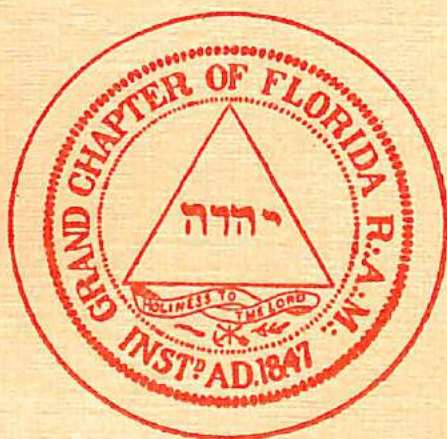


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- M.:E.:H. O. Snow, Grand High Priest, Tampa.
R.:E.:John L. Hall, Deputy Grand High Priest, Jacksonville.
R.:E.:R. J. Kishpaugh, Grand King, West Palm Beach.
R.:E.:E. P. Hubbell, Grand Scribe, Bradentown.
M.:E.:Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer, Jacksonville.
R.:E.:Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.
E.:E.:W. B. Y. Wilkie, D. D., Grand Chaplain, Dunedin.
E.:T.:T. Todd, Grand Captain of the Host, Bartow.
E.:E.:L. Shear, Grand Principal Sojourner, Pensacola.
E.:Cary B. Fish, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Daytona.
E.:R.:J. McMaster, Grand Master Third Vail, Bradentown.
E.:H. Stafford Caldwell, Grand Master Second Vail, Tampa.
E.:John W. Capper, Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

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1920

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 18, A. D. 1920, A. I. 2450.

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

- W. V. Carter ----- M.:E.: Grand High Priest.
H. O. Snow ----- R.:E.:D. G. High Priest.
John L. Hall ----- R.:E.:Grand King.
R. J. Kishpaugh ----- R.:E.:Grand Scribe.
Marcus Endel ----- R.:E.:Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. Webster ----- R.:E.:Grand Secretary.
J. M. Caldwell ----- R.:E.:Grand Chaplain.
E. P. Hubbell ----- E.:Gr. Capt. of the Host.
E. L. Wirt ----- E.:Gr. Principal Sojourner.

T. T. Todd	-----	E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
E. L. Shear	-----	E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
Cary B. Fish	-----	E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
R. J. McMaster	-----	E. Gr. Master First Vail.
John W. Capper	-----	E. Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Marcus Endel,	Louis C. Massey,
T. S. Wilmarth,	William S. Ware,
Irving E. Webster,	T. Picton Warlow,
Silas B. Wright,	Robert McClellan,
W. P. Webster,	H. N. Sweeting,
E. E. Haskell,	John M. Caldwell,
J. R. Wetherell,	D. B. Palmer,
	C. H. Ketchum.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida, No. 1.	—William L. Marshall, H. P.
Gainesville, No. 2.	—W. M. Bullard, H. P.
Tampa, No. 3.	—R. J. McMaster, proxy for H. P.
St. Johns, No. 4.	—John R. Wetherell, proxy for H. P.
Halifax, No. 5.	—John P. Cartin, H. P.
Mt. Horeb, No. 6.	—N. G. Forcheimer, H. P.
Eureka, No. 7.	—L. S. Thornton, H. P.; W. S. Branch, Jr., K.
Putnam, No. 9.	—Lewis A. Smith, H. P.
Kissimmee, No. 10.	—J. M. Wilson, proxy for H. P.
Jericho, No. 11.	—T. P. Way, proxy for H. P.
Jacksonville, No. 12.	—S. E. Gregory, H. P.; W. A. Elliott, K.; R. A. Strout, S.
Ocala, No. 13.	—H. S. Wesson, H. P.
Inverness, No. 14.	—Herchel J. Dame, H. P.
Monroe, No. 15.	—R. B. Chapman, K.

Plant City, No. 16.	—W. S. Rardin, H. P.
Manatee River, No. 18.	—Charles S. Hill, H. P.
Lake Butler, No. 19.	—Chas. H. Register, H. P.
Island No. 21.	—C. H. Ketchum, proxy for H. P.
Thomas Brown, No. 22.	—E. L. Wirt, proxy for H. P.
Chipley, No. 23.	—H. W. Peters, S.
Lake Worth, No. 24.	—R. J. Kishpaugh, proxy for H. P.
Live Oak, No. 25.	—H. S. Caldwell, H. P.
Jefferson, No. 26.	—F. J. Sattler, proxy for H. P.
Indian River, No. 27.	—George J. Fullerton, proxy for H. P.
Joppa, No. 28.	—S. F. Reade, H. P.; J. H. Lane, K.
Lakeland, No. 29.	—Frank Sanford, H. P.
St. Petersburg, No. 31.	—C. D. Scroggs, H. P.
Jackson, No. 32.	—F. M. Watson, H. P.
Eustis, No. 33.	—Joseph Wiggins, H. P.
Leesburg, No. 34.	—H. L. Schaeffer, proxy for H. P.
Jasper, No. 36.	—B. M. Caldwell, H. P.
Walton, No. 37.	—C. R. Horne, proxy for H. P.
Providence, No. 38.	—H. W. Markham, K.
Bay County, U. D.	—F. M. Campbell, H. P.
Highlands, U. D.	—W. M. Reck, H. P.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	-----	R. J. Kishpaugh.
Alberta	-----	I. M. Wilson.
California	-----	W. S. Ware.
Canada	-----	Chester DeRocher.
Colorado	-----	J. R. Wetherell.
Connecticut	-----	William S. Ware.
Delaware	-----	W. P. Webster.
District of Columbia	-----	Silas B. Wright.
Illinois	-----	Charles H. Ketchum.
Indiana	-----	T. T. Todd.

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Iowa	John M. Caldwell.
Louisiana	J. R. Wetherell.
Maine	E. E. Haskell.
Maryland	H. O. Snow.
Massachusetts	I. E. Webster.
Minnesota	E. P. Hubbell.
Mississippi	D. B. Palmer.
Nebraska	Robert McClellan.
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.
Oregon	H. N. Sweeting.
Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey.
Quebec	L. C. Massey.
Scotland	S. L. Chapman.
Texas	E. W. Bunker.
Utah	J. J. Torry.
Vermont	I. E. Webster.
Victoria	John L. Hall.
Washington	Silas B. Wright.
Wisconsin	George A. Dame.

The following communications were received:

Orlando, Fla., May 19, 1920.
W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville, Fla:
 Please express to Grand Chapter my sincere regrets at being absent. Important law suit being tried this morning prevents.
 WM. R. O'NEAL,

Colorado Springs, Colo.
W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville, Fla:
 Best wishes for harmonious, and instructive Convocation of the

Grand Chapter. Olin S. Wright, Past Grand High Priest, of Florida, George F. Moore, Past Grand High Priest of Alabama, S. F. Cochran, Past Grand High Priest of Texas, A. L. Fitzgerald Past Grand High Priest of Nevada.

OLIN S. WRIGHT.

Dunedin, Fla., May 17, 1920.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest and Companions of the M. E. Grand Chapter, R. A. M:

Dear Companions:

I had no other thought a month ago, but that I would be with you at the present Convocation. I had hoped to share in its work and be refreshed through fellowship with my fellow companions. But other, and to me higher, duty calls. The Presbytery of St. Johns at its meeting in April elected me to represent it in the highest court of the church which meets in Charlotte, N. C., on the 20th. And with me the "King's Business" has the right of way.

I greatly regret that, circumstances being so, I will fail to meet and greet friends and brothers who lie very near to my heart, and I ask the Grand Chapter to excuse me for thus failing to meet with it at this time.

I hope you will have a pleasant and profitable gathering, unmarred by anything that would break its harmony.

With my best regards to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, believe me.

Yours Fraternaly,

W. B. Y. WILKIE,
 Grand Chaplain.

Upon motion the Grand Secretary was directed to make suitable replies to the above and to send telegrams to all absent Past Grand High Priests, extending greetings and best wishes of the Grand Chapter.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Ketchum was adopted that a committee of three Past Grand High Priests together with John L. Hall, Grand King, be appointed to take a bouquet of flowers to Past Grand High Priest Andress with greetings and best wishes from the

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priests Ketchum, Haskell and Warlow as such committee.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Cary B. Fish,
F. H. Thompson, S. E. Gregory.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Ketchum 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 Past Grand High Priest Caldwell all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the 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 as reported by the Grand Secretary at roll call was correct and asked for further time for making final report.

Upon motion the report was received and further time granted.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Charles S. Hill,
B. M. Caldwell, H. W. Markham.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

J. R. Wetherell,
Max Sirkin, W. S. Branch, Jr.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Silas B. Wright,
C. E. Connor, Robert McClellan.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

Marcus Endel,	T. S. Wilmarth,
Irving E. Webster,	Silas B. Wright,
E. E. Haskell,	J. R. Wetherell,
Louis C. Massey,	Wm. S. Ware,
T. Picton Warlow,	Robert McClellan,
H. N. Sweeting,	John M. Caldwell,
D. B. Palmer,	Charles H. Ketchum.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Charles H. Ketchum,
E. L. Wirt, H. J. Dame.

MEMORIALS

J. M. Caldwell,
L. S. Thornton, E. L. Shear.

VISITORS

Chester DeRocher,
H. S. Wesson, J. H. Lane.

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

With the passing of another year we are permitted to assemble for the Seventy-fourth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida, and it is with sincere pleasure that I welcome you to it.

Although great activity and prosperity has marked the past year of York Rite Masonry in all its branches, a state of unrest and uneasiness has prevailed in the social, political and business life of our country. Conditions at times seemed dark and almost hopeless, yet we have faith to believe that good judgment will prevail in the reconstruction problems of our beloved nation, and a satisfactory solution of conflicting interests will be made in the not distant future. We may at least hope that such will be the result. Should bad counsels prevail and anarchy threaten our beloved country and its law-abiding people, the work and duty of Masons has only begun and I feel confident that our great fraternity will not be found wanting in the discharge of its obligations.

In presenting to you this report of my stewardship I shall endeavor to shun rhetorical flourishes which are not in my line, and make the report as concise and brief as the nature of the matters to be reported will admit.

NECROLOGY

It is with heartfelt sorrow that I have to report the death of Past Grand High Priest James W. Boyd, who died at Miami May 29, 1919. As it was impossible for me to attend the funeral I requested Past Grand High Priest Frank B. Stoneman to represent me.

The personal and Masonic history of this distin-

guished and beloved Companion is appropriately related in the following memorial as prepared by the Grand Officers of the several Masonic bodies over which he had presided:

It is our sorrowful duty to announce the death of

JAMES W. BOYD

Past Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander and Past Grand Recorder R. & S. M., which occurred in the City of Miami on the night of Thursday, May 29, 1919.

James William Boyd was born July 6, 1844, near the town of Owingsville, in the County of Bath, Kentucky.

At the age of seventeen he enlisted in Company H of the Fifth Kentucky Infantry of the Confederate Army, October 30, 1861. He was honorably discharged with the company on October 27, 1862. He re-enlisted in Company F of the Second Kentucky Mounted Rifles, and served until the end of the war. On General John H. Morgan's last raid into Kentucky in 1864, he was assigned to Captain Lawrence Jones' Company of Advance Guards and was wounded in the right knee at the battle of Cynthiana, Kentucky, June 12, 1864. From this wound he suffered until the day of his death. He was taken prisoner at that battle and was finally exchanged on February 28, 1865. He immediately rejoined his command and surrendered to General E. H. Hobson, at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, April 30, 1865.

For a number of years Brother Boyd served his native county as Clerk of the County Court. He married on October 30, 1873, Anna E. Robinson of Clarksville, Tenn.

From Kentucky, Brother Boyd moved to Polk County, Florida, in 1883. He was Tax Collector of that county for four years and then moved to Miami, this state, in January, 1905.

Brother Boyd's Masonic history covered a long period of time and was exceedingly interesting. He was initiated in Bath Lodge No. 55 under the jurisdiction of Kentucky, October, 1868; passed November, 1868, and raised January, 1869.

He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree on April 6, 1869, in Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 21, at Mt. Sterling, Ky. He received the orders of the temple on June 26, 1877, in Montgomery Commandery No. 5, at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. He was anointed High Priest at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1875.

During his long and honorable career as a Mason, Brother Boyd held many important offices. He was Worshipful Master of Bath Lodge No. 55, at Owingsville, Ky., about 1877-1878; Worshipful Master of Tuscan Lodge No. 6, at Bartow, Fla., 1885, 1889; High Priest of Owingsville Chapter No. 62, at Owingsville, Ky., about 1875; High Priest of Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22, at Bartow, Fla., 1887, 1889, 1894; E Commander Montgomery Commandery No. 5, Mt. Sterling, Ky., about 1881; E Commander Plant City Commandery U. D., Plant City, Fla., 1895; Grand Master, Grand Lodge Florida, 1895-'96; Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Florida, 1890; Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Florida, 1897; President, Grand Council Order of High-Priesthood of Florida, 1906-'8; Grand Recorder, Royal and Select Masters of Florida, 1904-'5; created Noble A. A. O. N. M. S. Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 23, 1892; 32° A. & A. Scottish Rite, Tampa, Consistory, Tampa, Fla., July 4, 1900.

Almost a generation of Masons has passed away since James W. Boyd presided in the grand east of our grand bodies. He saw Masonry in its comparatively early days in this State and watched its development with loving and heartfelt pride while it took its place as the strongest institution in Florida.

Always he was a faithful and ardent supporter of true Masonry and shaped the whole course of his life according to the precepts of the fraternity to which he gave so much of his life and strength and love.

As a Mason our late brother, companion, frater, lived a most exemplary life. He was looked up to by the younger members of the fraternity as a wise counselor and a close friend. Modest, earnest, true, his was an example which all Masons might follow with positive moral and spiritual profit.

Brother Boyd served his country as a faithful soldier in the Confederate Army, and bore to the grave the mark and the suffering of wounds received in that conflict. As a soldier, as a citizen, as a Mason, he was always true to his conviction and loyal to his friends.

And now he sleeps. In warm Mother Earth, at Bartow, beside the wife of his youth, he sleeps the sleep that shall know no waking here. The sturdy Mason, the gallant Knight, rests from labor, is free from strife. Over his grave may the fragrant flowers forever bloom and may the gentle rain and the sunshine keep watch and guard over his remains.

Soldier, rest, thy warfare's o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows no
breaking;
Dream of battlefields no more,
Days of danger, nights of
waking.

T. PICTON WARLOW,
Grand Master F. & A. M.
W. V. CARTER,
Grand High Priest R. A. M.
DABNEY B. PALMER,
Grand Master R. & S. M.
CHARLES S. HILL,
Grand Commander K. T.

ATTEST:

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary and Recorder.

OTHER JURISDICTIONS

I have received a number of memorials from other Jurisdictions showing that Companions of high esteem have passed to the great beyond. The list is as follows:

Alabama.—John Gilbert Smith, Past Grand High Priest.

Arkansas.—Nathaniel Pendleton Richmond, Past Grand High Priest.

California.—William Monroe Petrie, Past Grand High Priest.

Indiana.—William H. Hamelle, Past Grand High Priest.

Maryland.—James Franklin Allen, Past Grand High Priest; Edwin R. Trippe, Past Grand High Priest.

Michigan.—Charles Milton Norton, Past Grand High Priest.

Missouri.—Martin Toner Balsley, Past Grand High Priest.

- Maine.*—Clifford J. Pattee, Past Grand High Priest.
Montana.—Alexander D. McDonald, Past Grand High Priest.
Minnesota.—Alonzo Brandenburg, Past Grand High Priest.
Nova Scotia.—William Crowe, Past Grand High Priest.
Nebraska.—James Tyler, Past Grand High Priest.
New York.—William Wood Rice, Past Grand High Priest; Seymour H. Stone, Past Grand High Priest.
New Jersey.—Frederick Theron Crane, Past Grand High Priest.
Oklahoma.—John Coyle, Past Grand High Priest; Daniel Morris, Past Grand High Priest.
Pennsylvania.—F. Henry Williams, Past Grand High Priest.
Texas.—Joe Adams, Past Grand High Priest.
Wyoming.—Adrian J. Pashall, Past Grand High Priest.
West Virginia.—Kephart Delwar Walker, Past Grand High Priest.
Connecticut.—J. Newton Phelps, Grand Chaplain; Justice J. Barthel, Grand Master First Vail.
Oklahoma.—Otto Albert Shuttee, Grand Secretary.
Mississippi.—Frederick Gordon Speed, Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted the following dispensations:
 January 26th, to form Highland Chapter U. D. at Avon Park.
 September 24th, to Ocala Chapter No. 13 to change their place of meeting to new home.

September 29th, to form Crestview Chapter U. D. at Crestview.

March 3d, I authorized the names of Companions B. B. Jordon and R. L. McKensie to be added to the membership of Bay County Chapter U. D.

November 17th, to form a Chapter U. D. at Winter Haven.

December 11th, to Eureka Chapter No. 7 to ballot on Brother Welborn C. Phelps at a Special Convocation. Through error he was not balloted for at the regular Convocation and they needed him to fill out a team.

February 14th, to Joppa Chapter No. 28 to change the time of meeting to first Friday in each month at 7:30 p. m., provided they may be suspended during July and August.

February 26th, to Crestview Chapter U. D. for duplicate dispensation, their Chapter having been burned.

March 24th, to Gainesville Chapter No. 2 to elect and install a High Priest, their High Priest, S. E. Collison having removed permanently from the State.

March 30th, I authorized the name of L. C. Gay to be added to the membership of Bay County Chapter U. D.

April 26th, authorized the name of John Marion Whitfield be added to the membership of Bay County Chapter U. D.

VISITATIONS

May 29th, I visited Chipley Chapter No. 23 at Chipley, Florida. Constituted the Chapter and installed the officers, witnessed the exemplification of the degrees by their own efficient team.

I made an effort to have every Chapter in the State visited during the year and appointed representatives and

assigned to them such Chapters as I thought they would be able to reach.

I reserved for myself, however, more than I have been able to visit; circumstances over which I had no control prevented me from going to several.

I had the pleasure of visiting St. Johns Chapter No. 4, Eureka Chapter No. 7, Ocala Chapter No. 13, Monroe Chapter No. 15, Highland Chapter U. D., Indian River Chapter No. 27 on two occasions and my own, Halifax No. 5, at every Convocation during the year.

I have received the following reports of official visitations:

May 18, 1920.

M. E. Wm. V. Carter, Grand High Priest.

DEAR FRATER: I beg leave to report that I visited St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31 February 5th. I was most courteously received, found the Chapter in good working order, doing excellent work, with quite a number present. The minutes are well kept. After the session the ladies of the Eastern Star entertained us with a very nice lunch.

I visited Dade City Chapter on February 9th, but owing to the fact that the health officer had ordered that no meetings be held on account of a threatened epidemic, I only met the secretary and the High Priest. I went over the situation in regard to the brothers at Odessa, and got the High Priest to promise that he would request St. Petersburg Chapter to confer the degrees on these brethren as soon as they had complied with the law.

The latter part of March I visited Bartow Chapter, and spent a very pleasant evening; found a new set of officers, and owing to that fact it was necessary for a number of them to use rituals in their work. Their minutes were well kept.

On April 1st I visited Tampa Chapter and found them doing very satisfactory work. Quite a number of Companions were present. Their minutes were well kept and the Chapter is in a prosperous condition.

I failed to agree with Lakeland and Plant City Chapters as to the time for an official visit.

I wrote Inverness Chapter, but heard nothing from them.

Excellent Companion Cary B. Fish visited Sarasota Chapter for me, and I regret to say that I was unable to visit Manatee Chapter.

With kindest regards and best wishes I am,

Fraternally yours,

H. O. SNOW,

Deputy Grand High Priest.

West Palm Beach, Florida, May 8, 1920.

*M. E. W. V. Carter, Grand High Priest, R. A. M.,
Daytona, Fla.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR: Agreeable to your request of February 18th, I have visited such Chapters assigned to me as I have been able to reach.

Lack of time prohibiting my making the trip to Key West, I took the liberty of asking Past High Priest Charles H. Ketchum to make the visitation and report to me. His report is inclosed.

On March 9th, I visited Lake Worth Chapter No. 24 at West Palm Beach. They have a set of first class officers and have started what seems destined to be their banner year, both from a standpoint of exaltations and good work. Their finances are in excellent shape, their records kept in a neat and business-like manner, and such paraphernalia as they have is kept in excellent condition.

On April 8th, I visited Jericho Chapter No. 11 at Miami. I have visited this Chapter at intervals for the

past six years and I am gratified that I can report the keenest interest and best work that I have ever seen there as a tribute to this year's officers. Their paraphernalia is in good condition and well kept, their records show a pleasing number of applications for degrees and that the secretary is thoroughly competent. This Chapter is in the best of condition financially.

On May 7th, accompanied by Companion E. W. Bunker, chairman of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work, I visited Joppa Chapter No. 28. Work was exemplified in the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees. They exhibited a most creditable exemplification of the work and have plenty of work in sight in addition to that already done. Their records are well kept and their financial condition is second to none in the State. On my recommendation, this Chapter voted to pay the traveling expenses of their King and Scribe to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. Their paraphernalia and regalia are in fairly good condition, and in variety is complete.

I regret that it was impossible for me to get in touch with Keystone Chapter No. 20 at Fort Lauderdale, and that I am unable to make any report on it.

Fraternally yours,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
Grand Scribe.

Key West, Florida.

R. E. Companion R. J. Kishpaugh, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter R. A. M., West Palm Beach, Fla.
DEAR SIR AND ESTEEMED COMPANION: Island Chapter No. 21 had the misfortune to be in the building that was practically demolished by the storm that hit this island city last September and has been practically out of the work since that date. I am pleased to report, how-

ever, that the Chapter will again resume regular Convocations the first week in June and that there are several on the waiting list to receive the Capitular degrees.

We have a very attractive meeting place for the Chapter that will be ready for occupancy in June and the Chapter will resume labor with practically new equipment and has every reason to get back in its usual good form in a very short time. We feel that Island Chapter will be able to make as good a showing for gain at the next Annual Grand Convocation as any other Chapter in the State as the field is now ripe for the harvest.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLES H. KETCHUM,
P. G. H. P. Inspecting Officer.

DeFuniak Springs, Fla., May 16, 1920.

Hon. W. V. Carter, Grand High Priest, Jacksonville, Fla.

DEAR SIR AND MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION: I am very much disappointed that at the last minute my work has been so arranged that it will be impossible for me to attend the Grand Chapter and I beg to submit herein my report of the special visitations made by me at your request.

On March 10th, I visited Chipley Chapter No. 23. There being no work and but few present (all the officers being out of town except the High Priest), I had no opportunity to see them exemplify the work and took up the time in a general lecture on the proper manner of conferring the degrees, especially the Royal Arch, stressing the need generally for more dignified and decorous procedure.

I have visited and worked with Walton Chapter No. 37 at each of their Convocations and am glad to be able to report that there is being shown a greater enthusiasm and a greater effort being put forth to learn the work.

I beg to say here that there seems to be a growing tendency to make the Royal Arch degree a degree of torture, where undignified fun is the special order.

Walton Chapter has been calling in the Chapter from Florida, Alabama, to assist them, or rather to take charge in the Royal Arch and having witnessed their performance, I must say that the farce was such as to leave no impression on the candidate, other than physically.

I am constrained to the belief, that in late years, a great proportion of applicants for Masonry, especially the younger men, are impelled not by an earnest desire for a knowledge of Masonry, so much as a desire to use the several Masonic Bodies as necessary steps to the Shrine. This is, of course, to be deplored, but I think could only be remedied by requiring a certain length of service in each Body before further advancement.

I regret that I have been unable to visit the Chapters at Tallahassee, Quincy and Marianna, in the allotted time.

If I can serve you or Capitular Masonry in general, command me, for it is a pleasure.

Fraternally yours,
C. R. HORNE.

Pensacola, Fla., Oct 20, 1919.
Mr. W. V. Carter, Grand High Priest, R. A. M., Daytona, Fla.

DEAR COMPANION: Complying with your request I have visited Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6 officially for you and am pleased to report that the Chapter is doing good work and is in thriving condition in every respect. Being Secretary of this Chapter I am thoroughly conversant with every detail of its work and can say from personal knowledge that we are now enjoying the most prosperous time in our history.

It has been a distinct pleasure for me to make this official visitation for you and if I can serve you further, you have but to command me.

Yours fraternally,

T. T. TODD,
G. R. A. C.

APPOINTMENTS

August 18th, I appointed R. E. Harry G. Larrabee as the representative of our Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Maine.

February 26th, by recommendation from the Grand High Priest of Oklahoma, I appointed Companion Mahlon Ashbrook Kelso as our representative near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. On March 11th I received a very courteous letter of acceptance from Companion Kelso.

April 2d, I appointed Companion Edgar J. Finch of Twin Falls as our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

APPROVALS

July 11th, I approved the constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter as revised by the Printing Committee, together with the installation ceremonies printed in the same pamphlet.

August 18th, I approved the By-Laws of Walton Chapter No. 37.

October 2d, I approved amendment to By-Laws of St. Augustine Chapter No. 17.

October 23d, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary in regard to disposing of 500 copies of the statutes. His idea was to send to each Chapter one copy free of charge, and to charge 25 cents each for additional copies, which I approved.

November 4th, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary asking for ruling in the matter of dues of Companions in service. The resolution of 1918 made such members exempt from dues during such term of service in all cases where the Chapter remitted same. To which I ruled, that the dues for 1919 shall not be collected from such members as have been in service at any time during that year, provided the Chapters remit same to such members.

WORK BY COURTESY

October 6th, I requested Dublin Chapter No. 169, Dublin, Texas, through M. E. B. R. Hawkins, Grand High Priest, of Texas, to confer the P. M., M. E. M. and Royal Arch degrees upon Brother Guy Neal by courtesy for Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, of Pensacola.

October 16th, I received a nice letter from M. E. B. R. Hawkins, Grand High Priest of Texas, stating that it is a real pleasure to extend these courtesies to our sister jurisdictions.

I have signed warrants Nos. 1 to 31 inclusive, amounting to \$3,010.75.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that this Grand Chapter appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to the George Washington National Masonic Association for an honorary membership in same.

CONCLUSION

I cannot close this report without acknowledging my thanks and sincere appreciation for the support given me

by the officers of the Grand Chapter, especially that of our Grand Secretary, who has at all times rendered faithful and valuable assistance.

Entering upon the duties of this important office one year ago, I entertained doubts as to my ability to measure up to a satisfactory performance of them.

I have done the best I could and have loyally labored for the progress and interest of the Order.

Doubtless I have erred in some instances, but I feel none of those errors are of such a nature as to derogate from the prosperity of this Grand Order.

I thank you for the honors that you have conferred upon me and I assure you that while my term as Grand High Priest has ended, my zeal and labors for Masonry in all its branches has not. I wish you all health, happiness and long life of usefulness in the years to come.

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. CARTER,
Grand High Priest.

Upon motion the address was received and referred to a special committee for consideration and distribution of subjects. The Deputy Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priests Louis C. Massey and Dabney B. Palmer and Companion Charles S. Hill, as such committee.

Past Grand High Priest Caldwell presented a resolution in regard to the method of conducting work in our Chapters, which was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Companion Fish presented the following resolutions which were received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That resolution No. 20 be amended by adding there-

to "8. On Visitors" and that the Chairman of all Committees be paid their mileage and per diem unless here in some other capacity.

Resolved, That the last line of Regulation No. 21 be stricken out and regulation No. 22 be repealed.

Resolved, That the following regulation to be numbered 22, be adopted. "Work." There shall be a Committee on Work consisting of four viz. The Most Excellent Grand High priest as Chairman, the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High priest, The Right Excellent Grand King and the Right Excellent Grand Scribe. They shall exemplify the work in the several degrees at each annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter or cause the same to be done, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Chapter.

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 Grand Secretary's office for the past year as follows:

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

We have received notice from the General Grand High priest that it had been decided not to hold the next triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Raleigh, as originally planned, but to hold it in Asheville, North Carolina on Wednesday, September 28, 1921.

It has also been reported to this office that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of British Columbia was constituted at Vancouver, B. C. on Wednesday, June 18, 1919, with M. E. H. Watson of Vancouver as Grand Z. and R. E. J. W. Prescott, of Vancouver, as Grand Scribe E.

The proposed Revision of the Constitution and laws of the General Grand Chapter is printed in full in the last proceedings of that Body and it would be well for our members to study it carefully to be prepared to take any action in regard to same that may be deemed necessary.

The thanks of this Grand Chapter are due Kane Lodge No. 454, F. & A. M. of New York for two bound volumes of the proceedings of our Grand Chapter covering the years 1857 to 1862 and 1864 to 1871. Also for a copy of the Centennial History of Jerusalem Chapter No. 8, New York, which were sent to us by Companion C. Victor Twiss, Librarian, and who is also the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida near the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Grand Lodge of Florida is arranging to erect a memorial to Past Grand Master, James W. Boyd, and as M. E. Companion Boyd was a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter it has kindly offered to allow this Grand Chapter to join it in this matter. I would recommend that an appropriation be made for this purpose.

NEW CHAPTERS

Under the direction of our M. E. Grand High Priest, dispensations to form new Chapters have been issued as follows:

July 19, 1919, to Bay County Chapter U. D. at Panama City, Bay County, with Favel M. Campbell, H. P., John L. Pennington, K., and Charles F. Farnsworth, S.

September 29, 1919, to Crestview Chapter U. D. at Crestview, Okaloosa County, with Thomas H. Edney, H. P., Mack Tyner, K., and A. B. Morris, S.

November 17, 1919, to Winter Haven Chapter U. D. at Winter Haven, Polk County, with Silas F. Poole, H. P., John A. Smith, K., and Charles W. Barnes S.

January 26, 1920. To Highlands Chapter U. D. at Avon Park, Desoto County, with William M. Reck, H. P., Rudolph C. Peterson, K. and Thomas H. Lander, S.

Bay County, Crestview and Highlands Chapters have filed petitions for charters and the papers are ready to be placed in the hands of the proper committee.

No petition for charter has been received from Winter Haven, although a telegram from them received yesterday stated that such a petition would be mailed.

Returns for 1919 have been received from all of our Chapters.

The year has been a very active one. The returns show that 1163 candidates have been exalted, a number equal to more than one third of our total membership at the close of the year 1918.

We have made a net gain of 1139 or better than thirty-three and one third per cent.

Five Chapters failed to have their returns in within the required limit as to time and were assessed a fine in accordance with our regulations.

Ocala Chapter No. 13 and Lake Butler No. 19, have each overpaid the sum of two (\$2.00) dollars.

St. Petersburg Chapter has overpaid its dues forty-four (\$44.00) dollars.

Live Oak Chapter No 25 owes a balance of eighteen (\$18.00) dollars for rituals.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary.
In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:
Dr.

Florida, No. 1	\$ 108.00
Gainesville, No. 2	143.00
Tampa, No. 3	294.00
St. Johns, No. 4	63.00
Halifax, No. 5	249.00
Mt. Horeb, No. 6	166.00
Eureka, No. 7	185.00
Dade City, No. 8	56.00
Putnam, No. 9	48.00
Kissimmee, No. 10	52.00
Jericho, No. 11	178.00
Jacksonville, No. 12	475.00
Ocala, No. 13	87.00
Inverness, No. 14	61.00
Monroe, No. 15	124.00
Plant City, No. 16	104.00
St. Augustine, No. 17	180.00
Manatee River, No. 18	118.00
Lake Butler, No. 19	38.00
Keystone, No. 20	51.00
Island, No. 21	26.00
Thomas Brown, No. 22	348.00
Chipley, No. 23	136.00

Lake Worth, No. 24	202.00
Live Oak, No. 25	199.00
Jefferson, No. 26	91.00
Indian River, No. 27	234.00
Joppa, No. 28	80.00
Lakeland, No. 29	137.00
Gadsden, No. 30	143.00
St. Petersburg, No. 31	219.00
Jackson, No. 32	184.00
Eustis, No. 33	49.00
Leesburg, No. 34	85.00
Sarasota, No. 35	63.00
Jasper, No. 36	47.00
Walton, No. 37	135.00
Providence, No. 38	69.00
Total	\$5,227.00

Returned By T. S. Wilmarth, Pay Roll	\$ 4.00
Receipts from Members of defunct Chapters	11.00
Chipley, No. 23, Charter fee	50.00
Highlands, U. D., Charter fee	50.00
Bay County, U. D., Charter fee	50.00
Crestview, U. D., Charter fee	50.00
Gadsden, No. 30, Fine	5.00
Eustis, No. 33, Fine	5.00
Total	225.00
Total	5,452.00

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May 31, 1919. Paid Grand Treasurer	\$ 54.00
Jan. 10, 1920. Paid Grand Treasurer	605.00
Feb. 5, 1920. Paid Grand Treasurer	1,083.00
Feb. 24, 1920. Paid Grand Treasurer	1,282.00
Mch. 4, 1920. Paid Grand Treasurer	422.00
Mch. 31, 1920. Paid Grand Treasurer	1,362.00
Apr. 9, 1920. Paid Grand Treasurer	301.00
May 4, 1920. Paid Grand Treasurer	88.00
May 10, 1920. Paid Grand Treasurer	96.00

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

May 15, 1920.	Paid Grand Treasurer	-----	108.00	
May 17, 1920.	Paid Grand Treasurer	-----	51.00	\$5,452.00

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted for examination and approval.

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:				
	Dr.			
1919				
May 20.	To balance as per last report	-----	\$12,389.95	
May 31.	To received from Grand Secretary	-----	54.00	
July 21.	To received interest from Gr. Lodge Trustees--	-----	50.00	
Oct. 10.	To received interest Gr. Lodge Bonds	-----	97.50	
1920				
Jan. 10.	To received interest Gr. Lodge Trustees	----	50.00	
Jan. 10.	To received from Grand Secretary	-----	605.00	
Jan. 16.	To received interest U. S Bonds	-----	9.68	
Feb. 5.	To received from Grand Secretary	-----	1,083.00	
Feb. 24.	To received from Grand Secretary	-----	1,282.00	
Mch. 4.	To received from Grand Secretary	-----	422.00	
Mch. 31.	To received from Grand Secretary	-----	1,362.00	
April 9.	To received interest Gr. Lodge Bonds	-----	97.50	
April 9.	To received from Grand Secretary	-----	301.00	
May 10.	To received from Grand Secretary	-----	184.00	
May 15.	To received from Grand Secretary	-----	108.00	
May 17.	To received from Grand Secretary	-----	51.00	
May 17.	To received interest Barnett Natl. Bank	-----	53.46	
				\$18,200.09

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Paid Vouchers 1 to 31	-----	\$3,010.75	
Paid U. S. Bonds to Trustees Home and Orphanage	-----	3,000.00	\$ 6,010.75

Balance on Hand ----- \$12,189.34

Distributed as follows:

Barnett National Bank	-----	\$5,889.34	
Grand Lodge certificate of Indebtedness	----	2,000.00	
Grand Lodge Bonds	-----	3,900.00	
United States Bonds	-----	400.00	\$12,189.34

Books and Vouchers are herewith submitted,

Fraternally,

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

A communication from Chipley Chapter No. 23 was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

A verbal request from Jasper Chapter No. 36 to be allowed to consolidate with Live Oak Chapter No. 25 was received and referred to the incoming Grand High Priest.

The motion of Companion Todd prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 1:30 P. M. and that the first order of business be the exemplification of work in the Mark Master degree by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

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

DISTRIBUTION

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

Your Committee on Distribution of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address respectfully reports:

We recommend that so much of the address as relates to

Necrology be referred to the Committee on Memorials, that so much as relates to Chapters U. D. be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, that so much as relates to dispensations (other than to Chapters U. D.) and to decisions be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and that so much as relates to the George Washington Memorial be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, and that all other actions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, be, so far as may be necessary, confirmed.

We recommend that so much of the R. E. Grand Secretary's report as relates to the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of British Columbia be referred to the Committee on Correspondence, that so much as relates to the erection of a Memorial to Past Grand High Priest James W. Boyd and all other matters of finance be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, and that so much as relates to Chapters U. D. be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

We recommend that the thanks of the Grand Chapter be extended to Kane Lodge, No. 454 of New York for two bound volumes of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter covering the years 1857 to 1862, and 1864 to 1871, and for the Centennial History of Jerusalem Chapter No. 8 of New York, which were sent through Companion C. Victor Twiss who is the Librarian of the Lodge, and who is also the representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Florida near the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS C. MASSEY,
DABNEY B. PALMER,
CHAS. S. HILL,

Committee.

Companion Hubbell as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence presented his report, which was received, the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to him for same and the report was ordered printed with the proceedings of our Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1:30 P. M.

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

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The Deputy Grand High Priest stated that the reason for our Grand High Priest not being present at this time was that his wife was quite ill at a sanitarium in this city and the Grand Secretary was directed to send a bouquet of flowers to the sanitarium for her, with the compliments and best wishes of the Grand Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest Caldwell presented the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to procure new jewels for our Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, of good quality, uniform size and design and such as will give dignity to the Grand Council of this Grand Chapter.

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

MEMORIALS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Memorials fraternally report: That none of our Grand Officers have been called to a higher life during the past year. It is a pleasure to clasp their hands and greet them in this Grand Convocation.

It is with sorrow that we report the death of Past Grand High Priest, James W. Boyd, who departed this life at Miami on May 30, 1919. Our sorrow at his death is because we shall in this life see his face no more. We feel assured that all is well

with him and that when "the earthly house of his tabernacle was dissolved he entered into a building not made with hands" and is now enjoying all the vigor and beauty of an eternal youth. May we imitate his virtues and emulate his worthy example.

Other of our Companions of our own and sister Jurisdictions upon whom high official positions had not been bestowed but who were faithful, true and loved, have also "crossed the narrow stream called Death." We truly and sincerely sympathize with their loved ones in their bereavement and would mingle our tears with theirs in their great grief.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. CALDWELL,

L. S. THORNTON,

E. L. SHEAR,

Committee.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter and a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened. Brother James W. Taylor was advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master in due form for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

The Lodge of Mark Masters was closed and a Lodge of Past Masters was opened.

Brother James W. Taylor was inducted into the O. C. of K. S. in due form under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

The Lodge of Past Masters was closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened.

Brother James W. Taylor was received and acknowledged as a Most Excellent Master in due form under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed and labor was resumed in the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary reported having received a petition for charter from Winter Haven Chapter U. D., and

same was referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

The motion of Companion Bunker 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 Royal Arch degree by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 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 afternoon session.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

The Grand Chapter Committee on Work exemplified the work in the Royal Arch degree in accordance with the revised Ritual of the General Grand Chapter.

The special committee appointed to visit Past Grand High Priest Andress reported having performed that duty.

Upon motion a warrant for \$2.50 was authorized drawn in payment for flowers sent to Past Grand High Priest Andress.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Ketchum prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor tomorrow morning at 10:00 o'clock, and that the first order of business be the reception of the report of the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws immediately followed by the annual election of officers.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Caldwell "that the Ritual as revised by the General Grand Chapter and exemplified by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work be not adopted," was carried by a unanimous vote and the Grand Secretary was directed to return the Rituals to the General Grand Chapter.

The motion of Past Grand High Priest Warlow in regard to an addition to the O. B. of the Royal Arch was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to be carried into effect.

Past Grand High Priest Palmer, as the special committee appointed to revise our Ritual, made a verbal report of progress and asked for further time, which upon motion, was granted.

Upon motion duly carried, Ritual No. 71 was approved for use until a properly revised Ritual can be adopted.

The special committee appointed last year to examine the new Constitution as proposed by the General Grand Chapter, and report what action this Grand Chapter should take on same, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

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

Your Committee appointed at the last Annual Grand Convocation to examine the proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and to report what action this Grand Chapter should take thereon, respectfully report:

That it has examined the proposed new Constitution and recommends that this Grand Chapter oppose its adoption.

It contains a large grant of additional powers, in express terms and a possible larger grant in vague terms, which are to be interpreted by the General Grand Chapter itself.

As an additional reason for adverse action this Grand Chap-

ter has just rejected the new Ritual of the General Grand Chapter by a unanimous vote, yet by the new Constitution the Ritual thus rejected could and would be forced upon us.

For these reasons we report that this new Constitution should not be adopted and that all members of the General Grand Chapter from this Grand Jurisdiction who may be present when the vote is taken, be requested to vote against it.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS C. MASSEY,
SILAS B. WRIGHT,
E. E. HASKELL,
T. PICTON WARLOW,
Committee.

Companion Kishpaugh offered the following resolution, which was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Resolved, That our constituent Chapters be requested to report promptly to the Grand Secretary's office any and all changes made in the dates of their regular Convocation.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 10:00 A. 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 evening session were read and adopted.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT
(Supplemental)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

I have to report having received the charter fee of Winter Haven Chapter \$50.00, and two fines making a total of \$60.00 received since making my last report and that the same has been turned over to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

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

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT
(Supplemental)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

I have to report having received from the Grand Secretary the sum of \$60.00 since making my last report.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

Upon motion of Companion Snow the per diem to be paid the Grand Officers and representatives for attendance upon this Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, was made \$5.00.

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 Royal Arch Masons of Florida:
COMPANIONS—Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws has completed the examination of all matters referred to it, and beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that a Charter be granted to "Bay County" Chapter No. —, at Panama City, Bay County, Florida, the first officers to be:

Companion Flavel McKinnon Campbell, E. High Priest.
Companion James Lee Pennington, King.
Companion Wm. Gibson Lowe, Scribe.

That the Grand Secretary assign a number to the Chapter and, as there are certain irregularities in their petition for charter, and the papers, which have been sent to us, we recommend that the charter be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary to be held by him until all papers are properly completed, when it shall be turned over to the Grand High Priest for delivery.

We recommend that a Charter be granted to "Crestview" Chapter No. —, to be located at Crestview, in the County of Okaloosa, in the State of Florida, the first officers to be:

Companion Thomas H. Edney, E. High Priest.
Companion Mack Tyner, King.
Companion A. B. Morris, Scribe.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary assign a number to the chapter, and that, as there are numerous errors and omissions in the papers as sent up, that the Charter be held by the Grand Secretary until the papers are completed, when he may turn it over to the Grand High Priest for delivery.

We recommend that a Charter be granted to "Winter Haven" Chapter No. —, to be located at Winter Haven, Polk County, Florida, the first officers to be:

Companion Silas Frank Poole, E. High Priest.
Companion John A. Smith, King.
Companion Charles W. Barnes, Scribe.

The Dispensation was issued to "Winter Haven" Chapter U. D., but the Petition for a Charter comes to us recommending that the Chapter be known as the "Chas. H. Davidson" Chapter. Your Committee are of the opinion that it is always undesirable to give the Chapter the name of any person, and under no circumstances should it be given the name of a living person. We have no information as to whom Chas. H. Davidson is, or was, nor do we know that he was at any time sufficiently prominent and interested in Masonry to be worthy of the honor. We, therefore, decline to issue a Charter to a Chapter bearing that name, and have assigned the name as given in the Dispensation.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary assign a number to the Chapter, and that the Charter be placed in his hands to be

held until certain errors and omissions are corrected in their petition for a Charter when the Grand Secretary is authorized to place the Charter in the hands of the Grand High Priest for delivery.

We recommend that a Charter be granted to "Highlands" Chapter No. —, to be located at Avon Park, Desoto County, Florida, the first officers to be:

Companion Wm. M. Reck, E. High Priest.

Companion R. C. Peterson, King.

Companion T. H. Lander, Scribe.

We recommend that the Charter be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary to be held by him until certain errors and omissions in the Petition for Charter be corrected, and then placed in the hands of the Grand High Priest for delivery.

We notice that in several instances the U. D. Chapters have gone through the form of affiliating new members, and placing their names upon the Petition for Charter. We also notice that in one case the U. D. Chapter adopted By-Laws. There are certain other errors in the record, some of which we think are simply errors in the record, and did not occur in the work, therefore, urge that the Charters shall not be delivered until the papers are made entirely correct, under the direction of the Grand Secretary, and that in case the new Chapters do not file the necessary documents within a reasonable time and make such other changes as the Grand Secretary shall find necessary, that he be authorized to erase names from the Petition for a Charter, which have been improperly placed thereon, and the Chapters advised that it will be necessary for them to require the Companions to make a regular Petition and affiliate before they can become members of the Chapter. In each case above mentioned we have corrected the By-Laws presented for approval in some minor matters, and recommend that they be approved as amended by us.

We recommend that the constituting officer shall in all cases examine the records and papers, giving necessary instruction to the new officers, and admonish them that more careful attention shall be given to the manner in which the minutes are kept and particularly the record of the work.

Fraternally submitted,

SILAS B. WRIGHT,

C. E. CONNOR,

ROBERT MC CLELLAN,

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 of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them correct with a balance on hand of \$12,189.34, which is distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett National Bank	\$ 5,949.34
U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds	400.00
Grand Lodge Bonds	3,900.00
Grand Lodge Certificate of Indebtedness	2,000.00
Total	\$12,249.34

From which we recommend the following appropriations:

Four hundred dollars of Liberty Loan Bonds and six hundred dollars cash to the Royal Arch Mason's Endowment Fund of the Florida Masonic Home, with the same restrictions as have applied to other and previous appropriations to the same funds.

To the Masonic Home (Including Bonds)	\$1,000.00
George Washington Memorial Fund	100.00
P. G. H. P. J. W. Boyd Memorial	200.00
Expenses H. O. Snow, Official visitation,	10.50
Expense of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence ...	300.00
Contingent fund	700.00
Clerical Help	225.00
Grand Treasurer's salary	150.00
Grand Secretary's salary	800.00
Pay roll attached	1,489.69

Total

Leaving a cash balance in hands of Gr. Treas

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 for payment of same.

We 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 postage, printing, stationery and other incidentals for the use of the Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and for the expenses of Grand Chapter officers making official visitations and for the expense of this Grand Convocation, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

We further recommend the appropriations from any unexpended funds of a sufficient amount to pay for the Grand Chapter Jewels, the purchase of which has been authorized by this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. H. KETCHUM,

E. L. WIRT,

H. J. DAME,

Committee.

PAY ROLL

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
W. V. Carter, G. H. P. -----	\$ 9.20	\$ 10.00	\$ 19.20
H. O. Snow, D. G. H. P. -----	16.96	10.00	26.96
John L. Hall, G. K. -----		10.00	10.00
R. J. Kishpaugh, G. S. -----		10.00	34.48
Marcus Endel, G. T. -----	24.48	10.00	10.00
W. P. Webster, G. S. -----		10.00	10.00
E. P. Hubbell, G. C. H. -----		10.00	29.20
E. L. Wirt, G. P. S. -----	19.20	10.00	26.80
T. T. Todd, G. R. A. C. -----	16.80	10.00	39.60
E. L. Shear, G. M., 3rd Vail -----	29.60	10.00	18.80
C. B. Fish, G. M., 2nd Vail -----	8.80	10.00	29.20
R. J. McMaster, G. M., 1st Vail -----	19.20	10.00	26.96
John W. Capper, Gr. Guard -----	16.96	10.00	10.00
S. B. Wright, P. G. H. P. -----		10.00	18.93
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P. -----	8.93	10.00	14.40
D. B. Palmer, P. G. H. P. -----	4.40	10.00	21.44
L. C. Massey, P. G. H. P. -----	11.44	10.00	21.89
T. P. Warlow, P. G. H. P. -----	11.89	10.00	21.89
J. M. Caldwell, P. G. H. P. -----	11.89	10.00	18.40
I. E. Webster, P. G. H. P. -----	8.40	10.00	15.60
J. R. Wetherell, P. G. H. P. -----	5.60	10.00	18.93
	8.93	10.00	

Robert McClellan, P. G. H. P. -----	5.60	10.00	15.60
H. N. Sweeting, P. G. H. P. -----	13.20	10.00	23.20
C. H. Ketchum, P. G. H. P. -----	40.96	10.00	50.96
W. S. Ware, P. G. H. P. -----		10.00	10.00
W. L. Marshall, Chapter No. 1 -----	13.20	10.00	23.20
W. M. Bullard, Chapter No. 2 -----	5.60	10.00	15.60
J. P. Cartin, Chapter No. 5 -----	8.80	10.00	18.80
N. G. Forcheiner, Chapter No. 6 -----	29.60	10.00	39.60
L. S. Thornton, Chapter 7 -----	11.89	10.00	21.89
L. A. Smith, Chapter No. 9 -----	4.40	10.00	14.40
J. M. Willson, Chapter No. 10 -----	13.20	10.00	23.20
T. P. Way, Chapter No. 11 -----	29.28	10.00	39.28
S. E. Gregory, Chapter No. 12 -----		10.00	10.00
H. S. Wesson, Chapter No. 13 -----	9.52	10.00	19.52
H. J. Dame, Chapter N. 14 -----	13.60	10.00	23.60
R. B. Chapman, Chapter No. 15 -----	10.29	10.00	20.29
W. S. Rardin, Chapter No. 16 -----	15.12	10.00	25.12
C. S. Hill, Chapter No. 18 -----	19.20	10.00	29.20
C. H. Register, Chapter No. 19 -----	4.32	10.00	14.32
H. W. Peters, Chapter No. 23 -----	20.16	10.00	30.16
H. S. Caldwell, Chapter No. 25 -----	6.56	5.00	11.56
F. J. Sattler, Chapter No. 26 -----	11.44	10.00	21.44
Geo. J. Fullerton, Chapter No. 27 -----	12.40	10.00	22.40
S. F. Reade, Chapter No. 28 -----	19.36	10.00	29.36
Frank Sanford, Chapter No. 29 -----	15.12	10.00	25.12
C. D. Scroggs, Chapter No. 31 -----	16.96	10.00	26.96
T. M. Watson, Chapter No. 32 -----	18.64	10.00	28.64
Joseph Wiggins, Chapter No. 33 -----	12.44	10.00	22.44
H. L. Schaeffer, Chapter No. 34 -----	11.10	10.00	21.10
B. M. Caldwell, Chapter No. 36 -----	8.40	10.00	18.40
C. R. Horn, Chapter No. 37 -----	23.12	10.00	33.12
H. W. Markham, Chapter No. 38 -----	4.72	10.00	14.72
F. M. Campbell, Bay U. D. -----	23.52	10.00	33.52
W. M. Reck, Highland U. D. -----	17.92	10.00	27.92
E. W. Bunker, Com. on Work -----	24.48	10.00	34.48
Chester De Rocher, Com. on Work -----	19.20	10.00	29.20
Max Sirkin, Com. on Work -----	24.48	10.00	34.48
E. E. Macy, Com. on Work -----	15.20	10.00	25.20
A. H. White, Com. on Work -----	16.96	10.00	26.96
C. E. Connor, Com. on Work -----	13.60	10.00	23.60

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John Pasco, Com. on Work -----	11.44	10.00	21.44
W. S. Branch, Jr., Com. P. & G. ---	11.89	10.00	21.89
F. H. Thompson, Com. on Cred ----	15.12	10.00	25.12
Totals -----	\$854.69	\$635.00	\$1,489.69

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 the list of Grand Officers and representatives of constituent chapters present is correct as furnished by the Grand Secretary at roll call.

That Chapters Nos. 20, 21, 30 and 33 have been assessed, and paid their fine of \$5.00 for failing to make their returns and pay their dues before April 1st. We recommend that they be allowed representation, and their representatives placed on the pay roll.

The returns of the Keystone Chapter No. 20 and Sarasota Chapter No. 35 being irregular, we recommend that they be referred to the Grand Secretary for correction.

There are thirty-three chapters represented at this Grand Convocation.

Respectfully submitted,

CARY B. FISH,
F. H. THOMPSON,
S. E. GREGORY,
Committee.

The following resolution presented by Past Grand High Priest Massey was received and adopted:

Resolved that Regulation No. 43 be amended to read as follows:
"43. Members of the Grand Chapter who are entitled to per diem and mileage shall receive such per diem and mileage as shall be voted at each annual Grand Convocation, and if none be voted

they shall receive five (\$5.00) dollars per diem and four cents for each mile necessarily traveled in coming to and returning from each Grand Convocation."

Upon motion of the Grand Secretary the resolution in regard to the dues of members in the United States service as printed in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1918, page 54, was rescinded, same having served its purpose.

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:

COMPANIONS—Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances are pleased to report that harmony and brotherly love prevail within our borders, that nothing has been presented to us for our consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. WETHERELL,
MAX SIRKIN,
W. S. BRANCH, Jr.,
Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priest Palmer and Companion Fullerton as tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

H. O. Snow -----	M. E. Grand High Priest.
John L. Hall -----	R. E. D. G. High Priest.
R. J. Kishpaugh -----	R. E. Grand King.
E. P. Hubbell -----	R. E. Grand Scribe.

Marcus Endel	-----	R. :E. :Grand Treasurer.
W. P. Webster	-----	R. :E. :Grand Secretary.
W. B. Y. Wilkie	-----	R. :E. :Grand Chaplain.

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

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

E. L. Wirt	-----	E. :Gr. Gapt. of the Host.
T. T. Todd	-----	E. :Gr. Principal Sojourner.
E. L. Shear	-----	E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
Cary B. Fish	-----	E. :Gr. Master Third Vail.
R. J. McMaster	-----	E. :Gr. Master Second Vail.
H. Stafford Caldwell	-----	E. :Gr. Master First Vail.
John W. Capper	-----	E. :Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priest Haskell, assisted by Past Grand High Priest Warlow, as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers:

INSTALLATION

H. O. Snow	-----	M. :E. :Grand High Priest.
John L. Hall	-----	R. :E. :D. G. High Priest.
R. J. Kishpaugh	-----	R. :E. :Grand King.
E. P. Hubbell	-----	R. :E. :Grand Scribe.
E. L. Wirt	-----	E. :Gr. Gapt. of the Host.
T. T. Todd	-----	E. :Gr. Principal Sojourner.
E. L. Shear	-----	E. :Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
Cary B. Fish	-----	E. :Gr. Master Third Vail.
R. J. McMaster	-----	E. :Gr. Master Second Vail.

Companion H. Stafford Caldwell being absent, Past Grand High Priest Caldwell was requested to install him, as Grand Master First Vail, in Live Oak Chapter No. 25.

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

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to Past Grand High Priest Carter, Past Grand High Priest Caldwell making the presentation.

Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 invited the officers and members of the Grand Chapter to partake of a lunch which had been prepared on the seventh floor of the Temple, under the direction of the ladies of Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S.

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

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 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 morning session.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was referred the request for recognition by the New Grand Chapter of British Columbia respectfully report:

We have carefully examined the conditions governing the formation of this Grand Chapter and found that they were regular in all respects, that every subordinate Chapter in the new Jurisdiction has joined in the request for separate recognition and that peace and harmony appear to prevail.

Therefore, we recommend that the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia be formally and fully recognized by the Grand Chapter of Florida, and that an exchange of Grand Representatives be requested.

Fraternally submitted,

ELY P. HUBBELL,

LOUIS C. MASSEY,

O. S. WRIGHT,

Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report, which was received and adopted:

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report that they have finished the consideration of all matters referred to it and recommend:

1. That the decision reported by the M. E. Grand High Priest be approved.
2. That the dispensations issued by him being within his province and authority be approved so far as approval may be necessary or desirable.
3. We recommend that Regulation No. 22 as printed on page 21 of the Revised 1919 Edition of the Regulations be repealed and

that the last line of Regulation No. 21 reading "On work to consist of seven members" be stricken out.

4. We recommend the adoption of the following regulation to be numbered 22:

"22. WORK: The M. E. Grand High Priest shall be the Committee on Work. He shall cause the work in each of the degrees to be exemplified at each Annual Grand Convocation, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Chapter."

5. We recommend the adoption of the following Preamble and Resolution introduced by P. G. H. P. Caldwell as a new Regulation, the Grand Secretary to assign it a number:

"Whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Grand Chapter that some of the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have departed from the work in conferring the degrees, especially the Royal Arch Degree, by interpolating scenes calculated to excite mirth and discomfort to the candidates, therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Grand Chapter sets the seal of its condemnation, upon such innovation, and absolutely prohibit the future occurrence under penalty of forfeiture of charter for persistence therein."

6. In the matter of the Petition from Chipley Chapter No. 23, we recommend that the entire matter be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest with the recommendation that the Petition of the Chapter be granted as far as possible, and that he issue such necessary papers as in his judgment is best for the good of capitulo Masonry.

7. In the matter of the resolution presented by Companion Fish, we have, in another place in this report, recommended the repeal of that part of Regulation No. 20 recommended by him. Regarding the last portion of the Resolution as presented, which provided "that the Chairman of all Committees be paid mileage and per diem unless here in some other capacity" is not approved. We deem it unwise to adopt such a sweeping regulation, having full confidence that the Grand High Priest can find Companions present serving in other capacities who can acceptably fill the positions of chairmen of the standing committees.

8. Our Grand Secretary reports that he has had considerable trouble because of the failure of the Secretaries of the Chapters failing to report changes in the times of meetings of their Chapters. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, which was offered by Companion Kishpaugh.

"Resolved, that the Secretaries of Constituent Chapters be re-

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quired to report promptly to the Grand Secretary any and all changes made in the dates of their regular Convocations."

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
T. S. WILMARTH,
I. E. WEBSTER,
SILAS B. WRIGHT,
E. E. HASKELL,
J. R. WETHERELL,
L. C. MASSEY,
WM. S. WARE,
T. PICTON WARLOW,
ROBERT McCLELLAN,
H. N. SWEETING,
JOHN M. CALDWELL,
D. B. PALMER,
CHAS. H. KETCHUM,
Committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received and adopted:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that the matter pertaining to the adoption or rejection of the New Rituals and amendments to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter having been disposed of by this Grand Chapter, only the matter of changing the meetings of this Grand Body to other Localities than Jacksonville remains in our proceedings as "Unfinished Business" and we recommend that the matter be referred to the Grand Chapter to be settled in open session.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES S. HILL,
BEN M. CALDWELL,
H. W. MARKHAM,
Committee.

The matter of selecting a place for holding the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was taken up

and invitations were received from Lakeland Chapter No. 29 and Jacksonville Chapter No. 12. The vote be-taken, the invitation was accepted for holding same at Jacksonville, and Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 was requested to be prepared to exemplify the work in the several degrees at that time.

Past Grand High Priests Haskell and Wright presented the following, which was received and unani-mously adopted by a rising vote:

THANKS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

COMPANIONS—Your Committee on Thanks, fraternally report as follows:

We fraternally desire to express our thanks for a most de-lightful convocation, and the more than pleasant intercourse, in the business of the Grand Chapter, so expeditiously and satisfac-torily performed.

Our meetings have been so full of enjoyment and real benefit that it is difficult to properly acknowledge our appreciation of the many good things that we have enjoyed to the utmost and which will be in our memory an abiding realization that it was indeed good to have been here.

We feel that we would not do justice to the matters referred to us, if we did not mention the courtesies and favors rendered to this Grand Chapter, by Jacksonville Chapter R. A. M. No. 12, in the use of their furniture and their untiring efforts to supply our slightest need and in supplying us with a most delicious lunch at noon this day.

We appreciate the substantial sacrifice made by Jacksonville Chapter No. 15, O. E. S. of this City in giving up their right of occupancy of the Chapter Room, last night, for our convenience and comfort and trust that we may soon reciprocate in some way the favors extended.

We thank each and every one who in any part have partici-pated in making this Grand Convocation one of the happiest and harmonious we have ever enjoyed.

Fraternally submitted,

E. E. HASKELL,
SILAS B. WRIGHT,
Committee.

Past Grand High Priest Haskell, as chairman of the Board of Trustees for the "Masonic Home," thanked the Grand Chapter for the contribution made to the Endowment fund of that institution by this body.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced that he had arranged for the consolidating of Jasper Chapter No. 36 with Live Oak Chapter No. 25 and the Grand Secretary was requested to make the proper notation on the charter of Jasper Chapter as soon as same was delivered to him and turn same over to Past Grand High Priest Caldwell to be delivered to Live Oak Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest Ketchum presented the cause of the "George Washington Memorial Association," reporting his attendance upon the last annual meeting of that association, and giving an idea as to what has already been done, together with what is proposed to be done by it.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PRINTING

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

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

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form by the

M. E. Grand High Priest, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

H. O. SNOW,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:



Grand Secretary.



To the Memory of
 Companions of
 Our Jurisdiction
 who Passed Away During the Year 1919
 This Page is Fraternaly Dedicated

5, 1919	June	No. 2--	Gainessville	A. O. Steenberg
11, 1919	Jan.	No. 3--	Tampa	Urban S. Bird
8, 1919	Sept.	No. 3--	Tampa	George P. Dickinson
10, 1919	Oct.	No. 3--	Tampa	S. W. Malsby
1, 1919	May	No. 3--	Tampa	Claude E. Range
7, 1919	April	No. 3--	Tampa	E. Lamer Sparkman
20, 1919	Oct.	No. 4--	St. Johns	William A. Allen
7, 1919	Jan.	No. 7--	Eureka	Benj. C. Abernethy
13, 1919	Nov.	No. 7--	Eureka	William C. Gray
14, 1919	Jan.	No. 8--	Dade City	Robert E. Waterman
23, 1919	June	No. 10--	Kissimmee	James A. Simpson
26, 1919	Jan.	No. 11--	Jericho	Frank G. Ertfert
7, 1919	May	No. 11--	Jericho	Julius Smith
25, 1919	May	No. 11--	Jericho	John S. Clemmons
31, 1919	Oct.	No. 11--	Jericho	Fred Pasco
10, 1916	Feb.	No. 11--	Jericho	Thomas Mitchell
31, 1918	Dec.	No. 12--	Jacksonville	Charles J. Anderson
29, 1919	Oct.	No. 12--	Jacksonville	George W. Brock
23, 1919	Sept.	No. 12--	Jacksonville	L. Harrison
13, 1919	July	No. 12--	Jacksonville	Edmund N. Holt
22, 1919	April	No. 12--	Jacksonville	John B. Lucy
26, 1919	June	No. 14--	Inverness	C. R. Shaw
25, 1919	May	No. 16--	Plant City	A. H. Barker
14, 1919	Feb.	No. 17--	St. Augustine	Forrest Baldwin
1919	Jan.	No. 17--	St. Augustine	Andrew E. McCoy
11, 1919	Sept.	No. 17--	St. Augustine	Frank B. Matthews
13, 1919	Dec.	No. 17--	St. Augustine	L. A. Rohde
6, 1919	Oct.	No. 18--	Manatee Rvt.	George H. Judd
22, 1919	Feb.	No. 18--	Manatee Rvt.	J. Lawton Moon
27, 1919	Oct.	No. 18--	Manatee Rvt.	Victor Nettles
10, 1919	June	No. 21--	Island	Virgilio Cordero
29, 1919	May	No. 22--	Thomas Brown	James R. Wadsworth
27, 1919	Jan.	No. 29--	Lake Worth	John Brown
2, 1919	Jan.	No. 29--	Lakeland	George W. Dudley
11, 1919	Dec.	No. 37--	Walton	J. R. George
				W. K. Jennings

In Memory
of the
Distinguished Dead
of
Other Grand Jurisdictions



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

CHAPTER DIRECTORY

CHAPTER	No	HIGH PRIEST	KING	SCRIBE	TREASURER	SECRETARY	SEC.'S ADDRESS
Florida	1	Wm. L. Marshall	Edw. H. Alford	Irwin Gates	Wm. H. Markham	A. G. Goodbody	Tallahassee.
Gainesville	2	W. M. Bullard	W. S. Perry	N. B. O'Kelly	H. E. Taylor	Robt. McClellan	Gainesville.
Tampa	3	David M. Cook	Earnest C. Harris	Walter J. Bennett	R. J. McMaster	J. W. Dyke	Tampa, Box 774.
St. Johns	4	Theo. C. Brooks	A. B. Prather	F. W. Taylor	D. B. Tuten	Floyd P. Felt	DeLand.
Hallfax	5	John P. Carlin	John S. Duss, Jr.	Robt. L. Smith	Wm. G. Hobbs	A. H. Carter	Holly Hill.
Mt. Horeb	6	N. G. Forchheimer	W. E. Acosta	J. H. Bayliss	J. S. Reese	Wm. F. Hansen	Pensacola.
Eureka	7	L. S. Thornton	W. S. Branch, Jr.	R. P. Buckmaster	T. P. Warlow	Bert L. Blair	Orlando.
Dade City	8	T. F. Ziegler	Jas. E. Turner	J. Y. O'Neal	W. I. Porter	J. J. Brown	Dade City.
Putnam	9	Lewis A. Smith	A. M. Hedick	N. A. Stumpe	E. W. Elliott	E. P. Ross	Palatka, Box 262.
Kissimmee	10	F. C. Bryan	M. M. Miller	H. M. Katz	H. N. Bratton	H. C. Harper	Kissimmee.
Jericho	11	C. L. Benedict	W. O. Houston	Hugh Peters	R. V. Attkisson	E. Paul Erwin	Miami, 404 Ralston Bldg.
Jacksonville	12	S. E. Gregory	W. A. Elliott	R. A. Strout	C. W. Johnson	W. P. Webster	Jacksonville, Box 618.
Ocala	13	H. S. Wesson	A. L. Lucas	J. R. Dey	B. Goldman	Jake Brown	Ocala.
Inverness	14	Herchel J. Dame	Geo. W. Scofield	Phil Robinson	W. E. Vann	Robert L. Clark	Inverness.
Monroe	15	W. T. Wheelless	R. B. Chapman	Wm. C. DeCoursey	C. J. Rumph	H. E. Tolar	Sanford.
Plant City	16	W. T. Rardin	W. H. Hill	F. E. Cummins	V. B. Collins	O. S. Wright	Plant City.
St. Augustine	17	F. E. Weathers	H. M. Snow, Jr.	P. J. Beachem	Roy P. Davis	C. G. Oldfather	St. Augustine.
Manatee River	18	Chas. S. Hill	H. R. Curry	D. N. Poole	John T. Campbell	Ely P. Hubbell	Bradentown.
Lake Butler	19	Chas. H. Register	D. T. McGill	J. P. Sapp	M. L. McKinney	A. D. Zacharias	Lake Butler.
Keystone	20	Jas. S. Rickard	Milo Sherman	Alonzo Emans	Elwin Ewing	H. B. Fultz	Ft. Lauderdale.
Island	21	W. J. H. Taylor	Benj. D. Trevor	Wm. W. Demeritt	Henry Canfield	Chas. H. Ketchum	Key West.
Thomas Brown	22	W. G. Jones	J. A. Gresham	Loyd C. Olive	E. L. Wirt	Willis H. Bradley	Bartow.
Chipley	23	Emiel Gluck	H. H. Wells	H. W. Peters	C. B. Dunn	Robt. S. Adams	Chipley.
Lake Worth	24	L. T. Lockwood	T. J. Drake	J. F. Swart	Max Sirkin	Fred E. Fenno	West Palm Beach.
Live Oak	25	H. S. Caldwell	Leroy W. Doud	B. W. Helvenst'n, Jr.	H. F. Airth	D. W. Helvenston	Live Oak.
Jefferson	26	L. G. Morris	J. P. Taylor	J. Tarlowski	F. J. Sattler	D. B. Palmer	Monticello.
Indian River	27	T. S. Sanders	H. M. Boyd	G. I. Fullerton	W. H. Nobles	H. C. Jepson	Titusville.
Joppa	28	S. F. Reade	J. H. Lane	D. P. Eldred	A. N. Hoofnagle	Geo. E. Hoofnagle	Ft. Pierce, R. F. D.
Lakeland	29	Frank Sanford	S. G. Kennedy	L. W. Bloom	H. L. Swatts	Ned F. Skipper	Lakeland.
Gadsden	30	J. Gardner	M. H. Luten	W. B. Greer	S. E. Key	R. L. Sweger	Quincy.
St. Petersburg	31	C. D. Scroggs	H. L. Ermatinger	W. C. Smith	Wm. M. Brinker	C. H. McMullen	St. Petersburg, Box 2614.
Jackson	32	F. M. Watson	Paul Carter	R. M. Holliday	F. M. Golson	D. A. Robinson, Jr.	Marianna.
Eustis	33	Joseph Wiggins	S. L. Story	R. L. Nutt	Guy Hutchings	D. J. Caldwell	Eustis.
Leesburg	34	B. A. Williams	T. G. Futch	J. S. McCawley	G. G. Ware	W. M. Robinson	Leesburg, Box 214.
Sarasota	35	W. M. Tuttle	F. A. Walpole	J. E. Battle	C. E. Hitching	L. M. Noble	Sarasota.
Walton	37	A. G. Campbell	A. F. Bullard	Chas. Murry, Jr.	G. B. Campbell	E. V. Medernach	DeFuniak Springs.
Providence	38	J. O. Harris	H. W. Markham	C. H. Cox	J. L. Markham	H. G. Forester	Lake City.
Bay County	39	Flavel M. Campbell	John A. Smith	Wm. G. Lowe	-----	-----	Panama City.
Crestview	40	Thomas H. Edney	Mack Tyner	A. B. Morris	-----	-----	Crestview.
Winter Haven	41	Silas F. Poole	J. L. Pennington	Charles W. Barnes	-----	-----	Winter Haven.
Highlands	42	Wm. H. Peck	R. C. Peterson	Thos. H. Lander	-----	-----	Avon Park.

STATISTICS

CHAPTERS	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Rejected	Present Membership
Florida	1	61	28	4	1	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
Gainesville	2	84	34	0	3	121	0	0	0	0	0	0	119
Tampa	3	219	51	2	3	275	1	3	0	0	0	0	255
St. Johns	4	47	6	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Halifax	5	133	63	0	0	198	0	0	0	0	0	0	194
Mt. Horeb	6	134	18	1	2	155	0	4	0	0	0	0	146
Eureka	7	137	30	1	1	169	3	5	4	0	0	0	164
Dade City	8	54	7	0	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	0	59
Putnam	9	37	8	0	0	45	0	2	0	0	0	0	43
Kissimmee	10	44	6	0	0	50	1	0	8	1	0	0	40
Jacksonville	11	150	15	0	0	169	1	1	0	0	0	0	162
Mount Horeb	12	305	102	1	14	422	5	4	5	0	0	0	408
Ocala	13	64	13	0	1	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
Inverness	14	62	3	1	0	66	1	2	3	0	0	0	60
Monroe	15	64	32	5	1	102	0	4	0	0	0	0	98
Plant City	16	62	25	1	3	95	1	0	1	0	0	0	93
St. Augustine	17	66	44	0	5	154	4	2	0	0	0	0	148
Manatee River	18	165	44	0	0	107	2	2	1	0	0	0	101
Lake Butler	19	86	21	0	0	57	0	2	2	0	0	0	53
Lake Worth	20	55	0	2	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Keystone	21	52	0	0	0	29	1	0	2	0	0	0	26
Island	22	29	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	238
Thomas Brown	23	214	71	0	3	288	1	41	8	0	0	0	238
Chipley	24	52	28	1	2	83	0	1	0	0	0	0	82
Lake Worth	25	126	36	1	1	164	1	1	0	0	0	0	162
Live Oak	26	126	47	1	3	177	0	7	0	0	0	0	170
Jefferson	27	128	34	0	2	67	0	5	2	0	0	0	60
Indian River	28	64	57	1	4	190	0	4	4	0	0	0	182
Joppa	29	131	10	1	2	77	0	2	0	0	0	0	75
Lakeland	30	56	7	1	2	142	2	2	0	0	0	0	137
Gadsden	31	123	32	0	0	103	0	1	0	0	1	0	102
St. Petersburg	32	106	42	1	5	161	0	1	0	0	0	0	158
Jackson	33	44	3	0	1	149	0	21	2	0	0	0	126
Eustis	34	43	21	1	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Leesburg	35	48	11	1	2	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Sarasota	36	45	11	1	2	62	0	0	1	0	0	0	62
Walton	37	35	3	0	0	48	0	6	2	2	0	0	38
Providence	38	0	23	0	2	86	1	7	1	0	0	0	77
Bay County	39	0	53	0	19	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Crestview	40	0	56	0	12	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
Winter Haven	41	0	15	0	40	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
Highlands	42	0	12	0	12	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
Total		3360	1163	27	178	4728	37	136	51	31	2	14	4499

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
Florida	Tallahassee	Second Monday
Gainesville	Gainesville	First and Third Friday
Tampa	Tampa	First and Third Thursday
St. Johns	DeLand	Third Wednesday
Halifax	Daytona	Second Thursday
Mount Horeb	Pensacola	Second Monday
Eureka	Orlando	First and Third Tuesday
Dade City	Dade City	Second and Fourth Monday
Putnam	Palatka	Second and Fourth Monday
Kissimmee	Kissimmee	Second Monday
Jericho	Miami	Second and Fourth Thursday
Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Second and Fourth Thursday
Ocala	Ocala	Fourth Friday
Inverness	Inverness	Fourth Monday
Monroe	Sanford	Second and Fourth Tuesdays
Plant City	Plant City	Second Wednesday
St. Augustine	St. Augustine	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Manatee River	Bradentown	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Lake Butler	Lake Butler	First Thursday
Keystone	Ft. Lauderdale	First and Third Friday
Island	Key West	Second and Fourth Wednesday
Thomas Brown	Bartow	Second and Fourth Friday
Chipley	Chipley	First and Third Thursday
Lake Worth	West Palm Beach	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Live Oak	Live Oak	Second Thursday
Jefferson	Monticello	First and Third Monday
Indian River	Titusville	Third Wednesday
Joppa	Fort Pierce	First and Third Friday
Lakeland	Lakeland	First and Third Thursday
Gadsden	Quincy	Third Monday
St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg	First and Third Thursday
Jackson	Marianna	Second and Fourth Thursday
Eustis	Eustis	Second and Fourth Thursday
Leesburg	Leesburg	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Sarasota	Sarasota	Second and Fourth Tuesday
Walton	DeFuniak Springs	Third Monday
Providence	Lake City	First and Third Friday
Bay County	Panama City	
Crestview	Crestview	
Winter Haven	Winter Haven	
Highlands	Avon Park	

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	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
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1856	Thomas Hayward*	Edward R. Ives*	John L. McKinnon*	James Ellenwood*	R. A. Shine*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
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1866	David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Elias Earle*	A. J. Lea*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
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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*
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CHARTERED CHAPTERS

Dye, W. C. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Ewing, Wm. S. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Folks, Walter L. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Forbes, Chas. W. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Gainer, Wm. D. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Godwin, Christopher C. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Gillis, Daniel --- Bay County, U. D.
 Glasgow, Marion M. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Hobbs, George W. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Hutton, Arthur --- Bay County, U. D.
 Handley, Chas. R. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Holmes, J. John --- Bay County, U. D.
 Harries, G. M. B. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Johnson, Henry W. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Jackson, Harry W. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Jordan, Chas. L. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Jones, Geo. B. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Jordan, Blanchard B., Jr. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Lee, Wayne E. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Marshall, William H. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Murphy, W. H. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Merritt, Leslie V. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Miller, Allen H. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Nunez, George E. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Nelson, Frank M. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Porter, Charles T. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Porter, Joseph M. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Phillips, Walter H. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Phillips, John G. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Perkins, Herman --- Bay County, U. D.
 Reynolds, Fred A. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Russ, Carl S. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Ryals, Arthur C. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Sharpless, Walter W. --- Bay County, U. D.
 Sims, Jack C. --- Bay County, U. D.

CHAPTERS CHARTERED

Sheffield, Mac N.	Bay County, U. D.
Stokes, John W.	Bay County, U. D.
Smith, Yancey E.	Bay County, U. D.
Sheffield, J. T.	Bay County, U. D.
Taylor, J. John B.	Bay County, U. D.
Vickery, LeLand E.	Bay County, U. D.
Wilkerson, Ernest H.	Bay County, U. D.
Zion, Raymond T.	Bay County, U. D.
Turner, Rony M.	Bay County, U. D.
Watson, Joseph H.	Bay County, U. D.
Wentworth, William A.	Bay County, U. D.
Mathis, Chas. C., M. E. M.	Bay County, U. D.

CRESTVIEW No. 40

Crestview, Okaloosa County.

Edney, Thomas H., H. P.	Floral No. 135, Ala.
Tyner, Mack, K.	Floral No. 135, Ala.
Morris, A. B., S.	DeFuniak No. 37, Fla.
Long, William Thomas	Floral No. 135, Ala.
Spears, Gus. O.	Floral No. 135, Ala.
Webb, E. Porter	Floral No. 135, Ala.
Tyner, Capers	Floral No. 135, Ala.
Rhodus, W. T.	DeFuniak No. 37, Fla.
Ferdon, Clarence B.	DeFuniak No. 37, Fla.
Keel, J. H.	DeFuniak No. 37, Fla.
Wallace, W. G.	DeFuniak No. 37, Fla.
Garrett, W. G.	DeFuniak No. 37, Fla.
Abbott, C. E.	DeFuniak No. 37, Fla.
Adams, J. L.	Crestview, U. D.
Britt, Fred	Crestview, U. D.
Barnett, M. D.	Crestview, U. D.
Braswell, J. R.	Crestview, U. D.
Baggett, J. W.	Crestview, U. D.
Baggett, H. G.	Crestview, U. D.

CHAPTERS CHARTERED

Clary, James L.	Crestview, U. D.
Cawthon, J. H.	Crestview, U. D.
Corley, J. C. H.	Crestview, U. D.
Cobb, J. D.	Crestview, U. D.
Campbell, K. A.	Crestview, U. D.
Cowley, J. G.	Crestview, U. D.
Campbell, E. W.	Crestview, U. D.
Edge, B. P.	Crestview, U. D.
Edge, J. M.	Crestview, U. D.
Earley, F. H.	Crestview, U. D.
Eiland, H. L.	Crestview, U. D.
Fleming, E. A.	Crestview, U. D.
Griffith, Chas. H.	Crestview, U. D.
Garrett, J. W., Jr.	Crestview, U. D.
Graham, W. H.	Crestview, U. D.
Hodges, J. A.	Crestview, U. D.
Helms, H. T.	Crestview, U. D.
Herring, D. F.	Crestview, U. D.
Hilton, A. E.	Crestview, U. D.
Hart, R. J.	Crestview, U. D.
Hart, J. A.	Crestview, U. D.
Hartgrove, W. N.	Crestview, U. D.
Lewis, J. R.	Crestview, U. D.
Long, N. A.	Crestview, U. D.
Moore, J. W.	Crestview, U. D.
McGriff, W. F.	Crestview, U. D.
Meigs, C. G.	Crestview, U. D.
Miller, J. R.	Crestview, U. D.
McCallum, D. H.	Crestview, U. D.
Mapoles, W. H.	Crestview, U. D.
McLaughlin, W. K.	Crestview, U. D.
Marlow, W. L.	Crestview, U. D.
McLarty, George C.	Crestview, U. D.
Nathey, J. R.	Crestview, U. D.
Outlaw, A. J.	Crestview, U. D.

Perdue, G. C. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Pryor, W. C. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Peadon, Dallas ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Richards, W. A. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Savage, M. E. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Stokes, J. D. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Shaw, L. L. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Summerlin, J. M. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Stewart, W. A. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 White, W. R. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Webb, F. C. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Williams, Robt. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Wilkinson, John ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Reynolds, J. M. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Helme, J. W., P. M. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 Larkin, R. S., P. M. ----- Crestview, U. D.
 ----- Crestview, U. D.

WINTER HAVEN No. 41,
 Winter Haven, Polk County.

Poole, Silas Frank, H. P. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Smith, John A., K. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Barnes, Charles W., S. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Anderson, L. B. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Anderson, W. H. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Bacon, John G. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Bradbury, Charles O. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Burton, Fred G. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Craig, W. B. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Daniel, Leon A. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Davis, L. L. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Grantham, E. Scott ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Ince, James L. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Johnson, Israel M. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Kensinger, Charles F. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Merriam, J. T. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.

McLean, E. L. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Niles, Leon D. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Noggle, H. W. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Nunn, D. P. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Oren, Fred W. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Payne, J. W., Jr. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Smith, Alan M. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Smith, W. J. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Sniverly, John A. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Snell, H. W. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Snell, W. R. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Tandy, Henry ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Thornhill, John B. ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Windsor, Lester ----- Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
 Worden, L. P. ----- Thos. Brown No. 7, Fla.
 Smith, H. M. ----- Indian River No. 27, Fla.
 Smith, Leon S. ----- Rockbridge No. 44, Va.
 Page, S. E. ----- Goodwill No. 144, Tenn.
 Allen, H. A. ----- Mahoning No. 66, Ohio.
 Syckes, Aaron W. ----- Corsicana, No. 41, Texas.
 Hoskins, John M. ----- Leadville, No. 10, Col.
 DeHaven, Ford Jewett ----- Marion, No. 10, Iowa.
 Bowman, David C. ----- Suwassett, No. 195, N. J.
 Cleaves, Isaac H. ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 Bass, Milledge M. ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 Bailey, Douglas ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 Brown, Merle R. ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 Dean, James Robert ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 Ginn, Middleton G. ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 Huie, William P. ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 Jackson, W. M. ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 Jahn, Theodore B. ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 Johnson, Bert C. ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 Luckie, James M. ----- Winter Haven, U. D.
 MacCalla, Raymond L. ----- Winter Haven, U. D.

CHAPTERS CHARTERED

Miles, Jefferson D. -----	Winter Haven, U. D.
Skivington, Harry J. -----	Winter Haven, U. D.
Sensabaugh, William M. -----	Winter Haven, U. D.
Wasmund, John F. -----	Winter Haven, U. D.
Linder, Frederick, M. E. M. ---	Winter Haven, U. D.
Embrey, Wiley H., M. E. M. ---	Winter Haven, U. D.
McLean, James A., M. E. M. ---	Winter Haven, U. D.
Edwards, Victor H., M. E. M. ---	Winter Haven, U. D.

HIGHLANDS No. 42,

Avon Park, DeSoto County.

Reck, William M., H. P. -----	Rock Island No. 18, Ill.
Peterson, Rudolph C., K. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Lander, Thomas H., S. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Vinson, Paul Lee -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Lanier, Charles E. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Skipper, Chesley A. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Touchton, Walter C. -----	Thos. Brown No. 22, Fla.
Adams, George W. -----	Manatee Rvr. No. 18, Fla.
Fraser, James W. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Rae, F. C. -----	Sandusky City No. 72, O.
Stodden, Richard H. -----	Saginaw V. No. 31, Mich.
Arnett, A. L. -----	Douglas No. 49, Georgia.
Canfield, D. T. -----	Highlands, U. D.
Dart, William -----	Highlands, U. D.
Hood, John H. -----	Highlands, U. D.
Lance, Mark W. -----	Highlands, U. D.
Marsh, L. M. -----	Highlands, U. D.
Rouse, D. V. -----	Highlands, U. D.
Smith, Norton T. -----	Highlands, U. D.
Smith, George F. -----	Highlands, U. D.
Skipper, C. C. -----	Highlands, U. D.
Spear, W. O. -----	Highlands, U. D.
Williams, E. O. -----	Highlands, U. D.
Wolf, O. E. -----	Highlands U. D.

Regulations

ADOPTED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DIGEST

COMMITTEES

Regulation No. 21, amended by striking out the last line as follows: "On Work, to consist of seven members."

Regulation No. 22, repealed and the following adopted:

22. The M. E. Grand High Priest shall be the Committee on Work. He shall cause the work in each of the degrees to be exemplified at each annual Grand Convocation, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Chapter.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Regulation No. 43, amended to read as follows:

43. Members of the Grand Chapter who are entitled to per diem and mileage shall receive such per diem and mileage as shall be voted at each Annual Convocation, and if none be voted, they shall receive five (\$5.00) dollars per diem and four cents for each mile necessarily traveled in coming to and returning from each Grand Convocation.

REPORTS

Secretaries of constituent Chapters are required to report promptly to the Grand Secretary any and all changes made in the dates of their regular Convocations.

WORK

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Grand Chapter that some of the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have departed from the work in conferring the degrees, especially the Royal Arch degree, by interpolating scenes calculated to excite mirth and discomfort to the candidates, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter sets the seal of its condemnation upon such innovation, and absolutely prohibits the future occurrence under penalty of forfeiture of charter for persistence therein.

Order of High Priesthood

SPECIAL CONVENTION

A Special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida was held in the city of Key West on November 17, 1919.

The Grand Council was opened with the following officers:

M. E. Olin S. Wright, President.

E. M. B. Darnal, as Chaplain.

E. C. H. Ketchum, as Master of Ceremonies.

A petition for the Order was received from Companion Douglas Renault Trevor, H. P., Island Chapter No. 21.

This Companion being found eligible, the petition was received and he was duly elected to receive the Order.

Companion Trevor being in waiting, he was introduced, anointed and consecrated in due and ancient form.

The Council was closed.

OLIN S. WRIGHT,
President.

Attest: W. P. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

Order of High Priesthood

SPECIAL CONVENTION

A Special Convention of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida was held in the Masonic Temple, city of Plant City, on February 9th, A. D. 1920. The Grand Council was opened with the following officers:

- M. :E. :Olin S. Wright, President.
- E. :John C. White, as Vice-President.
- E. :Wilmot R. Fitts, as Chaplain.
- E. :Jasper Evers, as Master of Ceremonies.
- E. :S. C. Wells, as Conductor.
- E. :D. S. R. Jones, as Herald.

Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:

- 16. Walter Scott Raddin, H. P., Plant City Chapter No. 16.
- Alexander Breheurs, P. H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.
- Fred E. Fletcher, P. H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.
- Isaac Maas, P. H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.

These 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 Council was closed.

Attest: W. P. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

OLIN S. WRIGHT,
President.

Order of High Priesthood

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

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 19, A. D. 1920, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., the following officers being present:

- E. :John M. Caldwell, Vice-President.
- E. :I. E. Webster, Chaplain.
- E. :W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
- E. :T. T. Todd, as Master of Ceremonies.
- E. :Marcus Endel, Conductor.
- E. :C. H. Ketchum, Herald.
- E. :D. B. Palmer, as Steward.
- E. :Cary B. Fish, as 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:

- 1. W. L. Marshall, H. P., Florida Chapter No. 1.
- 2. W. M. Bullard, H. P., Gainesville Chapter No. 2.
- 5. J. P. Cartin, H. P., Halifax Chapter No. 5.
- 6. N. G. Forcheimer, H. P., Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.
- 7. L. S. Thornton, H. P., Eureka Chapter No. 7.
- 9. Lewis A. Smith, H. P., Putnam Chapter No. 9.
- Stephen E. Gregory, H. P., Jacksonville Chapter No. 9.
- 12. H. J. Dame, H. P., Inverness Chapter No. 14.
- Charles S. Hill, H. P., Manatee River Chapter No. 18.

Frank Sanford, H. P., Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
 C. D. Scroggs, H. P., St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31.
 H. T. Davis, P. H. P., St. Petersburg Chapter No.

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F. M. Watson, H. P., Jackson Chapter No. 32.
 Joseph Wiggins, H. P., Eustis Chapter No. 33.
 Ben M. Caldwell, H. P., Jasper Chapter No. 36.
 W. M. Reck, H. P., Highlands Chapter U. D.
 These 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	-----	\$62.84
To fees	-----	42.00
	-----	\$104.84

Cr.		
By paid Guard, supplies and service	-----	\$ 2.60
By paid 25 Bibles	-----	37.50
By paid express and postage	-----	5.23
	-----	\$ 45.33
To balance on hand	-----	\$ 59.51

Fraternally submitted,
 W. P. WEBSTER,
 Secretary and Treasurer.

Upon motion the Secretary was directed to pay for supplies used at this time.

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

OFFICERS ELECTED

M. E. Olin S. Wright, President.
 E. John M. Caldwell, Vice-President.
 E. Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.
 E. W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
 E. Charles H. Ketchum, Master of Ceremonies.
 E. Marcus Endel, Conductor.
 E. Cary B. Fish, Herald.
 E. E. P. Hubbell, Steward.
 E. C. S. Hammatt, Guard.

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

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

JOHN M. CALDWELL,
 Vice-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
Marcus Endel	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Robert McClellan	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Thomas S. Wilmarth	Consecrated January 18, 1889
Frank P. Mersereau	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Silas B. Wright	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Irving E. Webster	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Edgar A. Richards	Consecrated May 13, 1891
William S. Jordan	Consecrated May 13, 1891
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 11, 1892
Alexander C. Martin	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Wilber P. Webster	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Everard F. Barns	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Thomas J. Smith	Consecrated January 18, 1894
William M. Dunn	Consecrated January 18, 1894
James E. Pound	Consecrated March 5, 1894
Joseph Townsend	Consecrated May 9, 1894
Lowell C. Ruter	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph T. Tolbert	Consecrated January 7, 1895
James Harden	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Andrew E. Gleason	Consecrated January 15, 1895
George W. Hyde	Consecrated January 15, 1895
	Consecrated January 18, 1895

NAME	DATE
Henry F. Airth	Consecrated January 24, 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. Farris	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 October 23, 1901
William S. Ware	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Z. T. Merritt	Consecrated January 23, 1902
James M. Chesser	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Orson J. Hill	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Benjamin F. Hough	Consecrated May 14, 1902
James F. Miller	Consecrated May 14, 1902

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP

NAME	DATE
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
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
Harry A. Stacy	Consecrated May 15, 1907
Galen B. Seaman	Consecrated May 13, 1908

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP

NAME	DATE
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 16, 1910
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 May 11, 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
John W. Williams	Consecrated May 11, 1910
Vivian B. Collins	Consecrated May 5, 1911

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP

NAME		DATE
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. Pruitt	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
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
William B. Pope	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Angus L. Hinson	Consecrated May	22, 1912
James M. Henderson	Consecrated May	5, 1913
Harry B. Roberts	Consecrated May	5, 1913

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

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NAME		DATE
H. L. Shaffer	Consecrated May	19, 1915
Arthur A. Brown	Consecrated May	17, 1916
C. H. Tilden	Consecrated May	17, 1916
R. E. McMahan	Consecrated May	17, 1916
J. M. Willson, Jr.	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Thomas Griffith	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Roy P. Davis	Consecrated May	17, 1916
E. E. Coulson	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Charles H. Register	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Guy E. Phipps	Consecrated May	17, 1916
R. M. Oglesby	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Max Sirkin	Consecrated May	17, 1916
John Pasco	Consecrated May	17, 1916
H. E. Crooks	Consecrated May	17, 1916
C. L. Willoughby	Consecrated May	17, 1916
W. M. Brinker	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Ira G. Archibald	Consecrated May	17, 1916
C. R. Horne	Consecrated May	17, 1916
R. E. Goodman	Consecrated May	17, 1916
T. T. Todd	Consecrated May	16, 1917
J. R. M. Beatty	Consecrated May	16, 1917
B. C. Webb	Consecrated May	16, 1917
C. T. Meakins	Consecrated May	16, 1917
F. M. Say	Consecrated May	16, 1917
R. S. Clark	Consecrated May	16, 1917
Wm. W. Scott	Consecrated May	16, 1917
Frank H. Thompson	Consecrated May	16, 1917
George W. Stiles	Consecrated May	16, 1917
C. H. Ryals	Consecrated May	16, 1917
William P. McKee	Consecrated May	16, 1917
W. S. McLelland	Consecrated May	16, 1917
S. E. Collison	Consecrated May	16, 1917
E. L. Shear	Consecrated May	22, 1918
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NAME		DATE
H. J. Peiper	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Roscoe E. Scott	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Earl Hathaway	Consecrated May	22, 1918
E. W. Bunker	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Edwin E. Macy	Consecrated May	22, 1918
A. H. White	Consecrated May	22, 1918
A. F. Bullard	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Edmund Paul Erwin	Consecrated May	31, 1918
William Henry Bailey	Consecrated May	31, 1918
Louis Douglas Gates	Consecrated May	31, 1918
John R. Knight	Consecrated May	31, 1918
Seldon C. Wells	Consecrated May	31, 1918
George W. Scobie	Consecrated March	19, 1919
John R. Walker	Consecrated March	19, 1919
Harry C. Jepson	Consecrated May	21, 1919
R. J. McMaster	Consecrated May	21, 1919
James E. Petris	Consecrated May	21, 1919
Thomas F. Ziegler	Consecrated May	21, 1919
T. P. Way	Consecrated May	21, 1919
J. S. B. Moyer	Consecrated May	21, 1919
H. D. Morris	Consecrated May	21, 1919
William H. Warnock	Consecrated May	21, 1919
James Moughton	Consecrated May	21, 1919
W. B. Y. Wilkie	Consecrated May	21, 1919
Cary B. Fish	Consecrated May	21, 1919
Burt G. Arnold	Consecrated May	21, 1919
William E. Keen	Consecrated May	21, 1919
John W. Garwood	Consecrated May	21, 1919
W. W. Chase	Consecrated May	21, 1919
Archie Aitchison	Consecrated May	21, 1919
J. Claude Turner	Consecrated May	21, 1919
Douglas Renault Trevor	Consecrated Nov.	17, 1919
Walter Scott Raddin	Consecrated Feb.	9, 1920

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NAME		DATE
Alexander Breheurs	Consecrated Feb.	9, 1920
Fred E. Fletcher	Consecrated Feb.	9, 1920
Issac Maas	Consecrated Feb.	9, 1920
W. L. Marshall	Consecrated May	19, 1920
W. M. Bullard	Consecrated May	19, 1920
J. P. Cartin	Consecrated May	19, 1920
N. G. Forcheimer	Consecrated May	19, 1920
L. S. Thornton	Consecrated May	19, 1920
Lewis A. Smith	Consecrated May	19, 1920
Stephen E. Gregory	Consecrated May	19, 1920
H. J. Dame	Consecrated May	19, 1920
Charles S. Hill	Consecrated May	19, 1920
Frank Sanford	Consecrated May	19, 1920
C. D. Scroggs	Consecrated May	19, 1920
H. T. Davis	Consecrated May	19, 1920
F. M. Watson	Consecrated May	19, 1920
Joseph Wiggins	Consecrated May	19, 1920
Ben M. Caldwell	Consecrated May	19, 1920
W. M. Reck	Consecrated May	19, 1920

Fraternal Correspondence

By

ELY P. HUBBELL,

Committee on Correspondence.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

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

In presenting our fourth Annual Review of other Grand Chapters we are increasingly conscious of our shortcomings. It is no light task to review the half hundred or so proceedings and intelligently condense the more important topics to a few lines of space. As viewpoints differ so widely, what to us may seem illuminating and instructive, to others may appear commonplace and inconsequential.

Following out the method which appeals to us and comes within our limitations, this report as have previous ones, will partake more of the nature of a compilation of the doings of the Grand Chapters and with but little in the way of criticism. Each Grand Body being governed by rules formed by itself, and presided over presumably by those competent to interpret its actions and laws, it would, in our opinion, be impertinent, to say the least, to assume to sit in judgment upon its acts. Our reference to them should not necessarily be taken as either approving or disapproving. Sometimes, when feeling comparatively sure of our position, we have indicated wherein those acts agreed or differed with Florida. In so doing we trust that not only are Florida Companions better informed of what is being done in the Capitular world, but that likewise the readers in others sections may come to know Florida and its customs better and consequently help to right such errors as may creep in. Otherwise this, as well as other like reports, are of little value.

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

ALABAMA—1919

Chapters, 73. Members, 8,136. Exalted, 2,056. Net gain, 1,983.

JOSEPH DIXON MATLOCK, Grand High Priest.

So that the members of Subordinate Chapters may be better informed how to properly receive their superiors when making official visitations, the ninety-third annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was opened in Montgomery, December 1, 1919, in due form by the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, who

Then ordered the Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host and the Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner to proceed to the office of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and inform him that the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was now open and awaits his pleasure. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Joseph Dixon Matlock accompanied by the Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host and the Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner, was escorted into the Grand Chapter. His entrance was proclaimed by Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given, and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was conducted to the East.

Unprecedented in the history of Capitular Masonry in Alabama the past year, in the increase in membership, reorganization of Chapters and the organization of new Chapters were the cause of profound gratitude to the Grand High Priest. He was also justly proud of the part the Craft has taken in the eradication of illiteracy in that Grand Jurisdiction; and while he states in his address, "the work is not complete, but with the continued and combined efforts of Masonry, it soon will be." He is confidently looking for the day "when there will not be found one in all Alabama, over ten years of age, who

cannot read and write." Most timely and appropriate are his wise and statesman-like admonitions.

During the year he issued seven dispensations for the organization of new Chapters, besides reorganizing and putting at work three other Chapters.

He made but few visitations. It had been his purpose to visit during the year those Chapters which had neglected preparing for degree work, but early in the year he was called from the state and he was obliged to turn over for the time his official duties to the Deputy Grand High Priest.

Several pages of his address are given to a reproduction of the official announcements which he caused to have sent out relative to the deaths of two Past Grand Officers. He attended the Annual Convocation of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. He is justly proud because the Grand Chapter subscribed one thousand dollars to the memorial building which means so much to future generations, especially to the children of Masons.

His one decision was that a Master Mason must reside in the Grand Jurisdiction one year before he can receive the Chapter degrees. Grand Chapter, however, decided that a Master Mason can petition for degrees after a residence of six months and a Chapter Mason can petition for affiliation at any time.

Whatever laxity or liberal construction of Ritual may have formerly existed, hereafter the Companions will hew close to the line, as the following resolution indicates:

That any deviation from, diminution of, or additions to the method of conferring any of the Chapter degrees prescribed by the ritual shall be deemed a violation of the Capitular law, and shall work a forfeiture of the charter of the offending Chapter.

Grand Chapter appropriated \$100 towards building a Masonic club house at the State University and \$50 for a wedding present for the Grand Sentinel. Lucky fellow.

Twenty-three Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

In place of the usual excellent Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Lawrence H. Lee, is a brief note stating on account of professional duties and personal illness, the correspondent was unable to complete his report, much to his regret, and ours as well.

Next Annual in Montgomery, Nov. 30, 1920.
John P. Melvin, Tuscaloosa, Grand High Priest.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.
Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

ALBERTA—1919

Chapters, 20. Members, 1,912. Admissions, 156. Net Gain, 41.
ANDREW M. DICKSON, Grand Z.

Notwithstanding the many disturbing conditions which prevailed in this new Capitular Jurisdiction, the proceedings of the fifth Annual Convocation of the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, which convened in the city of Red Deer, March 12, 1919, disclose a substantial growth, both numerically and financially. Only two subordinate Chapters failed to send representatives, all the elective officers were present as well as Florida's representative, M. E. Companion Stephen J. Taylor, Alberta's First Grand Z.

Briefly, the Grand Z in his address referred to what had been done, and was greatly disappointed that the influenza epidemic the latter part of the year prevented him from officially visiting every Chapter. He granted a dispensation to "erect" a Chapter at Strathmore and the seventeen resident Companions there, as well as other admissions, are not included in the above membership.

One subordinate Chapter was permitted to amend its By-Laws so as to substitute the words "two black balls" in place of "one," which differs from Florida law.

Answering inquiries from one Chapter he made six decisions, the first four relating to conferring degrees and was answered by the fourth, that

Candidates for the several degrees must be advanced, received and exalted to the respective degrees in prescribed form only.

Regarding the effect on a Companion of suspension for non-payment of dues in the Lodge, his decision was, "as the non-payment of dues is not a Masonic offense, the suspension should not follow." Contrawise, the standing of a Companion similarly suspended in the Chapter "is a question entirely in the Jurisdiction of Grand Lodge."

He announced that with six exceptions, all the Grand Chapters throughout the world have extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Noting that the greatest harmony exists between the Mother Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta, he acknowledged the receipt of one thousand dollars from the former as a token of fraternal good will, for which he extended heartfelt thanks.

Inspiring as well as instructive were the detailed reports of the Grand Superintendents from the three districts, showing that the Companions were not only do-

ing effective work in the several quarries, but were also making every effort possible towards fighting the dread influenza then prevailing, whether the affected be Companion, neighbor or citizen, thus being operative as well as speculative.

While most of the Chapters have their paraphernalia insured, steps were taken to make insurance obligatory upon all Chapters.

Although Grand Chapter had set aside a certain sum for benevolence, yet no requests were made from Subordinate Chapters for relief, thus indicating that if there were any such needs, they were taken care of at home.

Alberta appears to have no Order of High Priesthood.

Following the course adopted the year previous, the Committee on Correspondence compiled what it considered some of the most important topics and events which transpired in Capitular Masonry in other Grand Jurisdictions. The subjects considered include decisions rendered by other Jurisdictions, quotations from Grand High Priests' addresses of special merit, and an article in "The York Rite" by M. E. Companion E. G. Guthrie. In which both the York Rite and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite are designated as misnomers in so far as the name indicates parentage or birthplace. Companion Guthrie's conclusion or summing up, is that the "York Rite" is the English Rite dressed in more fantastic clothing, that the name "York Rite" should be eliminated and the name "English Rite" substituted.

Next Annual in Calgary, March 10, 1920.
Melvin M. Downey, Calgary, Alberta, Grand Z.
John E. Johnson, Calgary, Alberta, Grand Scribe E.
(Secretary.)

ARIZONA—1919

Chapters, 10. Members, 914. Exalted, 57. Net Gain, 18.

JAMES HENRY BARRETT, Grand High Priest.

Notwithstanding this is a country of "magnificent distances," every Chapter was represented at the twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which convened in Prescott, Feb. 12, 1919.

Briefly the Grand High Priest recited what had been accomplished during his term of office. He regretted that the duties of his office had been so few; also that by reason of war activities he had been unable to visit any of the Chapters; but had remained at home, he added, "doing my full duty to aid in winning the war."

By reason of vacancy, he nominated Louis Lee Stewart, of Phoenix, as Grand Representative of Florida. He authorized the constituting of Jerome Chapter No. 11. He was unable to attend either the Annual Convention of the George Washington Memorial Association or the General Grand Chapter, but was pleased that Arizona was represented by Past Grand High Priest Rickmer N. Fredericks.

From the necrology report it is learned that Past Grand High Priest Prosper P. Parker, Florida's Grand Representative, was summoned to the Supreme Grand Chapter on High during the year.

Three Companions were consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Next Annual in Phoenix, Feb. 11, 1920.

Frederick P. Cruice, Phoenix, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskrue, Tuscon, Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

ARKANSAS—1919

Chapters, 88. Members, 5,426. Exalted, 628. Net Gain, 334.

DAVID I. MILLS, Grand High Priest.

Usual routine exercises attended the convening of the seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in Little Rock, Nov. 20, 1919.

"Every Capitular Mason is either an asset or liability to the Royal Craft," is the positive assertion made by Grand High Priest Mills, in his address. He says he loves Freemasonry "with a devotion for conscientious service," being

Firmly of the opinion that our Father in Heaven has placed upon Freemasonry the stamp of His divine approval and has directed this "handmaid of His holy religion" as one of the great moral influences for good in human life.

All this is borne out by the painstaking manner in which he took up the matter specially referred to him by the previous Grand Convocation relative to the arrest of forty-five charters of Chapters which had not been represented in the Grand Body since 1915. As a result of his personal correspondence about half of the Chapters promised to send representatives, while the remainder did not consider his request of sufficient importance to even acknowledge receipt of his courteous letter.

Believing that laws are enacted to be obeyed, he refused to grant several requests for dispensations for reasons which seemed to be matters of convenience.

He nominated Companion George H. Parson, Grand Principal Sojourner, as Grand Representative for Florida, and commissioned Companion Earl Hathaway as Grand Representative for Arkansas. He feelingly re-

ferred to the death during the year of Past Grand High Priest Nathaniel P. Richmond.

He recommended recognition of the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia as well as that of Ireland. But the request from the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland did not fare as well. Owing to existing complex conditions, he recommended that this request be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Seemingly, he does not approve of the proposed new General Grand Chapter Constitutions, which he states "unjustly assumes to delegate to General Grand Chapter authority and prerogatives now enjoyed by and justly belonging to Grand Chapter;" and he recommends that the Grand Chapter take such action as may seem proper to protest against the adoption of those sections. Grand Chapter decided not to adopt either the new proposed General Grand Chapter Constitution or the new Ritual.

Being informed that in some Chapters no effort was made to memorize the Ritual, but relying on reading the work, even in the opening and closing, which being contrary to law, he recommended a penalty for such violations.

He is firmly of the opinion that Grand Chapter should organize some permanent system of Masonic charity and recommended that definite action be taken at once.

Owing to existing conditions he was unable to make any visitations, family sickness even preventing him from attending a reception in his honor by his own Chapter.

During the year two requests for dispensations for new Chapters were granted and another held in abeyance and the charters of four Chapters were arrested.

According to the law, Grand Chapter can meet at any place it may decide by majority vote, but on account of expense that Body did not consider it advisable to meet elsewhere than at Little Rock.

Hereafter no candidate, according to Constitutional amendment, will be permitted to receive the Royal Arch Degree until his Mark is recorded, and members who fail to have theirs recorded within three months from November 20, 1919, will be suspended until the order is complied with.

Grand Chapter disapproved a proposed Constitutional amendment requiring that a petition for Capitular degrees be accompanied by his Lodge receipt.

No mention is made of an Order of High Priesthood.

It required a little more than a score of pages for Companion John Q. Wolf, the newly appointed Committee on Correspondence, to review the Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters. Quite brief, it is true, but no doubt all they are worth from his point of view. He noted that Grand High Priest Ketchum "grew eloquent" as he spoke of the oppressed in Belgium and France and the gallant response and noble sacrifices made by our sons. Also that he touched upon a theme which "awakened a sympathetic chord in the hearts of all Masons," when he spoke of the dedication of our Home and Orphanage, the name of which, by the way, has been changed to The Masonic Home of Florida.

Next Annual in Little Rock, Nov. 18, 1920.
Edward A. McCulloch, Little Rock, Grand High Priest.

John P. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA—1919

Chapters, 108. Members, 14,313. Exalted, 658. Net Gain, 187.

WILLIAM P. FILMER, Grand High Priest.

Eight survivors of the great earthquake and fire of 1906 and all the Grand Officers excepting two, who were in active overseas service, were present when the sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California convened in San Francisco, April 15, 1918. Three Past Grand High Priests "crossed the divide" during the year, and another who was critically ill at the time, was added to the "innumerable throng" a few days later.

In an able and conscientious document revealing sincere and efficient service in the course of Capitular Masonry, Grand High Priest Filmer reviews the work of the year, which has been so unusual in its activities, he states, that personal effort was directed largely to patriotic duties, to the sacrifice of those more pleasurable activities common to homes of peace.

In the nearly a score of special dispensations which he granted, several were to ballot on petitions without reference to a committee. He notes, however, that in many instances a strict compliance with the law often times defeats the purpose intended, and he recommended a constitutional amendment covering such emergency cases involving those engaged in military and naval service. Another recommendation was the standardizing of all forms used by Chapters.

Referring to suspension for non-payment of dues, he not only urged a more strict compliance with the laws, but also spoke of a plan followed by some of the other Masonic bodies in the State, which has a committee on

delinquent membership, whose duty it is, by personal call, if possible, to ascertain the reason why the dues have not been paid. The body then acts upon the report of this committee. It was his belief that similar action would be of value to local Chapters.

Appreciating the value of printer's ink, he strongly recommended the preparation and distribution among all Master Masons, suitable information relative to the importance of the Royal Arch degrees.

Although one of the Grand Chapter regulations states that no Chapter room should be on the ground floor of a building, yet to meet an emergency, he granted one Chapter authority to meet temporarily in a ground floor room, until more suitable quarters could be secured.

Among the recommendations for Grand Representatives was that of Companion Clark Hervey Shaw, of Long Beach Chapter, to represent the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Pregnant with possibilities, seemingly, is the organization of the "York Rite Committee of San Francisco," the object of which, according to the Grand Lecturer's report, is to advance the best interests of York Rite Masonry and to disseminate knowledge of its purposes, particularly in San Francisco. This committee is composed of three representatives from each York Rite Body in that city. Grand Chapter was so favorably impressed with what might be accomplished by a state-wide movement of this nature, that the incoming High Priest was authorized to appoint a committee to act with similar committees from Grand Council and Grand Commandery for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the Craft the claims of York Rite Masonry. Why would it not be desirable to start a similar movement in other Grand Jurisdictions?

Complimentary and encouraging is the report of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, giving the new Masonic Home for Children at Covina a higher rating than any other institution investigated by it.

Thirty-one Companions were separately annointed and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Following the precedent of the year previous, the Report of the Committee on Correspondence is again in topical form, being prepared by Ex. Comp. Hugh King McKeVitt, the chairman. It is a well selected and carefully prepared composition of salient features taken from the several Grand Chapter Proceedings. Under heading of "The War," he quotes appreciatively from the part of the address of our own Grand High Priest, Dabney B. Palmer. He also refers to our comments upon the election of minor officers in the Grand Chapter.

Regardless of whether others approve or disapprove of the topical form of report, it apparently pleased the Grand Chapter of California, for Companion McKeVitt was re-appointed chairman.

Next Annual in San Francisco, April 20, 1920.
Elmer H. McGowan, Stockton, Grand High Priest.
Thos. A. Davies, San Francisco, Secretary.

CANADA—1919

Chapters, 165. Members, 20,404. Registrations, 1,672. Net Gain, 803.

A. S. GORRELL, Grand Z.

One year previous, for the first time in its history, we believe, it was voted to hold the sixty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Ma-

sons of Canada in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba, February 26, 1919. This Convocation was opened in form on that date by R. Ex. Companion Robert Hawkins, Acting Grand Z, who stated that on account of the severity of the climate at that time in the city of Winnipeg, and acting on the instructions of M. Ex. Companion A. S. Gorrell, Grand Z, arrangements had been made to adjourn the Annual Convocation to May 21, 1919. However, owing to labor conditions in Winnipeg at the date Grand Chapter was to have resumed its labors, it was found necessary to again postpone and subsequently the Grand Z directed that Grand Chapter should resume business in the city of Toronto, June 17th.

On that date, owing no doubt to prevailing conditions, less than half the Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada were present when the Grand Z convened the Annual Convocation in Ample Form. Florida, as on previous similar occasions, was represented by R. E. Companion James H. Cowan.

Positively and definitely does the Grand Z in his address disagree with the ordinary conception of the word Charity when applied to Masonry. He thinks Masonic Charity consists in a friendly interest and kindly sympathy to a brother, whose pathway has not been of the rosiest; and in overlooking the small personal faults and sins of omission and commission to which the humman flesh is heir. But Masonic Benevolence is of another character, and brings to mind certain definite duties which we owe to each other, and to the dependents of each other. Specifically referring to the returned disabled soldiers, many of whom will make a fair compensation by following some special vocation, yet there will still remain a class which will require Masonic benevolence. Although the Grand Chapter of Canada has a Reserve fund for

such purposes, he directs the attention of the Companions to the fact that in the near future it may be necessary to make substantial additions to this fund.

This Grand Chapter having previously placed itself on record as favoring the formation of Grand Chapters in the different provinces, the Grand Z was pleased to receive a request from the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia to form a new Grand Chapter in that province. In approving the suggestion he particularly called attention to the necessity that every Chapter in British Columbia should be represented by a duly accredited representative.

In the appointments and recommendations for Grand Representatives is found the name of R. Ex. Companion Chester DeRocher, of Bradentown, for Florida. During the year, dispensations were issued for the formation of a new Chapter at Timmins and another at Inwood, both in Ontario.

He made a number of rulings, some of which pertain to local conditions and which do not exist in the states. Regarding examination of a candidate for proficiency in the Mark and Most Excellent degrees (although not applicable to Florida), he ruled that the examination was to be held in open Lodge by the officers ruling the Lodge.

The following rulings are interesting because they differ in some respects from Florida practice:

Three rule a Lodge; five hold a Lodge; seven or more make it perfect in symbolic Masonry, but in Capitular Masonry I rule that there must be, to make it legal, nine members present at a meeting of Mark Master Masons, and Most Excellent Master Masons as provided by the Constitution.

It is not contemplated, that more than one candidate should receive the degrees at the same time, nor is any provision made for so doing. Custom, however, has countenanced the entrance of an unlimited number of candidates for the Most Excellent Mas-

ter's degree, and I think this may be continued. In the Mark Master degree one candidate only, should be admitted, until after the obligation.

It is permissible to confer the Royal Arch degree on more than three candidates at one and the same time, provided the candidates are conducted in lots of three, and in no other manner.

It is not permissible for any presiding officer, except the Grand Z., to close any Lodge or Chapter without the full ceremony.

He held as do other Grand Jurisdictions that any Master Mason was not debarred from advancement in Royal Arch Masonry on account of physical disability acquired after his admission to Symbolic Masonry.

His very able address closes with a look into the future, of which he frankly admits he is afraid. He notes two extremes which can operate to bring destruction to a country. A country can become too prosperous and suffer from dry rot; on the other hand a country may become so poor that it will bring on indifference and ignorance to the people, a condition which always leads to rebellion, murder and extinction. While he does not wish to imply that the country is at either extremity, yet great countries have been destroyed by the indifference of its people, he adds, and it is well to pause and think upon the future and where we are drifting. A commendable feature of his address is that he does not incorporate in it information contained in other reports.

The Grand Chapter of Canada is divided into twenty-four districts, and there is a detailed report, something over a hundred pages in all, from the Grand Superintendent of each district. In every instance the Grand Visitor finds something commendatory of each particular Chapter. These faithful and devoted workmen are upholding the Royal banner of Capitular Masonry in a way that is bringing results. While the letter of Masonry is less important than the spirit, yet the work

should be well done and the authorized form carefully preserved. However, the spirit is the real essential and their annual official visitations do much to promote and foster the best traditions of the Craft. A really commendable example of the Masonic spirit and willingness to help is shown where twenty-two Companions traveled 150 miles to take part in the institution of a new Chapter.

The application of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland for recognition was deferred until fuller information could be obtained.

At the previous Annual Convocation, the Constitution was amended by obliterating the sash from the regalia worn by Royal Arch Masons. This action being resented in many portions of the Grand Jurisdictions, the Constitution was again amended by restoring the sash and providing how it shall be worn.

There is no reference to an order of High Priesthood.

Most every writer of a Report on Foreign Correspondence, or by whatever title it may be designated, tries to make one report differ from another. R. E. Companion E. B. Brown, who was elected Grand Historian, and who also submits his fourth report as well, is no exception. Last year he discussed the functions of a preface and a conclusion, and he admits he found it difficult to make a distinction between them. This year he varies it by "Beginning at the very beginning," in which he pictures the reviewer in his sanctum sanctorum. We recognize the familiar settings. As "a rose by another name smells as sweet, so it makes no difference how Companion Brown begins or ends his labor of love, it seems like wine, which is said to improve with age and take on additional value each year.

In his review of Florida he confesses to a feeling of disappointment because he finds no adequate account of

Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer, whose portrait graces the 1918 proceedings. This feeling is emphasized because the portrait "indicates high intellectual gifts and the matter of the address bears out the indication." He quotes one paragraph relative to the war, and another paying tribute to the memory of our late greatly beloved M. E. Companion James Carnell, who was Grand High Priest in 1899.

Companion Brown speaks approvingly of our second report and reproduces the greater part of our conclusions.

Next Annual in Toronto, February 25, 1920.
W. N. Ponton, K. C., Belleville, Ont., Grand Z.
Henry F. Smith, Toronto, Ont., Grand Scribe E.
E. B. Brown, K. C., Toronto, Ont., Committee on Correspondence.

COLORADO—1919

Chapters, 48. Members, 6,599. Exalted, 498. Net Gain, 324.

HERBERT S. SANDS, Grand High Priest.

Prominence was given, and commendably so, in our opinion, to calling the Honor Roll at the opening ceremonies of the forty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado, which convened in Denver, October 9, 1919. With the exception of the Chaplain all other stations were filled by the rightful occupants. This surely indicates that Capitular Masonry means something in the Centennial State. Another pleasing event was the welcoming of the Grand Representatives by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and an appropriate response by Ex. Comp. L. D. Crain, represent-

ing Arkansas, and one whom the writer of this believes he recognizes as a former Colorado Companion. Unfortunately Florida did not share in these honors. That the influence of Capitular Masonry is not limited by state lines, stands out prominently in the address of Grand High Priest Sands as he reviewed his official acts of the year drawing to a close.

Absence from the jurisdiction and press of business somewhat interfered with his official visitations, which were ten. On all of these occasions, however, he was accompanied by other Grand Chapter Officers, which added to the effectiveness and benefits sought to be gained.

He granted seven dispensations to give the Royal Arch lecture to "two or more trios at one and the same time." No such dispensation is required in Florida.

Commenting on the gratifying gain in membership during the year and the continued interest evidenced by the large numbers still knocking at the door, he urges that

More care than ever be given to the manner of conferring the degrees, to the end that the splendid lessons of Capitular Masonry may be instilled in the minds of the candidates in as impressive a manner as possible.

Particularly favored were the Colorado Companions in having as the principal speaker at three educational meetings, M. E. Companion Wm. F. Kuhn, the Deputy General Grand High Priest. Here's hoping that Florida Companions may at some future time have a similar privilege.

One of the Grand High Priest's decisions pertains to "Life Membership," a distinction (?) not common, to say the least, in Florida. Such holding does not exempt the holder from discipline by the Chapter, for failure to

maintain membership in the Lodge automatically suspends his "Life Membership" in the Chapter.

His one recommendation, to invite the General Grand Chapter "to meet in Denver at such time as would meet with their pleasure and convenience," was unanimously approved by Grand Chapter. Denver has established an enviable reputation for entertaining great gatherings, and it is safe to assume that when this august body convenes in Denver it will be a memorable occasion. And we hope to be "among those present."

An interesting as well as pertinent paragraph pertains to comparisons, and which shows that in Chapter towns one-third of the Master Masons are Chapter Masons, while in non-Chapter towns only ten per cent have had the Capitular degrees. And as showing extremes, in one town fifty-six per cent of the Master Masons are Royal Arch Masons, while there are four Lodges in the State in which there are no Royal Arch Masons at all. Possibly these brethren have never had brought to their attention "The Necessity of the Royal Arch Degrees to the Master Mason," by M. E. Comp. Kuhn, Colorado's recent honored and distinguished guest. There seems to be an opportunity for missionary work in Colorado Masonic fields.

By reason of the ending of the war, the Custodians of the Work decided it inadvisable to introduce a distinctly American flag ceremony as a part of the ritualistic work. Although the Custodians of the Work were favorably inclined toward the New General Grand Chapter Ritual, Grand Chapter decided not to adopt it.

Recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland was deferred.

Well attended was the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, at which time thirteen petitions were

presented and the Companions were set apart in due form.

Pleasure and profit are deftly combined by Past Grand High Priest Ernest LeNeve Foster in the information he presents concerning the Capitular World, and in which Florida received careful attention.

For the information of Companion Foster, as well as others, Past Grand High Priest John R. Wetherell, Colorado's Grand Representative, who has been in service in Washington for three years, has returned and the Colorado Companions may be assured that the Centennial State will not again lack representation.

Quite properly, extended reference with extracts from his address, were given to the successful administration of Grand High Priest Ketchum. Apparently his official acts, as well as the work of the Correspondence Committee, meets Companion Foster's approval, for he says many nice things about each. Please accept our thanks, and with it a special invitation to visit this fair Southland of ours and get acquainted with this wonderful country as well as its warm-hearted Companions. It won't hurt you, and it may do you good.

Next Annual in Denver, Sept. 23, 1920.

Marshall H. Van Fleet, Alamosa, Grand High Priest.

Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Ernest LeNeve Foster, Denver, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

CONNECTICUT—1919

Chapters, 41. Members, 10,185. Exalted, 616. Net Gain, 414.

WILLIAM R. KEAVANEY, Grand High Priest.

Only one Chapter was not represented when the one hundred and twenty-first Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the "Land of Steady Habits" convened in the city of Hartford, May 13, 1919. Likewise two minor officers were absent, both by reason of illness. No reason, however, is given why Florida's Grand Representative was missing, unless it be that this office is considered an unnecessary appendage which could easily be dispensed with. Among the specially honored guests was M. E. Charles W. Skiff, who was present for the first time in several years. He was Grand High Priest in 1881, and is the Senior in rank. Among the letters of regret was one from Past High Priest Samuel S. Lamb, now a resident of Gulfport, in this our favored land of fruits and flowers.

Nothing out of the ordinary appears in the address of the Grand High Priest. Being engaged in Government work his time was not wholly his own; however, he and his associates were properly commended for their efficiency.

The long roll of honored dead in this Grand Jurisdiction was increased by the addition of Past Grand High Priest Reuben H. Tucker, who, although honored with high degrees, was said to have "never neglected the subordinate bodies with which he was affiliated." Would that a similar tribute might be more general.

Referring to two of the ten special dispensations which the Grand High Priest granted, the Jurisprudence Committee believed they "should neither have been asked

for nor granted," because the reasons set forth "were not sufficient to warrant the ignoring of one of the most important laws governing the receiving and acceptance of applications for membership in our fraternity." In another case "some of the candidates were leaving the state in the near future," and the other being "that the Chapter wished to finish work on all candidates before the Annual Convention."

Believing that every Chapter should be visited by some Grand Officer every year, he recommended that it be the duty of the officer to visit the Chapter to which he is assigned, "whether he is invited or not." This lack of interest was also confirmed in the report of the Grand King, who stated that some of the smaller Chapters did not deem it necessary to even reply to the correspondence of the Grand Officers. Grand Chapter took the same view of the conditions that the Grand High Priest did, and made it mandatory for each Chapter to confer with the officer appointed to make the inspection.

Appreciating the nearly score of years of continuous faithful service of the Grand Chaplain, who was compelled to retire by reason of ill health, he was made Chaplain Emeritus.

Although recognizing that the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland had every appearance of being lawfully and regularly organized, yet the committee recommended action on the request for recognition be deferred until further information could be obtained.

Grand Chapter decided to postpone indefinitely all action looking to a readjustment of jurisdictional lines.

During the year the Order of Anointed High Priests lost by death its President, and one of its Past Presidents. At the Grand Convention seventeen Excellent Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High

Priesthood, and M. E. Companion W. Jerome Bissell was elected President.

One year ago, having been elected Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion George A. Kies, who for ten years had very acceptably presented the Correspondence Report, presented what he thought to be his "Swan Song." The powers that be, ordained differently, and he now combines that difficult duty with the more arduous one of Grand Secretary, and in our opinion the Craft has been the gainer rather than the loser by the combination.

In his comprehensive report of Florida he is

Glad to note Florida's commonsense and correct legal provision that "immediately re-elected officers need not be re-installed."

He also approved the position taken by this Grand Jurisdiction in relation to Cerneauism:

Under Idaho, he correctly answers a censure on Florida's let-alone policy as regards Cerneauism. Although ourself a member of all A. & A. S. R. bodies, we entirely agree with Hubbell's contention that Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters can logically take no official recognition of degrees beyond their own domain.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 11, 1920.

Ernest F. Sweeny, Winsted, Grand High Priest.

George A. Kies, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

DELAWARE—1920

Chapters, 4. Members, 1,760. Exalted, 252. Net Gain, 230.

W. FRANK SHARP, Grand High Priest.

On January 21, 1920, beginning at 4 o'clock p. m., and closing at 10:30 p. m., was held in the city of Wilmington the fifty-second Annual Convocation of the

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware. Distinguished guests were present from Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Following the necessary formal opening ceremonies, the Grand High Priest reviewed the work of the year drawing to a close and made some suggestions for the one to come, much of which, however, was of little interest outside that Grand Jurisdiction.

He was particularly proud because the gain in membership during the year had broken all previous records. Also that notwithstanding the immense volume of work done by Supordinate Chapters he was not called upon to render a single decision during his term of office, because in his opinion, the laws being so few and so plain, the Companions were able to readily interpret them.

He granted two dispensations, in each case for a Subordinate Chapter to open its regular Convocation an hour earlier than that specified in its by-laws. As all the acts of the Grand High Priest were approved, it would seem that Delaware Capitular laws grant great discretionary powers to its Grand High Priests.

Every Subordinate Chapter was officially visited by the Grand High Priest, accompanied by other Grand Officers. Unquestionably these visitations, together with the efficient work of the Grand Instructor, had much to do with the phenomenal gain in membership during the year.

It seems that for many years it has been the dream of Grand High Priests to establish a Chapter at Dover, the state's capital. Particularly gratifying must it have been to Grand High Priest Sharp that the honor should come to him to grant a dispensation to confer the Mark Master, Past and Most Excellent Master degrees upon a number of brothers in that city. The outlook being so

promising. Grand Chapter recommended that the dispensation remain in force.

The Grand High Priest recommended and Grand Chapter concurred in granting recognition to the New Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

Past Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas J. Day represented Delaware at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, but no definite action seems to have been taken in the matter of raising funds.

After listening to the report of the committee to whom was assigned the task of reviewing the New Grand Chapter Ritual, the committee was continued and the Grand Instructor was requested to exemplify the several degrees, so that the Companions might see the new work and be able later to vote intelligently.

Permission seems to have been granted to have a History of the Cryptic Rite printed in the Proceedings, apparently in the form of loose leaves. If this was done, they were omitted from the copy received by the writer of this review, much to his regret.

We are glad to note that Past Grand Chaplain George W. Beatty was present for Florida when the roll of Grand Representatives was called, and welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

Five worthy Companions were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

For the fourth time Companion Thomas J. Day presents a creditable and instructive synopsis of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters with which it is in fraternal relations, including Florida. He recalls with evident pleasure his visit a winter ago to our fair southland, when his own baliwick was covered with snow. Come again, Companion, it will add to your lease on life.

Next Annual in Wilmington.
George Dickerson, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.
Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.
Thomas J. Day, Wilmington, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1919

Chapters, 13. Members, 3,797. Exalted, 311. Net Gain, 273.

ARTHUR C. SHAW, Grand High Priest.

In a Grand Jurisdiction where most, if not all, the Chapters meet in the same temple, it is not strange that every Chapter should be represented when the fifty-second Annual Convocation was held Feb. 12, 1919, and that every member of the official family occupied his particular station. Notwithstanding this, Florida was again not represented.

"I bring you the gratifying message of a marvelous revival in Capitular Masonry and the accomplishment of a year's work that is without precedent in the history of the Grand Chapter," is the very gratifying message that Grand High Priest Shaw brought to the Companions assembled, and which will be highly appreciated by the Craft at large.

Referring to the revision of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, in his opinion it contained too many radical changes to commend it to the favor of this Grand Chapter.

Owing to existing conditions beyond control, it was impossible for this Grand Chapter to entertain the General Grand Chapter in 1918, but it did the next best thing

possible. It brought the delegates and all others who chose to take advantage of this memorable opportunity to Washington on a special train, then by boat to Mt. Vernon, where an enjoyable hour was spent at the shrine of the Father of this Country, with a most appetizing luncheon on the return, followed by an automobile ride to many points of interest in and about the city. This gala event will not soon be forgotten by the recipients of Washington Masons' hospitality.

Appreciating the many years of helpful service rendered by Grand Visitor and Lecturer, Companion Orville Drown, who is fast approaching the shady side of life, he was again re-elected, but his official duties were lightened by the appointment of an assistant. This is a worthy and practical appreciation of the faithful work of a "grand old man."

A request for fraternal recognition was received from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland. While recognizing that the prospects for this new Grand Chapter were bright, yet the Jurisprudence Committee, to whom the request was referred, recommended that final consideration be postponed until the next Grand Chapter.

At the annual meeting of the Order of Anointed High Priesthood, twelve Excellent Companions were elected, but the order was not conferred upon them until a subsequent meeting. M. E. Companion Edwin S. Hubbard was elected Excellent President. An important event in this connection is the annual dinner, which was held on another date.

However much writers may differ about the value of correspondence reports or wonder how many even read them, no one questions the fact that almost the first thing one turns to in the District of Columbia Proceedings is the inimitable report of Roe Fulkerson. Like the ribbon grass which grew around our grandmother's front door,

no two blades of which were ever alike, so no two of Companion Fulkerson's reviews are ever alike. They remind us of our first visit to the Colorado Rockies. Every day we went over a different route, and each seemed more wondrous than the scenes of the previous day. His fund of sense and nonsense (?) seems inexhaustable. He is well on the road to the Grand East, and we wonder if there will be another Moses to lead the host when that time comes.

He says such nice things about our second report that we regret more than ever our failure to meet him personally at the time of the General Grand Chapter.

Next Annual in Washington, Feb. 11, 1920.

Emmett M. Carter, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Roe Fulkerson, Washington, Committee on Correspondence.

ENGLAND—1919

Ordinarily devoid of interest, outside of routine work, are the Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. Lord Amptill, Pro. First Grand Principal, presiding. At the February Quarterly nineteen petitions for new Chapters were embodied in the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, in all cases to be attached to some Lodge, usually taking the same name as the Lodge. Geographically, they were widely scattered, all parts of the world excepting North America being represented. Nearly as many more similar petitions were presented at the May Quarterly. The distinguished visitors at the latter occasion included Past

Grand High Priest William B. Mellish of Ohio, and who is prominent in all branches of York Rite Masonry. Nearly twenty-eight pages are given to recording the contributions from the various Chapters under obeisance of the Supreme Grand Chapter, beginning with St. James No. 2, of London, and ending with Chaldea No. 3820, of Basra, the total amounting to 4,238 pounds, 12 shillings sterling.

In common with other Masonic bodies working under English Constitutions, much of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, as it is officially known, is the report of the General Board. These reports are specially interesting because they reveal the workings of the Craft from a different viewpoint, great importance being attached to the Benevolent Branch.

Altogether, 712 warrants for Mark Master Lodges have been granted, showing a total registration of 78,008 and attached to many of these Lodges are Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, with a total registration at the close of 1919 of 14,915.

GEORGIA—1919

Chapters, 156. Members, 12,011. Exalted, 1,672. Net Gain, 1,322

ELLIOT W. PARRISH, Grand High Priest.

When all the stations are filled by the rightful occupants, as was apparently the case at the Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

of Georgia in Macon, April 30, 1919, we look for results. In this case we are not disappointed, for no year in its history, we are told, have so many intelligent and enthusiastic Masons been exalted.

Beginning the Capitular year by consulting the trestle boards of his predecessors, Grand High Priest Parrish found inspiration in the Star of Hope, he tells us. His account of stewardship indicates a state of peace and harmony. There appears to have been a general revival of interest in Capitular Masonry, following the "tidal wave which struck the Blue Lodges some two years previous." Although only one Chapter has been instituted, the Grand High Priest stated that several new petitions were pending. Yet with all this evidence of growth there appears to be one "fly in the ointment," the dilatoriness of subordinate secretaries. But it was ever thus. Why will Chapters elect and why will Companions accept the responsible position of Chapter Secretary, and then by their negligence, carelessness or inability, nullify the otherwise good and effective work of their more conscientious and zealous Companions.

Twice during the year was the official family bereft: Ex. Comp. J. A. Z. Shell, Grand Master of the First Veil, early in the year, followed later by R. E. Companion Marshall A. Weir, Grand Treasurer.

Among the commissions issued for Grand Representatives was one to R. E. Companion L. F. Blalock, of Miami, to represent Georgia.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia having amended its laws so that members may be suspended for non-payment of dues, without the necessity of a trial, he recommended that the Chapter laws be amended to conform to the change.

Now that additional accommodations have been provided at the Masonic Home for the care of the orphans

of the Brother Masons, he believed there was an opportunity for the Grand Chapter to make provisions at the Home for the care of the aged Mason or his widow. He therefore recommended that the Grand Chapter set apart each year available funds for the purpose of erecting a home for this class of Masonry's dependents.

Exceptional results were attained by Grand Lecturer McHan in reviewing dormant Chapters and setting them to work. His report shows that he made 206 visitations and assisted in conferring the various degrees on over 2,000 candidates.

Hereafter there will be no Deputy Grand High Priest in Georgia, the amendment proposed a year ago doing away with that office having been approved. It is now a law.

By the report of the Committee on By-Laws it is learned that an applicant for the degrees must reside within the Chapter's jurisdiction one year. In another instance it was desired to provide for punishment by fine. The committee disapproved because it could find no punishment by a fine prescribed by the code of the Grand Chapter.

More than forty Excellent Companions were properly refreshed and then set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and Robert L. Colding was re-elected Excellent President.

Rev. Chas. L. Bass, who for several years has so satisfactorily prepared the Report on Correspondence, became engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in France. Therefore, to "fill the aching void," Grand Secretary E. A. McHan, who already filled to perfection so many places of responsibility that he is the "Pooh Bah" of Georgia Masonry, took up this additional work and presented a report that touched all the high places and some others besides.

Florida received scrutinizing attention. Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer's patriotic utterances are reproduced, as well as another pertaining to Capitular Masonry, which prompts Companion McHan to observe that "in his experience there is no trouble to organize Chapters, the trouble is to keep them going."

He is pleased to call our second report one of the most comprehensive that had come to his notice.

Next Annual in Macon, April 28, 1920.

Andrew S. Harvey, Rome, Grand High Priest.

Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Joe P. Bowdoin, Adairsville, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

IDAHO—1919

Chapters, 21. Members, 1,723. Exalted, 157. Net Gain, 115.

ALBERT A. JESSUP, Grand High Priest.

Interest and activity characterize the eleventh Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Idaho, which convened in Moscow, May 23, 1919, with four Chapters not represented.

That Masonry is both territorial as well as universal, was the opening thought in the well expressed address of Grand High Priest Jessup:

Its principles are the same everywhere. Wherever Masonry flourishes, there brotherly love exists in greatest degrees. Each Grand Chapter is an empire in itself. Each Jurisdiction has its own laws, adapted to its peculiar environment, and has a work distinctively its own in its endeavor to ameliorate the human race.

He briefly reviews the achievements, successes and embarrassments of the official year. Several local

emergency dispensations were necessary on account of the epidemic. The below question was asked and answered:

Question: What is the procedure when you have more than three candidates for Chapter? We have eight and all want it today.

Answer: Exalt all eight at one time, but only three may be obligated at once, and only three may receive the words at once.

The Jurisprudence Committee, however, thought the answer should be:

That only three may receive the G. R. A. W. and Grand S. N. at one and the same time.

He issued a dispensation to form a Chapter at Blackfoot and which was granted a charter by Grand Chapter.

Comprehensive reports of the General Grand Chapter were made by the Grand Lecturer, Past Grand High Priest Leimberger and Grand Secretary L. W. Ensign.

Deservedly so is the special mention made by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers of the immense service which Comp. Edward L. Gauger, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, is rendering to the Craft of the state and at large:

We believe that the correspondence feature is one of the most valuable and interesting parts of the annual Grand Chapter Proceedings.

This committee also very properly expresses the belief that the correspondence feature by Companion Gauger "is one of the most valuable and interesting parts of the Annual Grand Chapter Proceedings." It also recommended that a larger number of copies of the Proceedings be printed for general distribution.

Something new to us was the adoption of a "Widow's Certificate," stating that the Companion at the time of his death was in good standing and recommending the holder to the care and consideration of the Royal Craft.

The committee on Chartered Chapters reported that one Chapter had not been represented for two years, had done no work, and there being a number of brothers desiring the degrees, concurrent jurisdiction was granted two adjoining Chapters.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended the adoption of this proposed amendment:

All petitions for degrees or membership, when regularly received, shall be laid over two weeks before being balloted upon.

Recognition of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales was postponed until matters shall be harmoniously adjusted by the Grand Chapters claiming sovereignty over the various constituent Chapters.

Representatives of other 'Grand Chapters present were welcomed by the Grand High Priest. However, we fail to find any reference showing that Companion Francis M. Bybee appeared for Florida, but we trust he found time to comply with the following action which was adopted by the Idaho Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That it be the duty of each Grand Representative of sister jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter to address a short report of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter he represents, and that a copy of the report be also forwarded to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction, to be read at the next Grand Convocation.

Valuable information, particularly to Idaho Craftsmen, is given in a digest of decisions and constitutional amendments.

Companion Edward L. Gauger prefaces his brief but particularly meritorious Review of Proceedings of Other Grand Chapters by reproducing from the work of Companion Wm. R. Murphy, in the Pennsylvania Proceedings in 1916, "Is Royal Arch Masonry Worth While?" being his reply to Past Grand High Priest Frank A. Bullard, of Nebraska.

In his review of Florida he quotes from the patriotic address of Grand High Priest Palmer and says so many complimentary things about the work of the writer of this review that he is liable to get "chesty." Thanks, Companion; come to the land of winter fruits and flowers and get better acquainted. We will do you good.

Next Annual in Boise, May 13-14, 1920.

William Wallin, Pocatello, Grand High Priest.

Lewis Ensign, Boise, Grand Secretary.

Edwin L. Gauger, Kellogg, Fraternal Correspondent.

ILLINOIS—1919

Chapters, 217. Members, 52,463. Exalted, 5,238. Net Gain, 4,071.

WILLIAM C. SOMMER, Grand High Priest.

With the station of the Deputy Grand High Priest filled by Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull, the new and efficient chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois convened in Chicago, October 30, 1919. The distinguished guest was R. E. Companion Charles C. Davis, the General Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter. Following the usual custom, the Grand Repre-

sentatives were received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest, Past Grand High Priest Wm. B. Carlock appearing for Florida.

With justifiable pride and gratification by reason of the Grand Chapter passing the seventieth milestone, Grand High Priest Sommers begins his address with these eloquent words:

But unlike the three score years and ten allotted to the life of a man, we do not find it stooped with age, bent and bowed with the weary toil of life, plodding with tottering foot toward man's last couch of rest—the grave; but from that far-off time of small beginnings; its infancy; its cradle days; growing sturdy and tall and strong, till today we see it on its seventieth birthday, without a line of age or care scarring its brow, fair with unfading youth, lithe-limbed and strong as the young Greek athlete who wears the Olympian runners' victor laurel crown, the foremost Grand Chapter in all the world.

Today it stands the foremost Grand Chapter in the world, not alone in point of numbers, but it is unsurpassed in the superb personnel and the high moral character and worth of that vast army, the Royal Arch Masons of the great Prairie State.

He paid a fitting tribute to the memory of two Past Grand High Priests, who, during the year were summoned to the Supreme Grand Chapter, M. E. Companions William L. Milligan and Monroe C. Crawford.

His official visitations apparently consisted of attending two special receptions, four schools of instruction and instituting Liberty Chapter No. 251.

He recommended two changes in the ceremonies of the Royal Arch Degree. "First, that the B. of R. be discontinued" * * * "Second that the veilmen do not follow the candidates through the veils; that the R. A. C. shall remove the C. T. in accordance with the order given." This differs somewhat from Florida work.

He is an enthusiast over the value of Chapter inspec-

tions, of which he believes too much cannot be said when properly conducted.

As a result of the "flu" epidemic, he issued many local dispensations without fee, which he did not feel of sufficient consequence to enumerate. He granted and requested many interstate courtesies; also recommended and commissioned Representatives to and from Grand Chapters, which later was confirmed by Grand Chapter.

He recommended recognition and the exchange of Grand Representatives with the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia, also the appropriation of the usual five thousand dollars toward the maintenance of the Mason's Old Folks Home and Royal Arch Memorial Hospital. Among his decisions were:

That an Illinois Chapter cannot receive the petition for affiliation of a Companion holding a demit under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Scotland; neither can fraternal intercourse be had with such demitted Companions. The Jurisprudence Committee approved this decision, with the understanding that it applies only while the edict of non-intercourse is in force against the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.

That a petition of affiliation on a demit as a Mark Master Mason can be received from a Mark Master Lodge of Calcutta, India. In the absence of authentic information relative to the status of the Calcutta Mark Master Lodge, the Jurisprudence Committee recommended that this question be submitted to the General Grand Chapter for final decision.

That a Companion who had not been heard from in any way since 1889 should be recorded as "legally dead."

He concluded his address by reminding the Grand Chapter that when he accepted the gavel of authority one year previous, he would endeavor to give that Grand Body "an honest, faithful, modest year of service, without any frills or ruffles," and that he had tried to keep his word.

Much valuable Capitular information, especially to the Illinois Companions, is found in the reports of the twenty-eight District Inspectors made to the Grand High Priest.

Notwithstanding, the Grand High Priest properly exulted because this is the foremost Grand Chapter in the world, and the Grand Secretary rejoiced because "every Chapter in the state has made annual returns and paid annual dues," yet the Committee on Chartered Chapters regrets to state that, "We find little, if any, improvement over previous years as regards accuracy." This report forcefully emphasizes the proneness of mere man to errors. While the naming of those errors at this time might gratify curiosity, yet it would accomplish no good. However, if a copy of that report could have been personally presented to each Chapter at the beginning of the year, possibly it might enable this committee to make a better report a year hence.

Beautiful, indeed, is the tribute paid to the memory of the over eight hundred Royal Arch Companions who during the year journeyed to the land of their fathers, by Comp. D. D. Darrah, chairman of the Committee on Obituaries.

Another feature in connection with this seventieth Convocation, which should and no doubt will make it memorable, was the oration of the Grand Chaplain, Companion Euclid B. Rogers. To quote from it would be unsatisfactory and space prevents giving it entire. This Ex. Companion's name reminded us of a boyhood acquaintance, and his reference to "the 114th N. Y." confirmed our belief that he was a former resident of "old Chenango," in the Empire State.

Relative to a proposed constitutional amendment to confer life membership on Past High Priests when authorized by the by-laws of their Chapter, the Jurispru-

dence Committee reported adversely and recommended its withdrawal. Undoubtedly the full report of this committee was adopted, but we do not so read it in the official proceedings.

In comparatively few of the Grand Councils of the Order of High Priesthood does the M. E. President deem it incumbent upon himself to make an address at the Annual Convocation. Illinois is one of the few which does. Following his usual custom, M. E. President Geo. M. Moulton presented an address at the sixty-fifth Annual Convocation, in which he states:

The Order of High Priesthood is not an active Masonic agency or force. It neither formulates policies nor conducts any activities outside of the ritualistic ceremonies incident to the consecration of its members in due and ancient form, according to time-honored usage and custom. It holds allegiance to no other body, is subject to none, and neither claims nor exercises sovereignty over others. Its sole aim and mission is to preserve the organization as it has been handed down to us by our Masonic forebears in the purity and sanctity with which it was originally invested.

Fifty-five Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood. Companion Moulton here specially asked to be relieved from further active service. Companion Harry W. Harvey was elected M. E. President.

Companion E. R. Turnbull, who was Grand High Priest in 1914, now occupies the seat at the Round Table so ably and so long filled by Companion George W. Warvelle. It is a modern instance of the Mantle of Elijah falling on Elisha, and while we speed the going we just as warmly greet and welcome the coming incumbent. In his preliminary, referring to the proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, he opines "that

after a more complete examination and an explanation of some of the objectionable sections, most of the trouble will probably be found to be non-existent."

He gives Florida thoughtful consideration. While he possibly may disagree with some of our procedures, he makes no unfavorable comment. We have noted many bits of advice and wisdom which we wish we might pass on to the other Florida Companions, but there is a limit beyond which we should not allow our inclination to exceed, and possibly we have already exceeded the limit.

Next Annual in Chicago, October 28, 1920.

Frank Spencer, Cairo, Grand High Priest.

James E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary.

Everett R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Chairman Fraternal Relations.

INDIANA—1919

Chapters, 125. Members, 22,550. Exalted, 1,417. Net Gain, 872.

WILLIAM W. ROSS, Grand High Priest.

Two distinguished guests were present, Companion George A. Newell, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, and Companion Leon T. Leach, General Grand Master of the Third Veil, when the seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons convened in Indianapolis, October 22, 1919, with all stations properly filled, Past Grand High Priest Elmer Crockett speaking for Florida. As we understand the reports, the above established figures really cover the year ending Dec. 31, 1918.

By reason of unavoidable absence, Grand High Priest

Ross was not installed into office until nearly a month after his election, he informs us in his address, and at which time he had the pleasure of installing Grand Chaplain William R. Plummer. His concise address deals principally with his official acts, all of which passed the approving scrutiny of the Jurisprudence Committee and Grand Chapter as well.

He appropriately referred to the passing to the Great Beyond of two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions Manuel M. Fisher and William H. Hamelle, as well as the fraternal dead of the Grand Jurisdictions, including our beloved Companion M. E. James W. Boyd.

Among the commissions issued to Grand Representatives was one to M. E. Companion T. T. Todd near the Grand Chapter of Florida. Incidentally we might add that while he has not yet reached the "M" class, he is on the way, and like Barkis, no doubt "is willin."

For somewhat uncommon reasons, was a special dispensation issued to one Chapter to elect a High Priest. The High Priest-elect refused to be installed, and the King and Scribe, who had been elected and installed, refused to be advanced under the regulations.

He commissioned by proxy two new Chapters and he greatly appreciated the honor of being requested by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to constitute Cynthiana Lodge.

He recommended increasing the mileage, which the Committee on Claims placed at ten cents per mile one way and Grand Chapter concurred. His other recommendation to properly observe the seventy-fifth anniversary was also approved and the incoming High Priest will name the committee.

Interesting historical information, especially to the Craft in that state, is found in a historical address published in the Proceedings relative to Madison Chapter

No. 1, which was instituted in 1819 by Thomas Smith Webb, then Deputy General Grand High Priest. At that time the state was substantially a wilderness and "the currency so bad that at one of the meetings they agreed to receive the members' dues in Laurenceburg money, and at 33 1-3 per cent discount in legal tender money."

On the recommendation of the Grand Inspector, and to conform to General Grand Chapter usage as well as in other Grand Jurisdictions, hereafter the first three elective officers will be designated Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe. This is Florida usage.

Hereafter no Chapter shall confer the degrees for less than thirty dollars, and full fee must accompany petition.

Appropriations of \$500 to Indiana Masonic Home and \$200 to Y. M. C. A. fund were made.

Fraternal recognition was given the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. In the report of the Memorial Committee of Distinguished Dead in Other Grand Jurisdictions, is found this tribute to the memory of our late Companion, Past Grand High Priest James W. Boyd:

"Always he was a faithful and ardent supporter of true Masonry and shaped the whole course of his life according to the precepts of the fraternity, to which he gave so much of his time and strength and love.

Companion John J. Glendening, President of the Council of High Priests, presented a concise historical address of the Order in the United States, in which it is stated that the Order of High Priesthood was a part of the constitutional requirements of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States until 1853, "when the Order became the exclusive property of those who were properly consecrated."

Past Grand High Priest Robert Archer Woods presents his ninth Annual Capitular Review, which like many other good things, improves with age.

He notes that the address of Grand High Priest Ketchum details the doings of a fairly busy year. Referring to the conferring of degrees in Grand Chapter, he is "glad to learn that the facts are not as we had heretofore construed them."

Replying to his query, a High Priest under Florida constitution cannot resign unless he permanently leaves the Jurisdiction. Neither can he demit during his time of office.

Most assuredly, Companion Woods, your "standards are those of justice and equity," which no one questions, even though our viewpoints may differ.

Next Annual in Indianapolis, October 20, 1920.

Fred. H. Pocock, Fort Wayne, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Robert A. Wood, Princeton, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

IOWA—1919

Chapters, 126. Members, 16,813. Exalted, 1,034. Net Gain, 525.

EUGENE SCHAFFTER, Grand High Priest.

Differing somewhat from previous years, there were less preliminary ceremonies than usual attending the opening of the sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, which convened in Cedar Falls, October 9, 1919. General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig, with other distinguished guests, graced the oc-

casion. Florida was represented by Companion Arthur E. Meeker, of the Board of Custodians.

Imbued with the true spirit of Masonry was the address of Grand High Priest Schaffter. All his acts, rulings and decisions show him to be a just and upright man and Mason and that the best interests of Grand Chapter and Masonry in general were ever in his mind.

He referred to the loss Grand Chapter had sustained by the deaths of Past Grand High Priests Homer H. Hemenway and Isaac T. Forbes.

While circumstances combined to limit the growth of Capitular Masonry during the year, yet the Grand High Priest was very sanguine over the future prosperity of the Craft in the Hawkeye State.

Because a Companion who had been elected High Priest, but was about to leave the State and did not wish to be installed, it was held that "election without installation does not make an officer, and a vacancy exists just as though the member elected had denied the office when the ballot was announced."

In the by-laws of a local Chapter he struck out a provision making the dues for members exalted after July 1st of each year, holding that the new members should pay the same dues as an old one because joining a "going" concern, he should pay his share; and that Chapter would not charge one Companion at one rate and another at another.

Several of the questions asked and decisions made by the Grand High Priest were pertaining to length of residence and jurisdiction, and which were in conformity with our understanding of Florida laws. Apparently Iowa is somewhat rigid relative to physical perfection, for in two cases where candidates had lost their left hand, one using an artificial hand and the other not, he held that they were ineligible because "our law bars a

candidate as deficient, who is compelled to use artificial members as a substitute for the natural person." He also held that a Chapter could not confer degrees in another town than the one named in its Chapter, and that he had no power to grant a dispensation for that purpose.

Business and other cares, which he admits is the refrain of practically all Grand High Priests, prevented him from visiting as many Chapters as he desired, but pleading in extenuation, "I answered every call I could." And as some one has said: "Angels could do no more." At one visitation the Royal Arch degree was conferred on sixteen teams. Although the work in this case was by alternate teams and well done, he states, and many, we believe, will concur in his conclusion:

I desire to say that as a general thing I do not favor the plan of conferring the Royal Arch degree on large classes, as there is a danger that the candidate will not be impressed with the kind of work that is almost inevitable under the circumstances. It is better to make the candidate feel that he is the special object of the ceremonies, and not one of a large number who may possibly receive the work in a perfunctory manner.

No dispensations for new Chapters were granted. He gave as a reason for discouraging the starting of Chapters at two points, that they would tend to weaken those already in existence.

He recommended full recognition of the New Grand Chapter of British Columbia, but that further investigation be given the request for recognition of the new Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland.

He designates the triple-tau cross within the triangle enclosed within the circle as the true Royal Arch emblem instead of the Keystone, which is the emblem of the Mark Master degree. The Board of Custodians was instructed to take charge of the Royal Arch emblem, in-

vestigate and report to the Grand High Priest where such emblem can be secured. So far as our recollection goes, this is the first Grand High Priest to make such official declaration.

Believing that there should be a closer union between York Rite bodies from top to bottom, he recommended the appointment of a committee by his successor to prepare and circulate a brief description of the Rite above the third degree, with a view of presenting to every Master Mason the advisability of completing the York Rite and also to correct the erroneous impression that the Blue Lodge or Chapter is a finality in itself, or that the Commandery is of such paramount importance that the intervening degrees are only to be gone through in order to reach it.

Some idea of the serious ravages of the dread influenza may be gathered from the Grand Secretary's report, which states that the list of dead in the Craft for the year 1917 exceeded that of any previous year by forty per cent, and that the deaths for 1918 exceeded those of 1917 by twenty per cent.

The Committee on Jurisprudence decided that under the law the revised ritual of the Grand Chapter superseded the ritual in use. The new floor work was presented and approved.

As a fitting close to years of service as Most Excellent President of the Order of High Priesthood of Iowa, Companion George A. Riemcke addressed the sixty-second Annual Convention, in which he briefly traced the Order's somewhat obscure history. Despite the fact that this degree is comparatively modern, so far as known, the original germ has not as yet been discovered. The degree seems to be of American origin and is quite generally conceded to be the work of Thomas Smith Webb and his associates. Companion W. D. Irvine was

ected Most Excellent President and Companion Edward M. Willard was continued Excellent Recorder.

Optimistic and ennobling is the prelude to the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Edward M. Willard. He finds that Capitular Masonry is on the increase and new life is being enthused in Chapters, while "Truth, the great object of Masonic study, is urging each to be true and steadfast and to advance in the cause of fraternity."

Under Florida he quotes from that part of the address of Grand High Priest Ketchum pertaining to the colors of the Royal Craft.

Iowa has no special Masonic Home, preferring to care for its members and dependent families where needed in other ways, and generously does it do this. Yet Companion Willard enthuses over the Florida Grand Chapter creating a special endowment fund for the Masonic Home and Orphanage, which by the way, Companion, is now the Masonic Home, without the word Orphanage. He also quotes approvingly from our former report and he will accept thanks for his other kindly references.

Next Annual in Ames, Oct. 14, 1920.

Charles C. Hunt, Cedar Rapids, Grand High Priest.

Orvis F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

Edward W. Willard, Atlantic, Committee on Correspondence.

KENTUCKY—1918

Chapters, 113. Members, 10,243. Exalted, 730. Net Gain, 487.

ISAAC T. WOODSON, Grand High Priest.

Setting out on the fourth journey through the Capitular fields of thought and action, the first object to attract our attention on returning from the 1919 Grand Chapter of Florida was the proceedings of the one hundred and first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, held in Louisville, December 10-11, 1918. Although it becomes almost ancient history, yet so much of interest attaches to this annual event that we are loath to pass it by without mention. Every Grand Officer, many Past Grand High Priests, a great number of mere Past High Priests and representatives from eighty-nine subordinate Chapters who were present indicate the Capitular conditions existing in this Blue Grass State. This is further accentuated by the statement of Grand High Priest Woodson, in his address, when he informed the Companions that while it had been his "pleasant duty to give advice on many occasions, but in no instance had the advice risen to the dignity of a decision. No appeals have been received." Apparently the condition of the Royal Craft is ideal.

By reason of Federal fuel orders then existing, relative to specific nights, the Grand High Priest was asked to grant a dispensation to meet on another night in the week. His reply was that the Constitution gave no authority to grant the dispensation, and he was unable to render assistance. However, the right to hold called meetings on other nights was not affected.

He received an inquiry asking if it would be lawful to receive the application of a Fellow Craft on condition

that the application be withdrawn, should the applicant fail to attain the degree of Master Mason. His reply was that the Constitution reads: "Candidate for Chapter degrees must be an affiliated Master Mason," therefore, an application from a Fellow Craft could not be lawfully received.

He replied to another inquiry that it was entirely *proper* for any Chapter Mason to apply to him for any advice on any point of Masonic law, but such advice does not rise to the dignity of a decision, for, "a decision can be made only in case an appeal from the decision of a Chapter or of its High Priest."

All members of the Masonic family are well cared for in the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and the Old Masons' Home, two institutions which seem to be well managed and appear to meet the needs for which they are intended.

We fail to find any action being taken relative to his recommendation that "one of the degrees should be conferred annually before Grand Chapter," also that the Grand High Priest should be given additional authority to grant dispensations to change time and place of meeting of subordinate Chapters, as well as to elect candidates and confer degrees out of time. At one time the Grand High Priest must have possessed greater power, but a few years ago he seems to have been divested of some of his authority.

Can a Companion holding a demit from another Grand Jurisdiction petition for affiliation a Chapter other than the one where he then resides without a waiver from that Chapter, was asked of the Grand Secretary. This was referred to the Grand High Priest, but no record is given of his reply. We supposed a Companion holding a demit could make application to any Chapter he pleased.

Grand Secretary Holland's report contains the first reference we remember having seen in any Kentucky proceedings to the Order of High Priesthood, which he believes "is regarded in other states more seriously than in Kentucky." Relying on information coming from those who are interested in all that Masonry teaches, he "strongly recommends that all Past High Priests should not only petition but take a serious interest in the beautiful philosophy of the Order of High Priesthood." Companion Holland makes no mistake in urging all eligible to take that which, from the very nature of its requirements, makes it one of the most, if not the most, exclusive degree in York Rite Masonry.

Appreciating the valuable services rendered by Grand Secretary Holland, as well as existing living requirements, a Constitutional amendment prevailed which increased his salary from \$600 to \$1,200 per annum.

Out of the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Chapters read and digested by Past Grand High Priest George B. Winslow, the Committee on Doings of Other Grand Chapters, he finds only seventeen which seem to him to contain "such matters as might be necessary or proper for the Grand Chapter of Kentucky to take action upon," and hence only quotes such matters as he deems of "real importance to the Craft."

The general trend of his report of about thirty pages, outside of deservedly complimentary references to the very valuable historical paper which he presented at the Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, is made up largely of extracts from other Correspondence Reports advancing reasons why these reports should be either greatly abbreviated or omitted entirely.

To what extent Grand Chapter endorsed the opinions of Past Grand High Priest Winslow the records do not state, but they do show that the incoming Grand

High Priest appointed Past High Priest Wm. W. Clarke, of Owensboro, who is the Grand Representative for New Zealand, the Committee on Doings of Grand Chapters.

Next Grand Chapter at Louisville, October 21, 1919.

Sidney S. Pinney, Mt. Sterling, Grand High Priest.

A. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.

Wm. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

KENTUCKY—1919

Chapters, 113. Members, 11,726. Exalted, 1,634. Net Gain, 1,335.

SIDNEY S. PINNEY, Grand High Priest.

Under specially happy auspices must have been the convening of the one hundred and second Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Kentucky in Louisville, October 21, 1919, because the ranks were stronger by over thirteen hundred members, being the largest growth in any one year in the history of Capitular Masonry in the Blue Grass State, who, the Grand High Priest was pleased to say in his address, were all "one hundred per cent Americans."

Much of the address of Grand High Priest Pinney pertained to official acts which were of little interest outside that Grand Jurisdiction, but which showed careful thought and painstaking interest so that no injustice might be done. This was recognized, for Grand Chapter approved all his acts and gave him a clean bill of health.

He believed that more power should be given the Grand High Priest in the matter of granting dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions out of time.

Grand Chapter being like minded, such amendment was proposed. He revived one Chapter and granted dispensations to form three new ones, which at the proper time were given Charters.

Grand Chapter has no jewels or other regalia of its own and an effort was made to procure those needed articles, subject to approval of Finance Committee, but seemingly this modest request did not find favor with that august body.

Being regular in every respect, fraternal recognition was given the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

Grand Chapter does not believe in making changes in its ritualistic work unless it can be shown that "such changes are required or will materially improve the smoothness and character of the work in Capitular Masonry." Not having had sufficient time to properly examine the new General Grand Chapter Ritual, action was deferred pending report of special committee a year hence.

By adopting the report of the Jurisprudence Committee relative to a ruling of the Grand High Priest, special emphasis is given to this section of the Constitution: "An application for a demit must be in writing and signed by the member desiring it." Also that while the Royal Arch degree can be conferred on only three candidates at one and the same time, the number of candidates upon whom that degree can be conferred at the same convocation is not limited. Also that Grand Chapter cannot make any Companion a life member, but a Companion can be made an honorary member. We wonder what privileges attach to an honorary member.

The request for an official decision "as to when and under what circumstances a candidate becomes exalted," was referred to the next administration.

We are told that the list of Grand Representatives

were read "and they were all arrayed on the stage," after which each one was requested to confer at once with the Grand High Priest of the Grand Jurisdiction which he represented. Let us hope this admonition was respected.

Our understanding is that the Order of High Priesthood in this Grand Jurisdiction is entirely separate from Grand Chapter, differing in that respect so far as we know from all other Grand Capitular Bodies. The convention seemingly meets in the afternoon following the opening of Grand Lodge in the morning, and previous to the opening of Grand Chapter the same evening. No printed proceedings are received.

An interesting although not complete report on Doings of Other Grand Chapters is made by Companion W. W. Clarke.

He finds the Florida transactions contained much of local importance but were not of general interest, excepting where Grand High Priest Ketchum "very eloquently described conditions as they existed at the time of the previous conclave of the Grand Chapter."

Companion Clarke also quotes from our reasons why a report should be written, to all of which he is pleased to say "we quite agree." He also particularly refers to our "Comment of the Broughton Letter." We are pleased to welcome him as a valuable acquisition to the Round Table.

Next Annual in Louisville, October 19, 1920.

Sam K. Veach, Carlisle, Grand High Priest.

S. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.

W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

MAINE—1919

Chapters, 65. Members, 11,446. Exalted, 626. Net Gain, 306.

CLIFFORD J. PATTEE, Grand High Priest.

All the principal officers assisted the Grand High Priest to open in ample form the twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine in Portland, May 6, 1919. We regret to note that Florida appears to have no one to represent us at the Grand Chapter of Maine. We wonder why.

With no rhetorical preliminaries Grand High Priest Pattee concisely presents his work of the year for inspection, with the gratifying assurance that more interest than ever is manifested in our Chapters, and a satisfactory increase in membership has been made.

The card index system of its members has proved so satisfactory in the Grand Lodge that he recommends the inauguration of a similar system in Grand Chapter.

Although granting what he considered needful dispensations, he rigidly refused dispensations to ballot out of time and to receive petitions of brethren not residents of the State one year.

Because no decisions have been called for and few questions on matters of law presented, he infers that the High Priests and Secretaries are studying the constitution and decisions more carefully. Yet he feels there is room for improvement, for he significantly adds: "They have the same opportunities to learn as do even Grand High Priests."

In common with others, he was a recipient of Maryland hospitality in connection with the General Grand Chapter. Although there are some things about the Revised Constitution that he does not favor, yet he says, if

adopted, the General Grand Chapter will have a constitution "strong enough, possibly, to impress even the Grand Chapter of Scotland."

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Not being satisfied with the specimens of work presented by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, no action was taken on its request for fraternal recognition.

Twenty-four candidates having presented proper credentials of election, they were accepted and annointed into the Order of High Priesthood. Elected candidates who do not present themselves at that or the ensuing annual session, their election lapses.

By reason of our pleasant companionship at Baltimore, with M. E. Comp. Thomas H. Bodge, we turn with added pleasure to his excellent Report on Correspondence, in which he critically and pleasantly reviews Florida. He noted the absence of Maine's Grand Representative, Past Grand High Priest Elmer E. Haskell. While we do not hold a brief for Companion Haskell, permit us to say that he is one of the most faithful as well as most revered members in all of Florida's Grand Bodies and his absence on that particular occasion was due to necessity and not by lack of interest.

Quoting from the address of Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer, relative to establishing a Chapter in connection with every Blue Lodge having a membership of sixty or more, Companion Bodge believes that "unless there is a larger jurisdiction than one small Lodge a Chapter should not be established."

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Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Chairman on Foreign Correspondence.

MASSACHUSETTS—1919

Chapters, 85. Members, 28,037. Exalted, 1,972. Net Gain, 1,212.

JOHN J. VAN VALKENBURGH, Grand High Priest.

Dignified and impressive must be the stated Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, for the Proceedings tell us that at 7 o'clock p. m. the entrance of the Grand High Priest and Grand officers is proclaimed by the Grand Captain of the Host, and after devotional service and singing, the Grand Chapter is declared open in Ample Form.

Of special interest at the March Quarterly was the report of the Committee on the Address of the Former Grand High Priest, which commended the three years' loving and efficient service rendered by M. E. Companion Arthur D. Prince, who called particular attention to the proposed change in the Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, as well as the necessity of increasing the revenues so as to enable the Grand Chapter to maintain a dignity at all times appropriate to a constituency of over twenty-eight thousand members.

At the June Quarterly a Constitutional Amendment was proposed, as we understand, which would require a member to sign the by-laws within six months from the date of his exaltation, but was not sanctioned by Grand Chapter.

Two new Chapters were constituted at special Convocations called for that purpose. At every Convocation, both regular and special, one or more addresses of educational merit were given, followed by a banquet. Under these conditions we fail to understand why any permanent member or Chapter Representative would willingly absent himself.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the fourth Quarterly or Annual Convocation were devoted largely to the Annual Exemplification of the Work of the four degrees under the Grand Lecturers. It is not quite clear whether the candidates were "dummy" or real, but from comments on the Florida way of doing "work" at the time of Grand Chapter Convocations, it is presumed that "live wires" were not in evidence. The time consumed in rendering the degrees and lectures, we are informed was as follows:

Mark, 1 hour 50 minutes; Past, 25 minutes; Most Excellent, 1 hour 15 minutes; Royal Arch, 2 hours 25 minutes.

According to the Report of the Committee of Charters and By-Laws we learn that Grand Chapter has no prescribed form for applications for membership. In another case, in a proposed amendment to a subordinate Chapter by-law, where the member neglects to pay his dues for a year, he shall "cease to become a member." In order to comply with the Capitular law the committee recommended the phrase to read "may be suspended."

Recognition of the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia was granted, but further time was asked on the application of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland.

Encouragement over the success which has come to the Jurisdiction during the year, and how to gather enthusiasm in carrying forward the unfinished work of his predecessors, were stressed in the address of Grand High Priest Van Valkenburg. Specially noteworthy in his report of official visitations made were exercises attending the sealing of a keystone or other metal receptacle in several Chapters, to be opened a century more or less hence. This is a practice other Chapters might well inaugurate.

He called particular attention to the regulation requiring Chapter secretaries to send notices of every Convocation to every member, also one each to the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary. It is so easy, he says, to forget the date of a meeting, and "in these troubled times we should examine very carefully the character of the material submitted before the same has been accepted." Also that the "possible consideration of a small expense should not be allowed to stand in the way of protecting the honor and interests of your Chapter." The above entails a duty not required of Florida secretaries. He urges Chapter officers to give careful and

serious thought to the importance of correct ritualistic work, otherwise members will not regularly attend.

Although the regulations of this Grand Chapter permit a candidate to receive four degrees in three days, yet in his opinion "no such opportunity should be afforded by regulations as to render it possible to confer degrees so hastily upon a candidate." He concludes his address by seeking to impress upon the Companions, "That increased membership is not so much to be desired as increased interest and activity in performing the duties incumbent on us as Royal Arch Masons."

Ex. Companion Lorenzo L. Green, who has long served this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Lecturer, was quite properly rewarded for his efficient work by being elected Deputy Grand High Priest.

We are pleased to note that Companion Enoch G. Best, Florida's Grand Representative, was present at the Annual Convocation.

Well attended was the Annual Assembly of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, when thirty-nine Excellent Companions were elected and set apart as High Priests after the Order of Melchizedes. M. E. Warren B. Ellis was re-elected Excellent President, and following the customary banquet, delivered an inspiring address in which loyalty to country was emphasized; also that the principles and teachings of Freemasonry are so universal and far-reaching that as an organization its members have no call to engage in work outside of its field of recognized duty.

Without either a prelude or a conclusion Past Grand High Priest Frederick T. Comee again presents a Capitular Review of Proceedings received, in which Florida received generous consideration. He urges that the members of the Florida Grand Chapter who attend the next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter

should realize the importance of fully understanding what the adoption of the proposed new Constitution will mean to the sovereignty of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

He apparently does not understand that under Florida laws the King of a subordinate Chapter fills the office of High Priest of a Chapter during the temporary absence only of the latter official; and that a permanent vacancy can only be filled by an election.

We greatly regret that we have failed to make clear to Companion Comee, and perhaps others, the particular manner in which the Capitular degrees are presented for the information of those attending Florida Grand Chapter. Nor do we seem to fully understand the material difference it makes whether the degrees are conferred "by" or "for" Jacksonville Chapter, so long as the same conform to the law and is approved by Florida Grand Chapter.

We appreciate the friendly greeting of Companion Comee and share with him in the hope that we may meet again at the Raleigh Triennial. We also thank him for the cordial invitation to visit his Boston office, but we opine that after the experience of the past severe northern winter he will be disposed to prepare his next review in our Florida Southland.

John J. Van Valkenburgh, Framington, Grand High Priest.
 Frederick T. Comee, Boston, Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent.

MICHIGAN—1919

Chapters, 155. Members, 27,760. Exalted, 1,618. Net Gain, 919.

WALTER H. BOOTH, Grand High Priest.

Gratifying indeed must it be to the Capitular Masons of the "Wolverine State" to learn that, according to Grand Secretary Conover, Michigan now takes fifth place among the Grand Chapters of the world in membership; being excelled only by Ohio, Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania in the order given; and that in number of Chapters Michigan stands ninth, being excelled in this respect only by Texas, Illinois, New York, Ohio and Georgia, the latter named state going only one better.

Twelve Chapters were not represented at the seventy-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which was held in Grand Rapids, May 20-21, 1919. The only Grand Officer absent was Grand Scribe Charles I. Gray, who was with the army of occupation in Germany. Three additions were made to the Roll of Honor, Most Excellent Companions Leonard H. Randall, Charles H. Axtell and Elmer S. Atherton having crossed the mystic river during the year.

Merely taking time to note that Capitular Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan is enjoying the greatest prosperity in its history, and expressing optimistic hopes for greater things in the future, Grand High Priest Booth confines his strictly business address to brief allusions to his official acts for the year, which, while important in themselves, yet contain but little of interest to the Craft at large.

Although not in favor of short cuts in Masonry, yet the conditions were such that he granted special requests from brothers expecting to soon be called to the service.

He divided the State into eight districts and assigned a district to each of the Grand Officers for visitation, and in his opinion "there is nothing more helpful to the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry than this method." He strongly favors the continuance of this class of field work. He granted a dispensation to form a new Chapter in the city of Detroit. He reports only one decision, which is purely local, evidencing study on the part of the members of the new "Red" Book. These two recommendations indicate the kind of work he presented for inspection:

Any newly elected High Priest shall not be installed unless he be proficient in conferring at least two degrees; either the fourth or seventh, and either the fifth or sixth. Any Chapter failing to exalt one team within the given Masonic year shall surrender its jurisdictional lines to the surrounding Chapters; and failing to exalt one team in two years shall surrender its charter.

These seemed to find favor with the Jurisprudence Committee and in order to meet constitutional requirements, were referred back to the Grand High Priest with permission to present them in proper form at the next Annual Convocation.

Notice was given that at the proper time an amendment to the constitution would be presented which would provide for a change in the plan of territorial jurisdiction of Chapters from local to state-wide jurisdiction. In supporting this movement, reference was made to recent actions taken by the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and Utah.

Out of the ordinary was the introduction to Grand Chapter of Comp. Charles A. Palmer, High Priest of Centerville Chapter No. 11, who had done the Principal Sojourner's work in his Chapter for forty years. Of special interest to the favored few is the dinner in con-

nection with the annual meeting of the Past Grand High Priests' Association, Past Grand High Priest Lon. B. Winsor being the host of this occasion.

Owing to the absence in Europe of George K. Phillips, President of the Order of High Priesthood, as well as the absence of the Vice-President, the annual meeting of the Order of High Priesthood was called off.

Michigan's fraternal correspondence being handled by its Grand Secretary, who is also General Grand Secretary, we turn with great pleasure to his reviews and we always find our anticipation more than realized. He precedes his reviews by selections from his "Scrap Book," which includes an article urging that more importance be paid to the moral qualifications of the petitioners. Other articles refer to the controlling power of Masonry in Mexico; a paper on the conferring of the Mark Master degree in Scotland by Alfred A. Murray, which explains the difference at one time between the degree of Mark Man as conferred on Fellow Crafts and that of Mark Master conferred on Master Masons, but which some fifty years ago were amalgamated, and as we now understand it, are conferred on Master Masons only under the authority of either Grand Lodge or Supreme Chapter. There is also a plea for Masonic learning, by Frank C. Higgins; a selection from a recent correspondence report of Pennsylvania by Companion Stockton Bates, being an affirmative reply to the question "Is Royal Arch Masonry Worth While?"; and concluding with a contribution by a "Scotchman who Knows," fully explaining the words "Scotch and Scottish," bringing out the impropriety of using the former word and the desirability of always using the word "Scottish" in connection with Masonry.

The address of Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer is kindly and fraternally reviewed, quoting extracts

pertaining to the war and the Masonic Relief Association, and includes a kindly personal comment.

Next Annual at Saginaw, May 18, 1920.

George W. Leddle, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

MINNESOTA—1919

Chapters, 76. Members, 10,935. Exalted, 815. Net Gain, 505.

GEORGE M. STOWE, Grand High Priest.

Florida's Grand Representative, Companion H. E. Blair, was not present at the fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota which convened in St. Paul, October 14, 1919.

Grand High Priest Stowe prefaced his address by calling to the attention of the Companions that as Masons it was their duty to stand for all that the Stars and Stripes represents and to never fail in devotion to the flag.

Reverently he referred to M. E. Comp. Alonzo Brandenburg, who crossed the divide in the cyclone which visited Fergus Falls, being caught in the debris of a wrecked building, and his body was not recovered until several days afterward. Another disaster causing great loss of life and property was the forest fires which devastated large areas, Grand Chapter coming to the relief of the sufferers through its emergency fund.

He granted a dispensation for one new Chapter. He refused one dispensation to permanently change the

meeting night of a Chapter, holding that this should be done by by-law amendment; also one to advance date of Annual Convocation, holding that by-laws could not be set aside in that manner. According to present Minnesota law, the Grand High Priest states:

There can be no waiver of jurisdiction between Chapters, or between this and a sister Grand Jurisdiction. The applicant must make his petition to the nearest Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, distance to be measured in air line. Then the Chapter receiving the petition can request some other Chapter to confer the degrees as an act of courtesy.

The only decision not covered by reference to law was where a Companion had paid two years in advance, his Chapter in the meantime having increased the dues one dollar per year. He held that legally the Companion had paid his dues in full, but morally he owed the Chapter two dollars.

Having adopted the revised ritual of the General Grand Chapter at the previous Annual Convocation, the work was exemplified at a School of Instruction held the day previous. It appeared to give general satisfaction and arrangements were made to promulgate the essentials in the several Chapters.

He made a baker's dozen official visitations and would have made more had it not been for the "flu," which early in the year placed a ban upon all assemblages.

Recognition was granted the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

During the lunch hour two dozen High Priests were elected and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood in due form.

Once again Companion Irving Todd concisely pre-

sents the work of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. It is mightily interesting as well as instructive.

He gives Florida generous consideration, quoting approvingly from Grand High Priest Ketchum's "timely warning" relative to the new constitution submitted by the last General Grand Chapter. He reproduces part of our summary of Minnesota, and classes us with Companion Roe Fulkerson of the District of Columbia, who is also occupying the station of Grand Captain of the Host. Without a personal acquaintance he is also willing to vouch for both of us "as worthy and well qualified, and of suitable proficiency." Some chances! Wonder if that would admit us to a Minnesota Chapter without further examination.

Next Annual in St. Paul, October 12, 1920.

Ira E. King, Stillwater, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Irving Todd, Hastings, Committee on Correspondence.

MISSISSIPPI—1919

Chapters, 65. Members, 4,539. Exalted, 350. Net Gain, 253.

JERE H. POWER, Grand High Priest.

Nothing out of the ordinary having occurred during the year in Capitular circles, the seventy-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi, which was held in the city of Meridian, February 27, 1919, was a harmonious gathering. All the officers were present, fifty-one Chapters were represented, but Companion Lowe did not respond for Florida.

Although many Companions have loved ones who made the supreme sacrifice, yet Grand High Priest Power, in his address, gave thanks that all of his own sons had returned from fighting the barbarous "Hun," even though one of them was maimed for life. Another cause for rejoicing was that none of the Grand or Past Grand Officers had been taken during the year. Contrary, his "regrets" include his inability to visit the Masonic Home, and that he had made only eighteen official visitations. It is extremely unfortunate that personal affairs often require so much time that the good intentions of those who accept positions of great responsibility are nullified. However, Grand High Priest Power must have had a busy year, for he mentions assisting in conferring 240 Chapter degrees during the year.

When the mountain would not go to Mohammed, then Mohammed went to the mountain, so in the interests of advancing Capitular Masonry the Grand High Priest issued several dispensations authorizing Chapters to meet and confer degrees in Lodge rooms other than their own, but within their jurisdiction. However, he was equally firm in refusing to grant dispensations when in his judgment the facts presented did not justify the issuing of them.

Two dispensations were granted for new Chapters, which were given charters; one Chapter was constituted; two Chapters were taken up; two Chapters were consolidated and three other recommendations for consolidation were approved, providing such consolidations can be effected harmoniously.

Next in importance, perhaps, was the report of the Grand Lecturer, which reveals a dignity, zeal and fidelity seldom excelled. In addition to his duties of inspection he lectured in nearly every Chapter on both Capitular

and Symbolic Masonry; and better still, is that these lectures produced results.

Nowhere do we recall having seen so complete a detailed report of the General Grand Chapter as that presented by Past Grand High Priest O. L. McKay, who was specially deputized for that purpose, and who is also the Correspondence reporter as well. We quote one decision by the General Grand High Priest which escaped our notice, both at the time and also in the official account of the proceedings, and while it has no special bearing on Florida, yet it is worth remembering:

That the conferring by a Grand Chapter of the title of Honorary Past Grand High Priest on a Companion does not give him any standing in the General Grand Chapter; that a Past Grand High Priest to be entitled to membership in the General Grand Chapter must have been regularly elected and installed as Grand High Priest and served as such.

Some differences of opinions exist in various Grand Jurisdictions relative to the proper procedure in the matter of suspension for non-payment of dues.

The following Constitutional amendment was adopted:

The secretary shall, on or before the day of election of officers, notify every member of the Chapter of the amount of his dues, and request payment, and should any member allow his dues to remain unpaid on the said day of election, he shall not have the right to vote or hold office. The secretary shall notify such delinquent Companion to appear at Regular Convocation, within ninety days after such notification, to show cause why his dues have not been paid, and if he still refuses or neglects to pay, the Chapter may suspend such delinquent. Such suspension shall be absolute, and while it continues, all Masonic rights and privileges of the Companion so suspended shall be abrogated, and no dues shall, from the date thereof, until reinstated, be charged against him. Any member who shall fail to pay his dues ten months after the close of the Capitular year, shall stand automatically suspended.

Another Constitutional amendment was proposed and referred, relating to holding stated Convocations, the meaning of which is not quite clear to our understanding, and we shall await with interest what action Grand Chapter takes another year.

Nine Companions were received and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and the old Officers were re-elected.

Placing the cart before the horse, we turn to the "Conclusion" of the Report on Foreign Correspondence of Past Grand High Priest Oliver Lee McKay, and wish to assure him that we have found much to interest and instruct, and commend him for the discrimination used in selecting the matters of particular interest to the Royal Craft.

We are pleased to note that he finds much to reproduce from what he designates as "a well written review" of the labors of Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer, who is also the Grand Representative for Mississippi.

We thank him for the information relative to the Cerneau decision and its connection with Mississippi; and also permit us to remind him that the way the types spell our name in his review differs slightly from the way our baptismal record reads. We have been trying to recall meeting Companion McKay in Baltimore, and if we did not, we are certainly the loser. It will not be our fault if we fail to improve another opportunity.

Next Annual in Vicksburg, Feb. 26, 1919.

Joseph J. Brooks, Dublin, Grand High Priest.

Frederick Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Oliver Lee McKay, Meridian, Correspondence Reporter.

MISSOURI—1919

Chapters, 109. Members, 17,775. Exalted, 1,503. Net Gain, 978.

THOMAS F. HURD, Grand High Priest.

Strictly business from start to finish marks the proceedings of the seventy-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, which opened its labors at 10:00 a. m., April 22, 1919, in Kansas City, and formally concluded the same at 4 p. m. the same day. Among the distinguished visitors present on this occasion were General Grand High Priest Frederick W. Craig and Deputy General Grand High Priest William F. Kuhn.

After paying his respects to the "much hated Hun who has been so soundly thrashed," and eulogizing America for coming to the rescue of civilization and which is now engaged in pointing the way to higher ideals of government and individuals, Grand High Priest Hurd promptly proceeds to render an account of his stewardship.

He granted dispensations to two Chapters to resume labor, although he had been instructed by action of the previous Grand Convocation to arrest the charter of one of these two Chapters for insubordination. In a way he evidenced some of the reputed wisdom of our first Most Excellent Grand Master, King Solomon, by first allowing time to cool the passion of the aggrieved ones, and then in a spirit of true Masonic Charity, succeeded in so changing conditions that the promised effort to revive the Chapter resulted in its being done. Several dispensations were granted to confer degrees in Lodge halls.

One dispensation was refused to ballot out of time, and at a called meeting, being contrary to the Constitu-

tion. Another asked for permission to receive a petition from a brother residing in another state and requesting a waiver of jurisdiction for the same. He refused because the Constitution provides: "No Chapter in this jurisdiction shall receive the petition of an applicant for the degrees who resides in another Grand Jurisdiction."

He made more than a score of official visitations. His first one was to a Chapter which exalted 72 out of a class of 77, when the thermometer stood above 100, and which he considers a record-breaker for a Chapter outside of a large city. Another notable visitation was in connection with the annual celebration of Washington's birthday. This is the way the Grand High Priest tells it in his address:

It is held annually, beginning at 6 o'clock in the morning and conferring all of the Blue Lodge degrees; the Chapter degrees and the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star during that day and the night following. There was a class of some thirty members exalted. That day was my first experience in opening a Lodge at 6 o'clock in the morning. There was about an inch of snow on the ground and the trees were snow-clad and bending with the load. It was a fine setting for a meeting of that kind. Soon after sun-up might be seen coming from all directions automobiles bearing Free Masons, their wives, daughters and sisters. They held this meeting in a two-story brick building, which was about 30x100 feet, the lower floor of which was devoted to the entertainment feature and the Eastern Star served lunch and dinner there. The Lodge room was above and the work never ceased from the time the Blue Lodge meeting was opened until the Royal Arch was conferred at the close of the meeting. When it was time to serve lunch or dinner some part of the workers would go to the meal, while the others continued the work.

Among his decisions was one that no Chapter can waive jurisdiction over one whose petition has been received and referred to a committee. This grew out of a case where a Chapter had received a petition from a

brother residing nearer another Chapter. Hence the first Chapter had broken the laws by receiving the petition. Jurisprudence Committee upheld the decision, but we fail to find any reference as to how the offense was healed.

Another was in effect that no vacancy occurs in the office of High Priest, when that official moves to another part of the state. Vacancy occurs only by death or disability, and not having removed from the state there was no disability.

Notable features in connection with the work of Grand Lecturer George C. Marquis, is the holding of "York Rite Festivals." These festivals last three days, the first day being given to conferring the four Royal Arch degrees; the second to the Cryptic degrees, and the third to the Commandery orders. We can, by personal acquaintance, vouch for Companion Marquis being a live wire Masonically.

While many of the Grand Lodges are giving a great deal of attention to Masonic education, this is the first instance we recall of joint action being taken by the concordant orders:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand High Priest to advise with similar committees of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery, having in view the publication among the craft of information concerning the advanced systems of Freemasonry.

Judging by the success which has attended the efforts of Missouri Masons in the past, we apprehend similar results will follow, and we shall look forward with pleasurable anticipation to future reports.

By reason of the favorable action taken by the Grand Chapter of New South Wales upon the request of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland for fraternal recognition, and also further by having in-

stalled the Grand Officers of the latter body, by request, fraternal recognition was accorded the New Grand Chapter of Queensland by Missouri, it being, we believe, the first American Grand Chapter to recognize Queensland.

Thirty-nine Excellent Companions were received and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Capitular activities in the comprehensive Report on Fraternal Correspondence by Excellent Companion (Rev.) John Henderson Miller, Florida receiving just recognition and apparent approval, especially those parts of Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer's address referring to the war as well as the proposition to erect appropriate monuments over the remains of Past Grand High Priests Samuel Pasco and James Carnell.

Next Annual in St. Louis, April 27, 1920.

Ray V. Denslow, Trenton, Grand High Priest.

Robert F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Rev. John F. Miller, Kansas City, Fraternal Correspondent.

NEBRASKA—1919

Chapters, 53. Members, 6,128. Exalted, 496. Net Gain, 374.

WILLIAM D. FUNK, Grand High Priest.

With three Grand Officers absent and only twenty-three chartered Chapters represented, the fifty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter assembled in Omaha, December 10, 1919. Following the usual preliminary Grand High Priest Funk, delivered the customary address.

After welcoming the faithful representatives, he confesses that he has done some things "I ought not to have

done, and left undone some things I should have done." He pays a tribute of respect to the memory of M. E. Comp. James Tyler, Grand High Priest in 1914, and who departed this life November 1, 1919.

Many of his official acts were common to the office and pertained to necessary local requirements.

We had supposed that the Order of High Priesthood was conferred only on regularly installed Priests. Yet the Grand High Priest received a communication from a Companion who inquired if he was entitled to receive per diem fees and mileage for attendance at Grand Chapter to take the Order of High Priesthood so that he might be installed High Priest of his Chapter. The Grand High Priest informed him that the Chapter could not lawfully pay fees and mileage unless he represented his Chapter at Grand Chapter.

His decisions were in answers to comparatively trivial questions excepting one, which was that while a local Chapter may exempt a member from payment of local dues, "The Chapter would have to pay Grand Chapter dues, for if the Companions are worthy members, the Grand Chapter dues should be cheerfully paid by the Chapter, as an act of deserving fraternity and respect for the unfortunate Companions." In Florida we place such members on the emeritus roll and Grand Chapter also remits such dues.

There being no provision in the Constitution for Grand Stewards, no appointments were made because the Grand High Priest considers the office a sinecure, the only purpose being to put the appointed in line of succession to Grand High Priest two years before there is any necessity and at an added expense to the Grand Chapter. For similar economic reasons he also recommends the continuation of doing away with extended reviews of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters.

The Grand Chapter of British Columbia was recognized and given cordial welcome. Being unable to obtain additional information relative to the Grand Chapter of Queensland it was recommended that no further action be taken.

At the Annual Grand Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood fifteen Companions were presented and set apart with full ceremonial to the Holy Order.

Next Annual in Omaha, December 15, 1920.

Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—1919

Chapters, 9. Members, 545. Exalted, 33. Net Gain, 16.

THOMAS LINDSAY, Grand High Priest.

Part of the opening ceremonies of the forty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada, held in Reno, June 10, 1919, was the reception of "Old Glory," followed by a stirring address and the singing of "America." For some reason Florida's Grand Representative was not among those who were appropriately received.

So quietly did matters Capitular move along during the year that Grand High Priest Lindsay had little material to add to the temple which the Royal Craft is erecting in that great Sage Brush State, where Chapters are small and widely separated. However, so conscientiously did Companion Lindsay perform his part of the work in the quarries that it passed inspection A-plus.

Glowing reports relative to the formation of new Chapters when subjected to the X-ray tests were not so

favorable, for it was found that while there were Companions who would enjoy a Chapter near them, yet they were loath to take their demits from their home Chapters, and there were not enough of the younger and more active members to warrant the forming of new Chapters at the time. However, some localities have strong and growing Lodges and there seem to be encouragements for future Grand High Priests.

He strongly disapproves of the course some of the Chapters were taking in not holding regular monthly convocations when there was no degree work, but that the time should be used for "the study of Masonry in general and in planning to better serve our fellowmen." He recommended that where more than two consecutive regular convocations are not held the Chapter should be compelled to report at once to the Grand High Priest and show cause why such meetings were not held.

While the Jurisprudence Committee approved the acts of the Grand High Priest, yet the committee did not overly enthuse over that recommendation.

Several years ago this Grand Jurisdiction adopted the ritualistic work of the General Grand Chapter as its standard. An effort was made to repeal that section referring to it, but Grand Chapter decided to make further investigation before accepting or rejecting the new General Grand Chapter ritual.

Six Excellent Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

R. E. Companion Edward D. Vanderlieth, who is also Grand Secretary, again presents a somewhat terse but very illuminating report on Foreign Correspondence. He prefaces each report with an appropriate poetic quotation, this being the message to Florida:

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

To you from falling hands we throw
 The torch—be yours to hold it high
 If ye break faith with us who die,
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders' fields.

—Col. John McCrae.

He notes that Capitular Masonry was "moving along with precision" under the able leadership of Grand High Priest Ketchum, and quotes a paragraph from his patriotic address.

He notes that our previous report mixed the names of the outgoing and incoming Grand High Priests. Very sorry, but we are willing to be forgiven. He also quotes apparently with approval, our conclusion anent Scotland. Next Annual in Reno, June 8, 1920.

Edward C. Peterson, Carson City, Grand High Priest.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

 NEW BRUNSWICK—1919

Chapters, 8. Members, 803. Exalted, 38. Gain or Loss, 0.

HORACE A. PORTER, Grand High Priest.

Meeting for the first time one day in advance of Grand Lodge, the thirty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter convened in St. John, April 22, 1919, with half of the stations filled by appointment.

In the brief address of Grand High Priest Porter he warned the Companions that with the close of the war their Masonic duties will increase with the return of those who had dedicated their lives to their country. Royal Arch Masonry has a great opportunity to demon-

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strate that it is a separate and important branch of Masonry, capable and willing to undertake its own duties and responsibilities; and that in the administration of its charities it must not be looked upon as a mere viaduct to so-called higher bodies, for he truly says: "As others are apt to take us at our own valuation, let us look well to ourselves."

His official duties were not onerous. He granted two dispensations for local causes and made seven official visitations. No decisions are noted. He recommended the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, which had been overlooked; that the "honorarium" of the Grand Secretary be enlarged, and that an Honor Roll be included in the printed proceedings. All of which Grand Chapter approved.

Five Companions were with "due solemnity" consecrated High Priest after the Order of Melchizadek.

So well, seemingly, did Grand Officers discharge their duties that they were re-elected.

No Correspondence Report.

Next Annual in St. John, April 26, 1920.

Horace A. Porter, St. John, Grand High Priest.
 J. T. Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

 NEW HAMPSHIRE—1919

Chapters, 26. Members, 4,692. Exalted, 187. Net Gain, 63.

ALBERT R. JUNKINS, Grand High Priest.

Devoid of special interest was the Centennial Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire, which convened in Concord, May 20, 1919. A careful perusal of the address of the Grand High

Priest fails to disclose that his duties, though numerous, were arduous or exacting; arising, no doubt, from the ideal conditions existing, for he states that "Capitular Masonry in New Hampshire was never as flourishing as at the present time."

Referring to the new ritual adopted by the last General Grand Chapter, which varies in many respects from the ritual now in use, he recommended that the four principal officers with the Grand Secretary be appointed a committee, with powers to adopt or reject the new ritual. Grand Chapter approved this recommendation.

He was called upon to make no decisions. He granted two dispensations to confer degrees in a Masonic hall, and refused one to receive petition and ballot upon same at the same convocation, because it was in conflict with Grand Chapter Regulations.

The Grand High Priest, as well as all the other Grand Council Officers, made a detailed report of their official visitations, which indicate faithful performance of this essential duty.

The request for recognition of the newly organized Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee to report a year later.

Meeting under ideal conditions and practicing the same ritualistic ceremonies as did the Companions one hundred years ago, they assembled in Concord, June 10, 1919, to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary. The special features arranged for this occasion were the conferring of the degrees by different subordinate Chapters, but the part of greatest interest to Capitular Masonry at large was the splendid and masterful historical address by R. E. Companion Harry W. Cheney, who has been Grand Secretary since 1910. Anything like an adequate synopsis is impossible in this limited space. He prefaces the historical part proper by tracing the growth and de-

velopment of the present civilization of the Connecticut valley which, in a great measure, is synonymous with Freemasonry, as at present organized, and which begun its career a little over two hundred years ago. The first Lodge in what is now New Hampshire was chartered and instituted in Portsmouth in 1736, by a Boston Lodge. The present Grand Lodge was organized in 1789. The last Lodge to be chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was in 1788, at Dartmouth, and the chairman of the committee which advised the granting of this charter was Paul Revere.

The warrant for the first Royal Arch Chapter, St. Andrew's No. 1, was issued in 1807, by Thomas S. Webb, General Grand King, but it was not approved until 1816. While a preliminary meeting looking to the organization of a Grand Chapter was held in 1818, the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire did not actually materialize until June 10, 1819, in Concord, and the Grand Chapter has met continuously in Concord since 1823.

Among the many interesting sidelights in connection, we note that the records have no reference to the Anti-Masonic furor which burst upon the country a few years after this Grand Chapter had become established. In 1834 an attempt was made to introduce the payment of mileage to the attending members, but failed, and it appears that down to the present this form of compensation has never been practiced there.

Among the early regulations were ones requiring that the Mark and Royal Arch lectures should be given at the annual sessions, but apparently in the present day it is not stringently enforced. In 1862 Chapters were advised, not ordered, to adopt by-laws requiring all candidates to be in good standing as Master Masons. It was not until 1870 that Chapters were required to transact all business in the Royal Arch Degree; previously it seems

to have been done in the Mark degree. Similarly, we are told, it was the early customs for Lodges to transact business in the Entered Apprentice degree.

The first reference to the Order of High Priesthood was in 1825, when it was stated a meeting was held, attended by six Past High Priests, all of whom had previously received the Order of High Priesthood, but it is not disclosed where these six men obtained that distinction. And this Order appears to continue to be in high favor, for at the Annual Convocation of the Council of the Order of High Priesthood, twenty-six petitions for membership were received.

For the second time the Report on Foreign Correspondence is made by Companion Charles B. Spofford, who concisely reviews all the proceedings that came to his notice. Apparently, Florida failed to reach him, much to our regret as well as Capitular loss. We sincerely hope it does not happen this way again.

Next Annual in Concord, May 18, 1920.

Arthur C. Stewart, Concord, Grand High Priest.

Harry W. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

Charles S. Spofford, Claremont, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

NEW JERSEY—1919

Chapters, 43. Members, 9,358. Exalted, 741. Net Gain, 481.

ANDREW N. MACKINNON, Grand High Priest.

During the year, the Death Angel summoned Deputy Grand High Priest Louis A. Menegaux and Past Grand High Priest John B. Bertholf to the Supreme

Grand Chapter on High. Their stations were vacant and their lights permanently extinguished when the sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter convened in Trenton, May 14, 1919.

Thankfulness and gratitude were voiced in the address of Grand High Priest MacKinnon, by reason of the large additions of good men and true to the Capitular ranks of New Jersey during the year drawing to a close.

Much attention and importance is given to inter-state visitations, and the Grand High Priest was the central figure in a number of events which do so much towards developing the social side of the Royal Craft, particularly in the more thickly peopled sections of the country, but which is not so feasible in states of "magnificent distances."

He discovered that several Chapters were using a form of application for degrees not fully complying with the Book of Constitution, due, he believed, to ignorance of the laws, and which irregularity he corrected. This is a strong argument in favor of every Grand Jurisdiction supplying its subordinate Chapter with all necessary blanks and insisting on their use only.

He granted a dispensation to form a new Charter in Newark, which later was given a Chapter. All questions arising during the year were covered by the Constitutions and Regulations, and which he states could have been answered had the Companions taken the trouble to look up the law.

He recommended the use of membership cards, showing the official receipt in both Lodge and Chapter, and having on the reverse side the Grand Secretary's certificate of the regularity of the subordinate body.

Some years ago this Grand Chapter adopted the "Sheville Ritual." Apparently it differs somewhat from

the General Grand Ritual, yet owing to strenuous work on the part of Grand Chapter Instructors and Deputies, they have succeeded in stirring up such an interest that the various Chapters "strive to excel each other in the Ritualistic work," surely a practical application of the admonition to those who can best work and best agree.

Possibly the most entertaining part of the entire Convocation was the reception of visitors, which included notable dignitaries and co-laborers from neighboring Capitular Grand Quarries. The many words of wisdom, flights of oratory and inspirational addresses must have, on this occasion, and no doubt did, enkindle a flame of devotion in the hearts of every Royal Craftsman present.

We are pleased to note that Past Grand High Priest Wm. H. Lowe, Florida's Representative, was among those who were graciously introduced and welcomed.

More than ordinary interest attaches to the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests of New Jersey by reason of the particularly appropriate address of the President, M. Ex. Comp. Henry S. Haines, which followed the reception and anointing of thirty Excellent Companions. Companion Haines' theme was the everyday importance of the essential features of the covenants entered into by the postulants, and the spiritual application to the ceremonies of the necessary exclusive Masonic family, which draw inspiration from noted biblical characters, dating back almost to the dawn of civilization.

Fortunate, indeed, are the Companions of New Jersey in having so gifted a Masonic student and writer in the person of Past Grand High Priest Henry S. Haines, who once more presents a valuable and instructive Re-

triotic sentiments
as his

laudable desire to establish Chapters in connection with Lodges having a membership of sixty or over, which, however, he hopes "will not lead to hasty and ill-judged selections of places where Chapters cannot surely be maintained, a circumstance which thus far Florida seems to have avoided."

He believes that the adoption of motions to fix times for certain acts, such as the election of officers, "is a trespass upon the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest" and "would not be entertained by us were the Craft made unfortunately subject to our rule."

He also believes that the "highest Masonic authorities will withhold approval from the practice prevailing there of conferring degrees upon actual candidates by Grand Chapters." Yet he charitably partially condones the practice, because in his opinion, "Witnessing the work as performed, considering the scanty means of general instruction apparently provided, must prove of benefit to those beholding it." This is a greatly discussed and still unsettled question. With all due respect to those who believe otherwise, we in Florida find much in the practice to commend; it seems to serve the purpose for which it is intended.

While Companion Haines is apparently inclined to disapprove of some Florida customs, due no doubt in a large measure to our faulty presentation, yet we all have the same object in view, the betterment of humanity through the teachings of the Royal Craft.

His conclusions relative to tobacco will surely be commended:

Smoking moderately pursued is a harmless habit, but practiced in the Lodge or Chapter room is not only inconsistent with the character of the place, but is unjust and ungentlemanly, because it excludes from the room those injuriously affected by its fumes,

who have equal right to be present and unmolested by that which is harmful or distasteful to them.

Next Annual in Trenton, May 12, 1920.

Richard C. Woodward, Bordentown, Grand High Priest.

Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.

Henry S. Haines, Burlington, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

NEW MEXICO—1918

Chapters, 17. Members, 1,268. Exalted, 103. Net Gain, 51.

HERBERT B. HOLT, Grand High Priest.

Because of the prevailing epidemic there was not a constitutional number of Chapters represented at the stated time for holding the twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico, which was twice adjourned, and finally was held at Tucumcari with six Chapters then not represented.

Early in his official career the Grand High Priest was stricken with illness lasting some three months, which prevented him from following out his original intentions of personally visiting every constituent Chapter, although it was his pleasure to be present at several Chapter Convocations and he was gratified to find a growing interest in Capitular Masonry.

Much of the address of the Grand High Priest consists of reports of the District Deputy Grand High Priests and other correspondence.

Two of his three decisions were refusals to grant special dispensations to confer degrees by reason of lack of

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Alpheus A. Kean, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

James H. Wroth, Albuquerque, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA—1919

Chapters, 51. Members, 4,817. Exalted, 491. Net Gain, 332.

J. F. RHEM, Grand High Priest.

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Grand Chapter appropriated \$500 for educational work.

So that the members of Subordinate Chapters may know of the errors of omission and commission of their officers, the Committee on Returns recommended that this committee's report be sent to the secretaries and read in open Chapter.

Nineteen Excellent Companions received the Orders of High Priesthood. John H. Anderson was elected President.

Leaving statistics and facts temporarily, Companion W. B. McKoy, in presenting his second report on Fraternal Correspondence, seeks in his introduction to lead attention to the search after truth, the great object in Masonry.

His review of Florida, covering as it does the 1917 Annual Convocation, makes it so near ancient history that it possesses little interest.

Next Annual in Wilmington, May 11, 1920.

John H. Anderson, Fayetteville, Grand High Priest.

John B. Greggs, Elizabethville, Grand Secretary.

Wm. B. McKoy, Wilmington, Foreign Correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA—1919

Chapters, 22. Members, 3,271. Exalted, 247. Net Gain, 138.

G. ROY RINGO, Grand High Priest.

For the first time in many years all the Subordinate Chapters were represented at the Victory (thirtieth) Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota, which convened in

Grand Forks, June 18, 1919, and held its first session in the evening, in order "to get the preliminaries out of the way."

After disposing of the usual formalities, Grand High Priest Ringo presented his address, characterizing his work of the year as uneventful, because the demand was small. He, however, notes three important events: the signing of the armistice, the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, and the death of Past Grand High Priest Sylvester J. Hill. He says he did not refuse one of the many requests to grant dispensations where the candidate was leaving on the call of duty.

We quite agree with him in his reference to the General Grand Chapter:

It is an inspiration of a life time to sit in the General Grand Chapter. Most of its active members are very old men with snow-white hair. Masonry seems to be their religion, and from association with them, one is forced to believe that their thoughts and conduct are in fulfillment of the teachings of Free Masonry.

Because he was not invited, he made no official visitations, although he says he was willing and anxious to visit the various Chapters and had an abundance of time for so doing. The Committee on Address believed Grand Chapter should establish a fixed policy, making it a part of the duties of the Grand High Priest to visit without the formality of an invitation, and the report was adopted; but we fail to find any further action being taken.

One of the decisions was that a secretary could not resign, although leaving the state, but that a secretary should be appointed pro tem. This is different from Florida laws, where a secretary can resign and his successor can be elected at any regular Convocation.

Another was the sanctioning of the preferring of

charges against a member for un-Masonic conduct, who had issued a check for payment of dues where he had no funds in the bank to cover the check. Although a Masonic body is not, in our opinion, a collection agency, and should not be so used, yet such action comes so near "contempt of court" that drastic punishment is deserved.

Among the dispensations issued for the good of Royal Arch Masonry was one to communicate the degrees, a proceeding entirely new to us. Jurisprudence Committee must have had a somewhat similar conception, for while they did not approve of this procedure as a general proposition, "they did as a war emergency dispensation," however "trusting that this will not act as precedent."

Seemingly the Grand High Priest is quite in harmony with the proposed revision of the General Grand Chapter Constitution which would give that body greater authority over the several Grand Chapters. So likewise is the Grand Secretary, for in his report he says its adoption would:

Make this national body more than a social gathering and an office-holding institution. We express the belief that until we begin to think in terms of the nation, our Masonry is not going to get us far.

In furtherance of this plan the newly elected Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Adolf M. Christianson, was requested to brief up the new Constitution and submit the same to the Chapters during the coming year. Grand Chapter also adopted, after free discussion, the new General Grand Chapter Ritual, its use to begin January 1, 1920.

Recognition of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland was granted, although an effort was made to refer the request to the Fraternal Correspondent.

About the last official action of this Grand Body was

the reception of the Grand Representatives, with Florida's place in the ranks vacant. Not so in our Grand Body, for Grand Treasurer M. E. Comp. Marcus Endel always responds when North Dakota is called.

Notwithstanding that the Order of High Priesthood convened during the noon hour, eleven Companions were willing to visit the "quick lunch" counter or go without so that they might be made High Priests after the order of Melchizedek. M. E. Comp. Geo. E. Guthrie was elected President.

Having met at Baltimore Comp. E. G. Guthrie, who so ably reviews the other Grand Chapter proceedings, we turn with special eagerness to his fifth report, which is so entertaining and instructive that we wish all could enjoy the pleasure that has been ours. Grand Chapter also appreciated his able work by increasing his emoluments; not, however, what they are worth. His is a labor of love and the value cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

Florida is given courteous attention, in which he quotes approvingly from the "very creditable" address of Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer. He says nice things about our second report, for which we thank him. Whether merited or not, they are an incentive to greater efforts.

By action of Grand Chapter next Annual will convene January 13, 1920, in Fargo, thus making the Capitular year compare with the calendar year.

A. M. Christianson, Bismark, Grand High Priest.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

E. George Guthrie, Fargo, Fraternal Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA—1920

Chapters, 24. Members, 3,448. Exalted, 212. Net Gain, 177.

ADOLPH M. CHRISTIANSON, Grand High Priest.

North Dakota has proved to its entire satisfaction that it is advantageous to Capitular Masonry in that Grand Jurisdiction to hold its annual gatherings at a different time from Grand Lodge. The thirty-first Annual Convocation, which convened in Fargo, Tuesday evening, January 13, 1920, was the first time that the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., had ever met entirely apart from its parent body.

General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Frederick W. Craig, was a welcome guest, it being the first time that the head of Capitular Masonry in the United States had found his way in that northern part of this great country. Letters of regret were read from the Senior Past Grand High Priest, Peter Picton, who had recently passed his eighty-ninth birthday, is in good health and is a regular attendant upon the Masonic meetings in the city where he resides; also from Past Grand High Priest Lawrence G. Moultrie, who is now engaged in the Armenian-Syrian Relief work in Beirut, Syria.

Following the usual formal opening the evening was given over to the exemplifying of the Royal Arch Degree by Keystone Chapter, in accordance with the new General Grand Chapter Ritual, and which, the proceedings state, was considered a great improvement by all who witnessed it.

Shortening his term of office nearly one-half, by reason of change in time of Grand Chapter Annual Convocation, the demand for the exercise of official powers by Grand High Priest Christianson was not great. He was not called upon for a single decision, no complaints were

registered and only four requests were made for dispensations, two of which were granted; both referred to conferring degrees. He made one official visitation, having received no other invitation.

If we understand correctly a reference elsewhere in the proceedings, Grand High Priest Christianson is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Dakota, which no doubt accounts for the request made at the previous Annual Convocation that he "brief up the new Constitution" of the General Grand Chapter, which he did and which appears as an addenda to his address. It is the most complete as well as concise "summing up" of the two Constitutions that has come to our notice. It ought to be carefully read and studied by those who as representatives will be expected to pass judgment upon this important "charter of our liberties," at the next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter.

Referring to that part of the new Constitution which provides that the General Grand Chapter shall have full authority over the ritual and see that the ancient work be preserved and performed, it is his opinion that that body should be vested with the additional powers proposed. Also that it shall have power to enforce its laws, and that no Grand Chapter "shall have the right to withdraw from and deny the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter without its consent," which provision in his opinion "is essential to its maintenance and enforcement. The very idea of government implies right—not only to make, but to enforce laws." Seemingly he is not so thoroughly impressed with the desirability of changing the Triennial sessions to Biennial. While the change may be desirable, the reasons advanced do not appear to him as being sound. Perhaps some may differ with him in the wisdom of his "conclusion," yet all will admire him for having the courage to express his convictions:

I am strongly impressed with the need of a closer union, not only of all American Royal Arch Masons, but of all American Masons, especially as regards matters of national scope. Its membership and interests are co-extensive with our country—its sympathies as wide as humanity. We need not only a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, but we need a General Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the United States of America. Upon the roll of our membership we find the names of Washington, Hamilton, Franklin, Hancock, Madison, LaFayette, Warren, Revere and DeKalb—men who staked or gave their lives to create this great country. Yet today, American Masonry has no national organization. It is divided into as many grand jurisdictions as there are States. During the great war, it became necessary to improvise a national organization. While the war is over, the need of Masonic unity continues. It is now, it will continue to be greater than ever. Earnestly do we hope, fervently do we pray that an American Grand Lodge may soon be a reality.

Much of the details referring to development of the Craft commonly reported by the Grand High Priest are found in this Grand Jurisdiction in the report of the Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, which contains the cheering information that one and probably two new Chapters will soon materialize and that the future of Capitular Masonry is hopeful. The new ritual, he believes, will dignify the degrees materially and that "all should endeavor to think of these degrees as worthy of our best efforts, and not as degrees which at best must be taken that we may, per chance, become Knights of the Temple."

A proposed constitutional amendment fixing a time requirement of six months before a Master Mason could petition for the Capitular degrees, was disapproved by the Jurisprudence Committee, but Grand Secretary Stockwell, who proposed it, felt that it was along right lines and wanted it understood that if rejected this time it would be introduced again at the next Convocation.

The report of the committee not being adopted, action on the amendment was postponed until next year.

Apparently Florida was without representation this year.

No petitions were presented for membership in the Order of High Priesthood.

Six times has Past Grand High Priest E. George Guthrie presented the Fraternal Correspondence Report, and each time it is more enlightening than the previous one. After reciting with apparent approval some of the acts of Grand High Priest Ketchum and noting the activity Florida is having, he adds, "and bids fair to surprise itself by stepping out," whatever that may mean.

Noting the sincere pleasure it gave Grand Secretary Webster to state that all Chapters had reported promptly, he quite properly adds, "What a captivating manner that Grand Secretary must have," a sentiment we Florida Companions who know him best, heartily endorse.

Having met Comp. Guthrie at Baltimore, we all the more appreciate and thank him for the nice things he says about Florida, as well as the writer of this, and are looking forward with pleasure to the next meeting at Asheville in 1921.

Next Annual in Grand Forks, Jan. 25-26, 1921.

John H. G. Turner, Bottineau, Grand High Priest.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

E. George Guthrie, Fargo, Fraternal Correspondent.

NOVA SCOTIA—1919

Chapters, 17. Members, 1,809. Exalted, 171. Net Gain, 121.

WILLIAM A. ELLIS, Grand High Priest.

Although rejoicing over it being the half century Convocation of the Grand Chapter which convened in

New Glasgow, June 10, 1919, and which showed the largest net gain of any one year, yet the Companions greatly missed the presence of their former Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. Samuel J. Waddell, who passed through the Inner Veil but a few weeks previous. Nova Scotia Masonry has sustained a great loss with the passing of that M. E. Companion.

After V. E. Grand Captain of the Host had "organized the Grand Chapter," it was opened in Ample Form by the Grand High Priest.

More than half of the address of Grand High Priest Ellis pertains to his official visitations, which included every subordinate Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction, and which he says "will always remain with me as the most pleasant recollection of my Masonic life."

He was not asked for a decision on any question which, he says, shows that the Constitution is well read and understood. One of his dispensations was to use two substitutes, and the other for a new Chapter in North Sydney. He is further encouraged over the prospect of two new Chapters in New Foundland. He strongly urged that Chapters meet regularly once a month during the year, for he finds that after a vacation it takes another two months before they settle promptly down to work again. He further recommended that the young Companions make themselves perfect in the work so that they may be ready when called upon.

The work of the Chapter proper is given largely to receiving and approving committee reports.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon thirteen worthy Companions.

Owing to the death of Grand Secretary Waddell, the Report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Companion Brenton F. Porter, who succeeded Companion Waddell as Grand Secretary. It is thoughtful and well

prepared. He is cordially welcomed to a seat at the Round Table.

He refers to the "wonderful tribute" of Grand High Priest Ketchum to the memory of Past Grand High Priest James Carnell.

Referring to the work of the Committee on Memorials, he truly says that "some of the most beautiful and uplifting thoughts contained in the Proceedings are in this work."

Next Annual in Yarmouth, June 1, 1920.
John C. McKay, Sidney, Grand High Priest.
Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary.

OHIO—1919

Chapters, 189. Members, 51,848. Exalted, 5,126. Net Gain, 4,155.

HARRY W. LLOYD, Grand High Priest.

Abundant prosperity continuing in the subordinate Chapters and gains in membership exceeding that of any previous year, contributes in making notable the one hundred and third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which convened in Toledo, September 24, 1919, with many distinguished visitors present.

Enobling expressions are vividly expressed in the address of Grand High Priest Lloyd, as he submits such matters and occurrences as to him seem deserving of mention.

In passing through the dark valley to the greater life beyond, of R. E. Companion Ralph R. Rickley, not only did this Grand Chapter lose a most efficient treasurer, but also many other of the Craft bodies a similar officer, as well.

One more Chapter was added to the Royal Craft in Toledo. Much importance was given to Chapter inspection and a report was received from nearly every one. It was the conclusion of the Grand High Priest that the Chapters failing to report "were in such perfect condition as to make visitations for inspection purposes unnecessary."

Evidently believing that laws should be obeyed, he refused to grant four dispensations to hold stated convocations at dates other than those fixed by Chapter by-laws.

Several amendments to by-laws of subordinate Chapters were not approved. In one case he rendered the opinion that a Chapter should not, by its by-laws, make permanent disposition of its dues, as the object desired could be effected either by motion or resolution, which could be more easily changed, if occasion required. Another, which pertained to life membership, was not approved, "for the reason that there is no authority therefor." Two others relating to payment of fees on the installment plan suffered a similar fate, because the Code provides that "the fee shall in all cases accompany the petitions." In another case it was his judgment that the date of the convocation of a Chapter should not be dependent upon the time of meeting of some other body.

Conditional consent in one instance, consent not according to Code in another, and too near Grand Chapter made the third reason why that number of dispensations to form new Chapters were not granted. One Chapter arrested the year previous was restored, and the three Chapters which had been on probation exhibited such good specimens of work that their characters were passed and they are again in full connection.

Although not able to accept all the invitations to make official visitations, the dozen he did make were geograph-

ically well distributed, so that he got in personal touch with all parts of the Grand Jurisdiction.

Differing from the general run of Jurisprudence Committee reports, the several acts of the Grand High Priest were reported on by some one member of the committee, all of which were approved, except his recommendations to incorporate the Grand Chapter, which was not approved.

"We think not," is the reply of the committee to the query of the Grand High Priest, "Should copies of Marks of petitioning Companions accompany petition for new Chapter?"

Because nothing of moment had occurred during the year, the customary annual address of M. E. President Nelson Williams of the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests was omitted, but 128 Companions were consecrated and set apart to this Holy Order.

Entertaining and interesting throughout is the splendid report of the Foreign Correspondent, M. E. Companion O. P. Sperra, our friend of the days ago. Generous treatment is accorded Florida, in which he says the patriotic address of Grand High Priest Ketchum "contained much useful information." After referring to the waiver of jurisdiction, which was granted, he adds, "An Ohio Grand High Priest could hardly do this," and then quotes from the report of the Jurisprudence Committee relative to the waiver.

He gives as a reason for saying nice things about the writer of this report, "that Hubbell was formerly from the Western Reserve." We are pleased to note that our old time Ashtabula county friend, Past Grand Master B. Frank Perry, is steadily climbing the Capitular ladder, being now Grand Captain of the Host, and we hope soon to greet him as Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Next Annual in Youngstown, October, 6, 1920.
Joseph T. Croxall, E. Liverpool, Grand High Priest.
Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.
Orion P. Sperra, Ravenna, Foreign Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA—1919

Chapters, 71. Members, 6,784. Exalted, 613. Net Gain 428.

JABEZ HOLMES MANN, Grand High Priest.

Forty-one years previous, in what is now the city of McAlester, Royal Arch Masonry first saw the light of day in Indian Territory; eleven years later in the same city and on the same spot, was organized the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory; while on April 15, 1919, three decades later, was convened in the same commonwealth, the thirtieth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. McAlester must be a Mecca of Freemasonry, for in the welcoming address it is asserted, but without confirmation:

That when it comes time to publish a new city directory in McAlester, the compilers simply take the Masonic roster, add the names of women and children and consider the white population of the community fully accounted for.

Differing from other published Grand Chapter reports by omitting the names of Grand Officers and others present, the transcript of proceeding states, there being the constitutional required representatives present, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. Omitting further ceremony, Grand High Priest Mann read his address, which indicated fervency and zeal in administering the Capitular affairs of Oklahoma. He paid due re-

spect to the memory of Past Grand High Priest George H. Bruce.

He gave the necessary instructions for substituting the New General Grand Ritual for the one heretofore in use in Oklahoma. His only decision was that a brother who lost his left hand was eligible for Chapter degrees, "if the maim does not amount to inability to comply with our rites and ceremonies."

He is not in sympathy with those who consider the office of Grand Representative as an empty honor, but rather believes "it to be a very important one." Therefore, in checking over the list of Grand Representatives, he found quite a number of vacancies, which he immediately proceeded to fill by making suitable recommendations to the proper authorities. We are pleased to note that Florida is faithfully represented by Past Grand High Priest Daniel M. Hailey and equally so is Oklahoma represented in Florida by Past Grand High Priest Olin S. Wright, who is "always on the job" in whatever pertains to the betterment of the Craft, being prominent in every one of the various bodies.

A dispensation was issued and at the proper time a charter was granted to one Chapter, two Chapters were consolidated and the charter of one taken up. His only recommendation was an amendment to the Capitular laws making all officers elective, which Grand Chapter confirmed.

For what was considered good reasons, official recognition of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was for the present deemed inadvisable.

Much of the time and attention of Grand Chapter was given to considering and acting upon matters important to that Grand Body only.

Eighteen petitioners were elected and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Were it not for the modest assertion of Ex. Comp. William Noble, that it was his first Report on Fraternal Correspondence, the reader would have naturally supposed that it was the work of an "old timer." We congratulate the Grand Chapter on having secured so able and gifted a successor to the late R. E. Companion Leo Bennett, and at the same time wish to compliment Companion Noble on his excellent and meritorious report.

Florida receives careful and discriminating attention. For his information relative to the "workings of the Royal Craft in the good old state of Florida," particularly pertaining to conferring degrees by the Grand Chapter's Committee on Work, we refer him to page 172 of our 1919 Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

He compliments us by quoting at length from our 1918 report.

Next Annual in Oklahoma City, April 20-21, 1920.

John A. Gillis, Frederick, Grand High Priest.

James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.

William Noble, McAlister, Correspondence Committee.

OREGON—1919

Chapters, 37. Members, 4,499. Exalted, 248. Net Gain, 120.

MAX BOLLACK, Grand High Priest.

Filling his station of Deputy Grand High Priest and also that of Acting Grand King is somewhat out of the ordinary in the roster of Grand Officers, but the Proceedings show this was done by R. E. Comp. J. H. Redmond at the fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, which was

opened in Portland, June 9, 1919. Half a dozen Subordinate Chapters were not represented, as well as more than half of the other Grand Chapters, including Florida.

Careful and consistent appears to have been Grand High Priest Bollack in his management of the affairs of the Grand Chapter. All his official acts were approved, excepting one decision, to the effect that a brother whose left arm below the elbow was artificial, although able to use it effectively, was not eligible to receive Chapter degrees. Jurisprudence Committee was of the opinion that a candidate, who by the use of artificial limbs, can give necessary grips and signs, was eligible, besides, that was in accord with Grand Lodge laws.

Another decision, was that a petitioner holding a certificate of good standing from another Chapter in the Grand Jurisprudence, could affiliate without first visiting the Chapter. Supposing after his election, when he attends Chapter for the first time, there being no one present to vouch for him and he was not able to satisfy the examining committee, what would be the result? It seems to us a Companion should visit a Chapter at least once before he applies for affiliation.

Among the requests for courtesies was one from Ferguson Chapter No. 5, of Cornwallis, asking that the Grand Chapter of Florida confer all the degrees on Brother Vane G. Gibson. No doubt it was done, but there is nothing to indicate what Florida Chapter did the work.

Two new Chapters were set to work. The remaining portions of the Grand High Priest's address refer to acts of local interest only.

All the committee reports indicate a pleasing state of harmony and good will existing throughout the entire Capitular Jurisdiction.

The only disappointing feature was that Past Grand

High Priest Al. H. Steiner, Foreign Correspondent, by reason of a prolonged period of sickness as well as extra labors in connection with his State Department work, was unable to complete his report in time for the 1919 proceedings. It is promised, however, next year. We shall look for it with pleasurable anticipation.

The Holy Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon sixteen petitioners.

Next Annual in Portland, June 14, 1919.

J. H. Richmond, Portland, Grand High Priest.

James F. Robertson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Al. H. Steiner, Salem, Foreign Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA—1918

THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Grand High Priest.

According to the Grand Secretary's report to the March Quarterly, there were 38,459 Royal Arch Masons in Pennsylvania at the close of 1917; also 2,774 were Marked during the year, and that the net gain was 1,298; also that there were two Mark Lodges with a total membership of 180.

Flagrant violations of the Constitution by several Chapters in exalting candidates in less than four weeks after the conferring of the Mark Degree, and also in conferring the Mark degree after a lapse of more than six months from date of approval, were reported at the September Quarterly by the Grand High Priest, and at his request referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, who recommended that the Grand High Priest in his judgment enforce the penalty by suspending the High Priest or secretary, or both.

Out of the ordinary was the Emergency Convocation

held November 16th, at which time Thomas McConnell, Jr., was made a Royal Arch Mason at sight. The Mark Master degree was conferred by the Grand Scribe; the Most Excellent Master degree by the Grand King, and the Royal Arch degree by the Grand High Priest, the father of the candidate. This is said to have been the first time the degrees have ever been conferred in the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. The candidate was twenty-one years, two months and twenty-seven days old, and is probably the youngest Royal Arch Mason ever made in Pennsylvania.

At that time it was expected that he was going abroad, and to make the above exaltation possible the Grand Master of the state had allowed him to be made a Mason in his presence, under age.

While Florida was represented only at the December Quarterly, yet we are pleased to note that Ex. Comp. Emanuel M. Kaiser, Florida's representative near the Grand Chapter of New York, was present at two Quarters.

The Annual Grand Communication is always held on St. John's Day in winter, at which time the Grand High Priest reviews the work for the year about to close. He tells us that although the returns will show a gratifying increase over the year previous, yet no new Chapters were constituted; also he considers it more desirable to "allow new growth to strengthen and stimulate interest in the Chapters already existing rather than to create new Chapters." He states that one Chapter had over three hundred petitions presented at a single stated convocation, and a total of more than seven hundred during the year.

Differing somewhat from the custom in many Grand Chapters, the Grand High Priest decided that with the consent of a majority of the members present, a petition

for degrees may be withdrawn at any time within four months after its presentation, after a favorable report, or at any time within six months after a favorable ballot; also that the failure of an investigating committee to report within four months is equivalent to an unfavorable report and becomes a rejection.

Having granted a number of dispensations to confer the Royal Arch Degree short of time upon brothers about to enter the service, Grand High Priest McConnell makes this reply to some would-be objectors:

I notice in the correspondence reports of some of our sister jurisdictions remarks to the effect that the granting of these dispensations is illegal, but we all know in Pennsylvania that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter expressly provides that the prerogative of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest is unlimited in the making of Royal Arch Masons. I courteously recommend that our critics get a copy of our Constitution, read it, and remember that the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is sovereign and recognizes no law above or outside of its own. We give our Most Excellent Grand High Priest power to meet emergencies. [The italics are ours.]

Remaining the same as in previous years, Florida is again courteously reviewed by Ex. Companion Joseph L. Mann, in which he notes that Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer pays a glorious tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest James Carnell, to which Companion Mann adds:

Companion Carnell's Masonic history was one to be proud of. He served as Grand Master in 1901-2, Grand High Priest in 1899, Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1912, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1905, and was active in all the Masonic bodies until called to enter the inner vail of the tabernacle of the great beyond.

Referring to the question of Jurisdiction that arose between St. Augustine Chapter and Putnam Chapter,

after quoting the Grand High Priest in his ruling, takes exception, saying:

We must disagree on the latter point. If waiver of jurisdiction was refused by Putnam Chapter, the petitions become null and void so far as they relate to St. Augustine Chapter, and they have no authority to turn them over to Putnam Chapter; but the iron-clad rule of boundary lines often causes an injustice to an applicant whose business relations may be in a town or city distant from the Masonic Chapter near his residence, and, again, convenience of access should receive consideration.

Early Masonry in this country is sometimes a sensitive question, and apparently Past Grand High Priest William B. Meredith, who reviews District of Columbia, must have taken exceptions to some comment of Companion Gordon Huffmaster, the able Committee on Foreign Correspondence for Arkansas, for we find this observance under Arkansas:

Reference is again made to the introduction of Freemasonry into Pennsylvania. We are content to rest our claims upon the address of Past Grand Master Brother George B. Orlady. Further, when we want information as to the introduction of Freemasonry in Arkansas, we will consult their Grand Chapter.

Next Annual in Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1919.
David J. Davis, Scranton, Grand High Priest.
George B. Wells, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1919

Chapters, 14. Members, 1,977. Received, 209. Net Gain, 160.

RICHARD S. KINGHORN, Grand 1st Prin. Z.

Every Chapter being represented at the forty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal

Arch Masons of Quebec, which assembled in Toronto, March 26, 1919, serves to confirm the assertion of the Grand High Priest in his address that:

Not one discord note has been heard by me; no decisions requested. Peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction. With only two exceptions, every Chapter has made progress, and it is pleasing to be able to report that these two Chapters are showing renewed vigor.

This is further indicated by the unprecedented number of exaltations during the year, as well as the increased proportion of members of the Craft Lodges who seem to have become convinced that there is still something to be desired after receiving the M. M. degree. As an old friend of ours was wont to remark: "Let the good work go on," and not only in Quebec, but in all other Grand Jurisdictions as well.

Because an annual Chapter election would fall on Christmas day, the Grand Z was requested to grant a dispensation to hold the same on a prior date, but he refused as he "did not deem it expedient to grant a dispensation, unless actually required." Several dispensations were granted to install as First Principals, Companions who had not presided over Symbolic Lodges as W. M.

Owing to the epidemic the Grand Z officially visited only half of the Chapters, among them being some of the weaker ones, which he felt sure were materially strengthened and enthused. However, every Chapter was officially visited not only by the Grand Superintendents, but the Grand Lecturer as well. A unique event reported by the latter was where one Past Z invested and seated his son as First Principal, and another Past Z, also of the same Chapter, likewise seated his son as Second Principal.

It appearing that only five Chapters out of between thirty and forty in the Grand Jurisdiction of Queensland

took part in the formation of the New Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, the Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that no action be then taken and asked for additional time to consider same, which Grand Chapter granted.

By the adoption of a constitutional amendment, hereafter no petition for degrees, nor for affiliation, shall be received until the petitioner has resided in the Province twelve months and within the Jurisdiction of the Chapter six months, a requirement now quite common.

M. E. Companion E. D. T. Chambers, Past Grand Z, who for thirty years has annually presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, approaches his task this time with very great thankfulness by reason of being "free from the overhanging shadow of the Grand War." He prefaces his unusually graphic and instructive review of the several proceedings by calling attention to some of the phases in which Masonry should and must, of necessity, play in the important work of reconstruction for the maintenance of the highest ideals of personal liberty and democracy.

Unfortunately for us, the Florida Proceedings must have miscarried, for there is no reference whatever to it. We hope that this may not happen again.

Next Annual in Montreal, March 24, 1920.

R. S. Kinghorn, Montreal, Grand Z.

Wm. M. Couper, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

E. T. D. Chambers, Montreal, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

SCOTLAND.

Notwithstanding some of the acts of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland are reprehensive from this distant point of view, resulting in the severing

of fraternal relations by many of the American Grand Chapters, as well as the General Grand Chapter, but not however, including Florida; yet we turn with interest to the proceedings, which come in the form of separate pamphlets of the different Quarterlies.

The year book of nearly a hundred pages is given over to a list of the Grand Office Bearers and the Roll of Chapter with principal offices, showing there are 455 Chapters on the Rolls, including Keystone Chapter No. 354, in Manila, P. I., which is the bone of contention between the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter of the United States. We also find that Columbia Chapter No. 120, in British Columbia, is working under the Scottish Constitutions, as well as ten Chapters in the British West Indies and six Chapters in South America.

However, since the year book above referred to was printed the Grand Chapter of British Columbia has been regularly organized, and Columbia Chapter has quite properly renounced allegiance to Scotland and has cast its lot with the New Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

In the address of M. E. Companion Colonel Peter Spence, at the time of his installation as First Grand Principal, he states that the Royal Arch registrations during the two previous years have almost doubled each year, those for 1919 being 7,155 Companions, and that a large portion of these are life members, having commuted their annual subscription. He gives this additional information:

We do not, under the Scottish jurisdiction, have the system which prevails in other Constitutions, of counting only those as members who are paying members of their Chapters. We continue to regard any member, though he is not in good standing in his Chapter, as being still a member of the Order. It is impossible to suggest that after conferring a degree upon him he should be cut

off as an outsider, as if he had never received any degree at all. We only disqualify him, so long as he is not in good standing, from voting or holding office. We, I believe, have far more exaltations annually than any other Constitution in the world, and the work, as well as the material, remains at a high standard of excellence.

Last year we issued 740 Mark diplomas. It must be remembered that in this jurisdiction, as in every other one, except perhaps England and Victoria, the Mark is an essential part of the qualification of a Royal Arch Mason, but under the Scottish system it may be conferred in a Craft Lodge before the candidate applies for exaltation, and in that case he is simply affiliated to the Mark Lodge of the Chapter.

Relative to some of the Grand Jurisdictions which he observes "have not been seeing eye to eye with us," he presents Scotland's side of the controversy:

While some of the American Grand Chapters have severed friendly relations with us, we have never done the same with them, and we have been only too pleased to welcome any of their members in our Chapters, believing that the present estrangement is only a temporary phase. The framers of the correspondence reports of some of these Grand Chapters might be recommended to a study of a poem known as "The Jackdaw of Rheims," who, notwithstanding being cursed by bell, book and candle, did not suffer very greatly, and to the astonishment of his critics, was not one penny the worse.

As showing the intimate and close connection existing between the Capitular and Cryptic degrees, at the June Quarterly the First Grand Principal declared the Supreme Grand Chapter adjourned *pro tempore*, and a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in Ample form. In presenting a Cryptic Jewel to the First Grand Principal, M. E. Comp. L. Lowa Turnbull, Grand Scribe N., said in part:

Our great work in Supreme Grand Chapter has been the resuscitation of the Cryptic Series of Degrees, and I am proud to be able

to tell you that our progress has been so extensive that we are now, I think, the third largest Grand Council in existence; it is therefore no mean body of men who now greet you as Thrice Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Scotland.

Probably for the purpose of simplifying the "Mark" design, notice of the following motion was made at the September Quarterly:

That in future marks chosen by Companions be composed of straight lines joined together without reference to any number of "points."

American Companions desiring to visit Chapters in Scotland will bear in mind that they will "be asked to produce not merely a diploma, but also a receipt for the current year's dues."

Although this Supreme Grand Chapter sanctioned the action of its one subordinate Chapter in seceding to the New Grand Chapter of British Columbia, yet it would have been considered more courteous to have first asked permission to do so.

The truth of the assertion that a "small flame kindleth a large fire" is brought to mind in the report of the fees received by the Supreme Chapter from the subordinate Chapters, which shows that Keystone Chapter No. 354, at Manila, paid the magnificent (?) sum of two pounds and nineteen shillings. This is the Chapter which is the cause of the estrangement between the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter of the United States and most of the Grand Chapters of this country as well. Seemingly, conceptions of principles are greater than pounds and pence.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1919

Chapters, 38. Members, 3,770. Exalted, 284. Net Gain, 306.

WILLIAM A. GILES, Grand High Priest.

Thirty Chapters were represented when the one hundred and eighth Annual Grand Convocation was opened in Greenville, April 9, 1919, by the Grand High Priest. Florida was again without representation.

Soon after assuming his office, Grand High Priest Giles was called into Government service. In December he became a resident of Alabama. These two conditions materially changed the plans he made at the beginning of his term of office for extensive visitation to subordinate Chapters. This, however, in a measure was overcome by calling to his assistance Deputy Grand High Priest Samuel T. Lanham, who became Acting High Priest the latter part of the year, and who with others made many visitations.

Comparatively light were the official duties of Grand High Priest Giles. One Chapter was instituted and two constituted. His other dispensations, quite numerous, were principally for electing and conferring degrees. So well versed in Masonic law are the Companions of the Palmetto state that no rulings were necessary. Accompanied by R. E. Comp. O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary, and M. E. Comp. James L. Michie, Foreign Correspondent, he attended the General Grand Chapter. Not being able to be present at the annual meeting of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, he delegated those duties to the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Comp. Samuel T. Lanham, who became greatly enthused over the possibilities that might easily grow out of these annual gatherings:

If it did nothing more than to bring together on common ground the representative Craftsmen from the different states of

the Union, and to serve as a clearing house for Masonic ideas, it would be worth every dollar that we except to invest in it. But it will do infinitely more than this. I believe that those who attended this convention caught a new vision of the nobility and grandeur of the cherished dream which is the aim and ideal of the association, and I have faith to believe that our beautiful dream is soon to become an actual reality.

As Active Grand High Priest, Ex. Comp. Lanham also found it necessary to issue a large number of dispensations to elect and install officers. If these dispensations are necessary, and they appear to be, why not modify or simplify the laws so that it will not be necessary to get a legal permission to commit an otherwise overt act? Most of the dispensations requested would not be necessary in Florida.

Believing that the General Grand Chapter should be the final and supreme judge of what should be contained in the Ritual for conferring the Chapter degrees, the Grand Chapter, after mature deliberations, adopted the one recently promulgated at Baltimore. Not so, however, with the proposed revised General Grand Constitution, which was referred to a committee of five who are to submit a written report at the next annual.

Twelve Companions were elected and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood in Royal Arch Masonry. Having had the pleasure of personal contact with M. E. Companion James L. Michie, at Baltimore, we turn with added pleasure to his excellent Review of Royal Arch Proceedings, which is one of those reports whose merits are difficult to express in words.

In reviewing Florida he particularly refers to the loving tribute paid by Grand High Priest Palmer:

To the memory of our friend, James Carnell, P. G. H. P. We counted Companion Carnell among our close friends. He was a gentleman of the old school, whose magnetism drew friends around him.

He fully approves the conferring of all the R. A. degrees during the session of Grand Chapter on actual candidates, because, he says, "it tends to uniformity of work."

He admits that he has never visited Florida, but intends to some day. "We have met," he says, "several of your Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters, and have learned to love our Florida Brothers, Companions and Fraters." It will add to our personal happiness if he will include in his itinerary the baliwick of ye scribe.

Next Annual in Georgetown, April 13, 1920.

Samuel T. Lanham, Spartanburg, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

James F. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1919

Chapters, 36. Members, 4,310. Exalted, 272. Net Gain, 188.

WILLIAM A. MORRIS, Grand High Priest.

Having in mind the great work which Masonry should engage in, Grand High Priest Morris reported his stewardship and reviewed the affairs and business of the year at the thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which he opened in Ample Form in the city of Sioux Falls, June 12, 1919, assisted by the Grand Officers and in the presence of a large number of Companions, but with no one to represent Florida.

For nearly five months, owing to the dread influenza, many Chapters were forced to abandon stated convocations, yet the Grand High Priest was enabled to report a satisfactory growth of the Order, and he congratulated

the Chapters for the interest and energy shown throughout the year.

Having been designated as Chief Draft Executive of the State and placed in charge of the Selective Service Law, his time was so fully occupied that he was compelled to forego, he stated, much of the work he had outlined in the Masonic field.

Owing to the epidemic he issued a blanket dispensation covering elections, and the only other special dispensation was of a local nature. All questions asked were answered either direct or by reference to the constituted authority. His remaining duties included ordering a dispensation issued for a new Chapter at McIntosh, which was continued another year, and requesting the Committee on Correspondence to report on the request of the Grand Chapter of Queensland for recognition, who recommended that action be withheld for the present.

Grand Chapter approved the consolidation of the Chapters at Deadwood and Lead. At one time these two adjoining cities were perhaps the most widely known mining camps in the entire country.

So smoothly do Capitular affairs move along in this Grand Jurisdiction that several of the standing committees, including the one on Grievances and Appeals, after using all diligence, were unable to find any dissensions, or other matters requiring attention.

Nine Companions were set apart and consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood.

For more than a quarter of a century Past Grand High Priest Louis G. Levoy has been presenting the Report on Correspondence in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the one for 1919 is certainly up to the high standard uniformly maintained.

Florida received customary fraternal consideration, with no special comments, favorable or otherwise.

Evidently the microbe designated as politics has made its appearance, for we find this comment under South Carolina:

He, Companion J. L. Michie, wants badly to know how a Companion could have been elected Grand High Priest, when he acknowledges that he had not attended a Chapter convocation for six years. Well, Companion Michie, it could be this way, the Companion being a regular attendant at Grand Chapter, secured an appointment in the line, possibly canvassed a little on the side (this can be done), and got elected Grand Scribe, the rest is easy; of course had the body known of the conditions it possibly would not have happened.

Next Annual in Pierre, June 10, 1919.
 Frederick Treon, Chamberlain, Grand High Priest.
 Geo. I. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.
 Louis G. Levoy, Aberdeen, Committee on Correspondence.

TENNESSEE—1920

Chapters, 82. Members, 6,881. Exalted, 835. Net Gain, 510.

J. A. FOWLER, Grand High Priest.

Only necessary ceremonies attended the formal opening of the ninety-first Annual Convocation of this Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Monday, January 26, 1920, and all stations were properly filled, but with ten Chapters as well as Florida not represented.

Grand High Priest Fowler was strongly impressed with the sentiment which he expressed in the introduction to his address:

That selfishness is the contributing vice to most of the ills from which mankind is suffering, and that "Service, not self" must

become a living doctrine; and further, that Masonry stands alongside the church as the vehicle for such an expression.

He recommended that Grand Chapter endorse this sentiment. Also that its position in the matter be given general publicity by an invitation to the press to make use of this introduction or an expression of a similar nature. This is the first instance we recall where a Grand High Priest invited such publicity.

Special mention is made in the address of the almost phenomenal work done by the Grand Lecturer. Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister, who traveled nearly 10,000 miles, participated in 614 degrees, of which 223 were exaltations, and in nearly every case acted as High Priest, because in a great majority of cases no one else was competent to officiate. But those who know or have met Companion McClister are not surprised at this exhibition of dynamic energy.

No request for official rulings came to his attention. As a result of the campaign to raise funds for the Home, about \$115,000 were secured.

Finding that the station of Deputy Grand High Priest is superfluous and enjoys no historical prestige, he recommended abolishing that office, and Grand Chapter looking at it in the same way, the deed was done which cuts out one year of preparation in reaching the station of Grand High Priest.

Believing that a higher valuation should be placed upon the mental rather than the physical qualifications of an applicant for Capitular degrees, he recommended a constitutional amendment which Grand Chapter adopted, permitting subordinate Chapters to pass upon the qualifications of petitioners.

He reported that the Craft during the year had enjoyed an unprecedented growth; that Chapters inactive for years had come to life.

Having thoroughly investigated the condition of several Chapters he recommended the arrest of their charters, which Grand Chapter ordered.

Being strongly impressed with the need of greater educational facilities in Tennessee, he recommended the appointment of a commission to make a study of this condition, and also that the Grand Lodge be apprised of this condition and be invited to co-operate with the Grand Chapter. This likewise met with hearty approval.

Another recommendation was the preparation and distribution of an educational pamphlet bringing to the attention of Symbolic Masonry the importance of the Capitular Degrees, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have 40,000 issued and sent to Chapter secretaries for distribution among members of subordinate Lodges.

In an exhaustive report of the Committee on Ritual by Past Grand High Priest C. H. Smart, emphatic disapproval was expressed of the General Grand Chapter ritual. The committee submitted a revised ritual which was approved and adopted. It will be a Masonic offense to use any other work than that prescribed by the Committee on Ritual.

Following out the recommendations made in his address, Past Grand High Priest S. W. Williams was appointed publicity agent, though his duties are not prescribed.

Having been elected to preside over their respective Chapters, twenty-nine High Priests petitioned and were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Companion C. H. Smart, coming direct from the Grand East to the level occupied by the Guild, as predicted in our report last year, meets our expectations. He has the happy faculty of presenting even the humdrum of Capitular activities in a captivating manner.

Florida receives a somewhat terse and critical mention, but no doubt the attention which in his opinion is merited. He considers it somewhat remarkable that every Chapter should have made report within the time limit.

Next Annual in Nashville, Jan. 24, 1921.

A. G. Bowen, Nashville, Grand High Priest.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

C. H. Smart, Nashville, Correspondent.

TEXAS—1919

Chapters, 277. Members, 28,396. Exalted, 3,561. Net Gain, 3,029.

B. K. HAWKINS, Grand High Priest.

Representatives from less than half of the chartered Chapters were present when the seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter convened in Waco, December 1, 1919. All stations were rightly filled and Companion James looked after Florida's interests. Companion James is secretary-treasurer of the Home for Aged Masons, which is supported by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and being, we believe, the only Masonic Home in this country entirely under the direction and management of Royal Arch Masons.

Knowing what he wants to say, saying it and then stopping, stand out vividly in the comprehensive address of Grand High Priest Hawkins. Much of his address is taken up in reciting necessary official acts.

He decided that a petitioner for affiliation must reside in the state; also that no Grand High Priest has authority to issue a dispensation to confer degrees in a Lodge room in another town. Some Grand High Priests have ruled differently, when that town was in the jurisdiction of the particular Chapter. He believed that while

in many cases concurrent jurisdiction, properly safeguarded, would promote the general good of the Order, better results would be obtained by establishing a uniform fee for the degrees in all Chapters. Another recommendation was that provision should be made for life membership when a Companion had paid dues for a certain number of years, and that an affiliation should be based upon the amount of dues heretofore paid Grand Chapter. Constitutional amendments were submitted covering these suggestions.

Substantially all of the acts and decisions of the Grand High Priest were approved and adopted by Grand Chapter. One decision regarding physical perfection evoked some discussion which brought out a minority as well as majority report from the Jurisprudence Committee. Grand Chapter, however, adopted the majority report, which was:

A Brother who has lost the right foot just above the ankle, has an artificial foot, is very active, gets around as good as ever, and can perform any kind of manual labor, is not barred from receiving the Chapter degrees

Grand Chapter definitely determined that hereafter a petitioner for degrees must reside in the state one year and in the jurisdiction of the Chapter six months. Also, as we understand it, that having resided continuously in the jurisdiction of one Chapter six months he may petition another Chapter for degrees, by first procuring a waiver of jurisdiction from the former Chapter.

According to our understanding of the adoption of several amendments to the Code, it is not profitable for a Companion to be suspended for non-payment of dues, if he later desires reinstatement. In addition to other requirements his petition for reinstatement must be accompanied by a fee sufficient with the dues previously paid

by his Chapter to Grand Chapter to complete the payment of twelve years' dues to Grand Chapter. After the expiration of two years from date of suspension he can only be reinstated by unanimous vote of members present. And if the vote only equals or exceeds three-fourths of the members present, he is reinstated to membership in the Order, but not to membership in the Chapter, and which acts as a demit. These amendments further provide that a Chapter becomes exempt from payment of Grand Chapter dues, with respect to each member, when it shall have paid twelve years' such dues.

As on former occasions, the Grand Council of High Priesthood convened at 6 o'clock in the morning of the third day of the Convocation of Grand Chapter. It would be illuminating to know why this early hour is named and what significance, if any, it has with any part of High Priesthood. It seems that forty-three Excellent Companions being devoted to Capitular Masonry were consecrated High Priests after the Order of Melchisedec. Incidentally it is interesting to note how the name of this ancient High Priest is spelled in the different Grand Jurisdictions.

We wondered why our interest was so strongly gripped from "start to finish" as we hurriedly scanned the Report of the Committee on Correspondence by Ex. Companion Carlton W. Mead, until we noticed that it was his seventh report. Seven being a peculiar number, it naturally follows that the "seventh report" should be in a peculiar class.

Although there were many expressions of patriotic favor in the addresses of the various Grand High Priests, he was so forcibly impressed with that of Grand High Priest Ketchum that he felt constrained to quote from it.

As might be expected, Companion Mead takes pleasure in referring to and quoting from unfavorable com-

ments relative to General Grand Chapter, and particularly the revised constitution, which if adopted, he contends, will increase the powers of the General Grand Chapter and correspondingly affect the powers and prerogatives of the constituent Grand Chapters.

He speaks kindly of our report and quotes from our "Comments" on how smoothly things run in the Texas Grand Chapter. "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be otherwise." He would have us think differently if we are to take seriously this observation:

While the printed proceedings do not tell about it, if Companion Hubbell were to be around sometimes when the reports were presented, he would learn that there is something doing in the way of a red hot friendly scrap.

Its internal workings matter little at this distance, for we know that at heart Capitular Masonry in the Lone Star State stands for all those things which we as Companions strive for, long for, and work for and that we make sacrifices for. He takes kindly to our claim that Florida is as much a summer as a winter resort, which he says "sounds good and we may sample it some time." You will receive a cordial welcome.

Next Annual in Waco, December 6, 1920.

F. P. Marshall, Macogdoches, Grand High Priest.

T. M. Bartley is apparently continued Grand Secretary, but due search and inquiry fail to show his address, and P. M. Riley is presumably chairman of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, but no address is given.

UTAH—1919

Chapters, 6. Members, 784. Exalted, 30. Net Gain, 13.

FRANK P. SHERWOOD, Grand High Priest.

Following the usual opening preliminaries of the eighth Annual Grand Convocation in Ogden, May 7, 1919, including the reception of Grand Representatives, Florida again not being represented, Grand High Priest Sherwood presented a resume of his official acts of the year, which revealed his zeal and loyalty to Capitular Masonry and for which he was quite properly commended by Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion Bert G. Blackman, who was Grand High Priest in 1914, was the first permanent member of the Grand Chapter to respond to the final summons.

Capitular conditions, as revealed in the Grand High Priest's address, as well as in the deliberation of the Grand Body, approach so closely the ideal there is seemingly nothing of special interest to record.

Apparently, the previous action of the Grand Chapter giving all subordinate Chapters in the state concurrent jurisdiction, is not altogether satisfactory, for a constitutional amendment was submitted in which actual distance and not facilities for travel would determine jurisdictional boundaries. The Jurisprudence Committee decided to hold this up another year, because they did not feel warranted in recommending a change simply because the secretaries of Constituent Chapters failed to properly perform their duties in sending out the required notices.

Three Companions were elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Five days after Grand Chapter closed, all that was mortal of Companion Arvis S. Chapman was consigned to earth and the spirit of one of the most beloved Knights

of the Correspondents' Round Table was summoned to the Supreme Grand Chapter on High. By reason of failing health his report was unprepared at time of Grand Chapter, and as no one was prepared to take up the work where Companion Chapman left it, Utah is again necessarily without a Report on Correspondence. In his demise, Utah Masonry has lost a faithful and devoted adherent, and the Craft at large a wise counselor.

However, we are pleased to note that the mantle has fallen on Companion Peter Atherton Simpkin, who, if we mistake not, has been an understudy of Companion Chapman and from specimens of his skill which have already been exhibited, we feel sure that Utah's part of the rebuilding of the modern Capitular Temple will not be neglected. The right hand of fellowship is extended. Companion Simpkin promises:

Next year, Deo Volente, each Grand Chapter will find such review as we can best give, and the generous and kindly courtesies that have been done Utah and her deceased correspondent in the reviews of this year's volumes will be met by such reciprocal appreciation and kindly criticism as shall be evoked by Convocation doings.

Next Annual in Salt Lake City, May 6, 1920.
Charles F. Dinsmore, Ogden, Grand High Priest.
Walter Daniels, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA—1918-19

Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Masons of Victoria are held in Melbourne.

In the address of the First Grand Principal, M. Ex. Comp. W. P. Bice, at the July Quarterly, we learn:

The degree of "Most Excellent Master" is provided for in our Book of Constitution; and a ritual for the ceremony of "Pasing the Veils" was recommended to Grand Chapter, and adopted on October 10, 1912.

The "railroading" through of a large number of candidates has its opponents in our antipodes, for at this same Quarterly, one Companion drew attention to the fact that a subordinate Chapter has recently conferred the Excellent Master's degree on no less than 46 candidates on the same evening. He trusted that this would be taken notice of with the object of preventing a recurrence as, in his opinion, the solemnity of the ceremony was lost in handling so many candidates.

Another Companion who was among the "46" thought as the opportunity of taking the degree presented itself so rarely that if the Supreme Body was going to take exceptions this degree should be worked more frequently. This, with other debates, convinced the Most Eminent of the necessity of a printed ritual.

R. Ex. Comp. Baron Marks, P. G. J., Florida's Grand representative, introduced a motion for discussion at the next Quarterly, recommending "the advisability of establishing a Chapter for instruction in the ceremonies of the Royal Arch Degree." Many took part in the discussion at the October Quarterly, and as a sort of compromise the M. Ex. First Grand Principal promised that a correct exemplification of the work of this degree would be given.

Were these reports intended to be a literary review, we would certainly give prominence to the able addresses made in connection with the Thanksgiving service for the cessation of hostilities.

Recognition of the New Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland is withheld pending further inquiries. M. Em. Comp. Wm. P. Bice was declared re-elected

First Grand Principal and was duly installed. There may be some sort of a rivalry between the Chapter and the Mark Lodges in Victoria, for First Grand Principal Bice in a communication to the April Quarterly, in referring to an official visitation and installation ceremony in one of the Chapters, mentions the enthusiasm manifested in the three Craft Lodges to draw upon, and adds, "we look with confidence to the Chapter rivaling the Mark Lodge."

He gives the membership at 1,197, an increase of 111 members for the year 1918.

VIRGINIA—1919

Chapters, 69. Members, 8,725. Exalted, 662. Net Gain, 515.

JAMES BOWMAN, Grand High Priest.

Rejoicing in the largest membership gain in any one year, the One Hundred and Eleventh Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia was opened in solemn form in the city of Richmond, November 26, 1918, with every station filled, including that of Correspondent, it being perhaps the only Grand Chapter which considers this appointment of sufficient importance to incorporate it among the Grand Officers. Florida was without representation.

However arduous may have been the duties of the Grand High Priest, comparatively little is disclosed in his address, as he contemplates with satisfaction the progress of Capitular Masonry during the year. Many of the nearly a score of dispensations granted grew out of the emergencies of the war, which is now happily a thing of the past. One of the dispensations granted was to open a dark ballot, upon representations which he considered justifiable and in which Grand Chapter con-

ferred. The committee to which his address was referred, however, wisely in our opinion, suggested:

That greater care upon the part of the subordinate Chapters would obviate such an unfortunate occurrence. The danger that the same identical Companions as voted in the first instance do not have the same opportunity at the second balloting at a different time is very apparent.

He showed his firmness in refusing to grant dispensations where proper cause was not shown, as in the request for a "blanket dispensation," and which brought out this merited rebuke:

There are many cases where the Grand High Priest is justified in granting dispensations to confer degrees and to receive and act on petitions without waiting the statutory time, but I cannot conceive of any just reason why the law should be so contemptuously treated by being "blanketed."

And also in another case, the reason given being, "so we will not have so much work in a bunch":

Companions, unseemingly haste will bring the Chapter into disrepute and setting the law aside for frivolous excuses will bring the law into contempt. We had better proceed regularly, unless there be urgent reasons for deviating therefrom.

During the year he made request through proper channels for a Florida Chapter to exalt a brother. It is quite unfortunate that he should have found it necessary to make the comment which he did, and which we feel quite sure was brought about through no intention on the part of any Florida Chapter:

So far, I have not heard if these requests have been complied with. I presume that under ordinary circumstances, proper reports would have been made to me as to action had on the several requests, but these are not ordinary times and I can, therefore, find reasonable excuses for myself and others in the rather lax way some of these matters have been handled.

Unique, as being possibly the only event on record, was the request of the General Grand High Priest, as a fraternal courtesy, that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia install as General Grand Principal Sojourner Most Excellent Companion Col. Henry DeWitt Hamilton, who was in service and unavoidably absent at the time of his election at the Triennial Convocation in Baltimore.

Replete with the details is the report of the Grand Lecturer of his official visitations, remaining in some places nearly a week and holding classes every morning, afternoon and evening. At one place he conferred the "D. and H. and M. E. N. degrees upon four candidates." We wonder what they are. At another place he tells us "The High Priest did not know a line of Royal Arch Masonry."

Twenty Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Comp. J. E. Alexander was re-elected President.

R. E. Comp. Joseph W. Eggleston again furnishes a pleasing and instructing Report on Foreign Correspondence, which he rightly tells us represents months of labor.

He reviews Florida for 1917—almost ancient history—quoting liberally and approvingly from the address of Grand High Priest O'Neal and from the report of the Committee on Memorials. We are not quite so sure about his opinion of our report, but we thank him for his good intentions.

Next Annual in Richmond, October 28, 1919.

James H. Price, Richmond, Grand High Priest.

James B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

Jas. W. Eggleston, Richmond, Chairman Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

VERMONT—1919

Chapters, 30. Members, 4,716. Exalted, 192. Net Gain, 61.

WILLIAM H. BREWSTER, Grand High Priest.

Prevailing conditions during the year seemed to have had its effect upon the general activities of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont which convened in Burlington, June 13, 1919, in its one hundred and second Annual Convocation. Every station was properly filled and a large number of Past Grands added dignity to the occasion, and yet Florida was again without representation.

In his address Grand High Priest Brewster indicates there was lack of interest in the meeting of District Deputies and as the times were badly out of joint, no district meetings were held. We recall with much pleasure our associations together at the General Grand Chapter in Baltimore.

He granted eleven special dispensations, and it appears that some Chapter officers seemed to be very ignorant regarding the proper manner to apply for a dispensation, in some cases the application being more of a demand than a request.

So smoothly do things seem to run in this more than a century old Grand Chapter that there were no requests for decisions and no grievances or complaints made.

The Jurisprudence Committee could find only one act of the Grand High Priest to criticize, and even that was technical. It seems that the Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe of a certain Chapter had removed or were about to remove from the jurisdiction of the Chapter. They all resigned and the Chapter made a request for a dispensation to elect and install new officers, which was granted. According to the law, when such vacancy occurs it is the duty of the Grand High Priest to order an

election. Instead, he issued a dispensation, which was construed to be a permission. The real difference being that by ordering an election it becomes a part of the general records of the Grand High Priest as kept by the Grand Secretary, instead of appearing in the records as a dispensation.

The request for recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland, which showed that only five out of the thirty-nine Chapters of the Jurisdiction took any part in the new formation, was deferred until it should appear that it is the general desire of the Chapters to change their allegiance.

Eleven Companions were anointed and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Replete with instruction and wisdom is the third report on Correspondence prepared by Past Grand High Priest Eugene S. Weston, who has the happy faculty of convincingly presenting questions of interest in the Capitular world, showing wherein they agree and discussing wherein they differ from Vermont customs and law.

While apparently agreeing in the main with Florida's 1918 Proceedings, he does not "think it a wise plan" for the Grand Chapter to "confer degrees during the Convocation," as he terms it. As a matter of fact, as we have repeatedly tried to make plain, the degrees are conferred under the direction and by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work and for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, as more specifically mentioned in page 172 of our 1919 report.

To correct a misunderstanding permit us to say that we were referring to regular convocations, not special convocations, when we stated that petitions are received and acted on without a dispensation from the Grand High Priest.

Next Annual in Burlington, June 11, 1920.

George I. Whitney, Bellows Falls, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Eugene S. Weston, New Haven, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

WASHINGTON—1919

Chapters, 37. Members, 4,861. Exalted, 116. Net Loss, 17.

JACOB H. MILLER, Grand High Priest.

Returning to pre-war conditions, the thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Washington was held in Ellensburg, May 5 and 6, 1919, with one Chapter not represented. During the year one Chapter, having 44 members, surrendered its Charter, which no doubt accounts for the net loss above shown.

Eight months of active service in Capitular Masonry, owing to change in date of Annual Convocation, is covered in the address of Grand High Priest Miller, who with profound sorrow referred to the death of Past Grand High Priest William V. Rinehard.

Many of his special necessary dispensations were occasioned by the severe epidemic of influenza then prevailing.

Disregarding the verbal objections of a Companion, as well as other claimed serious irregularities in connection with the conferring of the Mark Master degree upon a Brother, the Grand High Priest declared the office of High Priest in that Chapter vacant until further notice. This action was approved by Grand Chapter and the matter was referred to the incoming Grand High Priest for final settlement.

Notwithstanding the ban placed on public gatherings by the health authorities, as well as only eight months

of official duties, the Grand High Priest had the pleasure of personally visiting twenty-four out of the thirty-eight Chapters, and Washington is a state of magnificent distances. He tells us that in some of the Chapters the High Priests in particular could not explain the authorized work nor give the explanation of the cryptogram, and there were other practices requiring correction. As a remedy, he recommends the appointment of a Grand Officer who could give his entire time to instructing officers in particular and also in presenting some systematic and effective method for securing new members. This was referred to the Finance Committee. Apparently it did not find favor, for no action is reported.

Recognizing that Master Masons should be better informed relative to the purposes and beauties of York Rite Masonry, a committee was appointed and an appropriation made to be used in connection with similar action to be taken by the Grand Council of R. & S. M. and the Grand Commandery K. T., whose duty it will be to prepare and furnish such suitable literature.

An eloquent and inspiring address was made before Grand Chapter by the Grand Orator, Ex. Comp. James McCormack, his theme being the history-making epoch brought about by and following the great war. We are confronted with the same question today, he says, as at the birth of creation, but perhaps in a more intense form, "Am I my brother's keeper?" He tells us we can no longer shut our eyes and ears to the suffering humanity, whether it be at home or abroad, for "The world has become internationalized, and we are a part of it." He closes with this pertinent thought:

Let each and every one of us strive to get a better understanding of Free Masonry, upon which all other fraternities are founded, not a knowledge of its laws and rituals, but rather a true conception of its meaning, so that we may be brought into closer touch,

that all may labor together of whatever right or degree for the uplifting of humanity and the development of the high ideals as expressed by this greatest character (Theodore Roosevelt) in American history.

This Grand Chapter has a Past Grand High Priests' Association, which one of the inner circle informed the outside Companions "was not a Masonic political organization."

Eighteen Companions petitioned and were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Grand Secretary Yancey C. Blalock again presents a concise and somewhat statistical Report on Correspondence, in which the shears and paste pot is a necessary adjunct. Florida is included in his critical review.

The next Annual will be held in Spokane, May 3 and 4, 1920, the same month as the Grand Chapter of Florida; therefore it will undoubtedly be two years before Washington will again come under review.

Edwin H. Van Patten, Deyton, Grand High Priest.
Yancey C. Blalock, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA—1918

Chapters, 40. Members, 7,738. Exalted, 455. Net Gain, 302.

L. H. CLARK, Grand High Priest.

On account of the "flu" the forty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was postponed one month, being held in Wheeling, December 9 and 10, 1918. One Grand Officer was absent and nine subordinate Chapters did not respond. Florida was honored by having as its representative Past Grand High Priest Jere A. Miller, who is the dean of the permanent members.

Capitular Masonry in this state being overshadowed by the world war, Grand High Priest Clark states in his address that the duties of his office had been extremely light, being largely of a local nature. Invasion of jurisdiction made it necessary for him to "heal" two Companions. On six different occasions he made requests pertaining to work by courtesy, and in only one of these did he receive any reply from the subordinate chapter directly interested, and that was to inform him that this particular Chapter refused the waiver of jurisdiction requested. While probably the other Chapters did not intend to be discourteous, yet a little more thoughtfulness on the part of subordinate Chapter secretaries would be appreciated.

All questions being answered by reference to existing laws, no decisions were necessary.

It is somewhat difficult to harmonize the statement of the Grand High Priest that he had received reports "from only seventeen out of forty-three Chapters," with that part of Grand Secretary Reed's report, which says: "I want to commend the secretaries of our subordinate Chapters for their increasingly good work."

Another paragraph in the Grand Secretary's report advances arguments new to us:

I had "In Memoriams" on account of the deaths of three Past Grand High Priests, that were intended to be printed and sent out, but I did not have it done, for the reason that on account of war conditions, prices for printing have gone so high, that the amounts demanded were considered "prohibitive," and I thought best to ask for further advice. In addition to that, a great many of the Grand Chapters, since war conditions have prevailed, have at least for the present, discontinued this practice.

This did not meet the approval of the committee to whom the report was referred and Grand Chapter adopted the report, which said in part:

In the matter of the failure of the Grand Secretary to issue customary obituary notices of the Past Grand High Priests who have died during the year, on account of the high cost of printing, we are of the opinion that we should not fail to put on record a proper tribute to their memory, and hereby recommend that a full and proper memorial should be issued in each case in accordance with the custom prevailing in this Grand Chapter in years past.

Excepting the above, all the acts of the several Grand Officers, as well as committee reports, were given a clean bill of health by Grand Chapter.

Nine Companions deposited the usual fee, filed their applications, received the Order of High Priesthood.

It was eleven days after Grand Chapter closed when Past Grand High Priest Kephart D. Walker, by reason of a long siege of illness, "brought his Review of Other Grand Chapters to a close with what may prove his Swan Song."

In conclusion I have this to say to my companions of West Virginia. For nearly fifty years I have been an active worker in all of our Masonic Bodies, "Both Supreme and Subordinate," but the infirmities of eighty-two years of life, remind me that it is time to call a halt. This I now do. This is the last compilation that I will prepare for your information, and in all probability I will never be with you again at our Annual Convocation. The latter I regret, for of the many pleasant memories that are scattered through my life, those connected with our gatherings, and my associations with the brethren are among the uppermost. But you will get along just as well without me and perhaps better, but with a lingering hope that I may be with you again, I bid you not good-bye but good-night. Trusting the Supreme Architect will have each and every one of you in His keeping, I am

Truly and fraternally yours,
K. D. WALKER, P. G. H. P.

12 o'clock, midnight, Dec. 21st, 1918.

Fortunately, perhaps, we do not all observe things from the same viewpoint. After briefly reviewing Flor-

ida, in which he refers to the eloquent and business address of Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer, he brings the review to a close with this comment:

The Grand Chapter has a custom of conferring all the degrees upon the candidates belonging to some of their constituent Chapters. This custom we think worthy of all commendation, not to say imitation.

Next Annual in Charleston, Nov. 10-11, 1919.

Benj. J. Carithers, Charleston, Grand High Priest.

O. K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

James A. Bryan, Parkersburg, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

WYOMING—1919

Chapters, 12. Members, 1,278. Exalted, 166. Net Gain, 152.

ARTHUR C. JONES, Grand High Priest.

Several of the minor officers as well as representatives from two Chapters were absent when the Grand Chapter of Wyoming Royal Arch Masons met in eleventh Annual Convocation in Laramie, July 10, 1919. Florida was also represented.

Without any attempt to call black white, or evil good, and in an apparent honest effort to perform the duties of his high office, Grand High Priest Jones places before the Companions assembled a clean cut account of his official acts of the year drawing to a close.

While the Destroying Angel had gained admission into most of the subordinate Chapters, he had made no attempt during the year to invade the Grand Chapter.

Three requests were received pertaining to conferring Chapter degrees by courtesy, which were complied with. He had four requests by wire for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, all of which were granted; but later

one was recalled, because petitions must lay over four weeks before balloting.

He recommends that the practice of asking for dispensations by wire be discontinued for the reason, he widely adds, that where questions of law are involved one should have time to think the matter over before granting a dispensation.

One of the requests was to "rush wire dispensation waiving statutory time, account applicants desirous of receiving Shrine." We agree with the High Priest that this rushing habit to enable candidates to take higher degrees is not wise. In connection he makes this pertinent comment:

What kind of a husband would the man make, who, while the marriage vows were being taken at the altar, was debating with himself what lawyer he should employ in the divorce proceedings that were to follow or who the next bride would be?

He granted a dispensation to form a new Chapter at Buffalo. He recommended that the various Masonic bodies unite in employing one Grand Lecturer.

It was his good fortune to visit every Chapter in that Grand Jurisdiction, and he reports the outlook for increased membership and prosperity was never brighter. The geographical area of Wyoming is somewhat greater than that of Florida and the twelve Chapters are widely separated. In making his official visitations, unless rail connections have materially changed from what they were when the writer of this report traveled Wyoming, the Grand High Priest found it necessary to pass through small portions of three other states in going from his home city, Laramie, to Darius Chapter at Cody, named after that world renowned frontiersman, "Buffalo Bill."

When the Grand Chapter of Wyoming was formed, it adopted the old ritual of the General Grand Chapter

and had since continued to use it. The question of continuing with the ritual arose and to settle the matter it was referred to a committee, who recommended the adoption of the revised ritual, and Grand Chapter concurred.

There being no candidates at this time for the Holy Order of High Priesthood, the customary convention following the Grand Chapter was omitted. However, a special convention was held at an earlier date at which one Companion was duly received and anointed.

Once again we turn with pleasurable anticipation to the excellent Report on Correspondence by Wyoming's truly gifted Masonic compiler as well as student and historian, Senior Past Grand High Priest and present Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. Adrian J. Parshall.

Florida for 1918 is carefully reviewed, in which he quotes freely and with evident approval from the address of Grand High Priest Dabney B. Palmer. Although he disapproves of the granting of dispensations permitting balloting at special convocations, however meritorious and emergent the character. He believes it would be better for the Craft if Grand Chapter laws provided a procedure for such emergencies.

He quotes the ruling of Grand High Priest Palmer relative to the Hastings petitions as well as the report of the Jurisprudence Committee pertaining to the same, with the observation that "it is evident that the statutes of Florida are at variance with the usual enactments on this subject."

We thank Companion Parshall for his kindly reference to our second report.

Next Annual at Rawlins, July 15, 1920.

William Pugh, Evanston, Grand High Priest.

Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and Committee on Correspondence.

LOUISIANA—1920

Chapters 48. Members, 5,020. Exalted, 531. Net Gain, 461.

W. M. WASHBURN, Grand High Priest.

Thirty-five Chapters and a constitutional quorum being present, the seventy-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form in New Orleans, February 3, 1920, Florida being represented.

Although unable to do any visiting during the year, the Grand High Priest found time to prepare and present an instructive and inspiring address, reporting that the Chapters generally were "taking on steady increase in membership," at the same time stating "there is an alarming lethargy among Chapter members." With other Grand High Priests, he believes "the degrees are often simply taken as stepping stones to the Commandery and then on to the Shrine—a condition which is to be deplored." As a means of overcoming this, he suggests that "time be given for lectures and discussions."

He gave the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter a careful study and pronounced it "a great improvement over the old and recommended its adoption," which was unanimously concurred in by the Committee on Work.

He made only two rulings, both of which were of a local nature. He issued three dispensations to organize new Chapters, which were granted charters.

Particular consideration was given by the Grand High Priest to the new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and he felt it obligatory to give his views and recommendations, which he did by presenting the points that could be urged against its adoption and the arguments in favor of same. He urged each Subordinate Chapter to study it carefully and instruct its

officers how to act at the 1921 Convocation. After mature thought and careful deliberation he reaches this conclusion:

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the proposed constitution of the General Grand Chapter. In making this recommendation I realize that I am taking the opposite view of some of the Past Grand High Priests and a free discussion of the subject is invited.

Grand Chapter appropriated \$750 per annum for the next three years to assist in dispensing hospitality to the great body of Templars which will assemble in New Orleans in 1922.

Two sessions of the Order of High Priesthood were held and eight Companions properly set apart and consecrated.

Past Grand High Priest Herman C. Duncan again presents a summary of his examination of the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters in homeopathic doses, giving each Grand Chapter from a line to a page, as their several merits appear to require. Seemingly this method of treatment was not satisfactory, for we notice that Deputy Grand High Priest Purser and Past Grand High Priest Allen are the new Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We shall look for something different another year.

Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 8, 1920.

John W. Armstrong, Welsh, Grand High Priest.

John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

COMMENTS

In our somewhat erratic wanderings throughout the Capitular quarries many specimens of work have been exhibited and varying degrees of skill have been displayed, all of which have passed inspection and the wages of the skillful workmen have been judiciously awarded. Although there have been many designs to attract attention, seemingly the specimens requiring the most careful scrutiny have been those submitted by the General Grand Chapter at its last Triennial.

They are the designs of the Master Overseers embodied in the New Ritual, and also in the Laws and Regulations, prescribing how and in what manner the Royal Craft shall be governed.

As would be expected, the Craftsmen are carefully deliberating over the changes, which at sight appear to be innovations, but which, when better understood, and properly explained, may lose much of their objectionable features. The Grand Chapters which formally adopted the New Ritual are those which have heretofore been using the General Grand Chapter work. Others are giving the new work a "try out." Those who have done so generally agree that the simplifying and shortening of the ceremonies add to the dignity and impressiveness of Capitular Masonry.

But more rough and rugged is the road over which the new proposed revised constitution is traveling. Starting out as it does with a severe jolt, to say the least, at the sovereignty of Grand Chapters, many serious questions are being raised as to the effect they may have on the future of Capitular Masonry. Much can and is being said pertaining to these different phases. Fortunately the three years which will elapse before formal action can be taken will give time for sober and sane

judgment to crystallize, and the next session will no doubt give opportunity for the airing of many views. It is reasonable to expect from the many master minds which will compose the next Triennial, concessions and adjustments will be made which will place Royal Arch Masonry upon a higher and more enduring plane, and enable it to take its rightful place among the world-wide agencies for the dissemination of truth and the betterment of mankind.

For some reason the proceedings of several of the Grand Chapters are missing from the committee's report this year. However, the fault is not at this end. All proceedings have been forwarded to the writer as soon as received at the Grand Secretary's office, as a careful check and re-check indicates. It is the custom in this Grand Jurisdiction, in both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, to present the report of the committee in bound pamphlet form at the sessions of the respective Grand Bodies for the delegates to carry home with them, thus giving advance information of what has occurred of special interest during the previous Masonic year, and which are also incorporated in the Annual Proceedings. This, of necessity, requires the closing of the forms several days previous to each annual gathering and which in a measure explains why those proceedings which may have been received at the "eleventh hour" do not appear.

For the fifth time Comp. Conover, of Michigan, precedes his Reports on Fraternal Correspondence to the Grand Chapter with selections from his "Scrap Book." Considerable space is given to an article prepared rela-

tive to the value of these reports, applying specifically to Commanderies, but, he claims, applicable to Chapters as well. The main argument advanced was that in the interests of economy and efficiency one report prepared by a special committee appointed by the Grand Encampment could be made to cover all the essentials discussed by the several Grand Commandery Correspondence writers, and then to be published in a sufficient quantity to supply the needs of each Grand Body. However, the esteemed cost per capita in all the Jurisdictions, according to the article, being about the same as the per capita cost of publishing the Chapter report in Michigan, Companion Conover concludes:

On this basis the estimated great saving to the membership entirely disappears, and the whole matter resolves itself into the question of the ability of a Grand Central Committee to serve the individual needs of each Grand Jurisdiction. I would like to hear some discussion of this subject by those who are served instead of those who serve.

Companion Geo. M. Moulton, Most Excellent President of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Illinois, in his address at the sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of that Body, designates the proper honorary and official titles to the individual member, as adopted by all the Grand Masonic Bodies in that state:

The only proper form of address when speaking to or of an individual Mason is Brother, though Masons, when referring to an officer or past officer should invariably use the proper official title appertaining to his station, for example:

Worshipful Master;
 Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master;
 Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, and
 Most Worshipful Grand Master.

With this action as herein recited, taken deliberately by these governing bodies of Masonry, it would seem that if their mandates were obeyed, as they should be, there would be no aristocracy or class distinction among Masons as individuals. Each and every one is Brother, Companion, or Sir Knight, regardless of any official rank, honor, or distinction. All members of any Masonic body should be accorded equal standing as individuals, thus conforming literally to the requirement that Masons shall meet on the level. While I am justly entitled to be officially designated as Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, I am, nevertheless, as an individual, to be properly addressed as Brother Moulton, and not Most Worshipful Brother; as Companion Moulton, in cryptic and capitular Masonry, and not Most Illustrious or Most Excellent Companion, although officially I may be properly designated as Most Illustrious Grand Master or Most Excellent Grand High Priest. In Templary I am as an individual, Sir Knight Moulton, although officially I have the honor to be Most Eminent Past Grand Master, as well as Right Eminent Past Grand Commander. In this Order of High Priesthood I am still, and always will be, Companion Moulton, although as your chosen presiding officer, I should properly be addressed as Most Excellent President. The qualification of Most Excellent, however, belongs to the office and not to me as man and Mason.

Although the General Grand Chapter and many Grand Chapters have severed fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, similar action we believe has not been taken by the latter body, and its desire for a better understanding is apparent, for in the Proceedings of the Quarterly Meeting of Supreme Grand Committee, Feb. 20, 1920, we read:

It was suggested that an invitation should be specially sent to the Office-Bearers of the General Grand Chapter to come to the Centenary Celebration of Supreme Grand Chapter, or to be with us on some other convenient date, to discuss the questions at issue, and, if possible, arrive at a friendly agreement, it not being possible for representatives from Scotland to journey to America this season.

Additional light is thrown upon the present condition of Capitular Masonry in New South Wales and Queensland by a report of the Supreme Grand Committee to the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. The appeal that was made for recognition by the local Grand Bodies and resulted so disastrously has not apparently impeded the progress of our far-away Companions. The report further states:

They were a minority when the local Grand Chapter was formed. They still have a substantial minority of Royal Arch Companions and Chapters in the District, and they practice Royal Arch Masonry on an English model, which is not acceptable to the majority of Companions in the District. They have further been instrumental in invading Queensland with four small Chapters, for the purpose of instituting a Chapter there against the wishes and desires of the great majority of the Chapters in Queensland, who adhere to the sovereign rights as at present exercised by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland in New South Wales.

And it was further remitted to Grand Scribe E. and Grand Grand Scribe N. to draw up and circulate a memorandum dealing with the inception and history of the Local Grand Chapter, as there appears to be grave misconception among other Grand Chapters of the position of the question.

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The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville, at 10 a. m., on the Third Tuesday in May, A. D. 1921.