913
Elmer C. Howard	May 21, 1913
Alfred Brost	June 24, 1913
Alfred Recio	June 24, 1913
John J. Brown	Feb. 28, 1914
Henry O. Snow	Feb. 28, 1914
Henry L. Swatts	Feb. 28, 1914
Thomas C. Calmes	Feb. 28, 1914
Jasper Evers	Feb. 28, 1914
Albert Schneider	Feb. 28, 1914
F. W. Fleming	May 19, 1914
O. L. Taylor	May 19, 1914
Le Due Roberts	May 19, 1914
Gabriel Ferro	May 19, 1914
B. L. Smith	May 19, 1914
Claud F. Olmstead	May 19, 1914
Benjamin F. Barnes	May 19, 1914
W. W. Birchfield	May 19, 1914
John M. Dillon	May 19, 1914
A. J. Holt	May 19, 1915
J. Lloyd Head	May 19, 1915
George A. Dame	May 19, 1915
Ely P. Hubbell	May 19, 1915
Henry V. Calder	May 19, 1915
E. L. Wirt	May 19, 1915
R. J. Kishpaugh	May 19, 1915
W. L. Lowry	May 19, 1915

NAME	DATE
W. E. Tylander	May 19, 1915
W. J. Millikin	May 19, 1915
H. L. Shaffer	May 19, 1915
Arthur A. Brown	May 17, 1916
C. H. Tilden	May 17, 1916
R. E. McMahan	May 17, 1916
J. M. Willson, Jr.	May 17, 1916
Thomas Griffith	May 17, 1916
Roy P. Davis	May 17, 1916
E. E. Coulson	May 17, 1916
Charles H. Register	May 17, 1916
Guy E. Phipps	May 17, 1916
R. M. Oglesby	May 17, 1916
Max Sirkin	May 17, 1916
John Pasco	May 17, 1916
H. E. Crooks	May 17, 1916
C. L. Willoughby	May 17, 1916
W. M. Brinker	May 17, 1916
Ira G. Archibald	May 17, 1916
C. R. Horne	May 17, 1916
R. E. Goodman	May 16, 1917
T. T. Todd	May 16, 1917
J. R. M. Beatty	May 16, 1917
B. C. Webb	May 16, 1917
C. T. Meakins	May 16, 1917
F. M. Say	May 16, 1917
R. S. Clark	May 16, 1917
Wm. W. Scott	May 16, 1917
Frank H. Thompson	May 16, 1917
George W. Stiles	May 16, 1917
C. H. Ryals	May 16, 1917
William P. McKee	May 16, 1917
W. S. McLelland	May 16, 1917

Fraternal Correspondence



## Report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

*To the Most Excellent Royal Arch Chapter of Florida:*

Conforming with and agreeable to a resolution adopted at the last Convocation of this Grand Body, requesting the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to prepare a Report on Correspondence each year, beg leave to submit a review of the Proceedings of the following Grand Jurisdictions:

Alabama -----	1916	Nevada -----	1916
Alberta -----	1916	New Brunswick -----	1916
Arizona -----	1916	New Hampshire -----	1916
Arkansas -----	1916	New Jersey -----	1916
California -----	1916	New Mexico -----	1916
Canada -----	1916	New York -----	1916
Colorado -----	1916	North Carolina -----	1916
Connecticut -----	1916	North Dakota -----	1916
Delaware -----	1916	Ohio -----	1916
District of Columbia -----	1916	Oklahoma -----	1916
England -----	1916	Oregon -----	1916
Georgia -----	1916	Pennsylvania -----	1916
Illinois -----	1916	Quebec -----	1916
Indiana -----	1916	Rhode Island -----	1916
Iowa -----	1916	Scotland -----	1916
Ireland -----	1916	South Carolina -----	1916
Kansas -----	1916	South Dakota -----	1916
Kentucky -----	1916	Tennessee -----	1916
Louisiana -----	1916	Texas -----	1916
Maine -----	1916	Utah -----	1916
Massachusetts -----	1916	Vermont -----	1916
Maryland -----	1916	Victoria -----	1916
Michigan -----	1916	Virginia -----	1916
Minnesota -----	1916	Washington -----	1916
Mississippi -----	1916	West Virginia -----	1916
Missouri -----	1916	Wisconsin -----	1916
Montana -----	1916	Wyoming -----	1916
Nebraska -----	1916		

## ALABAMA—1916

Chapters, 62. Members, 4,893. Exalted, 743. Net Gain, 493.

WILLIAM A. RANSOM, Grand High Priest.

Every officer answered to roll call when the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter met in its Ninetieth Annual Convocation in the City of Montgomery on December 4th, as well as eight Past Grand Officers and Representatives from 59 Subordinate Chapters.

Gratification at the substantial gain in membership was emphasized in the address of the Grand High Priest, as he came to the close of his successful administration. He could well say that it was a year of which "we are, individually and collectively, very proud;" and particularly:

We have cause to feel that we have been making wonderful headway in the past year, in other than a remarkable increase in membership, a reason that should make every Alabamian, be he Mason or not, hold his head higher in pride of the fact that the Masons were instrumental in the passing of the school amendment, which means that the blot of illiteracy will be raised from our glorious State and place her in the educational list proportionate to her standing with other States in other lines.

Attention was called to the passing the Veils for the last time of Past Grand High Priest John Beverly Christian, which occurred October 28, 1916.

Two Chapters whose charters had been arrested for failure to pay dues for two successive years were granted dispensations to resume work.

Being Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Alabama, and also representing this State at the Triennial Conclave, they both took so much of his time that

he was unable to make any official visitation as Grand High Priest, much to his regret.

In a question of jurisdiction between two Chapters he ruled that place of residence should be "measured by accessibility and nearness in transportation facilities;" but the Jurisprudence Committee decided that as "neither of the constituent Chapters had violated any law, and that any decision would operate as a precedent," recommended that the decision be withdrawn.

The Grand High Priest favors the inspection plan, as it gives good results and should be encouraged. He also recommends that the officers and teachers in Capitular Masonry should use every effort to encourage the Companions to take the Cryptic degrees. At the beginning of the year he was hopeful of issuing dispensations to form two new Chapters, but investigation induced him to abandon that idea, believing it to be better policy to stimulate and retain old Chapters than to form new ones without good prospects.

Advancing years and a desire that some younger Companion be given the honor was the reason given by E. Companion Archibald L. R. Thompson for resigning the office of Grand Master of the First Veil.

Among the Reports made by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and adopted by the Grand Chapter was:

Lodges of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master cannot be declared opened or closed, nor shall such Lodges be opened or closed, unless a Chapter is first opened and dispensed with. After the work \* \* \* has been accomplished the Lodge shall be closed and labor resumed in the Royal Arch degree, and that degree closed in due form.

The above is Florida law in connection with regular Convocations, but special Lodge communications may be

called for work and instruction in either of the degrees named without opening in the Royal Arch degree.

Hereafter no dispensations will be granted for the establishment of a new Chapter within five miles of any other chapter, except it be in cities and town of not less than 1,000 inhabitants.

The Committee on Work was instructed to "exemplify the work of the four degrees at the next Annual Convocation without using an actual candidate."

The Grand High Priest heartily welcomed the Representatives of the Grand Chapter present, which included our own E. Companion Robert T. Ward, the present Grand Principal Sojourner.

M. E. President George A. Beauchamp presided at the Forty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Council of Anointed High Priests, when 13 Companions were set apart to this holy order. The previous officers were re-elected.

The comprehensive statistical tables of Grand Secretary Beauchamp give, among other information, the name of the Companions who have been exalted, affiliated and reinstated. Woodlawn Chapter No. 149 easily carries off the laurels for exaltations, it having 234 to its credit, almost a third of the total exaltations reported for this Grand Jurisdiction.

A readable as well as instructive Report on Foreign Correspondence is that submitted by Past Grand High Priest Lawrence H. Lee to the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Florida receives discriminating and favorable mention. He had the idea that Grand High Priest Will C. Andress was a much younger man than his portrait indicated, which shows that the artist did not do justice to the victim. He is well pleased that the address of our Grand High Priest "had none of the earmarks of an

advertisement of a fine winter climate, to be sent to those who live in a cold climate." He notes that "the ladies of the Eastern Star got in their usual good work by attending the Grand Chapter on a boat ride." He states that he is looking forward with pleasure to the Report on Correspondence, which we hope will not be disappointing.

Next Annual Convocation in Montgomery, Dec. 3, 1917.

John H. McCormick, Mobile, Grand High Priest.  
George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.  
Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery, Foreign Correspondent.

## ALBERTA

SECOND ANNUAL

CALGARY

MARCH, 1916.

All but one of the Grand Officers were present when M. E. Companion Jonas N. Rankin, Grand Z., opened the Grand Chapter of Alberta in ample form, and his portrait which graces the Proceedings bears out the impression that he is sincere in saying:

May our deliberations be of benefit to every Royal Arch Mason and may the outcome thereof be in harmony with the views expressed by many other Grand Jurisdictions of our dignified conduct in the performance of our respective duties in taking and maintaining a place among the Grand Chapters of the world.

He refers to the Masonic spirit exhibited by those Grand bodies which have withheld recognition out of deference to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and takes the

attitude that recognition and blessing will come in its own good time.

He pays tribute to those Companions who have responded to the call of duty, and particularly to those who were only sojourners, saying:

And right here, as a Briton born, I wish to record our gratification for the noble manner in which our neighbors to the south of us, who are residing in this province, are volunteering for service. As one of those noble men has said, "A country good enough to live in is good enough to fight for."

A large part of the Grand Z.'s address as well as the Proceedings generally relate to the troublous times experienced in breaking away from the Mother Grand Lodge and setting up housekeeping for themselves.

The Grand Z. is a worker as well as a writer for he says he has "visited practically all of the Chapters under the Grand Chapter of Alberta."

The Grand Scribe E.'s report shows that the number of Chapters owing allegiance to the Alberta Grand Chapter is seven, with a total membership of 801, a net increase for the year of 26, which he calls "satisfactory, considering the difficulties under which we have been working." He further states: "No attempt was made to influence any Chapter under the Grand Chapter of Canada until after the meeting of that Grand Body in February of this year." He compliments the Chapter secretaries for promptly attending to their duties and reports having issued three dispensations, by order of the Grand Z., to install and qualify officers.

Encouraging reports are made by the three District Grand Superintendents, showing that they have visited every Chapter both officially and fraternally.

No complaints were presented to the Committee on

Grievances and Appeals nor was there anything referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

By reason of fraternal relations not having been established with other Grand Jurisdictions the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has nothing to report, but like Barkis, "is willin'."

Four of the Companions of this Jurisdiction have been called from their "labors here on earth to eternal paradise in the Great Beyond," is the tribute paid by the Committee on Fraternal Dead, who recommend that memorial pages be dedicated to them as well as to those of Sister Jurisdictions.

"Scrutineers" take the place of tellers in the election of Grand Officers.

Next Annual Convocation in the City of Edmonson in March, 1917.

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Watson, Grand Z., Edmonton, Alberta.

R. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, Grand Scribe E., (Grand Secretary), Calgary, Alberta.

Under date of July 17th an official communication was sent out from the office of Melvin M. Downey, Grand Scribe E., stating that the difficulty existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta had been harmoniously adjusted, and the Grand Chapter of Alberta was recognized by the Grand Chapter of Canada. Under date of September 20th, the same authority stated that the foregoing action was confirmed at an emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada held in Toronto, September 12th.

Thus ended in peace and harmony, the only way an existing contention among Masons should end.

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I feel that more ought to be done to increase interest in Chapter Masonry. Every Master Mason in good standing has a right to become a member of the Chapter if he so desires, and the more legitimate information he receives regarding Royal Arch Masonry the more likely he is to become interested and seek the greater knowledge.

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The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer showed the Grand Chapter to be in good financial condition, the total resources being \$6,997.33.

A special Committee on Extension of time recommended that the entire afternoon be given over to regular business and that the installation of officers occur in the evening, which was adopted. No time is mentioned when this action is to go into effect.

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## ARKANSAS—1916

Charters, 88. Members, 4,615. Exalted, 408. Net Gain, 237.

DURAND WHIPPLE, Grand High Priest.

When the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas assembled in the Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation in the City of Little Rock, Nov. 23, 1916, all the Grand Officers (except the Grand Scribe) were present, also 10 Past Grand Officers and 77 Representatives from 64 Subordinate Chapters.

Exceptional zeal and great Chapter activity characterize the detailed report of the official actions of the Grand High Priest, which though somewhat long is replete with suggestions for the betterment of the Craft. His first task was "to locate weak Chapters and find out why they were weak," and after careful analysis and investigation he comes to this conclusion:

The greatest cause of a weak Chapter lays in weakness or failure of the officers entrusted with its care. A poor secretary will almost invariably mean a poor Chapter, and inefficiency or inattention of the High Priest is almost as bad.

He is a firm believer in rotation of office and thinks it far better to promote from year to year those officers whose work deserves recognition. He is also strongly opposed to electing as High Priest a Mason who at the same time is the presiding officer in both his Lodge and Commandery, for, he says, no man can fill all these offices at the same time and do his whole duty to each. As a result of the Grand High Priest's strenuous labors five dormant Chapters had their charters restored, seven Chapters resumed activity and only two Chapters had their charters arrested. A pleasing feature of this year's

work was the active and hearty co-operation existing between the chief officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, with a result beneficial to the Masonic Craft throughout the State. All of his official decisions were approved, which were of a local nature. But a recommendation that Chapters abolish moon dates, and another to consider the "Texas plan" of co-operation between the Capitular and Cryptic Rites were disapproved. He noted the death of M. E. Companion Antonio B. Grace, a Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master as well.

A large number of Grand Representatives were appointed, and among those whom he recommended for commission was E. Companion T. A. Turner, the present Grand Master of the First Veil, to represent Florida near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, who with the other Ambassadors were received with Grand Honors and were also requested to report to their several Grand Jurisdictions the fraternal good will and greetings of this Grand Chapter.

Companion Gordon Huffmaster, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported fraternal relations with Scotland had been severed; that the Grand Chapter of Alberta be recognized and exchange of Representatives be made; also that his Report on Foreign Correspondence would be filed, but it does not appear in the copy of the Proceedings which has reached us.

Neither is there an account of a Convention of Order of High Priesthood.

Next Annual Convocation at Little Rock, Nov. 22, 1917.

Allen Winham, Texarkana, Grand High Priest.  
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.  
Gordon Huffmaster, Booneville, Com. on Correspondence.

## CALIFORNIA—1916

Chapters, 121. Members, 13,608. Gain, 142. Exalted, 617.

The Grand Chapter was convened in special Convocation Sept. 1, 1915, for the purpose of receiving and welcoming the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, which was about to hold its Thirty-sixth Triennial Convocation in that city. Grand High Priest Gaynor welcomed the distinguished guest and the response was by General Grand High Priest Witt.

When the Sixty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter convened in Masonic Temple, San Francisco, April 18, 1916, 10 regular Grand Officers were present and the same number of Past Grand High Priests; also 15 survivors of the earthquake fire of April 18, 1906; Representatives of 95 Chartered Chapters and 49 High Priests not otherwise accounted for, besides Representatives of 28 Grand Jurisdictions, including M. E. Companion Edward Richard Hedges for Florida, all of whom were welcomed by the Grand High Priest with Grand Honors.

The official acts of the Grand High Priest showed that his had been a busy year. He noted the death of Past Grand High Priest William Alexander, and also that of 25 Past High Priests and 205 Companions. He constituted Sebastapool Chapter and Calistoga Chapter, and granted dispensations to form Chapters at Selma and Hollywood. Seven Grand Representatives were appointed and 17 recommended. He made two decisions of a local nature. He reported visiting sixty or more Chapters, and his sole regret was that by reason of "fully occupied business life, I have not been able to devote more time in the service of the Grand Chapter and the treasure-strewn fields of Royal Arch Masonry." He

believed "the future outlook for the Capitular Rite is extremely bright and hopeful." And the Committee on Grievances confirm this outlook in reporting that a "careful survey reveals nothing but the gentle ripples of peace and contentment."

Because the Jurisprudence Committee could not see where the printing of the Roster of Members did any material good it was discontinued and a card index system of membership will be installed in the Grand Secretary's office.

It appears to have been heretofore customary for the Grand High Priest to do all the work and for the other Grand Officers to sit back and do nothing. But after Grand High Priest Casimir Jackson Wood was installed for the coming year he said he expected all the officers would take an active part, and that the committee appointments would be deferred, as he wished to distribute the honors as far as possible among the different Chapters.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of Grand High Priesthood elected 27 Excellent Companions and presented each with a copy of the Book of the Law.

M. E. Companion Wm. A. Davies prepares a comprehensive Report of Correspondence, dealing generously with Florida.

He quotes freely from Grand High Priest Caldwell's address and comments as well: "Pretty easy for our Florida Companions. Don't forget, though, that we have some climate and raise a few things in California. We are not envious, however, and wish them all the blessings that could possibly be bestowed." He thinks Companion Caldwell "is a Florida man through and through."

Next Annual Convocation Sacramento, April 17, 1917.



Casimir Wood Jackson, San Francisco, Grand High Priest.  
 Thos. A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.  
 Wm. A. Davies, San Francisco, Correspondent.

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CANADA—1916

Chapters, 174. Members, 19,179. Admissions, 1,150. Net Gain, 346.

WILLIAM R. S. MURCH, Grand First Principal Z.

When the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in ample form in the City of Toronto, February 23rd, nearly all the Grand Officers and Grand Superintendents were present, as well as Representatives from 117 Subordinate and two U. D. Chapters, the total registration being 530. Zeal and earnestness characterized the address of the First Grand Principal. He rejoiced over the patriotic manner in which British arms had been upheld by his countrymen in the great conflict now being waged Early in the year R. Ex. Companion George J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., became incapacitated by serious illness for further work, and later Ex. Companion Henry T. Smith succeeded to that office. The Grand Z. granted five dispensations for new Chapters, but refused dispensations to attend divine service in Royal Arch regalia, and also to install officers on Sunday. He recommended six companions for Grand Representatives, including Ex. Companion James H. Cowan, of Galt, for Florida. He felt that the Craft had sustained a great loss when Companion Robert Freke Gould, the world-renowned Masonic historian, had passed away. He made nine offi-

cial visitations and attended eight schools of instructions. He recommended a revision of the Most Excellent Master's degree and later with the assistance of other companions, gave an exemplification of the manner in which it should be presented, and which by action of the Grand Chapter was incorporated into "The Work."

Much consideration and space was given to the "Alberta" question, but as the matter has later been adjusted to the apparent satisfaction of those most concerned no further reference is made here or elsewhere to actions taken by the various Grand Bodies regarding recognition.

Over a hundred pages are given to the presentation of the reports of the different Grand Superintendents of Districts. While largely of local value, the general reader gets much valuable instruction and inspiration out of them. Another report of even greater value to the Craft at large was that presented by M. Ex. Companion F. W. Harcourt on the "Condition of Capitular Masonry." It would enthuse every earnest Florida Companion and would be a helpful lesson as well.

An amendment to the Constitution provides that the Warrant is the sole property of the Grand Chapter, and that in the event of a Chapter being dissolved the Warrant and all other belongings become vested in the Grand Chapter, and that it is a Masonic offense to withhold any such property.

The order of High Priesthood is apparently not a part of Capitular Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada.

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Z., R. Ex. Companion George J. Bennett, who has for many years served the Craft so acceptably as Committee on Foreign Correspondence in this Grand Jurisdiction as well as

Grand Scribe E., was superannuated by reason of continued illness, at a salary of \$1,000 per year.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence for the year is presented by R. Ex. Companion Henry T. Brown, of Toronto, who modestly styles himself "an undistinguished member of the Grand Chapter." We can understand how his may have been a "difficult task," but at this long range it looks as though his work would pass inspection.

Florida's 1915 Proceedings are reviewed, the "Alberta difficulty" receiving the major consideration. Apparently the conclusions reached did not meet with his approval. However, be that as it may, it is all past history now.

Next Annual Convocation in Toronto, Feb. 28, 1917.

Wm. S. R. Murch, Kingston, Grand Z.

Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.

### COLORADO—1916

Chapters, 47. Members, 5, 742. Exalted, 332. Net Gain, 208.

WILLIAM A. CAMPBELL, Grand High Priest.

A special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Colorado was held in Rifle, Oct. 29, 1915, for the purpose of constituting and dedicating Rifle Chapter No. 48 and installing its officers.

The Forty-second Annual Convocation was held in Denver, Sept. 21, 1916, with a full complement of Grand Officers, Representatives from 45 of the chartered Chapters and 16 Past Grand Officers. As the roll of the deceased Past Grand High Priests was called the Grand High Priest responded by giving the date of death. Following which he welcomed the Representatives of 38 for-

eight Grand Jurisdictions, among whom was M. E. Companion George W. Roe, for Florida, the response being by M. E. Companion Marshall M. Dean.

The Grand High Priest in his address stated that he refused the request of Sterling Chapter to visit Julesburg and confer the first three degrees upon three petitioners in the Julesburg Masonic Hall, saying that while it might be lawful:

It does not appear to be prudent. While it might promote the interest of Capitular Masonry in a certain locality for the Chapter to go to another town in its Jurisdiction to confer the degrees, it might not be to the interest of the Chapters in general. To grant your request would be establishing a precedent that might lead to many complications and much confusion.

Some Jurisdictions including Florida look at it in a different manner. He stated that he had visited every Chapter in the State, traveling over 5,000 miles to do so. Among the Chapters he visited was the one at Steamboat Springs on August 22nd, where he was served with "strawberries which had been picked in the frost that morning." No requests had been made for the institution of new Chapters. He believed:

The lessons of life taught in Capitular Masonry should not be withheld from those imbued with a desire for more light in Masonry; still it is not well that a Chapter should be instituted where there are not enough eligible men to maintain it.

In surrendering his emblems of authority to another he said he did not want to be relegated to the class of "has-beens," but that he would always be ready to help, aid and assist in extending the teachings of Capitular Masonry. All the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved.

During the year two Past Grand High Priests answered to the last roll call: M. E. Comp. Samuel Harper Thompson having passed away January 15, 1916, and M. E. Comp. William Wallace Roller on February 8, 1916.

Fraternal relations were severed with the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of High Priesthood 22 Companions were set apart to that order, and old officers were re-elected, Companion Lawrence N. Greenleaf, that veteran Masonic writer and editor, being the President.

Ernest LeNeve Foster, in reviewing 51 Jurisdictions, says:

Just a third of a century ago, nearly a lifetime of a generation, we first undertook the preparation of a Report on Correspondence, and with the exception of a short period have continued in the harness until it seems to have become part of our nature to read the inspiring thoughts of well-informed Companions.

Finding but little of interest in Florida it receives a corresponding amount of space. Through a typographical error, no doubt, Sarasota Chapter is referred to as "Saratoga" Chapter. Other States have their "Saratoga," but Florida alone has its Sarasota, being a contraction of the name Sara DeSoto, a daughter of the noted explorer, Ferdinand DeSoto, whose dead body is said to have been buried at midnight in the waters of Sarasota Bay, an event commemorated each year.

Next Annual Convocation in Denver, Sept. 20, 1917.  
James R. Killian, Denver, Grand High Priest.  
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.  
Ernest LeNeve Foster, Denver, Correspondent.

## CONNECTICUT—1916.

When the One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was opened in Hartford, May 9th, all the officers were present, besides 15 Past Grand High Priests, Representatives from 40 Chapters, as well as 30 Grand Representatives, but no one responded for Florida. Many distinguished guests were present including the Grand High Priests from New York and Rhode Island.

The Grand High Priest's address was a summary of the work of the year. He noted the passing away of Past Grand High Priest Harvey S. Abel. He granted a Chapter permission to confer the Past Master's degree on a Canadian Royal Arch Mason. In reply to a query he cited the Constitution of that Grand Chapter which says:

No Royal Arch Mason in this Jurisdiction of thirty years' standing shall be subject to discipline for non-payment of dues.

He recommended the appointment of a committee to take steps to awaken a greater interest in the Order of High Priesthood, it being reported that body was not in a flourishing condition. He commissioned eight Grand Representatives and recommended the appointment of four others. A request to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania to have the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees, conferred on a Brother then residing in that State, was refused because a Constitutional provision provides that:

One Chapter cannot delegate to another the advancement of any Mason, nor can a Chapter advance any but its own members.

Encouraging reports were made by members of the

Grand Council of official visitations, the prevailing ambition being to present good work.

The action of the Grand Chapter of Scotland in invading the Philippine Islands was emphatically condemned. Fraternal relations were severed and Capitular Masonic intercourse was forbidden.

The Jurisprudence Committee disapproved the action of the Grand High Priest in granting a dispensation to transact business at a special Convocation.

At the Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of Anointed High Priests held in New Haven, May 11th, M. E. Companion Abraham Shaw, Past Grand Zerubbabel of the Grand Chapter of Canada and Representative of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, near the Grand Chapter of Canada, being present with 16 other Companions, were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order in due and ample form. At the Grand Convention held in Hartford in 1916 thirteen were received into the Holy Order. Early in the year M. E. Companion Charles W. Skiff, who for twenty years had been its Excellent Treasurer and Recorder, suffered a paralytic stroke. At the election of officers in 1916, M. E. Companion Isaiah Baker, Jr., was elected Treasurer and M. E. Companion George A. Kies, Recorder.

The eighth annual review of the Proceedings of the other Grand Chapters was presented by M. E. Companion George A. Kies, who finds nothing in Florida to criticize. He approves Grand High Priest Caldwell's optimism, and makes this favorable comment:

We are glad to note that here is another Grand Chapter which sensibly rules that immediately re-elected officers need not be installed.

Next Annual Convocation in Hartford the second Tuesday in May, 1916.

Burton L. Tuttle, New Haven, Grand High Priest.  
James McCormick, New Haven, Grand Secretary.  
George A. Kies, Hartford, Correspondent.

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DELAWARE—1916

Chapters, 4. Members, 1,222. Exalted, 79. Net Gain, 53.

ASA BENNETT, Grand High Priest.

All the stations were filled by the regular officers when the Forty-eighth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware opened in Wilmington, January 19th, as well as a large array of Past Grand Officers and Representatives from each of the Subordinate Chapters, besides M. E. Companion George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest, and several other distinguished personages being present.

The Grand High Priest in a review of his stewardship mentioned that this was the 99th year since the introduction of Capitular Masonry in Delaware. He referred to the passing the Veils during the year of three members of the official family. As all terms of all Grand Representatives expire with the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, a full Ambassadorial Corps was appointed and recommended for appointment. Although Companion Geo. W. Beatty was assigned to Florida he failed to be welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and perhaps the Grand High Priest of Florida does not know that "the warmest of fraternal greetings of the Grand Chapter of Delaware" were to be sent him.

The Grand High Priest visited all the subordinate Chapters and found the Companions doing excellent work. By reason of the laws and rules being so few

and so plain no decisions were required. He made several recommendations which were not approved by the committee to whom they were referred, but it did commend him for his zeal, feeling "that he instilled renewed interest in Capitular Masonry in Delaware." After the Grand Chapter had approved the recommendations of this Committee "the address of the Grand High Priest was adopted as read."

The Committees on Jurisprudence, Warrants and Dispositions and on By-Laws reported "nothing doing." The Committee on securing Past Grand High Priests' portraits report finding it difficult to complete the collection. The Committee on Work report that "all the officers are taking greater interest in bringing their work up to a high standard."

Grand High Priest Bennett, in welcoming the Grand Representatives, well said:

It is the duty of all who represent a Grand Jurisdiction to be present, if possible, thereby showing that you are a representative in fact as well as in name. Our relations will then be more firmly cemented by the spirit of brotherly love, and our Royal Craft will be as one large family wheresoever we may be.

Owing to the death during the year of M. E. Companion Virginius V. Harrison, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, only a partial review is given. However, Florida is among those reviewed. He notes that physical perfection is a qualification to be determined by each Chapter, and closes with this comment:

The subject is nevertheless settled, and in the future it does not require a candidate to have two legs in order to take the degrees in a Chapter in Florida.

Among the Standing Resolutions we find the following:

The use of cipher is hereafter forbidden in open Chapter. High Priests are required to open and close their Chapters in full form, in order to instruct Companions who are not familiar with the ceremony.

It is obligatory that every High Priest must first become an anointed High Priest before he can regularly officiate as High Priest in his Chapter.

That the Scribe may confer the Mark Master's degree; the King may confer the Most Excellent Master's degree, and the High Priest or Past High Priest the Past Master and Royal Arch degrees.

That Chapters may issue life memberships for such a sum as may be agreeable to said individual Chapters.

The Holy Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon three Companions and Ex. Companion A. Henry Berlin was re-elected President.

John W. Macklem, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.  
Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1916

Chapters, 13. Members, 3,552. Exalted, 147. Net Loss, 28.

LEM. TOWER, JR., Grand High Priest.

When the Forty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia opened in ample form in the city of Washington, February 9th, every station was filled by the rightful occupant, and in addition there were a large number of Past Grands, a full corps of representatives from each subordinate Chapter and Past High Priests galore. But with all this array of Capitular Craftsmen Florida was among the few Grand Jurisdictions which failed to be represented. A number of distinguished visitors were presented and greeted with Grand Honors.

From the comprehensive address of the Grand High Priest it is learned that by the death of R. E. Companion Henry Arthur Whallon, which occurred Jan. 9, 1916, the District of Columbia has lost its oldest Past High Priest and the last survivor of the Companions who organized that Grand Chapter in 1867, and who was Grand King in 1869. He also referred to the death of M. E. Companion J. James Foble, a Past Grand High Priest of Maryland, and who witnessed the constituting of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia in 1867. All questions presented for decision were answered by reference to the Book of the Law. He granted a dispensation to waive a provision of the Constitution to confer the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch at a special convocation. But as the Constitution provides that "no two degrees shall be conferred upon any candidate at the same convocation, unless one of the degrees be that of Past Master," the Jurisprudence Committee held that it was out of the power of the Grand High Priest to waive such a purpose would be by an amendment to the Constitution. All the other acts and recommendations of the Grand High Priest were fully approved, and he was complimented "upon his uniform courtesy and efficiency in the performance of the duties appertaining to his high office."

While he regretted the slight numerical loss in membership the past year, he was confident that the renewed interest displayed by all the Chapters would result in substantial gains to the Royal Craft. He visited every Chapter several times during the year, and whether expected or not, he found the work was uniformly rendered in accordance with the ritual, an important factor in this connection being the Schools of Instruction under the direction of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer. A condition not

so feasible in Florida, where Chapters are widely separated.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter in Washington in 1918.

The annual meeting of the Convention of Anointed High Priests was held Feb. 12th, at which time Excellent President Samuel F. Compton announced the deaths of members which had occurred during the year, and twelve Companions were elected to membership, as well as the officers for the ensuing year. But the Order of High Priesthood was not conferred until the meeting of March 11th, only 10 being present. The annual dinner of the convention was held March 30th, the toasts on this occasion being, "The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia," and "The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States," the response to the latter being by M. E. Companion George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest.

There are Correspondents and Correspondents, but there is only one Roe Fulkerson, and he belongs to the District of Columbia. His account of the "Doings of the Various Grand Chapters" holds the attention and instructs the reader from start to finish.

He reviews Florida briefly, in which he likens Grand High Priest Caldwell's address to a land company circular, but finally concludes that "his talk was interesting, though."

Next Annual at Washington, Feb. 17, 1917.  
 Wm. C. Fowler, Washington, Grand High Priest.  
 Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.  
 Roe Fulkerson, Washington, Correspondent.

## ENGLAND

Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held in London, May 3, 1916.

M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. Thomas Frederick Halsey, Second Grand Principal, presided. At this convocation the officers of the Grand Chapter were declared and appointed for the ensuing year. The most important offices, according to the Regulations of the Order, devolve upon the Companions holding corresponding positions in Grand Lodge.

Substantially all the business of the Grand Chapter is transacted by the Committee on General Purposes. A petition embodying the action desired is presented to this Committee, which being recommended, the President of the Committee makes the necessary motion, and on being seconded by the P. Dep. G. Registrar, the report is granted.

The Grand Chapter is then closed in Ancient and Solomn Form, after which the first verse of the National Anthem is sung.

H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K. G., First Grand Principal.

Sir Edward Letchworth, F. S. A., Grand Scribe E.

While the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales is a separate body, it is so closely connected with Royal Arch Masonry that it may properly be classed under the same general heading.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons hold annually four "Quarterly Communications." The proceedings are of a routine business and deal largely with the

administration and disposition of the "Fund of Benevolence." This fund is divided into three branches: The Educational branch, which provides educational benefits, as its name implies, for children from seven years of age and upwards. The Annuity branch grants an annuity to brethren who are members and their widows, whose income is less than a specified amount. The Benevolent branch makes it possible to give immediate assistance to a worthy distressed brother, widow or child.

The reports of the General Board show that for the year ending with March, 1916, there were issued 1,480 Mark Certificates, total registered being 68,160; also 415 Royal Ark Mariner Certificates; total registered 12,621.

His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, was nominated as Most Worshipful Master of Mark Master Masons at the November Quarterly; proclaimed elected at the February Quarterly, and proclaimed installed at the June Quarterly.

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 GEORGIA

Chapters, 154. Members, 8,453. Gain, 765. Exalted, 687.

M. WARNER HILL, Grand High Priest.

The ninety-fourth Annual Convocation was held in Macon, April 26-27, with 13 Grand Officers, 8 Past Grand High Priests, including Past General Grand High Priest J. W. Taylor, and Representatives from 126 Chapters being present. Among the 20 Grand Representatives was Past Grand Captain of the Host M. S. Colding, who responded for Florida.

The Grand High Priest was happy to state that, though many drawbacks had beset the work, the Craft

was reasonably prosperous and harmonious. He paid tribute to the memory of Grand Secretary Wolihin, who passed away Feb. 9th, and announced the appointment of Companion T. J. Carlin to fill the vacancy. Being in the service of the state, Grand High Priest Hill was unable to make but a few Chapter visitations during the year.

An important event of the year was the visit to the General Grand Chapter by the Grand High Priest and a number of past and present Grand Officers with their ladies, and he was proud to say, "all members of the Georgia delegation conducted themselves with dignity, having once granted a life membership, could not afterwards withdraw it. That a Companion affiliating with another Chapter should record his "Mark." That a Brother taking a dimit from a Blue Lodge and failing to affiliate within twelve months ceases to become a member of the Chapter. Restoration to Blue Lodge membership does not automatically restore a Companion to Chapter membership, he must apply for Chapter affiliation.

A novel and unusual case was that of a brother making application for Chapter membership and paying fee to the secretary, who never accounted to the Chapter for it. The petition was never acted upon and was withdrawn by the committee. Later the secretary took upon himself "to elect the Brother," and request another Chapter to confer the degrees, which was done. Meanwhile the Companion moved to Florida and asked for dimit to join a Florida Chapter. The Grand High Priest held that while the proceedings were very irregular, the Companion was a Chapter Mason, subject to the Grand Chapter of Georgia, and recommended that the Grand Secretary issue a dimit, which will enable him to petition for affiliation in Florida.

The Grand High Priest granted 45 dispensations,

seven of which were to ballot on candidates short of time. In Florida petitions can be received, acted on and degrees conferred at same convocation. The address closes with a dissertation on "Masonry in General," he saying in part:

Let me implore you to have an eye not only to the dangers without, but to dangers from within. As long as we are on the lookout and stand united from within and are honest with ourselves and with others, we can be successful in accomplishing the great work laid out for the Craft to accomplish; but if we are torn by dissensions from within, how can we hope to escape destruction?

One proposed amendment to the Code is to require a Companion, when he pays Chapter dues, to show certificate from Secretary of Blue Lodge that he is in good standing.

Complaint was made that Chapters are conferring degrees at bargain rates and a committee will investigate.

The Grand Lecturer's report showed improvement in Chapter conditions over four years ago, from 10 to 100 per cent in all but eight Chapters. Committee recommended continuance of Grand Lecturer and commended present incumbent.

Hereafter applicants for Chapter degrees must pass satisfactory examination in the Master's degree.

By reason of illness Grand High Priest-elect Companion J. T. Bell was installed into office in his room.

Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion Chas. L. Bass, reviewing forty Grand Proceedings, Florida being among the missing. He says:

There is a growing tendency on the part of Grand High Priests to make what formerly was an address of some importance, now but a brief report of their administration. There were but few real addresses made."

An instructive feature in connection with the report



of Companion Bass is a "Digest of Decisions" found in the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters, the work of Companion Earnest LeNeve Foster, of Colorado, together with a Table of Statistics, taken from the 1914 Proceedings.

Next Annual Convocation, Macon, April 27, 1917.

J. F. Bell, Milledgeville, Grand High Priest.

E. A. McHan, Fairburn, Grand Secretary.

Charles L. Bass, Fairburn, Correspondent.

### ILLINOIS—1916

Chapters, 209. Members, 43,248. Exalted, 3,257. Net Gain, 1,776.

HARRY W. HARVEY, Grand High Priest.

One officer was absent when the Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter convened in the Grand ball room of the LaSalle Hotel in the city of Chicago, October 26th. The opening ceremonies included the flag presentation, when the members rose and joined in singing "America." After which Ambassadors representing 34 Grand Chapters were officially received by the Grand High Priest, Florida's being among the favored ones. Other distinguished guests present included the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Companion Ralph H. Wheeler, who expressed the wish

That there could be some method devised whereby there might be a more intimate relationship established between the Masons of the Royal Arch and those of the Ancient Craft.

The Grand High Priest in his address specially honored the one member of the Grand Family who during

the year passed into eternity, Companion Chauncey F. Newkirk, Grand Captain of the Host. He reported having attended one or more days each the five different State Schools. He constituted Lawndale Chapter, consolidated Alton and Franklin Chapters, and instituted five U. D. Chapters. He appointed four Grand Representatives and recommended as many more. He recommended severing fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. He decided:

That it is unlawful to perform any travesty on Masonic degrees or to give an entertainment to be named "Burlesque on Masonry." The robes belonging to the Chapter are for the exemplification of the Capitular degrees and are not to be used for any other purpose.

A brother Master Mason who has no legal residence or fixed place of abode cannot petition a Chapter in Illinois for the degrees.

A Chapter shall not transact any business involving final action by vote of the Chapter at any convocation after the work of conferring degrees has begun.

The Mark Master degree conferred by authority of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Scotland is not considered a part of the Capitular system of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois. The candidate must receive the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason in a regular Chapter, R. A. M., before he can be recognized as a regular Royal Arch Mason in this State.

The committee to whom the Grand High Priest's address was referred commended his "zeal and energy in the discharge of the important and trying duties pertaining to his high office." And the Jurisprudence Committee likewise approved the Grand High Priest's official acts and decisions.

"An innovation in the usual order of business," was an oration by Companion Arthur J. Francis, the theme being "The Corner Stone in the Temple of Life," which was received with marked attention and order printed in the proceedings.

From the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters it is learned among other things that:

Sixty-seven Chapters report an incomplete roster of officers.  
 Thirty-eight Chapters have no Chaplain.  
 Three Chapters have no Sentinel to guard the outer door.  
 Three Chapters have no Master of the Third Veil.  
 Two Chapters have no Master of the Second Veil.  
 Two Chapters have no Master of the First Veil.  
 One Chapter has no King.  
 One Chapter confers its degrees without a Principal Sojourner.  
 Nineteen Chapters report no work done during the year.

President Geo. M. Moulton delivered an address at the Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood, in which he states:

This is a self-constituted body, acknowledging no superior, and having no subordinate organization. It has no special mission to perform. Likewise it is self-perpetuating. Year by year we receive and act upon the petitions of those who by meritorious service as High Priests of a chartered Royal Arch Chapter are thereby qualified to be consecrated and set apart after the order of Melchizedek.

There are no high mysteries in Capitular Masonry, and there can be no higher duty toward man than is incumbent upon us as members of this holy order.

Forty-nine petitions were received and favorably acted upon, and the officers of the previous year were re-elected.

The Correspondence Report is by Companion Geo. W. Warvelle, and is his "fifteenth annual epistle concerning the sayings and doings of the Capitular world. The reviews are necessarily brief from the fact that every thing seems to be moving along with well ordered precision."

In a few lines he states that the indications are that

Florida is doing fairly well. Also that it is the "first of the American Grand Chapters to extend recognition" to Alberta.

Next Annual Convocation in Chicago, October 25, 1917.

James E. Jeffers, Arcola, Grand High Priest.  
 Geo. W. Warvelle, Chicago, Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent.

### INDIANA—1916

Chapters, 119. Members, 19,519. Exalted, 1,315. Net Gain, 115.

LEON T. LEACH, Grand High Priest.

When this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons met in its Seventy-first Annual Convocation in the city of Indianapolis, Oct. 18th, only the Grand Chaplain of the official family was absent, and with 15 Past Grands and Representatives of 113 Chartered Chapters and three U. D. Chapters present. A pleasing opening feature was the introduction and formal presentation of 32 Grand Representatives including M. E. Companion Elmer Crockett for Florida. This gathering was also honored by the presence of the M. E. General Grand High Priest, George E. Corson, who later addressed the Grand Chapter, besides other members of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council.

The Grand High Priest in his address made proper mention of the passing away of Past Grand High Priest Daniel McDonald, who was also the senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. He constituted Oriental Chapter No. 147, and granted dispensations for New Chapters at Fremont, Owensville and Francesville.

It being unconstitutional to receive and ballot on a petition same night, a request for dispensation was refused. "Urgent business engagements prevented" him from making many official visitations. While he had interpreted in a number of cases sections of the General Regulations, there were "no questions of vital importance or that required an absolute decision from the Grand High Priest" were presented. In closing his address he said:

Through the medium of my official connection with this Grand Body, I have formed some of the nearest and dearest friendships of my life. It is the menstrum which holds in solution the compatible kindred spirits whose proper intermingling results in deep and strong personal attachments.

Grand Inspector John J. Glendenning voices sentiments of others in urging each Chapter officer to be in his place and prepared to give his part of the work, and it occurs to him that absence of officers in some instances may be due to "their inability to give their work in a proper manner." He maintains:

That the opening and closing ceremonies of each degree and the obligation ought to be given in the language of the ritual, but that to require the ritual to be rendered word perfect is an attainment that but few can acquire.

He called attention to a custom prevailing in some Chapters which was a direct violation of the Regulations, that of:

Calling off the Chapters in the R. A. degree for the purpose of work in one of the preceding degrees, and after the work had been completed the Chapter was closed on the degree in which the work was given and remained at refreshment on the R. A. degree until the next meeting.

Fraternal relations were severed with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

Forty-nine Companions were consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in solemn form, and M. E. Companion John J. Glendenning was re-elected President together with the other officers.

Past Grand High Priest Robert Archer Woods thus prefaces his Annual Capitular Review:

The wine-press in the Capitular vineyard has been trod for the sixth time, and the product, sparkling perforce at times, dull and unattractive at others, is here offered for entertainment and profit. Drain it to the dregs; it will refresh and invigorate, for it is the very life of a very strong and growing vine. I would fain have made it more palatable, but it is savory enough for your good if you will but suffer yourself to partake. So here's to your good health, and the ingrafting of a wider knowledge of the craft.

He reviews the work of the year in Florida, and in referring to the complimentary resolution pertaining to the boat-ride on the river he opines that "some fair dandel must have been very attentive indeed, to the eloquent author." He is opposed to Grand Chapter "doing degree work for her subordinates—but this Grand Chapter seems wedded to her idols." He calls the action requesting the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to prepare a report each year "good work." Hope the "work" will pass inspection.

1917.

Next Annual Convocation in Indianapolis, Oct. 17.

Calvin H. Ramsay, Angola, Grand High Priest.  
Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.  
Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Correspondent.

## IOWA—1916

Chapters, 128. Members, 14,634. Exalted, 1,019. Net Gain, 555

FRANK N. FOWLER, Grand High Priest.

All the officers were present when the Sixty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter opened in ample form in Waterloo, October 12th, with representatives from 105 Chapters. Forty-four Grand Representatives were introduced, including Companion A. D. Meeker for Florida's Grand Chapter, and were cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

Zeal and fidelity in his official acts and a desire to advance the prosperity of the Royal Craft characterize the address of this Chief Executive. Three members of this Grand Family passed away during the year—William Fiske Cleveland, Past Grand High Priest and R. E. Grand Secretary; Clinton Sollace Fletcher, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, and Alfred Wingate, R. E. Grand Secretary Emeritus. The writer of this review was highly favored by having had a brief correspondence acquaintance with Companion Cleveland, and the informal shock to the writer which it is difficult to overestimate of his untimely passing away came as a personal Surely Iowa Masonry in particular and the Craft generally are richer by reason of Companion Cleveland having worked in the quarries.

The Grand High Priest, in taking up the work of the year, laid out three plans, which are worthy of consideration:

First, to endeavor to bring the officers of the subordinate Chapters in closer relation with the Grand Officers; second, to manifest a deeper interest in the Lodge members and show them that the advancement to the Chapter degrees is a step forward for

their best interests in Masonic study; third, to develop and upbuild the ritualistic work and uniform floor work, do away with all innovations and horse plays, and adhere strictly to the ritual.

In carrying out this plan he officially visited a large number of Chapters. He thus describes the most notable event:

Henry Chapter, No. 8, at Mt. Pleasant, held one of the largest and, to my mind, greatest meetings in the history of Capitular Masonry in Iowa, if not in the United States, conferring the Royal Arch degree upon ten teams, with full ritual. Work was commenced about 8 o'clock with four teams. At 12:15 all repaired to lunch. Work was resumed at 1 o'clock, and five teams worked until 6:30. After an hour at refreshments work was resumed, and the tenth team was given the degree with a full discourse with the slides. One of the most commendable things of this meeting was the clock-like precision and loyalty of the candidates, not a hitch anywhere; every man was on time and ready at the appointed time, and demonstrated this fact, that persistent, hard work will accomplish anything undertaken. I had the honor of delivering the charge to thirty companions at one time.

He refused a dispensation to Valley Chapter to go to Parkersburg and open a Mark Master Lodge and confer the degree upon candidates residing there, stating that "while a number of states permit this to be done, I find no law permitting such acts in Iowa." He granted a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Clear Lake. He strongly approves of schools of instruction, stating that in his opinion "this year has demonstrated that the instruction of Chapters has passed the stage of an experiment and has filled the long want of getting the very best results from the ritualistic work of the Chapters." He recommended severing fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

The committee to whom this address was referred, in approving his acts, say that he has earned for himself the

proud title of a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed." This committee also notes with pleasure that all Chapters in that jurisdiction "have now abandoned the old antiquated moon-eyed schedule and are meeting upon certain week days of the calendar month."

This Grand Chapter has placed in the Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids a stained glass window emblematic of Royal Arch Masonry as a testimonial of the close connection of the Royal Craft with Symbolical Masonry.

At the Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests 36 Companions petitioned and were added to the list of membership. In the address of Geo. A. Riemche, Acting President, he stated that at the time of the death of Companion W. F. Cleveland:

He was one of four Masons in Iowa who had been honored as the official head of all the York Rite Masonic bodies in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the only one bearing this distinction who had also presided over the Grand Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Correspondence is written by Companion Edward M. Willard, Past Grand High Priest, the late Companion Cleveland's mantle having fallen upon an able successor. In the "introduction" he tersely states what a reading of the report confirms:

To bring to our Companions information and knowledge of art and literature, as culled from the Capitular world, has been our sincere desire, and that it may be the means of giving more light in Masonry.

Florida receives recognition. He says that "the address of the Grand High Priest dealt with local matters almost entirely." After mentioning the decisions and a few other matters, he observes:

The prevailing reason for non-visits is pressure of business and want of time. We have often thought that where one is elected to preside over and govern the Royal Craft he should be prepared to make sacrifices for the good of Masonry, if necessary. If it is seen that business interests are going to interfere with the work, and if for that reason even a little sacrifice cannot be made for the good of our institutions, should not the honor fall upon the shoulders of another who is willing to meet the conditions that may present themselves.

Next Annual, Cedar Rapids, Oct. 11, 1917.  
Chas. A. Dewey, Washington, Grand High Priest.  
O. F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.  
F. A. Lee, Waverly, Fraternal Correspondent.

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#### IRELAND—1916

All that appears to be made public of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland for the year 1916 is the report of the Grand Registrar, V. E. Henry E. Flavelle, to M. E. The Lord Muskerry, Grand King, who in reviewing the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for the year, states:

It is satisfactory to note that contrary to what one might reasonably anticipate, the tide of war has not up to the present adversely affected the prosperity of the Order in Ireland. There has been no diminution in the attendance at the various meetings, and the total receipts of Grand Chapter for the past year exceed those of the preceding one by 32 pounds sterling.

The report further states that no damage was done to any of the Masonic buildings during the Sinn Fein disturbance, the only inconvenience being that citizens were required to be at their homes not later than 7:30 o'clock.

Also that five warrants to establish new Chapters were issued during the year.

The Presiding officer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter is the Grand King, M. E. The Lord Muskerry, who appoints his Deputy Grand King. The Grand High Priest is retired each year with the title of M. E., and the officers of the other stations are promoted, the one election being for Captain of the Blue Veil, corresponding to our Master of the First Veil. In addition to Provincial Grand Superintendents for Ireland, there is also one for South Africa and one for New Zealand. There are four Stated Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. The 1916 Proceedings has a photo of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter room in Freemason's Hall, Dublin.

### KANSAS—1916

Chapters, 95. Members, 10,567. Exalted, 750. Net Gain, 423.

JOHN W. NEILSON, Grand High Priest.

The Proceedings state that the Grand High Priest congregated the Companions, and under direction of the Grand Secretary called the roll of Chapters and finding a constitutional number represented opened in Ample Form the Fifty-first Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas in Topeka, February 14th. With the exception of the Grand Lecturer, whose station was vacant, all the Grand Officers were present, as well as a large number of Past Grand High Priests and Past High Priests, the guest of honor being M. E. Companion Bestor G. Brown, the General Grand Scribe. And of course Florida was well repre-

sented, our Ambassador being M. E. Companion Aaron H. Connett, the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand High Priest in his address stated that it seemed incredible to him that over half a century had passed since a handful of zealous Companions had launched into existence the Grand Chapter of Kansas. And with the passing away of M. E. Erasmus T. Carr, at the age of ninety years, in Glendale, California, May 12, 1915, and who was Grand Secretary from the organization of the Grand Chapter in 1866 to 1877, and Grand High Priest in 1879, this Grand Chapter has lost the last members connected with its original organization.

The Grand High Priest stated that his inability to accept the many Chapter invitations extended him was a source of deep regret, but he did make one visitation. All decisions referred to him were covered by the existing laws.

Washington Chapter No. 1 was first chartered under the General Grand Chapter and later by the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Both of these charters are among its most treasured possessions, and as they have become soiled and time-worn, they have been restored and placed with the Grand Chapter for safe-keeping, and photographic reproductions made to use in lieu of the originals.

The report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters show that fully one-third of the annual reports from the various Chapters are more or less faulty, due largely to carelessness and negligence on the part of the Chapter Secretary and lack of oversight on the part of the High Priests.

Hereafter one Representative from each Chapter will be allowed necessary transportation charges, who is not entitled to mileage in either the Grand Lodge or Grand Council.

The Most Excellent Grand Council of the Order of

High Priesthood of Kansas was held on the afternoon of February 15th, at which time 36 petitions were received, referred and by ballot elected to receive the Order, but the proceedings do not state whether any further ceremony was performed. E. John A. Ferrell was re-elected President, and R. E. Albert K. Wilson, Recorder.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by M. E. Companion Matthew M. Miller, Chairman of the Committee.

Florida receives favorable and generous recognition, but he thinks the picture which Grand High Priest Caldwell presents of the "God-favored land" should have a little more variety; if there was a little less sunshine and a little more variety, the picture would, he thinks, be more life-like. May be so, may be so, but personally, we prefer sunshine to shoveling snow and paying coal bills.

Next Annual, Wichita, Feb. 19, 1917.  
John Powers, Marion, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

### KENTUCKY—1916

Chapters, 112. Members, 9,831. Advanced, 563. Net Gain, 206.

JOHN W. JUETT, Grand High Priest.

All but one of the Grand Officers were present when the Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky opened in Ample Form in Louisville, October 17th, as were also 17 Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives from 107 Chapters.

The Grand High Priest in his address called attention to the fact that they had reached "the ninety-ninth mile-

stone in the history of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky," also added that "with a full realization of the important duties imposed in me one year ago, I have avoided any conscious abuse of that authority."

St. John's Day, June 24th, will have an additional interest to the Royal Craft of that state, for it was on that date that Companion Henry S. Adams, the Grand Master of the Third Veil, was found in his garden in the sleep that knows no waking. His Masonic record shows that he served Eminence Lodge as Master 17 years, and was High Priest of Eminence Chapter 33 years.

Not being satisfied with the previous manner of Chapter inspection, the Grand High Priest appointed a special committee to devise a new plan which resulted in the adoption of a report which provides for inspection by Congressional Districts.

All questions coming to him for decision were of such nature that he found it necessary to "make no new law for the Grand Chapter." Several Grand Representatives were recommended and others appointed. He recommended the official recognition of the Grand Chapter of Utah, and the severing of official relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Also that the centennial anniversary of the Grand Chapter be recognized in some way "that will prove creditable to this Grand Body in the years to come." He closed his address with this assurance: "You will ever find me in the vineyard, zealously laboring toward the attainment of the best there is in Capitular Masonry."

The Constitution was amended so as to make all the officers elective except Grand Chaplain, Assistant Grand Secretary and Grand Sentinel.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved all the acts of the Grand High Priest, but made this suggestion:

That in the decision rendered, holding that a Master Mason who had lost both legs could not unite with the Chapter because of this defect, that this was a matter to be determined by subordinate Chapters, and should not have been referred to the Most Excellent High Priest for decision.

The above committee made the following supplemental report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, for supplemental report upon the memorial of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters, concerning the so-called "Texas Plan," respectfully recommend that the further consideration thereof be indefinitely postponed.

Apparently, Kentucky has no Order of Grand High Priesthood, no mention being made of that organization. Most Excellent G. Allison Holland submits a report of the doings of 55 Grand Chapters, giving Florida a page, and generally approving what was done in that Grand Jurisdiction, except the recognition of Alberta.

Evidently he read hurriedly and misunderstood the reply of Grand High Priest Address to the query, could a Companion who belonged to a body of the Scottish Rite of the Cernau Rite in Cleveland visit a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the decision of the Grand High Priest being "that the Grand Chapter of Florida has nothing to do with Cerneauism," and which was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

He becomes optimistic in his "Conclusions," saying:

The sun shines resplendent in a sky of pure blue, and all is calm, save for the progressive note indicating the growth of the Order.

Next Annual Convocation in Louisville, Oct. 16, 1917.

George B. Winslow, Carrollton, Grand High Priest.  
Howard R. French, Mt. Sterling, Grand Secretary.  
G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Fraternal Correspondent.

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### LOUISIANA—1916

Chapters, 43. Members, 4,095. Exalted, 398. Net Gain, 280.

H. F. GRIMM, Grand High Priest.

At 10 o'clock a. m., February 8th, an Emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was convened in the Masonic Temple in New Orleans, for the purpose of exemplifying the Capitular degrees. Labor was suspended in the Royal Arch degree and a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened by the officers of a local Chapter and a team was regularly advanced to that degree. This was followed by similar procedure in both the Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees, and labor was again resumed in the Royal Arch degree, when the same team was exalted, after which the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form, all of which was apparently done in two hours, which is "going some." For the Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of this same Grand Body convened in regular session the same day at 12 o'clock m., with the station of Grand Secretary vacant, M. E. Companion Richard Lambert having entered into a new life Dec. 6, 1915. In addition to the Past Grand Officers there were also present many of the Past Grand High Priests, Past High Priests, Representatives from 34 subordinate Chapters, and the Ambassadorial Corps, which included R. E. Companion Earnest W. Driebholz, who spoke for Florida.



Brevity characterizes the address of the Grand High Priest reporting his official acts. He constituted Kinder and Babylon Chapters, and granted dispensations to form new Chapters at Tallulah, Oak Dale, Slidell, Rochelle and Wilson. All vacancies in Grand Chapter Representatives were properly filled. He personally visited 28 subordinate Chapters, and appointed representatives to visit five others. He made no decisions, but advised the officers of the various Chapters concerning the law and the Ritual. Finding quite a number of the Chapters who did not seem to fully understand the Ritual, he recommended the appointment of inspectors, who were to pass a proficiency examination before the Committee on Work, but apparently no action was taken.

An amendment to the Regulations provides that a member may elect whether he shall draw his mileage and per diem from the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chapter, but not from both.

Twelve Companions were elected and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Companion Herman C. Duncan was re-elected President for the coming year.

Owing to the critical illness of M. E. Companion H. C. Duncan, who has prepared the Report on Foreign Correspondence for many years, an "Unknown" this year presents a very readable and creditable report. The other two members of the committee are R. E. Companion B. B. Purser and M. E. Companion R. W. Allen.

Florida is freely and pleasingly reviewed. "He" thinks the Land of Flowers is "blessed with a booster" in Grand High Priest Caldwell, and promises that when "he" is no longer permitted to live in Louisiana he will "migrate to Florida." Come right along, Companion, a hearty welcome awaits you. He approves the physical

qualification decision and says it should be the law everywhere.

Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 6, 1917.

Sol Levy, Grand High Priest.

John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.

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### MAINE—1916

Chapters, 63. Members, 10,717. Exalted, 504. Net Gain, 181.

WALLACE N. PRICE, Grand High Priest.

This Grand Jurisdiction has been signally honored in having three of its citizens preside over the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, the last one being the present incumbent, Companion Geo. E. Corson, who was the most distinguished guest of honor at the Ninety-first Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, which began its sessions in Portland, May 2nd. All but the three Grand Masters of Veils were present, also 114 Representatives from 58 Chartered Chapters and 24 permanent members, including 39 Representatives of other Grand Chapters, with Florida among the missing.

The General Grand High Priest emphasized the fact that he was not only proud of his native State, but also that he was:

Proud of her history and of her splendid achievements in many lines of human endeavor for the uplift of humanity and the betterment of the human race; proud of her brave and stalwart men and her noble and gifted women, who have enriched the world with their deeds of greatness and goodness and with sublime and noble thoughts.

The address of the Grand High Priest showed that he had been faithful to the trust confided to him and in his two years of service has evidently tried to give his best efforts to the advancement of Capitular Masonry. He paid proper tribute to the memory of John W. Ballou, the Senior Past Grand High Priest, who answered the Master's call on Jan. 7, 1916. He congratulated the Royal Craft "upon the solid growth and splendid progress which had been made." He made no decisions, all inquiries "having been fully covered by the Constitution." He recommended that charters be granted the U. D. Chapters at Bingham and Old Town. He made seven official visitations.

Reports made by other visiting officers showed that the Chapters in the State had been inspected.

The Grand High Priest vacates the East during the election of Grand Officers, that station being filled by a Past Grand High Priest, who appoints a committee "to receive, sort and count the votes and report the election."

Surely peace and harmony prevails in this Grand Jurisdiction, for the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported "that nothing had been submitted to them."

Twenty-two Companions presented credentials and were received and anointed to the Order of High Priesthood, and the officers of the previous year were re-elected. It is also stated: with M. E. Companion Albert M. Penley, President. It

All candidates must present a certificate of election and installation under seal of the Chapter and be present at the Annual Meeting. If not present at that or the ensuing annual session, the election lapses.

The Grand Treasurer reported \$11,219.09 in the Charity Fund.

Following the Report on Correspondence of the Proceedings of four Grand Jurisdictions is this "note" by Companion Stephen Berry, the Grand Secretary:

We had hoped for a full report on correspondence this year. Comp. Patterson had completed his long and excellent report on Memorials in season for the Annual Convocation and sent in the beginning of his Report on Correspondence early in May; but after giving him all the additional time to complete it which was possible, we were obliged to issue the Proceedings with the above fragmentary report. There is no limit to his endeavor, but there is a limit to the possibility of achievement.

Next Annual Convocation in Portland, May 1, 1917.  
James A. Rohan, Rockland, Grand High Priest.  
Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.  
Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Foreign Correspondent.

#### MARYLAND—1916

Chapters, 24. Members, 4,268. Exalted, 241. Net Gain, 264.

EDWIN J. GRIFFIN, Grand High Priest.

The one hundred and nineteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held in the City of Baltimore, beginning Nov. 23d, and was specially honored by having as its most distinguished guest the General Grand High Priest, Companion George E. Corson. All but two of the Grand Officers were present, as well as eight Past Grand High Priests and Representatives from 20 Chapters besides a large number of Past High Priests and numerous visitors.

Twenty-nine Grand Representatives were presented at the Altar, including the present Grand Captain of the

Host, L. Dorsey Gassaway, who responded for Florida, and were welcomed by the Grand High Priest. After receiving reports from the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and several committees, the Grand High Priest gave his address, which was a concise summary of his official acts, from which it is learned that five members of this Grand Body were translated to that "All Perfect and Select Lodge Above," and which included Companion J. James Foble, Past Grand High Priest and Companion T. Solers Waters, Past Grand Captain of the Host. Only one ruling was made, which was concerning a Brother who had petitioned, paid the fee and been elected in Maryland, but who received no notice of the Chapter's action. Later he removed to another Jurisdiction where he again petitioned and was elected. The Grand High Priest ruled that the fee paid by him in Maryland can be returned, the intent of the law being "that it requires payment of the fee before, and stops remission after the conferring of the degree." The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers approved this action and added:

While we know of no law compelling this action, we should feel chagrined to think that any Masonic body would retain money for which it had not given value.

Strenuous efforts are being made to advance the cause of Capitular Masonry, yet the Grand Lecturer reports that "The School of Instruction has been very poorly attended. It does not seem to be doing what we had intended it should do." However, the President of the Board of Grand Inspectors states that "the Chapters having made the greatest improvement during the past year are the ones whose officers have attended the School of Instruction."

The custom prevails in Maryland as in Florida of not re-installing re-elected officers.

Among the Standing Resolutions of the Grand Chapter of Maryland is noted:

No candidate shall be exalted, unless by dispensation, until he has made sufficient proficiency in the preceding degrees to satisfy the Council that he can make himself known in those degrees. The examination as to proficiency to be had in open M. E. Master's Lodge.

No High Priest shall be installed unless he is competent to confer the traditional work of the Capitular degrees, such competency to be determined by a majority of the Committee on Work.

That this Grand Chapter condemns the use of the Chapter Seal upon receipts for dues and prohibits such use.

Companion George E. Corson, the General Grand High Priest, presided at the unanimous re-election of officers at the Annual Convocation of the Council of M. E. High Priests of Maryland, when 15 Companions were set apart to that order.

Rev. Henry Branch, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, presented the Annual Review, which by action of the Grand Chapter is limited to a specific space, and which by a careful and intelligent "boiling down" process he manages to nearly meet the requirements. He gives Florida generous space, comments favorably, and notes that a Report on Correspondence is to be prepared each year, adding: "A cordial welcome awaits our Companion, co-correspondent." Thank you, Companion.

Next Annual Convocation in Baltimore, Nov. 22, 1917.  
 Emmett L. Pettit, Laurel, Grand High Priest.  
 John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.  
 Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., Baltimore, Correspondent.

## MASSACHUSETTS—1916

Chapters, 83. Members, 25,618. Exalted, 1,223. Net Gain, 572.

ARTHUR D. PRINCE, Grand High Priest.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts held its Quarterly Convocations for 1916 in Boston on March 7th, June 13th, September 12th and December 12th, the last being called the Annual Convocation. The Grand High Priest and most of the other Grand Officers were present at each Convocation, as well as other permanent members, and more than a constitutional number of subordinate Chapters being represented. While many of the other Grand Jurisdictions were frequently represented we notice that Florida's Ambassador, R. E. Companion Enoch G. Best, who was Grand King in 1880, was only present at the Annual.

At the March Quarterly the report of the committee was adopted disapproving of any change being made in the Grand Regulations which requires a residence of six months in the Jurisdiction of the Chapter before acquiring the right to petition for the degrees. Also was unanimously adopted the report of the committee to whom was referred the address of M. E. Companion Eugene A. Holton, Grand High Priest, at the Annual Convocation in December, which terminated 35 years of service in official life in that Grand Chapter.

A large number of distinguished visitors were present at each Convocation, and especially at the September Quarterly, when the Oriental Chair was occupied by M. E. Companion George E. Corson, the General Grand High Priest, who in the course of his address, said:

Boston can claim with equal truth and justice that it was not only the cradle of American liberty but also the cradle of American

Royal Arch Masonry. And it has a still further distinction, for it was here that the General Grand Chapter, whose constituency today numbers nearly half a million of loyal and devoted craftsmen, had its inception, and where, in your old Masons' Hall, on the 24th day of October, 1797—119 years ago—it had its small but auspicious beginning. You can, therefore, with reverence and devoutness and pride, say to all members of our craft who come among you, as God said unto Moses from the midst of the burning bush, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Convocation was held in Boston, December 12th, the entrance of the Grand High Priest and other officers being proclaimed at 9:30 a. m. The first order of business was the exemplification of the several Degrees in Capitular Masonry by the Grand Lecturers and selected assistants, with Companions as candidates, the time consumed in the exemplification in each degree being: Mark Master, twenty-six hours and thirty-five minutes; Past Master, twenty-six minutes; Most Excellent Master, seventy-eight minutes; Royal Arch, two hours and fifteen minutes; in each case, the lecture following the exemplification. The Proceedings further states that most of the officers have been engaged in this work several years, and that the number of errors "were less than could be counted on two hands." In Florida the Degrees are conferred on actual candidates by the Committee on Work at the three night sessions.

A particularly appreciative act preceding the regular business was the sending of fifty roses by the Grand High Priest to R. E. Companion Daniel W. Lawrence, who was Grand King of that Grand Chapter fifty years ago. It is all right to honor the memory of the departed with flowers, but it is the living who can best appreciate them.

After a year of official service, the Grand High Priest, in his address, testified that he had never spent a busier

year or one in which he had made and strengthened more valuable friendships. Believing that many of the requests for dispensations to hurry through the Capitular Degrees was caused by a desire to apply for other degrees, he requested all High Priests to state full and valid reasons for making the request, which materially reduced that class of work. Florida is not thus afflicted, for there is no time limit between the Capitular Degrees.

He reported having made twenty-four official visitations. Although pleased with the increased social activity, great care, he emphasized, must be exercised in the class of entertainments provided. Requests for decisions were answered by reference to the Constitutions, and he specially urged every High Priest to read those Constitutions at least once during his administration. While gratified over the general prosperity of the country, as reflected in increased applications for Masonry, he also noted a condition, and one which is not confined to that Grand Jurisdiction alone:

There seems to be an obsession among the candidates to get as many degrees as possible within the shortest given space of time. The desire to absorb the teachings of Masonry does not seem to have any place in their scheme for rapid advancement.

He recommended that with no actual work the lectures of the Degrees be exemplified at every meeting of the Subordinate Chapters, by some Officers or Companions assigned to that duty, a recommendation which could be generally followed with profit. The address was referred to a committee, who will report at the first Quarterly in 1917.

The Annual Assembly of High Priests was held March 7th, at which time the Order was conferred upon eleven candidates with full ceremony, and M. E. Companion Warren B. Ellis was re-elected Excellent Presi-

dent and the former officers as well, except that M. E. Companion Frederick T. Comee was elected Treasurer to succeed R. E. Companion Richard A. Atwood, whose death occurred during the year.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the fifth by that well-known and well-informed Masonic writer and thinker, M. E. Companion Frederick T. Comee, who particularly invites friendly criticism so that, as he puts it, we may "see ourselves as others see us."

The custom prevails in Massachusetts of re-electing the Grand High Priest for two successive terms, thus giving him three years of continuous service, but the other elective and appointive officers appear to be changed each year. This procedure gives a less number of Past Grand High Priests, but a larger number of Permanent Members of the Grand Chapter, and Companion Comee is firmly convinced that is a better way than rotation in office, as practiced in many other Grand Jurisdictions. No doubt it is—for Massachusetts, at least.

Arthur D. Prince, Lowell, Grand High Priest.  
J. Gilman Waite, Boston, Grand Secretary.

### MICHIGAN—1916

Chapters, 155. Members, 24,833. Exalted, 1,457. Gain, 807.  
ALBERT J. YOUNG, Grand High Priest.

When the Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation was opened May 16th in the City of Battle Creek there were present 15 Grand Officers, 15 Past Grand High Priests and 159 Representatives from 136 Chapters, 17 Chapters not being represented. The Roll of Honor contains the

name of 36 Grand High Priests who have passed the veils for the last time.

The Grand High Priest's address was largely a summary of his official acts for the year. He recommended the creation of a Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund, to consist of the interest from all invested funds and such other appropriations as may be made. He decided that in the case of a Chapter which had increased its degree fees taking effect July 1st, that all petitions presented after that date must be accompanied by the increased fee, even though signed previous to that date. Much to his regret his official visitations were comparatively few. The reason for this we find in the Grand Lecturer's report:

This year our Most Excellent Grand High Priest was for a part of the year absent on official business for his Shrine and for the General Grand Chapter, and was roaming around loose from California to Alaska.

The Grand Lecturer pays his official respects to Grand Secretary Conover:

Your Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Michigan and General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America was scattered around in the islands of the South Seas and the Pacific Ocean and in official business generally connected with the Masonic Order. Yet the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan sailed along as prosperously as if these great lights had remained aboard the craft to steer it.

The Grand High Priest, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lecturer were present at one inspection where the latter says:

We saw a perfect rendition of the Seventh degree. When I speak of the work as being perfect, I mean that each officer excelled in not only being letter perfect, but in style and manner of delivery

from the time the gavel first struck to open the Chapter until the candidate had signed the roll of membership.

While most of the Chapters in that Jurisdiction use study and care in conferring the degrees, yet the Grand Lecturer protests against practices which are creeping into some Chapters, citing a letter received from a Past High Priest and present Secretary, saying that "at the last exaltation the edict forbidding levity, etc., was received and then chucked into the discard."

Grand Secretary Conover was appointed by the General Grand Chapter to constitute Santa Fe Chapter No. 2, at Santa Fe, Isle of Pines; also to inspect Island Chapter No. 1, at Havana, Cuba, and Canal Zone Chapter No. 1, at Ancon, Canal Zone. In addition to performing these duties Secretary Conover further states:

I endeavored to investigate Capitular conditions in Jamaica, but found conditions very bad. The District Grand Master was dead and no successor had been appointed. There are many Masons in Kingston, but as the population is only one per cent white, you can draw your own conclusions as to conditions.

Forty-one Companions were anointed to the office of High Priesthood at the Fifty-sixth Annual Convention, and the old officers were re-elected.

Michigan does not exchange Grand Representatives. Companion Charles A. Conover, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, after "making a fresh batch of paste and sharpening the shears," by way of preparation, presents his fourteenth Annual Review of Capitular Masonry, using as an introduction an address delivered by Companion J. L. Carson, at the opening of the Valley Royal Arch School of Instruction at Elkton, Va., entitled "History of the Origin of the Royal Arch."

Companion Conover says Grand High Priest Cald-

well's address is some "boost." After "passing through" this state he appears to prefer Michigan snow to Florida sand. But just get a little of that Florida sand in your shoe, Companion, and you will become a Florida "booster" for sure.

Next Annual Convocation Jackson, May 15, 1917.

Robert M. Hunt, Detroit, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

### MINNESOTA—1916

Chapters, 75. Members, 9,894. Exalted, 638. Net Gain, 378.

JAMES R. MORTON, Grand High Priest.

Capitular Masonry must be a living force in this Grand Jurisdiction, for all the Grand Officers were present, a goodly number of other permanent members as well as Representatives from 68 Subordinate Chapters. But for some reason only a little over half of the various Grand Chapters were represented by their chosen Ambassadors, including Florida. However, the Grand High Priest extended a cordial welcome to those present and requested them to convey to the Grand Chapters which they represented the greetings of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

Interest in his work and energy in performing his duties characterize the address of the Grand High Priest. From it we learn that three Past Grand High Priests have received their final summons: M. E. Companions William A. Hawkins, I. P. Durfee and Dwight M. Baldwin; also the Grand Treasurer, E. Companion Ralph D. Webb, this

vacancy being filled by the appointment of E. Companion M. W. Rowell. Most of the questions which came to him were answered from the by-laws and former decisions. The question of life membership appears to be a source of contention, for the Jurisprudence Committee recommended "that some stringent and specific regulation be provided by this Grand Chapter, governing the matter of life membership," and the Grand High Priest was instructed "not to approve any By-Laws in regard to life membership until the Grand Chapter prepare the proper law governing the same." In common with many other Grand Jurisdictions Florida has not as yet found it desirable to grant life memberships.

Fifty-seven official visitations is the record of this Grand High Priest, and yet he admits:

One of the most serious disappointments of my term of office is that I was not able to visit all of the Chapters in the State. The purpose to do so was well intended, but only those who have entertained a similar purpose know of the almost impossible task. Personally every visit has been a pleasure to me.

He constituted a Chapter at Cloquet. He closed his year's work with the feeling "that our beloved Fraternity has not suffered from any great error on my part."

It was decided not to revise the Ritual, pending the action of the General Grand Chapter at the 1918 convocation.

Fraternal harmony had advanced to that degree of perfection that the Committee on Appeals and Grievances had nothing to report.

The Grand Convocation of the Anointed High Priests is held during the noontime recess at which time 30 Companions were solemnly anointed, consecrated and set apart. And Companion Henry M. Tusler was re-elected President "with power to select his own associates."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the able work of Past Grand High Priest Irving Todd, who seems to hold the record for saying the most in the fewest words of any member of that select coterie of writers who compose the "Round Table." We wonder if our efforts will pass the inspection that will entitle us to admission.

Florida's 1916 proceedings are concisely and favorably summarized, noting that the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was requested to prepare a report next year, also that he is "our representative."

Next Annual Convocation, St. Paul, Oct. 9, 1917.  
Trevanion W. Hugo, Duluth, Grand High Priest.  
John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.  
Irving Todd, Hastings, Foreign Correspondent.

### MISSISSIPPI—1916

Chapters, 73. Members, 4,272. Exalted, 235. Net Loss, 144.

CLARENCE S. CULLENS, Grand High Priest.

There being a constitutional quorum present, the sixty-eighth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi opened in the City of Greenville, February 17th, all the Grand Officers responding to the roll call, as well as 12 Past Grand and two Honorary Past Grand High Priests and Representatives from 63 Subordinate Chapters.

Optimism and encouragement stand out prominently in the address of the Grand High Priest, who starts out by saying:

This is a reunion of old friends and a meeting of new ones. To those who have been permitted to attend for a succession of years it becomes a home-coming eagerly looked forward to as the most pleasant period of the year. To those in attendance for the first time, we extend a greeting which knows no bounds.

He is happy over the true fraternal spirit and kindly effort existing on the part of the Companions, and states that peace and prosperity exist throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. While all the official family are able to participate in the labors of the Convocation, a great loss has been sustained by the death of Past Grand High Priest William A. Bodenhamer, which occurred Nov. 3, 1915.

The Grand High Priest notes with pleasure that there are now but few Chapters in the State that cannot do the work and confer their own degrees with credit. He found 119 children inmates on his special visit to the Widows' and Orphans' Home, and recommended a per capita tax assessment of 25 cents. In this State as well as in some others, the commissions of Grand Representatives expire with the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, and while most of them were re-nominated, we notice that Florida's present Ambassador is Companion A. Clarence Lowe, and we also fail to find that he was present during the 1916 Grand Convocation.

Only one decision appears, and that purely local. One Chapter was granted a special dispensation to hold stated Convocation a week later, account of an annual church conference at regular time. Wonder if this will establish a precedent which may prove annoying at some future time? The Charter of one Chapter was arrested because it had "been in bad condition for several years, and had ceased trying to do anything." It appears that many Chapters in that State do not have a standard "Book of Marks," and he recommended:



That each High Priest be required to procure such a record for his Chapter, and have each Mark Master select his mark and record the same as it should be.

This is required in Florida before taking the Royal Arch degree.

From the Grand Lecturer's report it is learned that most of the Chapters "are learning to do the work nicely;" but there still remain a few old relics in the shape of "mismarked or unmarked boxes used as Arks."

As evidence of the high intellectual standing of the Royal Craft, the Committee on Capitular Law reported that during the year not a single question of law was propounded.

The committees to whom the various parts of the Grand High Priest's address was referred unanimously agree in approving and endorsing all that official's acts and give him a clean bill of health.

Five High Priests were elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood at the Grand Convention, and the balance of money remaining on hand was donated to the Masonic Home. The old officers were re-elected to serve a period of three years.

M. E. Companion Oliver Lee McKay presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, it being his seventh, and is a careful and painstaking review of 56 Grand Jurisdictions.

Florida is discriminatingly reviewed, in which he notes that Companion B. D. Palmer, Mississippi's Grand Representative, was present. He calls Companion Caldwell's address "a very readable paper and quite interesting throughout," and presents half a dozen selections from it with pertinent comments, asserting that the claims made for Florida will put even "an Atlantan in the shade."

Following the review proper is a very complete and valuable statistical table compiled by Companion McKay, giving the time of holding the Annual Convocation of each Grand Chapter, date of organization and a resume of the work done as reported in the 1914 Proceedings.

Also through the courtesy of M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn, of Kansas City, Mo., is given entire a pamphlet prepared by him, under the title of "The Necessity of the Royal Arch to the Master Mason," and which is really the completion of the Master's Degree. This pamphlet is in great demand from all parts of the United States and Canada to be used in a campaign of education. Also quotes from the address of M. E. Companion Bernard G. Witt, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, before the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma:

He referred at some length to the apparent failure of Royal Arch Masonry to derive all the benefits which were possible to them, saying that if Royal Arch Masonry was worth anything to a Third Degree Mason, it was not only our privilege but our duty to remind these Brothers of the fact that there is something worth having in the Capitular degrees; that while he was a loyal and interested member of the other departments of Masonry, the whole of his life was due first to the Blue Lodge and then to York Masonry, as it proves ultimately the basic principle of all Freemasonry.

Next Annual Convocation at Jackson, Feb. 15, 1917.  
John J. McIntosh, Moss Point, Grand High Priest.  
Frederick Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.  
Oliver Lee McKay, Correspondence Reporter.

## MISSOURI—1916

Chapters, 108. Members, 15,237. Gain, 534. Exalted, 1,191.

OLAF A. LUCAS, Grand High Priest.

The Seventieth Annual Convocation opened in full ritualistic form in the Masonic Temple, Kansas City, April 25, 1916, with all the Grand Officers present and 17 Past Grand High Priests, 10 Committee Chairmen, 45 Past Grand High Priests and Representatives from 91 Chapters. Among the 56 Grand Representatives we are pleased to note that M. E. Companion Chas. C. Woods responded for Florida.

"I am particularly gratified that no untimely messenger ever vacated any of the stations in advance of me," is a statement of the Grand High Priest in his address. He was particularly pleased that this was a record year for work, the credit for much of which he ascribes to the hard and earnest work of the Grand Lecturer. However, he truthfully adds:

What Capitular Masonry needs most in Missouri is not ritualism, for at a large expense of time and money we have placed in the hands of the Companions a ritual that with a few ounces of energy they can impress ideals; but how to get material on which to use the ritual is the problem. Success rests on the respective officers, and if they are not willing to give some of their time and make some sacrifices, inanition and death will be the merited end of the Chapter.

He ruled that a petition could be received from a Brother who had not passed an examination in the Master Mason's degree. This examination is not obligatory in Florida, but in many Lodges the "lambskin" is presented at the close of such examination.

He recommended severing fraternal relations with the

Grand Chapter of Scotland until that body recognizes our General Grand Chapter's rights in the Philippines, and the Jurisconsults concurred. He thought his judicial duties and attendance at the General Grand Chapter ought to absolve him from his obligations to visit Chapters. He did, however, take time to make a few official visitations. He reported four decisions, all of local bearings. He recommended the appointment of 11 Grand Representatives and commissioned 12.

The finances are excellent, the Auditor's report showing a bank balance of \$19,625.49. Princeton Chapter having failed to pay dues for two years, its charter was forfeited. This rule of action now prevails:

In the Royal Arch, no more than three shall pass through the ceremony of the discovery, and of the investiture, at one and the same time.

Twenty Companions were solemnly set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and the officers of the year past were re-elected.

Because in the official train to the General Grand Chapter Missouri's car was next to the engine, Companion John Henderson Miller, in his report on Fraternal Correspondence, wants it heralded from Maine to California that the name of Missouri, like the name of Abou Ben Adhem, "leads all the rest."

He quotes freely from Grand High Priest Caldwell's address, which he is pleased to designate "as an exhibition of sentiment and imagination seldom equalled."

Next Annual Convocation St. Joseph, April 24, 1917.  
 Geo. T. Burnham, Milan, Grand High Priest.  
 Robert F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.  
 John H. Miller, Kansas City Correspondent.

## MONTANA—1915

Chapters, 24. Members, 2,562. Gain, 164. Exalted, 205.

HENRY C. SMITH, Grand High Priest.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation opened in Great Falls, Nov. 9th, with 12 Grand Officers, 10 Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives from 22 Chapters present.

The Grand High Priest in his address states that he "took up his work with a fixed determination to dedicate every effort to the Chapter's good." This sounds all right, and his acts prove he meant what he said. He set out to visit every Chapter, but for unavoidable reasons met with only 18 out of the 24. In so doing he spent six weeks and traveled 5,410 miles. He further states:

While I have not accomplished all that I had hoped for, I have given my time without stint and covered as much of the work as I could. With a few exceptions, our Chapters are in excellent condition, work well done, records well kept, finances right and interest good.

For a number of years this Grand Chapter did not exchange Grand Representatives. The list is now gradually growing, but has not yet reached Florida. When it comes to extending a welcome it was found that only one member of the ambassadorial corps was present, but he was cordially received and "responded eloquently for himself and for the absentees." The question of life membership is a disturbing factor, and to be entitled to such membership one must pay dues in one Chapter twenty-five years. The committee to whom was referred the Grand High Priest's address say his rule was supreme, but

Abortive was his attempt to have the Deputy High Priest do even an eleventh hour share of the work. Unpretentious, not only in name, but in all his demeanor and conduct, our Grand High Priest has performed during the past year a full day's work in our Capitular vineyard, and has fully earned his symbolic day's pay in the love, esteem and admiration of his companions.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the action of the General Grand Chapter in severing relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Eight Companions were introduced and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and the officers were re-elected.

No report on Correspondence.

Next Annual Convocation, Butte, Aug. 29, 1916.

Lew W. Callaway, Great Falls, Grand High Priest.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, Grand Secretary.

## NEBRASKA—1916

Chapters, 54. Members, 5,240. Exalted, 264. Net Gain, 135.

CHAUNCEY L. WATTLES, Grand High Priest.

"Published for the Private Information of the Craft," is the first line in white letters on the scarlet cover of the Proceedings of the Semi-Centennial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, which opened in Freemason's Hall in Omaha, December 13th, with all stations filled except that of the Grand Royal Arch Captain; E. Companion Charles L. Mielenz, who passed the veils for the last time on June 11th. Another loss sustained by this Grand Chapter was that of M. E. Companion George S. Powell, Past Grand High

Priest and Grand Lecturer, which occurred Dec. 20, 1915. There were also present Representatives from 36 Chartered Chapters.

From the address of the Grand High Priest it is learned that the Chapters have increased in membership and are in a prosperous condition.

He ruled that a Chapter cannot receive the petition of a suspended Blue Lodge Mason. Also that a suspended Blue Lodge Mason cannot attend a convocation of Chapter Masons. Also that when objection is made to the exaltation of a Most Excellent Master, the High Priest shall state the facts at a regular convocation of the Chapter, giving the Companion an opportunity to state his objections if he cares to. Two thirds of the members present voting in the usual manner decides the matter. All of the decisions were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. He made seven official visitations.

Of the 799 shares of stock issued by the Nebraska Masonic Home, 125 are held by the Grand Chapter. A table of comparison of cost shows that it cost \$209.48 more to maintain the Home in 1915 than in 1914, and that it will be still greater in 1916. Much valuable information in regard to Homes is contained in a statistical table prepared by Past Grand High Priest Frank H. Young, the President of the Nebraska Home.

On the ground that the present ritual work in the various degrees is difficult and unsatisfactory, a petition will be sent to the next General Grand Chapter to simplify the same.

Replying to the request of Omaha Chapter that some plan be adopted whereby the various Chapters may be assured that all their members are in good standing, the Jurisprudence Committee stated that it was the duty

of the High Priest and Secretary to know the standing of each member of the Chapter in the Lodge.

Twenty Companions were accepted and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and the officers of the previous year were re-elected, M. E. Companion Samuel P. Davidson being the President.

M. E. Companion Frank E. Bullard presented a preliminary report as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. In referring to the general condition of the Royal Craft, taken from proceedings that furnish the information, he gathers that:

The average attendance at stated and called convocations is only about from 12 to 15 per cent of the membership, indicating that our candidates, having attained the Royal Arch degree, have either failed to find what they are looking for, or are unable to intelligently comprehend what they have found.

This is his second as well as his last report, for he is soon to leave the Grand Jurisdiction. He gives a synopsis of what he has done in several Grand Chapters, Florida receiving due attention. He thinks Grand High Priest Andress' Cerneau decision "a little out of the ordinary," saying that in Nebraska "a candidate known to be affiliated with the Cerneau Rite would soon find himself not in good standing in either Lodge, Chapter or Commandery."

He commends the report of the Jurisprudence Committee in the Canada-Alberta controversy, and "congratulates the Companions of Florida in having the courage to stand by their convictions."

In referring to the address of M. E. Companion Bernard G. Witt, General Grand High Priest, at the last General Grand Chapter, where the statement is made that it would be difficult to estimate the power for good this

society exercises in the world, Companion Bullard comments thusly:

To this we dissent, even if it be declared high treason. We don't believe that of the 462,000 Royal Arch Masons there are 62,000 who know that there is a General Grand Chapter. We don't believe that Royal Arch Masonry exercises any good in the world. We don't believe that its founders intended that it should; the only reason for the existence of a Chapter is the completion of the Master's degree. Masonic influence for good in the world is, and should be, confined to the Symbolic Lodges and the Grand Lodges, and the brother who prates of higher degrees lacks a wholesome conception of what real Masonry is. A building may be severely plain or rich with ornaments; in either case its strength lies in its foundation. It follows, therefore, as we have said before, that we are not in sympathy with the so frequently expressed desire to make Royal Arch Masons by solicitations or persuasion. Let the real truth-seekers ask for it.

Next Annual in Omaha, Dec. 12, 1917.

Carroll D. Evans, Columbus, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary, and  
Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

### NEVADA—1916

Chapters, 10. Members, 505. Exalted, 13. Net Gain, 13.

SIDNEY FOSTER, Grand High Priest.

One Grand Officer and one Subordinate Chapter failed to respond to roll call when the Forty-third Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in ample form in the City of Reno, June 12th, after which the Companions and their ladies were guests at luncheon of Reno Chapter, No. 11. When labor was resumed, following the usual cus-

tom, the Ambassadors representing Grand Chapters were officially received, Florida's accredited Representative missing this pleasing ceremony.

The Grand High Priest, in reporting his official acts, was particularly gratified because:

Not a link had been severed in the official chain formed one year ago around our altars, and that the death rate in the Subordinate Chapters is unusually small. Also that during the year nothing had occurred to disturb the harmony of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

During the year a large number of Grand Representatives had been appointed, and an equally large number had been recommended. He reported having made seven official visitations.

A particularly pleasing feature to him was the granting of a dispensation to form a U. D. Chapter at Ely, being the first dispensation granted in several years to form a new Chapter. The Grand High Priest is of the firm opinion that more new Chapters will be added to that Grand Body. So mote it be.

He made no new decisions on points of law, the questions which were asked being answered by citations to the Code. He approved an amendment to the by-laws of one Chapter raising the annual dues from one dollar to three dollars a year. He informed the Chapters that receiving applications for membership without the accompanying fee was a violation of the Constitution, and trusted such occurrences would not be repeated. He concluded his address by describing the Mason of the future:

The coming Mason is he who wishes to know; who realizes in doing the growth of understanding and the triumph of achievement. There is no power in the universe that can defeat him, nor even stay his progress, except himself. He is his own judge, jury and executioner; and he alone is responsible for the verdict, and

knows perfectly whether it is just and true and that his first duty is to deal justly, love mercy and walk uprightly.

All the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved and his zeal was commended, all feeling that he had instilled renewed interest in Capitular Masonry in Nevada.

A page is given to the list of officers and members of the Order of High Priesthood, but there is nothing to show that a Convention was held at this time.

The Review of the Proceedings of fifty-six Sister Jurisdictions is by R. E. Companion Edward D. Vanderlieth, the very efficient Grand Secretary, who commences the Report by saying:

Charity is the most important lesson of the Capitular degrees. Not the charity that lends itself in liberality to the poor, but the charity that suffereth long and is kind.

Florida's 1915 Proceedings are concisely summarized without either approval or criticism, but referring especially to the "excellent address" of Companion Caldwell. Next Annual Convocation in Tonopah, June 11, 1917. Chas. H. Gorman, Reno, Grand High Priest. Edward D. Vanderlieth, Carson City, Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent.

### NEW BRUNSWICK—1916

Chapters, 8. Members, 919. Exalted, 29. Net Loss, 3'.

PERCY W. WETMORE, Grand High Priest.

The twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick opened in ample

form in St. John, April 29th, with six actual and three acting Grand Officers present, also representatives of each of the eight Chapters.

The minutes state that "the M. E. Grand High Priest in khaki as Captain of the Composite Siege Battery, delivered his address," which on motion was "received and referred to a committee for consideration," the report of which, in part, reads:

We rejoice in the continued prosperity of Capitular Masonry in this province, and view with gratification the very bright prospect for the continuance of such progress.

While we rejoice at the patriotic stand assumed by our Grand High Priest, we regret that he was unable to give more attention to the subordinate Chapters in consequence of his new duties in life.

We again draw attention to the desirability of procuring some recent literature bearing upon Capitular Masonry and recommend that the Library Committee procure the same for our library shelves.

Reports were received from the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Auditing Committee, and the "usual grant of twenty dollars was voted to the Library Committee."

Open nominations for officers prevail in this Grand Body, for the proceedings state:

On written nomination and ballot in the case of each office, the Scrutineers reported that the following Companions had received a majority of the votes cast, and that they were severally declared elected.

The installation followed and the Chapter closed in ample form.

The annual convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood preceded the Grand Chapter, at which time five Companions were duly anointed and consecrated High Priests forever after the order of

Melchizedek. Following occurred the election of officers, M. E. William L. Ellis being the President and M. E. William B. Wallace the Recorder.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Next Annual Convocation at St. John, April 25, 1917.

LeBaron Wilson, St. John, Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE—1916

Chapters, 26. Members, 4,599. Exalted, 168. Net Gain, 47.

JOSEPH E. KNIGHT, Grand High Priest.

All but one of the official family were present when the Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation met in Concord, May 16th, as well as seven Past Grand Officers and Representatives from nineteen Chapters, besides twenty-six Grand Representatives, including Florida's member, E. Charles L. Wentworth, who was later elected Grand Royal Arch Captain. A distinguished visitor was Past Grand High Priest Alfred A. Adams, of New York, who later addressed the Grand Chapter on "What Royal Arch Masonry Means." A letter of regret was received from General Grand High Priest George A. Corson.

The Grand High Priest paid appropriate tribute to the departed Companions of this and other Grand Jurisdictions. A large number of commissions were issued and received for Grand Representatives. All the official actions of the Grand High Priest were of a local nature. Five dispensations were granted, which were of a local nature. He decided that a brother who had one leg rigid at the knee was ineligible to receive Chapter Degrees. Also that a brother suspended from a lodge for n. p. d., and

who was in arrears for Chapter dues was not suspended automatically from the Chapter, but that it was sufficient cause to prefer a charge. He also attended the Sixth Annual Convocation of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. Nearly every Chapter in the State received an official visitation from some one of the Grand Officers.

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a suitable jewel and apron. The finances of this body were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

The Annual Convocation of the Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held in the evening of May 16th, at which time seven Companions were anointed and consecrated in ancient form, and the former officers were re-elected, R. E. Albert Rand Junkins being the President.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is made by Companion J. L. Seward, the chairman of the committee. It is an exhaustive report of over 200 pages. Companion Seward comments freely and quotes discerningly. A careful perusal of which is a liberal education in matters Masonic.

He quotes from Grand High Priest Caldwell's address and in referring to the decision on physical perfection, says: "We are glad to find Florida taking this step."

He notes the absence of a Correspondence Report, and believes the taking up of this feature will be "mutually profitable and enjoyable." It is to be hoped that Companion Seward will not be disappointed with the present beginning.

Next Annual Convocation at Concord, May 15, 1917.

Edward Oren Fifield, Nashua, Grand High Priest.

Harry Morrison Cheney, Concord, Secretary.

J. L. Seward, Keene, Correspondent.

## NEW JERSEY—1916

Chapters, 41. Members, 7,917. Exalted, 468. Net Gain, 271.

FREDERICK J. MELVIN, Grand High Priest.

All but one of the official family responded to roll call at the Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter held in Trenton, May 10th; also six Assistant Lecturers, sixteen Past Grand Officers, Representatives from forty of the forty-one Subordinate Chapters, and two U. D. Chapters.

The specially honored visitor was George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, who was accorded the honors due him. In his address to that body he stated that nearly half a million men owed allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, being over twenty-five per cent of all the Masons in the country. Other distinguished visitors from New York, Connecticut and Delaware were present.

The Grand High Priest in his address stated that "peace and harmony exist to a remarkable degree, and that we have made a creditable gain in membership." He was pleased to say that the Supreme Grand High Priest had not required the presence of any of the members of the Grand Body during the year, although he gathered freely of the members of the Royal Craft. He granted two dispensations to change date of installation of officers, but refused a request to receive and ballot on petitions at the same convocation. No decisions were asked for, which proved conclusively to him that the officers of the Subordinate Chapters were well instructed in the law of the Grand Chapter. He reported that great attention was being given to acquiring and disseminating the standard esoteric work, and that bi-monthly meetings of the Ritual Committee were held; also that

District Chapters of Instruction were held at different points. The practice of installing officers of Subordinate Chapters by Grand Chapter Officers is proving highly beneficial. New Chapters were constituted at Summit and at Arlington. Dispensations were granted for new Chapters at Roseville and Ocean City.

The commissions of the Representatives of the several Grand Chapters expire with the Triennial Convocation. The revised list shows that New Jersey's Representative near the Grand Chapter of Florida is R. E. Comp. Charles H. Ketchum, the present Grand Scribe, and that Companion Wm. Herbert Lowe, of Patterson, will represent Florida near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. By reason of his state of health, the Grand High Priest was compelled to decline invitations to attend the Annual Communications of nearby Grand Chapters. He recommended the appointment of a Committee on Territorial Jurisdiction of Chapters. All the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved by the Grand Chapter.

Encouraging reports were received from the Grand Officers of the interest uniformly manifested in Capitular Masonry by the various Chapters which were visited.

The Grand Treasurer's salary was increased to \$200 and the Grand Secretary's to \$750. The Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were welcomed and received by the Grand High Priest. The title of "Assistant Lecturers" was changed to that of "District Deputy Grand High Priests."

The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests was held in Trenton the evening previous. Thirty-one High Priests were elected to membership in the Order and duly anointed. The special committee appointed at the former Convention to formulate a set of laws and regulations presented the report and it was adopted. Officers of the



previous year were re-elected, the President being M. E. Companion Henry S. Haines.

A very readable, entertaining and instructive Report on Fraternal Correspondence is made by M. E. Companion Henry S. Haines, who is also the Grand Lecturer, a dual position which he holds with much credit to himself and honor to the Craft.

He refers to Florida as "the favored land of fruits and flowers." He reviews in pleasing words the important actions of this Grand Body, although not always agreeing with what was done. He mentions the excellent work done by Grand High Priest Caldwell, and was gratified that "New Jersey's Representative, Companion Ketchum, stood with those bearing fraternal greetings from other Jurisdictions." He notes the omission of a review by the Committee on Correspondence, and hopes that it will be supplied. The attempt is being made to supply that omission, but how satisfactorily will be answered by the critics.

The next Annual Convocation in Trenton, May 9, 1917.

Frederick T. Crane, Orange, Grand High Priest.

Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.

Henry E. Haines, Burlington, Correspondent.

### NEW YORK—1916

Chapters, 208. Members, 41,222. Exalted, 2,302. Net Gain, 854

ALFRED A. ADAMS, Grand High Priest.

Every Grand Officer, sixteen Permanent Members and Representatives from two hundred and three Constituent Chapters were present when the One Hundred and

Nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons convened in the City of Albany, February 1st.

Representatives of other Grand Chapters, including Florida's Ambassador, E. Companion Daniel Jones, were admitted to the presence of the Grand Chapter and introduced to the Grand High Priest, who in graciously welcoming them asked each one "to convey our expressions of fraternity and good feeling to the Grand High Priests of the Jurisdictions you represent."

An important and appropriate feature in the opening session of this Grand Chapter was the reception of invited guests, which included delegations from the Grand Chapters of New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts, each delegation being presented to the Grand High Priest by the Grand Representative of that particular Grand Chapter, after which M. E. George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest, was received with the Private Grand Honors.

"Once again we have assembled on this historic spot, as our fathers have done before us for more than a hundred years," begins the Grand High Priest in a carefully prepared and exhaustive address, as he welcomes the Royal Craft assembled. He pays a tribute of respect and affection to the memory of departed Companions, including M. E. Companion J. Harris Baltson, Past Grand High Priest.

One Chapter was constituted during the year. He states that he is not in sympathy with the Masonic War Relief Association while the war endures. He reported that relations with all other Jurisdictions were on a satisfactory basis.

Perhaps the most disturbing event of the year was the suspension of Binghamton Chapter, No. 139, on account of having conferred the Degrees on five residents of

Scranton, Pa., without waiver of jurisdiction being received or asked. From the correspondence submitted it appears that five Master Masons, members of Lodges in New York, New Jersey and Michigan, residing in Scranton, were desirous of receiving the Capitular Degrees, but could not get them in Pennsylvania, because they had not received the Past Master Degree, which is required by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania before they are eligible. They made application to Binghamton Chapter and were given the degrees. This invasion of jurisdiction being brought to the attention of the Grand High Priest, an investigation followed, which resulted in the suspension of the charter of Binghamton Chapter until the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. The names of Binghamton Chapter, and the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania issued an edict prohibiting all Companions holding membership in Pennsylvania from recognizing them as Royal Arch Masons. However, this does not, apparently, prevent these Brothers from later presenting new petitions to Binghamton Chapter, when a waiver of jurisdiction can be asked for and the degrees conferred in a legal manner.

The Charter of another Chapter was suspended for three months for having appropriated a sum of money from its funds, ostensibly for charity, but in reality to be used in paying the initiatory fees of a candidate.

A dispensation was refused Elmira Chapter to hold a regular convocation in the rooms of Horseheads Chapter at Horseheads for the purpose of conferring the Royal Arch Degree, the Grand High Priest ruling that a dispensation can be granted to meet at any suitable place within the Jurisdiction, but that it is a violation of the Constitution to meet outside the Jurisdiction, but it would not, however, prevent Horseheads Chapter confer-

ring the Degree for Elmira Chapter and asking the assistance of the officers of the latter Chapter.

Early in the year he granted a dispensation to form Nunnakoma Chapter at East Hampton, and later visiting the Chapter, without notice, and finding the work satisfactory, he recommended the granting of a Charter.

While many questions were answered by reference to the Constitution and decisions, yet he "approves the care of High Priests in seeking for accurate information, rather than going ahead with a doubt in their minds as to the proper course to be pursued." Among the decisions we find:

It is proper that a Chapter attend the funeral of one of its Companions, as a token of respect to his memory. It would not be proper, however, for the Chapter, or for Royal Arch Masons, as such, to take an active part in the ceremonies.

Banquets or refreshments are necessary Masonic purposes. \* \* \* The Chapter is the judge of spending its money. \* \* \* The members of the Chapter are the judges of how much they will appropriate, not the Grand High Priest.

Public installation in a Chapter is not proper for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The ceremonies of the Chapter should take place before Royal Arch Masons only.

After discussing the question of the jurisdiction of the Chapters over candidates for degrees, and the impossibility of making a ruling that will fit all cases, he recommended the appointment of a special committee to define the actual jurisdiction and the concurrent jurisdiction of each Chapter.

He notes that while the membership in the State is large and growing, yet out of forty-nine Grand Chapters reported in 1914, New York ranks but fortieth, and in his opinion there are several reasons for this condition, an important one is:

The Companions have to a great extent lost the inner meaning of the lessons of Royal Arch Masonry, and have forgotten, or have never been taught, its history and the fact that the greatest symbol of Ancient Craft Masonry is still contained in the Royal Arch degree, and that degree is a most essential part of the system, and the finish and completion, the crown and glory, of all Freemasonry. \* \* \* Hence it is that many Master Masons look upon the Chapter, not as a body in which membership is honorable, as should be the case, but as a stepping stone, or rather an impediment, to membership in the Commandery and the Shrine. This is not as it should be.

When the Grand High Priest assumed the duties of his office he found that of the two hundred and eight Chapters in the Jurisdiction eighty-three had never been represented on the lists of Grand Representatives, and that very nearly the same Chapters had never been visited. Believing that the appointment as a Grand Representative of one member of these Chapters would bring such Chapters closer in touch with the Grand Chapter, he decided to request the resignation of all Grand Representatives who had served five years or more, and make new appointments from these heretofore overlooked Chapters. With two exceptions all to whom the request was sent voluntarily resigned. Of the twenty-nine appointments which never before had a member who held office in the Grand Chapter or as a Grand Representative. All commissions expire with the Triennial Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and we are pleased to note that M. E. Companion Marcus Endel, our Senior Grand High Priest, was reappointed Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of the Empire State.

From the report of the Grand Secretary it is learned that the largest Chapter is Hamilton, No. 62, of Rochester, which has 1,200 members, and made a gain of eighty-nine during the year. The smallest Chapter has eighteen

members, lost three by death during the year, and has done no work in five years.

All the acts and decisions of the Grand High Priest were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Two sessions of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests were held during the year, at which times one hundred and fifty-two Companions received the Order of High Priesthood, the officers bearing the same title as in the Grand Chapter.

The evening session was devoted to an exemplification of the Most Excellent Master Degree, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, the General Grand High Priest being a distinguished visitor, who in an address was pleased to remark "that in his experience he had never seen the degree exemplified in a manner so beautiful and impressive."

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, M. E. Companion M. I. Greenwood, in which is presented "such items as they think will be of interest to the Companions of their Grand Chapter." A brief synopsis of Florida's 1915 Proceedings is given, without comment.

Next Annual at Albany, Feb. 6, 1917.

Jared A. Reed, Newark, Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary.

### NEW MEXICO—1916

Chapters, 18. Members, 1,171. Exalted, 66. Net Gain, 30.

ALFRED C. PRICE, Grand High Priest.

An Emergent Convocation was held Nov. 15, 1915, for the purpose of installing E. Companion Richard H. Hanna as Grand Master of the Second Veil.

All the principal Officers were present when the Nineteenth Annual Convocation opened in East Las Vegas, Oct. 12, 1916, as well as three Past Grand Officers and Representatives from twelve of the Chartered Subordinate Chapters.

Every Companion who has ever attended a Grand Chapter will heartily endorse this sentiment from the opening part of the Grand High Priest's address:

The friendships formed on these occasions are among our most treasured possessions, tenaciously retained till we reach the inner veil and answer the summons to appear before the Grand Council.

In the beginning of the year the Grand High Priest divided the Chapters into four groups for visitation purposes, and reports presented show that this plan was partially carried out. He also prepared a "proficiency lecture," which was sent to the High Priest of each Chapter, the purpose being to secure "some Companion to act as a Lecturer for the Chapter," which he believes will "create a desire and place a responsibility that will result in a better informed craft and a well-established proficiency lecture." Owing to conditions which have existed for several years, and with no prospects of improvement, he recommended that the charter of Socorro Chapter be withdrawn, and which later was approved. A fact to be regretted, but those cognizant of the situation will understand why this action appeared to be the only solution. The committee to whom the address was referred commended the "Grand High Priest for his excellent administration of the affairs of Capitular Masonry."

From the report of the Committee on Returns of Chartered Chapters, which was adopted, it is learned that the Grand Secretary was instructed to reprimand one Chapter for neglect of duty. Also as no returns had been received from the Chapter at Artesia, and as Hope

Chapter had done no work in two years, the incoming Grand High Priest was instructed to effect some means of consolidating these two Chapters, both of which are in the Pecos River Valley and between the more flourishing Chapters of Roswell and Carlsbad.

The next Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be held in Las Cruces (The Crosses), in 1917, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the chartering of Aztec Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M. This section played an important part in the early settlement of the Southwest. The writer's first visit to this town happened to be the day when occurred the funeral of the venerable Sheriff Bean, who, we were informed, was the first sheriff of Donna Anna county when its territory extended from the Pecos to Yuma, across what is now the States of New Mexico and Arizona. Some county for a sheriff to look after, and history tells us Sheriff Bean did his duty.

This Grand Jurisdiction does not have an Order of Representatives nor does it appear to have an Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by R. E. Companion James H. Wroth, who was the second Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, and who is a well-known authority on things Masonic.

He reviews Florida for both 1915 and 1916. He characterizes the address of Grand High Priest John M. Caldwell as "a plain and sensible report of his doings." He approves the physical perfection qualification, and adds:

The only trouble about Florida is that it has no Correspondence Report, and much of its work is purely local. We would advise Florida to get up a Report on Correspondence, so that we will know more about this Jurisdiction.

This we are now trying to do, but do not presume it

will class up with those who may have been writing reports before we first saw "light."

In the 1916 review he disagrees with Grand High Priest Address in the latter's ruling concerning Cerneauism, claiming that:

Cerneau bodies have no regard for legitimate Symbolic Bodies, i. e., Grand Lodges, which are the basis for all, and if one chooses to join a body universally ostracised he has "made his bed" and must abide by the results.

In commenting on the Alberta matter he says: "We still hold that brotherly love is a minus quantity in Canada."

Next Convocation at Las Cruces, Oct. 11, 1917.  
Alex. D. Goldenburg, Tucumcari, Grand High Priest.  
Alpheus A. Keene, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.  
James H. Wroth, Foreign Correspondent, Albuquerque.

#### NORTH CAROLINA—1916

Chapters, 51. Members, 3,953. Exalted, 407. Net Gain, 253.

GEORGE S. NORFLEET, Grand High Priest.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter convened in the City of Charlotte, Tuesday, May 9th, and was opened in ample form with only two Grand Officers absent; present, six Past Grand Officers and Representatives of twenty-seven Subordinate Chapters and thirty-one Grand Representatives, including our own E. W. C. Brown, of Winston.

In his address the Grand High Priest congratulates Charlotte Chapter, No. 39, because it "holds the record during the year of having made more Royal Arch Masons

than any other Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction." He, however, believes "that we of the York Rite bodies have failed to put the interest and enthusiasm in our work we should have done." He says it was a "privilege during the year to issue commissions to a large number of distinguished Masons in the several Grand Chapters as Grand Representatives," also to "recommend for appointment a large number of enthusiastic Companions as Representatives of other Grand Chapters." He refused to issue dispensations to act upon petitions without waiting the required time, it being positively against the law. He issued a dispensation for a Chapter to change the date of holding its regular monthly convocation for local reasons, which action was not approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. All the other acts of the Grand High Priest were approved. A charter was granted to North Wilkesboro Chapter No. 78, as well as three dispensations to form new Chapters—one at Forest City, one at Jacksonville and one at Boone.

He was asked by Caswell Chapter to request the Grand High Priest of Maryland to have some Baltimore Chapter confer the degrees upon a Brother who had been elected to receive the degrees in Caswell Chapter, but who had moved to Mt. Joy, Pa., before getting the degrees. The Grand High Priest refused the request because he did not believe it right to ask a Baltimore Chapter to confer the degrees on a man living in Pennsylvania as a courtesy to North Carolina.

He regretted that he had been compelled to refuse some of the many invitations received to attend convocations and other gatherings. He believes that "special meetings that arouse interest in the work always do good, and are always worth more than the effort and money they cost."

Among his interpretations of the Grand Chapter Laws in response to a request, it was his judgment that:

A Companion has the right to demand a ballot on a candidate for the Chapter degrees after he has taken the Mark Master degree, even though he may have been declared elected to take the degrees at the time his petition was balloted upon, and such Companion who calls for a ballot does not have to prefer charges or state his specific objections to the candidate.

In view of the many questions asked the Grand High Priest, it was plain that the committee appointed several years ago to amend the Constitution and By-Laws should complete its work at once. In summing up his year's work he says: "I have not done half as much as I wanted to, but I have done the best I could under the circumstances." What more could any one do? The Grand Chapter of North Carolina is to be congratulated upon having so conscientious a presiding officer.

The Committee on Correspondence paid a worthy tribute to the memory of the life and character of the beloved and gifted Companion, James H. Southgate, who for a generation prepared the Correspondence Report of that Grand Chapter. Companion Southgate's successor, E. Companion Leon Cash, has bravely taken up the work and appears to be equal to the responsibilities of the position. He recommended that the Representative near the Grand Chapter of Scotland be withdrawn, and the report was accepted.

Twelve petitions for membership in the Order of High Priesthood were received at the Annual Convention, which met May 10th, and they were elected, consecrated and set apart to this Holy Order. At the election of officers which followed Companion Edwin Gladmon was elected President.

The Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Jurisdictions

were reviewed by the Chairman of the Committee, Companion Leon Cash, Florida being among those not mentioned.

Next Annual Convocation will be held in Fayetteville, the second Tuesday in May, 1917.

H. E. Reid, Lincolnton, Grand High Priest.

John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.

Leon Cash, Winston, Correspondent.

### NORTH DAKOTA—1916

Chapters, 23. Members, 2,885. Exalted, 188. Net Gain, 69.

LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE, Grand High Priest.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Fargo, June 21st and 22d, with nearly all the Grand Officers present. The minutes state that "the proficiency of the officers in opening showed much improvement over some Grand Convocations," but they do not appear to show what other Grand Officers were present or how many and what Chapters were represented. The order of business at the first session was the reading of the Grand High Priest's address. In his opening he says:

I little imagined when shortly after my arrival in this state some seventeen years ago, I was privileged to visit this Grand Body, that it would ever be my duty to preside over its deliberations, or that I should ever have the honor to represent you as its Grand High Priest. I cannot tell you in words all that it means to me. The very highest duty, next to that which we owe to God, is that of service to our fellow men. It would be a great joy to me to see some action taken by this Grand Chapter along lines which are not distinctly Masonic; in some of the many ways by which assistance could be given to some one who is seeking to better prepare himself or herself for the work of the world.

He rejoiced that death had caused no vacancy in the ranks of either the Grand or Past Grand Officers. He issued a large number of commissions to Companions to serve as Grand Representatives, and recommended fully as many more. He granted a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Bowbells; also one to permit a Chapter to confer the R. A. Degree with one substitute. As in the General Grand Chapter, substitutes are permitted in Florida. He sent out a circular letter to all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction to the effect that he would be pleased to pay a visit to every Chapter whenever it would be convenient and could be made of profit to the Companions. Receiving no response from any Chapter in the Jurisdiction leads him to think one of three things:

Either the Chapters in the Jurisdiction are in such fine condition that they need no visits from the Grand Chapters; or they are in such poor condition that they do not want any visits; or they are absolutely indifferent in the matter. Under these conditions I did not feel that my visits to the Subordinate Chapters were desired, and have made few such visits.

He sent another circular letter to each High Priest calling attention to the failure of certain Chapters to hold stated Convocations, and urged them not to allow Convocation dates to pass without at least opening a Chapter and transacting such business as may appear. This would be equally good advice to Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions. He reported that "no decisions have been asked for and no complaints have been registered." Surely peace and harmony prevail in that Grand Jurisdiction.

Because in the sixteen years the Grand High Priest has been coming to the Grand Chapter he had never seen a degree conferred, although there was a standing resolution that some or all of the Chapter degrees should be

exemplified at each Annual Convocation, arrangements were made for Enderlin Chapter to confer the Royal Arch Degree at the close of the address. He stressed the fact that every Chapter in the Jurisdiction should be in position, if called upon by the Grand High Priest, to put on the work before that Grand Body. This Grand High Priest appears to be a firm believer in that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

The Grand Secretary's report showed that the financial condition of the Chapter was excellent. He stated there was too great a difference in the fees charged, ranging from \$30 to \$50, and he believed the minimum should be \$40. The Grand Lodge Library has moved into larger quarters, and plans are under way to make the Library a real Masonic educational center. The report of the Grand Lecturer showed that he visited twenty-two Chapters, of which nine exemplified the work, six had no candidates and two failed to have a quorum. He stated that in some Chapters there was a deplorable lack of interest on the part of the Companions in Capitular Masonry. The Grand Chapter took the view that much of the apparent lack of interest on the part of the Companions in Capitular Masonry would be overcome by more systematic visitations by the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer, which will be done hereafter. The Grand Chapter will hereafter have a standing committee on "Good of the Order," which is to cover practically the entire field of Chapter activities, and to whom shall be referred in advance such matters as may properly come before such committee. The minimum fee for conferring the four degrees was fixed at \$40.

There is nothing to indicate that North Dakota has an Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is the work of E. Companion E. G. Guthrie, and it is good work and

square work, and holds the attention of the reader from start to finish. But for some reason Florida is overlooked. There are states and states, but there is only one Florida. Should Companion Branch once visit this Grand Jurisdiction he will realize that he has reached the "land of heart's delight." The invitation is given, come and receive a hearty welcome.

Next Annual Grand Convocation will be at Grand Forks, June 21 and 22, 1917.

Charles E. Rest, Lisbon, Grand High Priest.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

E. George Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.

### OHIO—1916

Chapters, 185. Members, 41,715. Exalted, 3,426. Net Gain, 2,579.

FREDERIC J. CRANE, Grand High Priest.

In its centennial year the Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Ohio was held in the Masonic Temple in Columbus, beginning October 4th, and within only a few miles from the old brick home of John Snow, still standing in Worthington, where the first Grand Chapter of the Buckeye State was formed. With the exception of the Grand Captain of the Host, Companion Walton H. Parker, who passed the Veils the November previous, and one Past Grand High Priest, kept at home by illness, the full official family were present at this notable gathering, besides Representatives from one hundred and seventy-nine Chapters. The distinguished guests included the Grand High Priests of New Jersey and Missouri, and Companion Wm. B. Melish, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United

States. In the course of his address he well and truly said:

I believe it to be the duty of the Chapters and Councils of the United States to see that Masonry is built up in the bodies at home before Masons are allowed to go elsewhere to take outside degrees. It ought to be that the Lodge and Chapter of a town or city should work together to make good and true Masons.

The address of the Grand High Priest emphasized the fact that he had zealously guided and controlled the affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction in a masterful way. After enumerating some of the Past Grand High Priests, his predecessors, he pays them this deserved encomium:

In character they seem like some mighty organ; each one a perfect stop, that you have only to touch and the tone you wish leaps forth, melting into general harmony, making the duties of him who stands at the head of Capitular Masonry in Ohio seem light and delightful.

He granted dispensations for new Chapters in East Palestine and Cleveland. He ordered an official inspection of all Chapters between January 15th and May 30th, and also notified the respective High Priests to observe the following:

That candidates are advanced singly in the Mark Master degree; that the ceremonies of the Past Master degree are abridged; that the ceremonies and work of the Most Excellent Master degree are exemplified in full and that all officers and craft be robed as fully as possible; that the Royal Arch degree be conferred in its entirety on each class of three.

He recommended and commissioned a number of Grand Representatives, among the latter being the writer of this review to represent the Grand Chapter of Ohio near the Grand Chapter of Florida. This is an honor



highly appreciated by him, for it was in Geneva Lodge, No. 334, that he first saw "light," and in Geneva Chapter, No. 147, that he was "exalted," and he considers it a special privilege to number some of the Official Family among his former personal acquaintances. The Grand High Priest stated that the Code furnished all required information, no special decisions being found necessary.

This Grand Chapter having no settled place of abode, it ordered that \$500 be appropriated each year towards its entertainment in the city where each Annual Convocation is held. It appropriated \$5,000 to the Ohio Masonic Home. When the roll of Grand Representatives was called forty-three responded, including Past Grand High Priest Wm. E. Evans for Florida. In the election of officers it is with pleasure that we note that Companion Benjamin F. Perry, of Jefferson, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was advanced to Grand Master of the Third Veil. The "Western Reserve" has always been prominent in Ohio Masonry.

The report of the Ohio Masonic Home shows that the inmates of this great charitable work consist of 94 men, 63 women, 31 boys and 23 girls. There was spent for maintenance \$45,779.74, and for betterments \$93,958.21. And while the disbursements for the year ending July 1, 1916, exceeded the receipts by \$23,807.93, there was in the hands of the Treasurer July 31st the sum of \$184,125.95.

An event of special importance in connection was the Centennial Celebration of this Grand Chapter, which was held on the evening of October 4th in the Auditorium, M. E. Companion Crane presiding. The exercises included a historical sketch by M. E. Companion Jacob H. Bromwell, a centennial poem by M. E. Companion Nelson Williams, and felicitations from the Grand Lodge of Ohio by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Joel C. Clore.

One hundred and eight Companions were admitted and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and the officers of the previous year were re-elected, with Companion Nelson Williams the President.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion Orion P. Sperra, who in his "conclusion" says there is "very little more than the ordinary to recount or to call attention." He notes that in many of the Jurisdictions "death has called from the ranks of the Craft many who have given a life of helpfulness, but the younger ones are coming forward and filling the places thus made vacant."

Florida receives suitable consideration, and he finds the address of Grand High Priest Andress "to be a clear statement of official performance," and notes that "like many others he reports that business prevented his making any official visitations to constitute Chapters." He notes the omission of a Report on Correspondence, but adds: "We find that a Committee on Correspondence was appointed, and from letters received from the chairman of the committee we feel assured that such a report will be forthcoming next year."

Next Annual Convocation in Toledo, Oct. 3, 1917.  
William A. Belt, Kenton, Grand High Priest.  
Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.  
Orion P. Sperra, Ravenna, Foreign Correspondent.

#### OKLAHOMA—1916

Chapters, 72. Members, 3,656. Exalted, 309. Net Gain, 378.  
EDGAR COOK, Grand High Priest.

When the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma opened in Ample Form in Oklahoma City, April 18th, only the Grand King was missing from the Twenty-seventh An-

nual Convocation. There were also present Representatives from more than twenty-one Chartered Chapters and thirty-four Grand Representatives, among whom was Daniel Morris Hailey for Florida, the absentees being noted in the records.

The address of the Grand High Priest was an exhibit of the business of the year and indicative of faith in the lessons of Capitular Masonry. As he read the names of the Illustrious Companions who had passed away during the year, the Grand Captain of the Host deposited a white flower on the altar as a tribute to their memory. He noted the names of the Companions he had commissioned as Grand Representatives. He recommended that in the future arrangements be made for an interchange of visits between the Grand Officers of adjoining Jurisdictions. Poteau Chapter, No. 77, was constituted and a dispensation granted for a new Chapter at Henryetta. Inquiries were received from other places for new Chapters, but no action was taken. The charter of Sequoyah Chapter, No. 8, at Webber Falls, was taken up.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held Nov. 16th for the purpose of taking part in the parade on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the State Capitol by the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma.

All the dispensations granted by the High Priest, which were of a local nature, were approved, as well as one decision relating to jurisdiction of a Brother. In the twenty Chapters which he visited he found one where he was told that they had candidates for degrees which had been elected for two years or more. He recommended the plan of giving certificates to those found proficient to instruct in Capitular Degree work. He also recommended mailing to all new High Priests a copy of the Capitular Laws with amendments to date.

Twenty-one Chapters failed to make returns and pay dues within the required time, for which, in the opinion of the Secretary, there is no good excuse unless it is the "persistent neglect and indifference of the Secretaries." He reported there were over two hundred Brothers on the rolls of the Chapters in an unfinished state, some having been carried many years, in one case having been carried ten years before completing the degree work.

Thirty-two Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and all the Grand Officers were re-elected.

Past Grand High Priest Leo E. Bennett, in presenting "An Abbreviation of the Doings of Other Grand Chapters," says:

If you fail to read and study these reviews you will miss much of interest in the Capitular world. If you do read and study them, and read as well "between the lines," you will be improved in Masonry, and this whether or not you agree with my presentations.

Florida is given brief mention. He approves of the granting of a dispensation to hold a Chapter in a nearby town to confer degrees, saying:

This case is somewhat akin to that of our Antlers No. 13 in 1915, where they made great gain in membership by having permission to confer the degrees at Hugo. We think a few other Chapters in Oklahoma could spread the gospel of truth better if they would undertake these neighborly trips in proper spirit.

Next Annual Convocation at Tulsa, April 17-18, 1917.  
James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand High Priest.  
Leo Edmond Bennett, Muskogee, Grand Secretary  
and Correspondent.

## OREGON—1916

Chapters 36. Members, 4,189. Gain, 137. Exalted, 212.

CLYDE EVANS, Grand High Priest.

With one exception all Grand Officers were present when the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation opened in the Masonic Temple in the City of Albany, June 5th, also fifteen Past Grand Officers and Representatives from thirty-six Chapters. Twenty-four Grand Representatives, Florida being among the missing ones, were formally received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest, the response being by Past Grand High Priest David P. Mason, representing Arizona.

A distinguished visitor was Companion John Miller, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, who was formally presented.

The Grand High Priest, in rendering an account of his official acts, was pleased to say that the chain of Grand Officers was unbroken, but mourned the death of Past Grand High Priest Edward Biddle, who passed the Veils and entered the Holy of Holies Nov. 15, 1915. The Grand High Priest appointed five Grand Representatives and recommended eight others. He granted a dispensation for a new Chapter at Hermiston. He also granted several dispensations for meritorious reasons, but refused one to use two substitutes, also one to postpone an election. He held that it was not within the province of a Grand High Priest to change the Mark of any member after the same had been recorded in the Lodge Book of Marks.

He visited all but six of the Chapters—a good record. He discovered that hardly any of the Chapters were using the Standard Ark, and several were using Arks with improper characters, but these errors were being corrected.

Candidates are examined as to their proficiency in the degrees before being exalted. This is not required in Florida. He concludes his address with these forceful words:

I desire to impress upon your minds in the strongest possible manner that the seriousness of our obligation must be given more consideration if our institution is to endure. I am inclined to believe that admission into our order is too easily secured, and that we do not sufficiently impress upon those who enter the serious and sacred purposes of Masonry, and unless more attention is given to this side of Masonry, it is only a question of time until our organization has fallen from the highest place to the level of other secret orders.

Eighteen High Priests petitioned and were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood and the same officers re-elected. A notable part of the proceedings was an address by that able Masonic scholar, Past Grand High Priest Henry B. Thielsen, on the origin and history of the Order.

For the fifth time M. E. Companion Henry B. Thielsen presented a Report on Correspondence, in which he reviewed the Proceedings of fifty-six Grand Chapters.

In the comments on Florida he regrets that no biographical sketch accompanies the frontispiece portrait of Grand High Priest Caldwell, whom he calls a "splendid-looking man," and wants to know "how he comes to have so much snow on such a thick head of hair in Florida, where he tells us there is no snow." He says the address shows that Companion Caldwell "is a pretty good boomer and proud of his state." Of course he is proud of his state, and so are thousands of others. And why not?

There is no Report on Correspondence, though there appears to be a full-fledged committee of three. Some of these days the committee will prepare a report and then the Grand Chapter will be in a quandary.

That "quandary" has materialized, and now it remains to be seen how the Grand Chapter will receive it. Next Annual Convocation, Portland, June 11, 1917. S. S. Spencer, Eugene, Grand High Priest. James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary. Henry B. Thielsen, Salem, Correspondent.

### PENNSYLVANIA—1915

Chapters, 139. Membership, 33,118. Gain, 981. Marked, 1,185.

PORTER W. LONG, Grand High Priest.

Quarterly Communications were held in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, March 4th, June 3d, September 2d and December 2d, at which time committee reports were received. The largest attendance was at the December Quarterly, the only time which Companion H. Oscar Kline, Florida's Grand Representative, responded to roll call. The Grand Officers are also elected at this time.

The Annual Grand Communication was held St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, at which time the Grand High Priest prefaced his account of his year's stewardship by saying:

Another year has passed into history with all its joys and griefs, its failures and successes, and another page in the history of Grand Chapter has been recorded.

The Grand High Priest is convinced that the time and money expended in Grand Chapter visitations "is not justified by the results obtained," but that the rehearsal of the Capitular Degrees by subordinate officers, under the direction of the Temple Capitular School of Instruction, is "more effective and far-reaching." He, however,

made twenty informal visitations. He held three conferences where work in different degrees were rehearsed. Besides which the Mark Degree was exemplified at the March Quarterly, the Most Excellent at the June Quarterly and the Royal Arch at the September Quarterly. He recognized nine new Grand Representatives and commissioned six. He regretted that "so many Companions, especially elective officers, failed to study the Constitution." He decreed that summonses must be signed by High Priest and Secretary, not stamped or printed thereon. He refused to permit the use of a "lantern slide" in illustrating lectures in the Capitular Degrees. The increase in Chapter membership not being what it should be, he believes it to be the duty of Companions to urge worthy Brothers the need of becoming Royal Arch Masons. He recommended an increase in per capita tax from 30 cents to 50 cents.

The exaltation of eight candidates by one Chapter in less than four weeks from the date of conferring the Mark Degree, as shown by the return of that Chapter, and "being a clear violation of the constitutional provision," gave the Grand High Priest much concern, especially as several of the candidates had changed their place of residence. His decision was:

I have concluded to heal the action of the Chapter for that reason alone, and do so with the hope that this disposition of the case shall not be taken as a precedent for healing any violation of the Constitutional provision where the change of residence of candidates is involved.

In the presence of only those Companions who have received the Order of High Priesthood, Companion Porter W. Lowry "was installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belong-

ing, and was duly proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the Craft."

Pennsylvania has no separate Order of High Priesthood, that honor being conferred at the time the High Priest of a Chapter is installed.

At the March Quarterly Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91, surrendered its charter, because "since the Mark Degree has been conferred in the Chapter the Mark Lodges have had comparatively little to do."

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is a joint affair, being written by M. E. Companions William B. Meredith and A. G. Criswell Smith and Companions Stockton Bates, John M. Core and Walter T. Taggart. The Report is illustrated by a fac simile of the Royal Arch Regalia of Brother William Ball, who was Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, 1761-1762, and R. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., 1795. In the introduction to this Report, M. E. Companion Meredith well says:

A desire of knowledge of Ancient Masonry should prompt every Master Mason to seek the real, to become a Royal Arch Mason, thus attaining all that there is in Ancient Masonry, and not be carried away with the glare and show of any organization that is in no way connected with Ancient Craft Masonry.

M. E. Companion Smith reviews Florida. He notes the granting of a dispensation "to receive and act upon petitions the same evening," evidently referring to the dispensations granted Gainesville Chapter to meet in Cedar Keys, in the same Chapter Jurisdiction, as a convenience to a number of Companions living in the latter place. In Florida petitions can be received, acted upon and degrees conferred at the same convocation.

He quotes Grand High Priest Caldwell's closing paragraph, saying, it "makes us feel like wanting to live in

Florida." You are hereby cordially invited to come down and spend a winter with us, Companion, and enjoy real living.

Porter W. Lowry, Butler, Grand High Priest.  
Stockton Bates, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

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QUEBEC—1916

Chapters, 16. Members, 1,680. Net Gain, 21.

J. ALEX. CAMERON, Acting Grand First Principal Z.

A spirit of sadness pervaded the opening of the Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec in Masonic Temple, Montreal, March 22d, occasioned by the enforced absence of M. E. Companion A. B. Wood, the First Grand Principal Z, by reason of the death of his mother, and a vote of sympathy and condolence from the Grand Chapter was placed on record and transmitted to him.

With two exceptions the official family was present, many of the Past Grands, Representatives from fourteen Chapters and twenty-four Grand Representatives, but which did not include Florida's Ambassador.

The address of the Grand First Principal Z, read by M. E. Companion Cameron, besides giving a summary of the year's official acts, breathes the spirit of his interest in and devotion to the Royal Craft. He reported the condition of the Order throughout the Grand Jurisdiction as being satisfactory. He called particular attention to the fact that only about twenty per cent of the Craft Masons were members of the Royal Arch. He strikes a true note in seeking to impress upon Capitular Masons generally:

That in order to best promote the growth of our Royal Craft, and the consequent dissemination of the great truths it reveals, each one should familiarize himself with the history and inherent purpose of the Royal Arch degree. He will then be prepared to impress upon his friends among Master Masons in a convincing manner the fact that the attainment of the Royal Arch degree is absolutely indispensable to the completion of their Masonic education. In this way only do I think we are justified in expecting any substantially greater progress than has been made heretofore.

From the report of the Committee on the State of the Order it is learned that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter is "good," and that there is a steady increase in membership. The Grand Lecturer reports close attention to the ritual, and enthusiasm in striving to excel. The Grand Superintendents report peace and harmony throughout the Jurisdiction, and apparently there is nothing unfavorable to be found.

The Jurisprudence Committee acknowledges receipt of a circular letter from the General Grand Chapter of the United States suggesting a uniformity in the disposition of fees, in conferring degrees by courtesy, and reports that as the Grand Chapter of Quebec has no official connection with either the General Grand Chapter or the constituent Grand Chapters, there can be no endorsement by the Quebec Grand Chapter, but the proposed legislation has always been the law and practice in this Jurisdiction.

M. E. Companion E. T. D. Chambers, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, whose reports have reached him." One sometimes wonders when and how a Grand Chapter composed entirely of "brothers" becomes a "sister" Grand Chapter. Referring to Florida, he says:

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion John M. Caldwell delivered an eloquent address, from which we gather that Florida must be indeed an earthly paradise.

Sure it is, Companion Chambers, for it's summer all summer in the summertime in the Southland, and there is no winter in Florida. Just think of that the next time you become weary shoveling snow and paying coal bills, and come down and see for yourself. Companion Caldwell knows what he is talking about.

Next Annual Convocation, Montreal, March 28, 1917.

Dr. E. O. Dyer, Sutton, Grand Z.

Will M. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, Correspondent.

### RHODE ISLAND—1916

Chapters, 11. Members, 4,803. Exalted, 265. Net Gain, 162.

EDWARD M. WHEELER, Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Convocation of this M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held in Providence, March 14th, there being present eighteen Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Officers, forty-four Past High Priests, eight High Priests, nine Kings and five Scribes, all but one of the eleven Chapters being represented. Among the thirty-six Grand Representatives Florida was represented by Grand Royal Arch Captain Stephen Magowan.

The Grand High Priest in his address, in referring to the percentage of Master Masons in the several Jurisdictions who became Royal Arch Masons, on the authority of Grand Secretary Wm. E. Greene, stated:

That the honor of heading the list must be accorded to our little Jurisdiction of Rhode Island, the records showing that nearly fifty per cent of the Master Masons of this State have been exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Besides making two official visitations by invitation, he adds:

I made it a practice to drop in on the Chapters without having given notice of my coming, to see for myself just how each Chapter put on the several degrees under normal conditions.

He thus refers to dispensations:

Permit me to say that my idea of a dispensation is the granting of a privilege, exemption or benefit, when a circumstance has arisen not foreseen at the time when certain governmental rules or regulations may have been laid down, such circumstances necessarily being extraordinary and not occurring at regular intervals.

He was not called upon to make any decisions or issue any edicts, which to his mind was a cause for congratulation, and showed that the "officers of the Subordinate Chapters were sufficiently intelligent to correctly interpret and execute the laws."

Encouraging reports were made by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe of official visitations which they made.

After presentation of a Past Grand High Priest's jewel and apron to the retiring Grand High Priest, "the Grand Chapter is closed in Ample Form, with prayer at the Altar by the Grand Chaplain."

The Proceedings show that the Annual Meeting of the Anointed High Priests was held, officers were elected for the ensuing year, but no petitions for consecration were received.

M. E. Companion S. Penrose Williams, as Chairman

of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reports having "examined the Proceedings of the various Grand Chapters as they have been received."

In reviewing the Florida Proceedings for 1915 he states Grand High Priest Caldwell "showed that his sentiments were in harmony with the growing tendency of the times regarding physical perfection." Also that he "again showed a commendable liberality in his reference to Alberta."

Next Annual Convocation in Providence, March 15, 1917.

Frederick E. Leonard, Pawtucket, Grand High Priest.  
William F. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.  
S. Penrose Williams, Providence, Foreign Correspondent.

### SCOTLAND

At the September Quarterly of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland extended reference was made to the death of M. E. Companion Charles Martin Hardie, which occurred on the 3d of that month, and who was Deputy Grand Z during the years 1909 to 1911. He was a prominent figure in Masonic circles throughout Scotland, and was also equally prominent as an artist in the Scottish school of figure painters. The thanks of this Supreme Chapter was also ordered to be transmitted to the Grand Chapter of Florida, as well as other Grand Chapters, for copies of their Proceedings.

At the December Quarterly petitions were presented by members from two different Chapters for the forming of Councils of Royal and Select Masters in connection with their respective Chapters.

Attention was called to the reply of the Chancellor of

the Exchequer whether entertainment tax was payable on annual subscriptions of members of friendly societies of the character of Freemasons, which was to this effect:

While some entertainments would render the subscription liable to taxation, the mere fact that impromptu songs and music were given after a particular meeting would not in itself have this effect.

It was recommended that a Chapter from whom no returns had been received in upwards of ten years be erased from the rolls.

It was stated that the M. W. Grand Master of England would preside at a Special Grand Lodge Communication to be held in Royal Albert Hall, London, Saturday, June 25, 1917, in celebration of the bi-centenary of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of England. Also there will be a special Masonic service in the same building on the morning of Sunday, June 24th, St. John the Baptist's Day in Harvest, that being the anniversary of the first meeting of Grand Lodge in St. Paul's Churchyard in 1717.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA—1916

Chapters, 34. Members, 3,190. Exalted, 179. Net Gain, 18.

Geo. T. BRYAN, Grand High Priest.

With all but one of the Grand Officers, five Past Grand High Priests, Representatives from thirty-three out of thirty-four Chapters and one U. D., and twenty-six Grand Representatives, including our own R. T. Goodale, the One Hundred and Fifth Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter assembled in Charleston, April 11. The Grand Treasurer being physically unable to be pres-

ent, he appointed an assistant, commenting on which the Grand High Priest stated:

That it was not the right, nor was it in the power of any officer of the Grand Chapter to appoint a successor to himself, nor one to act for him in case of his absence or disability. This was the prerogative of the Grand High Priest only, to appoint a *pro tempore* or acting officer.

He, however, adopted the suggestion of the Grand Treasurer in making the necessary appointment.

In the Grand High Priest's able address he stated there was "not one question of difference to be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances for consideration."

He made only one decision, referring to the Council Degrees, and which was not approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, all his other acts being approved. His reference to n. p. d will, we apprehend, meet with approval:

There is no reason why a Companion should be erased for N. P. D., except for his own carelessness or wilful negligence. Should a Companion be financially unable to pay his annual dues, no matter what the cause, his Chapter would be willing and gladly remit them. Should he, however, neglect or wilfully refuse to pay any attention to the notices of the Secretary, and to pay, or give a good reason why he cannot or does not pay his dues, his name should be erased from the roll. Such dead timber should not be permitted to impede the progress of, or continue to be an expense to, his Chapter. Those who permit their names to be erased for N. P. D. are, as a rule, those who take no interest in nor render any service or assistance to Capitular Masonry.

He made sixteen official visits and commissioned a number of Grand Representatives and recommended several others. He granted all requests for dispensations except one, which was to hold meeting prior to the date provided for in by-laws.



It was a source of satisfaction to the Grand Secretary that all the Chapter Returns, except one, were received before the time prescribed by law.

Fraternal relations were severed with the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Fourteen Companions were consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, and the former officers were re-elected.

The Fraternal Correspondence Report covers the Proceedings of fifty-six Grand Jurisdictions, and is from the pen of Past Grand High Priest J. L. Michie, and is comprehensive, instructive and entertaining. Florida receives favorable mention. In referring to Grand High Priest Caldwell's action in declining to respond to the appeal of the Belgians for aid, the writer stated that he was reminded of a story he heard while a law student:

Smith sued Brown for damages to a pot he loaned Brown, contending that when it was returned it had a big hole in it. Answering the complaint Brown said, first, that he never borrowed a pot from Smith; second, that when he got it there was a hole in it; and, third, when he returned it there was no hole in it.

Next Annual Convocation in Columbia, April 10, 1917.

George Twiggs Bryan, Greenville, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Mart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

James L. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA—1916

Chapters, 37. Members, 3,705. Gain, 141. Exalted, 233.

MARCUS POZNANSKY, Grand High Priest.

Every member of the official family responded to roll call when the Twenty-seventh Annual Convocation of the

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form in the Masonic Temple in Sioux Falls, June 9th, the date having been changed from June 15th, to enable Sir Knights to attend the Triennial Conclave in Los Angeles. There were also present twelve Past Grand High Priests, twenty-nine High Priests and Representatives of thirty-one Chapters, as well as twenty-eight Grand Representatives, although no one responded for Florida.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, stressed the thought that the time of the session should be devoted to "the performance of duties best calculated to promote the principles and insure the growth and prosperity of Capitular Masonry." None of the immediate family has been called to the "Great Beyond."

Three dispensations were issued to use "substitutes." If, in the judgment of a Chapter, Capitular Masonry will be best served at that particular time by the use of a "substitute," why should it be necessary to petition the Grand High Priest for permission to violate a law?

Seven Grand Representatives were commissioned. He decided that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter does not require a High Priest to have served as either King or Scribe. He made two official visitations. He found that one Chapter had held only three convocations the previous year and had not elected officers. He concluded that what these officers needed most was a course in ritualistic instruction. Later the Grand Lecturer was ordered to conduct a school of instruction in that Chapter as long as was needed.

The Grand Lecturer in his sixteenth report stated that he had visited twenty-eight Chapters, and that the greatest difficulty was to "fill the offices with men who will take time to learn the ritual." A condition not alone confined to South Dakota, unfortunately.

Companion Andrew P. Swanstrom, Past Grand High

Priest of Minnesota, was a distinguished visitor, and was made an honorary member of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

Eight Companions were set apart and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood at the Twenty-first Annual Convention held June 9th, and the former officers were re-elected for the coming year. Companion Swanstrom was present and was made a member of this Grand Body.

Companion Louis G. Levoy presented a Review in Capitular Masonry of fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions, stating "that a healthy condition of affairs still maintains on this continent, and on the whole Capitular Masonry is holding its own in numerical gains with other branches of our time-honored institution."

A "thumb-nail" half-tone of the correspondent is a part of the caption of each report, Florida being graced by the "phiz" of R. E. Companion Wilbur P. Webster, our beloved and efficient Grand Secretary.

Companion Levoy finds nothing to criticise in his review of Florida, and briefly summarizes the principal actions of this Grand Body without comment.

Next Annual Convocation at Hot Springs, June 14, 1917.

John A. Cleaver, Sioux Falls, Grand High Priest.

Geo. R. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Louis J. Levoy, Webster, Correspondent.

#### TENNESSEE—1917

Chapters, 86. Members, 5,745. Exalted, 372. Net Gain, 79.

SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest.

All Grand Officers were present when the Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter opened in Nashville, January 24th,

also Representatives from 79 Subordinate Chapters and a large number of other members of the Royal Craft.

Service was the theme of the somewhat voluminous address of the Grand High Priest, who stated that he had traveled thousands of miles in the performance of his official duties and had tried to throw into the work the very best of his powers. Four Past Grand High Priests during the year responded to the last summons, including M. E. Companion John B. Garrett, who for several years was the Grand Secretary, this office later being filled by the appointment of Companion Stith M. Cain.

The Grand High Priest decided that a Most Excellent Master had no right to wear a Keystone before receiving the Royal Arch degree. The Jurisprudence Committee thought otherwise and the Grand Chapter agreed with the committee. He called attention to the "regrettable lack of knowledge of the Ritual" which he found in many of the about sixty Chapters which he visited. He stated that a committee from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee was engaged in making a study of methods with a view of improving the condition of the weaker Lodges, and he recommended that the Grand Chapter give the report of that committee due consideration.

Fraternal relations were severed with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Peace and harmony prevail in Capitular Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. In the matter of granting dispensations, the law of the Grand Lodge governing the Grand Master in such cases is to be followed by the Grand High Priest.

A committee was appointed to compare the laws of the Grand Chapter with the laws of the Grand Lodge and the General Grand Chapter and codify the same for printing. Hereafter the Grand Chapter will be allowed

one member on the Board of Control of the Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Florida's Ambassador was missing when the Grand Representatives were received and accorded the honors due them.

In the By-Laws and edicts governing this Grand Chapter is a resolution providing that no charter shall issue to a Chapter under dispensation until it shall have provided itself a suitable meeting place and the necessary paraphernalia for conferring the degrees.

At the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood thirty-five High Priests were set apart and consecrated to that Holy Order, and M. E. Companion Fred C. Watkins was elected President.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister, and is apparently his thirteenth review. It is interesting and instructive from "kiver to kiver." Florida receives favorable and considerate mention, although he considers the "idea of movable Chapters" as being somewhat unusual, but "supposes it is all right."

Next Annual in Nashville, January 29, 1917.

Philip N. Matlock, Union City, Grand High Priest.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Jas. H. McClister, Morristown, Fraternal Correspondent.

### TEXAS—1916

Chapters, 279. Members, 21,616. Exalted, 1,824. Net Gain, 916.

W. MADDEN FLY, Grand High Priest.

With the exception of the Grand Marshal, all the stations were filled by their respective officers when the

Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas convened in the City of Waco, December 4th. Besides these, there were present a large number of Past Grand Officers and Past High Priests, Representatives from one hundred and thirty-three Chartered Chapters and two U. D. and twenty-nine Grand Representatives, including E. Companion Wm. Jones, who represented Florida.

From the Grand High Priest's address it is learned that, "for thirty-one consecutive Annual Convocations it has been mine to witness the comings and goings of the members of the Grand Chapter."

He notes the splendid spirit of philanthropy exhibited by the Companions in the care and maintenance of the Home for Aged Masons, but at the same time urges them not to forget that while the world may rejoice in numbers, yet "ours is the nobler philosophy which finds in every symbol a truth and in every allegory a religion."

He reported five Chapters restored, six Chapters constituted, dispensations granted for the formation of two new Chapters, and having made several official visitations. Among his decisions we condense the following:

A Chapter failing to confer the degrees within twelve months from time of electing loses personal jurisdiction over petitioner.  
That a Brother holding a certificate and having received the Royal Arch degree in Scotland, under authority of the Grand Chapters of Scotland, cannot visit or affiliate with a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

That the unanimous voice of the Chapter must be had for the use of a substitute or substitutes.  
That Grand Chapter holds no jurisdiction over the degree of Good Samaritan (whatever that may be).

That at stated convocations a Chapter may be at ease, but never beyond the day fixed by its by-laws for its meeting.  
That the provisions of residence do not apply to soldiers without a fixed residence.

That neither the Mark, Past or Most Excellent Master's degree can be conferred with less than nine Royal Arch Masons present.

This Grand Jurisdiction being divided into districts, at the beginning of his official year the Grand High Priest caused certain blanks to be sent out asking for specific information concerning the present condition of each particular Chapter as well as the number of unaffiliated Royal Arch Masons. As a result of this aggressive work he reports the records show an increase in the number of exaltings for the year of 44 per cent over the previous year, and that the general increase in membership was 112 per cent. While realizing that he may be invading contested grounds, he has fixed ideas which he does not hesitate to express:

We enter boldly and now declare the fixed conviction that while the strongest bulwarks to the sanctity of Masonry is the positive forbidding of invitations being extended to any profane prior to his own preparation of heart to become a Mason, we do now and ever shall maintain that the Master Mason has passed the position of the non-observant and masonically indifferent profane. He has entered with you in search of Truth, and with you he has reached the summit of the rugged hills, from which he has yet to climb those "skies of spiritual knowledge" wherein alone Truth is to be found. Why not let them know that after all the Holy Royal Arch is but the capstone of Craft Masonry, detached for convenience from its original place as the culmination and finishing of the Master Mason's degree, and is of right the rich heritage of all worthy Masons who may make bold to claim?

While the Grand High Priest, in closing the presentation of his official acts for the year, appears to regret "good intentions unfulfilled," he has shown a fixed determination in planning advance movement along the lines of Royal Arch Masonry.

An event of great importance was the presentation and reception of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest

and other representatives of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the United States of America. In 1861 the Grand Chapter of Texas passed a resolution which resulted in severing its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, since which time it has not been a member of the General Grand Body. The special object of this visitation on the part of the General Grand Officers was to cordially and earnestly invite the Grand Chapter of Texas to again affiliate with the General Grand Chapter.

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1912 a committee was appointed to investigate and report "whether or not, in their judgment, it would be to the best interests of Capitular Masonry to again affiliate with the General Grand Chapter." The committee made an exhaustive report, which was read at the present Convocation. This report first takes up the General Grand Chapter and proceeds to show what it is and whence it came, incidentally citing that neither Pennsylvania nor Virginia has as yet come under the authority of the General Grand Chapter. It shows the formation of the Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas to its dissolution in 1849, and the subsequent formation of its Grand Chapter of Texas, together with some of its actions and the adoption of this resolution June 17, 1861:

*Resolved*, That all connection between this Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter of the United States is dissolved, and forever annihilated, by the separation of our State from that Government.

The report, after quoting the language of a Companion, says it is as true to-day as it was when uttered in 1897:

From that day to the present the Grand Chapter of Texas has remained an independent and sovereign body, untrammelled by any

alliances, and in peace and harmony with the Capitular world, practicing its beautiful Ritual and disseminating the glorious principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

In closing this report, which gives us so much information, three of the five members offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

*Resolved*, That while entertaining the highest respect and most cordial brotherly feeling for the Grand Royal Arch Masons who are members of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, as well as for all those Grand Chapters which acknowledge its jurisdiction and supremacy, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas deems it inexpedient to surrender its own sovereignty as an independent Masonic Body, and believes that the interests of Capitular Masonry will be best promoted by adhering to the action it has already taken towards the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

A minority report was also presented by the two dissenting members, which includes this resolution:

That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas renews its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and accepts its invitation to resume its place as a constituent member of that General Grand Body.

Our Texas Companions are certainly early risers, for the Proceedings state that the Grand Council of High Priesthood met at 6 o'clock a. m., on December 5th, with officers and a large number of members present, and that forty-six Companions were consecrated High Priests after the Order of Melchisedec, and that the former officers were re-elected.

What's in a name? The 1916 Florida Proceedings recites that Ely "B." Hubbell was made chairman of the Correspondence Committee, this being a typographical

error, as the middle initial should have been "P." Now the writer of the excellent Report of the (Texas) Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, E. Companion Carlton E. Mead, goes one better and refers to the new chairman as "Companion Sly B. Hubbell," and then adds: "We look for a bumper report. They are so far behind in this regard he will have much to tell his Companions. We welcome him." Thank you, Companion.

There are many good things in Companion Carlton's review, as well as in the General Proceedings, that are both pleasing and instructive, and are well worth the thoughtful perusal of Companions generally. There is one copy in the office of the Grand Secretary, and we might be induced to lend our copy.

Next Annual Convocation in Waco, Dec. 3, 1917.  
Ben F. Dwiggin, Fort Worth, Grand High Priest.  
T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.  
Carlton E. Mead, Marfa, Fraternal Correspondent.

### UTAH—1916

Chapters, 6. Members, 721. Gain, 27. Exalted, 36.

HOWARD PENDLETON KIRTLEY, Grand High Priest.

Under the inspiration of the snowy Wasatch range the Fifth Annual Convocation met in Salt Lake City, May 3d, with ten of the Grand Officers present, seven Past High Priests and fifteen Chapter Representatives. Several of the nineteen Grand Representatives who responded to roll call brought greetings from the Jurisdictions they represented, and others who were unable to be present sent theirs, among the latter being Companion J. G. Torrey, representing Florida. The Grand High

Priest welcomed the ambassadors with Grand Honors, and requested them to communicate this expression of fraternal esteem to their respective Grand Chapters.

The Grand High Priest's address is business from start to finish, a predominating characteristic in that country of "magnificent distances." He has unlimited faith in the future possibilities of Utah.

He appointed 14 Grand Representatives and nominated as many more. He visited all the Chapters and found them "happy and enthusiastic," and ambitious to observe uniformity and correctness in their work. Certainly a laudable ambition. He held that a Chapter can be called from degree to degree, but that it must be opened in form in the highest degree contemplated, and must be closed in that degree, and then the appropriate changes and ceremonies made for each degree desired. He recommended that the Grand Secretary notify annually other Grand Bodies of membership changes and that he request from them similar changes, which was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee to report next year. He is satisfied that this Grand Chapter is now "firmly and satisfactorily established and that it now has a certain and definite part to fulfill in Royal Arch Masonry."

Hereafter the Grand High Priest's name will be placed on the mailing list of all Constituent Chapters, and all notices of meetings will be mailed to him. A good idea.

Fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland were severed until that body recognizes the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in the Philippines.

No petitions for membership were made at the annual convention of High Priesthood. The next annual Convention "will be held on the evening of the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

Florida is briefly reviewed, probably receiving what it merits, the report being signed "S," which we take it stands for Companion Rev. P. A. Simpkin, Grand Chaplain, who assisted Companion A. Scott Chapman, Chairman Correspondence Committee, and who states that Grand High Priest Caldwell's boost for Florida "goes the limit, and that it cannot be true, for if so they must have moved heaven since our fathers used to sing of it."

To our Companions of the Western Highlands we extend a cordial invitation to "come and see" if all-the-year-round living in Florida is not pretty near the summit of human happiness.

Next Annual Convocation Salt Lake City, May 9, 1917.

Howard P. Kirtley, Salt Lake City, Grand High Priest.

Walter Daniel, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.  
A. Scott Chapman, Salt Lake City, Correspondent.

### VERMONT—1916

Chapters, 30. Members, 4,486. Gain, 6. Exalted, 129.

HARRY J. STANNARD, Grand High Priest.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation was opened in the Masonic Temple, Burlington, June 16th, with 19 Permanent Members, 18 Grand Officers, 6 District Deputies and 65 Representatives from 25 Chapters.

Two familiar faces and highly honored members of this Grand Chapter have answered to the roll call above—M. E. Companion Marsh O. Perkins and M. E. Companion Collins Blakely.

The report of the Grand High Priest was a practical

address and all his official acts were approved and accepted. He was optimistic over the progress of the year, even though the net gain was small, for "it is the spirit of the Companions which is the real soul, and this spirit is certainly being augmented from year to year." He asked a ruling on how long an unaffiliated Mason could hold Chapter membership, and the Jurisprudence Committee recommended the following amendment to the General Regulations, which was adopted:

No non-affiliated Master Mason's application for degrees conferred in the Chapter, or for affiliation, shall be received by any Chapter in the State. Affiliation in a Lodge is essential to membership in a Chapter, to the extent that non-affiliation in a Lodge for one year shall deprive a Royal Arch Mason of his membership in the Chapter.

The Centennial Observance of this Grand Chapter, which occurs in 1917, will be fittingly observed.

The law requiring Mark Masters to register their marks before being made Royal Arch Masons will be more rigidly enforced.

The Grand Secretary was directed to codify all existing decisions together with the Regulations and Resolutions, and report same at the next Grand Chapter.

Hereafter mileage expenses will be paid all Grand Chapter Officers and members entitled to receive the same, regardless of their membership in "any other Grand Masonic Body of Vermont at its corresponding session."

Masonic intercourse was severed with the Grand Chapter of Scotland and any one owing allegiance to that Grand Body will be prohibited from the right of visitation, by reason of its action in the Philippines.

The Grand Lecturer reported that "requiring candidates to learn the lecture of each degree as they advance

better qualifies them to fulfill the duties of office as they advance."

Eleven qualified Companions were received into the Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Companion Don A. Stone was elected President.

For twenty-four consecutive years M. E. Companion Marsh O. Perkins has written the Report on Correspondence, which has been a great source of information and pleasure to the readers of Capitular Masonry. He having passed the veils, his mantle has fallen on worthy shoulders, those of M. E. Companion Kittredge Haskins, who at this time submits his first annual report. It measures up to the standard of excellence which this Grand Jurisdiction holds in the Masonic world. Florida is given a favorable and comprehensive review.

Next Annual Convocation, Burlington, June 15, 1917.  
James R. Roberts, Burlington, Grand High Priest.  
Henry R. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.  
Kittredge Haskins, Brattleboro, Correspondent.

#### VICTORIA.

Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria are held in July, October, January and April. Much of the work of this Supreme Body is done by the Committee of General Purposes, who report at these different Quarterlies, and which is largely of local interest only. At the July, 1915, Quarterly it was decided to increase the Grand Scribe E.'s salary from £75 to £100. Also a lecture was given entitled, "Zoroastrianism and the Parsee Religion from a Masonic Standpoint."

At the October Quarterly mention was made of receiving the 1915 Florida Proceedings. Most of the

time was taken up discussing decreasing the exaltation fee from three pounds three shillings to two pounds three shillings, but finally was referred to the Committee of General Purposes to report at the next Quarterly. One Companion favored lowering the fee, because:

To him it seemed that every facility should be given to every Master Mason to complete his Masonic education, which was certainly incomplete until the Royal Arch degree had been obtained.

At the January Quarterly The Grand Scribe E. reported having received a communication from Florida recommending the appointment of M. E. Companion John B. Hall as Grand Representative of Victoria near the Grand Chapter of Florida, in the place of John L. Weddell, deceased," although E. Companion Hall is not yet an "M. E.", nothing short of the "final summons" is liable to prevent his reaching the summit of capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Also the exaltation fee was reduced to two pounds three shillings. The membership of this Supreme Body is given as 973, a net gain during the year 1915 of 57, with 98 exaltations. There are approximately 10,000 Craft Masons in Victoria and how to interest them in Royal Arch Masonry was a thought uppermost in the mind of the Grand Z., as expressed in his address on being re-elected to this office.

#### VIRGINIA—1916.

Chapters, 69. Members, 7,861. Exalted, 493. Net Gain, 268.

JAMES W. S. BUTT, Grand High Priest.

When the Grand High Priest opened in solemn form the One Hundred and Ninth Grand Annual Convocation

of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Virginia, in the city of Richmond, Oct. 24, 1916, the station of the Grand King being temporarily filled, the elected incumbent, R. E. Companion John Robert Charlton, having been called from "labor to rest" on January 27th. Representatives of 36 subordinate Chapters were present as well as many Past Grand Officers and Past High Priests and other visitors. The distinguished guests were Past Grand High Priests from Maine and Ohio, who were invited to seats in the East.

Companion M. W. James Alston Cabell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Virginia, was received with Grand Honors and invited to a seat in the East.

The Grand High Priest in a concise review of his official acts, aptly described the condition of unity which had prevailed during the year by stating that "no discord has arisen, no discipline has been necessary."

In addition to announcing the death of the Grand King during the year, he also memorialized another member of the Grand Family, M. E. Companion Edward S. Conrad, Past Grand High Priest, who entered into the presence of the Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth on August 21st.

He reported that with a few exceptions the Chapters were in a splendid condition and showed a gratifying increase in membership. A score of commissions were issued and requested for Grand Representatives. He recommended joint meetings of Chapters for conference and work, and also that the Chapters write the Deputy Grand High Priest of their particular district of their conditions and needs. He stated that the Masonic Home had reached the point of secured helpfulness, and was becoming better equipped for the care and education of the children dependent upon the Craft for home life and



home love. All the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved.

The Grand Secretary, in his annual report, takes occasion to summarize the work done by the Subordinate Chapters in Virginia during the 20 years of his incumbency in office, from which it is learned there have been 8,468 exaltations, 1,480 affiliations and 295 reinstatements, a total increase of 10,243; during this same period the losses by deaths, withdrawals, suspensions and expulsions have been 4,789; being a net increase of 5,454.

The Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion William James Hubbard, stated that at one Chapter which he visited he "had them exemplify all the degrees and give S. M., R. M., M. E. M. and R. A. degrees to one candidate."

An amendment to the Methodical Digest was adopted which provides that Present and Past Grand High Priests shall be addressed as Most Excellent; other line officers of the Grand Chapter as Right Excellent; Present and Past High Priests as Excellent, and other Subordinate Chapter officers as Companions.

At the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests fifteen Excellent Companions were elected and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. M. E. William J. Hubbard was re-elected President as well as the other officers of the previous year.

R. E. Companion Joseph W. Eggleston presents a well digested Review of Fraternal Correspondence, in which is reproduced the salient features of each Jurisdiction, being interspersed with pertinent comments.

Florida receives generous attention, quoting liberally from Grand High Priest Caldwell's address, and particularly approving the physical perfection decision, which, he states, "is one of our pet antipathies in our own Grand Lodge and Chapter. A man once initiated should be

barred from advancement only on moral or mental disabilities."

Next Annual Convocation in Richmond, Oct. 23, 1917.

J. E. W. Timberman, Alexandria, Grand High Priest.  
James B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.  
Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond, Correspondent.

### WASHINGTON—1916

Chapters, 38. Members, 4,666. Exalted, 234. Net Gain, 80.

CHARLES PAINE KIMBALL, Grand High Priest.

Two Chapters and one Grand Officer failed to respond when the roll was called for the Thirty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, which opened in North Yakima, September 25th. Thirty-six Grand Representatives were received with Grand Honors, Florida not appearing in this list. A distinguished guest was M. E. Peter Picton, Past Grand High Priest of North Dakota.

Zealous work in behalf of Capitular Masonry was evidenced in the detailed report of the Grand High Priest. He was pleased to state that Capitular Masonry on the whole had a steady growth during the year; that while the quality of the membership was of the best, the numerical standing was not what it ought to have been. And he feels that the members themselves are to blame for this condition. He believes that the Chapter officers ought to come in closer contact with Blue Lodge Masons so that they may have an opportunity to see that Capitular Masonry has something worthy of their time and consideration. And this can be brought about by conferring part

of the degrees in Blue Lodge rooms in the Chapter's Jurisdictions. This procedure does not appear to be looked upon with favor in some Grand Jurisdictions. However, it has worked well in Florida. He gives as another reason for lack of interest, poor work of the officers. When will it be actually realized that "with privileges come responsibilities?"

His ambition to visit personally every Chapter was only partly realized by reason of sickness, but he did visit separately or in joint session twenty-eight Chapters and traveled over 2,500 miles, which, according to the report of the committee to whom the address was referred, was more than "most of his predecessors" had done.

The resolution of the previous Grand Chapter to reduce the per capita tax from 75 cents to 50 cents was defeated.

Instructive and inspiring was the address of Grand Orator William E. Yates on "The Preservation of the Word," and could be read with profit by the Craft generally.

R. E. Yancey C. Blalock, for twenty-seven years the efficient Grand Secretary of that Grand Jurisdiction, was fittingly rewarded by being elected Honorary Grand High Priest.

Chapter ruled that a Companion would be entitled to membership in his Chapter, even though he failed to reinstate in his Lodge, if he made application for reinstatement every six months, and was clear on the Chapter books with no charges against him.

Twenty-two High Priests were anointed and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and the officers of the previous year were re-elected.

R. E. Companion Yancey C. Blalock presented his twenty-sixth annual Report on Correspondence. It is a concise summary of the Proceedings of each Grand Chap-

ter, together with the decisions of the respective Grand Masters, but without comment, Florida receiving suitable mention. Companion Blalock defends his procedure thusly:

If we had any criticism to offer it would have appeared, and as none was registered you may take it for granted we approve the report, but, if you notice, we are not of the effusive kind, as we have practiced medicine too long.

Next Grand Chapter, Bellingham, Sept. 10 and 11, 1917.

Frank G. M. Baker, Seattle, Grand High Priest.  
Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary  
and Fraternal Correspondent.

### WEST VIRGINIA—1916

Chapters, 41. Members, 7,133. Exalted, 565. Net Gain, 356.

A. B. C. BRAY, Grand High Priest.

Two Special Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of West Virginia were held during the year for the purpose of installing Grand Officers who were not present at the previous Grand Convocation.

The Forty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in the City of Huntington, beginning November 13th, when all but one of the Grand Family were present, as well as fourteen Permanent Members, Representatives of forty-one Subordinate and two U. D. Chapters, several Past High Priests and members of important committees. Unfortunately, when the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions was called no one responded for Florida. However, those

who were present were appropriately welcomed by the Grand Chaplain acting as Grand High Priest, by reason of the latter dignitary being the Grand Representative for Minnesota.

The report of the Grand High Priest evidenced a wise administration, and also that he was an efficient executive. He noted that two Past Grand High Priests had passed into the Great Unknown—M. E. Companion William G. Bennett, who was Grand High Priest in 1886-7, and M. E. Companion Neil Robinson, whose term of office was in 1894-5. The reports of inspection being only partially satisfactory, he recommended that unless better results were shown the coming year, some other mode of inspection should be established. He made two decisions. One was that Subordinate Chapters have authority to move from one place to another in the same city, provided all members are properly notified. The other was that a ballot for membership or degrees must be taken separately upon each petition, a "blanket ballot" not being permissible. He refused to grant a dispensation for a Chapter to rebalot on a petitioner who had been rejected, although a Companion confessed he had made a mistake in blackballing, etc. Dispensations were issued for new Chapters at Spencer and Mannington. Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction are required to make special reports to the Grand High Priest each year, and all responding, he was happy to congratulate the Chapters "upon having at last elected Secretaries who make and mail their reports to the Grand High Priest within the time specified." In concluding his address he expresses the hope "that the benefit accruing to the Grand Chapter from my administration may be proportionate to my enjoyment as its executive."

Upon recommendation of the Grand High Priest and the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee a Master

Mason must now reside within the Jurisdiction of a Chapter six months before he can petition for membership.

The Grand High Priest also recommended in his report that the Grand Chapter surrender jurisdiction of the degrees of Select and Royal Master, and that a separate body be established in that Grand Jurisdiction having jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees. The Jurisprudence Committee was of the opinion that this was a matter of policy and not of law, and that action must first be taken by the Grand Chapter. This was referred to a committee to report at the next Grand Chapter.

This Grand Jurisdiction requires that at least "one given name be used in listing the members in the records and in the returns."

Eighteen Companions were elected and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood. M. E. Companion Braxton D. Gibson is the President and M. E. Companion D. K. Reed the Recorder.

Past Grand High Priest Kephart D. Walker is the writer of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, which is preceded by a portrait of the Most Excellent Companion. In less than thirty pages he summarizes the essential features of the various Proceedings, Florida receiving generous notice.

He quotes Regulation 51, relating to "Quorum," as amended in the 1914 Proceedings, with this comment: "I find these among the Laws of Florida and so different from our custom that I copy it."

Next Annual in Parkersburg, Nov. 12, 1917.  
W. K. Cowden, Huntington, Grand High Priest.  
D. K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.  
Kephart Walker, Fairmont, and James A. Bryan,  
Parkersburg, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

## WISCONSIN—1916

Chapters, 88. Members, 12,062. Exalted, 712. Net Gain, 384.

WALTER A. CLARK, Grand High Priest.

When the Grand High Priest opened the Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, February 15, every station was regularly filled except that of Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion David H. Wright being absent on account of ill health. Eighty-four Chapters were represented, and fifteen Grand High Priests were also present. A distinguished visitor was the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., and who was also a Representative from one of the Subordinate Chapters.

A concise and business-like report is the address of the Grand High Priest, who, judging the future by the successes of the past, believes "we may rightly expect a steady growth in the coming years." He constituted new Chapters at Neenah and Grand Rapids, and issued a dispensation to form Kenwood Chapter in Milwaukee, which was granted a charter during the Annual Convocation. He appreciated the responsibilities and privileges of his high office and evidently lives up to them, for he states:

I have had the time, the inclination, and you have afforded me the opportunity, and I have therefore visited the eighty-seven chartered Chapters and the two Chapters U. D. \* \* \* I think that the visit of the Grand High Priest at each Chapter has been highly appreciated and very beneficial; it has seemed to give new impetus to many Chapters, and revived the interest in Royal Arch Masonry throughout the State.

He decided that a Companion claiming Illinois as his residence can present a petition for membership to a Wis-

consin Chapter, accompanied by a dimit from a Michigan Chapter, providing he is an affiliated Master Mason in good standing, or is not voluntarily non-affiliated for over one year.

Two members of the Grand Family passed away during the year, M. E. Companion Horace E. Mann and M. E. Companion Homer C. Clark.

While addressed to the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, the High Priests and Companions of other States might read with profit from the report of the Grand Lecturer, who finds the work of the Chapters, with two or three exceptions, in the hands of capable officers, adding:

For these exceptions there has been no adequate excuse presented. In the most cases it is the fault, or to be more charitable, I should say the misfortune of the presiding officer; his fault in so far that he fails to keep his subordinate officers up to their work, or his misfortune that he lacks the executive ability to do so. The instances are rare where a High Priest cannot bring his Chapter up to a good working condition if he will put his time and energy into the work; but, first of all, he must have the work himself; he will then find little difficulty in getting others interested.

He further recommends that Royal Arch Masons, in addition to memorizing the Ritual, read the Scriptural account of the building of the Ancient Temple, of its destruction and its rebuilding; also the accounts given of the same by Josephus and the history of the ancient world of that period. This will, he opines, widen the horizon of the reader and give him a new interest in Capitular Masonry.

Only forty-seven Chapter Reports to the Grand Secretary were correctly made, and one was so faulty that the Committee on Returns puts it this way: "In fact, as an example of how not to make a report this particular report easily leads all others."

The Grand Secretary was instructed to prepare a suitable jewel of office for the Grand Lecturer. Although Florida has no such official, yet it will be interesting to know what emblem will be symbolized.

The Committee on Appeals made due search and inquiry to find something to do, but finding nothing, reported that "perfect harmony exists."

The officials of this Grand Jurisdiction evidently believe in "cutting the garment according to the cloth," for the Finance Committee, in reporting adversely on the proposition to increase the per capita tax, states:

While the membership has increased from 7,672 in 1905 to 12,062 this year, expenses have increased in the same proportion, so that forty cents, almost to a dollar, has paid the running expenses.

Among the recent edicts of this Grand Chapter we find:

That white aprons be worn exclusively in all the Chapter degrees except the Royal Arch, and in that degree the candidate be presented with the white apron and wear the white apron until crowned and clothed a Royal Arch Mason.

At the Convention of High Priests fifteen Excellent Companions were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright, in presenting the Report on Foreign Correspondence, expresses in words what the writer of this report has been trying to produce:

We have aimed to glean only such facts from the various Proceedings of our sister Jurisdictions, in as short and concise a manner as the circumstances would permit, as in our judgment would probably interest our Companions, endeavoring thus to be of some service to the Royal Craft in our Jurisdiction, and if possible avoid

being particularly accounted a bore. How well we have succeeded, you are the judges.

Florida receives favorable consideration, but thinks Grand High Priest Caldwell gives this remarkable reason for granting a dispensation: "Because it is as easy to grant a dispensation as to quote the law."

Next Annual in Milwaukee, February 20, 1917.  
Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville, Grand High Priest.  
Wm. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.  
Samuel Wright, Committee on Correspondence.

### WYOMING—1916

Chapters, 12. Members, 996. Exalted, 69. Net Gain, 56.

CHARLES H. TOWNSEND, Grand High Priest.

The stations of Grand Scribe and Grand Master of Third Veil were filled by appointment when the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Royal Arch Masons, with four Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of each constituent Chapter present, met, March 8th, in its eighth Annual Convocation in Caspar, a "city of no mean importance," although the writer of this review remembers when a "Knight of the Grip," traveling out of Denver, it was the end of rail transportation, and the next place of importance "further West" was by a stage ride of something like one hundred and fifty miles. However, a few years have wrought great changes in the sagebrush plains of that great State, the sixth in area in the Union, and more than half as large again as Florida.

The Grand High Priest, in the account of his stewardship, states that he has visited every Chapter in the State, which is no small job in itself, on account of the

great distances traveled. He reported that no complicated questions were submitted for decision, all being covered in the By-Laws. He recommended the enactment of a law that would suspend members automatically for non-payment of dues without going through the present form of trial, but apparently no action was taken by the Grand Chapter. After completing the official visitation of Chapters, he comes to this conclusion:

The best way to get results in any business or fraternal organization is personal attention to same. I believe the personal visits of a presiding officer creates an enthusiasm in the subordinate bodies that inspires them to take more interest in the welfare of the Chapter than anything that he could do that I know of.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, who is also Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery whose meeting precedes the Grand Chapter, takes occasion to state that he finds five weeks ample time to assemble and distribute the Proceedings, "and retain our record as being among Grand Chapters which are regarded as prompt in this particular line of duty." Florida's Grand Secretary is not only Grand Recorder in the Grand Commandery, but also Grand Recorder in the Grand Council and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and if there are other Reports of Grand Proceedings that are gotten out sooner, "we want to be shown."

Hereafter the minimum fees in Wyoming for conferring the degrees will be \$30 instead of \$40.

At the Grand Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood eleven Companions were elected and consecrated members in due and ancient form. This was followed by an address by the President, M. E. Companion Jesse Converse. This is a feature of High Priesthood Convention which seems to be "more honored in the breach than in the observance."

A most interesting part of the Proceedings is the Report on Correspondence by the Committee, M. E. Companion Adrian J. Parshall, who is also the Grand Secretary, and covering one hundred and fifty-nine pages.

Florida receives a discriminating review, in which liberal quotations are made from Grand High Priest Caldwell's address, which, the reviewer states, "stamps him as a suitable member of a publicity committee for his State." We cordially invite Companion Parshall to come down to this "heaven-blessed and sun-kissed land," when Companion Caldwell, as well as other Companions, will be delighted to show him some of the "priceless jewels of our possession."

Next Annual Convocation in Sheridan, March 15, 1917.

Grand High Priest, Samuel Corson, Cheyenne.

Grand Secretary and Correspondent, Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne.

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### IDAHO—1916

Chapters, 19. Members, 1,442. Exalted, 104. Net Gain, 103.

HORTON F. KIMBALL, Grand High Priest.

Just a little delayed in transit, perhaps, the "eleventh hour" as it were, but none the less welcome, is the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Idaho, and which completes the list of American Capitular Grand Bodies for review.

This Grand Chapter convened in the City of Boise, May 15th, and with the exception of the Grand Scribe and Grand Chaplain all other Permanent Members responded to roll call as well as Representatives from 16

Chartered Chapters. Florida's Grand Representative, however, does not appear to have been present.

"Capitular Masonry in our state is but in its infancy and the gains which we have made, while not rapid, are sure," are some of the encouraging words from the address of the Grand High Priest, who thinks they have "one of the most brilliant futures of any state in the union."

He recommended severing fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, which was approved. All questions submitted to him and dispensations granted were of a local nature. He reported having made a few official visitations, and regretted he could not have visited all the Chapters. He also visited Spokane Chapter at the time the Grand High Priest of Washington, M. E. Companion Charles P. Kimball, paid his official visitation, a remarkable coincidence that two men of the same name, neither of whom had ever seen the other before, should be Grand High Priests of adjoining States during the same year.

To provide for better official visitations the State will be divided into four districts, and each district is to be visited by one of the four principal officers.

During the afternoon session E. Companion H. C. Olney, the Grand Principal Sojourner, was presented with a Chapter and Commandery charm as a token of esteem in which he was held by his Companions. Being in poor health he was present in opposition to medical advice, and in the midst of his remarks of acceptance, he was overcome, became unconscious, and within a few minutes he was summoned to present his work to the Master Overseer on High. He had just spoken the words:

For forty-five years I have been a Knight Templar and have tried to uphold the principles and teachings of the Cross, and I will always try to do so during the few years that are left me. I may, according to my physician, drop at any moment, but my desire shall always be to uphold that Cross and the glorious lessons which are taught through it to mankind.

In order to save expense, hereafter the full list of membership will only be printed every three years, and if they should be omitted altogether it would only be doing what many other Grand Chapters are doing all the time.

A per capita tax of twenty-five cents will be levied annually for a Triennial Fund to cover the expenses of the Grand High Priest, Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary in attending the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that "nothing but exceeding peace, harmony and prosperity" prevailed and not a single discordant note had been reported.

There is nothing to indicate that Idaho has an Order of High Priesthood.

In place of a Report on Foreign Correspondence, "Clippings from 1915 Proceedings" occupy a few pages followed by an apology, signed by L. W. Ensign, for the Committee, who is the very excellent Grand Secretary as well:

We have found it impossible to prepare a report. We anticipated that the member of our committee who assumed the duty would finish his work very soon after the last Grand Convocation. However, he reported he would have to give it up for lack of time. We are mighty glad, however, that a reliable Companion has been found who is preparing the 1917 report.

Next Annual in Kellogg, May 21-22, 1917.  
Thomas M. Fleming, Lewiston, Grand High Priest.  
Lewis W. Ensign, Boise, Grand Secretary.

## AND, FINALLY,—

"It's a long way" from Alabama to Wyoming by way of Arizona, the Isles of the Sea, England and Alberta. We have just completed that delightful trip, and have learned much concerning the Royal Craft, some of the more important features of which we have tried to briefly chronicle; being, however, frequently reminded of the conditions so often confronting newspaper men—how to crowd twenty columns more or less of "good stuff" into sixteen columns of space.

Reports from the various Grand Jurisdictions show that Capitular Masonry is steadily marching on, and the outlook for the future is encouraging. Particularly is this so in those Grand Bodies where special efforts are being made to inform members of Symbolic Lodges that the Royal Arch degrees are not "higher degrees," but are absolutely necessary to a more complete knowledge of real Masonry.

Some of the objects sought to be gained in these reviews, as we understand them, are well set forth by Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright, of Wisconsin, and are reproduced in the review of that State.

This report is primarily intended to enlighten the Royal Craft of Florida, and we are hopeful that the Companions will find something therein which will be both instructive and helpful. We realize, however, that the most critical of our readers will be the correspondence writers of other jurisdictions, and we trust they will not find this without merit.

We now present our work and hope it will pass inspection and find favor.

Fraternally submitted,  
ELY P. HUBBELL,  
*For the Committee.*

Bradentown, Fla., May 3, 1917.



## GRAND OFFICERS

1917

- M.·E.·DABNEY B. PALMER, Grand High Priest, Monticello.  
R.·E.·CHARLES H. KETCHUM, Deputy Grand High Priest,  
Key West.  
R.·E.·L. F. BLALOCK, Grand King, Miami.  
R.·E.·W. V. CARTER, Grand Scribe, Port Orange.  
M.·E.·MARCUS ENDEL, Grand Treasurer, Jacksonville.  
M.·E.·WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.  
M.·E.·IRVING E. WEBSTER, Grand Chaplain, Gainesville.  
E.·S. MAY WALKER, Grand Captain of the Host, Tallahassee.  
E.·O. L. TAYLOR, Grand Principal Sojourner, Sanford.  
E.·CHESTER DEROCHE, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Braden-  
town.  
E.·R. J. KISHPAUGH, Grand Master Third Vail, West Palm  
Beach.  
E.·JOHN L. HALL, Grand Master Second Vail, Jacksonville.  
E.·T. T. TURNBULL, Grand Master First Vail, Monticello.  
E.·JOHN W. CAPPER, Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

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The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jack-  
sonville, at 10 a. m., on the Third Tuesday in May, A. D. 1918.