

Proceedings
Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons
of Florida



Seventy-Seventh Annual Convocation
Held in the City of Tampa
May 15-16, A. D. 1923
A. I. 2453



R. J. KISHPAUGH,
GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
1922

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OFFICERS
OF THE
M. : E. : Grand Chapter of Florida
FOR
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- M. : E. : Ely P. Hubbell ----- Grand High Priest, Bradentown.
 R. : E. : Erle L. Wirt ----- Deputy Grand High Priest, Bartow.
 R. : E. : Theodore T. Todd ---- Grand King, Pensacola
 R. : E. : E. L. Shear ----- Grand Scribe, Daytona.
 M. : E. : Marcus Endel ----- Grand Treasurer, Jacksonville.
 M. : E. : Wilber P. Webster --- Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.
 R. : E. : W. B. Y. Wilkie ----- Grand Chaplain, Dunedin.
 E. : Cary B. Fish ----- Gr. Capt. of the Host, Bradentown.
 E. : R. J. McMaster ----- Grand Principal Sojourner, Tampa.
 E. : Stafford Caldwell ----- Gr. Royal Arch Captain, Jacksonville.
 E. : Stephen E. Gregory ----- Gr. Master Third Vail, Jacksonville.
 E. : John Pasco ----- Gr. Master Second Vail, Monticello.
 E. : C. L. Benedict ----- Grand Master First Vail, Miami.
 E. : John W. Capper ----- Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville on May 20, 1924, 10:00 o'clock 'A. M.

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The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Seventy-Seventh Annual Convocation in the Hall of John Darling Lodge No. 154, in the City of Tampa, at ten o'clock A. M. Tuesday, May 15, A. D. 1923, A. I. 2453.

Companion Charles H. Brown, Mayor of Tampa, extended a hearty welcome to the Grand Chapter which was responded to by the M. : E. : Grand High Priest.

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

- R. J. Kishpaugh ----- M. : E. : Grand High Priest.
 E. P. Hubbell ----- R. : E. : D. G. High Priest.
 E. L. Wirt ----- R. : E. : Grand King.
 T. T. Todd ----- R. : E. : Grand Scribe.

Marcus Endel -----R. E. Grand Treasurer.
 Wilber P. Webster -----R. E. Grand Secretary.
 W. B. Y. Wilkie -----R. E. Grand Chaplain.
 E. L. Shear -----E. Grand Capt. of the Host.
 Cary B. Fish -----E. Gr. Principal Sojourner.
 R. J. McMaster -----E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
 D. B. Palmer ----- as E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
 Stephen E. Gregory -----E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
 John Pasco -----E. Gr. Master First Vail.
 H. S. Chiles ----- as E. Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Marcus Endel,	Irving E. Webster,
Silas B. Wright,	W. P. Webster,
E. E. Haskell,	Louis C. Massey,
Olin S. Wright,	Wm. S. Ware,
T. Picton Warlow,	H. N. Sweeting,
D. B. Palmer,	W. V. Carter,
H. O. Snow,	John L. Hall,

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1—Francis S. Hartsfield, H. P.
 Gainesville No. 2—I. E. Webster, proxy for officers.
 Tampa No. 3—George H. Leavitt, H. P.; Nathan H. Fender, K.; Earl A. DuBois, S.
 Halifax No. 5—R. L. Smith, proxy for officers.
 Mt. Horeb No. 6—A. S. Butterworth, H. P.
 Eureka No. 7—H. M. Voorhis, H. P.; M. J. Daetwyler, K.
 Putnam No. 9—Warner T. Hamm, H. P.
 Kissimmee No. 10—W. J. Steed, H. P.
 Jericho No. 11—C. L. Benedict, proxy for officers.

Jacksonville No. 12—L. G. Gilbert, H. P.; M. W. Bishop, K.; W. E. Bence, proxy for S.
 Ocala No. 13—A. L. Lucas, H. P.
 Inverness No. 14—C. E. Connor, H. P.
 Plant City No. 16—C. T. Young, H. P.; D. S. R. Jones, K.; W. S. Rardin, proxy for S.
 Manatee River No. 18—Chester DeRocher, proxy for H. P.; W. W. Carns, proxy for K.; R. C. Fernald, S.
 Keystone No. 20—H. V. Calder, H. P.
 Thomas Brown No. 22—Robert H. Brown, H. P.
 Chipley No. 23—R. H. Rollins, H. P.
 Lake Worth No. 24—C. M. Gruber, K.; W. A. Goodman, proxy for S.
 Live Oak No. 25—B. W. Helvenston, H. P.; A. E. Leslie, proxy for K.
 Jefferson No. 26—Jake Tarlowski, H. P.
 Joppa No. 28—E. F. Adams, H. P.
 Lakeland No. 29—Geo. J. Tolson, H. P.
 Gadsden No. 30—Thos. E. Dickinson, H. P.
 St. Petersburg No. 31—R. L. Wilkinson, H. P.; Archie Aitchison, proxy for K.; Chas. H. Bon, proxy for S.
 Jackson No. 32—C. W. Davis, H. P.
 Eustis No. 33—Wm. P. McKee, K.
 Leesburg No. 34—H. L. Schaeffer, proxy for officers.
 Sarasota No. 35—J. E. Battle, proxy for officers.
 Arcadia No. 36—T. J. Zimmerman, H. P.
 Walton No. 37—H. G. Beard, H. P.
 Providence No. 38—W. S. Andress, S.
 Bay County No. 39—Fred A. Reynolds, proxy for officers.
 Crestview No. 40—James L. Clary, proxy for officers.
 Highlands No. 42—Geo. F. Smith, H. P.
 Union No. 43—Chas. H. Stewart, H. P.
 Clearwater No. 45—T. B. Wood, H. P.

Okeechobee No. 46—H. J. Dame, proxy for officers.
Poinciana U. D.—E. L. Wiederkehr, K.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	R. J. Kishpaugh.
British Columbia	E. L. Wirt.
California	Wm. S. Ware.
Canada	Chester DeRocher.
Connecticut	Wm. S. Ware.
Delaware	W. P. Webster.
District of Columbia	Silas B. Wright.
Georgia	E. E. Macy.
Indiana	T. T. Todd.
Kansas	Olin S. Wright.
Kentucky	E. L. Shear.
Maine	Elmer E. Haskell.
Maryland	Henry O. Snow.
Massachusetts	I. E. Webster.
Minnesota	E. P. Hubbell.
Mississippi	D. B. Palmer.
Missouri	Cary B. Fish.
Montana	Stephen E. Gregory.
New York	Marcus Endel.
New Zealand	Max Sirkin.
North Carolina	John L. Hall.
North Dakota	Marcus Endel.
Nova Scotia	T. Picton Warlow.
Ohio	Ely P. Hubbell.
Oklahoma	Olin S. Wright.
Oregon	Harry N. Sweeting.
Pennsylvania	Louis C. Massey.
Quebec	L. C. Massey.
Vermont	I. E. Webster.

Victoria ----- John L. Hall.
Washington ----- Silas B. Wright.
Wisconsin ----- Geo. A. Dame.

Regrets were received from Companion Stafford Caldwell, Grand Master Third Vail, Past Grand High Priests Ketchum and O'Neal and the Grand Secretary was directed to acknowledge same by wire.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

H. J. Dame,
E. E. Macy, H. M. Voorhis.

Upon motion of Companion Todd the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed, and they were adopted as printed.

Upon motion of Companion Fish all Royal Arch Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter as visitors.

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.

We find all Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues in full, with the following exceptions:

(1) Sarasota Chapter No. 35 has made a return and paid dues, but as the return is irregular in form, we refer it back to the Grand Secretary for correction.

(2) Walton Chapter No. 37 has made a correct return, but showing it due the Grand Chapter the sum of thirteen dollars (\$13.00), which we have collected and turned over to the Grand Secretary.

We find that all the constituent Chapters are entitled to representation in this Grand Chapter, and recommend that their representatives present be paid mileage and per diem.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. DAME,
EDWIN E. MACY,
H. M. VOORHIS,
Committee.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

W. B. Greer, Max Sirkin, C. T. Young.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

H. C. Harper,
H. V. Calder, R. H. Brown.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Chas. H. Stewart,
W. V. Carter, W. S. Ware.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

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

E. E. Haskell,	Louis C. Massey,
Olin S. Wright,	W. S. Ware,
T. Picton Warlow,	H. N. Sweeting,
Dabney B. Palmer,	W. V. Carter,
H. O. Snow,	John L. Hall.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Henry O. Snow,
Warner T. Hamm, Archie Aitchison,

MEMORIALS

D. H. Rutter,
W. B. Y. Wilkie, C. E. Connor.

VISITORS

B. C. Webb,
C. R. Horn, Geo. Leavitt,

The M. E. Grand High Priest welcomed the Representatives of the several Grand Jurisdictions and the representatives extended greetings from their respective Grand Bodies.

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

My Companions:

It is my privilege to extend to you a sincere and hearty welcome to the Seventy-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Florida.

I will not trespass on your comfort by going into any lengthy intercourse as a prelude to my annual report, and I believe the report will be as brief as you could desire, as I have to record the happenings of a very quiet year in Capitular Masonry.

One Stygian cloud has cast its shadow over our Grand Masonic bodies this year, and as it disappeared before the bright rays of the blazing sun of immortal faith and eternal hope, one vacancy was discovered in the ranks of our beloved Past Grand High Priests, and the station of Most Excellent Companion John M. Caldwell is vacant forever. May we all emulate his virtues and honor his memory.

The following memorial was prepared and mailed:

M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,
and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters,
State of Florida.

To the Officers and Members of our Grand Chapter and Grand Council and of the Chapters and Councils in our Grand Jurisdiction, and all Grand Chapters and Grand Councils in Fraternal Correspondence:

It is with sincerest regret that we report the removal by death of a Companion greatly beloved, on February 26, 1923,

JOHN MADISON CALDWELL

Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chaplain of Grand Council.

Companion Caldwell's Masonic career shows the high esteem

in which he was held by his brethren, evidenced in the following record:

Initiated on May 21st, passed on June 18th and raised July 16th, 1881, in Orient Lodge No. 70 at Jasper, Florida. Installed as Junior Warden December 27, 1881; installed as Senior Warden December 27, 1882, and installed by Grand Lodge in Jacksonville as Worshipful Master, January 20, 1884. He served several terms since as Worshipful Master. Served several terms as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth District which was composed of the counties of Taylor, Madison and Hamilton. Served as District Deputy Grand Master for Sixth District composed of Hamilton and Suwannee counties during the years 1912 and 1913. Was Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge in 1912, 1913 and 1914. Received the Chapter degrees in Madison Chapter No. 11 at Madison, Florida in 1883. Was a charter member of Jasper Chapter No. 10. Served this Chapter several terms as High Priest. In 1911 was Grand Scribe of Grand Chapter R. A. M.; in 1912 was Grand King of Grand Chapter R. A. M.; in 1913 was Deputy Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter R. A. M.; in 1914 was Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter R. A. M.

Received the Order of High Priesthood in Jacksonville on May 11, 1910; received the Council degrees in the Grand Council in Jacksonville, May 19, 1913; Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council 1914 to date of his death.

Received the Commandery orders in Pilgrim Commandery No. 7 in Gainesville, Florida, March 19, 1902. Dimitted from Pilgrim Commandery March 20, 1912, and affiliated with Live Oak Commandery No. 11 in Live Oak, Florida.

Received 4th to 14th degrees inclusive in Scottish Rite Masonry in Greenville, Florida, July 14, 1914, conferred by a team of Orient Lodge of Perfection No. 4 of Jacksonville.

Initiated into the A. A. O. N. M. S. in Jacksonville in the old Temple in May, 1902. He was No. 252.

He held membership as follows: Orient Lodge No. 70 F. & A. M., Jasper; Live Oak Chapter No. 25 R. A. M., Live Oak; Charter member Live Oak Council No. 16, Live Oak Commandery No. 11; member Orient Lodge of Perfection A. A. S. R. No. 4, Jacksonville, Morocco Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Jacksonville.

Companion Caldwell was born in Madison county, Florida, No-

vember 21, 1846, and passed on to rest and reward at his home in Jasper, Florida, on February 26, 1923.

He had a long, varied and exceedingly interesting career. As citizen, soldier, minister of the gospel, newspaper proprietor and editor, he filled a prominent place in the history of the State, and his fellow citizens in Hamilton county had in him a man whom they delighted to honor. But it is John M. Caldwell, the upright man and Mason whose removal we deplore and whose memory we honor. No man on the floor of any of the Masonic bodies in the State was more loved or better known, and the appreciation in which he was held is abundantly evidenced in the record of his election to the highest honors in the gift of the members of these various bodies.

A man of strong convictions, not afraid to give expression to them, always courteous to those who differed with him, he was a true knight, without fear and without reproach. **And he is not, for God took him.**

Companion Caldwell's body was buried with Masonic honors in **Evergreen Cemetery, Jasper, Florida, February 27, 1923**, the Masonic services being conducted by M. W. Grand Master John L. Hall. A large concourse of friends was in attendance to pay the last tribute of respect to the man whom they had known and loved. Members of Orient Lodge No. 70 served as active pallbearers and an honorary escort was formed of members of Live Oak Commandery No. 11, K. T.

So we leave him in the safe keeping of Infinite Love until the day dawns and the shadows flee away, the day when these broken ties of kinship and brotherhood shall reknit and when God shall bind up the breach of His people and heal the stroke of their wound.

In memory of our departed Companion and as a token of our sorrow at the loss we have sustained, it is ordered that this communication be read in each Chapter and Council throughout this Grand Jurisdiction at the first stated meeting after it is received.

Given under our hands and seals, this 1st day of May, A. D. 1923.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary
and Recorder.

R. J. KISHPAUGH,
Grand High Priest.

ERLE L. WIRT,
Grand Master.

Let us now to the business of the past year.

APPOINTMENTS OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On proper recommendations I appointed the following representatives of the Grand Chapter of Florida near other Grand Chapters:

Near the Grand Chapter of Nevada, David S. Ward, of Goldfield.

Near the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, Guy J. Gabel, of Woodstock.

Near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, George Roscoe Davis, 1335 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Near the Grand Chapter of Michigan, Past Grand High Priest James H. Thompson, now resident of Oldsmar, Florida.

Near the Grand Chapter of Kansas, Joseph H. McMullen, of Great Bend.

Near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, R. W. Henton, Jr., of Lumberton.

Near the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, R. E. George Gilbert Bullock, of Wanganui.

In compliance with a request for an exchange of fraternal representatives from the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, I recommended the appointment of Excellent Companion Max Sirkin, of West Palm Beach, to represent that Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Florida. Companion Sirkin has received his commission.

COURTESY WORK

December 12, 1922, I received a request from Most Excellent B. F. Perry, Grand High Priest of Ohio, asking that St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, R. A. M., confer

the Capitular degrees on Brother Jonathan W. Binns, an elected candidate of Lyons Chapter No. 175, R. A. M., located at Lyons, Ohio.

This request I forwarded to Excellent Companion L. W. Lambert, High Priest of St. Petersburg Chapter, with instructions to carry on correspondence with Most Excellent Companion Perry, as he had not given me the name of any Companion of Lyons Chapter.

CHAPTERS CONSTITUTED

June 22, 1922, Excellent John Pasco, Grand Master of the First Vail, assisted by M. E. Dabney B. Palmer, Past Grand High Priest, constituted Perry Chapter No. 44, Royal Arch Masons, at Perry, Florida.

June 23, 1922, Right Excellent Ely P. Hubbell, Deputy Grand High Priest, assisted by Grand Chaplain W. B. Y. Wilkie, Grand Royal Arch Captain R. J. McMaster, and Past Grand High Priest H. O. Snow, constituted Clearwater Chapter No. 45, Royal Arch Masons at Clearwater, Florida.

June 27, 1922, assisted by Past Grand High Priest Frank B. Stoneman, and Past High Priest E. W. Bunker, of Lake Worth Chapter No. 24 R. A. M., I constituted Dade Chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, at Homestead, Florida.

June 29, 1922, assisted by Past Grand High Priest Charles H. Ketchum, Past High Priest E. W. Bunker and Companion W. A. Goodman of Lake Worth Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., I constituted Okeechobee Chapter No. 46, Royal Arch Masons, at Okeechobee, Florida.

June 9, 1922, Past Grand High Priest John L. Hall, assisted by Grand Master of the Third Vail, Stafford Caldwell, and several Companions of Jacksonville Chap-

ter No. 12, R. A. M., constituted Duval Chapter No. 48, Royal Arch Masons, at South Jacksonville, Florida.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED FOR NEW CHAPTERS

July 15, 1922, I signed a dispensation authorizing seventeen Companions to organize Poinciana Chapter U. D. at Fort Myers, Florida.

December 14, 1922, I signed a dispensation authorizing fifty-four Companions to organize New Smyrna Chapter U. D. at New Smyrna, Florida.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED AND REQUESTS REFUSED

In reply to a request for a dispensation to elect a Scribe in Arcadia Chapter No. 36, R. A. M., I referred them to Section 12 of the constitution of the Grand Chapter of Florida which reads as follows: "A Chapter may fill vacancies in any elective office, except that of High Priest, at any regular Convocation."

April 17, 1923, I granted a special dispensation to Tampa Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., to hold a Convocation of that Chapter in the hall of John Darling Lodge No. 154, F. & A. M., in Tampa.

September 22, 1922, I refused a dispensation to Poinciana Chapter U. D. at Fort Myers, to receive applications for Chapter degrees from Master Masons contrary to the provisions of regulation No. 53 of this Grand Chapter.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

December 17, 1922, I approved an amendment to the by-laws of Highlands Chapter No. 42, R. A. M., providing for a change of meeting nights for that Chapter.

January 28, 1923, I approved an amendment to the by-laws of Bay County Chapter No. 39, R. A. M., providing that the Secretary be exempt from dues to that Chapter, and the payment to him of ten dollars per month for his services. It was called to the attention of the Chapter that Bay County Chapter would be still held for dues for him to the Grand Chapter.

April 21, 1923, I approved an amendment to the by-laws of Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22, R. A. M., providing that the dues to that Chapter be placed at \$5.00, payable in advance.

April 21, 1923, I approved an amendment to the by-laws of Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22, R. A. M., providing that the fees for the degrees conferred in that Chapter be \$40.00.

DECISIONS

In reply to a question as to whether Companions of Nassau Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., who had not affiliated elsewhere and had paid no dues since the surrender of the charter of that Chapter were eligible to sign the petition for the restoration of the charter to that Chapter, I ruled that until a Companion had been convicted and disciplined on preferred charges, or had been suspended for the non-payment of dues, he was still in good standing.

Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., of the District of Columbia, requested St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31, R. A. M., to confer degrees on Brother Charles Parks, a candidate of Mt. Vernon Chapter. This request was made through regular channels. A Companion of St. Petersburg Chapter objected on the ground that Brother Parks was a resident of St. Petersburg and the Mount Vernon Chapter had no original jurisdiction. Investi-

gation proved that Brother Parks was a registered voter in St. Petersburg at the time he signed the petition. The objection of the St. Petersburg Companion was sustained under Article 7, Section 1 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

DECISIONS ON INTERPRETATION OF RITUAL

These questions have been asked during the year and answered as follows:

Question. In the ceremony of exaltation is battery given after the G. R. A. W.? It is not provided for in the ritual.

Answer. It should be given after the communication.

Q. Should battery be given before and after G. & S. N.?

A. According to the ritual, no.

Q. Is an elaborated explanation of K. E. Y. permissible?

A. When confined to the subject it is not objectionable.

Q. During the closing ceremonies should the P. S. salute before or after performing his duty?

A. Conform to ritual until changed by authority.

Q. If vls do not return to their stations after dev. how can they salute RAC while going to and returning from performance of his duty?

A. Salute not intended.

Q. What constitutes exaltation?

A. Quoting from Constitution and Digest of Decisions of the General Grand Chapter of 1915: "The exaltation of a candidate takes place when he receives the G. R. A. W."

Q. Are groups formed differently in the opening ceremonies than in ceremony of exaltation?

A. The instruction for the forming of groups on page 157 of the ritual is correct. There is an error on page 213 in the work where an "r" is substituted for an "L," fourth letter of fourth line.

GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

An invitation was extended to Most Excellent William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to be present at this Grand Convocation.

Owing to a previously arranged itinerary of the General Grand High Priest, and the impossibility of arranging for a special Convocation of this Grand Chapter at a time when he could be present, we will have to forego the pleasure of a visit from him.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

I have received a copy of an edict issued from the office of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter against the Grand Chapter of Texas.

This edict is attached hereto and the Jurisprudence Committee is urged to go thoroughly into the merits of it, as there are many flatly contradictory statements in it, and a much to the point comment from R. E. Companion T. M. Bartley, chairman of the Committee on Printing of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and of which body he is the Grand Secretary.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR VISITATIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation No. 30, the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction were assigned to the Council officers for visitation.

Reports of visitations made showed, in most instances, that the work in Capitular Masonry is being carried on according to the abilities of those having it in charge. In certain instances, however, there seemed to be a disinclination to exhibit work for inspection, even though the records showed that candidates were available.

While there has been a decided decrease in the year's business as compared with 1922, natural causes must be considered as well as the operation of Regulation No. 53.

It is safe to predict a noticeable increase for the current year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In consideration of the great increase of business that passes through the office of the Grand Secretary, I recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased from eight hundred dollars to one thousand dollars per year.

I recommend that an appropriation be made from funds of this Grand Chapter in the amount of five hundred dollars as a contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

COMMENT

Regulation No. 53, requiring a period of six months to elapse between the time a brother receives his Master's degree and the time when his petition may be received in a Chapter, has now been in operation for one year.

During the past six months I have written to several Chapters asking them the effect the regulation has had on their progress. I received replies from some and from others I did not.

The majority of the replies that I received indicated that while the regulation had been of some hindrance to their growth during the first six months, its good points might warrant its continuance for another year, provided both rites adhered to its requirements strictly.

No instance of the violation of the provisions of the regulation on the part of any Chapter has been brought to my attention.

I have signed warrants Nos. 1 to 35, inclusive, amounting to \$7,069.08.

I have now given you a report of the doings of the office of the Grand High Priest for the past Capitular year and assure you that the honor of serving this Grand Chapter has been and is duly appreciated. A record of my endeavors is now before you, and may the hand of justice descend upon it.

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. KISHPAUGH,
Grand High Priest.

Upon motion the foregoing address was received and referred to a Special Committee for consideration and distribution of subjects.

The R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest appointed as such committee, Past Grand High Priest John L. Hall, and Companions F. William Schultz and W. A. Goodman.

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

We have received a communication from the General Grand High Priest stating that the Thirty-ninth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America will be held in Portland, Maine, beginning on Wednesday, September 10, 1924.

We have a request from Sarasota Chapter No. 35 for the election to membership in this Grand Chapter of E. Companion Thomas L. Livermore, now an affiliated member of that Chapter. Excellent Companion Livermore was High Priest of Telluride Royal Arch Chapter No. 28, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, as shown by a certificate from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, hereto attached.

Dispensations to form new Chapters have been issued by order of the Grand High Priest as follows: July 15th to Poinciana Chapter U. D. at Fort Myers, Lee county, with Lucian A. Spencer, High Priest; Erwin Leo Wiederkehr, King, and Lewis C. Stewart, Scribe.

December 15th to New Smyrna Chapter, U. D., at New Smyrna, Volusia county, with John S. Duss, Jr., High Priest; Howard G. Putnam, King, and Albert W. Shattuck, Scribe.

These Chapters have been regularly at work and now come before this Grand Chapter with petitions for charters.

All of our Chapters have made correct returns for 1922 and paid dues in full with the following exceptions:

Sarasota Chapter No. 35 has made returns and paid some dues but its return is irregular and we have been unable to correct it owing to failure of the secretary to reply to repeated communications.

Walton Chapter No. 37 has made a correct return but still owes a balance of \$13.00.

The returns of our Chapters do not show a heavy gain in membership during the past year, still I think we have no reason to complain.

Six hundred and forty-seven candidates have been exalted and we have made a net gain of four hundred and eighty-four.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida:

Dr.

Dues members of defunct Chapters	\$ 2.00
Refund on Pay Roll	6.00
Charter Fees	150.00
Florida No. 1	205.00
Gainesville No. 2	259.00
Tampa No. 3	389.00
St. Johns No. 4	80.00
Halifax No. 5	319.00
Mt. Horeb No. 6	215.00
Eureka No. 7	270.00
Dade City No. 8	80.00
Putnam No. 9	119.00
Kissimmee No. 10	108.00
Jericho No. 11	297.00
Jacksonville No. 12	649.00
Ocala No. 13	122.00
Inverness No. 14	58.00
Monroe No. 15	170.00
Plant City No. 16	102.00
St. Augustine No. 17	178.00
Manatee River No. 18	160.00
Lake Butler No. 19	58.00
Keystone No. 20	69.00
Island No. 21	34.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	278.00
Chipley No. 23	100.00

Lake Worth No. 24	252.00	
Live Oak No. 25	334.00	
Jefferson No. 26	102.00	
Indian River No. 27	250.00	
Joppa No. 28	121.00	
Lakeland No. 29	176.00	
Gadsden No. 30	191.00	
St. Petersburg No. 31	297.00	
Jackson No. 32	181.00	
Eustis No. 33	74.00	
Leesburg No. 34	101.00	
Sarasota No. 35	83.00	
Arcadia No. 36	102.00	
Walton No. 37	95.00	
Providence No. 38	90.00	
Bay County No. 39	189.00	
Crestview No. 40	148.00	
Winter Haven No. 41	119.00	
Highland No. 42	88.00	
Union No. 43	47.00	
Perry No. 44	68.00	
Clearwater No. 45	44.00	
Okeechobee No. 46	32.00	
Dade No. 47	59.00	
Duval No. 48	53.00	
Nassau No. 49	46.00	\$7,819.00

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Sept. 20, 1922, Paid Grand Treasurer	\$ 50.00
Jan. 8, 1923, Paid Grand Treasurer	630.00
Feb. 5, 1923, Paid Grand Treasurer	1,006.00
March 2, 1923, Paid Grand Treasurer	1,643.00
March 19, 1923, Paid Grand Treasurer	671.00
April 2, 1923, Paid Grand Treasurer	1,955.00
April 19, 1923, Paid Grand Treasurer	798.00
May 7, 1923, Paid Grand Treasurer	1,058.00
May 8, 1923, Paid Grand Treasurer	6.00
May 10, 1923, Paid Grand Treasurer	2.00—\$7,819.00

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.

1922		
May 30,	To balance as per last report -----	\$14,445.70
Sept. 30,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	50.00
Oct. 6,	To received interest on Grand Lodge Bonds -----	50.00
Dec. 14,	To received interest on Grand Lodge Cert of Indebtedness -----	50.00
Dec. 14,	To received interest on Duval Lodge Bonds -----	60.00
1923		
Jan. 8,	To received Grand Secretary -----	630.00
Feb. 5,	To received Grand Secretary -----	1,006.00
March 2,	To received Grand Secretary -----	1,643.00
March 19,	To received Grand Secretary -----	671.00
April 2,	To received Grand Secretary -----	1,955.00
April 5,	To received Grand Lodge Bonds -----	2,000.00
April 5,	To received interest Grand Lodge Bonds -----	50.00
April 19,	To received Grand Secretary -----	798.00
May 7,	To received Grand Secretary -----	1,058.00
May 8,	To received interest Duval Lodge Bonds -----	60.00
May 8,	To received Grand Secretary -----	6.00
May 10,	To received Grand Secretary -----	2.00
May 10,	To interest Barnett National Bank -----	147.88
		<u>\$24,682.58</u>

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June 23, 1923,	By Grand Lodge donated to Masonic Home by action of Grand Chapter -----	\$2,000.00
	By paid vouchers Nos. 1 to 35 -----	7,069.08
		<u>\$ 9,069.08</u>
	Balance on hand -----	\$15,613.50
	Distributed as follows:	
	Barnett National Bank -----	\$13,613.50
	Duval Lodge Bonds -----	2,000.00
		<u>\$15,613.50</u>

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted.

Fraternally,

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

Companion Fish presented a copy of resolutions adopted by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina in regard to the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas which were received for information.

A motion to amend Regulation No. 53 by Companion Dame was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

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

DISTRIBUTION

To the M. E. Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Florida:

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest and the report of the Grand Secretary, recommend that so much of the Grand High Priest's address as refers to necrology be referred to the Committee on Memorials.

That so much thereof as refers to Chapters U. D., approval of

amendment to by-laws and charters restored be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That so much thereof as refers to dispensations granted or refused, decisions, and the matter of edict issued by the General Grand High Priest against the Grand Chapter of Texas be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much thereof as refers to finance be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That so much as pertains to the interpretation of ritual be referred to a special committee of three to report at this Grand Convocation.

And that all other matters and things contained in the Grand High Priest's address be approved.

That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to finance be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That so much thereof as refers to petitions for charters be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That so much thereof as refers to the request of Sarasota Chapter for the election of Excellent Companion Thomas L. Livermore to membership in this Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and so much as pertains to returns of constituent Chapters be referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. HALL,
F. W. SCHULTZ,
WILLIAM A. GOODMAN,
Committee.

Companion Hubbell as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence presented his report which was received and ordered printed with the Proceedings.

Past Grand High Priest Endel presented papers in regard to "Key" which were referred to a special Committee on Ritual consisting of Companions D. B. Palmer, S. E. Gregory and C. L. Benedict.

The motion of Companion Wirt prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from refreshment to labor it

be to resume labor at 2:00 o'clock P. M. and that the first order of business be the exemplification of work in the Mark Master's degree, by Tampa Chapter No. 3.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 15, 2:00 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.

Past Grand High Priest Warlow requested that he be excused after this session of the Grand Chapter on account of illness in his family, which request was granted.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the work by Tampa Chapter No. 3 under direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

The Royal Arch Chapter was opened.

Labor was dispensed with in the Royal Arch and a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened.

The work of this degree was exemplified.

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

The work of this degree was exemplified.

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

The work of this degree was exemplified.

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

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

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

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

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

The special Committee on Ritual made its report which was received and adopted.

The following resolution presented by Companion W. B. Greer was adopted:

Resolved, That the mileage to be paid to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter be fixed at six cents per mile for each mile actually traveled coming to and returning from this Annual Convocation.

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, after carefully examining the Proceedings of the last Grand Convocation, find nothing in the nature of Unfinished Business to report.

Fraternally submitted,

MAX SIRKIN,
W. B. GREER,
C. T. YOUNG,
Committee.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances made a verbal report that nothing had been brought before

them for their attention. That peace and harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction.

The motion of Companion Todd prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 9:00 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

The Grand Chapter witnessed the exemplification of work in the Royal Arch degree by Tampa Chapter No. 3, under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

Past Grand High Priest Endel offered a resolution in regard to members in arrears for dues which was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 16, 9:00 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, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the afternoon 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:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT
(Supplemental)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

COMPANIONS—I have to report having received the sum of

\$13.00, collected by the Committee on Returns and Credentials, and that 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:

COMPANIONS—I have to report having received from the Grand Secretary the sum of \$13.00 since making my last report.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

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, R. A. M. of Florida:

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws beg to report as follows:

We recommend that the amendments to by-laws reported by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in his annual address, be approved.

We have examined the books and by-laws of Chapters U. D., applying for charters, and recommend that charters be granted, as follows:

- (1) To Poinciana Chapter No. 50, at Fort Myers, Lee County,

with Companion Erwin L. Wiederkehr as Excellent High Priest, Companion Lewis C. Stewart as King, and Companion J. Roscoe Parker as Scribe.

(2) To New Smyrna Chapter No. 51, at New Smyrna, Volusia County, with Companion John S. Duss, Jr., as Excellent High Priest; Companion Howard G. Putnam as King, and Companion Kirby L. Chilton as Scribe, and their representatives placed on pay roll.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. H. STEWART,
W. V. CARTER,
W. S. WARE,

Committee.

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 respectfully reports that since we last met in Grand Chapter, death has made many inroads into our beloved fraternity. He has respected neither age, important rank nor exalted position.

We are called upon to pay tribute to the memory of many a beloved Companion who has gone from us to enter within the veil of the unseen Temple.

On February 26th, 1923, our own Grand Chapter suffered an irreparable loss in the departure of that princely Companion, John Madison Caldwell, the soldier, scholar, Christian minister, superlative Mason and friend of man. He was a Past Grand High Priest and the active Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council.

A more extended account of Companion Caldwell's life has been given by the Grand High Priest in his report.

Our sister Grand Jurisdictions have sustained heavy losses through the departure of many great and prominent Companions. While our unbounded sympathies go out to these Grand Chapters, yet they sorrow not as those who have no hope for those Companions.

ions after having traveled over the rough and rugged road of life, have at last entered that temple not made with hands, and have received the commendation of the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe, even our God.

The following are the names of those who have gone:

California—William Henry Gaynor, Past Grand High Priest, born in New York City, Dec. 30, 1860, and died at Los Angeles, California, Sept. 22, 1922.

Colorado—Henry Tracy West, Past Grand High Priest, born in Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1824, and died at Caldwell, Idaho, Nov. 19, 1922. Lawrence Nichols Greenleaf, Past Grand High Priest, born in Boston, Mass., Oct. 4, 1838, died in Denver, Colorado, Oct. 25, 1922.

Iowa—Cromwell Bowen, Past Grand High Priest, was born at Berkshire, Vermont, May 25, 1846, died at Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 2, 1923. William Henry Norris, Past Grand High Priest, born at Stoneham, Mass., Feb. 3, 1857, died at Manchester, Iowa, Aug. 20, 1922.

Kansas—Aaron Hendrick Connett, Past Grand High Priest and active Grand Treasurer, born in Milford, O., Dec. 31, 1848, died at Grand Bend, Kas., July 16, 1922. John Appley Ferrell, Past Grand High Priest, born in Maries County, Missouri, Sept. 23, 1865, died in Sedan, Kas., June 22, 1922.

Kentucky—Robert R. Burnam, Past Grand High Priest, born in Richmond, Ken., Nov. 17, 1858, died at Richmond, Ken., Oct. 9, 1922.

Maryland—Joseph Henry Jackson, Past Grand High Priest, born in Talbot County, Md., March 12, 1839, died in West Arlington, Md., Jan. 4, 1923.

Massachusetts—Warren B. Ellis, Past Grand High Priest, born Oct. 22, 1838, died Dec. 8, 1922.

Michigan—Oliver Lyman Spaulding, Past Grand High Priest, born at Jaffrey, N. H., Aug. 2, 1833, died in Washington, D. C., July 30, 1922. William Irving Latimer, Past Grand High Priest, born in Amenia, N. Y., Aug. 5, 1836, died in Portland, Oregon, April 18, 1922.

Minnesota—Trevanion M. Hugo, Past Grand High Priest, born at Baddinock, England, July 29, 1848, died at Duluth, Minn., Feb. 27, 1923. Frederick Bloom, Past Grand High Priest, born in Can-

ton Glarus, Switzerland, June 12, 1836, died at Woodsock, Minn., March 6, 1923.

Missouri—Albert E. Diamant, Past Grand High Priest, born in St. Louis, Mo., April 20, 1871, died at Jonesboro, Arkansas, May 4, 1922. Robert Emmett Bainbridge, Past Grand High Priest, born at Friedland, Va., May 11, 1853, died at Kansas City, Mo., June 30, 1922.

Nebraska—John Sinclair Harmon, Past Grand High Priest, born at Hillsboro, Ohio, April 26, 1848, died in Tecumseh, Neb., Dec. 30, 1922.

New Jersey—Henry S. Haines, Past Grand High Priest, born in Burlington, N. J., April 24, 1835, died at Burlington, N. J., June 27, 1922. Ralph R. Eichlin, Past Grand High Priest, born May 3, 1858, died Dec. 25, 1922. Lorenzo D. Sanborn, Past Grand High Priest, born at Franklin, N. H., Nov. 8, 1839, died at Franklin, N. H., Feb. 1, 1922.

New York—George W. E. Stivers, Past Grand High Priest, born at Port Chester, N. Y., July 26, 1845, died in New York City, Feb. 17, 1923.

New Zealand—Herbert James Williams, Grand Scribe E. and M. E. Z., born in Kent, England, 1848, died at Wellington, N. Z., March 29, 1922. Charles W. Nielson, R. M. G. Scribe, died May 23, 1922.

Oregon—Silas M. Yoran, Past Grand High Priest, born Jan. 26, 1835, died in Eugene, Oregon, June 24, 1922. Orlando Orville Hodson, Past Grand High Priest, born at Carthage, Ind., May 27, 1857, died in McMinnville, Oregon, Jan. 9, 1923.

South Carolina—William Edward Gantt, Past Grand High Priest, died 1923.

South Dakota—Harvey James Rice, Past Grand High Priest, died April 3, 1923.

Tennessee—Henry Martyn Aiken, Past Grand High Priest, born March 4, 1844, died March 22, 1923. Nathan Sullins Woodward, Grand Treasurer, born July 19, 1844, died Feb. 27, 1923. Wilbur Fisk Foster, Past Grand High Priest, born April 13, 1834, died March 26, 1922.

Texas—Felix Wood Fitzpatrick, Past Grand High Priest, died at Texarkana, Texas, Jan. 26, 1922. Frank Nusom, Past Grand High Priest, died at Waco, Texas, March 11, 1922.

Virginia—George Wilson Poe, Past Grand High Priest, born

in Richmond, Va., Sept. 8, 1850, died at Richmond, Va., Sept. 25, 1922.

Our subordinate Chapters report that during the year just closed eighty-four Companions have answered the summons from on high. These have wrought well in the quarries of life and have received their wages, which is life eternal. They have been inducted into the secrets hidden from our eyes; they have successfully followed the Ark of the Covenant and have placed the keystone high in the temple of their lives. Their journey of life has been made; they have appeared before the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe and have received the white stone whereon a name is written that none knows save him only to whom it is given. Thus they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Fraternally submitted,

D. H. RUTTER,
WM. B. Y. WILKIE,
C. E. CONNOR,

Committee.

Upon motion of Companion Fish a committee of three was appointed to draft suitable resolutions of thanks to Tampa Chapter No. 3 and others for the most excellent manner in which they had entertained the Grand Chapter at this Annual Convocation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed as such committee Companions D. H. Rutter, H. J. Dame and Cary B. Fish.

The motion of Companion Schultz authorizing the retiring Grand High Priest to appoint a Committee on Correspondence for the ensuing year was unanimously adopted.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Ely P. Hubbell, Olin S. Wright and Louis C. Massey as such committee.

The motion of Companion Schultz that the sum of

\$500.00 be set aside annually to be paid to the Chapters entertaining the Grand Chapter to aid in paying expense of same was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Invitations for the Grand Chapter to hold its annual Convocation in 1924 were received from the cities of Quincy, Pensacola and Jacksonville. After a full discussion the motion was made and carried that this matter be laid upon the table and that the time and place for holding the Annual Convocation in 1924 be left to the constitutional provision.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made their report which after having been amended by striking out "an annual appropriation of \$500.00 on account of entertainment," was adopted as follows:

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 \$15,613.50, which is distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett National Bank	\$13,613.50
Duval Lodge Bonds	2,000.00
Total	\$15,613.50

From which we recommend the following appropriations:

Expenses Foreign Correspondence Committee --\$	300.00
Contingent Fund	700.00
Clerical Help	240.00
Grand Treasurer's Salary	150.00

Grand Secretary's Salary -----	1,000.00
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association -----	500.00
Masonic Home Endowment Fund -----	1,320.00
Pay Roll attached -----	2,516.88
Total -----	\$6,726.88

Leaving a cash balance in hands of Grand Treas. \$6,886.62

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 expense 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 the Grand Chapter officers making official visitations, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

The committee wishes to extend sincere thanks to, and appreciation of the valuable services rendered them by our Companions, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Having disposed of the duties assigned to us to the best of our ability, we now beg to be discharged.

Fraternally submitted,

H. O. SNOW,
W. T. HAMM,
ARCHIE AITCHISON,
Committee.

PAY ROLL

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
R. J. Kishpaugh, G. H. P. -----	\$ 69.60	\$ 15.00	\$ 84.60
E. P. Hubbell, D. G. H. P. -----	5.02	10.00	15.02
E. L. Wirt, G. King -----	5.40	10.00	15.40
T. T. Todd, G. Scribe -----	71.44	10.00	81.44
Marcus Endel, Gr. Treas. -----	25.44	15.00	40.44

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
W. P. Webster, G. Secy. -----	25.44	15.00	40.44
W. B. Y. Wilkie, G. Chap. -----	4.08	10.00	14.08
E. L. Shear, G. C. of H. -----	45.24	10.00	55.24
Cary B. Fish, G. P. S. -----	4.92	10.00	14.92
R. J. McMaster, G. R. A. C. -----		10.00	10.00
Stephen E. Gregory, G. M. 2d V. ---	25.44	10.00	35.44
John Pasco, G. M. 1st V. -----	42.48	10.00	52.48
Herbert S. Chiles, G. Sent. -----		10.00	10.00
Irving E. Webster, P. G. H. P. ----	21.48	15.00	36.48
Louis C. Massey, P. G. H. P. -----	11.16	15.00	26.16
T. Picton Warlow, P. G. H. P. ----	11.16	5.00	16.16
H. O. Snow, P. G. H. P. -----		15.00	15.00
E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P. -----	21.96	15.00	36.96
Olin S. Wright, P. G. H. P. -----	2.76	15.00	17.76
W. S. Ware, P. G. H. P. -----	25.44	15.00	40.44
H. N. Sweeting, P. G. H. P. -----	45.24	15.00	60.24
Dabney B. Palmer, P. G. H. P. ----	42.48	15.00	57.48
W. V. Carter, P. G. H. P. -----	20.28	15.00	35.28
John L. Hall, P. G. H. P. -----	25.44	15.00	40.44
Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P. -----	20.24	5.00	25.24
Francis S. Hartfield, Chapter No. 1	45.24	10.00	55.24
Geo. H. Leavitt, Chapter No. 3 ----		10.00	10.00
R. L. Smith, Chapter No. 5 -----	20.24	10.00	30.24
A. S. Butterworth, Chapter No. 6 --	71.44	10.00	81.44
H. M. Voorhis, Chapter No. 7 ----	11.16	10.00	21.16
W. T. Hamm, Chapter No. 9 -----	21.96	10.00	31.96
W. D. Steed, Chapter No. 10 -----	20.88	10.00	30.88
C. L. Benedict, Chapter No. 11 ----	47.40	10.00	57.40
Lester G. Gilbert, Chapter No. 12 --	25.44	10.00	35.44
A. L. Lucas, Chapter No. 13 -----	13.32	10.00	23.32
C. E. Connor, Chapter No. 14 ----	11.28	10.00	21.28
W. S. Rardin, Chapter No. 16 ----	2.76	10.00	12.76
Chester DeRocher, Chapter No. 18..	1.92	10.00	11.92
H. V. Calder, Chapter No. 20 -----	43.92	10.00	53.92
Robt. H. Brown, Chapter No. 22 -	5.40	10.00	15.40
R. H. Rollins, Chapter No. 23 ----	55.56	10.00	65.56
C. M. Gruber, Chapter 24 -----	39.36	10.00	49.36
B. W. Helvenston, Jr., Chap. No. 25	26.16	10.00	36.16

Name	Mileage	Per Diem	Total
Jake Tawlowski, Chapter No. 26 --	42.48	10.00	52.48
E. F. Adams, Chapter No. 28 -----	32.52	10.00	42.52
Geo. J. Tolson, Chapter No. 29 -----		10.00	10.00
Thos. E. Dickinson, Chapter No. 30	48.36	10.00	58.36
R. L. Wilkinson, Chapter No. 31 --	2.64	10.00	12.64
C. W. Davis, Chapter No. 32 -----	55.92	10.00	65.92
Wm. P. McKee, Chapter No. 33 --	17.88	10.00	27.88
H. L. Schaeffer, Chapter No. 34 ---	12.48	10.00	22.48
J. E. Battle, Chapter No. 35 -----	9.48	10.00	19.48
T. J. Zimmerman, Chapter No. 36--	11.24	10.00	21.24
H. G. Beard, Chapter No. 37 -----	60.12	10.00	70.12
W. S. Address, Chapter No. 38 ----	24.48	10.00	34.48
Fred A. Reynold, Chapter No. 39 --	60.72	10.00	70.72
Jas. L. Clary, Chapter No. 40 -----	63.60	10.00	73.60
Geo. F. Smith, Chapter No. 42 ----	10.92	10.00	20.92
Chas. H. Stewart, Chapter No. 43 -	26.88	10.00	36.88
T. B. Wood, Chapter No. 45 -----	4.04	10.00	14.04
H. J. Dame, Chapter No. 46 -----	29.16	10.00	39.16
E. L. Wiederkehr, Chapter U. D. --	17.52	10.00	27.52
Max Sirkin, Com. Unfin. Business--	39.36	10.00	49.36
W. B. Greer, Com. Unfin. Business--	48.26	10.00	58.26
Archie Aitchison, Com. Fin. & Accts.	2.64	10.00	12.64
D. H. Rutter, Com. Memorials ----	20.24	10.00	30.24
B. C. Webb, Com. Visitors -----	13.32	10.00	23.32
C. R. Horne, Com. Visitors -----	10.44	10.00	20.44
F. W. Schultz, Com. Distribution--	9.48	10.00	19.48
W. A. Goodman, Com. Distribution	39.36	10.00	49.36
H. C. Harper, Com. Grievances ----	2.76	10.00	12.76
Totals -----	\$1,751.88	\$765.00	\$2,516.88

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

COMPANIONS—Your Jurisprudence Committee have considered the several matters referred to them, and report as follows:

1. We approve the decision of the Grand High Priest in reference to the unaffiliated members of Nassau Chapter No. 23, R. A. M., being eligible to petition for the restoration of that Chapter's charter.

2. We approve the decision of the Grand High Priest in the matter of the request of Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 3, of the District of Columbia, to St. Petersburg No. 31, as to conferring degrees upon Brother Charles Parks, and recommend that the final disposition of said matter be left to the incoming Grand High Priest.

3. In the matter of the application for electing Excellent Companion Thomas L. Livermore, Jr., a Past High Priest of Telluride Royal Arch Chapter No. 28, under the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, who is an affiliated member of Sarasota Chapter No. 35 of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida, to membership in this Grand Chapter, we recommend that this application be granted.

4. We recommend that the resolution to amend Regulation No. 53, presented by Companion H. J. Dame, be not adopted.

5. In the matter of the edict of non-intercourse issued by the General Grand High Priest, Wm. F. Kuhn, against the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and its members, we, with sorrow deprecate the situation that has made it appear necessary to so harshly treat our Companions of Texas, and trust that true fraternal justice shall prevail, and this unfortunate situation speedily have a happy and equitable adjustment.

The Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida is a sovereign Grand Chapter, in full accord with, and for, the best interests of Capitular Masonry, and is a member of the great family associated together under the Constitution and Laws of the General Grand Chapter, and as such we earnestly hope for a just and proper determination of this serious problem.

6. In reference to the resolution offered by Past Grand High Priest Endel, we propose the adoption of the following amendment to the Constitution, viz.: Amend Article IV, Section 14, under the heading "Dues," to read as follows:

"Sec. 14. A Chapter may make by-laws regulating the payment of dues from its members, and whenever any member shall be twelve months or more in arrears for dues, it shall be the duty of the secretary

of the Chapter to notify such delinquent, by written notice, stating therein the amount thereof, and that unless the same shall be paid within thirty (30) days, or satisfactory excuse made, he may be suspended for non-payment of dues. And thereupon, at any time after the expiration of said thirty (30) days, such member may be suspended by action of the Chapter; and a member so suspended may be reinstated only after the payment of all arrears, and by a majority vote, which may be by ballot or show of hands.

"When a Chapter shall, in its annual return, report an aged or infirm Companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of dues, such Chapter shall have credit therefor, in the payment of its dues; and the Chapter shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from dues by its by-laws." All of which we fraternally report.

MARCUS ENDEL,
 IRVING E. WEBSTER,
 SILAS B. WRIGHT,
 W. P. WEBSTER,
 E. E. HASKELL,
 LOUIS C. MASSEY,
 OLIN S. WRIGHT,
 W. S. WARE,
 T. PICTON WARLOW,
 H. N. SWEETING,
 D. B. PALMER,
 W. V. CARTER,
 H. O. SNOW,
 JOHN L. HALL,
Committee.

Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright in a very interesting and instructive address informed the Grand Chapter as to the true relation of the Grand Chapter of Florida with the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That this Grand Chapter appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars to Tampa Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., to assist them in providing for the excellent entertainment which they have given.

The special committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions of thanks to Tampa Chapter No. 3, etc., made the following report which was unanimously adopted:

THANKS

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, respectfully report as follows:

The Grand Chapter of Florida, for the first time in its history, has made a pilgrimage, and we find ourselves in the city of Tampa, beautiful for situation, and progressive and hospitable beyond adequate description.

This Grand Body, representing as it does the loftiest ideals of citizenship and manhood, and having a high sense of appreciation for all that is fine and beautiful, recognizes the unbounded courtesies extended to us.

The Honorable Mayor, himself a Companion of this Order, endeared himself most firmly in our hearts by the splendid address of welcome he so graciously extended to us.

To Tampa Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., we owe a debt of everlasting gratitude. These Companions, like the angels of light, seem not to rest neither day nor night, in their efforts to anticipate our every need for comfort and pleasure.

Every subordinate Chapter in Florida will derive great benefit from their representatives having witnessed the exemplification of the work so accurately and beautifully put on by Tampa Chapter. This Chapter receives the heartiest appreciation from this Grand Chapter for the work thus perfectly exemplified.

The members of John Darling Lodge No. 154, F. & A. M., vacated their beautiful home to entertain this Grand Chapter. To

them we express our deepest gratitude for the use of these commodious buildings.

But it is to the ladies of the Eastern Star of Tampa that we owe our supremest gratitude. Greeted most cordially as we entered this building, we were at once made to feel at home. The sumptuousness of the continual banquets provided us by these gracious ladies surpasses our ability to in any measure describe. It has been one continual feasting on the fat of this Promised Land.

Nor did these good ladies forget the beautiful—*aesthetic* beauty greeted us from every side. Handsome ladies served around immaculate tables, garlanded with flowers of heavenly hues. We are under an everlasting debt of gratitude to these, Tampa's noblest ladies!

To the Tampa Tribune and the Tampa Times we express our sincere appreciation for the widespread and accurate publicity they have given this Grand Chapter.

We thank the hotels of the city for the many courtesies they have extended our Companions and friends while here.

This Grand Chapter shall ever remember with deepest gratitude the unbounded hospitality we received from the splendid people of the city of Tampa.

Fraternally submitted,

D. H. RUTTER,
H. J. DAME,
CARY B. FISH,
Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions C. M. Gruber and Warner T. Hamm as tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

Ely P. Hubbell ----- M. E. Grand High Priest.
Erle L. Wirt ----- R. E. D. G. High Priest.
Theodore T. Todd ----- R. E. Grand King.

E. L. Shear ----- R. E. Grand Scribe.
Marcus Endel ----- R. E. Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. Webster ----- R. E. Grand Secretary.
W. B. Y. Wilkie ----- R. E. Grand Chaplain.

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

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

Cary B. Fish ----- E. Grand Capt. of the Host.
R. J. McMaster ----- E. Grand Prin. Sojourner.
Stafford Caldwell ----- E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain.
Stephen E. Gregory ----- E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
John Pasco ----- E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
C. L. Benedict ----- E. Grand Master First Vail.
John W. Capper ----- E. Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, assisted by Past Grand High Priest John L. Hall, as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers:

INSTALLATION

Ely P. Hubbell ----- M. E. Grand High Priest.
Erle L. Wirt ----- R. E. D. G. High Priest.
Theodore T. Todd ----- R. E. Grand King.
E. L. Shear ----- R. E. Grand Scribe.
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C. L. Benedict ----- E. Gr. Master First Vail.

Excellent Companion, Stafford Caldwell, appointed Grand Royal Arch Captain, not being present, Past Grand High Priest John L. Hall was requested to install him in Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

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.

The Grand High Priest thanked the Grand Chapter for electing him to that high office.

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to M. E. Companion Ralph J. Kishpaugh, Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright making the presentation.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following standing committees; the Committee on Correspondence having been appointed by the retiring Grand High Priest.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PRINTING

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests

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.

ELY P. HUBBELL,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:



Grand Secretary.



Oscar N. Williams --- Dade City No. 8 --- Dec. 15, 1922
 Wm. T. Lindgutte --- Jericho No. 11 --- Jan. 2, 1922
 Jas. M. Eirick --- Jericho No. 11 --- Jan. 16, 1922
 J. H. Hill --- Jericho No. 11 --- March 27, 1922
 Wm. H. Jones --- Jericho No. 11 --- May 25, 1922
 John Douglas --- Jericho No. 11 --- June 27, 1922
 James E. Carrol --- Jericho No. 11 --- Aug. 28, 1922
 Chas. F. Filer --- Jericho No. 11 --- Nov. 23, 1922
 Alexander Hedengren --- Jacksonville No. 12 --- Jan. 18, 1922
 Fred C. Carlson --- Jacksonville No. 12 --- Feb. 10, 1922
 E. A. Tillotson --- Jacksonville No. 12 --- March 25, 1922
 Little C. Knight --- Jacksonville No. 12 --- May 23, 1922
 John H. Powell --- Jacksonville No. 12 --- May 12, 1922
 George W. Dawson --- Jacksonville No. 12 --- Aug. 29, 1922
 Charles S. Baldwin --- Jacksonville No. 12 --- Sept. 22, 1922
 L. A. Wilcox --- Ocala No. 13 --- Jan. 11, 1922
 G. W. Crile --- Inverness No. 14 --- May 27, 1922
 Wm. Andrew Beaty --- Plant City No. 16 --- June 19, 1922
 Charles T. Beard --- St. Augustine No. 17 --- 1921
 A. L. Hunt --- St. Augustine No. 17 --- July 1921
 Noah R. Parke --- Manatee Rvr. No. 18 ---
 Adolph G. Ascher --- Island No. 21 --- Jan. 7, 1922
 James B. Norman --- Island No. 21 --- March 17, 1922
 Samuel J. Filer --- Island No. 21 --- Oct. 17, 1922
 J. R. Steel --- Thos. Brown No. 22 --- Aug. 1919
 E. McIver Law --- Thos. Brown No. 22 --- March 9, 1922
 W. W. Clark --- Thos. Brown No. 22 --- June 11, 1922
 N. E. Thornhill --- Thos. Brown No. 22 --- Oct. 19, 1922
 T. S. Armstead --- Thos. Brown No. 22 --- Nov. 16, 1922
 May 15, 1922
 Albert Aubrey Myers --- Chipley No. 23 --- May 15, 1922
 Louis Spencer Boustel Lake Worth No. 24 --- Aug. 15, 1922
 Dexter F. Arnold --- Live Oak No. 25 --- Feb. 24, 1922
 James A. Hague --- Live Oak No. 25 --- June 8, 1922
 F. L. Rees --- Live Oak No. 25 --- July 10, 1922
 W. J. Morgan --- Live Oak No. 25 --- Aug. 8, 1922
 C. W. VonBergen --- Jefferson No. 26 --- Aug. 21, 1922
 Daniel T. McCarty --- Joppa No. 28 --- April 25, 1922
 James E. Andrews --- Joppa No. 28 --- Jan. 6, 1922
 Julian T. Baily --- Gadsden No. 30 --- Aug. 9, 1920
 Rudolph F. Getzloff --- Gadsden No. 30 --- Aug. 14, 1922

To the Memory of
 Companions of Our
 Jurisdiction
 who have passed away during the year 1922
 this page is fraternally dedicated

Charles Munroe --- Florida No. 1 --- Jan. 9, 1922
 Wm. A. McDearmid --- Florida No. 1 --- March 23, 1922
 Eugene L. Hutchinson --- Florida No. 1 ---
 Thomas N. Godbold --- Florida No. 1 --- July
 W. G. Bell --- Gainesville No. 2 --- Jan. 12, 1922
 J. M. Boring --- Gainesville No. 2 --- Feb. 7, 1922
 R. M. Fugate --- Gainesville No. 2 --- Oct. 7, 1922
 H. L. Gray --- Gainesville No. 2 --- Sept. 20, 1922
 S. V. Levy --- Gainesville No. 2 ---
 D. G. Roland --- Gainesville No. 2 --- May
 G. C. Allen --- Tampa No. 3 --- June 13, 1922
 George Booth --- Tampa No. 3 --- June 9, 1922
 Wm. T. McKewn --- Tampa No. 3 --- Nov. 25, 1922
 S. C. Fuller --- St. Johns No. 4 --- Dec. 19, 1922
 Scott Hodgkin --- St. Johns No. 4 --- Jan. 10, 1922
 David L. Butler --- Halifax No. 5 ---
 Benj. F. Hough --- Halifax No. 5 --- May
 Isaac F. Humphreys --- Halifax No. 5 --- May 3, 1922
 Leon W. Fisher --- Halifax No. 5 --- May 3, 1922
 Alex S. Gemmill --- Halifax No. 5 --- July 18, 1922
 Ernest W. Green --- Halifax No. 5 --- Sept. 6, 1922
 Wm. T. Marler --- Mt. Horeb No. 6 --- March 11, 1922
 Allen R. Jones --- Mt. Horeb No. 6 --- April 6, 1922
 David Harrison --- Mt. Horeb No. 6 --- Aug. 2, 1922
 Sol Cabn --- Mt. Horeb No. 6 --- Aug. 9, 1922
 Louis P. Stassinos --- Mt. Horeb No. 6 --- Oct. 20, 1922
 John M. Cheney --- Eureka No. 7 --- Dec. 15, 1922
 Francis A. Curtis --- Eureka No. 7 --- May 3, 1922
 Henry Beville --- Dade City No. 8 --- April 21, 1922
 George W. Soule --- Dade City No. 8 --- June 14, 1922

OFFICERS
OF THE
General Grand Chapter
1921-1924

Dr. William Frederick Kuhn-----General Grand High Priest
1325 Rialto Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles Northrup Rix-----Deputy General Grand High Priest
Hot Springs, Arkansas.

John Albert Blake-----General Grand King
Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts.

Henry DeWitt Hamilton-----General Grand Scribe
258 Broadway, New York City, New York.

Gustav Adolph Eitel-----General Grand Treasurer
Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Maryland.

Charles Arthur Conover-----General Grand Secretary
95 West Chicago Street, Coldwater, Michigan.

Charles Clark Davis-----General Grand Captain of the Host
Centralia, Illinois.

Leon Tony Leach-----General Grand Principal Sojourner
Merchants National Bank Bldg., Indianapolis, Indiana.

John William Neilson-----General Grand Royal Arch Captain
Concordia, Kansas.

Wm. T. Sherman O'Hara-----General Grand Master Third Vail
742 Nichols Building, Toledo, Ohio.

Mattison Boyd Jones-----General Grand Master Second Vail
722 Merchants Natl. Bank Bldg., Los Angeles, California.

John H. Anderson-----General Grand Master First Vail
Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Rev. Charles C. Woods-----General Grand Chaplain
St. Louis, Missouri.

Mathew Moses-----St. Petersburg No. 31 Jan. 8, 1922

W. S. Shull-----St. Petersburg No. 31 Aug. 25, 1922

R. T. Wedding-----St. Petersburg No. 31 Dec. 14, 1922

Thos. R. Linggo-----Jackson No. 32 Sept. 16, 1922

Guy Hutchings-----Eustis No. 33 March 20, 1922

A. L. Blizzard-----Leesburg No. 34 May 22, 1922

J. Dalton Jones-----Sarasota No. 35

R. D. Stanley-----Sarasota No. 35

Eben Thompson-----Sarasota No. 35 Feb. 5, 1922

W. F. Martin-----Walton No. 37 Dec. 22, 1922

Edge B. Pomeroy-----Crestview No. 40 August 22, 1922

Wm. Seymour Butler-----Highlands No. 42 June 28, 1922

V. Wright Hendry-----Perry No. 44 March 14, 1922

Albert W. Shattuck-----New Smyrna U. D. Jan. 1923

PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

From Its Organization to Date

GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS	GRAND KINGS	GRAND SCRIBES	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES	GRAND CHAPLAINS
1847 Thos. Douglas*	John P. DuVal*	Harry R. Taylor*	Geo. W. Macrae*	Edwin D. Nash*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1848 John P. DuVal*	Isaac H. Bronson*	Geo. W. Macrae*	D. S. Graham*	Thomas Brown*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1849 Isaac H. Bronson*	Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1850 Harry R. Taylor*	D. S. Graham*	R. A. Shine*	Gad Humphreys*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1851 Thomas Brown*	Gad Humphreys*	Alfred A. Fisher*	Benj. Sawyer*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Geo. M. McDonald*
1852 R. A. Shine*	Samuel B. Stephens*	Samuel Boardman*	D. G. McLean*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1853 Sam'l Boardman*	J. M. W. Davidson*	C. A. M. Mitchell*	James S. Rust*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	E. G. Asay
1854 J. Wayles Baker*	Thomas Y. Henry*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	David C. Wilson*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1855 J. Wayles Baker*	Edward R. Ives*	Joseph S. May*	James Ellenwood*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Homer Hendee
1856 Thomas Hayward*	Edward R. Ives*	John L. McKinnon*	David S. Walker*	R. A. Shine*	John B. Taylor*	Charles E. Dyke*
1857 Gad Humphreys*	James Ellenwood*	John L. McKinnon*	Charles E. Dyke*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	J. R. Plummer
1858 Thomas Hayward*	James Ellenwood*	D. P. Holland*	Calvin Davis*	John S. Bond*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1859 D. P. Holland*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Geo. D. Fisher*	Josiah Payne*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1860 Thomas Y. Henry*	Geo. F. Baltzell*	Franklin Branch*	Charles Slager*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1861 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Charles Slager*	D. C. Dawkins*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1862 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Green H. Hunter*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	John Penny*
1863 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	Thos. K. Leonard*	Wm. H. Arendell*	Thomas Hayward*	John B. Taylor*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1864 Geo. F. Baltzell*	James Ellenwood*	B. S. Fuller*	Elias Earle*	Thomas Hayward*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1865 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Elias Earle*	A. J. Lea*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1866 David Jones*	D. C. Dawkins*	Charles Slager*	Chas. K. Sparhawk*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Columbus Smith*
1867 David Jones*	Wm. Morrill*	Charles Slager*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	T. Preston Tatum*	Hugh A. Corley*	Samuel C. Craft
1868 James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	H. H. Berry*	Michael Bowes*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Wm. A. McLean*
1869 D. C. Dawkins*	M.M.T. Hutchinson*	Charles Mundee*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Preston Tatum*	Edw. Bradford, Jr.*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1870 D. C. Dawkins*	Chas. Slager*	Charles Mundee*	Theodore Ball*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1871 D. C. Dawkins*	James Ellenwood*	Wm. Morrill*	James L. Taylor*	T. Preston Tatum*	W. M. McIntosh*	Edwin L. T. Blake*
1872 Wm. Morrill*	Hugh A. Corley*	John C. Ley*	Ben G. Alderman*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	Thomas A. Carruth*
1873 Michael Bowes*	Samuel Pasco*	John S. Driggs*	D. C. Wilson*	Wm. A. Young*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1874 Michael Bowes*	John S. Driggs*	Benj. G. Alderman*	D. C. Wilson*	Wm. A. Young*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1875 Henry W. Long*	Edmund P. Jordon*	Wm. T. Weeks*	W. W. Tucker*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1876 John S. Driggs*	Charles J. Allred*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	D. L. Oakley*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1877 John S. Driggs*	George R. Jones*	W. W. Tucker*	John T. Miller*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1878 Enos Wasgate*	Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1879 Robert J. Perry*	G. E. Wentworth*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Hugh A. Corley*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1880 Robert J. Perry*	Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Wm. A. McLean*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1881 W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	John G. Ellis*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1882 W. A. McLean*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	G. S. Hallmark*	L. McConihe*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1883 Geo. S. Hallmark*	Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R. Plummer*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John Penny*
1884 Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R. Plummer*	Angus Paterson*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1885 Wm. E. Anderson*	Warren F. Scott*	J.W.V.R. Plummer*	Marcus Endel*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1886 Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich*	John G. Ellis*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1887 Angus Paterson*	Marcus Endel*	F. S. Goodrich*	R. A. Montsalvtge*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	John S. Wharton
1888 Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	Chas. H. Munger*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1889 Marcus Endel*	Fred S. Goodrich*	James W. Boyd*	Chas. H. Munger*	T. S. Wilmarth*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1890 J. W. Boyd*	T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau*	Silas H. Wright*	John H. Stephens*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1891 T. S. Wilmarth*	F. P. Mersereau*	I. E. Webster*	John H. Stephens*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1892 Irving E. Webster*	Silas B. Wright*	W. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Henry S. Ely*	DeW. C. Dawkins*	W. A. McLean*
1893 Silas B. Wright*	Wm. M. McIntosh*	J. H. Stevens*	Henry S. Ely*	Warren Tyler*	W. A. McLean*	W. A. McLean*
1894 Wm. M. McIntosh*	John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Warren Tyler*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster
1895 John H. Stephens*	Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	Wilber P. Webster*	Wilber P. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Irving E. Webster
1896 Wm. H. Jewell*	Warren Tyler*	W. P. Webster*	Olin S. Wright*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1897 Warren Tyler*	W. P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*	Irving E. Webster*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1898 Wilber P. Webster*	James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*		Marcus Endel*	W. A. McLean*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1899 James Carnell*	E. E. Haskell*		J. R. Wetherell*	Marcus Endel*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1900 E. E. Haskell*		J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1901	J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1902 J. R. Wetherell*	T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Wm. M. McIntosh*
1903 T. G. Hutchinson*	Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1904 Louis C. Massey*	Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1905 Olin S. Wright*	Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1906 Joseph R. Keller*	Wm. S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong*	T. Picton Warlow*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1907 William S. Ware*	F. W. Armstrong*	T. Picton Warlow*	John H. Weddell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	John H. Weddell*
1908 John H. Weddell*	Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1909 Samuel Pasco*	T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1910 T. Picton Warlow*	F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	E. N. Sweeting*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1911 F. B. Stoneman*	Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1912 Robert McClellan*	H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Andress*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1913 H. N. Sweeting*	John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1914 John M. Caldwell*	Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	D. B. Palmer*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1915 Will C. Andress*	Wm. R. O'Neal*	D. B. Palmer*	C. H. Ketchum*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1916 Wm. R. O'Neal*	D. B. Palmer*	C. H. Ketchum*	L. F. Blalock*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1917 D. B. Palmer*	C. H. Ketchum*	L. F. Blalock*	L. F. Blalock*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1918 C. H. Ketchum*	L. F. Blalock*	L. F. Blalock*	W. V. Carter*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1919 H. V. Carter*	H. O. Snow*	John L. Hall*	H. O. Snow*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	Irving E. Webster
1920 H. O. Snow*	John L. Hall*	R. J. Kishpaugh*	R. J. Kishpaugh*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1921 John L. Hall*	R. J. Kishpaugh*	E. P. Hubbell*	E. P. Hubbell*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie
1922 R. J. Kishpaugh*	E. P. Hubbell*	Erle L. Wirt*	Erle L. Wirt*	Marcus Endel*	W. P. Webster*	W. B. Y. Wilkie

*Deceased

GRAND SECRETARIES.

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General Grand Chapter	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater, Mich.
Alabama	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	Edwin G. Ironside	Calgary, 513 21st Av. W.
Arizona	George J. Roskrige	Tucson.
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville.
British Columbia	J. W. Prescott	Vancouver, 603 Has- tings St. W.
California	Thomas A. Davies	San Francisco.
Canada	Henry T. Smith	Toronto, Temple Bldg.
Colorado	Wm. W. Cooper	Denver.
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Hartford.
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STATISTICS

CHAPTERS	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. F. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Rejected	Present Membership
Florida	1	179	17	0	0	196	4	3	0	0	0	0	139
Gainesville	2	212	29	0	1	242	6	3	12	0	0	0	221
Tampa	3	330	29	1	8	368	3	3	0	0	0	1	362
St. Johns	4	76	4	0	1	81	2	3	2	0	0	0	74
Halifax	5	284	20	3	3	310	6	72	6	0	0	0	236
Mt. Horob	6	198	10	0	2	210	5	1	10	0	0	0	184
Eureka	7	232	21	0	8	261	2	2	0	0	0	0	257
Dade City	8	79	4	0	2	85	3	1	2	0	0	0	79
Putnam	9	103	10	1	0	114	0	1	0	0	0	0	113
Kissimmee	10	53	26	0	0	85	0	2	0	0	0	1	83
Jericho	11	228	36	2	9	273	7	6	0	0	0	3	265
Jacksonville	12	610	20	3	11	644	7	12	16	0	0	6	609
Ocala	13	102	10	0	2	114	1	2	1	0	0	0	110
Inverness	14	65	1	1	0	67	1	2	5	0	0	0	69
Montro	15	157	10	1	1	177	1	3	2	0	0	0	167
Plant City	16	112	5	0	1	114	1	1	2	0	0	0	109
St. Augustine	17	171	6	2	4	166	1	3	8	0	0	0	164
Manatee River	18	154	6	2	1	177	2	3	0	0	0	0	162
Lake Butler	19	72	2	1	0	75	0	3	2	0	0	0	70
Keystone	20	54	13	0	0	67	0	2	7	0	0	0	58
Island	21	27	1	0	0	28	3	1	0	0	0	0	24
Thomas Brown	22	274	9	0	1	284	5	13	16	0	1	0	249
Chipley	23	103	4	0	0	107	1	1	0	0	0	0	105
Live Oak	24	208	19	2	6	236	1	3	0	0	0	0	221
Jefferson	25	328	15	0	0	343	4	6	0	0	0	0	333
Live Oak	26	96	6	1	1	104	1	8	3	0	0	0	92
Indian River	27	212	19	4	0	235	1	1	0	0	0	0	219
Joppa	28	107	8	0	1	116	2	12	0	0	0	0	102
Lakeland	29	150	14	1	1	174	0	0	1	0	0	0	173
Gadsden	30	162	22	0	2	186	2	5	0	0	0	0	179
St. Petersburg	31	220	41	3	4	268	3	9	1	0	0	0	255
Jackson	32	173	8	0	1	182	1	1	0	0	0	0	174
Eustis	33	66	5	0	2	73	1	4	2	0	1	0	70
Leesburg	34	82	10	0	2	94	1	2	0	0	0	0	93
Sarasota	35	76	5	0	3	84	3	1	2	0	0	0	78
Arcadia	36	60	22	0	1	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
Providence	37	99	4	1	0	104	1	2	0	0	0	0	101
Bay County	38	87	3	0	0	90	1	0	0	0	0	0	89
Crestview	39	122	33	0	1	156	0	1	0	0	0	0	128
Winter Haven	40	121	16	0	0	137	1	4	0	0	0	0	128
Highland	41	93	12	0	2	107	0	1	0	0	0	0	106
Union	42	75	7	0	1	83	1	0	0	0	0	0	82
Perry	43	84	0	0	1	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Clearwater	44	59	5	0	1	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
Highlands	45	30	0	0	1	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Dade	46	32	0	0	2	38	1	1	0	0	0	0	38
Okechobee	47	17	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Clearwater	48	41	2	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Nassau	49	50	19	0	12	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Poinciana	50	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
New Smyrna	51	10	0	0	78	88	1	0	0	0	0	0	87

SUMMARY

Exalted	647
Reinstated	28
Affiliated	221
Died	84
Dimitted	206
Suspended	119
Suspended Non-payment of Dues	1
Expelled	2
UnMasonic Conduct	16
Rejected	7113
Present Membership	484
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CHAPTER	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
1	Pallahassee	Second Monday.
2	Gainesville	First and Third Friday.
3	Tampa	First and Third Thursday.
4	Deland	Third Friday.
5	Daytona	Second Thursday.
6	Pensacola	Second Monday.
7	Orlando	First and Third Tuesday.
8	Dade City	Second and Fourth Monday.
9	Falaska	Second and Fourth Monday.
10	Kissimmee	Second and Fourth Monday.
11	Miami	Second and Fourth Thursday.
12	Jacksonville	Fourth Friday.
13	Ocala	Fourth Monday.
14	Inverness	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
15	Sanford	Second Friday.
16	Plant City	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
17	St. Augustine	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
18	Bradentown	First Thursday.
19	Lake Butler	First and Third Friday.
20	Pt. Landerdale	Second and Fourth Wednesday.
21	Key West	Second and Fourth Friday.
22	Barlow	Third Monday.
23	Chipley	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
24	West Palm Beach	Second Thursday.
25	Live Oak	First and Third Monday.
26	Monticello	Third Wednesday.
27	Titusville	First Friday.
28	Fort Pierce	First and Third Thursday.
29	Lakeland	Third Monday.
30	Quincy	First and Third Thursday.
31	St. Petersburg	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
32	Marlanna	First and Third Tuesday.
33	Eustis	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
34	Leesburg	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
35	Sarasota	First Friday.
36	Arcadia	Third Monday.
37	DeFuniak Springs	Second and Fourth Wednesday.
38	Lake City	First Friday.
39	Panama City	Second and Fourth Monday.
40	Crestview	Second and Fourth Monday.
41	Winter Haven	Third and Fifth Wednesday.
42	Avon Park	Second and Fourth Thursday.
43	Melbourne	Second and Fourth Friday.
44	Perry	Third Monday.
45	Clearwater	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
46	Okechobee	First and Third Friday.
47	Homestead	First and Third Tuesday.
48	South Jacksonville	First and Third Tuesday.
49	Permandina	First and Third Tuesday.

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Chowning, W. C.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Copeland, Lacy	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Chronis, M. B.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Cooper, W. L.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Dohn, C. L., Sr.	New Smyrna U. D.
Douglass, D. F.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Ellis, J. R.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Ebenbeck, Chas.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Earnhardt, Geo. C.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Elwes, Alan Cary	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Fuller, Herbert W.	New Smyrna U. D.
Farnell, Wilbur W.	New Smyrna U. D.

Gause, W. L.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Gould, Jas. M.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Gaddis, P. L.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Griffin, W. R.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Gamble, J. E.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Guest, M. A.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Gore, R. B.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Graham, R. C.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Hamilton, Harry L.	Elyria No. 47, Ohio.
Hatch, Adrian W.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Harvey, T. J.	Ezel No. 63, Ga.
Houston, W. H.	Colquitt No. 78, Ga.
Howell, T. L.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Hanna, F. G.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Henderson, L. V.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Jacobs, Bernard	New Smyrna U. D.
Kerr, J. F.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Karrer, Trogott	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Kreuger, A. G.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Langford, M. E.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Langford, Carl H.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Lourcey, St. Geo. L.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Little, E. M.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Mathews, J. R.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Mathews, W. R.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Montaigne, R. L.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Moore, F. L.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Murphy, B. C.	Marysville No. 29, Kansas.
Mudgett, Robert L.	New Smyrna U. D.
Mosby, L. L.	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
McSkimmon, John D.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Parker, O. C.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Patterson, C. E.	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Phillips, A. H.	Halifax No. 5, Fla.

Phillips, W. C. -----	New Smyrna U. D.
Rowley, John K. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Ryals, George W. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Rodriquez, A. L. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Robbins, C. W. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Rood, Harry L. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Shattuck, Everett J. -----	Joppa No. 28, Fla.
Stalvey, W. S. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Stokes, Everett O. -----	New Smyrna U. D.
Scott, Thomas W. -----	New Smyrna U. D.
Smith, J. Tom. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Trice, W. B. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Tedder, B. W. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Taylor, Aaron A. -----	Indian River No. 27, Fla.
Turner, J. P. Jr. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Turner, W. L. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Veronee, Samuel M. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Vrooman, Robbins R. -----	New Smyrna U. D.
Webb, J. R. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
White, J. B. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Walker, Saxon -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Waite, L. M. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.
Wright, W. A. -----	New Smyrna U. D.
Zipperer, H. E. -----	Halifax No. 5, Fla.

Regulations

ADOPTED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DIGEST.

ADDRESS OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest is requested to file in the office of the Grand Secretary on Saturday next preceding the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, five copies of his Annual Address, together with all necessary papers and correspondence relating thereto.

COMMITTEES

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall appoint the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence from among the permanent members of this Grand Chapter at the close of each Annual Convocation and it shall be the duty of said committee to meet one day previous to the Annual Grand Convocation for the purpose of reviewing the Annual Address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. (1921)

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 Con-

vocation, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Chapter.

DISTRICTS

Regulation No. 30 amended to read as follows:

30. This Grand Jurisdiction shall be divided into four districts and one of these districts shall annually be assigned to each of the four highest elective officers of this Grand Chapter, who shall make such official visits to the Chapters in their respective districts as their judgment may deem necessary, or they may hold district conventions in lieu of such visits. The necessary expenses of such officers in carrying out this regulation shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

DUES TO THE GRAND CHAPTER

Regulation No. 32 amended to read as follows:

32. Every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction shall pay into the treasury of the Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each exaltation, and the sum of one dollar as annual dues for every member borne on the rolls at any time during the year; unless exempted under Constitution Article 5, Section 1; provided, that the Chapter on whose roll such member shall appear first, only, shall pay dues when his name shall appear on the roll of more than one Chapter of this jurisdiction, during any one year, except in the case of newly chartered Chapters. Members whose names appear upon the returns of a Chapter in Florida of which they were former members and also upon the returns of a newly chartered Chapter shall be accounted for by the newly chartered Chapter only.

JURISDICTION

Reg. When a Master Mason removes permanently from the jurisdiction of a Chapter its jurisdiction

over him terminates immediately on his removal and the Chapter nearest which he resides cannot receive his petition until after six (6) months residence within its jurisdiction. Consequently the candidate cannot apply to either Chapter within the six (6) months, for the first Chapter has no jurisdiction to waive and the second has not yet acquired jurisdiction over him. (1921)

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.

The Representatives of the Particular Chapters in attendance at the Grand Chapter who are entitled to mileage shall be paid for the actual mileage from the location of their respective Chapters. (1921)

PETITIONS

Regulation No. 53 amended to read as follows:

53. A petition for the degrees must be presented at a regular convocation of the Chapter, and if received, shall be referred to a committee of three members of the Chapter for investigation, and may be acted upon at the same meeting in the discretion of the Chapter, but no such petition shall be received from any person who has not been a Master Mason for at least six months and who is not a member of a Lodge in good standing.

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.

RITUALS

Regulation No. 57 Repealed. (1921)

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.

Proposed Amendment to Constitution

The following amendment to Article IV, Section 14, was proposed, sanctioned and ordered to lie over until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter for final action.

"Sec. 14. A Chapter may make by-laws regulating the payment of dues from its members, and whenever any member shall be twelve months or more in arrears for dues, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the Chapter to notify such delinquent, by written notice, stating therein the amount thereof, and that unless the same shall be paid within thirty (30) days, or satisfactory excuse made, he may be suspended for non-payment of dues. And thereupon, at any time after the expiration of said thirty (30) days, such member may be suspended by action of the Chapter, and a member so suspended may be reinstated only after the payment of all arrears, and by a majority vote, which may be by ballot or show of hands.

"When a Chapter shall, in its annual return, report an aged or infirm Companion as an emeritus member thereof, and exempts him from the payment of dues, such Chapter shall have credit therefor, in the payment of its dues; and the Chapter shall not be required to pay Grand Chapter dues for ministers of the Gospel, who are exempt from dues by its by-laws."

ORDER OF
HIGH PRIESTHOOD

ANNUAL CONVENTION

1923

The Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida was held in the Hall of Hillsborough Lodge No. 25, in the City of Tampa, on Wednesday, May 16, A. D. 1923, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. Olin S. Wright, President.
E. I. E. Webster, Chaplain.
E. W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
E. E. P. Hubbell, as Master of Ceremonies.
E. R. J. McMaster, as Conductor.
E. Cary B. Fish, Herald.
E. E. L. Wirt, as Steward.
E. S. E. Gregory, 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.

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

OFFICERS ELECTED

M. E. Olin S. Wright, President.
 E. Cary B. Fish, Vice-President.
 E. Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.
 E. W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
 E. Ely P. Hubbell, Master of Ceremonies.
 E. Charles H. Ketchum, Conductor.
 E. R. J. McMaster, Herald.
 E. E. L. Wirt, Steward.
 E. Stephen E. Gregory, Guard.

Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:

F. S. Hartsfield, H. P., Florida Chapter No. 1.
 George Herbert Leavitt, H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 Walter J. Bennett, P. H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 Warner T. Hamm, H. P., Palatka Chapter No. 5.
 A. S. Butterworth, H. P., Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.
 C. L. Benedict, P. H. P., Jericho Chapter No. 11.
 Lester G. Gilbert, H. P., Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
 C. T. Young, H. P., Plant City Chapter No. 16.
 William U. Lathrop, P. H. P., Manatee River Chapter
 No. 18.
 R. H. Brown, H. P., Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22.
 Roscoe H. Rollins, H. P., Chipley Chapter No. 23.
 Brantley W. Helvenston, Jr., H. P., Live Oak Chapter
 No. 25.
 E. F. Adams, H. P. Joppa Chapter No. 28.
 G. J. Tolson, H. P., Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
 T. E. Dickenson, H. P., Gadsden Chapter No. 30.

R. L. Wilkinson, H. P., St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31.
 C. W. Davis, H. P., Jackson Chapter No. 32.
 J. Emery Battle, P. H. P., Sarasota Chapter No. 35.
 T. J. Zimmerman, H. P., Arcadia Chapter No. 36.
 H. G. Beard, H. P., Walton Chapter No. 37.
 George Smith, H. P., Highlands Chapter No. 42.
 E. L. Wiederkehr, H. P., Poinciana Chapter No. 50.

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

All of the above Companions, except Lester G. Gilbert, 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	-----	\$82.60
Fees	-----	44.00—\$126.60

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By paid supplies 1922	-----	\$.70
By paid supplies 1923	-----	.70
By paid Bibles	-----	48.75—\$ 50.15

Balance on hand	-----	\$ 76.45
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Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
 Secretary and Treasurer.

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

The Secretary was directed to make copies of Ritual, one copy of which to be kept in his office vault as official copy.

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

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

OLIN S. WRIGHT,
President.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

Register of Membership

NAME	DATE
John F. Benezet -----	Consecrated January 12, 1865
Charles H. Munger ----	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Fred S. Goodrich -----	Consecrated January 19, 1888
William A. Griffith-----	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Marcus Endel -----	Consecrated January 19, 1888
Robert McClellan -----	Consecrated January 18, 1889
Thomas S. Wilmarth-----	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Frank P. Mersereau-----	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Silas B. Wright-----	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Irving E. Webster-----	Consecrated May 13, 1891
Edgar A. Richards-----	Consecrated May 13, 1891
William S. Jordan-----	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Elijah H. Bunker-----	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Charles J. Hays-----	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Dougald McLachlan ----	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Olin S. Wright -----	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Alexander C. Martin-----	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Wilber P. Webster-----	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Everard F. Barns-----	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Thomas J. Smith-----	Consecrated March 5, 1894
William M. Dunn-----	Consecrated May 9, 1894
James E. Pound-----	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph Townsend -----	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Lowell C. Ruter-----	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Joseph T. Tolbert-----	Consecrated January 15, 1895
James Harden -----	Consecrated January 15, 1895
Andrew E. Gleason-----	Consecrated January 15, 1895
George W. Hyde-----	Consecrated January 18, 1895
Henry F. Airth-----	Consecrated January 24, 1896

NAME	DATE
George H. Clark	Consecrated May 13, 1903
James O. Harris	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Metville W. Carruth	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Victor F. Balcom	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. Terwilliger	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Joseph Dawson	Consecrated January 19, 1905
L. R. Phillips	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
Wilnot 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 13, 1908
Galen B. Seaman	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Charles S. Bonacker	Consecrated May 13, 1908
William S. Murtow	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Robert F. Hall	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Herbert Bradley	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Jacob Espedah	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Jeff D. Miller	Consecrated May 12, 1909
William G. Tilghman	Consecrated May 12, 1909

NAME	DATE
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
Rogue 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 May 12, 1897
Ludwig W. Buchholz	Consecrated January 21, 1898
William H. Hausman	Consecrated January 21, 1898
Abraham H. West	Consecrated May 9, 1898
John T. Miller	Consecrated Dec. 27, 1898
H. V. R. Schrader	Consecrated January 19, 1899
Joseph G. Torrey	Consecrated May 10, 1899
T. P. Warlow	Consecrated May 10, 1899
Henry N. Sweeting	Consecrated January 19, 1900
Arthur H. Carter	Consecrated May 9, 1900
W. W. Farris	Consecrated May 9, 1900
Joseph R. Keller	Consecrated January 17, 1901
Thomas West Gary	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Frank W. Armstrong	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Bascom H. Palmer	Consecrated May 15, 1901
William S. Ware	Consecrated October 23, 1901
Z. T. Merritt	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Orson J. Hill	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Benjamin F. Hough	Consecrated May 14, 1902
James F. Miller	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Franklin L. Rees	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Hugh W. Wear	Consecrated June 24, 1902
Henry Payne	Consecrated May 13, 1903

DATE	NAME
10, 1911	Allen E. Heyser-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	John A. Bouvier-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	Benjamin E. Dyson-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	William Moody-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	J. Jones Stewart-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	Charles H. Ketchum-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	Benjamin Burnett-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	Wm. C. Simmons-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	Paul S. Thomson-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	William Mosedale-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	John B. Pruit-----Consecrated May
22, 1912	Len J. Lester-----Consecrated May
22, 1912	George F. Smith-----Consecrated May
22, 1912	George E. McCulloch-----Consecrated May
22, 1912	W. Irving Porter-----Consecrated May
22, 1912	John L. Hall-----Consecrated May
22, 1912	Chester DeRochoer-----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
5, 1913	James M. Henderson-----Consecrated May
5, 1913	Harry B. Roberts-----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
24, 1913	Alfred Brost-----Consecrated June
24, 1913	Alfred Reio-----Consecrated June
28, 1914	John J. Brown-----Consecrated Feb.

DATE	NAME
12, 1909	James B. Young-----Consecrated May
12, 1909	William N. Cone-----Consecrated May
12, 1909	Marcey B. Darnall-----Consecrated May
12, 1909	Marion E. Gruber-----Consecrated May
12, 1909	Dabney B. Palmer-----Consecrated May
12, 1909	Frederick L. Hemmings-----Consecrated May
12, 1909	Willoughby A. Cox-----Consecrated May
12, 1909	James Laurens Young-----Consecrated April
16, 1910	Henry Benj. Wordehoff-----Consecrated April
16, 1910	Samuel Edward Mays-----Consecrated April
16, 1910	Earl Walton Mays-----Consecrated April
16, 1910	George Pierce Sullivan-----Consecrated April
11, 1910	Charles F. Filer-----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. Bialock-----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	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. Bumbby-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	Wm. O. Richtmann-----Consecrated May
10, 1911	J. Perry Hodge-----Consecrated May

DATE	NAME
17, 1916	John Pasco
17, 1916	H. E. Crooks
17, 1916	C. L. Willoughby
17, 1916	W. M. Brinker
17, 1916	Ira G. Archibald
17, 1916	C. R. Horne
16, 1917	R. E. Goodman
16, 1917	T. T. Todd
16, 1917	J. R. M. Beatty
16, 1917	B. C. Webb
16, 1917	C. T. Meakins
16, 1917	F. M. Say
16, 1917	R. S. Clark
16, 1917	Wm. W. Scott
16, 1917	Frank H. Thompson
16, 1917	George W. Stiles
16, 1917	C. H. Ryals
16, 1917	William P. McKee
16, 1917	W. S. McLelland
22, 1918	S. E. Colhison
22, 1918	E. L. Shear
22, 1918	H. J. Peiper
22, 1918	Roscoe E. Scott
22, 1918	Earl Hathaway
22, 1918	E. W. Bunker
22, 1918	Edwin E. Macy
22, 1918	A. H. White
22, 1918	A. F. Bullard
31, 1918	Edmund Paul Erwin
31, 1918	William Henry Bailey
31, 1918	Louis Douglas Gates
31, 1918	John R. Knight
31, 1918	Seldon C. Wells
19, 1919	George W. Scobie

DATE	NAME
28, 1914	Henry O. Snow
28, 1914	Henry L. Swatts
28, 1914	Thomas C. Calmes
28, 1914	Jasper Evers
28, 1914	Albert Schneider
28, 1914	F. W. Fleming
19, 1914	Le Due Roberts
19, 1914	Gabriel Ferro
19, 1914	B. L. Smith
19, 1914	Claud F. Olmstead
19, 1914	Benjamin F. Barnes
19, 1914	W. W. Birchfield
19, 1914	John M. Dillon
19, 1914	A. J. Holt
19, 1915	J. Lloyd Head
19, 1915	George A. Dame
19, 1915	Ely P. Hubbell
19, 1915	Henry V. Calder
19, 1915	E. I. Wirt
19, 1915	R. J. Kishpaugh
19, 1915	W. T. Lowry
19, 1915	W. E. Tylander
19, 1915	W. J. Millikin
19, 1915	H. L. Shaffer
19, 1915	Arthur A. Brown
17, 1916	C. H. Tilden
17, 1916	R. E. McMahan
17, 1916	J. M. Willson, Jr.
17, 1916	Roy P. Davis
17, 1916	E. E. Coulson
17, 1916	Charles H. Register
17, 1916	Guy E. Phipps
17, 1916	R. M. Oglesby
17, 1916	Max Sirkin

REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP

NAME	DATE
John R. Walker	Consecrated March 19, 1919
Harry C. Jepson	Consecrated March 19, 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	Consecrated May 21, 1919
Walter Scott Raddin	Consecrated Nov. 17, 1919
Alexander B. Steuart	Consecrated Feb. 9, 1920
Fred E. Fletcher	Consecrated Feb. 9, 1920
Isaac Maas	Consecrated Feb. 9, 1920
W. L. Marshall	Consecrated May 19, 1920
W. M. Bullard	Consecrated May 19, 1920
J. P. Carlin	Consecrated May 19, 1920
N. G. Forchheimer	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

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NAME	DATE
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
Henry M. Snow	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Roy C. Dubbs	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Frederick E. Weathers	Consecrated May 18, 1921
H. L. Ernatinger	Consecrated May 18, 1921
R. M. Holliday	Consecrated May 18, 1921
F. William Schultz	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Thomas S. Sanders	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Ralph B. Chapman	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Flavel McK. Campbell	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Richard L. Batchelor	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Mack Tynner	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Arthur I. Roe	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Walter E. Acosta	Consecrated May 18, 1921
B. W. Helvenston	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Ray A. Strout	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Herbert S. Chiles	Consecrated May 18, 1921
Robert Lee Smith	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Richard P. Buckmaster	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Frank D. Ruth	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Henry C. Harper	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Hugh Peters	Consecrated May 31, 1922
R. Erwin Williams	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Cyrus T. Neuner	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Percy J. Hampton	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Loyd C. Olive	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Thomas J. Watts	Consecrated May 31, 1922
Carl A. Lytle	Consecrated May 31, 1922
David G. Barden	Consecrated May 31, 1922
George I. Fullerton	Consecrated May 31, 1922

NAME	DATE
Lynn W. Bloom	31, 1922
W. B. Greer	31, 1922
Lester W. Lambert	31, 1922
Fred Blank	31, 1922
Ernest H. Wilkerson	31, 1922
James L. Clary	31, 1922
Charles H. Stewart	31, 1922
F. S. Hartsheld	16, 1923
George Herbert Leavitt	16, 1923
Walter J. Bennett	16, 1923
Warner T. Hamm	16, 1923
A. S. Butterworth	16, 1923
C. L. Benedict	16, 1923
C. T. Young	16, 1923
William U. Lathrop	16, 1923
R. H. Brown	16, 1923
Roscoe H. Rollins	16, 1923
B. W. Helvenston, Jr.	16, 1923
E. F. Adams	16, 1923
G. J. Tolson	16, 1923
T. E. Dickenson	16, 1923
R. L. Wilkinson	16, 1923
C. W. Davis	16, 1923
J. Emery Battle	16, 1923
T. J. Zimmerman	16, 1923
H. G. Beard	16, 1923
George Smith	16, 1923
E. L. Wiederkehr	16, 1923

Foreign Correspondence

BY

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Foreign Correspondence.

FOREWORD

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

Your Committee esteems it a great privilege to briefly present, for the seventh time, a resume of some of the major activities of the Capitular world, as recorded in the Proceedings of the several Grand Chapters which have been received since the Annual Convocation of 1922.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

ALABAMA—1922

Chapters, 36; Members, 13,683. Exalted, 1,805. Net Gain, 1,227.

ROBERT T. WARD, Grand High Priest.

Although Alabama, like Abou Ben Adhem, "leads all the rest," it usually reaches the reviewer's table late in the eleventh hour, and this year is no exception. The entire bunch of "copy" is in the printer's hands, and this may have to be "sandwiched" in at the end. However, but little of interest to outsiders is apparent in the proceedings of the Ninety-Sixth Annual, held in Montgomery, Dec. 4th and 5th with all officers in attendance as well as a baker's dozen of Past Grands, representatives from 74 Chapters, and of course Florida's Grand Representative, for this year it holds the place of honor by reason of the Grand High Priest being our Ambassador.

Particularly does Grand High Priest Ward stress the principles of reverence for God, and the principle of good-will to man, in his able and inspiring address, which the committee recognizes as marking "a decided advance in the activities in which Masonry is deeply concerned." Fortunately the "sable mantled Angel of

Death" passed the door of the Grand Chapter the year past.

During the year one dispensation to form a new Chapter was granted, its work passed inspection and a charter will follow. The only decision of the Grand High Priest was that a Chapter could receive a petition from a member in good standing whose charter had been arrested, providing that less than six months had elapsed. He recommended the enactment of a law providing for the consolidation of Chapters. Both these actions were approved by Grand Chapter. By reason of making a substantial appropriation to the Masonic Home, Grand Chapter did not approve the recommendation of the Grand High Priest to make an additional appropriation to the George Washington Memorial Home.

Recognizing that education of the youth is of utmost importance, Grand Chapter will use its influence with the State Legislature for the passage of any legislation that will result to that end. Not content with the somewhat passive endorsement of the Towner-Sterling bill by subordinate Chapters in the past, the Grand Secretary was instructed:

To communicate with each subordinate Chapter, requesting that they report to the Grand Secretary before the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter all correspondence with the Senators and Representatives in Congress urging them to support the Towner-Sterling bill, and such Chapters as have failed to do so are to take immediate action to comply with the resolution.

The Committee on Work was instructed to ascertain the custom and habits of the different Grand Jurisdictions relative to the number of candidates to whom the obligation may be administered, and also when the exaltation is accomplished, and report at the next Annual.

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

Although Past Grand High Priest Lawrence H. Lee was re-appointed Correspondent at the previous Annual, yet the Proceedings which reached this reviewer's table is strangely silent on this essential particular. We wonder why?

Next Annual in Montgomery, Dec. 3, 1923.

Jacob Bley, Demopolis, Grand High Priest.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery, Correspondent.

ALBERTA—1922

Chapters, 24. Members, 2,629. Admitted, 251. Net Gain, 139.

H. DARLING, Grand Z.

Owing to the ill health of the First Grand Principal, M. E. Companion H. Darling, who was installed into his office through the kindness of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the active duties of the office were performed by the Junior Past Grand Principal, M. E. Companion Norman T. McLeod, who presided at the Eighth Annual Convocation held in the city of Calgary, March 8 and 9, 1922, at which event only one warranted Chapter was without representation, a remarkable record, considering the physical condition of that Grand Jurisdiction.

The Acting Grand Z., without preliminaries, presented a brief report of the activities of the year, partic-

ular reference being made to the Royal Arch work by his home Chapter, at an official visitation, where:

Every officer performed his duties in perfect form, word perfect, intonations and actions showing a thorough grasp of the significance of the ceremony, and not the least enjoyable from the official standpoint was the fact that everything harmonized perfectly with the carrying out of the ritual and floor work as laid down by the Grand Chapter.

He also confirmed the finding of an investigation which censured a Chapter for "carelessness in disclosing matters not the property of the general public." No doubt this was a well-merited rebuke for "too much talking."

As a reward for arduous services faithfully rendered five Grand Superintendents were given the rank and title of Right Excellent Companions.

Florida continues to be honored as having as its Grand Representative M. E. Companion Stephen Y. Taylor, the dean of the Past Grand First Principals, who with others were welcomed by the Grand Z. and requested to convey the greetings to their respective Grand Chapters.

Private Chapters must be studying the constitution, for no calls were made upon the Grand Z. for decisions.

Special attention was called to the constitutional clause that Chapters failing to properly insure regalia and furniture are not entitled to assistance from Grand Chapter in case of fire loss.

Grand Chapter sustained a charge of unmasonic conduct which a private Chapter preferred against a Companion, a former Second Principal, because he refused to

turn over a copy of the Work after his term of office had expired.

In reply to query, "Is a Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund necessary or desirable?" that Body adopted a special committee's report, which states:

On this point your committee is of the opinion that the Grand Chapter of Alberta should reaffirm its belief in and adherence to the principle of benevolence as one of the chief characteristics of Royal Arch Masons. Having in view the fact that the Grand Lodge of Alberta has established and is maintaining a very substantial Benevolent Fund, which is available for the assistance and relief of every member in good standing in the Lodges under its jurisdiction, to which every Royal Arch Mason in Alberta has been and will be contributing, this committee feels that this Grand Chapter would be only working along parallel lines and possibly overlapping the excellent work being done by the Grand Lodge of Alberta on benevolence if this Grand Chapter sought to maintain and distribute a Benevolent Fund of any considerable magnitude. Your committee, therefore, recommend that such fund should be in moderate amount, sufficient to meet the occasional case of a Companion who may not be in a position to apply to the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, or in cases of emergencies arising from disasters or calamities affecting Royal Arch Masons, whether in this Jurisdiction or elsewhere.

Conforming to a majority of other Grand Chapters regarding the request for recognition of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, consideration was deferred one year.

Considerable attention is being given to the subject of "Marks," and by the adoption of a report it now becomes necessary for a Brother to select his "Mark" and have it recorded before he can receive the M. E. M. Degree. Florida requires it before taking the Royal Arch Degree.

Believing that the practice of putting through large classes of candidates should be discouraged, a committee

reported several recommendations, but final consideration was deferred until the next Annual Grand Convocation.

Having a Capitular lineage tracing back to English Constitutions, there is no Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand First Principal Melvin M. Downey, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, believes that the topical form is best suited to that Grand Jurisdiction, and again submits a comprehensive, instructive and readable report, and quite helpful to the student and reviewer. But we fail to see where it more than casually informs the home Companions of what is being done by the Royal Craft throughout the world.

We read a great deal about and much prominence is given to the representatives of royalty in connection with the Craft, and this comment by Companion Downey leads us to wonder if the real benefits are not sometimes overestimated:

It is a notable fact that neither the Duke of Connaught nor the Duke of Devonshire, while Governor General of Canada, attended any Masonic gatherings in Canada. It is true that the Duke of Connaught in the summer of 1914, while on a visit to Newfoundland, availed himself of the opportunity to meet the Newfoundland brethren at a specially called communication. It is understood that these eminent Masons for diplomatic and political reasons refrained from visiting communications of the fraternity while in Canada.

Seldom we read a Proceedings which contains, in our opinion more real constructive work than is found in Alberta for 1922, and while we have given it liberal space, yet only the high lights have been touched.

Next Annual in Edmonton, March 14, 1923.

George B. McLeod, Alberta, First Grand Principal.

Edwin G. Ironside, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

Melvin M. Downey, Calgary, Correspondent.

ARIZONA—1922

Chapters, 11. Members, 1,181. Exalted, 94. Net Gain, 62.

FRANK G. BROWN, Deputy Grand High Priest.

Most Excellent Companion Charles F. Philbrook, the Grand High Priest, was suddenly summoned to the Supreme Chapter on High while taking a prominent part in the Municipal Christmas tree services in Bisbee, his home city, and his station was filled by the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion Frank G. Brown, at the Thirty-second Annual, held in Tuscon, February 15th. Three other Grand Officers were also absent, as well as Florida's Representative.

Being unable to procure the late Grand High Priest's file of Grand Chapter business, the address of the Acting Grand High Priest contained substantially nothing of general interest.

During the year a dispensation to form Gila Chapter at Miami was issued, and the work passing inspection, a charter was granted it.

M. E. Companion Fay Hempstead, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, was received with Grand Honors and was also made an Honorary Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arizona.

The Grand Chapter Committee on Foreign Correspondence approved the action of the Grand High Priest relative to appointments of Grand Representatives; and also reported that it had prepared no review of other Grand Jurisdictions, but that they had been read and were preserved in the Grand Lodge Library. However, we

fail to see where the Arizona Companions have an opportunity of knowing what is being done in the other Grand Capitular Quarries.

By the adoption of a Constitutional Amendment, it makes the Grand Chapter of Arizona in a way the dependent of the Grand Lodge, for it provides that the Annual Convocations shall be held in the "city selected and designated as the meeting place of the Grand Lodge."

Seven Excellent Companions having been duly elected, "the ceremonies of the Order of High Priesthood was performed upon them in Due and Ample Form."

Next Annual in Prescott, Feb. 13, 1923.

Frank G. Brown, Prescott, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskruge, Prescott, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1922

Chapters, 91. Members, 7,297. Exalted, 626. Net Gain, 342.

JAMES W. OGLESBY, Grand High Priest.

Particularly pleasing to the Companions of Arkansas was the honor conferred upon their beloved M. E. Companion Fay Hempstead by the Grand Chapter of Arizona, in electing him an honorary member, and the presentation of a Past Grand High Priest's jewel to him by request, at the Seventy-third Annual, held in Little Rock, Nov. 23, 1922. A telegram of regret was received from M. E. Comp. Chas. N. Rix, Deputy General Grand High Priest, who was prevented from attending by reason of the serious illness of his wife.

Multitudinous details characterized the administra-

tion of Grand High Priest Oglesby; his address breathed an optimistic spirit, although the gain in membership was not up to former years, which he attributed to business depression. The prolonged illness of a daughter, which terminated fatally, interfered materially with his activities, yet with the assistance of the Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion John C. Bone, who during the year was appointed Grand Lecturer, good work and true was presented for inspection, and which passed the test of the Past Grands' squares.

During the year Past Grand High Priest James B. Baker, who was Grand High Priest in 1902-03, was summoned to the heavenly tabernacle.

A careful survey of the results of the "liberal policy" pursued by Grand High Priest Oglesby in granting Special Dispensations to Chapters induces the query, were they appreciated, for the records reveal instances where there was not even a quorum present on the occasion of an official visitation. However, such a condition is not general, for the report states that on a certain morning, "it being the stated convocation of the Chapter, all the degrees were conferred on seven Brothers, and in the evening the officers were elected and duly installed."

During the year one charter was restored and several dormant Chapters were set at work, although others were to continue work in the quarries until such time as their work would pass inspection, or else be deemed material unfit for use and consigned to the rubbish. No requests for decisions were reported. And a recommendation that requests for courtesy work be made direct from one Chapter to another, without passing through the hands of the Grand High Priests, was not approved. As was also another recommendation to divide the state into dis-

tricts and appoint District Deputy Grand Lecturers, for it was considered the "duty of the Grand High Priest to visit such Chapters that are not working, either in person or by proxy."

This "legacy" to the incoming administration is from a portion of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

In the matter of a Master Mason communicating a Chapter word: There is nothing before the committee to act upon and we suggest that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest for action.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, in the case of a Brother Past Master who had been expelled, recommend that on account of irregularities the action be set aside and a new trial brought. But Grand Chapter being contra-minded, adopted instead this resolution:

That the action of the Chapter in expelling the Brother be reversed, and that the Brother be made a Past Master Mason at large, that he may apply to any other Chapter that will receive his petition.

After a Companion had been regularly elected a High Priest but before installation, charges were preferred against him and referred to a committee. Grand Chapter directed this Committee on Investigation to consider the charges and take action, and that the Companion was to remain uninstalled pending the action of the Chapter.

Only a small part of qualified Companions petitioned and were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Were it not for a reference in the Proceedings, there would be nothing to indicate that the Report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared and submitted by

Excellent Companion Mark P. Olney, it being his "second offense." It is a good piece of work and worthy of the man who wrought it. His reason for brevity is:

We are disposed to say more, but our watch dog of the treasury says do not spend too much time and money on the review, but make it snappy.

Under Florida, noting the absence of Arkansas' Grand Representative and that his address is given as far distant, "hence we judge he did not hear of the meeting in time to attend." He appreciates his welcome to the Round Table, and refers to the "review by committee of three."

Next Annual in Little Rock, Nov. 22, 1923.
Nick Kiser, Monticello, Grand High Priest.
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.
Mark P. Olney, Mena, Correspondent.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1922

Chapters, 18. Members, 2,177. Exalted, 202. Net Gain, 143.

D. H. MORRISON, Grand Z.

Seldom if ever has there come to our notice a Grand presiding officer whose Masonic membership has extended over so vast an expanse of territory as that of the Most Excellent Companion who presided over the Fourth Annual held in Prince Rupert, June 21, 1922. Companion Morrison commenced his Masonic career in Barrie, Vermont, in 1895. In 1898 he was a charter mem-

ber of Manica Lodge No. 2678, at Umtali, Rhodesia, South Africa, G. L. E.; in 1902 he affiliated with Friendship Lodge, Cookshire, Que.; in 1906 he was a charter member of Lingwick Lodge, Gould, Que., also its first Master; in 1909 charter member of Tsimpsean Lodge, Prince Rupert, B. C., and in 1912 charter member and first Master of Tyee Lodge, also at Prince Rupert. In both Capitular and Chivalric branches his membership also was almost as diffusive. And he is now a resident of the state of California. As his photo indicates him to be a comparatively young man, his future affiliations and activities may carry him still further afield.

Much of the address of the Grand Z. was an account of the necessary minor activities. During the year dispensations to form three new Chapters were issued, one of which reveals conditions out of the ordinary. It started with a request from a defunct Chapter at Fernie to have restored to it a charter granted by the Grand Chapter of Canada and which had been surrendered, and which brought out this reply from the Grand Z.:

Whereas their charter was arrested by the Grand Chapter of Canada they would have to apply to said Grand Chapter to restore same; but as Fernie was no longer under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, but under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, the Grand Chapter of Canada could not restore it. Neither could the Grand Chapter of British Columbia restore a charter that was arrested by a foreign Grand Chapter.

However, he intimated that an application for a new Charter in the usual way would receive consideration, and which it did. All three U. D. Chapters were given charters. Another dispensation was to exalt a Brother short of time who was leaving for China for an indef-

inite period, and who had been a Master Mason only five months.

He made a number of official visitations and found that while the work was "down to perfection," yet he also found "that in each Chapter they have their own way of communicating certain signs and tokens." This caused him to make this recommendation: "Now that we are a sovereign body within our own province, we should try to have our work, especially our modes of recognition, uniform." The Ritual committee approved and Grand Chapter adopted the report.

Comprehensive, illuminating and encouraging were the reports of the other Grand Council officers and the Grand Superintendents. The report of the Grand Registrar indicates the beginning of a work which can be made of inestimable value; that of laying the foundation for an historical record of that Grand Chapter. In earlier days Canada was a country of "magnificent distances" in more ways than one, as is shown by the report from Vancouver Chapter No. 2, which was organized in 1888, as a part of Manitoba District of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and was the most westerly district, extending from Port Arthur, Ontario, to Vancouver, British Columbia, and contained six Chapters. The Grand Superintendent lived in Vancouver. If he visited each of these Chapters it meant some traveling.

The Committee on the Grand First Principal's address hands him this bouquet, and it behooves future Grands to sit up and take notice:

It has been our privilege to review many reports of the Grand First Principals of Sister Jurisdictions, but nowhere can we find one which evidences more zeal and enthusiasm for the welfare of

the Royal Craft than is to be found in the report of the M. E. Comp. Grand First Principal Morrison.

The reception of Grand Representatives apparently did not include our newly appointed one, Companion Walter Bews, of Revelstoke, although several other absentees were prompted to send letters of regret.

The Committee on Ritual reported that a P. M. Ritual had been prepared and that it had been communicated to the Grand Superintendents. When put into general use this will tend to obviate annoyances to Canadian Companions when visiting Chapters in the States.

Collective balloting, it appears, is also being introduced into the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, and is not altogether favorably received. One Grand Superintendent specifically disapproved of it; as he did also of those Chapters "referring all petitions for exaltation to a standing committee."

There is of course no Order of High Priesthood, for that would be an anomaly where the King ranks above the High Priest.

R. E. Companion J. W. Prescott, Grand Scribe E., is also the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and he again submits a report that is replete with interest and instruction. After stating that it has been his plan to place on record matters interesting and instructive, he well says:

Perhaps, after all, it is the Companions at home who do not always have the time or opportunity to cull for themselves, who most appreciate information that may be useful to them in the direction of their own individual Chapters.

It is gratifying to learn that Florida Proceedings find favor and pass inspection at this court of last resort, be-

fore a Knight of the Round Table, from which there is no appeal. He pays this appreciative compliment to one of our beloved Companions:

The Representative of British Columbia, R. E. Companion E. L. Wirt, appears to have been present, but he did not shout very loud for his Western constituency, however, he was elected to the office of Grand King and our congratulations are hereby recorded.

We also thank Companion Prescott for his complimentary references to the writer of this review. However, he tells us that the medallion which last year we "tried to saddle on Companion Harry H. Watson," was in honor of M. W. Brother I. Powell, the founder of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. But, he adds, "Harry will get his some day, later on."

So well are the manifold duties of Grand Secretary and Correspondent performed by the present incumbent that we opine Companion Prescott has a life job before him.

Next Annual in New Westminster, June 20, 1923.

C. F. Sherwin, Riondel, Grand Z.

J. W. Prescott, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E. and Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA—1922

Chapters, 127. Members, 19,244. Exalted, 2,177. Net Gain, 2,004.

MATTISON B. JONES, Grand High Priest.

Nowhere in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California do we find any men-

tion made of Grand Masters of Vails. Also similar conditions prevail in the Subordinate Chapters. All other Grand Officers were present when the Sixty-eighth Annual convened in San Francisco, April 18, 1922; also nine Past Grands, ten survivors of the earthquake and fire of 1906, and representatives from 121 Chapters, including three U. D., which later received charters, besides representatives of all the other York and the Scottish Rite Bodies. Yet Florida was without recognition.

So thoroughly were the essentials of Capitular Masonry covered in the able address of Grand High Priest Mattison B. Jones that it was ordered to be printed and copies "sent to the Chapters with the request that it be read in every Chapter in the State." This tangible evidence of his ability indicates why he was so enthusiastically urged for official recognition at the General Grand Chapter, and why it is apparent that no mistake was made in electing him General Grand Master of the Second Vail.

One year previous, at the time of the installation of Companion Jones as Grand High Priest, he stated that in his opinion the other Grand Officers should be more active in their respective stations, and accordingly assigned them certain districts for supervision and visitation, which he believed was a step in the right direction. Several pages of his address are required to record his minor essential acts, which include courtesy work for Thomas Brown Chapter of Bartow and Jericho Chapter of Miami.

Three of his decisions were in the nature of dispensations to confer degrees "in the open among the hills," provided that the Chapter was opened and closed in its regular tabernacle. He refused a dispensation to confer

the Royal Arch degrees upon a class of twenty-one at one and the same time, because Grand Chapter had never definitely defined "exaltation" as used in the ritual; which it did later by fixing it at "the time the G. R. A. W. and the G. and S. W. are communicated in the East by the High Priest, King and Scribe; "and to only three or any multiple of three, not exceeding twelve, with this additional provision:

Such dispensation shall not be issued for the purpose of rapid advancement or for accommodation merely; but only when the Council of the Chapter in the exercise of sound discretion shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

In all of his decisions he went so fully into detail that Grand Chapter fully approved. Although it suggested that as the Grand Chapter Constitution was a little more liberal in its construction in some respects than that of Grand Lodge, therefore future Grand High Priests could in their wisdom be allowed a little leeway.

His only recommendations not receiving unqualified approval were: Suggesting an appropriation to enable Kings and Scribes to attend Grand Chapter, and the setting aside of a per capita amount to provide a fund to send all Grand Council officers to the General Grand Chapter. There being insufficient time to properly consider so important a financial matter, it was left in such a shape that it will no doubt come up in a more concrete form a year hence.

Grand High Priest Jones stated that he had positive convictions on the resolutions proposed a year previous prohibiting the receiving by a Chapter of a petition from any one who had not been a Master Mason for at least

one year, and that it might be properly considered at that time. At the request of Grand Chapter he named two Companions to present arguments for and against the resolution. The result was that the resolution was rejected. In view of the fact that this matter is before other Grand Bodies in various forms it would have been illuminating, to say the least, if the briefs had appeared in the printed Proceedings.

Another matter presented at the previous Annual Convocation was a set of resolutions urging the amalgamation of Chapters and Councils, and which was referred to a special committee to report a year hence, which after due consideration made this report:

We find that the end sought to be obtained, can only be brought about by the concerted action of the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council and to properly bring it before these General Grand Bodies, it will be necessary for some member of each, to present amendments to their laws providing for such amalgamation. Your committee recommend that no action be taken by the Grand Chapter at this Convocation.

During the year M. E. Companion William B. Davis, Senior Past Grand High Priest, passed through the veils and into the presence of the Great I Am.

Forty-five qualified Companions paid the required fee of \$5.00 each and were duly set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Five Companions compose the Committee on Correspondence, Excellent Companion Max A. Plumb being the chairman, who presented his work in the form of a topical report, because he believes "that is what a majority of those who will read it will desire." It passes inspection at this station and entitles him to wages, although in the opinion of the writer of this, if his speci-

men had been in the more common conventional form it would convey more information and be read with greater interest.

Under the heading of "Horseplay," he quotes with approval Florida's action re-affirming its disapproval of the improper use of the ritual.

By a special constitutional enactment the next Annual will be held in Stockton, April 17, 1923.

Hiatt Tisdale, Sacramento, Grand High Priest.

Thos. A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Max A. Plumb, Oakland, Topical Correspondent.

CANADA—1922

Chapters, 167. Members, 25,986. Registrations, 2,886. Net Gain, 2,461.

W. N. PONTON, Grand Z.

Owing to the inexorable decree of the Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe, Most Excellent Companion Herbert S. Griffin, who was installed Grand Z. a year previous, soon afterwards received that final summons which recognizes no appeal. By constitutional provisions the exacting duties of Grand First Principal devolved upon the Junior Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion W. N. Ponton, who presided at the Sixty-Fourth Annual held in Hamilton, Feb. 22, 1922. At the same Convocation there was another vacant station, R. Ex. Companion Robert J. Gibson, who passed away suddenly the night previous in that city.

Over one-third of the Subordinate Chapters were not

represented at this Annual, perhaps not a large percentage, considering the vast area of territory covered by this Grand Jurisdiction. Preceding the formal business sessions was a civic welcome, in which it was stated that when the Grand Chapter held its Grand Convocation in that city twenty-eight years previous, it had in its Jurisdiction one Chapter in British Columbia and six Chapters in Australia. Now British Columbia and Alberta are each Grand Chapters, besides several Grand Chapters in Australia. And now comes the intimation that Saskatchewan and Manitoba each hope soon to set up house-keeping for themselves.

In the two preceding years that M. E. Companion Ponton was Grand First Principal, he established an almost world-wide and enviable reputation for his rare Masonic and literary abilities, and his address at this Annual was, if anything, even more scholarly, comprehensive and instructive.

Although he was called upon to give several rulings during the year, he stated it would serve no purpose to set them out in detail, but in order to make them accessible a codified list of rulings to date of all Past Grand First Principals is to be prepared. Apparently these rulings are not passed upon by a Jurisprudence or other constitutional committee, as in most Grand Jurisdictions south of the International Boundary.

He also recommended the appointment of a standing committee to prepare a model set of by-laws. In this respect Florida and many other Grand Bodies seem to be in advance of Canada, for they have them and they work well.

He particularly commended to all Companions the perusal of the Annual Proceedings, and especially the

report on the Condition of Masonry, the Fraternal Correspondence Report, and the work of the Grand Historian, which he denominates:

A wonderful repository of thought—a vivid and cosmopolitan chronicle of current events. Let me also commend a discriminating and educative Masonic Press. Every live Mason who ever feels “growing pains” should subscribe to and contribute to a good Masonic periodical—to keep abreast of his own times and the annals of the Craft.

One unpleasant incident of the year was the case of a Mason who was accused by the public press of Toronto “of openly threatening to use the sacred ballot of the Craft as a weapon of offense to compel the victim to make his peace with a certain strike committee of a labor union.” Pending the trial then proceeding, the Grand Z. adds:

We must not prejudge guilt, and we have nothing to say as to the merits or demerits of the “strike;” but enough has transpired to make our Royal Craft doubly vigilant in guarding the portals against the admission of fanatical agitators, trouble makers, fadists, and grievance mongers who never can truly belong to the household of the faithful, the peaceful, the restful, the prudent, the discreet, and the temperate—and who would make of this calm retreat a tumultuous and storm tossed sea of trouble. It would be intolerable if Freemasons were to be dictated to and disintegrated either by conspiracy within or by attacks without the gates of the Temple.

During the year five dispensations for new Chapters were issued and twelve Chapters were consecrated and dedicated. Nearly five hundred greetings of peace and good will were sent out by the Grand Z. and his official family, ye scribe being among the remembered. Also a wireless cablegram was sent to Her Royal Highness,

Princess Mary, of felicitation of her approaching marriage to Lord Lascelles.

Over one hundred pages of the Proceedings are given over to the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, which are wonderful word pictures of the progress of Capitular Masonry in that vast empire.

Stress was made in the report of the Condition of Capitular Masonry of the growing evil arising from the publication in newspapers of matters which should not be mentioned outside the Chapter rooms.

For the first time arrangements were completed for the exchange of Grand Representatives with Montana. It was also noted that there was no Representative near the Grand Chapter of England, as well as with the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, and both these will receive attention. But action was deferred upon the recognition of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, as there is a movement looking to the uniting of the Chapters in that Province now working under both English and Scottish Constitutions with the small Grand Chapter of Queensland now in existence.

Among the multitude of subjects which the Grand Z. mentions as ripe for consideration, we note: "The cure for rushing and grouping of degrees;" "The elimination of buffoonery at the refreshment table and in the so-called Past Masters' degree;" "The revival of the laying of foundation stones by Masons." We do not quite understand the above allusion to the "Past Master's Degree," for we were not aware that was even considered by the Royal Craft of Canada; and also, are we to understand that no corner stones are laid by the Craft in Canada?

Deriving from English Constitutions, of course there naturally is no Order of High Priesthood.

R. E. Companion Edward B. Brown, for the seventh time, presents a commendable and instructive report of the doings of other Grand Chapters, concerning which he modestly adds, "with such comment as we think may point a moral if they do not adorn the tale." This leads him to thus speculate upon the characters and attainments of the Chief Rulers:

Why in some Jurisdictions is there a never-failing supply of men of intellect to fill the great office of Grand First Principal or Grand High Priest, and why in other Jurisdictions do they put up with inferior, sometimes almost illiterate, rulers? Can any one answer this question?

Under Florida for 1921 he finds nothing "of striking importance." His reference to the work of ye scribe is appreciated. Please accept "Thank you."

Referring to the substitution by Companion Conover of Michigan of a treatise in lieu of a Correspondence Report, he infers it

To be an implication that the correspondence report is valueless, and that gives us an uneasy feeling that we of the Round Table are wasting our time and the money of our Grand Chapters.

Next Annual in Toronto, Feb. 28, 1923.
Richard H. Spencer, Trenton, Grand Z.
Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.
Edward B. Brown, Toronto, Correspondent.

COLORADO—1922

Chapters, 51. Members, 7,813. Exalted, 381. Net Gain, 233.

SAMUEL J. SWEET, Grand High Priest.

Several exceptional features marked the Forty-eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which convened in Denver, Sept. 21, 1922. In addition to all the Grand Family and fifteen Past Grands being present, the occasion was honored by the presence of the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn, and M. E. Companion Walter Daniels, Grand High Priest from Utah. But four familiar and honored Past Grand High Priests did not respond to the roll call, they having been summoned during the year to the Supreme Chapter on High. One of this number was Most Excellent Companion Irving W. Stanton, who was present at the organization of this Grand Chapter in 1875, and became Grand High Priest in 1876, the year Colorado was admitted and became the Centennial State. Companion Stanton attended nearly every session of that Grand Body since then and was the dean of Jurisconsults. The other extreme of the Past Grand Family, practically the junior member, to be called, was Most Excellent Companion Thomas E. Shears, who was installed Grand High Priest in 1921, and who at the same time, by reason of his physical condition, presented his resignation, which was accepted, and five months later he passed away. The other two who completed their work, which must surely have passed the Grand Overseer's squares, were Most Excellent Companions Tyler D. Heiskell, 1905, and John B. Hershey, 1908.

Florida's Grand Representative, M. E. Companion

George W. Roe, was among those who were graciously received by the Grand High Priest, the response being by Ex. Companion Sydney J. Knill, the present Grand Master of the Third Vail, who among other things made this promise to Grand High Priest Sweet, and which for the information of Florida Companions is repeated:

Let me assure you that we one and all will convey to the Grand Jurisdictions that we have the honor to represent, a full report of the doings of this Grand Jurisdiction as well as the great love that you hold for all mankind, and may God bless you in all your future activities.

Unremitting service, necessary sacrifice and great enthusiasm were marked characteristics of the able and business-like address of Grand High Priest Sweet, and his many official as well as other activities in all branches of the Masonic vineyard received the hearty approval of Grand Chapter, with the exception: he very strongly recommended that all Past High Priests be made permanent members of the Grand Chapter, and giving excellent reasons for it. This was disapproved, although no reasons are given. Florida looks at it differently. All Past Presiding Officers in all the York Rite Bodies are permanent members of their respective organizations, and they are strongly urged to attend whenever possible. Here it certainly adds interest to the Craft. We see many good reasons for the regulation, and fail to comprehend why Colorado should have been opposite minded.

Mention was made by the Grand High Priest of the reported violation by subordinate Chapters of transacting business without the required nine members; collecting a fee for affiliation; and a request for exchange of Grand Representatives by the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of

Scotland. Action on any of these do not appear in the report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Grand High Priest was asked by Sterling Chapter regarding the advisability of fostering the Order of DeMolay for Boys. He referred that Chapter to a portion of the address of Grand Master Haslett P. Burke, which evidently declared the fundamental principles of Masonry as understood and practiced in Colorado, a copy of which he enclosed for the Chapter's guidance, and which he gave those Companions to understand was also his views on the question. Apparently that was not satisfactory, for later he received another letter from this same Chapter, which stated that it was about to apply for "Letters Testamentary," with the intention of organizing a Chapter of DeMolay, subject to the "direct disapproval of either the Grand High Priest or the Grand Master of Masons in Colorado." Before answering this last letter the Grand High Priest called a conference of the Officers and Past Grand High Priests to "talk the matter over." Over twenty attended and they unanimously voted "that no recognition or sponsoring of such an Order should be given," with this additional explanation:

The landmarks and principles of Ancient Craft Masonry, as I understand them, do not permit the sponsoring of any body not so recognized by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado, and, as the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado is a recognized body of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Colorado, then it naturally follows that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado cannot sponsor a body or organization of any kind whatsoever not Masonic. Therefore I disapprove the above quoted resolution (referring to the resolution adopted by Sterling Chapter).

Colorado does not have a Masonic Home, but it does

have the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association for the care of indigent Masons, and which in the opinion of the Grand High Priest is the proper medium to disperse money for the care of needy. Grand Chapter being like-minded, it annually makes a liberal contribution to this fund, which is augmented by similar contributions from the subordinate Chapters.

During the sessions of the Grand Chapter a brotherly greeting telegram was received from Past Grand High Priest Henry T. West, who at the age of ninety-seven is living with a son in Idaho. Historic importance attaches to this, for M. E. Companion West was one of the early settlers of Colorado, being a charter member of that colony established in northern Colorado by the late Horace Greeley in what is now the city taking his name. He is also a personal acquaintance of the writer.

An added feature of this occasion was the address of General Grand High Priest William F. Kuhn, being in part explanatory of the esoteric features of the Capitular degrees, and which was stated to have made a profound impression upon all who heard it.

Half as many Excellent Companions as there are subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction petitioned and were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood in Due and Ancient Form.

Notice has been received that Past Grand High Priest Lawrence N. Greenleaf, the Poet Laureate of Masonry in the Centennial State, crossed the Divide since the Grand Chapter. This now makes M. E. Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster the Dean of the Past Grands, who also submits his thirty-fifth Report on Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Colorado. Physical weakness during the early part of the year made it necessary to

delegate part of his work to Companion Jacob M. Meals, another member of the Correspondence committee. But ye scribe is greatly gratified that Companion Foster was able to pass on Florida, although somewhat abbreviated from former specimens of his excellent productions. However, it is not lacking in quality.

The only action in the Florida Proceedings that failed to favorably pass inspection at his station was our action relative to approving the formation of Chapters of De-Molay. Being one of the Past Grands, it is very probable that he was also one of the "twenty or more" who concurred in the non-approval statement of Grand High Priest Sweet above quoted, and Companion Foster further advances this additional opposition to recognition:

Not because of there being anything, so far as we know, that is not good in the organization, but because the Chapter is assuming obligations it was never intended to undertake; because it is a bid for solicitation of boys just before reaching maturity to become Masons, and because such boys consider themselves junior Masons, which they are not. It may be said that the Order does not teach such reasoning, but nevertheless I have come across it many times, not only with boys but with mothers and their friends, even to the extent of their applying for assistance as Masons. It is assuming a dangerous liability and one which will surely become a boomerang some day.

The instruction and inspiration connected with the visits with Companion Foster at Asheville will long remain a memory gem, and we earnestly hope similar communings will be repeated next year in Portland. His personal references are much appreciated.

Next Annual in Denver, Sept. 20, 1923.

Will D. Grisard, Pueblo, Grand High Priest.

William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Ernest LeNeve Foster, Denver, Correspondent.

CONNECTICUT—1922

Chapters, 44. Members, 14,390. Exalted, 1,626. Net Gain, 1,263.

EDGAR B. ELLIS, Grand High Priest.

For the purpose of constituting that number of U. D. Chapters, four Emergent Convocations of the Grand Chapter were held during the year, two of which were opened in Ample Form in the office of the Grand Secretary in Hartford, called from labor to refreshment, proceeded to the place where the new Chapters were to be constituted, where labor was again resumed.

Distinguished visitors from neighboring states were present when the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual met in Hartford, May 9th, with no vacancies in the Royal Family, and a whole lot of Past Grand High Priests, but no one to represent Florida. It is noticeable that every committee chairman was a Past Grand High Priest.

It was pleasing to note the optimism of Grand High Priest Ellis, who believed and stated in his address that more desired results would follow the lesser numbers seeking admission, for it would be easier to impress upon the neophytes the real lessons of the degrees.

The four decisions made by the Grand High Priest were so in keeping with Masonic law that it seems almost strange that there should have been no Companions in the respective Chapters sufficiently versed in it to have made them necessary.

At one of the official visitations made by the Grand High Priest, and he made many of them, he found a Companion was being admitted whose membership was

in Glasgow, not knowing that fraternal relations had been severed with the Supreme Chapter of Scotland.

The Grand High Priest reported that in one visitation he made he witnessed for the first time in his Masonic career, smoking while the degree was being conferred. He further pertinently adds, "The work in this Chapter was not up to the usual standard."

The Committee on Ritual appointed at the previous Annual, reported that no changes had been made in the "Hindoo Theology," in the M. M. M. degree, which was the only degree considered, except to give further light to some of the non-essentials. Grand Chapter ordered them made plain and incorporated in the ritual, which is deposited with the Grand Secretary for safe keeping.

At a well attended convention of the Order of High Priesthood twenty-eight Companions qualified and were set apart.

Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest George A. Kies, and a real "live wire," again presented a Correspondence Report, excellently combining comment and extract, in which little of vital importance appears to have escaped his critical attention.

Under Florida he asks why a King or Scribe should not succeed when a High Priest removes from the Jurisdiction. Because Florida law specifically states that neither the King nor Scribe automatically succeed to a vacancy, and in the case of the High Priest a dispensation is necessary for an election; although either in succession is authorized to preside in the temporary absence of the High Priest. All other vacancies may be filled by an election at any regular convocation without dispensation. However, this does not prevent the election of any qualified Companion to any vacancy.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 8, 1923.
Arthur A. Nash, Westerly, Grand High Priest.
George A. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

DELAWARE—1922

Chapters, 5. Members, 1,968. Exalted, 86. Net Gain, 58.

W. HARRY LEWIS, Grand High Priest.

Nearly half a hundred permanent members and officers and more than half as many more accredited representatives and visitors were present at the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation held in Wilmington, Jan. 18, 1922, surely an enviable attendance for a Grand Chapter having only five subordinate Chapters. Yet Florida was without representation.

Grand High Priest Lewis' address was largely a detailed record of his official acts, which were comparatively light and of little interest to outsiders. His only dispensation was to a Chapter to open a regular convocation a few hours in advance of time specified in its by-laws. The advisability of such action is strongly questioned, many Masonic jurists holding that it is not within the dispensing power of a Grand High Priest to set aside the by-laws of a Chapter.

He, with the other Grand Officers, constituted Kent U. D. Chapter. A constitutional provision makes it obligatory that every High Priest-elect must first become an anointed High Priest before he can regularly officiate as High Priest of his Chapter. Before this new High

Priest-elect could be installed, the special convocation of the Grand Chapter was "adjourned," the Order of High Priesthood was conferred, and labor was again resumed.

Apparently the laws, rules and regulations of Capitular Masonry are well understood in this Grand Jurisdiction, for the High Priest was not called upon to make any decisions.

The retiring Grand High Priest installed his successor into office, following which the new Grand High Priest proceeded to install the other officers, beginning with the Grand Treasurer, but the Proceedings do not disclose in what manner the other three Grand Council Officers were inducted into their respective stations.

Three Excellent Companions were duly set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, the other Chapter High Priests being no doubt hold-overs.

Past Grand King Companion Thomas J. Day reported his sixth visit to those Grand Bodies which had sent the necessary transportation in the shape of Annual Proceedings.

"Snow in Florida," is the startling scare headline to this review of our fair Southland State, which rightly interpreted signifies that M. E. Companion Henry O. Snow presided at the Seventy-fifth Anniversary, "with no decisions of interest noted."

Companion Day is a winter visitor to South Florida, and he never fails to include the home city of ye scribe in his itinerary. As "one good turn deserves another," we most cordially add "come again—often." Others will also please take due and timely notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Next Annual in Wilmington, Jan. 19, 1923.

George A. Salmon, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.
Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.
Thos. J. Day, Wilmington, Correspondent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1922

Chapters, 14. Members, 5,984. Exalted, 836. Net Gain, 725.

JOSEPH MILANS, Grand High Priest.

During the year one special Convocation was held for the purpose of constituting Wm. R. Singleton Chapter U. D. Much ceremony attended this affair, for reference is made to the appointment of Companions as Bearers of Ark and Bearers of Incense. Two other special Convocations were held for the purpose of attending the funerals of Past Grand High Priest Orville Drown and Past Grand High Priest Adolphus Gude. In both cases the Grand Chapter "took its position in a procession." Certainly a most fitting expression of respect, but a practice not observed to our knowledge in Florida. Fitting testimonials of respect of these illustrious characters were made at the Annual Convocation.

Present and Past Grand Officers as well as Representatives and Past High Priests galore participated in the Fifty-fifth Annual, held in Washington, February 8th. Florida was not represented.

The keynote of Grand High Priest Milan's successful year's administration is expressed in the opening thought of his well prepared address:

May the summing up in the last great day show our work to have been inspired by our faith in God, in our fellowmen, and in

the righteousness of the plan which the Craft is enjoined to follow, and our mistakes to be simply those attributable in human error.

His one decision was adverse to dual membership, growing out of several Companions becoming charter members of a new Chapter in Virginia, which permits such membership. The offending Companions were instructed to elect whom they would serve—District of Columbia or Virginia.

Although the Grand High Priest granted several dispensations to waive statutory time in balloting, he refused two, one of which was to transact regular business at a special Convocation, he holding that it was not within the powers of a Grand High Priest to set aside Chapter By-Laws.

A determining factor in the growth of Capitular Masonry in recent years in this Grand Jurisdiction is the High Priests' Association. Realizing that existing conditions might have an effect on membership early in the year, in conference with that auxiliary, he enlarged upon the thought of forgetting the "mere items of members, and rather confining our efforts to the character of the Companions."

Ever since 1910 this Grand Chapter has been donating each year one-fourth of the annual dues to the Building fund of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, but by reason of increasing Grand Chapter expenses, he recommended a fixed appropriation of \$1,000 per annum, which Grand Chapter approved, with the further recommendation that hereafter these donations be without restrictions as to application.

In common with many other Grand Chapters, not including Florida, however, neither more nor less than three actual candidates are permitted at each exaltation.

This, in the opinion, of the Grand High Priest, has "led to embarrassments that are not conducive to the proper impressions of the fraternity on the minds of the candidates." He therefore recommended that this subject be given immediate consideration, with the result that Grand Chapter adopted this constitutional amendment:

No Chapter shall confer the Royal Arch degree on a greater or less number than three at one and the same time, at least two of whom shall be actual candidates.

This Grand Chapter is like-minded with Florida that installation of re-elected officers is not necessary.

At the annual convention of the Order of High Priesthood, while fourteen Excellent Candidates were elected, only eleven were present to participate in that sublime and impressive ceremony.

This Grand Jurisdiction has a most competent successor to the inimitable Roe Fulkerson, as Committee on Correspondence, in the person of Past Grand High Priest W. W. Jermane, a newspaper man of national reputation. Companion Jermane has that peculiar faculty of instantly recognizing the really worth while features and then convincingly commenting on them.

While thoroughly approving of the revision of the Constitution by the last General Grand Chapter, he thinks it would have been a little more courteous to have listened to the report of the committee, as most of the objectionable features had been modified or eliminated.

While he believes that there has been altogether too much "railroading" to the so-called higher degrees, yet he is somewhat pessimistic over the net results, which in his opinion may follow some of the drastic legislation. Personally, the writer looks at it differently and is of the

opinion that whatever is really worth while in Freemasonry will endure, and that although possibly the numerical increase may not continue to be as great, yet what is lost in quantity will be gained in quality.

Under Florida, referring to the ruling of Grand High Priest Snow regarding the application of a Brother who had lost one hand, he makes this semi-approving comment:

It is usually in the Western States that the greatest degree of liberality is displayed in matters of this kind, but here is a state in the old South that is liberal in a way that even parts of the West might hesitate to imitate. I endorse the ruling in principle, but wonder how the Brother in question can make himself useful in the opening and closing ceremonies. It is perhaps proper to insist upon physical qualifications in the Lodges, but I have thought that a good many Grand Chapters made it unnecessarily difficult for Master Masons to take the Chapter degrees. A Master Mason occupies a position with respect to the so-called higher bodies that is decidedly different from that occupied by the profane with respect to the Blue Lodge, and therefore I think Florida has shown the proper fraternal spirit. If, in the case I have mentioned, it leaned too far in the direction of the Brother with one hand, the offense was not serious, and no fundamental law has been violated.

Next Annual in Washington, Feb. 14, 1923.

Delos W. Thayer, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Wm. W. Jermane, Washington, Correspondent.

ENGLAND—1922

Less than usual is found in the Quarterly Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England that is of interest to the Companions this side the great pond. These Proceedings come in loose

form but when bound will make a pretentious volume. Much is made of the rank of the officers in attendance. At the May Convocation the appointments to Past Grand Ranks are made public, running from Past Principal Sojourner to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. Most of the business is first passed upon by the Committee of General Purposes, which then reports such matters as it deems proper. No record appears of the membership of this Grand Chapter, but apparently the Order must be having a substantial growth, for at every Quarterly numerous petitions for new Chapters are given, each of which is attached to a Lodge, and usually goes by the name of that Lodge. Another request of quite frequent occurrence is permission to wear centenary jewels, the Chapter petitioning having been in continuous existence for such a period.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, is an entirely separate organization, given largely to disbursing charities through both its Benevolent Branch and its Annuity Branch. Although the membership is not given, since the last report there have been warrants granted for eight Lodges, and 1,169 Mark certificates issued. An appendant Order is the Royal Ark Mariner, which has also been increased by two new warrants and 292 certificates.

GEORGIA—1922

Chapters, 165. Members, 18,220. Exalted, 1,453. Net Gain, 565.

WELBY C. JORDAN, Grand High Priest.

Decidedly out of the commonplace, both in wording

and in appearance, is the first page of the Proceedings of the Centennial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, which convened in Macon, April 12, 1922, in that the usual list of officers and members is entirely missing, and the first indication of these requisite personages appear in the report of the Credential Committee, following the address of the Grand High Priest; excepting, however, the presentation and reception of distinguished guests, which include M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary and Recorder of all the Rites of Masonry in Alabama. Florida was represented by R. E. Companion Wm. A. Sims, who was advanced to the station of Grand Captain of the Host.

Optimistic was the address of Grand High Priest Jordan, in which he attempted to peer into future centuries and consider their wealth of possibilities, being cheered by the noble inheritances of the forefathers and encouraged by the splendid prospects ahead.

Three new Chapters were constituted and the charters of two others were restored. Financial conditions or lack of Capitular interest was responsible for the arrest of the charter of one Chapter, and another appeared to be in line for the same fate. However, this condition is in a fair way to be overcome, for the Grand High Priest reported "that no less than six Chapters can be established as soon as money matters get easy again."

His three decisions brought out no features contrary to Florida law. He endorsed the action of the Grand Secretary in preparing blanks for the use of subordinate secretaries in making monthly reports of gain and loss in membership, which are to take the place of annual returns, with the idea that it will not only lessen the labor of the subordinate secretaries, but also keep the Grand Officers

informed as to Chapter conditions and where assistance is needed. The results will no doubt be watched with interest by similar officials in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand Chapter went on record as appreciating the business-like administration of Grand High Priest Jordan by approving all his official actions.

Of special interest outside of the regular business of the Grand Convocation, was the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary, which included an address by M. E. Companion James W. Taylor, the oldest member of the Grand Chapter of Georgia; an historical address by M. E. Companion H. Warner Hill, and also an address by M. E. Companion George A. Beauchamp of Alabama, as the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Wm. H. Kuhn; all of which are to be reproduced in a souvenir edition of the Proceedings, copies of which will be placed in the Masonic libraries of Grand Jurisdictions.

The writer of this review is among the specially favored, being the recipient of a copy of the Souvenir Edition. It is a beautiful brochure of four score pages, bound in black and red, and is a splendid specimen of high grade typographic art.

Although Georgia has adopted the General Grand Chapter ritual, yet the Companions do not appear to be quite satisfied, for a resolution was adopted requesting the General Grand Chapter to "restore that portion of the work in the Mark Master's degree teaching the observance of the Sabbath."

At the annual convention of the Order of High Priesthood forty-seven qualified Companions were elected and anointed, and no change was made in the officers. Typographically the Proceedings is commendable, but

some phases of tabular information appear to be missing, or the writer does not understand the combination for finding it.

Ex. Companion Charles L. Bass again submits a Report on Correspondence in which comment and clippings run about fifty-fifty. It is followed by a Digest of Decisions of Jurisdictions, compiled by that able Masonic Nestor, M. E. Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster of Colorado.

Under Florida, Companion Bass quotes from Grand High Priest Snow's "good review of the year," and particularly referring to his "splendid tribute" to Past Grand High Priest Will C. "Andrews" (it should be Address, Companion).

Next Annual in Macon, April 25, 1923.
Augustus C. Miller, Waycross, Grand High Priest.
Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.
Charles L. Bass, Atlanta, Correspondent.

IDAHO—1922

Chapters, 22. Members, 2,461. Exalted, 312. Net Gain, 265.

ERNEST J. OSTRANDER, Grand High Priest.

During the year two special Convocations of the Grand Chapter were held, one for the purpose of constituting Mountain Home Chapter, and the other to install the Grand Chaplain. The latter carries with it special recognition and honor. Yet one sometimes wonders if it produces more efficient services from the recipient, than

when the ceremony is delegated to the Chapter to which he belongs.

With the exception of the sudden summons to the Great Beyond during the year of the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion Ralph T. Morgan, a full complement of officers were present at the Fourteenth Annual, which was held in Payette, May 25th and 26th; also five Past Grands; but Florida was not among those present.

Clearly and concisely Grand High Priest Ostrander reviewed the work of the year, which was not particularly onerous. He granted one dispensation to form a U. D. Chapter, and refused another.

Three of his five decisions pertained to the action of the Grand Lodge requiring Master Masons to wait a year before petitioning for the degrees. The inquiries made also refer to "Chapter Clubs," a procedure which has been followed by some Idaho Chapters, and possibly in other Jurisdictions as well, but not, however, in Florida. Part of the query, as well as the Grand High Priest's ruling is given:

Several petitions were presented from a number of Brothers who have not been Master Masons for a year, and in order that there will be no complications arise on account of accepting these petitions, am taking the matter up with you, to ascertain whether or not we are doing the proper thing in accepting these petitions. For your information, the majority of these petitions have come from Chapter Clubs, that is five Master Masons in good standing go together and each month pay \$10.00 each and one member of the club's petition would be sent in, these having been in action since April and May, and just finished up in September. Would appreciate getting a ruling from you in regard to this.

The Grand High Priest replied: In reference to petitions made to your Chapter, will say that any petition signed prior to the law as passed by the Grand Lodge in reference to Blue Lodge Masons pe-

tioning the Chapter would not, in my opinion, affect said petition. Will say, however, that Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction over the Chapter, but does have jurisdiction over all Blue Lodge members. While it would not affect the Chapter in any way, I would advise all Master Masons who anticipate petitioning the Chapter to be governed by the law, as I would not advise anyone courting trouble—although in my judgment the law is not a fair one. In relation to the Brothers who form the Chapter Clubs, will say that while we had a Chapter Club in our city we had all petitions signed at the time they joined the club; and if you have done likewise, in my judgment it is perfectly right for them to continue on with the work.

Grand Chapter approved the action of Grand Lodge in prohibiting Master Masons from petitioning for other degrees inside of a year, by adopting a constitutional amendment to that end.

There is no record of an Order of High Priesthood.

Companion George E. Knepper presents his third report on Foreign Correspondence. He combines comment and extract about equally, and the reviews are as instructive as they are interesting. Idaho Companions who fail to read Companion Knepper's report are surely losers.

Next Annual in St. Maries, May 24-25, 1923.

Francis Jenkins, Moscow, Grand High Priest.

Perry C. Marshall, Boise, Grand Secretary.

George E. Knepper, Boise, Correspondent.

ILLINOIS—1922

Chapters, 241. Members, 78,270. Exalted, 6,474. Net Gain, 5,180.

W. C. HADLEY, Grand High Priest.

Every Grand Officer and eight Past Grands with representatives from nearly every subordinate Chapter were in attendance at the Seventy-third Annual held in Chi-

ago, Oct. 26-27, but to Florida's regret its Representative was not present when other Grand Representatives were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, with response by Past Grand High Priest George M. Moulton. In our opinion this is a proper and commendable procedure and we see no good reason why it could not well be followed by all Grand Bodies. The General Grand Captain of the Host, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master of the Grand Council, were the distinguished visitors in attendance.

Grand High Priest Hadley stressed the call to duty of every member of the Royal Craft in both private and public life in his opening address, the foremost thought being the dignity of purpose and the high ideals of Masonry. And he was specially grieved in having to report the passing of two Past Grand High Priests during the year—Most Excellent Companions Andrew D. Webb and William C. Sommer.

Much the greater part of this address is given to details which have no interest to outsiders. During the year he constituted the eight Chapters which had been given charters, officiating in person at each save one, besides granting dispensations to form four U. D. Chapters. He reported a large number of inter-state courtesies and Grand Representative appointments. The only decision reported referred to Companions "legally dead," which brought out a constitutional amendment to the effect:

That if such lost member is afterwards found to be living he is thereby automatically restored to good standing in the Chapter, which shall then be liable for all Grand Chapter dues then in arrears, and for subsequent years during the lifetime of the member thus restored, and while he so remains.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters reported that one Chapter had been paying dues for thirteen years on a dimitted Companion, and that another Chapter had been paying dues for eleven years "on an individual who was not only not a member of the Chapter, but not even a Royal Arch Mason."

Action was taken looking to the proper observance of the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter two years hence.

Eighty-eight petitions were presented from qualified Companions to receive the Order of High Priesthood, but with regret we note the absence of M. E. Companion George W. Warvelle, who has made a deep study of this truly select appendant Order, and we find no reference to his being present at any part of the Grand Annual Convocation. We greatly fear he is indisposed.

Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull again presents a masterful Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations. In his opening he notes that most of the states which have adopted the General Grand Chapter ritual have made changes to conform to local phraseology, and which he considers quite proper. But he is somewhat pessimistic over the prohibitive legislation being adopted by many Grand Chapters relative to the rapid advancement of candidates. He has been watching these activities and has reached this conclusion:

It is my deliberate opinion that this legislation will not accomplish the purpose sought, at least in Illinois. The activity of any member depends entirely on his mentality, the impression made by any degree or degrees, and the interest in his welfare shown by the officers and older members. All this legislation has one object in view—to make a Master Mason familiar with Lodge procedure before taking other degrees. The statement will at once be made—we are making Masons, not simply members. In reply I ask—

What percentage of Master Masons ever take an active part in Lodge matters? Of the active Lodge workers how many are active in other bodies? My experience has been that the same faithful few carry the responsibility of all the bodies. Every Master can point to a large part of his membership that have never attended Lodge after being raised, have no interest in Chapter, and all the laws of the world will not stimulate their interest. I hope Illinois will keep "hands off" and let each candidate decide for himself what bodies he will join.

Apparently the Illinois Grand Chapter has taken no action. A year ago Florida Grand Chapter placed the limit at six months, as did also the Scottish Rite. So far as the writer knows, this action is meeting with approval.

Under Alabama mention is made of Trial by Commission in Illinois, a procedure which had escaped notice in our review of the Illinois Proceedings. Companion Turnbull has this to say about its workings:

The commission form has almost entirely superseded the time-honored practice of trial by Chapter. The commission is always composed of experienced Companions who are able to give a disinterested hearing without being influenced by the local prejudice that so often causes serious dissensions in the local bodies. If our Alabama Companions ever try the commission form they will never abandon it.

Reference is made under Florida to the dispensation to officially participate in the ceremony of unveiling the Confederate Soldiers' Monument at Marianna, and he asks, "Was this considered a Masonic ceremony?" Not being present we are uninformed.

To correct a slight misunderstanding—Florida allows collective balloting in the Chapter and also for advancement in the Lodge. There is only one ballot in Florida Chapters.

Very gratifying are his appreciative words of the



work of the writer of this review, and for which he will accept thanks.

Next Annual in Chicago, Oct. 25, 1923.
 Wm. A. Eichler, Chicago, Grand High Priest.
 Jas. E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary.
 Everett R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Correspondent.

INDIANA—1923

Chapters, 128. Members, 31,960. Exalted, 2,542. Net Gain, 1,882.

EDWARD B. RAUB, Grand High Priest.

Distinguished visitors galore graced the Seventy-seventh Annual held in Indianapolis, October 18th, which was attended by all the officers, sixteen Past Grands and representatives from 112 of the chartered Chapters. Yet with all these high lights Florida was without representation. During the year Past Grand High Priests John E. Redmond and Edgar H. Bristol were summoned to the Celestial Chapter on High.

Strictly business and also illuminating was the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Edward B. Raub, in which appears to be enumerated in concise form all his official acts worthy of being recorded.

He reported as being well pleased with the splendid reception given the new ritual, which was that of the General Grand made to harmonize with the phraseology of the work of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Quite thoughtfully he consigns the Interstate Courtesies as well as some other less important matters to the

Addenda. He reported three U. D. Chapters constituted during the year and a dispensation granted for another, which was given a charter. Of special interest to the writer is that it bears the name of Prather Chapter, in memory of the late M. E. Companion Calvin W. Prather, for many years the Grand Secretary of Indiana and known and beloved wherever American Freemasonry prevails.

Several dispensations were issued to elect Chapter secretaries, but which he afterwards decided was unnecessary, which is also Florida law.

Some eight years previous a Brother had been elected to receive the Capitular degrees, but after he had received the Mark and Past Masters' degrees, owing to a grievance with the then High Priest, he decided not to proceed further, and part of the fees were returned. Now the Brother wished to complete the work and the Grand High Priest decided he could do so upon re-payment of that part of the fees which had been returned. Florida would have looked at the request of the Brother somewhat differently.

He reaffirmed the action of the previous Grand Chapter that the Order of DeMolay could not hold meetings in any Chapter room. This is more fully answered by M. E. Companion Robert A. Woods, in his review of Florida, in reply to a query, by quoting the Indiana Grand Lodge law, which reads:

"No organization not recognized by this Grand Lodge as a Masonic organization, except the Order of the Eastern Star, shall be permitted to use or occupy for its business meetings, ritualistic ceremonies or accompanying social functions, in any of the Masonic quarters over which the Lodge has jurisdiction or supervision, under penalty of forfeiture of its charter." To which Companion Woods adds. "Although this law was aimed at another Body, yet it af-

fects the Order of DeMolay, and the Chapters that sought to give it place were bound by its provisions."

However, Grand Chapter decided that it was permissible for a Chapter to sponsor DeMolay Chapters, but outside quarters must be provided for their meetings.

Noticing that practically all lethargic Chapters were officered by those who had been in power, in these many years, he strongly recommended that the younger Companions be given an opportunity to work; and quite truly adding: "Invariably, where you find good officers, you find good Chapters; and where we have poor Chapters, we find negligent and careless officers."

So important has become the work of the Grand Inspector that the title was changed to that of Grand Lecturer and now he has a place among the office-bearers of that Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest believed that some additional power should be vested in that office to enable him to call a special Convocation of any Chapter upon the failure of a High Priest or secretary to do so. The Jurisconsults agreed, but recommended that it lie over a year for final action.

Over half a hundred qualified Companions received the Order of High Priesthood and M. E. Companion John I. Glendening was re-elected president.

Additional interest attaches to the excellent Capitular Review because it is preceded by a recognizable portrait of the reviewer, M. E. Robert A. Woods, who is also the Grand Secretary. He talks like an M. D., for he prescribes: "Take the dose and let the physic work; it will do you good, even though administered by me."

Under Florida he re-produces a paragraph from Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright's historical paper;

he also refers to the new regulation requiring a petitioner to be a Master Mason six months before he can petition a Chapter; but without comment. For the information of Companion Woods and others, we might add that the Scottish Rite in Florida has also adopted a similar requirement. But he misunderstands somehow in supposing that the above action also provided "that the petition could be acted upon at the same regular convocation when presented," for that was Florida law.

Next Annual in Indianapolis, Oct. 17, 1923.

Roy E. Tiford, Martinsville, Grand High Priest.

Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Grand Secretary and Reviewer.

IOWA—1922

Chapters, 129. Members, 22,609. Exalted, 2,303. Net Gain, 1,831.

CHARLES B. WHELPLEY, Grand High Priest.

Seldom is reference made in these reviews to the portraits of Grand High Priests and other Capitular dignitaries. Taking advantage of the oft-quoted expression, "The exception proves the rule," it may become a justification for mentioning the portrait of Grand High Priest Charles B. Whelpley, the frontispiece to the Proceeding of the Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation, which convened in Mason City, Oct. 2, 1922, with all Grand Officers present, as well as a dozen Past Grands. The Florida delegation to Asheville will recall how much the Iowa delegation at the same hostelry added to the pleasures, and

especially the genial companionship of Grand High Priest Hunt and Deputy Grand High Priest Whelpley.

But the heart of the reviewer is correspondingly saddened to read in the same Proceedings that the spirit of Past Grand High Priest Eugene Schaffter had been translated to that invisible realm on high. For vividly do we recall the delightful acquaintance formed at the Baltimore Triennial with Companion Schaffter and Companion C. C. Shrader, then members of the Grand Council and later occupants of the Grand East.

Better and more timely references and admonitions seldom come to notice than are found in the commendable account of stewardship contained in the address of Grand High Priest Whelpley, who considered it "almost unbelievable that during the year not one case of controversy between members or Chapters of any consequence has arisen." A splendid testimonial that the Iowa Companions have had well instilled into their minds the practice and exemplification of the Golden Rule.

During the year two Chapters were constituted. Inquiries relative to forming four U. D. Chapters were received, only two of which gave encouraging evidence of permanency, and even they did not ask for dispensations, which led the Committee on Returns of Chapters to report "that it had been absolutely boycotted by this Grand Chapter," and which led to this sage conclusion:

Your committee is optimistic enough to believe that this dearth of new Chapters, instead of denoting lack of interest in Capitular Masonry, is rather a result of satisfaction with present affiliations, and a desire to build up and strengthen those Chapters already chartered than to create new and possibly weaker ones.

The address of the Grand High Priest, as well as

the reports of the treasurer, secretary and Committee on Correspondence are printed and distributed during Grand Chapter, as well as appearing in the Proceedings. Only the Correspondence Report in Florida is printed and distributed in advance.

The presiding officers of the other York Rite Bodies being also members of the Grand Chapter, were officially received and the distinguished foreign visitors were two Past Grand High Priests from Minnesota, and Most Excellent Companion William F. Kuhn, the General Grand High Priest. Florida is always in evidence, because it is represented by R. E. Arthur D. Meeker, now Grand Scribe, and for many years member of the Board of Custodians of the Work.

Iowa Masonry is a pioneer and is doing magnificent work in the Craft education of its followers. A valuable addition is found in the paper presented by Past Grand High Priest C. C. Hunt of the Committee on York Rite Masonry, entitled "A Word to Master Masons," in which this one sentence is deeply suggestive of its merit:

Let me, therefore, call your attention to the fact that while the third degree symbolizes incompleteness and failure just short of attainment, that in place of the reward for which you have so long toiled you must be content with a substitute—the Royal Arch symbolizes the fulfillment of every promise, the attainment of every ideal, the completion of our Spiritual Temple, and the realization of our highest hopes.

Only about a third of the qualified Excellent Companions deemed it desirable to apply for membership in the Order of High Priesthood. When those who failed to qualify as well as other eligibles read the masterly address of the Most Excellent President, Companion C.

Huttenlocher, they will realize they have left something out of their Masonic curriculum.

Past Grand High Priest Edward M. Willard for the sixth time brings messages from the several Grand Chapters of the Royal Craft, who he rightly emphasizes should be constructive builders, and then tells them how they may become such, if not so already. It may well be added they will find much to help them in his well prepared report.

He finds but few mentionables under Florida and nothing criticizable, and has kind words to say about ye scribe's report, as well as quoting therefrom.

Next Annual in Burlington, Oct. 11, 1923.
Raymond T. Warner, Hampton, Grand High Priest.
Orvis F. Graves, Harland, Grand Secretary.
Edward M. Willard, Atlantic, Correspondent.

KANSAS—1922

Chapters, 91. Members, 18,688. Exalted, 2,686. Net Gain, 2,419.

CHARLES C. WEST, Grand High Priest.

Many distinguished visitors assisted in the opening of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, which convened in Topeka, Feb. 13, 1922, Florida being represented by M. E. Companion Aaron Connett, the Grand Treasurer, who is also the Senior Past Grand High Priest, and with representatives from seventy-eight subordinate Chapters.

Timely admonitions characterized the opening portion of the address of Grand High Priest West, and his close attention to details seemed to bear out the report of

the committee that the record of the year is "one of activity with little to cause a ripple on the ever placid Capital waters."

Among the causes for gratification was the restoration to health of Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson, and also that the Death Angel had not made an official call upon any of the Present or Past Grand Officers. He issued many dispensations during the year to confer the Mark Master's degrees upon classes; also to Chapters to make pilgrimages.

Among his visitations was one to Kansas City, where all the degrees were conferred in one day upon a class of 122. He stated the work and interpretation of the degrees were of a high order, and he complimented the officers on their proficiency. However, he adds this minor note:

We regret the necessity of candidates being denied the full benefit derived from our beautiful work when necessary to confer these degrees in such large classes. They surely do not receive the impression possible from work conferred individually.

He strongly favored the DeMolay movement for boys, but deeming "it too important for one man to decide," requested the Jurisprudence committee to make a recommendation, but the committee to whom the address was referred did not exactly approve of the stand taken by the Grand High Priest, and it was referred to a special committee which reported, and Grand Chapter approved:

That we are in hearty accord with the aims and efforts of every organization having for its object the furtherance of good citizenship and the upbuilding of the youth of our common country; yet we do not feel it our duty to sponsor any particular Order in the conduct of its own affairs.

Another attitude of the viewpoint of the Grand Chapter of Kansas may be gathered from the comment of Grand Secretary Wilson, who is also the Fraternal Correspondent, in his foreword, referring to the action taken by the General Grand Chapter at its last Triennial in endorsing the DeMolay and other movements, and side-stepping the Order of the Eastern Star:

We venture a guess that to the Kansas Royal Arch Mason it would have been better had the General Grand Chapter reversed the order and declined to endorse the sundry resolutions, but approved the purposes and aims of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Believing that "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and recognizing the greatly increased work of the Grand Secretary, the Grand High Priest recommended a substantial increase in salary, or that he be given an honorarium. Grand Chapter approved the latter idea, and he is to receive an honorarium of six hundred dollars per year as long as he retains that position.

After a thorough discussion of the new General Grand Chapter ritual and an explanation of the details and general plan by the General Grand High Priest, it was decided to adopt it with such changes as might be suggested by the incoming Grand Council.

The Order of High Priesthood must be growing in favor in this Grand Jurisdiction, for Recorder Wilson states of the 1922 convention:

It is gratifying to report that the Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon the largest number of Companions, at this Convention, in the history of the Order in Kansas, forty-eight petitioners being elected and set apart.

R. E. Companion Albert K. Wilson, who is also the Grand Secretary, again submits the Report on Corre-

spondence, in which some criticisms are made "as to the action taken by several Grand Chapters in dealing with outside matters, some of which," he says, "are tainted with the political and economic questions of the day." These criticisms, he adds, are based largely on the records of his own Grand Chapter and are intended for the information of its members, and "not for the purpose of suggesting or recommending to any other Grand Chapter what they shall or shall not do." This general position also finds favor with the writer, for each Grand Jurisdiction being substantially supreme unto itself, it sometimes looks to us a little presumptuous for an outsider to assume to dictate to one over whom he has no control what he shall or shall not do.

Florida is given due consideration and its work appears to pass inspection, his comments taking a favorable turn and the queries being of scarcely sufficient importance to justify particular attention.

Next Annual in Wichita, Feb. 26, 1923.

Charles W. Miller, Jr., Hays, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

KANSAS—1923

Chapters, 93. Members, 19,733. Exalted, 1,428. Net Gain, 1,065.

OWEN J. WOOD, Grand High Priest.

This review, the Proceedings from which it is taken being received after all other copy had been sent to the printer, is added to correct an apparent oversight on the part of Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson, also the Com-

mittee on Correspondence, who in his review of Florida intimates Kansas was omitted from our 1922 report. Both the 1921 and 1922 Florida Proceedings before us show reviews of Kansas for those respective years. And it further emphasizes how prone all are to oversight. For on looking up this matter it was found that we had duplicated in the proper place in this report the 1922 review of last year, only a little more extended, and it was not discovered until too late to have it excluded.

Two familiar figures were missing from the Fifty-Eighth Annual held in Wichita, Feb. 26 and 27, 1923. But of especial interest to Florida Companions was that of the late M. E. Aaron H. Connett, who was our Grand Representative and also served his Grand Jurisdiction nineteen years as Grand Treasurer, and was Grand High Priest in 1898. The other was M. E. John A. Ferrell, who was Grand High Priest in 1919.

Having previously served all the subordinate bodies as well as Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, a fullness of service that falls to the lot of but few, M. E. Companion Owen J. Wood rounded out his York Rite career by filling a similar position for the Royal Craftsmen, and his address indicates well defined duties in the fraternity. Whatever their nature, all received the unqualified approval of Grand Chapter. Among the minor mentions was that of recommending Excellent Companion Joseph E. McMullen, of Great Bend, to represent the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Kansas believes in making pilgrimages, for five dispensations were granted for that purpose, as well as to elect and install subordinate Chapter officers. It is also necessary to grant dispensations to confer the Mark Master degree on more than one candidate at the same time, one occasion being in connection with an official visita-

tion of the Grand High Priest when he reports that degree "was conferred on a large number of candidates in a very impressive manner and strictly in accordance with the adopted work."

Reference is also made to the four Chapters of Kansas City conferring the Past and Most Excellent degrees on a class of over 1,100, which was named the "Dr. William F. Kuhn Class;" and to the joint convocation of St. Louis Chapters which conferred the Most Excellent Master degree on a class of 1,000 and named it the "General Grand High Priest Class."

In reply to queries he decided that under the provisions of a committee report, adopted by Grand Chapter, subordinate Chapters should not sponsor nor financially support the Order of DeMolay or other organizations of a kindred character. Other decisions were in harmony with Florida law, excepting this on which Florida has not taken specific action:

Where the Royal Arch degree is conferred on more than one team at the same Convocation of the Chapter, each team should separately pass through the entire prescribed ceremony up to and including the Exaltation. The lecture and charge, however, may be given to all of the candidates at the same time after the Exaltation.

Grand Chapter further provided that lantern slides may be used in the second section of the Royal Arch degree, and formally adopted the esoteric work of the new General Grand Chapter Ritual.

Exceeding that of previous years, fifty Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Supplementing the initial paragraph in this review alluding to Report on Correspondence by Grand Secre-

tary Albert K. Wilson, there is little to add to his review of Florida, excepting this comment:

The report of the Grand Secretary contains no summary of membership or indicates how many Chapters are on their rolls.

The review of Companion Wilson is replete with valuable information, and if the Royal Craft of Kansas do not take advantage of the opportunities offered them, they themselves are the losers.

Next Annual in Topeka, Feb. 25, 1924.

Charles N. Fowler, Salina, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

KENTUCKY—1922

Chapters, 120. Members, 18,706. Advanced, 1,819. Net Gain, 1,566.

HANSON PETERSON, Grand High Priest.

Capitular Grand Honors are surely appreciated in the Blue Grass State, for the Proceedings of the One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held in Louisville, Oct. 17-18, 1922, show that not only was every station filled by the rightful Companions, but also every living Past Grand High Priest, twenty-one in all, were also present. Certainly a most remarkable record for a state of so great an area. And Florida's Grand Representative, Companion Virgil P. Smith, was among those who received the public Grand Honors.

Omitting preliminary verbiage, Grand High Priest Peterson rendered a detailed account of his stewardship,

which indicates painstaking efforts and conscientious work. Nothing that might be of importance to the Royal Craft appears to have been overlooked. The fraternal re-union was saddened by the absence of two whom the Grim Reaper had gathered unto himself—Most Excellent Companions Laban T. Everett and Robert R. Burnam.

Among the minor acts of the Grand High Priest was the appointment of our own Excellent Companion E. L. Shear, Grand Captain of the Host, to be Kentucky's Grand Representative in Florida. Four dormant Chapters were set to work, and one dispensation was granted for a U. D. Chapter, which was given a charter, and inquiries were received from another prospect.

Two Brothers petitioned a dormant Chapter for the degrees, and adjacent Chapters did the work, but later it was found that neither of these Brothers had ever been balloted on or even paid any fees. The Grand High Priest held that they should regularly petition the revived Chapter and if found worthy and elected they should be formally healed.

Complaint coming to the Grand High Priest concerning irregularities in the election of Chapter officers, investigation disclosed that the last lawful election in a certain Chapter occurred in 1918; that there was not a quorum at subsequent elections, although new officers were selected at various later times and assumed their respective duties. The Grand High Priest being of the opinion "that no intent to do wrong was in the minds or hearts of these Companions," referred the matter to the Jurisprudence Committee, which straightened out the matter by requesting the incoming Grand High Priest to formally open the Chapter, cause an election to be held, install the new officers, and then "administer to the Com-

panions of said Chapter a reprimand for their flagrant violation of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter."

The Jurisprudence Committee felt that the Grand Chapter of Kentucky had been signally honored at the last General Grand Chapter by having its Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion G. Allison Holland, made not only a member of the Committee of the Revision of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, but also appointed a member of the Jurisprudence Committee of that body, and quite properly adding, "The Grand Chapter of Kentucky is to be congratulated upon possessing an officer of his merit and ability."

Kentucky takes much pleasure in leading in matters really worth while, particularly in its educational work. This is stressed in the Report of the Educational Trustees to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and adopted by Grand Chapter as well, which appears to bear out the claims made.

Referring to the nation-wide educational movement being inaugurated by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States to assist boys and girls through college, this Report states:

This work is designed to supplement the work our Grand Lodge is doing in helping our wards through a high school course. We inaugurated in this State the first educational movement, just as we erected the first Widows' and Orphans' Home. The work has spread to a number of states, and now the Grand Encampment has gone a step farther, so that it will be possible in the future for every boy and girl who leaves the Home to secure not only a high school education but a college education as well, assuming always that he or she has the industry and ability to make good.

The Order of High Priesthood being a separate and distinct body no reference is made to it in the Grand Chapter Proceedings.

Excellent Companion William W. Clarke again submits the Report of the Committee on the Doings of Other Grand Chapters. It is well thought out, comprehensive and instructive, and certainly evidences the claim made elsewhere that whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well.

Under Florida, referring to the decision of Grand High Priest John L. Hall, approved by Grand Chapter, that the objection of a member, made as a request, had all the force and effect of a black ball, Companion Clarke makes this comment:

We assume that under the jurisprudence of the Grand Chapter of Florida that objection to advancement must be made in open Chapter. If so, it was, we submit, the objection that was actually made in open Chapter, whatever the motive of the objector, that was effective as a black ball. Unless such an objection was actually made, if our assumption is right, we would hardly conclude that the statement by a Companion that an absent Companion had requested him to enter an objection was a valid objection, operating as a black ball.

Without discussing the question raised by Companion Clarke, the fact that the decision referred to was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, many of which are within easy reach of the home of the Grand High Priest, it is safe to assume that Grand High Priest Hall was morally certain in advance that his decision conformed strictly to Florida law.

Conditions do not permit further reference to Companion Clarke's definitions. His complimentary wishes are appreciated.

Next Annual in Louisville, October 16, 1923.
James Garnett, Louisville, Grand High Priest.
G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.
W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

MAINE—1922

Chapters, 65. Members, 15,539. Exalted, 1,499. Net Gain, 1,250.

WILSON D. BARRON, Acting Grand High Priest.

Owing to the continued illness of Grand High Priest L. Elwood Jones, and which terminated fatally, almost the entire work of the Capitular year devolved upon R. E. Companion Wilson D. Barron who presided at the Ninety-Seventh Annual held in Portland, May 2nd and 3rd, which was also the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Chapter. Many distinguished invited guests participated, and Florida was represented by Past Grand King Harry E. Larrabee.

The address of the Acting Grand High Priest was confined to a brief resume of the work of the year. He referred to the great loss Capitular Masonry had recently sustained in the death of its Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Jones. Also earlier in the year occurred the death of Past Grand High Priest Albro E. Chase, who for many years was its Grand Treasurer. But Companion Chase was perhaps better known and respected the world over as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence in the Grand Lodge, and a worthy successor of the late Brother Josiah H. Drummond.

Nothing out of the ordinary occurred during the year, and the Acting Grand High Priest was given a clean bill of health; all of which indicates that Capitular Masonry in the Pine Tree Shilling State tests 100 per cent. Already extensive preparations are under way to make the next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter in Portland, in 1924, a memorable event. The writer of this hopes to be one of those "also present."

While Maine is ever ready to do courtesy work, yet it firmly believes that at least the first degree should be conferred by the electing Chapter, and a constitutional amendment covering this will come up for action at the next Annual. We recall one or two other Grand Chapters in which this requirement already prevails, and it seems a move in the right direction.

The "great event" of this occasion was the Centennial Observance of the Grand Chapter, which included an Historical Address by Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge, from which it is learned that this Grand Chapter was incorporated in 1822, being formed by four Chapters originally chartered by Massachusetts. However, no meetings were held in 1841, 1842 and 1843, during the most intense time of the so-called Morgan excitement. As a correctness of the truth of the above assertion of "100 per cent Masonry" of Pine Tree Shilling Companions, occur this notable paragraph:

Since its formation, the Grand Chapter of Maine has held authority over sixty-eight subordinate Chapters; so carefully has each request for dispensation for new Chapter been considered that we have never been obliged to recall a charter, and the three that have been retired were for consolidation with a neighboring Chapter.

Some additional light on the close connection at one time between Chapter and Council degrees is given by Companion Bodge, who says:

From the best information I can obtain it appears sundry so-called appendant orders had been communicated in Lodges, Chapters, Encampments of Knights Templar, and even by individuals to any who expressed a desire for same. Correspondence with other Grand Chapters having shown some were assuming control of what were known as Council degrees, it was determined by a special committee in 1829 that our own Grand Chapter should control "the

degrees of Super-Excellent and Secret Master and Royal and Select Master, to be known as the first, second, third and fourth appendant orders to the Royal Arch degree;" and for this purpose a special warrant should issue to all Chapters, authorizing them to confer these degrees "and all others that may hereafter be adopted by this Grand Chapter as appendant orders to the Royal Arch degree." It was further voted that the High Priest, King and Scribe and all constitutional officers of subordinate Chapters should receive the degrees gratuitously, while others should pay two dollars for all, one-half going to the Grand Chapter Charity Fund, the other to be at the disposal of the Chapter. That arrangement continued more or less satisfactorily until 1854, when three Councils of Royal and Select Masters were formed under charters from the Grand Council of Massachusetts. The following year the Grand Council of Maine was organized and all control by the Grand Chapter over Cryptic degrees surrendered. Not until at the session in 1880, in Detroit, did the General Grand Chapter disclaim its authority over these degrees.

From the same source it is found that Maine has been conspicuous in supplying General Grand High Priests:

Robert P. Dunlap served three terms, from 1847 to 1856, since which time the one term rule has held. Josiah H. Drummond presided from 1871 to 1874. George E. Corson, elected in 1915, was Maine born and bred, as was Frederick W. Craig, elected in 1918.

Among the distinguished guests on this Centennial occasion was M. E. Companion Walter J. Francis, Grand First Principal Z. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, and especially patriotic must have been his address, for at its close the band struck up "God Save the King," the Companions arose and joined in singing, some the English National hymn and others our own "America."

Of the thirty-seven who petitioned for the Order of High Priesthood, thirty-four were duly consecrated; and if the others are not present at the ensuing session their election lapses.

Once again do the Companions of Maine as well as the Knights of the Round Table have the privilege of perusing a Report on Correspondence, prepared by Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge, that "grips" the reader from the outset.

Outside of an occasional minor matter Florida appears to measure up to his high standard, and these exceptions are apparently due to local conditions. Possibly if we used high power "specs" we might discover discrepancies in Maine procedure, from our viewpoint. Florida does not require proficiency for advancement in the Chapter degrees, although it is very tenacious in this respect in the Symbolic degrees. Neither does it require installation of re-elected officers.

Companion Bodge does not agree with the comment of Past Grand High Priest Lee, Alabama's Capitular correspondent, quoted last year, relative to our own Grand High Priest Ketchum, furnishing the Jurisprudence Committee advance copies of the Grand High Priest's address. Companion Bodge says:

I recall several instances where I think it would have been wise for the Grand High Priest to have had advice before delivering his address—but I do not consider that the reason at all, for the Jurisprudence Committee having ample time to fully consider the portions of the address which should be referred to them. Very often careful search should have been made before the report is written, even if the committee is in full accord with the Grand High Priest.

Referring to the answer of Companion Woods of Indiana, relative to our inquiry, that the Council of Deliberation was a Scottish Rite body, Companion Bodge says:

In Maine a Grand High Priest would no more think of mentioning attending that than that he went to a church synod or a Sunday school convention.

Just another illuminating comment from Companion Bodge, this time under Missouri, and we reluctantly pass on:

Then follow some more satisfactory reports until in the heat of summer he went to inspect a Chapter which had planned to work in a neighboring town. Fourteen candidates appeared but not a single officer. The visitors opened the Chapter and worked the degrees on the candidates. Some three weeks later the High Priest informed the Grand High Priest the reason no officers appeared was there was a religious revival being held and they could not leave. The Grand High Priest thought they needed some other than a religious revival and was free to tell them so.

Next Annual in Portland, May 1, 1923.
Wilson D. Barron, Camden, Grand High Priest.
Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.
Thomas H. Bodge, Portland, Correspondent.

MARYLAND—1922

Chapters, 24. Members, 8,713. Exalted, 613. Net Gain, 483.

LEPAGE CRONMILLER, Grand High Priest.

Students of early Capitular Masonry will find much of special interest in the historical address of Past Grand High Priest Oliver C. Wareheim at the Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, held in Baltimore, June 23, 1922, to celebrate its One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. Companion Wareheim, in his address, states:

There is undoubted evidence that a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was in existence April 9, 1787, and was attached to Lodge No.

15 at Baltimore, said Lodge holding a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Masonic Jurisdiction of Maryland included the District of Columbia in 1797, and there were five Royal Arch Chapters in the Jurisdiction at that time—Washington, Concordia, and Chapter No. 2 in Baltimore, and Federal and Potomac Chapters in Georgetown. Companion Edward T. Schultz says: "There can be, I think, no doubt that the first three mentioned organized June 24, 1797, the Grand Chapter which, we claim, was the first independent Grand Chapter organized in this country." By "independent" is meant, we believe, a body that was not under the authority of any Grand Lodge, as was the case in some Jurisdictions, particularly in Pennsylvania, where the Grand Chapter was organized in 1795, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which retained all authority over the Royal Arch degree until 1824.

A noticeable feature in connection with the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, held in Baltimore, November 23rd, 1922, was the large number of Past High Priests in attendance, all the Grand Officers, a dozen Past Grands and several distinguished visitors. Replying to the very cordial reception given the Grand Representatives by the Grand High Priest, Florida's Representative, Most Excellent Companion R. Dorsey Gassaway said:

Most Excellent, I have no warrant from Florida, but I assume the privilege as well as the duty of extending their cordial greetings to the Grand Chapter of Maryland. My only communication from them since last Grand Chapter was a copy of the Proceedings of their last convocation. They sent no letter of instruction, so I have nothing to communicate to this Grand Chapter. I presume that they, as well as myself, are fully satisfied with the friendly relations existing.

During the year the Death Angel summoned Past Grand High Priest Charles C. Homer, Jr., whose death was a distinct loss to the Craft in Maryland, and whose activities were far reaching.

Many minor activities are reported in the address of the Grand High Priest, all of which met approval, but of little interest to outsiders. He visited every Chapter, and some more than once, evidently establishing a record.

Among the Standing Committees is that "Of Conference," corresponding to the more common one of Credentials, but a distinguishing feature is that this committee names all three elective officers of each Subordinate Chapter as entitled to representation, which no doubt accounts for this particular paragraph in the historical address of Past Grand High Priest Wareheim:

Until the year 1913 it was customary for the Most Excellent High Priests, Excellent Kings and Excellent Scribes elected by subordinate Chapters to be installed at the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, a custom, it is believed, that served materially to stimulate the zeal and evoke the interest in all officers-elect, especially the Kings and Scribes, in the doings of the Grand Chapter at its convocations.

Fraternal recognition was given the Grand Chapter of Queensland.

Seventeen High Priests-elect were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood. And this paragraph in the Report on Correspondence, referring to Florida, is a somewhat vague reply to our recent inquiry:

The genial correspondent in his report says he would like to visualize the use of the Communion set. Is it possible, Companion? You should insist on your Council of Anointed High Priests coming to Maryland and getting the work right.

The Report on Correspondence shows a new Richmond in the field, but for the year only. The Proceedings show that Reverend Henry Branch, D. D., who had been the Correspondent for several years, resigned, owing

to removal from the State, and Past Grand High Priest Emmett L. Pettit was appointed. He presented a very creditable report, but which according to the Standing Resolutions of that Grand Body is limited to seventy-five pages.

Under Florida he compliments Grand High Priest Hall for the showing of reports made by his "line up of officers on the job," adding: "If this is a regular thing, Florida is to be commended for bringing them up in the way they should go." You are quite right in your conclusions, Companion Pettit, as reference to previous Annual Convocations will demonstrate. However, he takes exception to a statement made by Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright (which through a typographical oversight no doubt is made to read "Silas B. Hall):

We note in the report of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Hall, the statement that all Grand Chapters had been organized under the General Grand Chapter, excepting Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida. This is an error, as the Grand Chapter of Maryland was organized in 1797, prior to the organization of the General Grand Chapter, but is now a part of the General Grand Chapter, we are glad to say. This is not the case with Pennsylvania, Virginia and the State of Texas. These Grand Jurisdictions are a law unto themselves; at that we do not think they are overproud of the fact.

Next Annual in Baltimore, Nov. 22, 1923.
William Mohr, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.
Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.
Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., Baltimore, Correspondent,
he evidently having returned to Maryland.

MASSACHUSETTS—1922

Chapters, 94. Members, 37,652. Exalted, 2,964. Net Gain, 2,656.

CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest.

If Quarterly Convocations are evidences of Masonic antiquity, then the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts can rightfully claim "First Family" qualifications. For business that is usually transacted at one Annual Convocation in most Grand Jurisdictions is spread over three in Massachusetts, with four Specials thrown in to take care of constituting the four U. D. Chapters instituted during the year previous.

We had always supposed that the ceremonies connected with the constituting of U. D. Chapters were confined to members only, but this from the Proceedings connected with the constituting of Watertown Royal Arch Chapter indicates otherwise:

At 8:15 o'clock the Companions *and ladies* (italics ours) returned to the Chapter Hall and the High Priest was installed by the Grand High Priest, the King by the Deputy Grand High Priest, and the Scribe by the Grand Scribe. The Excellent High Priest then assumed the East and the Treasurer and Secretary were duly elected. Other ceremonies incident were the placing of a message and souvenirs within a keystone "and the stone sealed, bearing the inscription that it was not to be opened until the year 1972."

Special stress is given to the necessity of Chapter Officers attending District Exemplifications, and whenever the attendance is unnecessarily small the Grand High Priest is given power to "order a Special Exemplification to be held in that Chapter, at which shall be worked by the officers of that Chapter the two degrees previously exemplified by the District Chapters."

The Committee on the address of Grand High Priest John J. VanValkenburg, delivered at the preceding Annual, and reported at the First Quarterly, particularly approved the decided stand taken by Grand High Priest VanValkenburg in closely scrutinizing requests for special dispensations, adding "that mere accommodation of officers or candidate is not a valid reason."

Routine matters of no special outside importance were considered at the three evening quarterlies, but the addresses by Companion members which followed appear to have amply repaid the privileged hearers for attending.

An entire day is devoted to the Annual, the forenoon being given over to complete exemplifications of the Mark, Past and Most Excellent degrees, and the Royal Arch in the afternoon, the time consumed for each division being stated in minutes, totalling for the four degrees four hours and fifty-six minutes.

Many distinguished visitors were in evidence at the evening session, all the Grand Officers, a score of Past Grands, representatives from fully two-thirds of the subordinate Chapters, and Florida's Grand Representative as well. The Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was the only one who found time to send greetings.

Having a positive conception of the duties pertaining to the office of Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Curtis Chipman in his address presents an account of activities commensurate with the exalted station he occupies. He dwelt particularly upon the high plane occupied by the Capitular Rite and the obligations and responsibilities incumbent on those Companions who are the High Priests of their Chapters, and to a realization of their obligations and opportunities for service to their fellow men.

With sorrow he referred to the ceremonies of the day previous when was laid to rest all that was mortal of Most Excellent Companion Warren B. Ellis who was Grand High Priest from 1899 to 1901, and who will be remembered by his activities at both the Baltimore and Asheville Triennials.

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the official year of Grand High Priest Chipman was the large number of fraternal visits made. He seems to have adhered very closely to his predecessors in being chary of granting special dispensations, reporting only three besides those for attending divine service and for courtesy work. No requests for decisions are recorded, and his high conceptions of Capitular Masonry appear in these extracts from his address, and are well worthy of consideration by all readers:

I have met personally the High Priests of some seventy-five of our Chapters and have endeavored to enlist their co-operation in doing away with all irregular practices in the conferring of the degrees, pointing out that the teachings of Royal Arch Masonry are intended to elevate the moral and intellectual character of those who assume its obligations, and a High Priest who allows levity in the rendering of the ritual or permits the embarrassment or humiliation of a candidate, violates the sacred trust he assumed when he bound himself to preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave in open Chapter with the most profound respect and reverence. This responsibility is wholly personal and cannot be delegated to others, and any practice not in keeping with the high purposes of Royal Arch Masonry will neither be countenanced nor tolerated.

Royal Arch Masonry is too fine a thing to be regarded only as an incidental to other degrees, and should be cultivated for the beauty of its rites and the lofty and high impulses prompted by its teachings. If, therefore, we permit the casual working of its degrees to suit the individual convenience of its candidates, we cheapen that which should be most dear, and a candidate cannot be censured if he derives but slight respect for Capitular Masonry, if he finds its orderly procedure may be so readily set aside.

The Annual Assembly of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests was held preceding the March Quarterly, being well attended, and there were forty-four applicants for the Order of High Priesthood. M. E. Warren Ellis was re-elected President Emeritus, and the occasion closed with an address by Companion (Rev.) Frederick W. Hamilton, LL. D., on "Masonry and Citizenship."

Once again the Companions of Massachusetts are specifically and the Companions of the Round Table incidentally favored with a Capitular Review by Past Grand High Priest and also Grand Secretary Frederick T. Comee, who knows just what is really worth while, how to properly cover the subject, and then goes ahead and does it

Florida is given careful, courteous and kindly consideration, although Companion Comee reiterates an opinion which he has several times expressed, "that degrees should not be *conferred* in Grand Chapter." As previously mentioned in these reviews, there appear to be Florida procedures which do not find universal favor. They seem to work well here, no "landmarks" are violated, so far as known, and up to this time Florida Grand Chapter has not found it necessary to change its regulations. Under these conditions we trust our dissenting Companions will be tolerant and believe us sincere in our Craft interpretations.

In quoting from the writer relative to Capitular Masonry standing for something definite and specific, Companion Comee adds:

The Masonry that is confined within the Lodge or Chapter room, in my opinion, amounts to very little. There is great need today for the manifestation of its principles throughout the world. Opportunities exist in the jurisdiction of every Chapter for the

exhibition of the principles taught in our Mark Degree, as they have never existed before. There is much to be said on this subject, very much that *should be said*, and I think Companion Hubbell agrees with me, but this report is for another purpose.

We, too, are looking forward with pleasure to meeting Companion Comee as well as many others at the Portland Triennial next year, and if by that time we have found anything to criticize we will tell them "mouth to ear."

Next Annual, in Boston, Dec. 11, 1923.

Curtis Chipman, Boston, Grand High Priest.

Frederick T. Comee, Boston, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

MICHIGAN—1922

Chapters, 161. Members, 40,128. Exalted, 4,660. Net Gain, 3,982.

FRANK P. WILCOX, Grand High Priest.

There can be no question but what Royal Arch Masonry means much to the Craft in the Wolverine State, for there were no absences in the official family when the Seventy-Fourth Annual was held in Grand Rapids, May 16th and 17th. Also there were present a baker's dozen of Past Grands, distinguished guests, headed by our General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Wm. H. Kuhn; and only eight Chapters without representation. Appropriate recognition of those who have borne the heat and burden of the day and have laid down their working tools, appeared in the reading of the Roll of Honor, to which one addition was made by the death of M. E.

Companion W. Irving Latimer, which occurred the month previous in Portland, Oregon.

Although there were less exaltations than in the previous year, yet Grand High Priest Wilcox, in his well prepared address, designates it as a year of "progress and profit to the Craft." He further states:

The Companions generally have taken kindly to the elimination of barbaric accessories and appliances formerly used by many in the exemplification of the Chapter degrees and the work has taken on a dignity and solemnity in keeping with the beautiful lessons inculcated in the several degrees.

But in his opinion the outstanding feature of the year was the deep interest developed in the Order of DeMolay for Boys. And as a special mark of recognition of his work in this connection was the christening of a class of four hundred in his home city as the "Dad" Wilcox Class.

In all of the special dispensations he granted he waived the prescribed fee, for he "did not believe in penalizing those who are conscientiously striving to advance the interests of the Craft."

His only official decision was to order stricken from the list of charter membership of U. D. Chapters those "who submitted dimits from the Grand Chapter of Scotland," because of the severance of reciprocal fraternal relations by both the Grand Chapter of Michigan and the General Grand Chapter as well. This decision is applicable to all Chapters until the restoration of fraternal amity.

The dream of his official career, he said, was to see state-wide concurrent jurisdiction an established fact, and he wished to go on record as an ardent exponent of that condition in Capitular Masonry. But the committee to whom his address was referred had other notions, as their report indicates:

That part of the address referring to state-wide concurrent jurisdiction, your committee understands is simply the personal opinion of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and simply puts him on record as being in favor thereof, and your committee therefore make no recommendation as to this paragraph of the address.

Most Excellent Companion Wilcox belongs to that class of Grand High Priests who have had a change of heart relative to the new General Grand Chapter ritual, for he says, "were it to come up again I would not oppose it." Grand Chapter was so favorably impressed with this recommendation that a committee was appointed and empowered to combine portions of the new ritual with their present ritual, and also to use this substitute until the next Annual, when final action will be taken.

Michigan, with perhaps one or two other Grand Chapters, did not recognize and provide for the exchange of Grand Representatives. But Grand High Priest Wilcox had a vision by reason of the interchange of fraternal visits between Grand Jurisdictions, and recommended the establishment of a closer tie. Further encouragement was given the proposition by Canadian visitors. As a result action prevailed that the Grand Representative System be adopted, thus reversing this action taken by the Grand Chapter in 1875; "We content ourselves with simply saying that we cannot recommend the Grand Chapter of Michigan to adopt the system of Representatives." This encourages us in the hope that in some way there will be another vision which will restore our good friend and gifted Companion Charlie Conover to the "vacant chair" among the Knights of the Round Table. We miss him more than we can express.

The suggestion that subordinate Chapters provide the fee for the Order of High Priesthood seemed to fall on stony ground, for no action was taken; and it did not

prevent three score and ten High Priests being consecrated in Ample Form.

The annual social function in connection is the dinner of the Past Grand High Priests' Association, the guests of honor being General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, General Grand Secretary Charles A. Conover, and M. E. Companion Richard H. Spencer, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Companion Charles A. Conover, who is also the Correspondence Committee, again falls back upon his "Scrap Book," and presents another valuable contribution to Masonic literature, which he designates "Further Notes on the Temple," being a reproduction of "The Architectural Style of King Solomon's Temple," by Brother R. H. Baxter, which appeared a year or so ago in "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum;" also a part of a new English work entitled "Wisdom, Strength and Beauty," by Brother C. N. McIntosh North, a Past Master. The writer of this review is still of the opinion that while these contributions may appeal to the student we fail to understand how the Michigan Companions are to know what is being done in the other Grand Chapters.

Next Annual in Flint, May 15, 1923.

Roy Andrus, Lansing, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary and Correspondent (?).

MINNESOTA—1922

Chapters, 82. Members, 14,535. Exalted, 1,263. Net Gain, 958.

JOHN H. ANDERSON, Grand High Priest.

Well attended was the Sixty-First Annual of this Grand Chapter, held in St. Paul, Oct. 10, 1922, which

was honored by the presence of General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, and Grand High Priest W. H. Murfin, of North Dakota.

Grand High Priest Anderson finds many reasons for rejoicing in his summary of official acts for the year, the somber finding expression only in the reference to the two permanent members who were called to rest during the year. Companion Irving Todd, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1893-94, and for thirty-one years chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was known and highly respected throughout the Capitular world for his knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry. And Companion William Strafford, Grand High Priest 1912-1913, left a record of work well done.

Early in his official year Grand High Priest Anderson constituted two U. D. Chapters which were chartered at the previous Annual. Three dispensations for new Chapters were granted, two of which exhibited such proficiency that they received charters; while the third Chapter, together with one whose dispensation had been extended, were placed on probation for another year.

He appreciated the courtesy of three Grand Representatives, including Florida, reporting their official reception; and which led him to suggest that every Grand Representative near his Grand Chapter should not fail to advise the Grand Chapter they represent of their reception as well. The Committee on the State of the Rite not only heartily expressed approval but also urged Grand Chapter to make more of these facilities which could do much to weld the Fraternity together, and that they be given an opportunity to present individual reports.

He further recommended a closer alliance with the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, which Grand Chapter likewise approved.

He reported a large number of official visitations, including the sponsoring of three Chapters of DeMolays for Boys. He firmly believes that visitations by Grand High Priests are beneficial in many ways to subordinate Chapters and should be encouraged, as well as to other Grand Jurisdictions, and Grand Chapter approved by appropriating five hundred dollars for that purpose.

Much of the constructive work of this Grand Convocation was sponsored by M. E. Companion Trevanion W. Hugo, but alas his station is now vacant forever, he having but recently been cut off in the midst of life's usefulness. His resolution creating a committee on the State of the Rite, met approval but was laid over until another year for final action.

Statistical tables show a list of Anointed High Priests, but if there be an account of that Convention we failed to find it.

So captivating is the first Report on Correspondence by Companion Chas. S. Schurman, who from his finished work can be no novice, that we were loth to leave it. In his "Foreword" he modestly states he does not expect to fill the place occupied by his predecessor, and it is not expected he will. But it is evident that he will establish a place of his own that will be second to none, and he is cordially welcomed to a seat at the Round Table.

Under Florida he takes issue with our Grand High Priest Hall that "Official visits do not in all cases accomplish any real good."

An attitude of mind which we believe to be a mistaken one. We are persuaded that there is nothing that does so much good to a Masonic Body as the visit of one of the Grand Officers, and the nearer to the top the better the result will be.

He also refers to the report of Past Grand High Priest

Silas B. Wright relative to the history of the Grand Chapter of Florida and its relations to the General Grand. Although referred to a committee for distribution, being incorporated in the address of the Grand High Priest, special cognizance was not deemed necessary by that committee. He also wonders "if foundations are being laid for a withdrawal from the General Grand some day." We see no reason for such supposition as long as the present satisfactory relations continue with the General Grand.

At the time of writing this report the writer is sitting by an open window in this favored Southland, with his coat removed, listening to the singing of the mocking birds and enjoying the fragrance of the roses, and between times reading a different story about the mercury in the distant Northland. Companion, when tired of shoveling snow and paying coal bills, provided there is coal to get, accept a cordial invitation to visit the land where it is summer all summer in the summertime and where there is no winter.

Next Annual in St. Paul, Oct. 9, 1923.
 Louis Lawrence, Winona, Grand High Priest.
 John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.
 Chas. S. Schurman, St. Paul, Correspondent.

MISSOURI—1922

Chapters, 103. Members, 29,732. Exalted, 4,378. Net Gain, 3,918.

BERT S. LEE, Grand High Priest.

Nothing particularly out of the ordinary, but yet many minor matters pertaining to the advancement of the Royal

Craft, made memorable the Seventy-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, which convened in St. Joseph, April 11th, with a full official roster.

Masonic progress seemed to be the keynote of the comprehensive address of Grand High Priest Lee, who appreciated the high honor which had been conferred on the Grand Chapter of Missouri in the election of one of its most beloved Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion Wm. F. Kuhn, to be General Grand High Priest, of the General Grand Chapter, and who was received with all the honors due his exalted station. But with characteristic modesty Companion Lee makes no reference to the fact that he was elected to the exalted position of General Grand Deputy Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Appropriate recognition was accorded the memory of Past Grand High Priest Austin L. McRae, whose light was permanently extinguished during the year.

Among the minor activities of Grand High Priest Lee was the commissioning of Excellent Companion Cary B. Fish, our Grand Principal Sojourner, as Grand Representative of Missouri near the Grand Chapter of Florida. Three dispensations were issued to establish U. D. Chapters, and more than a score of official visitations were made.

One of the decisions of the Grand High Priest grew out of the request of a High Priest, who wished to call a regular convocation of the Chapter during a vacation period, to receive and refer petitions, the Chapter having previously by motion, in accordance with a by-law, decided to call off for a specified time. The Grand High Priest held that, by reason of the Chapter having availed itself of this privilege, it could not hold a regular convocation until after the vacation period had passed.

Another decision pertained to the Masonic standing of a Brother who had been expelled from his Lodge and later restored to good Masonic standing but not to membership. Although he had petitioned and re-petitioned his Lodge, yet each time he was rejected. The Grand High Priest held "that he had not remained a voluntary non-affiliate," and therefore Chapter could accept dues from him.

"Greatly to his credit," be it said, that in all cases he refused to grant dispensations where a violation of law was contemplated. In another case he refused to grant a dispensation to a Chapter "to appear in public as an escort to an organization of DeMolay in public parade, as I did not consider it a proper occasion for the public appearance of the Chapter."

Unqualified approval was given to all the acts of the Grand High Priest, and at his suggestion a regulation was enacted providing for the payment of the expenses of Grand Chapter Officers in attending funerals of Present and Past Grand Officials.

Grand Chapter unanimously passed a resolution prohibiting smoking "during the conferring of degrees in the Chapter." Wonder if it will be "more honored in the breach than in the observance."

Florida was the loser by its Representative not participating in the reception accorded the Ambassadors, who were instructed "to prepare and send a message to the Jurisdiction whose commission he bears."

Well attended was the Convention of Anointed High Priests, when sixty qualified Companions were duly consecrated and set apart.

Exceedingly appropriate to the always well prepared and instructive Report on Fraternal Correspondence by Companion (Rev.) John Henderson Miller, is a portrait

of Most Excellent Companion William Frederick Kuhn, which is so life-like that one can almost hear the tender words of inspiration and guidance he so freely gives.

Companion Miller accords Florida a discriminating review, dwelling particularly upon the plea of Grand High Priest Snow that all Master Masons should be urged to enlarge their Masonic career by uniting with the Royal Arch Chapter. He also commends the work of the correspondent, which is much appreciated. It was a pleasure as well as an inspiration to be with Companion Miller at the Baltimore Triennial and his absence at the Asheville Triennial was one of the few regrets of that wonderful Capitular gathering.

Next Annual in Carthage, April 24, 1923.

Edmund E. Morris, Kansas City, Grand High Priest.

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

Rev. John H. Miller, Kansas City, Correspondent.

MONTANA—1921

Chapters, 34. Members, 4,650. Exalted, 528. Net Gain, 454.

DAVID CRAIG, Grand High Priest.

It had been so many years since we had seen a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Montana that we had almost forgotten how it looked, and upon going through our files we find that the Proceedings of 1917 was the last to reach us until the one giving the account of the Grand Chapter held in Butte, August 16, 1921, which was the Thirty-Second Annual Convocation. The official family was out in full force besides fourteen Past Grands.

The comprehensive and detailed address of Grand

High Priest Craig indicates that he was a tireless worker in the Capitular quarries, and that no effort was spared to give value received in all of his activities.

So well do Montana Royal Craftsmen understand their laws that the Grand High Priest was not called upon for any decisions. He issued two dispensations to form new Chapters, each of which were given charters. He made ten visitations and would have done better had not family sickness prevented.

He admitted that his first impulse on receiving the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions was to look for the report on Montana. He was much disappointed in finding his state was quoted in but few, but gives this as the reason, which no doubt accounts for us not having heard from that state in so many years:

This is not to be blamed to our Grand Secretary, but rather to ourselves and the other Grand Bodies who have allowed him to try and run his office without proper assistance. And this will probably not happen again, for the Grand Secretary adds that he is a late convert to the belief that the issuance of the Proceedings should have precedence over anything else, except necessary correspondence and official acts that cannot be put aside.

A gracious and appropriate act of this Grand Convocation was the presentation to the Grand Chapter of Most Excellent Companion Robert Vickers, the oldest of the Past Grand High Priests, and who had recently passed his ninetieth birthday.

Although Excellent Companion Stephen B. Gregory, the present Grand Master of the Second Vail, is the accredited Grand Representative for Montana near the Grand Chapter of Florida, yet the Montana Proceedings shows no accredited Grand Representative for Florida near the Grand Chapter of Montana, notwithstanding

that the Florida Proceedings carries the name of Cornelius Hedges as that dignitary. As Companion Hedges is Montana's Grand Secretary, we wonder how this can be.

In addition to thirteen Companions being set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, there was a scholarly address by M. E. Companion Edward C. Day, and as Companion Day ranks high among the dignitaries of the Scottish Rite, Thirty-Third degree, one can well imagine that it was true to country and of vital importance to all Craftsmen, irrespective of degrees.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is prepared by Companion H. S. Hepner, and is made up largely of "we quote," with comparatively few comments. Florida is not in evidence. We wonder why, for Grand Secretary Webster is always punctual and there is no delay in getting out Grand Chapter Proceedings.

Next Annual in Helena, Aug. 15, 1922.

Claude J. McAllister, Kalispel, Grand High Priest.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, Grand Secretary.

H. S. Hepner, Helena, Correspondent.

NEBRASKA—1922

Chapters, 54. Members, 7,808. Exalted, 384. Net Gain, 475.

WILLIAM W. METZ, Grand High Priest.

General Grand High Priest William F. Kuhn was the distinguished guest of honor on the occasion of the Fifty-Sixth Annual of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, held at Omaha, Dec. 13-14, 1922. Two of the appointive members of the Grand Family were absent. Those present in-

cluded representatives from fifty-two of the chartered Chapters, fifteen Past Grands and Florida's Grand Representative, Companion Walter L. Spear, now its honored and Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Conscientious attention to details and willingness and enthusiasm in Capitular service marked the address of Grand High Priest Metz, as well as gratitude that the ranks of the Grand Officers had not been broken; although appropriate mention was made of the death of Grand Master Edward M. Wellman, which occurred a short time previous.

It appearing that loss or misplacing of rituals by Subordinate Chapters was not unknown, the Grand High Priest recommended that Grand Chapter take action, which resulted in an amendment providing that no officer entitled to a ritual could be installed until the installing officer was in possession of that ritual, or \$10.00 in the hands of the Grand Secretary. Also that bound volumes of the Proceedings could not be sold, given or exchanged, except to Grand High Priests or to newly constituted Chapters.

Believing in the practical application of the great Masonic principles of benevolence and charity, the Grand High Priest stressed the importance and magnificent work of both the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Children's Home, the later of which, in his estimation, "is one of the grandest institutions in existence."

All of the minor but necessary acts of the Grand High Priest met the approval of Grand Chapter, and this expression from his address indicates the sincerity of all his motives:

Rumors have reached me that some of the Chapters that are known as weak Chapters, have elected petitioners many, many

months ago, and have not yet conferred any of the degrees upon them. A Chapter that cannot, or will not, confer degrees upon those who are willing and anxious to receive them, is occupying territory that it is not using, and petitioners should have the opportunity of going to a Chapter that is ready and willing to satisfy the desire of Brethren for further light in Masonry.

The adoption of the report of the Committee on Correspondence made it clear that the Grand Chapter of Nebraska was governed by the action of the General Grand Chapter in severing fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, with this additional notation by the chairman, Past Grand High Priest Francis E. White, also the Grand Secretary:

Our Chapters should be governed accordingly, bearing in mind always the difference between Companions from Scotland desiring to visit our Chapters, and Companions desiring to affiliate with them.

The committee being informed that there was no change in the conditions existing in Queensland, recommended "that no recognition be extended to any Grand Body of Royal Arch Masonry in Queensland." However, recognition was given the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand, and this somewhat tardy action, it was explained, was due to no previous request having been made, and the matter undoubtedly had been overlooked by the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

Action was taken by the appointment of a committee of three to act with a like committee from the Grand Lodge and the Grand Commandery to formulate some plan of consolidating the charities and funds connected herewith.

The matter of non-affiliate Lodge membership seems to be largely an honor proposition in some sections, and

the Grand Chapter of Nebraska now goes on record with this positive constitutional amendment, and which might be suggestive to those Grand Bodies not so pronounced:

It is the duty of each High Priest in the Grand Jurisdiction to know that all members of his Chapter are not voluntary nonaffiliated members of some Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons working under a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska, and this shall be certified to by the High Priest and the Secretary in his annual returns to the Grand Chapter; and the Grand Secretary shall provide a place in the annual returns for such statement. A suitable blank on which each member shall certify as to his standing in a Lodge may be sent to each member of the Chapter, and when properly filled out and returned to the Chapter within a reasonable time, the Companion may be considered as a voluntary non-affiliate and placed on trial.

There is no report on correspondence, because some years ago the Grand Chapter of Nebraska went on record as considering such report an unnecessary and expensive appendage, and not read or appreciated by its membership.

The golden anniversary of the Grand Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood was held on the evening of the 13th. During the year three special conventions for the reception of initiates were held, and thirty were separately set apart at this time. Action was also taken that one name be given in full on all records and parchment certificates.

Next Annual in Omaha, Dec. 12, 1923.
Walter L. Spear, Geneva, Grand High Priest.
Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—1922

Chapters, 8. Members, 606. Exalted, 43. Net Gain, 27.

HOSEA E. REID, Grand High Priest.

Every Chapter was represented at the Forty-Ninth Annual Convocation, held in Reno, June 13th—a splendid record for this Sagebrush State of magnificent distances. Notwithstanding this, Grand High Priest Reid, in his able and convincing address, regrets exceedingly that he "cannot point to its record with pride," because—

During the entire period of its existence (in Nevada), the sum total of its accomplishments has been nothing worth while in dispensing Light and Truth for the general good of our State and its people, and in building the great Temple of Humanity to the glory of the Great I Am.

He denominates the great crime wave that is sweeping the country "a social breakdown," which is going to awaken Masonry to its responsibility. But he is optimistic of present day conditions:

There is no more shortage of good in the world today than there was in pre-war days, but it is the condition that confronts us. We have patterns enough, we have examples enough, but to re-establish them is to my mind the thing which should most concern us now. The time is here and now to do something more in Caputular Masonry than the mere building up of its membership, conferring the degrees, and wearing its insignia. Other Masonic bodies are beginning to see the light. Why not this of ours? The call is urgent, the opportunities for usefulness so numerous that we should right about and face existing conditions as they are.

Routine matters required so little attention, that it enabled him to make an official visitation to every Chapter

in the State. These were a revelation to him, for they pointed out to him "with great emphasis real reason for the apathy and non-interest in Capitular Masonry," and resulted in this recommendation:

That the Grand High Priest elect be required to subscribe to a pledge to visit, at least once during his year in office, each subordinate Chapter within the Jurisdiction.

Although Grand Chapter acquiesced in the idea, yet it believed that action was not necessary, for it felt sure each Grand High Priest's interest in the welfare of the Craft would be such that he would do so if possible.

He also recommended the institution of the Nevada Royal Arch Mason Foundation Loan Fund, the purpose being to help worthy men over twenty years of age in educating themselves for some trade, profession or business pursuit. And Grand Chapter approved.

The charter of one Chapter was taken up and the property was turned over to the nearest Lodge with the agreement that the Lodge was to pay the dues of those who were members of this Chapter.

Appropriate mention was made at the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of the death of its President, M. E. Companion A. L. Fitzgerald, who was also Grand High Priest in 1917. However, there seems to have been no membership accessions.

Again we turn with pleasure and profit as well to the excellent Report on Fraternal Correspondence by Grand Secretary Edward D. Vanderleith, whose sky-scraping signature "has no equal on the earth, in the heavens above or the waters beneath."

He finds Florida's Proceedings "invariably one of merit and its get-up artistic," but he fails to admire its

"brindle binding." That is not to be wondered at. Those who are accustomed to the sere and drab of wind-swept and sagebrush areas might quite naturally fail to appreciate that this color suggests the orange and the grapefruit, which annually brings more gold into Florida, the land of winter fruits and flowers, than perhaps has altogether been dug out of the mountains of Nevada.

Next Annual in Reno, June 12, 1923.

Louis G. Campbell, Winnemucca, Grand High Priest.

Edward D. Vanderleith, Reno, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1922

Chapters, 26. Members, 5,759. Exalted, 466. Net Gain, 370.

WILLIAM D. CHANDLER, Grand High Priest.

Among the distinguished visitors at the One Hundred and Third Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, held in Concord, May 16th, were two General Grand Chapter officials, M. E. Companion J. Albert Blake, General Grand King, and M. E. Companion Henry DeWitt Hamilton, General Grand Scribe. And an uncommon feature in this connection was the presentation of the gavel to each of these dignitaries. Notwithstanding there was also a large aggregation of Past Grands and other lesser Past Officials, yet we fail to find any recognition accorded Florida. Can it be that our Representative was sleeping?

Grand High Priest Chandler, in his address, paid due tribute to the memory of those who during the year had

journeyed to that undiscovered country, which included two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion Joshua W. Hunt, and Edward O. Fifield.

In addition to making half a dozen official visitations within his own Jurisdiction, he was also privileged to participate in the festivities in quarries beyond his own confines.

In response to a request he ruled that the names of investigating committees shall in no way become known to the membership at large, but only to the High Priest, or Acting High Priest, the Secretary and the committee itself.

Believing that the Grand Chapter should initiate its own regulations, without waiting for a hint from Grand Lodge, the Grand High Priest suggested that Grand Chapter by resolution forbid New Hampshire Chapters receiving a petition until the applicant has been a Master Mason one year, which was adopted.

Hereafter when Grand Chapter Representatives absent themselves three consecutive years, they are thrown among the rubbish, and their station becomes automatically vacant.

At the annual convocation of the Order of High Priesthood a baker's dozen Companions were set apart and consecrated in ancient form.

For the fifth time Past Grand High Priest Charles B. Spofford presents a fraternal review of Capitular progress, the most notable feature of which, in his estimation, is the marked increase in membership, which causes him to optimistically prophesy "that before many years there will be a total membership of a million Chapter Masons." May his prophecy become true.

Florida is given commendatory recognition and approval, although there appears to be something missing,

as the two pages do not connect. For the many nice things he says about our correspondence work he will accept sincere thanks.

Next Annual in Concord, May 15, 1923.
Halbert N. Bond, Manchester, Grand High Priest.
Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.
Charles B. Spofford, Claremont, Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY—1922

Chapters, 51. Members, 15,656. Exalted, 2,717. Net Gain, 2,510.

ALBERT LEON, Grand High Priest.

During the year five new Chapters were given the charters which had been granted them at the previous Annual Convocation, and Grand High Priest Leon presided at the Emergent Convocations on each of these special occasions, as well as the Sixty-Sixth Annual held in Trenton, May 10, 1922, when every officer was in his rightful station, including Florida's Grand Representative, besides fifteen Past Grands and many distinguished invited guests.

Solicitous for the welfare of the Royal Craft, earnestness of purpose in every act and a realization of the responsibility they assumed, characterize not only the address of Grand High Priest Leon, but also the other reports as well.

Toll was taken twice during the year of the official family—Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Lorenzo D. Sanborn; and R. E. Companion Edward Issler, the Grand Organist.

Nearly one-half of the subordinate Chapters were honored by an official visit from the Grand High Priest, besides the visitations he made to other nearby Chapters. There are advantages accruing to those living in restricted areas, which are practically denied us who live in States of magnificent distances.

Answers to all questions requiring consideration and decision were found in the rules and regulations. Legitimate requests for dispensations were granted, but those requiring the breaking or distortion of constitutional law were positively refused. Although according to Florida law vacancy in office caused by resignation, removal or death of any officer below the High Priest can properly be filled by election without dispensation.

The Masonic Service Association and the Order of DeMolay for Boys received the unqualified approval of the Grand High Priest.

Among the long remembered features of this as well as many other of our more northern Grand Jurisdictions are the presentation of distinguished visitors and their felicitous and inspiring replies. Here is where the reviewer and a Grand Officer or so has an advantage over other Companions.

The only act of the Grand High Priest receiving criticism was the granting of a dispensation to confer the Capitular degrees upon a Brother who lost his arm in the service. While commending the patriotism of the Grand High Priest in this instance yet the committee stated it was not to be taken as establishing a precedent. Somehow we cannot get rid of the early teachings which say that it is the internal not the external qualifications which Masonry regards.

It is pleasing to note that this Grand Jurisdiction goes on record as believing that Grand Representatives should

represent, and if they neglect this courteous consideration they should be replaced by Companions who will.

Apparently a forenoon and afternoon session is insufficient to transact the business of this Grand Jurisdiction, for a constitutional amendment was offered to hold the opening session the evening previous for the presentation of the address of the Grand High Priest and reference to committee.

The writer of this review is saddened by a paragraph in the Proceedings stating that the Report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by another. Reference to the Proceedings of the Order of High Priesthood shows that the President, Most Excellent Companion Henry S. Haines, who is also the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, was detained at home by illness, and the committee appointments state that another, R. E., J. E. Hardenburgh, the present Grand Royal Arch Captain, was appointed chairman of that committee. M. E. Companion Haines has done lasting work in his annual reports and he will be greatly missed. One of the special pleasures of the last General Grand Chapter was the delightful association with this beloved Companion, and whether we again meet here we shall ever cherish his memory.

Owing to the illness of Most Excellent President Haines of the Order of High Priesthood, referred to above, a telegram of sympathy and regret was sent him, and the conferring of the Order was deferred to an Emergent Convocation. Many worthy and well deserved tributes of love and esteem were expressed for Companion Haines and he was re-elected President.

For the reasons stated above it would seem that the Report on Foreign Correspondence by Companion Haines

will quite likely be his "Swan Song," and we turn to it with mingled emotions.

His review of Florida is replete with commendation and cheer. He particularly appreciates that New Jersey's Grand Representative, M. E. Companion Ketchum, is "always at his post of duty." As we have before stated the "right of succession" does not automatically follow in Florida, a vacancy in the office of High Priest, or any other station for that matter, the King and Scribe presiding in the High Priest's absence only, but not when a vacancy is to be filled, unless regularly elected.

This is neither the time nor place, nor could any good come from a discussion pertaining to the use of substitutes, but the Florida law is our conception of the "solemn covenant" which Companion Haines seems to think is violated.

We have stored away in "memory's casket" the many encouraging words given us by Companion Haines, and they are an inspiration to "better and nobler deeds."

Since the above was written we have been personally informed that Companion Haines received his final summons to appear before the Master Overseer, and we are confident that his work passed inspection and that he received not only the wages of a faithful servant but the additional encomium of "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Next Annual in Trenton, May 9, 1923.

Josiah S. Davidson, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Peter B. Gill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.

J. E. Hardenburg, Newark, Correspondent.

NEW MEXICO—1922

Chapters, 17. Members, 1,717. Exalted, 223. Net Gain, 179.

J. SMITH LEA, Grand High Priest.

Being a perambulating body, the Twenty-Fourth Annual Convocation was held in Albuquerque, Feb. 23, 1922, and with two exceptions the stations were filled by the rightful occupants. The Grand Sentinel, E. Companion L. H. Camberlin was the only member of the Grand Family called to the Great Beyond during the year.

A review of the address of the Grand High Priest confirms his statement that it had been a quiet year, the "Companions being so busy promoting Royal Arch Masonry that they had no time for discords and contention"—a commendable condition we find existing in other Grand Jurisdictions as well.

His official acts were few, the most important appearing seems to be the appointment of Past Grand High Priest Reuben Perry to represent him and this Grand Chapter at the Asheville Triennial, and his report is one of the most business-like that has come to our notice, although he appears to have been on the minority side of most of the important actions taken by that General Grand Body. However, he had the courage of his convictions. And we would personally join him in the wish which he stated was expressed by many there, that R. E. Companion James H. Wroth resume the work of foreign correspondence, which he so ably and intelligently conducted several years.

Besides transferring \$2,500 to the Masonic Home Fund it made generous contributions to both the Building and Relief Funds of the Sojourners Club of the Grand

Lodge and to the Educational and Masonic Service Association of the Grand Lodge. Although this Grand Body is not large in membership yet it is making Freemasonry felt as a living and vital force.

At the annual convocation previous to the last General Grand Chapter Triennial, this Grand Chapter recommended certain changes in the General Grand Chapter Ritual, which it had adopted. But because these recommendations were not approved, together with other reasons, Grand Chapter rescinded the action adopting that ritual and decided to resume the use of its old ritual, with certain modifications to be presented later. Thus it is that the new General Grand Chapter Ritual continually finds itself heaved over into the rubbish. Although most objectors agree in condemning the undignified practices in the conferring of degrees.

This positive and somewhat advance action was taken:

No secretary of any constituent Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction shall hereafter issue receipt for dues without first satisfying himself that the member is in good standing in a regular Blue Lodge, as shall be evidenced by a receipt from such Blue Lodge.

There is no Report on Correspondence and no action looking to a resumption of the valuable educational work is in evidence. However, perhaps the little leaven injected in the report of Companion Perry may later produce results. Other negations also appear in the New Mexico Proceedings. There are no Grand Representatives and no Order of High Priesthood.

Next Annual in Albuquerque, Feb. 22, 1923.
Charles C. Manning, Gallup, Grand High Priest.
Alpheus A. Keene, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES

After an absence of four years and without explanation the committee is in receipt of the Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales for the years 1919, 1920, 1921 and 1922. They are in the form of Quarterly Convocations, held in Sydney, each year being bound in pamphlet form, and at each Quarterly there is the address of the Grand First Principal, the report of the Grand Committee of General Purposes and the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings, in which are given many details of interest and information to the Royal Craft there, but not to those this side the big pond.

Our Companions of the Antipodes, as well as others deriving from English and Scottish Constitutions, give much attention to "clothing," as the following amended Regulation indicates:

But present Grand Principals shall, and Past Grand Principals may, wear chains of gold or metal gilt of a prescribed pattern, instead of collars.

There appear to be forty-six subordinate Chapters in the Supreme Chapter of New South Wales, but we find nothing to show the present membership, although the various reports indicate that Capitular Masonry is a flourishing and steadily growing Fraternity in that far-off country, both numerically and financially. They are following Micawber's advice of living within their income, for the 1921 Treasurer's report shows receipts of over three hundred pounds sterling in excess of expenditures.

Apparently New South Wales at this time has a Grand

Mark Lodge, separate and distinct from the Grand Chapter, but this action of the Grand Mark Lodge and its accompanying reply, would indicate a possible merger:

That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the honorable degree of Mark Master Mason and the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, in this State, should be controlled by one governing body, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Supreme Grand Chapter N. S. W. for its opinion thereon.

And Grand Chapter, by a large majority took a similar view of the situation:

That this Grand Chapter endorses the opinion expressed in the resolution received from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New South Wales, viz., "That the honorable Degree of Mark Master Mason and the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, in this State, should be controlled by one governing body."

While there may be some difference of opinion as to the desirability and benefits to be derived from official visitations in easily accessible localities, there can be no doubt of the great desire for them in isolated sections, as the following report of a Deputy Grand Inspector of Workings in far-off New South Wales indicates:

The wish has been freely expressed that Companions and Brethren of Grand Chapter and other Grand Bodies should pay an official visit to this part of their province. It is now somewhere about ten years since the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge have made an official visitation to this part of their realm, and the members of this Chapter, and also of the various Lodges in this district, have felt that they occupy a similar position to Cinderella—left out in the cold as far as Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge are concerned, and he is certain that a visitation from Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge would not only be extremely welcome, but also afford a great stimulus to Freemasonry in Broken Hill.

Aubrey Halloran, Sidney, Grand First Principal Z.
A. J. Burbridge, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.
Quarterly Convocations are held in February, May,
August and November.

NEW YORK—1922

Chapters, 219. Members, 64,250. Exalted, 4,825. Net Gain, 3,357.

C. TRACEY STAGG, Grand High Priest

From the reader's standpoint, exceedingly interesting is the account given of the reception of the large number of distinguished visitors which are always in attendance at each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth, held in Albany, February 6 and 7, 1923, was no exception. Although there were 422 accredited representatives present in addition to visitors, yet Florida was not in evidence, and we fear some indisposition has befallen our Excellent Companion Emanuel Kaiser, who has heretofore so carefully looked after Florida's interests.

During the year past the inexorable decree went out to Most Excellent Companion Alfred A. Guthrie, who was Grand High Priest in 1902, and to Most Excellent Companion Dana B. Pratt, who was Grand High Priest in 1907. They were both skillful workmen in the Capital quarries and it is quite sure that they took with them the white stone with the new name written thereon. The memory of their activities will long survive them.

Notwithstanding that Grand High Priest Stagg omitted all rhetorical displays and confined his well

thought out and carefully prepared address to essentials, yet it required sixty printed pages, much of which is in small type, to enumerate his many required official acts of the Capitular year.

Although there are those who are disposed to minimize the advisability of Grand Representatives, yet this Grand Chapter, one of the "Big Four," not only gives prominence to that station, but it also gives time and space to recording their Masonic activities, and the Grand High Priest in his address accords them honorable mention when they enter the Vails on High for the last time.

The minor activities of the Grand High Priest included the granting of dispensations for three U. D. Chapters, but the requests from two other petitioners did not fare that well. The courtesy work included a request to the Grand Chapter of Florida to have the Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees conferred upon one petitioner.

Material importance is attached to Chapter visitations. All the Chapters in this large Jurisdiction are apportioned to Present and Past Grand Officers, so that by the time a Companion who has been appointed Grand Master of the First Vail and reaches by advancement the station of Grand High Priest, he has had the opportunity of personally visiting every subordinate Chapter in the State. In addition to this there is a Grand Lecturer and more than thirty Assistant Lecturers, who also visit each Chapter for the purpose of inspection and instruction. During the year 189 of the 223 Chapters in the State were thus visited. This work is still further accentuated by District Conventions.

The Grand High Priest found it necessary to issue an edict positively prohibiting a condition new to the

writer, either by personal contact or by mention in other Grand Proceedings. This was that certain Chapters in that Grand Jurisdiction were "conferring the several degrees without requiring each candidate to repeat in full the obligation of each degree." It is a condition scarcely conceivable to the writer, and was another way of putting into disreputable practice the old homely adage of "skimping at the spigot and leaking at the bung-hole."

Clear and exhaustive are the several decisions of the Grand High Priest, more so probably than any that have heretofore come to the notice of the writer. One was in substance that a Brother who had been elected to receive the Capitular degrees and before receiving them had removed permanently to another State. His ruling was, if we understand it correctly, that by the permanent removal to another State:

The Grand Chapter of New York lost jurisdiction and could not properly ask the Grand Chapter of another State to request one of its subordinate Chapters to confer the initial Capitular degree upon a Brother over whom no subordinate Chapter in this State has any jurisdiction.

Another was where a Chapter had received six petitions, an investigating committee had been appointed, had signed and favorably reported, but by reason of the secretary having left town the petitions could not be located, and in reply to the query, must the petitions be in the room at the time the ballot was spread, he ruled:

The petitions should be in the room at the time the ballot is taken. The petition contains the proper evidence as to the qualifications of the candidate, and must bear the signed recommendation of the investigating committee. I suggest that new petitions be secured to be used in place of the original petitions and treated as having been presented to the Chapter on the original date, these petitions to bear the recommendation of the investigating committee.

All of the decisions of the Grand High Priest were unqualifiedly approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and Grand Chapter, and necessary constitutional amendments enacted. Some of which are:

It is the imperative duty of every High Priest-elect to receive the Order of High Priesthood, and failing to receive that order he shall not be entitled to rank as Past High Priest of his Chapter.

The Grand High Priest, by dispensation, may permit a Chapter to hold a Special Convocation in any Masonic Lodge Room within its territorial jurisdiction, to confer the Mark, Past and Most Excellent degrees.

Every Chapter must have and use a permanently bound record book. All members must have and record their marks, and every candidate must have his mark recorded before he can receive the Royal Arch degree.

Although candidates must be free from physical defects and able to conform to the work of the several degrees, yet the Grand High Priest may waive disqualifications in individual cases by reason of military or naval service.

Approved the Order of DeMolay movement and permitted subordinate Chapters to sponsor DeMolay Chapters.

Believing that Royal Arch Masons of the State should commit themselves to a substantial and permanent program of constructive work, the Grand Chapter will pay annually five thousand dollars towards the support and maintenance of a hospital for the treatment of tubercular Craftsmen, if the Grand Lodge will construct such a hospital.

During the year one hundred and seventy-five Companions received the Order of High Priesthood.

Combining inspiration with business a well received address was made by R. E. and Rev. Pierre Cushing, the Grand Chaplain, the theme being "The Three Principal Tenets."

For the third time the Proceedings of Grand Chap-

ters are very satisfactorily reviewed by Past Grand High Priest Arthur Warren, and right well does the work maintain the excellence that is naturally expected as coming from the Empire State.

At considerable length does Companion Warren discuss under Florida the matters presented at the last Annual, and with apparent approval. Endorsing the firm stand taken by Grand High Priest Hall in refusing to grant dispensations contrary to the constitution, he pertinently adds:

It will some time become evident to the officials of the Chapters that Constitutions are made to be observed and not violated as reiterated time and again, and we know that firmness in these matters and a steady reiteration will finally result in a thorough knowledge of the fact that the Constitutional provisions can not be set aside.

Referring to some of the writer's comments in the previous review pertaining to education, patriotism and the application of Masonic principles to the questions of the day, Companion Warren adds:

When our Correspondents all become united in driving home these reforms that are being steadily advocated and advanced, we will enter upon the dawn of a new day in Capitular Masonry and will be able to give to the world the valuable results of long continued labor.

Being a native of the Empire State, although that is not the Masonic mother of the writer, we find so much of special interest in the Proceedings that it is difficult to reach a stopping place.

Next Annual in Albany, Feb. 5, 1923.

George E. Briggs, Peekskill, Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary.

Arthur Warren, Rochester, Correspondent.

NORTH CAROLINA—1922

Chapters, 51. Members, 7,121. Exalted, 722. Net Gain, 614.

JOHN J. PHOENIX, Grand High Priest.

Education occupied a prominent place in the proceedings of the Seventy-Fourth Annual, held in Winston-Salem, May 9th and 10th, special honors being given to Past Grand High Priest John H. Anderson, who did so much to make the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter held in Asheville, the September previous, a success, and who for his valuable services as well, was made General Grand Master of the First Vail.

Grand High Priest Phoenix urged Grand Chapter to take a positive stand on the subject of Education by stating that the latest government statistics record "320,000 people in North Carolina who cannot read or write." Believing the situation to be urgent he appointed a committee which included a Past Grand High Priest and the present Grand Commander, K. T., who inaugurated a Joint Educational Loan Fund, the Grand Chapter pledging \$1,000, and the K. T.'s presumably the other \$1,000. This enabled eleven young women in two State institutions to complete the school term. Grand Chapter approved this action and appropriated the establishment of a permanent Educational Fund, "all educational work to be handled on the loan system only."

Although there has been great growth in Capitular membership yet, in his opinion as well as that of many others, I trow, "to grow in usefulness is the ideal condition that alone will perpetuate our Order." And this from his address is quite timely and well worth more than a passing thought:

The statement was made at a recent convention, by a speaker, that in twenty-five years there would be no fraternal secret order showing growth commensurate with our country. His theory was the leading society would not be the old organizations, such as Masonry, but progressive non-secret bodies. While I do not agree with this theory, still there is a warning that we should heed, and thus protect Masonry for the future. We number among our membership the leading citizens of every community, but while this is so, we must admit, if our Lodge and Chapter membership is investigated, that those members show small interest in our various Masonic bodies. Every candidate for degrees should take his steps seriously with a view of absorbing the lessons as progress is made. He should so live before the world as to reflect credit upon our Order and honor to himself and family, and he should also give his personal service to Masonry.

Grand Chapter adopted his recommendation to increase the per capita dues to one dollar, the increase to be used for educational purposes, but disapproved making the minimum dues \$5.00, leaving that to each subordinate Chapter.

Grand Secretary John B. Griggs apparently holds a similar office in Grand Council and Grand Commandery, and his duties seemingly include that of Grand Lecturer, for he gives a detailed report of visitations made. During the year five dispensations for new Chapters were issued and four of these received Chapters and the field is still ripe for the harvest, for he says, "There are still a number of points at which Chapters and Councils should be located," for he believes the "field is more thoroughly covered by Commanderies."

R. E. Companion R. C. Dunn, the present Deputy Grand High Priest, represented Florida.

Official honors in High Priesthood must be appreciated, for rotation in office apparently prevails, and more than ordinary space is given to recording the Proceedings

of the Grand Convention when nearly two score Excellent Companions were consecrated and set apart.

There is nothing to indicate who prepared a well written and instructive Report on Fraternal Correspondence, unless it be Companion J. Edw. Allen, who is the appointee for the year to come.

Under Florida he is inclined to consider as "inconsistent" the action whereby a Chapter loses jurisdiction over a Companion when he permanently removes from the State. When a citizen permanently removes from one State to another he loses legal and voting residence until the required time has elapsed in his new home, and we fail to see why similar regulations should not properly prevail in Capitular Masonry.

Next Annual in Charlotte, May 8, 1923.

William R. Smith, Grand High Priest.

John B. Griggs, Grand Secretary.

J. Edw. Allen, Correspondent.

Nowhere do we find the address of any of the Grand Officers.

NOVA SCOTIA—1922

Chapters, 20. Members, 2,586. Exalted, 190. Net Gain, 115.

EDGAR N. CLEMENTS, K. C., Grand High Priest.

Whatever this Grand Jurisdiction may lack in numbers, its Fifty-Third Annual, held in Lunenburg, June 13, 1922, seems to make up in intensive Capitular interest, notwithstanding the enforced absence of several distinguished and invited Craftsmen, including M. E. Com-

panion William N. Ponton, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Picturesque and vividly descriptive was the tribute paid by Grand High Priest Clements in his address, to Lunenburg where was held the Grand Chapter, and well does he merit the wages accorded a faithful workman. Suitable tribute was paid to Past Grand High Priest Donald Darrach, who entered into rest during the year.

He held that a High Priest demitting from his Lodge was eligible to hold his Chapter membership and perform the duties of High Priest. Under Florida laws we believe that would require some qualifications. Another decision brought out a somewhat peculiar condition regarding a Treasurer who had permanently left the Jurisdiction, and the proceedings necessary to provide a successor reminds one of the somewhat mythical "Circumlocution Office."

During the year every subordinate Chapter received an official visitation from the efficient Grand High Priest, which causes one to wonder that if Capitular Masonry was his avocation what was his vocation. The first and most notable was to Shannon Chapter No. 9, at St. John's, Newfoundland, which required eight days and a water voyage of two thousand miles, and it must have been well worth the effort, for he states the "time consumed and expense incurred were wholly negligible in comparison with the pleasure and profit of such a delightful experience." This Grand Chapter, in connection with the Grand Lodge, is beginning a very commendable project which may require five years to complete, and in our opinion all Grand Bodies ought to engage in a similar work, that of preparing a history of all Masonic bodies within its borders. This paragraph in the address is of general interest:

We have the oldest Mark Master records on the continent, dating back to 1780; we have the oldest Royal Arch records in Canada, being dated from the same year, and there is strong reason to believe that the degree was conferred in Nova Scotia earlier than elsewhere in North America.

Much of the detailed proceedings of the Grand Body is considered by the Board of General Purposes, and among its finding is recognition of the Grand Chapters of New Zealand and West Australia.

One direct result of the visit of the Grand High Priest to Newfoundland was the decision to hold the next Annual Grand Chapter with Shannon Chapter in that ancient Colony, "whose proud boast it is that the British flag since it was first raised on its soil has never been lowered in the presence of an enemy."

A proposed Constitutional regulation provides that any Chapter officer may resign with the consent of two-thirds of the members present at a convocation summoned for the purpose of filling such vacancy.

Another proposed Constitutional requirement as we understand it will make it obligatory for Presiding High Priests to receive the Order of High Priesthood. While most Grand Jurisdictions have an Order of High Priesthood, but very few have made membership in it mandatory.

To accommodate the petitioners to this impressive branch of Masonry, which of necessity is peculiarly exclusive, four special Conventions were held during the year in addition to the Annual during the week of the Grand Chapter, and it was stated that "the Masonic enthusiasm and harmony that prevailed has seldom been equaled."

Grand Secretary Brenton F. Porter, who is the Fraternal Correspondent as well, truly says in his report, "the condensing of the account of the Proceedings to as brief a space as that to which we are limited, has required a large amount of time and effort." And it is well done, too.

Florida seems to meet his approval, though he wonders why Grand High Priest Snow should have ruled that Royal Arch Masons might attend divine service without a dispensation, provided they were not "clothed" as such. Grand Lodge provides that its members may appear in procession at funerals, laying of corner stones and attend divine service on St. John's Day in Winter, only. Grand Chapter is silent on the matter of public processions, the presumption being that its members will unite with either Lodge or Commandery on proper occasions.

Companion Porter makes this comment to our previous reference to the title of officers.

The fact is noted (in our report) that the titles of our officers, both Grand and Subordinate, correspond with those used in the Grand Chapters of the U. S. of America. It is only a personal opinion, but we think probably the fact that one of our most active promoters of the formation of our Grand Chapter had received his first seven degrees in Masonry in the United States may account for the difference in titles between us and most other Grand Chapters in the great British Commonwealth.

Next Annual in St. Johns, Newfoundland.
Edward T. Carbonell, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Grand High Priest.
Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

OHIO—1923

Chapters, 202. Members, 71,536. Exalted, 4,449. Net Gain, 3,482.

FRANK L. BEGGS, Grand High Priest.

Being on wheels, the One Hundred and Sixth Annual was held in Springfield, Oct. 4-5, 1922, with all officers, and sixteen Past Grands and representatives from 191 Chapters present. With such a Capitular interest shown it is not strange that the Buckeye state continues to be one of the "Big Four." It was in the City of Springfield, thirty-six years previous, that definite action was taken from which grew the magnificent Ohio Masonic Home, and of those comprising the Grand Chapter committee only one, Most Excellent Companion Jacob H. Bromwell, survives.

Although much of the minor matters is relegated to an "Appendix," yet it took fifty pages to record the official doings of Grand High Priest Beggs, the address being a message of cheer, hope and progress, in which he seeks to specially—

Impress upon our Subordinate Chapters the vital necessity of elevating to office only those who are willing to apply themselves and are fully competent to discharge the duties of the office assumed. Whenever an officer proves inefficient, disinterested, fails in reasonable attendance, or is unfaithful in the discharge of his installation vows, he is not entitled to further preferment, no matter how pleasing his personality or by how many he may be regarded as "a good fellow."

Nearly all of the special dispensations granted were to elect and install officers, and which would not have been necessary under Florida laws; which causes one to wonder what advantages or safeguards the Buckeye Constitution offers over those of the great Southland State.

One of the dispensations refused as well as two of the queries answered by the Grand High Priest indicate a very close relationship with the General Grand Chapter. Also it is learned that all the Capitular degrees can not be conferred in one day. Neither can a dispensation be granted to a Past High Priest to conduct the business of a Chapter when all the Council officers are in attendance at Grand Chapter, for in his opinion the Grand Chapter proceedings are of sufficient importance to encourage such attendance. Under Florida laws the Junior Past High Priest present has the authority to preside, in the absence of the three elective officers. Dispensations to form two U. D. Chapters were granted and one denied, and three U. D. Chapters received their charters.

This extract from a letter of inquiry from the High Priest of a subordinate Chapter causes one to wonder what conception that Inspection Officer has of Capitular Masonry:

At the last inspection, as the work on the Royal Arch Degree was starting, the Inspecting Officer informed us that the work was not put on rough enough to attract attendance, and to get busy.

He reported attending three Centennial Celebrations of Chapter Masonry, besides a number of other official visitations. Each of these latter had some special event of more than ordinary importance, one of which was a reunion of all Royal Arch Masons exalted prior to 1910, the oldest being exalted in 1882:

And as a tribute to the memory of those who had passed away, a white carnation was deposited in a large vase for each of the one hundred and seventeen members, and their names were thrown upon a screen.

The Grand High Priest specially asked each Grand Representative to write the Grand High Priest of the

Jurisdiction he represented and convey to him the felicitations of that Grand Chapter. So if Grand High Priest Kishpaugh is not thus honored it will no doubt be because the name of Companion Ernest B. Brown does not appear among those who were so cordially greeted.

Among the recommendations made by the Committee on Charters and Dispensations was one to change the expressions "autumnal" and "vernal equinox" to just plain October and April, for "Masonic bodies in progressive communities no longer meet by the moon, equinoxes or other celestial or astronomical signs." Also that the words "meeting" and "regular" be changed to "Convocation" and "stated."

A somewhat peculiar case of dual membership was reported: A Companion in good standing in a Cleveland Chapter became a resident of New Mexico and applied for and was elected to membership in a Chapter in that State. He then wrote to his home Chapter for a dimit and was refused. The committee very properly requested the incoming High Priest to require the Ohio Chapter to issue a dimit, if the Companion was clear on the books.

In this as in a few other Grand Jurisdictions that have come to notice the commissioning and recommending of Grand Representatives by the Grand High Priest is referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as was also in this case the edict of the General Grand High Priest prohibiting fraternal intercourse with Mexico City Chapter U. D.

Particularly gratifying to the writer of this review was the elevating to the Grand East of R. E. Companion B. F. Perry as Grand High Priest, by reason of a personal acquaintance dating back almost thirty years. We think of no better way of promoting fraternal relations than

for Most Excellent Companion Perry to make a pilgrimage to the fair Southland during his term of office.

Ohio qualified Companions appreciate the Order of High Priesthood and one hundred and twenty were set apart in ample form. M. E. Companion Nelson Williams, who has a host of friends in Florida, was re-elected President.

Again we come with pleasurable anticipations to the excellent work of M. E. Companion Orion P. Sperra, who for the fourteenth time presented a Report on Correspondence.

Under Florida reference is made to the business-like manner in which Grand High Priest John L. Hall conducted the official work of the year. Also to the interesting and instructive report of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright of the investigation of the conditions of the membership of the Chapter of Florida in the General Grand Chapter of the United States. He also has some nice things to say about the writer of this report. Coming from an acquaintance of many years they are all the more pleasing.

Next Annual in Columbus, Oct. 3-4, 1923.
B. F. Perry, Jefferson, Grand High Priest.
Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.
Orion P. Sperra, Ravenna, Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA—1922

Chapters, 78. Members, 11,712. Exalted, 1,880. Net Gain, 1,755

EUGENE McMAHON, Grand High Priest.

Strictly business from start to finish were the pro-

ceedings of the Thirty-Third Annual, held in Muskogee, April 5, 1922. Every officer in his station and with prescribed Rules and Order of Business to keep things straight. This precision was also in evidence in the carefully prepared address of the Grand High Priest, who was congratulated by Grand Chapter on "the splendid attainments made in Capitular Masonry" under his leadership.

It was gratifying to learn that the "inevitable messenger" had not touched the official family. The official duties of the Grand High Priest were not overly onerous, though they included the constituting of five Chapters and the reviving of three others which had been in a dormant condition.

He is a believer in the benefits that can come from Grand Representation, providing the Companions so honored will give this form of service the personal touch. It is worth trying once at least.

He was quite chary in granting special dispensations, and this conservatism was properly approved by Grand Chapter. One dispensation was granted to form a new Chapter, and another similar request received adverse action. Although he was well satisfied with "the zeal and excellent intentions" of these later Companions, he well says:

I believe it is a mistake to institute Chapters in small places not likely to maintain them permanently. We are now trying to keep the breath of life in a few Chapters thus organized.

Notwithstanding that in his official visitations he found some instances where adverse criticism was needed, he in all cases found features to commend, which leads him to this sage conclusion "that there is a whole lot of good to be found anywhere if we look for it."

Far reaching in future benefits was the action of the previous Annual Grand Convocation in setting aside certain funds for educational purposes, the administration of which was placed in the hands of the Past Grand High Priests. Their report shows that five students received loans which enabled them to continue in their laudable quest for a higher education. While the loans are limited to \$300 to any one student and for one year only, yet on satisfactory evidence of progress a student can be granted additional loans not to exceed a total of \$1,000.

Putting into practice the suggestion of the Grand High Priest that Grand Representatives can be active as well as honorary, stamped and addressed wrappers were given each Grand Representative, with the request that he send a copy of the preliminary proceedings to the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter he represents. Florida's Grand Representative, Excellent Companion Kelso being among those who were received and given Grand Honors, it is presumed that Grand High Priest Kishpaugh was not overlooked.

Grand Chapter approved the work of the Masonic Service Association as well as the Order of DeMolay for Boys.

M. E. Companion Fay Hempstead, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, was a distinguished visitor at all sessions including the Order of High Priesthood, when apparently a number of candidates "were declared elected and received the degree in due form."

Excellent Companion William Noble for the fourth time presented a carefully prepared though concise report on Fraternal Correspondence, Florida coming under his scrutiny, in which he sees nothing to either commend or condemn. Although in another place he appears to be-

lieve that limiting the progress of Master Masons for other degrees will "put a damper on the activities of Chapters, Councils and Commanderies that will have a harmful effect upon the institution as a whole."

Next Annual in Okmulgee, April 11, 1923.

Ernest L. Wilson, Tulsa, Grand High Priest.

James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.

William Noble, Oklahoma City, Correspondent.

OREGON—1922

Chapters, 41. Members, 6,327. Exalted, 619. Net Gain, 528.

WALTER R. BILYEU, Grand High Priest.

This Grand Chapter opened its Sixty-Second Annual in Portland, June 12th, with every Grand Officer present, and a dozen Past Grands, but Florida was not represented.

Omitting superfluous oratory, Grand High Priest Bilyeu concisely presented a record of his official acts giving particular attention to the action of the last General Grand Chapter, which again decided it had no authority nor was there any necessity for it to grant charters to Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons. Therefore the Grand High Priest did not see why the Grand Chapter of Oregon need give it further consideration, and the Jurisconsults concurred.

During the year one U. D. Chapter was constituted and five dispensations were granted for other new Chapters, only two of which applied for charters, the others asking to be continued U. D. Several of the special dis-

pensations granted would not have been needed under Florida laws and the solitary decision pertaining to physical infirmities conforms to her present laws as well.

Finding in his visitations that there was lack of uniformity in the ritualistic work he recommended the preparation of a new ritual, which met the approval of the committee to whom the address was referred, but it seems to have gotten no further. He also recommended eliminating the "horse play" in the degree work, and was informed that all power and authority to deal with such matters was already vested in the Grand High Priest.

Membership of one year, proficiency in the M. M. lecture and reasonable attendance at Blue Lodge meetings were essential features in a resolution coming from a Past Masters' Association as pre-requisites for petitioning for Chapter degrees. Jurisprudence Committee reported and Grand Chapter concurred, provided Scottish Rite took similar action, that a certificate of proficiency in M. M. degree work only would be required.

Efforts to found scholarships for higher education at State institutions failed to pass inspection at the Finance Committee gate.

Preliminary steps were taken looking to joint sessions of Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

Not being compulsory, approximately the usual proportion of Excellent Companions petitioned for the Order of High Priesthood and former officers were re-elected.

Excellent Companion Walter O. Haines for the second time presents a Report on Correspondence which for originality, information contained and constructive criticism compares very favorably with any of the year's output. If he follows up the broad plans he has outlined it is

going to cause some of us youngsters who are getting out of the trundle-bed class to sit up and take notice.

Companion Haines strongly favors the discussion each year of one or more topics from the viewpoint of the law and usage of each Grand Chapter. Most important in his opinion is the status of and benefits accruing from membership in the General Grand Chapter. Other suggested subjects include Dimits; Transfer of Membership and Withdrawal; the Collective Ballot; the Elimination of the Past Master's Degree; the Effect of such Bodies as the Shrine upon Chapter Membership and Steps Taken to Prevent the Use of Blue Lodge and Chapter Membership for the Purpose of Reaching Membership in Such Orders; and Personal and Territorial Jurisdiction over Candidates. These are all practical and vital questions and are occupying the attention of the ablest Masonic jurists, and upon which more light and still further light is certainly needed.

Florida receives brief and courteous notice, probably what it merits. Closer proofreading would no doubt correct errors in the spelling of proper names.

Next Annual in Portland, June 11, 1922.

Frank M. Patterson, Portland, Grand High Priest.

Jas. F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Walter O. Haines, Portland, Correspondent.

QUEBEC—1922

Chapters, 17. Members, 2,679. Received, 298. Net Gain, 311.

WALTER J. FRANCIS, Grand First Principal Z.

Particularly gratifying was it to the Grand First Principal that he was permitted to report to the Forty-

Fifth Annual held in Montreal, March 22nd, that his second year of administration should show the greatest net increase of membership in the history of this Grand Body. His scholarly address indicates that the interests of the Royal Craft were uppermost, and very highly was he commended for zeal in the administration of the affairs of this Grand Chapter. One Chapter was constituted and dispensations granted for three other U. D. Chapters, only one of which applied for a charter. He strongly favors the formation of still other Chapters in congested localities, and believes that smaller Chapters will strengthen Capitular Masonry, and he is not alone in this belief by any means.

The following paragraph in the address discloses a condition new to the writer, at least.

It is of more than passing interest to us that the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Grand Chapter of Canada, following a communication from Most Excellent Companion Chambers, chairman of our Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, passed a resolution looking to re-establishment of representatives between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Chapter of England. The Grand Chapter of Canada is one of those Grand Bodies which acted in sympathy with the Grand Chapter of Quebec when relations were severed nearly forty years ago.

In another part of the same address reference is made to a request for exchange of representatives with the Grand Chapter of Ireland and the receipt of a communication from that Grand Secretary, both of which seems to have been referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, concerning which the chairman, M. E. Companion E. D. T. Chambers, "reports progress and asks to be continued another year."

Special reference is made to contributing to the paraphernalia of a new Lodge by the Grand Z. of a set of

Warden's Columns, consisting of *three* bronze columns, one of which is apparently for the Master.

He recommended the elimination of the Past Master's degree, because he believed it to be an "obstacle rather than a stepping stone to the Holy Royal Arch." The Committee on Ritual reported:

The P. M. Degree has received the careful attention of your committee, who feel that it is a survival of former conditions, which do not now exist, and that it is the intention of your committee to recommend that it be eliminated.

This with the other parts of the same committee's report was adopted; yet a constitutional amendment adopted at this convocation makes reference to the P. M. Degree as a necessary requisite for membership.

Our Brothers and Companions across the border as well as in other parts of the world prize Past Ranks highly, as the following from the report of the Grand Lecturer indicates:

In passing may I dwell on an event in Montreal Chapter No. 7, unique in the past career of this Grand Chapter, and another half century may pass before it is repeated. Due to the courtesy of the R. Ex., the Third Grand Principal, W. M. Couper, who was conducting the installation ceremonies, I had the privilege of presenting Companion J. E. Wright, M. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, for the office of Third Principal J. of this Chapter; he was according to the ancient custom seated in the chair of Third Principal J. by M. Ex. Companion Geo. O. Stanton, a M. W. Past G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The only instance I am aware of that bears some resemblance, took place at the formation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, when Companion Mercer Wilson, M. W. P. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was elected and installed M. Ex. Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, although he had not passed through any of the chairs in a subordinate Chapter, possibly the only instance in Capitular records.

Quite naturally there is no Order of High Priesthood, although some of the Canadian Grand Chapters are considering that feature which is peculiar to this side of the line.

Not the least interesting and instructive by any means in the proceedings of Quebec, is the report on Foreign Correspondence by M. E. Companion E. T. D. Chambers, P. G. Z. Companion Chambers holds second place in length of service in this important branch of Capitular work, the present report being his thirty-fifth. He is exceeded only by M. E. Companion Ernest LeNeve Foster of Colorado, who began his work three years earlier, he having written thirty-eight reviews in the Capitular field alone. Two veterans in service, and we younger upstarts lack words to express the debt we owe to these honored and revered Craftsmen.

There are many nuggets of wisdom scattered throughout Companion Chambers' report, but he considers the outstanding fact in connection with Capitular Masonry during the year to be the unusual rush of candidates for the degrees, and the conclusion he reaches is well worth considering:

This (rush for degrees) has been made much of in the addresses of presiding officers, Grand Secretaries and writers of Correspondence reports. Some have not forgotten to point out that this condition of affairs differs from Tennyson's Brook in this respect, that it certainly will not flow on forever. After the years of plenty, look out for the years of famine. It has ever been so. Great wars drive men into Masonry. It was so during and immediately after the Civil War in the United States, when it was followed by the customary reaction. Consequently, those Masonic bodies will be wise which save their present earnings for the inevitable rainy day.

Companion Chambers is very complimentary to Florida and especially to the writer, making several quo-

tations from our previous report. His commendation is greatly appreciated.

Next Annual in Montreal, March 28, 1923.

Henry Willis, Quebec, Grand Z.

W. W. Williamson, Quebec, Grand Scribe E.

E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, Correspondent.

SCOTLAND—1922-1923

Outside of the financial statements made to the Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, interest centers in address of the Earl of Casillis, the Most Excellent First Grand Principal, following his re-installation at the Annual Convocation, held in Edinburgh, March 21, 1922. But as a preliminary the First Grand Principal made several nominations for honorary ranks which were conferred upon Companions who have held high office and on whom he desired to give some additional honor for their Capitular services in various parts of the world, representing Cape Colony, Chili, New South Wales, Orange Free States and Siam, the member from Siam having come from Bangkok, more than eight thousand miles.

The first important matter to which the Grand Z. called attention was the deputation then soon to leave for the United States to give evidence in the proceedings which were being brought in Utah against certain men who had been expelled from Scottish Freemasonry, and who were then working spurious degrees, and who had been indicted in the United States District Court of Utah. The three representatives from the Grand Lodge of Scotland were M. E. Companion Joseph Inglis, M. E. Com-

panion David Reid, the Grand Secretary, and M. E. Companion Joseph Forrest, the latter also representing the Royal Order of Scotland and also the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree.

These representatives were also authorized to

Confer with the office-bearers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States upon the whole subject of the severance of friendly relations at the present existing between them and the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and also between several of the other Grand Chapters in the United States which sympathize with their attitude.

This authorization was prepared by R. E. Alfred A. Murray, Grand Scribe E., who after paying a pretty and deserved compliment to R. E. Companion Charles A. Conover, the General Grand Secretary, whom he calls a "kindly, discreet, and very lovable Companion," he cited the difference that had arisen out of the granting by the Grand Chapter of Scotland of a charter to a Chapter in the Philippine Islands in connection with a Scottish Lodge there. This statement follows:

The principle on which we proceed is that any Scottish Lodge is entitled to have its Chapter unless circumstances exist which render the granting of a charter for this purpose inadvisable.

As we understand it, the General Grand Chapter challenges this view on the ground that each Chapter is an entirely distinct institution from the Lodge and has no necessary connection therewith, and, further, that as the Philippine Islands are a territory belonging to the United States, our action granting the charter mentioned was an invasion of their Jurisdiction.

Had we known their view, it is quite clear that we would have hesitated very greatly before granting the charter mentioned, and, personally, I doubt whether it would have been granted; but, it having once been granted under our Scottish system of Masonic jurisprudence, you will easily see that we cannot very well desert

the Companions who have joined the Chapter. It can be made quite clear that we shall not grant another charter in these islands for a Chapter.

The Capitular event of the year unquestionably is the banquet which always follows the Annual Convocation, and the reported addresses reveal so much of interest that it is difficult to know where to begin or what to leave out. In the address of the Grand First Principal it is stated that the exaltations during the year were 5,753, only about half of what it was the year previous, and twenty-five new charters were granted. He also gives the admissions to Lodge and Council as 4,672, and to Cryptic were 1, 575. However, this claim is made:

The admissions, on the whole, show a drop of about one-third from the previous year, but many of the Chapters have been glad of the opportunity of working the so-called Side Degrees [whatever they may be] so as to keep their membership alive and interested, and Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland is still, so far as we know, the largest Masonic body in the world, apart from the Craft.

He reported that the heritable property of the Supreme Grand Chapter and cash in bank was almost 28,000 pounds sterling, nearly one-half of which was in the Benevolent Fund. This seems to explain briefly, the administration of that fund:

We do not go in, as you know, in Scotland, for orphanages or expensive schemes of that kind. Our idea is to go straight to the homes and the families.

Among the many presentations to the Museum and Library he acknowledges from a Brother an engraving of the Honorable Mrs. Aldworth, garbed as a Freemason, with the comment:

Well, of course you know the story about the Grandfather clock that she hid behind. This is a well known engraving, not quite acceptable to Masons, especially now that the Order of the Eastern Star has been banned by the Grand Lodge of England, but at the same time the engraving records what is alleged to be an historical fact. There are orders which admit women to Freemasonry and I was in time to prevent my wife becoming a member of one of them. I was just in time—but I think that shows how careful we have to be.

Reference is made to the Queensland situation which, while it states that "Queensland has separated from us," yet he, however, indicates that it is not yet an entirely distinct and sovereign Jurisdiction, for he thus refers to the former Grand Superintendent of that District:

We deplore his loss, but in another way, we can rejoice, because I believe our interest will not suffer. We have congratulated this new Grand Chapter in starting their own. We still have five Chapters that have stuck to us, and some provision will have to be made for their supervision. We shall do everything we can to encourage the new Grand Chapter and to show that we are in harmony and in sympathy with it, but up to the moment we cannot say any more than that we are a co-ordinate Jurisdiction, and we cannot at the moment give up our rights as a co-ordinate Jurisdiction in Queensland.

Reference is made to the agreement with the Grand Lodge of Scotland with regard to the question of Marks:

That in future no circular forms will be recognized, but only straight lines joined together without specifying any number of points involved, whether terminal or intersectional.

This question was presented at length in a dissertation by Grand Secretary Conover of Michigan two years ago in lieu of a Correspondence Report, and which has since been published in pamphlet form, and should be in the hands of all Capitular students.

The toasts which followed, by the Grand Superintendents, were replete with valuable information not easily obtainable, one of whom states, "without fear of contradiction," that there is represented in his Province, the oldest Chapter in the world, Stirling Rock. He further stated that he "had been at a meeting * * * and had seen fifty-four Masons initiated into the Royal Arch Degree. Immediately afterwards our Most Excellent First Grand Principal put on a ban and restricted the number to nine." The closing toast at the banquet—

"Happy to meet, sorry to part, hoping to meet again," after which the Companions circled around the Hall and in the "Brotherly Chain," and with the old hand clasp, sang "Auld Lang Syne." The proceedings were brought to a close in time-honored fashion by the singing of the National anthem.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1922

Chapters, 41. Members, 6,223. Exalted, 661. Net Gain, 536.

EUSTACE P. MILLER, Grand High Priest.

With the exception of the Grand King all elective officers responded to roll call at the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual held in Florence, April 12th. All stations beginning with Principal Sojourner are filled at each Convocation in the order given by the High Priests of the oldest Chapters who may be present. While a standing committee reported and Grand Chapter approved appointment of Grand Representatives, and Florida is not far distant, yet it was without representation. Instead of "counting its many blessings one by one,"

Grand High Priest Miller in his address was disposed to be a little pessimistic by reciting some of the unavoidable drawbacks that State had passed through during the year, more or less common to others as well. However, he said, "the past year has been one of good, earnest, hard work in our Chapters, and the Grand Secretary's report shows a steady and healthy increase in numbers."

He decided that a Master Mason who had lost his right hand could not be admitted to the Capitular degrees, because a Constitutional law provides that a "candidate must be capable of complying reasonably with the requirements as to the initiation ceremonies." And how could a candidate who had lost his right hand, he said, be able to comply with those requirements?

Among his dispensations was one "to transact any business at a Called Convocation to be held March 28th that could have been transacted at the Regular Convocation of March 7th." Somehow we can't visualize just what that means. He also stated that he had "consistently refused to grant dispensations permitting the conferring of more than two degrees at one Convocation, except in extreme cases," which leads us to wonder what constitutes an "extreme case," as it is noted one such dispensation was granted. However, as this with all his other acts passed inspection at all the gates they are of course just right.

He recommended that official visitations be made during the latter part of the official year, and Grand Chapter "passed the buck" to the incoming Grand High Priest with the suggestion that it be adopted whenever desirable.

He further stated that he felt he would "fall far

short of his duty" did he not call careful consideration to the excellence of the Reviews of Grand Jurisdictions by its Foreign Correspondent, Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie, and "For this excellent work, requiring a special fitness and no mediocre ability, this Grand Chapter appropriates the pitifully small sum of three hundred dollars. I recommend the increase of this appropriation to five hundred dollars." Finance Committee and Grand Chapter seeing it in the same light, a constitutional amendment, by unanimous consent, prevailed that "for the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive the sum of \$500 per annum." Surely this is a case where the "laborer is worthy of his hire."

It is now a written law in this Grand Chapter that a King or Scribe present in his right representing his Chapter is entitled to a higher rank in respect to the number of votes than a Companion representing the High Priest by proxy. We had supposed this was a universal custom.

Among the positive actions taken by the Grand Chapter was one ordering the Grand High Priest to strictly enforce a particular section which presumably requires examination for advancement. If this be correct, Florida Grand Chapter has no such requirement, but we sometimes wonder if it would not be a wise regulation.

Another action reads, "The use of a well in the conferring of the degrees was made discretionary."

Grand Chapter endorsed Order of DeMolay for Boys and recommended that Subordinate Chapters promote and sponsor this movement whenever possible. Also recommended doubling its previous appropriation to the George Washington National Memorial Association.

In the election of officers Grand Chapter honored itself as well as a faithful and tireless worker by electing

as its Grand High Priest, Right Excellent O. Frank Hart, who has served this Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary for time immemorial, at least the memory of the writer runneth not to the contrary.

Eleven qualified Companions availed themselves of the privilege of receiving the Order of High Priesthood, and Excellent President James L. Michie was re-elected.

For pleasure as well as "edification" we never tire of reading the Review of Proceedings by Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie, and like other good things improve with age. And all those South Carolina Companions who fail to read his review are the losers in more ways than one.

Quite discriminating is his review of Florida and generally speaking there is but little difference between South Carolina and Florida rules and regulations. Companion Michie dissents from a statement of the writer relative to petitions for membership. Apparently he confused that with petitions for degrees. What the writer tried to state was that in the Chapter it was not necessary to refer a petition for membership by dimit to a committee, unless requested to do so. And that a committee on petition for either degrees or membership by dimit could report instanter without any dispensation. In any case the report of a committee being advisory rather than mandatory, there is nothing to prevent any Companion from exercising his power of the ballot. Hence we fail to see where either petitioner or Chapter would suffer by reason of lack of committee action.

Next Annual in Camden, April 10, 1922.
O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand High Priest.
T. Alex Heise, Columbia, Grand Secretary.
James L. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1922

Chapters, 42. Members, 6,063. Exalted, 626. Net Gain, 400.

NORRIS J. HENDRICKSON, Grand High Priest.

It must have taken good figuring and foresight to have brought about a net gain totaling in the even hundreds, a condition not often occurring. Three Special Conventions were held during the year for the purpose of constituting that number of new Chapters. And this being a movable Grand Body, its Thirty-Third Annual was held in Huron, June 15th, Most Excellent Companion William H. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, being the distinguished guest of honor. He was also made an honorary member of this Grand Chapter.

For some reason, possibly because Florida is so far away, its Grand Representative did not respond when roll was called. We like to be "among those present."

So smoothly did Capitular matters move along that the Grand High Priest found but little to report in his address, however it was with regret that he announced that the Angel of Death had taken Most Excellent Companion Benjamin F. Ives, who was Grand High Priest in 1899, and since 1900 had faithfully and efficiently served Grand Chapter as Grand Lecturer.

Another Most Excellent Companion to cross the Divide during the year was Companion Samuel H. Jumper, who was Grand High Priest in 1903. Both Companions Jumper and Ives were prominent in all branches of the York and Scottish Rites.

He reported that no matters of importance had required decision during the year, until the opening of the Grand Chapter, when he was asked if it was legal and

right for Chapters to confer degrees on Sunday. This query was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee which promptly decided that it was not. The surprising part is that such a question was asked. And yet there are those who pretend to say that ritualistic perfection is all that is needed. What a field for the Masonic pedagogue.

Although the Grand High Priest had never seen the work of the new Grand Chapter Ritual, yet he had heard of its use and appreciation by many other Grand Chapters, so he recommended its adoption, the Grand Secretary concurred and Grand Chapter established it as the exclusive ritual for use in all subordinate Chapters after January 1, 1923.

Sometimes it becomes necessary to positively remind Chapters that the individual is not greater than the whole body. At a previous Annual a mandatory order had been issued to a subordinate body to make settlement for invasion of territory. This not having been done the proper committee recommended that the incoming Grand High Priest personally visit the offender and take the necessary action to carry out the orders of the Grand Chapter.

Well attended was the Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, at which time M. E. Companion Kuhn made a short address and eight worthy Companions were properly consecrated. R. E. Companion Chas. L. Brockway was elected President.

Apparently limitations are placed upon the work of Companion Chas. L. Brockway, the Present Grand Scribe, for he only touches the high places in his review

of Grand Chapter Proceedings, and Florida is among those which failed to reach him.

Next Annual in Mitchell, June 14, 1923.
 Charles N. Bontecue, Howard, Grand High Priest.
 Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.
 Chas. L. Brockway, Sioux Falls, Correspondent.

TENNESSEE—1923

Chapters, 90. Members, 9,710. Exalted, 987. Net Gain, 787.

JOHN WETZLER, Grand High Priest.

Only two subordinate Chapters failed to be represented at the Ninety-Fourth Annual, held in Nashville, Jan. 29, 1923, and is the first Proceedings for the calendar year to reach us. All the Grand Officers, and a baker's dozen Past Grands, were in attendance, but Florida was without representation. During the year the Grim Reaper called M. E. Companion Wilbur F. Foster, who was Grand High Priest in 1874, and who held this enviable Masonic record, "thus far no Mason in Tennessee has been honored with all the official stations which he has so acceptably filled."

"We agree," "we concur," apply to all the official acts of Grand High Priest Wetzler, as recited in his official address, although but little is found of interest to outsiders. He signed charters for five new Chapters, and granted six dispensations for U. D. Chapters, all of which exhibited work at this Annual which passed inspection and which entitled them to wages—which was

a charter instead of a penny. His one official decision was:

No High Priest can rule a motion out of order that is in accordance with Masonic law and usage, and that the Excellent High Priest erred in his refusal to allow the Chapter to say whether or not it would defer the payment of a bill.

The Ritual Committee did not approve the resolution introduced at the previous Annual, which would permit Chapters to confer the Royal Arch degree to "classes," and Grand Chapter concurred. This means that Tennessee Chapters will continue to do its work the coming century in the same manner it has during its past one hundred years of existence.

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion J. H. McClister, Grand Chapter will hereafter enforce the penalty regarding the use of the printed rituals during the conferring of degrees.

The Ritual Committee has been instructed to report to the next Annual what are the Grand Honors of Capitular Masonry.

Acting upon the suggestion of Past Grand High Priest C. H. Smart, the chairman of the Correspondence Committee, we polished up our glasses and after due search we found that the Fifty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was duly held, and that a goodly number of qualified Companions were consecrated and set apart; that Most Excellent Companion Chas. L. Harrod, of Ohio, made an instructive address, and that hereafter the initiation fee will be \$5.00. After a brief interim, and by command of the powers that be, Past Grand High Priest C. H. Smart presented a creditable, readable and instructive Report on Correspondence.

Possibly he may have read the Florida Proceedings before dining, for several minor matters did not quite measure up to his standard of excellence. However, no material harm has been done or landmarks disregarded.

He concludes his reviews by approving the growing sentiment requiring Brethren to not only learn the Third Degree lecture, but also to wait a specified time before applying for other degrees, for two reasons:

First it places the Master Mason in a position to make himself known as such without subjecting the examining committee to the trouble of turning him down; and second, it puts a brake on the mad rush for the Shrine.

He follows with an abstract table of returns of subordinate Chapters to their respective Grand Chapters.

Next Annual in Nashville, January 28, 1924.

Charles H. Byrn, Murfreesboro, Grand High Priest.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

C. H. Smart, Nashville, Correspondent.

TEXAS—1922

Chapters, 306. Members, 40,073. Exalted, 3,029. Net Gain, 2,302.

JOHN A. ATCHISON, Grand High Priest.

Perhaps there are some disadvantages attached to a State of the empire area of Texas, for at the Seventy-Third Annual, held in Waco, Dec. 4, 1922, three Grand Officers were absent, and the Representatives of only 107 chartered Chapters were in evidence, not much over

one-third of the total number given above, if our count is correct, for nowhere that we could find was the number of subordinate Chapters stated.

Nearly seven hundred pages are required to record the transactions of the Grand Chapter of Texas, the most voluminous of any that comes to our notice, the proceedings alone covering over a hundred pages, and it seems almost incredible that all of the reports could have been actually presented in the two sessions, morning and evening, unless the steam roller pressure was exerted to the limit or the Congressional "leave to print" was allowed.

Optimistic, inspiring and comprehensive was the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Atchison, who sorrowfully announced the departure from the earthly tabernacle during the year of three Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companions Felix W. Fitzpatrick, Frank J. Nusom and Philip M. Riley.

During the year the Grand High Priest personally presented three charters to U. D. Chapters, and by proxy to seven others.

Apparently Texas laws require that officers of subordinate Chapters be elected and installed within a certain time, otherwise a dispensation is required, and after a specified date even the Grand High Priest has no authority to issue such a dispensation, two being denied for that reason.

A modern example, illustrating the confusion resulting from the introduction of strangers among the workmen, may be found in efforts at different times by Texas to establish fraternal relations with its neighbor across the river. In 1818 a charter was granted for a Royal Arch Chapter in the City of Tampico, Old Mexico. At

that time, as we understand it, the Grand Lodge of Texas recognized the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and the Companions forming this Chapter came from that Grand Body. It seems that the Grand Lodge of Texas, at its Annual in 1820, extended fraternal relationship to the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico and withheld the same from the York Grand Lodge. In view of this change of family relationship Grand High Priest Atchison was asked by Tampico Chapter as to its relationship with members of Lodges subordinate to the York Grand Lodge, and the status of those whom they had received since the Grand Lodge action in 1820. The ruling in part follows:

Regarding the matter of eligibility; it appears from the condition brought about by the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas at its recent Convocation, in extending fraternal relationship to the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico, and withholding same from the York Grand Lodge, that the petitioner must hold his Masonic membership in a Lodge subordinate to a Grand Lodge with which the Grand Lodge of Texas is in fraternal relationship before your Chapter can receive and act upon same, provided that this ruling shall not affect the Chapter membership of a Royal Arch Mason now a member of your Chapter in good standing, and same shall not be affected by this ruling so long as he continues his membership therein.

If, however, he should obtain dimit while this condition exists, he should place his Lodge membership with a Lodge under the jurisdiction of some Grand Lodge with which the Grand Lodge of Texas is in fraternal relationship before his petition for membership can be received, and acted upon by any Royal Arch Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas.

Another request for decision came from a Chapter which had conferred the Mark Master degree upon a Brother who afterwards became ill, partially recovered,

but with not sufficient strength to permit his taking part in the ceremony of the other degrees the petition being: "For a dispensation allowing the Chapter to confer the other degrees upon the Brother by proxy with him present when the work was done," to which the Grand High Priest replied:

I know of no law or ruling that would permit a candidate to be made a Royal Arch Mason at sight, or by proxy, in fact, he cannot be installed in an elective office by proxy after he has been made a Royal Arch Mason. It is a time honored custom that the candidate shall be able to do his part in the ceremonies of initiation and I am quite sure that the Grand High Priest has not the power to set aside this requirement.

Other decisions pertained to jurisdiction and local matters of no special interest to outsiders, most if not all of which would be Florida law, so far as conditions warranted.

More space is given in the address of the Grand High Priest, and consequently by inference more importance attaches, to the further confusion growing out of the chartering of a Royal Arch Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Texas in the City of Mexico a few years ago; the withdrawing of that Chapter, details of which were given in a former report, as a result of the change of attitude on the part of the Grand Lodge of Texas as relating to Masonic affairs in the Republic of Mexico, mentioned in the Tampico incident above; and the reinstating of Mexico City Chapter, U. D., on March 13, 1922, by the Grand Chapter of Texas.

This brought out a strong protest from M. E. Companion Wm. F. Kuhn, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, for it appears that in October, 1921, he received a request for

a dispensation to form a Royal Arch Chapter in the City of Mexico, signed by some seventy former members of Mexico City Chapter whose charter had been taken up by the Grand Chapter of Texas. The following December the dispensation was granted, preliminary instructions were sent the petitioners, and on Sunday, March 12, 1922, the General Grand High Priest, General Grand Secretary Chas. A. Conover and General Grand Custodian of Work Harry W. Harvey arrived in the City of Mexico for the purpose of instituting the new Chapter under dispensation during the coming week. But on Monday the special Deputy from the Grand Chapter of Texas suddenly appeared in Mexico City and instituted a Chapter about noon of that day with thirty members. The General Grand Chapter officials then found themselves in a similar position to those defendants who "marched up and then marched back again."

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Chapter, receiving his view of the situation, and concluding...

Therefore, in view of the fact that William F. Kuhn, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Texas, has issued an edict that all Royal Arch Chapters under his jurisdiction shall not communicate with the Grand Chapter of Texas...

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T. M. BARTLEY, Chairman.

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Chapter, reciting his view of the situation, and concluding:

Therefore, in view of these facts, I, William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the United States, by the authority in me vested, do hereby declare that all Royal Arch intercourse and fraternal relations with Mexico City Chapter, U. D., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Texas is prohibited until the Grand Chapter of Texas shall have an opportunity to act and consider this deliberate invasion of the territory of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

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Extended and perhaps unnecessary space has been given the Mexico City Chapter matter, so only a brief reference can be made to the versatile and instructive Report of Fraternal Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest William James, who accuses us of changing his name to Jones in a previous report. It was certainly unintentional, for we knew better, and was undoubtedly the fault of ye scribe, the proofreader, who knew better and should have seen it. Incidentally we might add that he changes our name to Hubbard. Mistakes are not uncommon even in well regulated families.

We Floridians are specially honored in having Companion James as its Grand Representative, who is "always on the job." A liberal quotation is made from the history of the Grand Chapter of Florida prepared by Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright.

Next Annual in Waco, Dec. 3, 1923.

J. A. Gartland, Paris, Grand High Priest.

T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

William James, Dallas, Correspondent.

UTAH—1922

Chapters, 6. Members, 1,041. Exalted, 113. Net Gain 104

ROBERT W. FISHER, Grand High Priest.

This Grand Chapter having decided to use the New General Grand Chapter Ritual, a special Convocation of the Grand Chapter was called to make necessary constitutional provisions.

For the first time in its history was this baby Grand

Chapter honored with the presence of a General Grand Officer, R. E. Companion Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary. He was accompanied by M. E. Companion Charles C. Hunt, Past Grand High Priest and Assistant Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. The Eleventh Annual was held in Salt Lake City, May 3, 1922. All Grand Officers were present and all Chapters were represented. But Florida's Grand Representative did not find it convenient to attend.

Fortunately the duties of the Grand High Priest, as indicated in his address, were not arduous, but such as came to his notice were given careful and prompt attention.

In order to properly assist in the building of a new Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City, it became necessary for him to issue several special dispensations pertaining to finance; one of which was to a Salt Lake Chapter "to incur an indebtedness exceeding ten dollars per capita and not exceeding a total of \$5,000 for the new Masonic Temple."

To fully carry out the provisions of the new ritual, the Grand High Priest recommended and Grand Chapter ordered that hereafter the High Priest of a constituent Chapter shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination in the Capitular degrees prior to installation, a certificate of which being a necessary precedent.

During the year the last summons came to Most Excellent Companion Charles F. Jennings, who was Grand High Priest in 1911 as well as High Priest of Utah Chapter No. 1, a double duty without precedent in the memory of the writer.

Appreciating the honor conferred upon the West by the election of Most Excellent Companion Mattison B.

Jones, of California, as General Grand Master of the Second Vail, Grand High Priest Fisher has this vision, characteristic of the optimism of great mountains and plains:

As no one ever dies after being elected an officer in the General Grand Chapter until he has filled the chair of General Grand High Priest, I suggest that we invite the General Grand Chapter to meet at Salt Lake City at the time of the election of Companion Jones as General Grand High Priest. This will occur in 1945, and by that time Salt Lake will have a population of a million and the Grand Chapter will have a membership of thirty or forty thousand.

Believing that the Royal Arch Chapter is essentially a Masonic teaching body and that if Masonry needs anything today, that need is education, Grand Chapter took a decided stand on the subject of education by adopting a resolution, appointing a committee, and empowering it, if found feasible, to put it into action:

It is suggested that we start a sort of extension course. Have courses given in subjects teaching Masonic fundamentals, for instance, Masonic History, Jurisprudence, etc. Make the courses definite and take up the subjects in a serious manner. Choose a man capable of presenting the subjects well, have him outline the course, choose a text-book, and make this series of ten lessons more than simply a lecture course. When the course is completed have a regular examination and to those who pass have the Grand Chapter present a certificate or diploma. And that these courses should be open to all Masons, whether members of the Royal Arch or not.

As a fitting testimonial of a decade of faithful work as Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion Walter Daniels was elected Grand High Priest. He will have the advantage of knowing just what to do and how to do it.

Last year the Order of High Priesthood contributed one hundred dollars of its surplus funds to the Grand

Chapter. But this year, it was confronted with a deficit, so it asked Grand Chapter to defray the expenses incurred, as nearly all of the available High Priests were members of the Order, nine being consecrated at this time.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and a very creditable and instructive report it is. It has neither "Introduction" nor "Finis," is likewise without signature, and nowhere in the minutes have we been able to find any hold over committee appointments. Last year we hazarded the statement that the correspondent was Past Grand High Priest Sam Goodwin, and for lack of better information we are giving him credit. The workmanship is of such a nature that he needeth not to be ashamed. He hands Florida this appreciated bouquet:

One always enjoys the Florida Journal. It seems unhurried, has time and space and ever a glint of sunshine. This journal of the Diamond Convocation is largely routine and yet reflects the pep of a year of growth in members, fully 25 per cent.

He thinks the question of invasion of jurisdiction was settled in Solomonic fashion, and that both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will gain by the failure to hold both bodies the same week. He also says some nice things about our review for which he has our appreciative thanks. While these as well as other similar remarks flatter our vanity, they carry little information to the casual reader, for whom these lines are prepared.

Next Annual in Provo, May 9, 1923.
Walter Daniels, Salt Lake City, Grand High Priest.
Howard P. Kirtley, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.
Sam Goodwin (?), Provo, Correspondent.

VERMONT—1922

Chapters, 30. Members 5,628. Exalted, 403. Net Gain, 266.

CHRISTIE B. CROWELL, Grand High Priest.

One distinguished visitor, E. Companion Newton R. McIlvaine, Past Grand Master of the Second Vail, of New York, was present at the One Hundred and Fifth Annual, held in Burlington, June 16th, at which three Grand Officers and representatives from four subordinate Chapters as well as Florida's Grand Representative, were absent. However, we note the recommendation for appointment of Ex. Companion Rufus W. Spear for that post.

Using the success of the past year as an incentive for better work the coming year, Grand High Priest Crowell presented a brief account of his year's stewardship, in which he paid deserved tribute to the memory of M. E. Companion Daniel Payson, who was Grand High Priest in 1904, who was also prominent in other branches of Freemasonry as well. He also laid particular stress upon the importance of the District meetings, and the efficient work of Grand Lecturer Crannell and his active District Deputies. Of the four dispensations which he issued, two were to "journey" to a certain place for the purpose of conferring the degrees upon candidates. We have read that when the mountain would not come to Mahomet, Mahomet went to the mountain.

His one decision pertained to the action relative to a local Chapter hall improvement which was brought up and laid over for a month, when it was passed without opposition. The question was, should every member have been notified. He ruled that in the absence of any

provision in the subordinate Chapter by-laws, the action was legal, although it would have been better to have notified the members. It also brought out this suggestive comment:

The fact that only one decision was called for doesn't necessarily mean that our Vermont Companions know so much that they do not need to ask any questions, as certain Grand Officers from other Jurisdictions have seemed to feel in other similar cases, nor that the Grand High Priest wasn't competent to answer them. Were such universal knowledge to prevail anywhere it would probably be in Vermont, but I suspect that the condition this year simply means that the next Grand High Priest will probably have more to do in this line than has fallen to my lot.

He strongly condemned the practice of authorizing the Secretary or any other Companion to cast the unanimous ballot for election of any officer, that being absolutely contrary to Vermont Masonic law, whatever might be the practice in other Grand Jurisdictions, including nominations for office in subordinate bodies. This latter suggestion is surprising, for that is so contrary to our understanding of Masonic practice that we did not suppose it was ever even thought of.

He recommended in substance, as we understand it, that no courtesy work be requested from other Grand Jurisdictions on candidates who have not received at least one degree in their home Chapter. As we recall it, some Grand Chapters have already taken such action. However, if we correctly understand the action of the Jurisprudence Committee, that body took another view of the matter and disapproved the recommendation.

The request for recognition of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand was deferred until more data was secured.

A resolution was adopted that in the absence of the High Priest the ranking officer in attendance at Grand Chapter was entitled to mileage, even though some Companion present held the proxy of the High Priest. This is already Florida law.

Seven qualified Companions received the Order of High Priesthood.

With more than usual interest did we read the report of Past Grand High Priest Eugene S. Weston's sixth journey through the quarries of the Capitular world, for it proved to be his "swan song." During the holiday week we received a brief note from Mrs. Weston, acknowledging the receipt of a Southland seasonable greeting, and stating that Most Excellent Companion Weston had a short time previous received a sudden summons to appear before the Supreme Chapter on High. We are quite sure that he carried with him that white stone with a new name written thereon which enabled him to pass the veils. Another will occupy his seat at the Round Table, yet those who have had silent communion with our late Companion the past half dozen years will not soon forget him.

His review of Florida seems to breathe fraternal sympathy and approval and indicates that Florida laws accord very closely with those of Vermont.

We extend a hearty greeting to the successor, whoever he may be, and assure him that he will find the Capitular Fourth Estate an appreciative bunch.

Next Annual in Burlington, June 15, 1923.
George F. Root, Newport, Grand High Priest.
Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA—1922

Chapters, 70. Members, 14,587. Exalted, 1,975. Net Gain, 1,619.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN, Grand High Priest.

One-fifth of the subordinate Chapters were not represented at the One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, held in Richmond, Oct. 24th and 25th, although the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, Companion Leonidas P. Newby, and Companion Perry W. Weidner, Secretary-General of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite, S. J., were distinguished guests, as well as many Past Grands and other visitors of prominence. However, Florida's Grand Representative was not in evidence. But the appointment of Ex. Companion Stafford Caldwell will ensure Virginia's future representation in Florida.

Two of Virginia's loved patriarchs entered into eternal rest during the year—Most Excellent Companions, George W. Poe, Grand High Priest in 1894, and Grand Treasurer since 1895; and James E. Alexander, Grand High Priest in 1900.

Official visitations specially characterize the successful administration of Grand High Priest Chapman, having thirty-nine to his credit, and being excelled only by M. Ex. Companion John T. Cochran, who was Grand Lecturer at the same time. Particularly notable was his visitation to the George Washington National Memorial Association, when Grand Masters and Grand High Priests were present from nearly every State in the Union.

During the year he granted five dispensations to form

new Chapters besides a few others, but he was careful to refuse several dispensations where in his judgment "there was not sufficient reason for setting aside the law."

No special decisions were required, all queries being answered by reference to the Digest. Among his recommendations was the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland.

A noteworthy incident was the presentation to the Grand Chapter of its Senior Chapter Secretary, Companion George F. Keesee, who had served in that capacity continuously since 1866, and who had "always written up his record so that it is signed at the close of the Convocation." He is also Past Master of his Lodge, which, like his Chapter, "still meets in the only home either ever had, the Old Mason's Hall, built in 1785; by far the oldest Masonic building on the American continent."

Much information is gleaned from the report of the Grand Lecturer, who found in one Chapter a Principal Sojourner seventy-nine years old and who had been doing that work many years. The Grand Lecturer puts forward a claim which should cause readers in other Grand Jurisdictions to sit up and take notice:

Today I am pleased to report to this Grand Body that every Chapter in Virginia has attained that high standard of proficiency. Every Chapter is active and enthusiastic and can confer all degrees without help. I do not believe any other Jurisdiction in the United States can boast of this one hundred per cent efficiency, and I regard it as most remarkable, remembering that in Virginia we have six degrees in our system of Capitular Masonry and we do not use a cypher or ritual; our Masonry is "mouth to ear."

Two peculiarities characterize the Grand Chapter of

Virginia, one is that each day's proceedings is closed in solemn form, and is opened the second day with the same formality as the first. Another is that much of the more important matters are referred to a Grand Committee of the Whole, which meets the second forenoon, and is composed of the Grand Officers and the recognized Chapter Representatives. Among the resolutions was one to make changes in the ritual, but it was reported adversely; as was also one to make elective the present appointive officers; and another to increase the per capita tax to seventy-five cents. Having completed its labors the Grand Committee on the Whole rises and Grand Chapter adopts the entire action as set forth in the report. However, it causes an outsider to wonder what would be the result should Grand Chapter refuse to ratify the action of this committee.

A larger proportion than usual of qualified High Priests presented themselves for consecration into the Order of High Priesthood, but the suggestion of the Acting President that the membership fee be increased to five dollars appeared to have fallen upon stony ground, for no action is reported as being taken.

Without head or tail, rhyme or reason, Companion Joseph W. Eggleston submits a report on Correspondence excelled by none. Sometimes when we are inclined to get a little "chesty" over some feature of our own reports we turn to the productions of Companion Eggleston and other really worth while writers and we are then quite content to go way back and sit down. This conclusion was particularly brought out by the comment of Companion Eggleston, in his review of Florida:

If Companion Hubbell will excuse this impudence, and *he might as well*, we will give him some valuable instruction right here at the

beginning. Stop writing Forewords and Conclusions. The matter, often of value, should be embraced in the reviews of the several Jurisdictions. The one chief reason why, is that he will find that lazy reviewers, perhaps not adequately paid for their jobs, will quote one or the other, and will not take the trouble to even read his reviews. We can imagine Companion Hubbell saying just here, "The gall of the man." When he has had more experience with this ancient reviewer, he will not be so shocked.

We have a great deal of respect and admiration for this "ancient reviewer," as he styles himself, and this important addition which you have made to our preconceived idea of reviews shall have consideration, and will be put in force this year, although our own ideas are diametrically opposite. We shall await with interest the views of the Companions of the Round Table, however, bearing in mind: "He that complies against his will is of his own opinion still."

Referring to the address of Grand High Priest Hall and his report of the General Grand Chapter at Asheville, we find this comment:

He (Grand High Priest Hall) said that the Towner-Sterling Bill, the work done by the Y. M. C. A. during the war, the Near East Relief, and the Order of DeMolay for Boys were all endorsed. Right there we take issue. None of these acts had any connection with Masonry whatever. To whatever degree we meddle with politics we injure the institution, and as to the Order of DeMolay it is a mistake that will be repented later on. Capitular bodies should confine their activities to Capitular Masonic affairs.

He expresses satisfaction of our review of Virginia, but wishes that we had commented upon the quotations from Grand High Priest Heath's address, adding: "Speak out, boy, you are a full fledged reviewer and entitled to say what you think on any subject. On bet-

ter acquaintance we expect to like you." Thank you, Companion.

Each review possesses its own individual merit, but we must hurry on.

Next Annual in Richmond, Oct. 23, 1923.

James C. Greenlay, Lynchburg, Grand High Priest.

J. Gus Hankins, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond, Correspondent.

WEST VIRGINIA—1921

Chapters, 45. Members, 10,395. Exalted, 1,093. Net Gain, 1,002.

WALTER J. BOYDSTON, Grand High Priest.

Unfortunate and apparently unavoidable printing conditions caused delay and hence this is almost ancient history. Being a peregrinating body the Fifty-First Annual Grand Convocation was held in Parkersburg, Nov. 14-15, 1921, with three stations filled pro tem and seven Chapters without representation. However, nineteen Past Grands assisted, Florida being represented by its dean, Past Grand High Priest J. A. Miller. During the year two of these patriarchs were summoned to their last home, Most Excellent Companions, Francis E. Nichols and Walling W. VanWinkle.

While several vexing matters of minor nature caused Grand High Priest Boydston concern, yet they were amiably adjusted and Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is in a stable and growing condition, as evidenced by his address and the Grand Secretary's report.

Supposing an old reciprocity law between Maryland

and West Virginia regarding petitions were still in force, a West Virginia Chapter accepted the petition, elected the petitioner and conferred the degrees upon a Brother residing in Maryland. Later this Chapter learned that it had invaded jurisdiction, because years previous the Grand Chapter of Maryland had refuted the reciprocity feature on account of the Council degrees being conferred in West Virginia Chapters. Grand High Priest Boydston used this act as his reason for bringing the matter of separation of Chapter and Council again to the attention of the Grand Chapter, but as that Grand Body had so recently passed upon this question, it did not deem it advisable to again consider it. It seems strange to outsiders that West Virginia should be so strenuously opposed to divorcing Chapter and Council degrees. It is almost isolated in this position, for as we understand it, only one other Grand Chapter in this country holds to that idea. It seems to work an annoyance if not a hardship on its Companions visiting outside its domain, and perhaps might be embarrassing to the sojourners among them.

According to West Virginia laws, a Chapter Mason when dimitted from the Blue Lodge was automatically dimitted from the Chapter, and the Grand High Priest decided that an election on a dimit in the Lodge did not automatically restore him to membership in the Chapter. But during the Grand Convocation an amendment prevailed giving automatic restoration to Chapter.

The Grand High Priest was requested to ask the Grand Council of Ohio to confer the R. & S. M. degrees upon a candidate. And Grand High Priest Boydston held that he had no authority to make such a request because they had no fraternal correspondence with Grand Councils in other states.

Other minor matters recorded in the minutes show a

difference in the procedure with Florida for instance, and are of considerable interest to the reader, but not of sufficient importance to justify comment.

From a brief account in the proceedings by the Recorder, R. E. George M. Ford, who is also Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, it appears that at some time prior to 1887 a few Past High Priests formed a Council of the Order of High Priesthood; that the matter became practically dormant until 1891, but since that time annual assemblies have been held, although it appears the records are somewhat faulty. This year twenty petitions were accepted, the fee being \$4.25. This Order has had three Presidents, the present one, M. E. Braxton E. Gibson, having served since 1913.

There is no Report on Correspondence, although the committee reported "that their report would be completed and in the Grand Secretary's hands in a short time."

Next Annual in Fairmont, Nov. 13-14, 1922.

William E. Krupp, Wheeling, Grand High Priest.

George M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

George M. Ford and James A. Bryan, Committee on Correspondence.

WISCONSIN—1922

Chapters, 107. Members, 19,515. Exalted, 2,758. Net Gain, 2,473.

EDWIN G. NASH, Grand High Priest.

It is somewhat difficult to concisely and intelligently review the proceedings of the Seventy-Second Annual of this Grand Chapter held in Milwaukee, February 21 and

22, 1922. All Grand Officers were present and only seven Chapters were without representation. General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn and Past Grand High Priest Ray V. Denslow, both of Missouri, as well as Florida's Grand Representative, were also in evidence.

Two features stand out pre-eminently in the masterly address of Grand High Priest Nash: An exhaustive consideration of the conditions at that time regarding Dependent Membership, and a detailed presentation of the claims and expectations of the Order of DeMolay for Boys.

Seemingly there were conflicting regulations regarding Dependent Membership which cannot well be here presented, but which were clarified by the adopted report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, that membership in a Chapter shall be dependent with membership in the Lodge, but that a Companion may remain unaffiliated a year, being substantially similar to Florida law, but with this additional requirement:

It shall be the duty of each Companion when dimitted from his Blue Lodge, to inform his Chapter of the date of his application for affiliation in Blue Lodge, and if rejected, of the date of such rejection, also the date of each subsequent application for affiliation and rejection, together with the name, number and location of Lodges applied to. And every voluntary non-affiliate who fails to take the steps required to retain his membership in the Chapter shall, after one year from the date of his dimit from the Lodge, be automatically excluded from the Chapter.

Of almost equal importance, in the mind of Grand High Priest Nash, is the movement which has gained so much headway in the short time since it was inaugurated, the Order of DeMolay for Boys. Conditions preclude even a resume of the many advantages to be derived from

propagating this organization, as advanced by the Grand High Priest, nor the salient features stressed in the exhaustive report of the Special Committee to Investigate the Order, as well as the replies received from interrogatory letters sent to men standing high in both the York and Scottish Rite Bodies. The report concluded with:

Your committee earnestly hopes that the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin Royal Arch Masons will unanimously vote to get behind this wonderful movement, with all its heart and soul and put it across in a manner which will make every citizen of Wisconsin glad that he is a part of this great State.

So impressed was Grand Chapter with the importance of the Order of DeMolay for Boys that in addition to ordering the full report printed in the Proceedings, a resolution was unanimously adopted approving and urging subordinate Chapters to sponsor the movement, and then to make it practical, appropriated \$1,500 to further the project. DeMolay enthusiasts will get both information and inspiration from a careful study of the Wisconsin Proceedings for 1922.

Among the decisions was one that when a Companion had lost his dimit, according to Wisconsin laws, he must apply for affiliation to the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resided, then a duplicate dimit would be issued and transmitted directly to such Chapter; but the Grand High Priest took what appears to us to be the more reasonable position, that the dimit was merely the written evidence of being a Chapter member, and that the loss did not in any way affect his Chapter status, and therefore there could be no opposition to authorizing the issuance of a duplicate dimit to take the place of the one lost.

At the previous Annual a resolution was adopted authorizing, in cases of emergency, the obligating at the

same time of any number of candidates in the Mark, Past and Most Excellent degrees. Some Chapters took advantage of this resolution and the Grand High Priest reported one instance where sixty-five candidates were obligated at the same time in one of those degrees. While he approved the idea, he believed some restrictions should be made and so recommended. The committee to which this was referred did recommend certain limitations, but Grand Chapter did not approve.

In a general way Grand High Priest approved of collective balloting in the Chapter, but for obvious reasons, not in the Lodge, this being the position also taken by Florida. However, he cited one instance where two ballot boxes were used, one on either side of the "Lodge," and without recommendation submitted the question whether some express legislation is necessary. Apparently Grand Chapter did not consider this a vital matter, for no action seems to have been taken.

The Grand High Priest was requested to issue a commission to a Companion of Edinburgh as the representative of that Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Scotland. He declined, by reason of the severance of the relations with the latter body by the General Grand Chapter. The Jurisprudence Committee, however, took the position that as the Grand Chapter of Scotland was a regularly and duly constituted Grand Chapter, and had been for many years, therefore it was not wise to sever such relationship by reason of the difficulties with the General Grand Chapter. Florida likewise has never severed its relations with Scotland.

Although a little like ancient history, yet the report of Deputy Grand High Priest W. F. Owen, now the Grand High Priest, to the last Triennial at Asheville is so vivid and realistic that the writer of this lived over in imagina-

tion some of the delightful associations connected with that memorable occasion.

Thirty-two qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and Past Grand Master Samuel Wright was continued President.

Alternating between homeopathic and allopathic doses, Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright presents a Report on Correspondence, running from half a dozen lines to more than twice that number of pages. The latter under Texas is a resume of the tragical demise and taking up of the charter issued by that Grand Body to Mexico City Chapter, at the 1920 Annual, which was referred to in our review of last year. A peculiarity of Companion Wright's report is that the reviews appear apparently in the order received, for it begins with Victoria and concludes with Ohio. It is a little confusing to a reader in search of particular information.

Under Michigan Companion Wright pays his respects to Companion Conover who persists in substituting "essays" for a summary of the doings of other Grand Chapters. Referring to the "essays," Companion Wright adds:

The stories are quite interesting, particularly that on the alleged claim of the Abyssinian king, Menelik II to Masonic honors, based on the grounds of his being the "only" lineal descendant of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, and how the wily queen induced the all-wise king to permit the Ark of the Covenant to be surreptitiously carried to Ethiopia, where we are to infer the Shekinah and the Bathkol are perhaps still secreted, awaiting the zealous efforts of future ages to produce a discoverer.

About the only matter under Florida attracting his

attention was the resolution, facilitating business, requiring the Grand High Priest to file in advance five copies of his address, which is designated as a "departure." With a possible exception or two, no reference is anywhere made to the work of the various reviewers.

Next Annual in Milwaukee, February 23, 1923.

William F. Owen, Stevens Point, Grand High Priest.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Samuel Wright, Milwaukee, Correspondent.

WISCONSIN—1923

Chapters, 109. Members, 20,957. Exalted, 1,729. Net Gain, 1,442.

WILLIAM F. OWEN, Grand High Priest.

All Grand Officers, and sixteen Past Grands attended the Seventy-Third Annual, held in Milwaukee, February 21st and 22nd, Florida being specially honored by having the Grand High Priest as its Representative, and only five subordinate Chapters not in evidence.

Grand High Priest Owen, in his address, particularly reminded those in attendance for the first time that they were entering upon a work of wide scope and great possibilities. He expressed gratitude that none of the official family or permanent members had received the final summons during the year past.

He reported the constituting of the three Chapters which had been previously granted charters. A number of enthusiastic Companions petitioned for dispensation for a new Chapter, but after it was granted they became

lukewarm and it became necessary to continue the dispensation another year. However, opposite results followed another request, for they made good, the Proceedings stating the "Chapter was started and its officers installed by the Grand Lecturer." Under Florida laws U. D. officers are not installed until after the charter is granted and a formal election held.

Among the other dispensations granted were two which Grand Chapter considered unnecessary, and which reminds us of another Grand Officer who in explanation of a dispensation issued stated "It was easier to issue a dispensation than it was to write a letter of explanation." A dispensation to a Chapter to hold a stated convocation at a time other than that fixed by its by-laws was disapproved; as was also another permitting a Chapter to open a Lodge of Mark Masters and confer that degree in another town.

All of his decisions were approved and conform generally to Florida law.

In reply to one query he stated that a High Priest had no right to refuse admittance to a member so long as he was in good standing and did not interfere with orderly Chapter procedure, with this additional explanation:

The High Priest is a constitutional officer and his powers and duties are defined by the constitution. He does not have the inherent power of a Worshipful Master derived from the Ancient Landmarks. To which the Jurisprudence Committee added that a Royal Arch Mason who has been excluded for non-payment of dues is there only as a visitor. His right of visitation is not absolute and cannot be accorded him if any member present objects.

The DeMolay movement which was enthusiastically launched a year previous received considerable attention. The Grand High Priest was an early convert to the idea, he said, and is still of the opinion that the theory is a good one with almost unlimited possibilities. But one of the "flies in the ointment" appears to be the great expense attached to organization and equipment, not all of which perhaps is actually necessary. This was borne out in the report of the chairman of the special committee in charge. Conforming to the suggestion of the Grand High Priest, an additional appropriation of \$300 was made to further the DeMolay activities another year. Then if it appears that "DeMolay Chapters are not self supporting, it can, if desirable, withdraw with the consciousness of having done its duty."

Quite an exhaustive report is presented by the committee on the matter of the General Grand Chapter Ritual. In response to queries sent to the Grand Secretaries of twenty-nine Grand Jurisdictions it was learned that while fifteen states had either in whole or in part adopted the new ritual:

Eleven report that the old workers will not use the new ritual and the working force of the subordinate Chapters had to be reorganized. Three report that the old workers are using the new ritual, and one state is silent on that point. From the reports made by the several states to this committee it appears that the adoption of the new ritual by the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin would not bring us any nearer a uniformity of ritual in the several states than exists at present. We, therefore, recommend that the matter of adopting the new ritual be indefinitely postponed.

The resolution of the year previous reducing the per capita tax from forty cents to twenty cents was adopted.

And another constitutional amendment which will come up a year hence and if adopted will give Chapters within ten miles of each other concurrent jurisdiction over petitioning Master Masons.

Forty High Priests and Past High Priests availed themselves of the opportunity to be set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Wright again submits a Report on Foreign Correspondence in which comment and quotation are well proportioned. Under Florida he quotes at length from the history of the Grand Chapter of Florida prepared by Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright; also from the warning issued by the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to unwarranted degree ceremonies, followed with this comment, the meaning of which is not quite clear to the writer:

The probability is that if they had adopted the ritual of the General Grand Chapter instead of revising their own, they might not have needed such a rule that required the teeth we are informed "the resolution" generously provided.

Next Annual in Milwaukee, Feb. 19, 1924.

William R. Graves, Prairie du Chien, Grand High Priest.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Samuel Wright, Milwaukee, Correspondent.

WYOMING—1922

Chapters, 14. Members, 1,858. Exalted, 179. Net Gain, 150.

HARRY E. CRAIN, Grand High Priest.

Combining physical with Capitular rejuvenation the Companions of this State of broad domain met in Thermopolis, a city of hot springs, July 13th, in the Fourteenth Annual. Three of the minor members of the official family and representatives from the same number of subordinate Chapters were not in evidence. However, this was more than offset by the seven Past Grands and Florida's Grand Representative, R. E. Neil D. Nelson, the present Grand Scribe, being in attendance. He with the other Grand Representatives were requested to convey to their respective Grand Jurisdictions good wishes and fraternal greetings. And quite probably with one accord each just as soon forgot the timely admonitions.

Largely formal was the accounting of stewardship by the Grand High Priest in his address, his duties being confined largely to approving by-laws, in interstate courtesies and the placing of Grand Representatives.

He made several official visitations, one of which was to Darius Chapter No. 10, at Cody, on June 24th, on which date some 250 Shriners from North Carolina were being entertained by the Masons of Cody with a Wild West Show, which he stated lasted until dark. Also the Grand Matron of the Eastern Star was making her official visit the same day. As the Grand High Priest's account of this visitation contains some statements decidedly interesting, to say the least, his words follow:

I realized this was a Masonic day for Cody, and I postponed the meeting of the Chapter until the day following. On Sunday morning, through the courtesy of H. P. David Jones, I was driven to his summer home in the Shoshone Canyon, some forty-five miles from Cody. I was informed that I was to participate in the annual picnic of the Eastern Star which was held near Pahaska Tepee. We had a most enjoyable time. After the lunch was served, the Chapter Masons went to Pahaska Tepee, through the courtesy of the manager of the renowned resort of the late Buffalo Bill, which is the most beautiful of all the resorts in the Rocky Mountains, and one that is known the world over, being the Cody entrance to the Yellowstone Park. At the cabin here Darius Chapter No. 10 was opened in full form. The Grand High Priest was received with honors and a very enjoyable meeting held. This I consider a very notable meeting from the circumstances which surround the location, and the gathering of the most prominent Masons in Park County.

The particularly noticeable feature of this convocation to the writer is that it is the first "meeting" of a Chapter for work held on a Sunday, within his recollection, and with the endorsement of a Grand High Priest.

Specially timely is this recommendation from the address of Grand High Priest Crain, and is just as applicable elsewhere. However, so far as the personal observation of the writer of this goes in Florida, the younger Companions are pretty generally in the harness.

I am very anxious that all the constituent Chapters in this Jurisdiction make a special effort to induce and promote the young men of their respective Chapters, to assist in doing the work of the Chapters. I find there is a tendency for the younger men to allow the old timers to do most of the work. It is only a matter of time until those Companions will be out of the harness and unless some provision is made for the younger men to take their places, the va-

rious places will be at a lull when there is no worth while reason for it. Therefore, I urgently urge that the younger members be given active parts in the work so that when the time does come, they will be proficient in that part which is assigned to them.

Another pertinent suggestion comes from the Committee on Jurisprudence, which reports that nothing had been referred to that body for consideration, and lead to the conclusion "that the officers are looking up matters in the by-laws instead of writing the Grand High Priest to pass on points which are fully explained therein."

A distinguishing feature of the Wyoming proceedings is found each year in the annual address of the President of the Order of High Priesthood, Most Excellent Companion Jesse Converse, of whom the writer of this has pleasant recollections of meeting occasionally in a business way in Laramie some years ago. The address at the 1922 Grand Convention is of the same high order as those of previous occasions. Would that space would permit a reproduction.

For the third time Past Grand High Priest Samuel Corson submits for the committee a Report on Correspondence, and it is needless to say that it is up to the high standard of previous years.

Florida receives courteous fraternal consideration, and in which he quotes two decisions from the "ably presented incidents of the official year" of Grand High Priest H. O. Snow, as well as from other portions of the proceedings, which he appears to consider of more

than passing interest. Unquestionably Companion Corson has a lifetime job wished upon him.

Next Annual in Sheridan, July 12, 1923.

Frank E. Hepner, Laramie, Grand High Priest.

Samuel Corson, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

Once again we have completed our annual pilgrimage to all those Capitular quarries which have submitted specimens of work, and it has been the most pleasurable of any of the seven we have made. Although seven in Craft symbolism represents a perfect number, yet this report on correspondence is far from the writer's conception of an ideal one.

In our report of Virginia, in deference to the expressed opinion of "ancient reviewer," it was decided to omit "Comments" and "Conclusions," partly to learn if possible how others look upon this form of "editorial effusions."

However, permit this digression. Without going into details, an important matter, and one occupying great prominence today, is that of recognition of the Order of DeMolay for Boys. While the majority of those Grand Bodies which have expressed themselves at all, more or less favor this movement; yet there are several which have taken diametrically opposite views, as will be seen by the references to this movement scattered throughout this year's reports. Fortunately the writer is not required to pass judgment, and he is almost forced to this somewhat far-fetched conclusion, "When doctors disagree, who shall decide?"

The committee has received, but too late to include in this report, the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada for 1923.

To the Grand Chapter of Florida who have made it possible to pursue this delightful avocation, as well as to all who have expressed approval of our efforts to bring further light to lesser informed Companions, we tender our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Fraternally submitted,

Ely P. Hubbell

For the Committee.

Bradentown, Florida, May 7, 1923.

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The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville
on May 20, 1924, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.