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OF THE
M. : E. : Grand Chapter of Florida
FOR
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M. : E. : ERLE L. WIRT -----Grand High Priest, Bartow.
R. : E. : T. T. TODD -----Dep. Grand High Priest, Pensacola.
R. : E. : E. L. SHEAR -----Grand King, Daytona.
R. : E. : CARY B. FISH -----Grand Scribe, Sarasota.
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. : R. : J. McMASTER -----Grand Captain of the Host, Tampa.
E. : STAFFORD CALDWELL -----Grand Prin. Sojourner, Jacksonville.
E. : STEPHEN E. GREGORY ----Gr. Royal Arch Captain, Jacksonville.
E. : JOHN PASCO -----Gr. Master Third Vail, Monticello.
E. : C. L. BENEDICT -----Grand Master Second Vail, Miami.
E. : ALEXANDER B. STEUART --Grand Master First Vail, Tampa.
E. : JOHN W. CAPPER -----Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville, on May 19, 1925, at 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-Eighth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 20, A. D. 1924, A. I. 2454.

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

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

Cary B. Fish -----E.'.Grand Capt. of the Host.
 R. J. McMaster -----E.'.Gr. Principal 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.'.Gr. Master First Vail.
 John W. Capper -----E.'.Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Marcus Endel,	I. E. Webster,
Silas B. Wright,	W. P. Webster,
L. C. Massey,	W. S. Ware,
T. Picton Warlow,	W. R. O'Neal,
D. B. Palmer,	C. H. Ketchum,
W. V. Carter,	H. O. Snow,
John L. Hall,	R. J. Kishpaugh.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1.—Frank S. Hartsfield, proxy for officers.
 Tampa No. 3.—Alex. B. Steuart, proxy for H. P.;
 Elba H. Lantz, proxy for K.; E. A. DuBois, S.
 Halifax No. 5.—J. B. Davis, H. P.; C. C. Snow, K.
 Mt. Horeb No. 6.—J. E. Olney, H. P.
 Eureka No. 7.—M. J. Daetwyler, H. P.; W. T. Hick-
 man, K.; Bert L. Blair, proxy for S.
 Dade City No. 8.—R. L. Batchelor, H. P.
 Putnam No. 9.—W. C. Allen, H. P.
 Kissimmee No. 10.—J. N. Bryan, H. P.; Charles W.
 Philips, proxy for K.; Colvin Parker, proxy for S.
 Jericho No. 11.—V. R. Brice, H. P.

Jacksonville No. 12.—M. W. Bishop, H. P.; Asa Far-
 rar, K.; J. D. Kennedy, S.
 Ocala No. 13.—A. L. Lucas, H. P.; B. C. Webb, proxy
 for S.
 Inverness No. 14.—Geo. W. Scofield, proxy for H. P.
 Plant City No. 16.—H. C. Harper, proxy for officers.
 Manatee River No. 18.—R. C. Fernald, K.
 Keystone No. 20.—H. V. Calder, proxy for H. P.
 Thomas Brown No. 22.—E. M. Oglesby, H. P.
 Chipley No. 23.—T. J. Watts, H. P.
 Lake Worth No. 24.—Chas. M. Gruber, H. P.
 Live Oak No. 25.—B. W. Helvenston, proxy for H. P.;
 H. F. Airth, proxy for K.
 Jefferson No. 26.—P. R. Whitaker, H. P.
 Indian River No. 27.—Geo. W. Scobie, proxy for H. P.
 Joppa No. 28.—B. M. Jones, H. P.
 Lakeland No. 29.—P. D. Goodyear, H. P.
 Gadsden No. 30.—W. C. Winans, H. P.
 St. Petersburg No. 31.—R. E. Wyman, H. P.
 Jackson No. 32.—C. W. Davis, proxy for H. P.
 Eustis No. 33.—J. E. Maddox, H. P.
 Leesburg No. 34.—H. L. Schaeffer, proxy for H. P.
 Sarasota No. 35.—C. O. Teate, H. P.
 Bay County No. 39.—W. A. Mosher, H. P.
 Crestview No. 40.—J. L. Clary, H. P.
 Highlands No. 42.—Geo. Smith, proxy for S.
 Union No. 43.—C. H. Stewart, H. P.; Seth Milliken,
 proxy for K.

Perry No. 44.—A. H. Cherry, K.
 Okeechobee No. 46.—O. J. Price, H. P.
 Duval No. 48.—N. C. Edwards, K.
 Nassau No. 49.—E. S. DuBose, proxy for H. P.; N. G.
 Sherouse, proxy for K. and S.
 New Smyrna No. 51.—K. L. Chilton, K.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	-----	R. J. Kishpaugh.
British Columbia	-----	E. L. Wirt.
California	-----	W. S. Ware.
Canada	-----	Chester DeRocher.
Connecticut	-----	Wm. S. Ware.
Delaware	-----	W. P. Webster.
District of Columbia	-----	Silas B. Wright.
Georgia	-----	E. E. Macy.
Illinois	-----	C. H. Ketchum.
Indiana	-----	T. T. Todd.
Kansas	-----	Alex. B. Steuart.
Kentucky	-----	E. L. Shear.
Maryland	-----	H. O. Snow.
Minnesota	-----	C. L. Benedict.
Mississippi	-----	D. B. Palmer.
Missouri	-----	Cary B. Fish.
Montana	-----	Stephen E. Gregory.
New Hampshire	-----	Wm. R. O'Neal.
New Jersey	-----	Chas. H. Ketchum.
New York	-----	Marcus Endel.
New South Wales	-----	John D. Grether.

New Zealand	-----	Max Sirkin.
North Carolina	-----	John L. Hall.
North Dakota	-----	Marcus Endel.
Nova Scotia	-----	T. Picton Warlow.
Ohio	-----	Ely P. Hubbell.
Oklahoma	-----	W. B. Greer.
Pennsylvania	-----	Louis C. Massey.
Quebec	-----	W. B. Y. Wilkie.
South Dakota	-----	W. R. O'Neal.
Texas	-----	R. P. Buckmaster.
Utah	-----	J. G. Torrey.
Vermont	-----	I. E. Webster.
Victoria	-----	John L. Hall.
Virginia	-----	Stafford Caldwell.
Washington	-----	Silas B. Wright.
West Virginia	-----	G. J. Tolson.

PAST HIGH PRIESTS

R. L. Smith, Halifax Chapter No. 5.

J. R. M. Beatty, Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

A letter of regret was received from Past Grand High Priest Keller and the Grand Secretary was directed to acknowledge the same by wire.

The Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest with Grand Honors.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

W. V. Carter,
Geo. J. Tolson, R. E. Wyman.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made a verbal report that the list of Grand Officers and Representatives present as announced by the Grand Secretary at roll call was correct, and asked for further time in which to make final report which was granted by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O. J. Price,
W. C. Winans, W. A. Mosher.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

M. J. Daetwyler,
C. O. Teate, H. L. Schaeffer.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

D. B. Palmer,
J. E. Mattocks, J. E. Olney.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

Marcus Endel, I. E. Webster,
Silas B. Wright, W. P. Webster,
L. C. Massey, W. S. Ware,
T. Picton Warlow, W. R. O'Neal,
D. B. Palmer, C. H. Ketchum,
W. V. Carter, H. O. Snow,
John L. Hall, R. J. Kishpaugh.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

Henry O. Snow,
C. H. Stewart, Chas. H. Ketchum.

MEMORIALS

D. H. Rutter,
W. B. Y. Wilkie, F. S. Hartsfield.

VISITORS

Chester DeRocher,
Geo. W. Scobie, A. L. Lucas.

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Florida:

It is a pleasure to be permitted, at the close of another Royal Craft year, to bid you welcome to our Seventy-Eighth Annual Convocation. One year ago, for the first time in the history of this Grand Body, it met outside of the City of Jacksonville, where it was organized in 1847.

Tampa Chapter No. 3, whose home is in that thriving West Coast metropolis, was the gracious host on this occasion. While the advisability of Grand Chapter making pilgrimages may be questioned, the Capital enthusiasm growing out of the Tampa assemblage proved beneficial to the entertaining Chapter in gratifying membership gain, increasing interest and awakening activities.

However, it seems good to be "home" again, where all the conveniences necessary to the efficient conducting of business are readily accessible.

One cannot get away from the thought, it seems to me, that there are at least three sources of authority that are being greatly abused in the world today—the state, the home and the individual.

Whenever one goes to the pulpit or to the writings of thoughtful men, one is impressed with the attention paid to the sins of commission of our youth today. But not youth alone seems to be caught up in the pervading atmosphere of lawlessness. We find it from the cradle to the friends of old age, this desire to rebel against established authority. It is then we recognize lawlessness as a rampant evil.

One of the sources of personal lawlessness is the break-down of authority in the state and the rise of selfish individualism. A popular idea prevails, it seems to me, that one hundred per cent Americanism is involved in the claim that one must have individual liberty to have what one feels like doing, whether it is selling as unclean milk as one wishes to sell, or lynching a man. Unless Americanism can be made to mean less individualism and more social obligation, as I understand it, the republic is headed for perilous times.

So widespread is this attitude that there is being developed a type of law interpreters, not those who feel that to honor the law, to see that it is respected and obeyed is their meat and drink, but those who make it their business not to interpret the law but to evade it. It is not difficult to see lawlessness that works, not with fists but with legal fiction, not with T. N. T. but with technicalities, and does it all smoothly and politely; for, as one has said, "We may smile, and smile, and be a villain."

Another source of breakdown is in the family. Someone has said: "There is just as much authority in the family as there ever was, but only the children exercise it." It is only at our peril that we permit ourselves to lose a kind of spiritual authority which should prevail in the home.

Again, the breakdown of authority occurs in individuals. D. L. Moody gave his now famous definition of character as: "What a man is in the dark;" to what principles will he give his firm and unyielding obedience, in the quietness of his own thoughts, in the secret planning of all his actions. Obedience is the core of character. A tragic sight in the world today is the young men and the young women who do not discover

that until it is too late. They begin as youth often begins, with unspoiled character, unsmirched reputation, but utterly failing to appreciate their opportunity; by lawless living they throw this chance away. They fail to see that it is easier to keep a character when they have it, than to recover it when it is lost.

When we have recognized lawlessness as a rampant peril, we must see along with it the multitude of people that are merely law-abiding people, those who accept the dead level of mediocrity as a standard, who are no better than the average, who in consequence are living, alike for themselves and for social welfare, utterly unsatisfactory lives. These multitudes carry the idea that they are content with any standard that allows them merely to "get by" without censure. It requires effort, firmness, decision of character to set a standard of their own. The deadly average whose only desire is to "get by," are not willing to put forth this effort.

In a day when there is no hope for our civilization except in *superior* character, godly people should realize that the cause for which they sing means something besides singing—courage to live above the average and ahead of the time.

Having these thoughts in mind, early in the Capitular year I sent out a circular letter to the High Priests of the constituent Chapters, urging close conformity to our laws, regulations and ceremonies. Reports received from different parts of the state indicate this is being generally observed. As the letter was suggestive rather than mandatory, and it having served a purpose, a reproduction is deemed unnecessary.

THEY HAVE GONE

The Great Author of Life and the Bestower of its blessings has most graciously granted unto each of us, the active officers of the Grand Chapter, the privilege of remaining with and the continued opportunity of serving our Companions. For this gift of life and the blessing of health which we have enjoyed during the year, let us unite with the Grand Chaplain in lifting our hearts in gratitude to Him at this time.

On August 2, 1923, the final message came to our Illustrious Companion, Warren G. Harding, President of the United States. He was a typical American, of an amiable and loving disposition, a member of the Royal Craft, and his last message to the world, an address to the Knights Templar of the state in which he breathed his last, indicated his broad conception of brotherhood. By reason of his repeated visits to this Southland state he had specially endeared himself to the people of the Commonwealth of Florida, who unite with the nation and the world at large in mourning the loss of a true friend and Brother.

Very unexpectedly on December 17, 1923, came the command which brooks no interference to Most Excellent Companion Olin S. Wright, of Plant City, who was Grand High Priest in 1905. Much of his life was given to Masonic service, which he dearly loved, and in which he was justly honored. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T., in 1903; Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., in 1909; and was crowned Sovereign Inspector General for Florida of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, in 1917. He was of a modest, retiring disposition, greatly be-

loved for his excellent qualities by the many with whom he had close fellowship, and well may it be said of him:

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

The funeral ceremonies were held in his home city, being conducted by Plant City Lodge No. 79, Grand Master John L. Hall presiding, and were attended by the Grand High Priest and many other representatives of all the bodies with which he was connected.

The uncertainty of human life was again shown by the Death Angel summoning another permanent member of this Grand Chapter, Most Excellent Companion J. R. Wetherell, of DeLand, who was called to his final reward on January 17, 1924, and who was Grand High Priest in 1902. Much of the present permanency and stability of this Grand Body is due to the unceasing devotion to duty for many years of Companion Wetherell, and until failing health prevented his regular attendance. His funeral was held in DeLand, being conducted by St. Johns Lodge No. 37. It was my privilege to be in attendance.

Informally, word has just been received that Past Grand High Priest Harry N. Sweeting died several days ago. No particulars have been received by this Grand Chapter, to my knowledge, and so no formal reference can be made to his death, but, of course, it will receive proper attention as soon as the facts are ascertained.

Suitable and appreciative memorials have been prepared of Most Excellent Companions Wright and Wetherell.

Conforming to the established custom of erecting monuments at the graves of Past Grand High Priests,

I recommend the erection of a monument to Past Grand High Priest Olin S. Wright, and one to Past Grand High Priest J. R. Wetherell, and one to Past Grand High Priest H. N. Sweeting, under the direction of the incoming Grand High Priest; and also that appropriations be made to cover the cost of each monument.

We cherish the memories of the Noble Craftsmen who have ceased their labors in the quarries with us here, who have passed through the outward veils of these earthly courts, and who have been admitted to the Supreme Council on High.

Likewise a heavy toll has been exacted and reported by our sister Grand Jurisdictions to whom our hearts go out in sympathy. They will be suitably memorialized by the committee.

INSTALLATION OF ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

One of my first official duties, and a pleasant one withal, was to request Most Excellent Companion John L. Hall to install into the office of Royal Arch Captain, Excellent Companion Stafford Caldwell, who had been appointed to that station, but whose legal duties prevented him from being present. M. E. Companion Hall reported that the duty was performed in the body of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, on August 24th.

CHAPTER VISITATIONS

Pursuant to Regulation No. 30, I assigned to the other Council officers for visitation those Chapters comparatively easy of access to them, and the remaining ones were taken by myself:

To M. E. Ely P. Hubbell, Grand High Priest:

Gainesville No. 2; Dade City No. 8; Jericho No. 11; Manatee River No. 18; Keystone No. 20; Island No. 21; Inverness No. 14; Lake Worth No. 24; Live Oak No. 25; Indian River No. 27; Joppa No. 28; St. Petersburg No. 31; Sarasota No. 35; Arcadia No. 36; Providence No. 38; Union No. 43; Perry No. 44; Clearwater No. 45; Okeechobee No. 46; Dade No. 47; Nassau No. 49.

To R. E. Erle L. Wirt, Deputy Grand High Priest:

Tampa No. 3; Eureka No. 7; Kissimmee No. 10; Plant City No. 16; Thomas Brown No. 22; Lakeland No. 29; Winter Haven No. 41; Highlands No. 42; Poinciana No. 50.

To R. E. Theodore T. Todd, Grand King:

Florida No. 1; Mt. Horeb No. 6; Lake Butler No. 19; Chipley No. 23; Jefferson No. 26; Gadsden No. 30; Jackson No. 32; Walton No. 37; Bay County No. 39; Crestview No. 40.

To R. E. E. L. Shear, Grand Scribe:

St. John No. 4; Halifax No. 5; Putnam No. 9; Jacksonville No. 12; Ocala No. 13; Monroe No. 15; St. Augustine No. 17; Eustis No. 33; Leesburg No. 34; Duval No. 48; New Smyrna No. 51.

At that time I believed I had so arranged matters that I could visit most if not all of the Chapters that were assigned to myself. However, much to my regret and still greater disappointment, unexpected conditions not necessary to enumerate, interfered and I was obliged to forego this great pleasure. Under the circumstances it may be somewhat out of place to make

this statement, but I am firmly convinced that the visit of a Grand Officer is greatly beneficial to every Chapter and should be generally observed, for it is not only an exceptional opportunity to bring out the membership, but it also awakens inspiration and creates renewed enthusiasm. And the visiting officer himself participates in these benefits.

It has been the custom in my home Chapter, Manatee River No. 18, the last few years to set apart the first Convocation in December, as a Past High Priest Night in connection with the election of officers, when the chairs are filled by Past High Priests of the Chapter. The annual observance of a Past High Priest Night, by a Chapter, in my opinion, is worthy of consideration.

I requested Excellent Companion R. J. McMaster, Grand Principal Sojourner, to visit the Chapters at Clearwater and St. Petersburg, in my stead, which he did.

In February, finding that it was not going to be possible for me to visit the Chapters in the northern part of the state which I had assigned to myself, I requested Excellent Companion John Pasco, Grand Master of the Second Vail, to visit these Chapters; Dade City No. 8; Inverness No. 9; Gainesville No. 2; Live Oak No. 25; Providence No. 38; and Perry No. 44. or such of them as he could conveniently.

CHAPTERS CONSTITUTED

In obedience to the action of last Grand Chapter it was a pleasure to constitute Poinciana Chapter

No. 50, at Fort Myers on June 4th, assisted by Excellent Companion Cary B. Fish, Grand Captain of the Host. This Chapter did excellent work the year previous while under dispensation, and the interest and activities shown by the Companions at the time of constituting were encouraging. Reports received during the year indicate no cessation in interest.

Not being able to attend personally to it, I requested R. E. Companion E. L. Shear, Grand Scribe, to constitute New Smyrna Chapter No. 51. He reported that this was done by him on July 10th, and that he was accompanied by Past Grand High Priest W. V. Carter together with the officers and several Companions of Halifax Chapter No. 5. He further reported that this new Chapter starts off with a good membership and plenty of material to draw from.

NO NEW CHAPTERS

During the year no petitions for new Chapters have been received, which indicates a commendable disposition on the part of the Royal Craft throughout the State to give more and particular attention to developing the present Capitular quarries, rather than in attempting the opening of new ground where perhaps no real need is apparent.

DISPENSATION GRANTED

On June 27, 1923, I received a communication through the Grand Secretary's office relative to an unfortunate condition existing in Nassau Chapter No. 49, at Fernandina, in which it appeared that the Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe had either permanently moved away or were employed else-

where so that it was impossible to hold any Convocation of Nassau Chapter, and asking for relief. Investigations proved this to be a fact and I decided that a vacancy existed in the above three elective offices. I directed the Secretary how to proceed, according to law, to secure a dispensation to elect new officers. The first request for a dispensation did not, in my opinion, comply with the requirements, in that neither of the council officers nor a Past High Priest of that Chapter appeared to have opened and presided at the Convocation, although held on a regular date.

This request was returned and another regular Convocation held, the High Priest being present, when a properly prepared petition was executed, and on which I issued a dispensation to elect and install a High Priest, King and Scribe and fill such other vacancies as might occur.

On August 6th I received a wire requesting me to preside at the Convocation for the election of officers, no High Priest, Past High Priest or other duly authorized Companion being available. This I did on August 7th, not having time to deputize a nearer-by Companion for the purpose.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

On July 19, 1923, I received a communication from the Excellent High Priest of Dade Chapter No. 47, at Homestead, accompanied by a letter from the Grand Secretary, relating to a Brother who had no settled place of abode, but who was temporarily engaged in ministerial work in Homestead, preparatory to being sent to Brazil on a mission for an in-

definite time, and who very much desired to receive the Capitular degrees before leaving the country. He had received the Symbolic degrees in another state. I advised the High Priest of Dade Chapter that according to my understanding of Florida laws the request for a dispensation could not be granted. And further suggested that the Brother declare Homestead or some other place to be his permanent domicile, and then on his first leave of absence and return to this country he could petition accordingly.

On December 12, 1923, I received a communication from the Excellent High Priest of Kissimmee Chapter No. 10 at Kissimmee, inquiring if a dispensation could be granted or its by-laws amended so as to hold regular Convocations of that Chapter alternately at Kissimmee and St. Cloud. It appears that quite a percentage of the members of this Chapter reside in St. Cloud as do also some of the officers, and that the attendance of St. Cloud Companions at the regular Convocations were very small; and it was believed that Convocations held alternately at the two places, there being a Lodge room in St. Cloud, would materially increase the interest. I advised that I found no authority for such action, and therefore the request for a dispensation could not be granted.

On February 14, 1924, I received a telegram from the Excellent High Priest of Jackson Chapter No. 32 at Marianna, requesting a dispensation to exalt a Brother who had not been raised the required six months, with a further request for an immediate reply. A communication received later explained that the occasion for the request was that this Broth-

er and possibly others "desired to go along with a good large class we had at that time."

On February 20, 1924, I received a somewhat similar telegram from the Excellent High Priest of Clearwater Chapter No. 45 at Clearwater, the reason given in the telegram being, "we have to do something to create an interest in our Chapter and can do it this way."

On April 30th, I received a telegram from the Excellent High Priest of Jericho Chapter No. 11, at Miami, which was a little ambiguous, but to which at the time I construed a similar meaning as to the two previous ones above mentioned.

To each of these requests I wired in substance this reply: "Do not see how request can be granted. Regulation No. Fifty-three mandatory."

Each of these telegrams was followed by a letter reciting the joint conference and agreement entered into with the Scottish Rite Body at the 1922 Convocation of this Grand Chapter and the further action at the 1923 Convocation, when this matter again came up in the form of a resolution that was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, which reported, "We recommend that the resolution be not adopted." I further added that as this agreement was entered into in good faith by both Rites or Bodies. I did not believe the Grand High Priest had the right to abrogate it.

In justice to Jericho Chapter, it should be further stated that in a later explanatory letter it appeared that it had been the custom of Jericho Chapter to hold an applicant's petition one month before conferring the Mark Master degree, and the object of the telegram was to know whether there was a Grand

Chapter ruling to that effect, the Brother being desirous of leaving the city the week following the presentation of the petition. To this I further replied in effect that there was no such Grand Chapter ruling to my knowledge, and that if the Brother had not left the city and it was agreeable to Jericho Chapter, I saw no reason why a special Convocation could not be called for the purpose of conferring the Mark Master degree, unless Jericho Chapter had a by-law to the contrary.

I might further add that each of these High Priests strongly emphasized the fact that they had not in any way deviated from the six month's rule, and had no intention of doing so. This leads to the further conclusion that while occasionally it may work a seeming temporary hardship, it ought to aid in the further elevation of Capitular Masonry to higher standards of usefulness.

INVASION OF JURISDICTION

On May 22, 1923, I received a communication from Grand Secretary Webster, together with correspondence from Grand Secretary McHan of Georgia, relative to a claimed invasion of jurisdiction by Live Oak Chapter No. 25. This matter was immediately taken up with Live Oak Chapter, and the fact established, by a copy of the petition, that on March 7, 1923, Live Oak Chapter accepted a petition from a Brother who moved to Live Oak, December 6, 1922, from Moultrie, Ga. And further, that the Chapter degrees were conferred on this Brother during the months of March and April. No good reason was assigned for this gross violation of Florida Capitular law. However, after considerable cor-

respondence, in which Live Oak Chapter fully acknowledged its errors and promised in the future a strict obedience to Grand Chapter Laws and Regulations, this serious law infraction was harmoniously settled, after a personal visitation by your Grand High Priest to Live Oak, by that Chapter returning the fees to the Moultrie Companions, which was done through the Grand Secretaries of both Florida and Georgia, and the membership of the Companion to remain in Live Oak Chapter.

NO INVASION OF JURISDICTION

On August 15, 1923, I received a communication from Okeechobee Chapter No. 46, stating in substance that Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22 had requested Okeechobee Chapter to confer the Royal Arch Degrees upon a Brother who had petitioned and been elected in Thomas Brown Chapter, but who at the time was working in the jurisdiction of Okeechobee Chapter, and which objected on the ground that it was an invasion of jurisdiction. From the correspondence submitted it appeared to me that the Brother at the time he petitioned had not decided to locate in or near Okeechobee City, and therefore Thomas Brown Chapter had the right to accept the petition and no waiver of jurisdiction was necessary.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

On December 22, 1923, I approved an amendment to the by-laws of Eureka Chapter No. 7, Orlando, increasing the annual dues from three to five dollars.

On December 22, 1923, I approved an amendment to the by-laws of Jericho Chapter No. 11, Miami,

raising the annual dues from three to five dollars. Also the same date I approved another amendment raising the fees from thirty dollars to fifty dollars, payable the entire amount with the petition, or ten dollars with the petition and ten dollars with each degree.

On February 26, 1924, I approved an amendment to the by-laws of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, Orlando, changing the date of meeting from Tuesday night to Monday night.

On March 5, 1924, I approved an amendment to the by-laws of Jefferson Chapter No. 26, Monticello, changing the regular Convocations to the first Monday of each month at eight o'clock P. M.

RULINGS REQUESTED

On September 16, 1923, I received a communication from Tampa Chapter No. 3, stating that it had received a petition for the Capitular degrees from a Brother, a member of Hillsboro Lodge by affiliation from Scotland, and information regarding procedure was desired. The letter further says:

The Brother stated when he filed his application that he had received the Degrees of Mark and Past Master in the Symbolic Lodge in which he took the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, that being the custom followed there (in Scotland).

He further stated that he did not desire to avoid any of the ceremonies or fees for the Mark or Past Degrees, but he considered the honor of having had them in the way he got them, and did not want that overlooked if it could be avoided.

It seems to me this query is substantially answered by Question No. 2, in the decisions of Most Ex-

cellent Companion William F. Kuhn, as found in Bulletin No. 1, issued from the office of the General Grand High Priest, under date of March 15, 1923. The Question reads:

What is the standing of a Royal Arch Mason hailing from a Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, while the edict against the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland is enforced?

Answer (a) A Royal Arch Mason hailing from a Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland is not a clandestine or irregularly made Royal Arch Mason. He has received the Degrees in a legally constituted Chapter under a legally formed Grand Chapter. Hence under this edict, his Masonic disability is one of non-fraternal relations. He, therefore, cannot visit a Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, nor a Chapter under a Grand Chapter, owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter.

(b) Such a Royal Arch Mason holding a dimit and applying for membership in a Chapter under the jurisdiction as stated in (a), may be elected to membership after due reference, but he must be healed, viz: re-obligated in the degrees he had received, and such degrees in the American System of Capitular Degrees, which he had not received, must be conferred upon him. The dimit is merely a certificate setting forth the fact that he had received certain degrees.

Florida not having severed fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, the latter part of (a), it seems to me, would not apply. And I advised that if Tampa Chapter was fully satisfied that the Brother had regularly received the Degrees of Mark Master and Past or Installed Master in a Scottish Lodge, it is my understanding that the petitioner should be healed in those two degrees by being re-obligated, and then the two remaining degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch can be conferred.

October 23, 1923, I received this request from Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, for a ruling pertaining to the construction of a by-law amendment:

Making the regular Convocations of that Chapter to be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, with the understanding that the Convocations would not be held on the second Thursdays of each month *unless specially ordered by the High Priest.*

Printed notices are always sent out, stating the work to be done. Whenever the High Priest deemed it unnecessary to hold a Convocation on the *second Thursday* no notice was sent out, and it was understood in that case, the Convocation would not be held.

On August 9th (second Thursday), the High Priest did not authorize a call and *no notice was sent out*, but that afternoon he decided that there were some matters he wanted to talk over with the members and so went to the Chapter room, thinking that possibly some of the members would be there. There were only a few out, but sufficient for a quorum, he opened the Chapter and general matters were discussed, but *no regular business was transacted.* In writing up the minutes the secretary made this entry:

"This Convocation not having been regularly called by the High Priest no regular business could be transacted."

The desired ruling was as to whether or not this was a proper entry to be made in the minutes. The reason given for requesting this ruling was that at a Convocation held September 27th, *when the secretary was absent*, though regular Convocations were held on August 23rd and September 13th, the minutes of August 9th, were brought up and criticized, ending by ordering the above entry stricken out. My ruling was:

That in the absence of more definite information, if this Convocation was "*specially ordered by the High Priest*," the entry could be properly stricken out; but if it was not so ordered the entry should stand.

On February 13, 1924, I received a communication from Highlands Chapter No. 42, Avon Park, stating that after the elected High Priest had been installed he permanently removed to Orlando, and wished to know if relief could be given. I replied, by referring him to Sections 11 and 12 of Article 4 of the Constitution. Taken literally Section 11 would seem to indicate that an officer must leave the state in order to vacate the office by such removal. However, this seems hardly reasonable, for there is just as much a vacancy existing it seems to me in the office of High Priest by having permanently removed to another part of the State, as there would be if he were living in another state.

In this connection, on May 15, 1924, I received a request from Highlands Chapter No. 42, for a dispensation to hold an election for a High Priest and fill such other vacancies as might occur. This request not conforming to my understanding of the requirements, and coming as it did on the eve of the Grand Chapter, I returned it for correction, with instructions to take it up with the incoming Grand High Priest.

On February 24, 1924, I was asked by Tampa Chapter No. 3, how many candidates may be obligated at one and the same time in the Royal Arch degree. To this request I replied:

Grand Chapter has not passed upon this question, to my recollection, and there is no limit. Neither do I recall that it has prescribed whether the candidates shall be taken through all the perambulations. Personally it seems to me they should up to the exaltation, which should be on only one trio at a time, the other candidates being conducted out of the Chapter room, and returned in trios.

RITUAL CORRECTIONS MADE

Conforming to the action of the last Grand Chapter, which approved the work of the Ritual Committee, the corrections to the ritual were made under the direction of the Grand Secretary and the Grand High Priest, and the constituent Chapters were furnished the necessary data.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

In the earlier days of this Grand Chapter it was no doubt desirable if not necessary that some Companions represent more than one foreign Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Florida. An examination of the list of Grand Representatives disclosed a number of such instances, where Companions were still serving in a dual capacity. And a further checking up of the same list showed a continuous absence of other Grand Representatives, and without apparent excuse. Believing that this condition might with propriety be changed, although Grand Chapter had taken no specific action, I took it upon myself to write a courteous letter to each Companion holding a dual commission, for the purpose of ascertaining his pleasure in the matter. Several favored single representation and at their request steps were taken to bring that about. Wherever the incumbent did not express a specific desire for such a change, it was immediately dropped.

I also took the matter up with those Companions representing Grand Chapters who had been consecutively absent three or more years. The replies gave good reasons for absences, and where it was their request that they be relieved from further serv-

ing in that capacity steps were taken to bring this about.

For these and other causes the following recommendations were made to the proper authorities for appointment, and the commissions have been duly received and forwarded to those interested.

Arizona	Archie Aitchison, St. Petersburg.
Iowa	W. V. Carter, Port Orange.
Kansas	Alexander B. Steuart, Tampa.
Massachusetts	Walter J. Bennett, Tampa.
Michigan	F. William Schultz, Sarasota.
Minnesota	C. L. Benedict, Miami.
North Dakota	R. J. McMaster, Tampa.
Oklahoma	W. B. Greer, Quincy.
Quebec	W. B. Y. Wilkie, Dunedin.
Rhode Island	Wm. P. McKee, Eustis.
Texas	R. P. Buckmaster, Orlando.
West Virginia	Geo. J. Tolson, Lakeland.
Wyoming	John Pasco, Monticello.

Upon proper recommendation I made this appointment:

Excellent Companion David C. McCord, of Dallas, to represent the Grand Chapter of Florida near the Grand Chapter of Texas.

THE TEXAS MATTER

During the year I have received several communications from Most Excellent Companion William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the United States, in reference to the action taken by the Grand Chapter of Florida at its last Annual Convocation in regard to the edict issued against the Grand Chap-

ter of Texas. This entire correspondence, together with the edicts issued by the several Grand Chapters, confirming the edict of the General Grand High Priest as well as other matters pertaining thereto, are herewith presented to the Grand Chapter for its consideration.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

The Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America will be held in the City of Portland, Maine, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 10, 11 and 12, 1924. Advance information indicate that plans are being made to make this the most memorable and enjoyable Triennial Convocation ever held. The Grand Council Officers and Past Grand High Priests are entitled to seats in the General Grand Chapter. I recommend that arrangements be made for a creditable representation on this occasion, and that a sufficient appropriation be made to cover the expenses of those who attend.

GRAND CHAPTERS OF MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN

Nine or more Royal Arch Chapters, working in the Province of Manitoba, petitioned the Grand Chapter of Canada, at its regular Convocation February 28 and March 1, 1923, for its consent to the formation of a Grand Chapter to have jurisdiction over the whole of the Province of Manitoba. This was freely given; in April of the same year the Grand Chapter of Manitoba became a duly qualified Grand Body, its officers being regularly installed by Excellent Companion Finlay D. Cameron, Past High

Priest of Corinthian Chapter No. 3, of Grand Forks, acting under the authority of Most Excellent Companion Walter L. Stockwell, Grand High Priest of North Dakota.

The Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Saskatchewan petitioned the Grand Chapter of Canada, in session February 28, and March 1, 1923, for permission to form a Grand Chapter in Saskatchewan, which was granted. The Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan was formed in the City of Regina, June 12, 1923, by Most Excellent Companion R. H. Spencer, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Both of the above Grand Chapters having been regularly organized and instituted, I recommend that fraternal relations be established and Grand Representatives be exchanged between these Grand Chapters and the Grand Chapter of Florida.

REQUEST FOR RITUAL

On October 3, 1923, owing to the absence of Grand Secretary Webster from the State, a request was forwarded to me from that office, from Excellent Companion C. L. Young, Jr., Grand Lecturer of Colorado, asking for a copy of the Chapter ritual which Florida was using in its ceremonies. Being fully convinced of the genuineness of the request, with pleasure I complied with the same. Acknowledgment was received in due time.

JOINT CONVOCATIONS

A movement was instituted by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, looking to the holding of one or more joint Convocations of

Chapters in each Grand Jurisdiction, in honor of the General Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion William F. Kuhn, for the purpose of conferring the Most Excellent Master Degree on as large classes as could be assembled, and to be held on or about the fifth Monday in October. While this had commendable features and would no doubt have increased Capitular enthusiasm and interest, yet consultation with representative Companions of the Royal Craft in several parts of the State indicated that owing to the wide separation of many Chapters, the plan as outlined would not be feasible. Accordingly it was thought best not to attempt to put the suggestion into operation

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CORNER STONE LAYING

An invitation was received to attend the ceremonies incident to the laying of the corner stone of the George Washington Memorial, which is now being erected in the City of Alexandria, and which was laid by the Grand Lodge of Virginia on November 1, 1923. It not being so that I could attend, I requested Most Excellent Companion John L. Hall, who was to attend in the capacity of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, to represent the Grand Chapter of Florida. This he did, and I am further advised that other members of the Grand Chapter were also present, although no specific report has been received.

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

I received an invitation to attend the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, which was held

in the Lodge room of Alexandria Washington Lodge, February 21 and 22, 1924. Much to my regret conditions again interfered and I was not permitted to be present. However, learning that Past Grand High Priest Marcus Endel was expecting to be in the vicinity at that time, he very cheerfully consented to represent the Grand Chapter of Florida on this occasion. It was also represented by R. E. Companion T. T. Todd, Grand King, who was there especially in his capacity as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida. I have been favored with a brief report of this memorable gathering by Most Excellent Companion Endel. As it contains matters that properly should come before this Grand Chapter, I have asked him to present the same at a later time. In connection I would recommend that this Grand Chapter make such further contribution to this essentially important Masonic movement as the finances of Grand Chapter will permit.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF MT. HOREB CHAPTER NO. 6

On March 23rd, I received an invitation to attend the semi-centennial of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, at Pensacola, which was fifty years old on January 13th last. The event was to be commemorated by a get-together smoker and banquet. Although it was not intended to be a business gathering, yet with commendable forethought Chapter petitions were enclosed with the invitations. Good results must certainly have followed. Much as I wanted to participate in the festivities, not being equipped with the fabled "league boots," nor accustomed to aviation, I requested the Grand King, R. E. Companion T. T. Todd, it being his home Chapter, to represent the

Grand Chapter of Florida, which I am confident he did.

OTHER INVITATIONS

I acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the Seventy-Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. But as this occurs in the same week as the Seventy-Eight Annual of the Grand Chapter of Florida, attendance is prohibitive and regrets were sent.

During the year it was my privilege to attend unofficially important gatherings of Concordant Orders, but an enumeration of them is neither necessary nor desirable.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

One of the special pleasures of my incumbency was the exchange of fraternal greetings with the Officers, Permanent Members and Excellent High Priests connected with the Grand Chapter of Florida, as well as with many others in foreign jurisdictions.

HARDING MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

On December 20, 1923, there was forwarded to me from the Grand Secretary's office circulars and other matter pertaining to the Harding Memorial Association and the proposed erection of a shrine to our late Companion Warren Gamaliel Harding. The main purpose at this time appeared to be to secure the names of members of the Grand Chapter and a list of the constituent Chapters for the purpose of circularizing, together with the endorsement of the Grand High Priest. Irrespective of the merits of

this particular proposition. I advised the Grand Secretary:

On general principles I am not favorably disposed to the plan of permitting the public and promiscuous use of either the names of the Grand Officers or the names and addresses of the members of constituent Chapters for solicitation purposes.

CONCLUSION

Companions, the foregoing is a somewhat imperfect account of my part in the administration of the affairs of this Grand Chapter for the year now drawing to a close. The report of the Grand Secretary will show a substantial gain in membership, the credit for which is largely due to his unceasing devotion to duty, his uniformly courteous attention to all inquiries and his cheerful compliance with all requests, however trivial, as well as to the hearty cooperation of the Companions generally throughout the Jurisdiction.

While this has been the most active Masonic year I have experienced, it has also been the most enjoyable one. And my great regret is that I have not been able to do more efficient work.

It falls to the lot of comparatively few to be so signally honored as I have been by the Brethren and Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction. Only a few years ago I came among you a total stranger, and now I am retiring from the highest office within your gift. I do not seem able to find words to adequately express my appreciation and gratitude for the confidence you have reposed in me.

In the belief that our Royal Craft will measure up to its high traditions, let us vow a deeper con-

secration to its principles and labor more earnestly for our beloved and promising institution.

Fraternally submitted,

ELY P. HUBBELL,
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 Companions Alex. B. Steuart, M. W. Bishop and E. M. Oglesby as such committee.

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:

The Thirty-Ninth Triennial Convocation will be held in the City of Portland, Maine, beginning on Wednesday, September 10th, 1924, and I trust arrangements may be made for having a full representation from our Grand Chapter on that occasion.

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan have been organized and this Grand Chapter will doubtless desire to extend fraternal recognition to same at this time.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida held last January a motion was adopted providing for the erection of a monument to the memory of Past Grand High Priest John M. Caldwell and that the Grand Chapter be permitted to join in same, if it so desires. I am sure this Grand Chapter will want to have a part in this loving tribute to Past Grand High Priest Caldwell.

ANNUAL RETURNS

Notwithstanding the fact that our regulations allow our Chapters *three months* in which to make returns without penalty five Chapters were delinquent this year as follows:

Jericho No. 11.
Island No. 21.
Lakeland No. 29.
Dade No. 47.
New Smyrna No. 51.

Of these Chapters Jericho No. 11 owes a balance of \$5.00; Island No. 21, \$5.00; Dade No. 47, \$5.00; and New Smyrna No. 51, \$3.00. Sarasota No. 35 owes a balance of \$9.00 on the dues for 1922.

The return of Plant City No. 16 is irregular and repeated letters to the Secretary have failed to obtain necessary information to enable us to correct it. All other Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues in full.

No new Chapters have been organized during the past year. Five hundred and forty-five Companions have been exalted during the year. Our present membership is 7,405, the net gain being 292.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida.

	Dr.
Members of Defunct Chapter	\$ 12.50
Florida No. 1	188.00
Gainesville No. 2	248.00
Tampa No. 3	405.00
St. Johns No. 4	92.00
Halifax No. 5	254.00
Mt. Horeb No. 6	223.00

Eureka No. 7	286.00
Dade City No. 8	72.00
Putnam No. 9	125.00
Kissimmee No. 10	85.00
Jericho No. 11	323.00
Jacksonville No. 12	661.00
Ocala No. 13	134.00
Inverness No. 14	54.00
Monroe No. 15	187.00
Plant City No. 16	99.00
St. Augustine No. 17	162.00
Manatee River No. 18	170.00
Lake Butler No. 19	60.00
Keystone No. 20	76.00
Island No. 21	25.00
Thomas Brown No. 22	263.00
ChIPLEY No. 23	102.00
Lake Worth No. 24	311.00
Live Oak No. 25	349.00
Jefferson No. 26	106.00
Indian River No. 27	251.00
Joppa No. 28	118.00
Lakeland No. 29	217.00
Gadsden No. 30	186.00
St. Petersburg No. 31	307.00
Jackson No. 32	183.00
Eustis No. 33	73.00
Leesburg No. 34	112.00
Sarasota No. 35	78.00
Arcadia No. 36	88.00
Walton No. 37	115.00
Providence No. 38	87.00
Bay County No. 39	185.00
Crestview No. 40	168.00
Winter Haven No. 41	146.00
Highland No. 42	90.00
Union No. 43	51.00
Perry No. 44	67.00
Clearwater No. 45	66.00
Okeechobee No. 46	33.00
Dade No. 47	55.00

Duval No. 48	64.00
Nassau No. 49	66.00
Poinciana No. 50	67.00
New Smyrna No. 51	95.00
	\$8,040.50

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1924.	
Jan. 10, By paid Grand Treasurer	\$ 626.00
Jan. 21, By paid Grand Treasurer	468.00
Feb. 1, By paid Grand Treasurer	436.00
Feb. 6, By paid Grand Treasurer	250.00
Feb. 14, By paid Grand Treasurer	379.00
Mch. 4, By paid Grand Treasurer	1,621.00
Mch. 14, By paid Grand Treasurer	357.00
Mch. 28, By paid Grand Treasurer	1,338.00
Apr. 2, By paid Grand Treasurer	590.00
Apr. 5, By paid Grand Treasurer	866.00
Apr. 19, By paid Grand Treasurer	555.00
Apr. 19, By paid Grand Treasurer	337.00
May 6, By paid Grand Treasurer	217.50
May 14, By paid Grand Treasurer	\$8,040.50

Books and vouchers are herewith presented 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.

1923	
May 15, To balance as per last report	\$15,613.50
May 15, To supplemental report	13.00

1924		
Jan. 10,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	626.00
Jan. 21,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	468.00
Feb. 1,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	436.00
Feb. 7,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	250.00
Feb. 15,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	379.00
Feb. 15,	To received from interest Duval Lodge bonds	60.00
Mch. 5,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	1,621.00
Mch. 14,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	357.00
Mch. 28,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	1,338.00
Apr. 2,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	590.00
Apr. 5,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	866.00
Apr. 19,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	555.00
May 3,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	337.00
May 5,	To received interest Duval Lodge bonds -----	60.00
May 14,	To received from Grand Secretary -----	217.50
May 20,	To received interest Barnett Bank -----	318.08

\$24,105.08

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1924		
May 20,	By paid vouchers Nos. 1 to 34 -----	8,005.91
	Balance on hand -----	\$16,099.17

Distributed as follows:

Duval Lodge bonds -----	\$ 2,000.00
Barnett National Bank -----	14,099.17—\$16,099.17

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted,

Fraternally,

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

The following communication was received from Companion C. S. Hammatt, Deputy of the Supreme Council A. A. S. R. in Northern Florida and was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest,
E. P. Hubbell,
Masonic Temple, City.*

Dear Sir: In the death of Dr. Olin S. Wright, Sovereign Inspector General of the A. A. Scottish Rite in Florida, the agreement or understanding between the Grand Chapter and Dr. Wright in behalf of the Scottish Rite as to a probation period of six months between receiving the third degree and the next higher degree in either York or Scottish Rite, terminated with his death. It will be necessary, therefore, to consider the agreement abrogated or to make a new agreement if it is deemed wise and expedient to further continue such a probation period.

As for the Scottish Rite, Brother A. B. Stewart of Tampa and myself have been appointed deputies of the Supreme Council and if any agreement or understanding is considered for the best interest of the York Rite, Brother Stewart and myself will be glad to confer with whomsoever you may see fit to refer this matter to. Personally, I think the agreement has worked a detriment to both the Chapter and Scottish Rite, but I am willing to listen to any proposition that may be considered to the advantage of Masonry.

Trusting that you will give this matter your earnest consideration, I am

Fraternally yours,

C. S. HAMMATT,

*Deputy of the Supreme Council
In Northern Florida.*

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Endel 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.

The M. . E. . Grand High Priest presented his report on Correspondence, and upon motion of Past Grand High Priest O'Neal the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Companion Hubbell and the report was ordered printed in the proceedings.

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

Companion Bishop, as High Priest of Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, invited the officers, members and companions to a supper to be served at 6:00 P. M.

The motion of Companion Fish prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from refreshment to labor it be to resume labor at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

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

DISTRIBUTION

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

Those portions which refer to Chapters constituted, petitions for new Chapters, invasion of jurisdiction, rulings requested and decisions rendered, and the Texas matter, be referred to the Committee on Capitular Jurisprudence;

That portion pertaining to recognition of recently constituted Grand Chapters be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence;

That portion pertaining to the correction and interpretation of the ritual be referred to a special committee of three to be appointed by the Grand High Priest and to report at this Grand Convocation;

Those portions pertaining to the Grand High Priest's recommendations as to contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, erection of monuments, and representation at the Triennial, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts;

Those portions relative to dispensations granted and amendments to by-laws be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws;

Your committee respectfully suggests that that part of the address referring to the maintenance of law and established authority within the state and the home, and by the individual, is a matter that should be directed to the attention of the High Priest of each subordinate Chapter throughout this Grand Jurisdiction with the request that it be read for the benefit of all members.

The holding of a Past High Priest's Night at least annually, is a custom that might well be adopted generally, and this plan might also be brought to the attention of presiding officers in subordinate Chapters.

We further recommend that so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to finances and the erection of monument to Past Grand High Priest Caldwell be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts;

So much as refers to recently organized Grand Chapters be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; and so much as refers to annual returns from subordinate Chapters be referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. B. STEUART,
M. W. BISHOP,
E. M. OGLESBY,

Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 20, 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.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions: We, the Committee on Unfinished Business, have examined the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida at its Seventy-Seventh Annual Convocation and find that the only unfinished business therein is a proposed amendment to the constitution. The amendment referred to is Article IV, Section 14.

Fraternally submitted.

O. J. PRICE,
WILL C. WINANS,
W. A. MOSHER,
Committee.

The following communication was received from the Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star:

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

In behalf of the Grand Chapter of Florida, Order of the Eastern Star, I extend fraternal greetings and best wishes for an enjoyable and successful session.

Cordially and fraternally yours,
CLAUDIA CHRISTIAN,
Grand Matron.

The motion of Companion Caldwell was adopted: "That this communication be acknowledged by the Grand Secretary by wire and the fraternal greetings of this Grand Chapter extended to the Grand Matron, and through her, to the Order of the Eastern Star."

Upon motion Past Grand High Priest Warlow was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of this Grand Chapter.

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

MEMORIALS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Memorials respectfully reports that since our last Convocation, death has invaded both our Grand Chapter and many of the subordinate Chapters.

Dear faces have passed away—voices that we loved to hear are hushed—and welcome words of good counsel will be sadly missed.

Our Grand Chapter deeply mourns the departure of two eminent Companions, Dr. Olin S. Wright and J. R. Wetherell.

Companion Wright was Grand High Priest during the year 1905. To know this Companion was to love him. Quiet, manly, obliging, courteous, were the distinguishing characteristics of this Brother, Man and Mason. Because of his unusual faithfulness and qualifications, he was exalted to one of the highest positions in the gift of the Masonic Fraternity.

On October 16, 1917, he was elected to active membership in the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masonry and one day later, was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of Florida, which august position he efficiently filled until his death.

Companion Wetherell was elected Grand High Priest for the year 1902. Great progress was made in Royal Arch Masonry under his wise leadership. Companion Wetherell, for many years, gave the best efforts of his intellect to the Order he loved so much, and the generation to come will reap the benefits of his continued labors and will pronounce his name with love and reverence. We thank our Heavenly Father for the life of this good man, and for his labors in our Order, and for the good example he has left to those who are to follow after.

During the past year, eighty Companions of subordinate Chapters have made their pilgrimage through the veils and have entered into the Holy of Holies.

We note with brotherly sympathy that other Grand Jurisdictions have, like us, been called upon to mourn the departure of many prominent Companions. Their names are as follows:

Alabama—Stewart McQueen, Grand Chaplain, born at Scotch Glen, Florida, October 15, 1857, died at Montgomery, Alabama October 5, 1923.

California—Charles L. Patton, Past Grand High Priest, born in Petaluma, California, June 24, 1864, died at San Francisco, California, April 11, 1923.

Colorado—Burt E. Warren, Grand Master of the First Vail, born in Chicago, Illinois, October 18, 1870, died at Rocky Ford, Illinois, December 15, 1923.

Connecticut—Isaiah Baker, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer, born in Dennis, Mass., June 6, 1856, died at Hartford, Conn., November 30, 1923; Eugene Ashley Hall, Past Grand High Priest, born in Meriden, Conn., August 7, 1865, died at Meriden, November 6, 1923.

Illinois—John C. Hallenbeck, Past Grand High Priest, born in New York City, October 17, 1849, died in Chicago, Illinois, Feb. 28, 1924; Frank Spencer, Past Grand High Priest, born in Ullin, Illinois, June 9, 1856, died in Cairo, Illinois, March 1, 1924.

Iowa—Leroy T. Weld, Past Grand High Priest, born at Centerville, Michigan, September 19, 1839, died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 14, 1923; Henry Clay McNeil, Past Grand High Priest, born in Homer, New York, October 30, 1837, died at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, March 26, 1924.

Kansas—Robert Elwood Nickels, Past Grand High Priest, born in Wellington, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1848. Died July 21, 1923.

Kentucky—John Hess Leathers, Past Grand High Priest, born in Jefferson County, West Virginia, April 27, 1841, died in Louisville, Kentucky, June 29, 1923.

Maine—Frank Eugene Sleeper, Past Grand High Priest, born in Lewiston, Maine, Sept. 12, 1846, died at Sabattus, Maine, May 2, 1923; Edwin Albert Porter, Past Grand High Priest, born in Dixmont, Maine, Feb. 1, 1856, died in Pittsfield, Maine, May 24, 1923.

Maryland—Charles Clark, Past Grand High Priest, born in Baltimore, Md., May 31, 1853, died in Baltimore, Md., April 16, 1923.

Michigan—Reverend John Chafin, R. Ex. Grand Chaplain, born in Lewiston, New York, Sept. 28, 1858, died in Detroit, Michigan, October 16, 1923.

Minnesota—John La Vaque, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, born at Milwaukee, Wis., 1845, died at Duluth, Minn., Sept. 10,

1923; Henry Milton Tusler, Grand Scribe, born in Lottsville, Pa., April 19, 1844, died at St. Paul, Minn., January 7, 1924.

Missouri—John Rolph Parson, Past Grand High Priest, born in Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 24, 1839, died at St. Louis, Missouri, April 8, 1924.

Montana—Robert Vickers, Past Grand High Priest, died April 11, 1923.

Washington—James William Thomas, Grand Sentinel, born March 27, 1868, died October 7, 1923; Thomas Martin Turner, Past Grand High Priest, born Sept. 17, 1855, died Sept. 12, 1923.

Thus they are gone from us, these dear Companions. And while we drop tears of affection over the graves of our loved ones, and deposit the sprig of Acacia in their silent graves, let us profit by their examples, and pledge ourselves anew to the upbuilding of our great Fraternity, to the honor of the Supreme High Priest of the Universe, and to the betterment of our fellow men.

"A little time, and we
Who knew them well, and loved them here,
One after one shall follow them,
As pilgrims through the gate of love
Which opens on eternity.

"Yet shall we cherish none the less
All that's left in our hearts meanwhile;
The memory of their faithfulness
Shall round our weary pathway smile,
Like moonlight when the sun has set—
A sweet and tender radiance yet."

Faternally submitted,

D. H. RUTTER,
W. B. Y. WILKIE,
F. S. HARTSFIELD,
Committee.

Past Grand High Priest Endel made a verbal report of his attendance upon a meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association on February 21-22, the object and work of the Association and progress made,

recommending a liberal contribution be made by the Grand Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest O'Neal offered the following resolution which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

Resolved: That the M. E. Grand Chapter appropriate the sum of four hundred (\$400.00) dollars for two scholarships, one for a boy and one for a girl in any of the accredited colleges of the State for the next college year and that a committee of three members of this Grand Chapter be appointed to select students for these scholarships.

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

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your Committee on Propositions and Grievances beg to report that we find no propositions or grievances at this time before this Grand Chapter and how pleased we are that harmony and peace prevail within our Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

M. J. DAETWYLER,
C. O. TEATE,
H. L. SCHAEFFER,
Committee.

Labor was dispensed with in the Royal Arch for the purpose of witnessing the exemplification of the work by Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.

A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened.
E. T. Roberts for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, J. A. Harp for Duval Chapter No. 48, were advanced to the degree of M. M. in due form.

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

E. T. Roberts for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, J. A. Harp, A. P. Hoagland, A. A. Smith and E. D. Jones for Duval Chapter No. 48, were inducted into the O. C. of K. S. in due form.

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

E. T. Roberts for Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, J. A. Harp, A. P. Hoagland, A. A. Smith and E. D. Jones for Duval Chapter No. 48, were received and acknowledged as M. E. M. in due form.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed and the Companions repaired to the seventh floor of the Temple where a supper had been prepared for them by Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, after which a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened and the Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon the same class as above.

Labor was resumed in the Grand Chapter.

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 fraternally 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 within the required time limit, with the following exceptions: Plant City No. 16, has made returns and paid dues, but there is an error in same which we are unable to correct and we recommend that it be referred to the Grand Secretary for correction.

We have collected dues as follows: Jericho No. 11, \$5.00, Sarasota No. 35, \$9.00 and New Smyrna No. 51, \$3.00, a total of seventeen (\$17.00) dollars which has been turned over to the Grand Secretary.

There are balances still due from Chapters as follows:

Island No. 21, \$5.00.

Dade No. 47, \$5.00.

There were five Chapters that failed to file their returns within the required time limit, viz.: Jericho No. 11, Island No. 21, Lakeland No. 29, Dade No. 47 and New Smyrna No. 51, but as they have paid practically all their dues we recommend that they, together with all other Chapters be allowed representation in this Grand Chapter with mileage and per diem for representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. CARTER,

G. J. TOLSON,

R. E. WYMAN,

Committee.

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 seventeen (\$17.00) dollars from the Committee on Returns and Credentials since making my last report and that the same has been turned over to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,

Grand Secretary.

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

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT
(Supplemental)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions: I have to report having received the sum of seventeen (\$17.00) dollars from the Grand Secretary since making my last report.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,

Grand Treasurer.

The motion of Companion Fish prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment it be to resume labor at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 21, 10:30 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 previous session were read and adopted.

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

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them correct with a balance on hand of \$16,099.17 which is distributed as follows:

Cash in Barnett National Bank	\$14,099.17
Duval Lodge Bonds	2,000.00
Total	\$16,099.17

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 Ass'n ..	500.00
Pay Roll Attached	2,208.50
Total	\$ 5,098.50

Leaving cash balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$11,000.67.

We recommend in accordance with the resolution offered by Past Grand High Priest W. R. O'Neal which was referred to us that \$400.00 of the funds of this Grand Chapter be set aside annually to create scholarships in the State College for Women at Tallahassee and the University of Florida at Gainesville, this sum to be divided equally between the two and a committee of three appointed to be known as the Grand Royal Arch Chapter Educational Committee to select the two students each year who shall be beneficiaries of the fund.

We recommend that the per diem of this Grand Chapter be \$7.00 per day instead of \$5.00 as it has been in the past and that the mileage remain at five cents (5c) per mile traveled.

We recommend that a special committee to be known as the Grand Chapter Investment Committee be appointed by the Grand High Priest for the purpose of investing the surplus funds of this Grand Chapter in negotiable securities at the best available interest possible.

We also recommend that an amount sufficient to defray the expenses of the first four officers of this Grand Chapter and such Past Grand High Priests as may be able to attend the General Grand Chapter R. A. M., at Portland, Maine, be appropriated

and that the Grand High Priest be authorized to draw warrants covering such expense.

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 to pay for same.

We recommend that the Grand High Priest and the 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 wish to extend thanks to, and appreciation of, the valuable services rendered them by our Companions the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

H. O. SNOW,
CHAS. H. STEWART,
CHAS. H. KETCHUM,

Committee.

PAY ROLL

Name	Per Diem	Mileage	Total
Ely P. Hubbell, G. H. P.	\$21.00	\$24.30	\$45.30
Erle L. Wirt, D. G. H. P.	14.00	20.50	34.50
T. T. Todd, G. King	14.00	36.90	50.90
E. L. Shear, G. Scribe	14.00	11.00	25.00
Cary B. Fish, G. C. of H.	14.00	25.50	39.50
R. J. McMaster, G. P. S.	14.00	21.00	35.00
Marcus Endel, Grand Treasurer	21.00	---	21.00
W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary	21.00	---	21.00
Stafford Caldwell, G. R. A. C.	14.00	23.60	37.60
W. B. Y. Wilkie, Grand Chaplain	14.00	---	14.00
Stephen E. Gregory, G. M. Third Vail ..	14.00	15.00	29.00
John Pasco, G. M. Second Vail	14.00	36.60	50.60
C. L. Benedict, G. M. First Vail	14.00	---	14.00
John W. Capper, Grand Guard	21.00	7.00	28.00
I. E. Webster, P. G. H. P.	14.00	10.70	24.70
Silas B. Wright, P. G. H. P.	14.00	---	---

Name	Per Diem	Mileage	Total
Louis C. Massey, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	14.70	35.70
Wm. S. Ware, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	---	21.00
T. Picton Warlow, P. G. H. P. -----	14.00	14.70	28.70
Wm. R. O'Neal, P. G. H. P. -----	14.00	14.70	28.70
D. B. Palmer, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	15.00	36.00
W. V. Carter, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	11.00	32.00
Henry O. Snow, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	26.00	47.00
John L. Hall, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	---	21.00
Charles H. Ketchum, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	52.20	73.20
R. J. Kishpaugh, P. G. H. P. -----	21.00	30.00	51.00
Frank S. Hartsfield, Chapter No. 1 -----	14.00	16.50	30.50
Alex. B. Steuart, Chapter No. 3 -----	14.00	21.00	35.00
J. B. Davis, Chapter No. 5 -----	14.00	11.00	25.00
J. E. Olney, Chapter No. 6 -----	14.00	36.90	50.90
M. J. Daetwyler, Chapter No. 7 -----	14.00	14.70	28.70
R. L. Batchelor, Chapter No. 8 -----	14.00	16.40	30.40
W. C. Allen, Chapter No. 9 -----	14.00	5.50	19.50
J. H. Bryan, Chapter No. 10 -----	14.00	16.40	30.40
V. R. Brice, Chapter No. 11 -----	14.00	36.60	50.60
M. W. Bishop, Chapter No. 12 -----	14.00	---	14.00
A. L. Lucas, Chapter No. 13 -----	14.00	10.10	24.10
George W. Scofield, Chapter No. 14 -----	14.00	11.50	25.50
H. G. Harper, Chapter No. 16 -----	14.00	18.80	32.80
R. C. Fernald, Chapter No. 18 -----	14.00	24.30	38.30
H. V. Calder, Chapter No. 20 -----	14.00	34.00	48.00
E. M. Ogelsby, Chapter No. 22 -----	14.00	20.50	34.50
T. J. Watts, Chapter No. 23 -----	14.00	25.20	39.20
Chas. M. Gruber, Chapter No. 24 -----	14.00	30.00	44.00
B. W. Helvenston, Chapter No. 25 -----	14.00	8.10	22.10
P. B. Whitaker, Chapter No. 26 -----	14.00	15.00	29.00
Geo. W. Scobie, Chapter No. 27 -----	14.00	15.40	29.40
B. M. Jones, Chapter No. 28 -----	14.00	24.20	38.20
P. D. Goodyear, Chapter No. 29 -----	14.00	23.30	37.30
W. C. Winans, Chapter No. 30 -----	14.00	18.90	32.90
R. E. Wyman, Chapter No. 31 -----	14.00	26.40	40.40
C. W. Davis, Chapter No. 32 -----	14.00	23.30	37.30
J. E. Maddox, Chapter No. 33 -----	14.00	15.80	29.80
H. L. Shaeffer, Chapter No. 34 -----	14.00	17.40	31.40
C. O. Teate, Chapter No. 35 -----	14.00	25.50	39.50

Name	Per Diem	Mileage	Total
W. A. Mosher, Chapter No. 39 -----	14.00	28.20	42.20
J. L. Clary, Chapter No. 40 -----	14.00	31.80	45.80
Geo. Smith, Chapter No. 42 -----	14.00	22.40	36.40
C. H. Stewart, Chapter No. 43 -----	14.00	19.40	33.40
A. H. Cherry, Chapter No. 44 -----	14.00	12.50	26.50
O. J. Price, Chapter No. 46 -----	14.00	26.40	40.40
N. C. Edwards, Chapter No. 48 -----	14.00	1.00	15.00
E. S. DuBose, Chapter No. 49 -----	14.00	3.60	17.60
Geo. W. Hutchins, Chapter No. 50 -----	14.00	32.30	46.30
K. L. Chilton, Chapter No. 51 -----	14.00	12.50	26.50
Chester DeRocher, Com. Visitors -----	14.00	---	14.00
G. J. Tolson, Com. R. and C. -----	14.00	23.30	37.30
Totals -----	\$1,022.00	\$1,186.50	\$2,208.50

Past Grand High Priest Endel's motion was adopted, as follows:

"That the Finance Committee be authorized to add to their report an appropriation in sufficient amount to provide for this Grand Chapter's share in the erection of a memorial to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Caldwell, and also for the erection of monuments to the memory of Past Grand High Priests J. R. Wetherell, H. N. Sweeting and Olin S. Wright; that other Grand Bodies be permitted to share in the expense of Past Grand High Priest Wright's memorial should they desire to do so. The appropriation to be under the direction of the Grand High Priest."

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to make the following report:

We approve all of the decisions as reported by the M. E. Grand High Priest and as they contain no special "new matter," recommend that none of them be brought forward as regulations.

The special dispensations issued by him are approved, they being entirely within his province and not subject to review by us.

We congratulate the Grand Chapter, and the General Grand Chapter of the United States that the unpleasant matter with the Grand Chapter of Texas has been settled and that peace and harmony now prevail.

The organization of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan having been regular and they having complied with Capitular Jurisprudence, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved: That the Grand Chapter of Manitoba R. A. M. be recognized and that our Grand High Priest arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Resolved: That the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan R. A. M. be recognized and that our Grand High Priest arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

In the matter of the letter from Brother C. S. Hammatt, Deputy of the Supreme Council of the A. A. S. Rite in Florida, which has been referred to us, in which it is stated that "The agreement or understanding between the Grand Chapter and Dr. Olin S. Wright, Sovereign Inspector General of the A. A. S. R. in Florida as to a probation period of six (6) months between receiving the third degree and the next higher degree in either York or Scottish Rite, terminated with his death."

The letter calls our attention to the fact that it will be necessary to consider the agreement abrogated or make a new agreement if it be deemed wise and expedient to further continue such probation period.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved: That regulation No. 53 be amended by striking out the words "But no such petition shall be received from any per-

son who has not been a Master Mason for at least six (6) months and who is not a member of a Lodge in good standing."

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
I. E. WEBSTER,
SILAS B. WRIGHT,
W. P. WEBSTER,
L. C. MASSEY,
WM. S. WARE,
T. PICTON WARLOW,
W. R. O'NEAL,
D. B. PALMER,
C. H. KETCHUM,
W. V. CARTER,
H. O. SNOW,
JOHN L. HALL,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
Committee.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-laws made a verbal report that nothing had been referred to them for consideration.

The amendment to Article IV Section 14, as proposed at our last Annual Convocation was taken up for consideration and unanimously adopted 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 said thirty (30) days, upon, 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."

Upon motion of Companion Wirt a committee was appointed to prepare a suitable resolution of thanks to Jacksonville Chapter and the members of its working team and to all who have contributed to our entertainment. The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Past Grand High Priests W. R. O'Neal, H. O. Snow and Companion B. C. Webb as such committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions Brice and Mattocks, together with the Grand Secretary to act as tellers, and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

- Erle L. Wirt ----- M. E. Gr. High Priest.
- T. T. Todd ----- R. E. D. G. High Priest.
- E. L. Shear ----- R. E. Grand King.
- Cary B. Fish ----- R. E. Grand Scribe.
- Marcus Endel ----- R. E. Grand Treasurer.
- W. P. Webster ----- R. E. Grand Secretary.
- W. B. Y. Wilkie ----- R. E. Grand Chaplain

Upon motion of Companion Fish the Grand Secretary was authorized and directed to purchase an official jewel for the Grand Captain of the Host.

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

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

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

Past Grand High Priest Louis C. Massey, assisted by Past Grand High Priest John L. Hall as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers.

INSTALLATION

- Erle L. Wirt ----- M. E. Gr. High Priest.
- T. T. Todd ----- R. E. D. G. High Priest.
- E. L. Shear ----- R. E. Grand King.
- Cary B. Fish ----- R. E. Grand Scribe.
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- C. L. Benedict ----- E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
- Alex. B. Steuart ----- E. Gr. Master First Vail.

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

A Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to M. E. Companion Hubbell, Past Grand High Priest Ketchum making the presentation.

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

THANKS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

We, your committee appointed to express the appreciation of the M. E. Grand Chapter to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12 for the many courtesies extended during this session, would respectfully report that we extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to all the officers and members of Jacksonville Chapter who have spared no effort to make this meeting a pleasant and profitable one.

The exemplification of the work was carefully given and should be an inspiration to all who had the privilege of attending.

We would especially mention the ladies of the Eastern Star, the mothers, wives and daughters of our Companions who have given their time and effort in serving the splendid supper on Tuesday evening.

True Fraternal spirit seems to have been present during the entire Convocation. We will look forward with pleasure to the Convocations that are yet to be.

Fraternally submitted,

H. O. SNOW,
W. R. O'NEAL,
B. C. WEBB,
Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest thanked Jacksonville Chapter for courtesies extended and complimented their working team on the manner in which they exemplified the work. He requested Jacksonville Chapter to exemplify the work of the several degrees at our next Annual Convocation.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ely P. Hubbell,
John L. Hall, Louis C. Massey.

PRINTING

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests.

EDUCATION

Wm. R. O'Neal,
John L. Hall, T. T. Todd.

INVESTMENT

Louis C. Massey, R. J. McMaster.

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.

ERLE L. WIRT,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:



Grand Secretary.



Olin S. Wright

Grand High Priest

1905

Born

December 1, 1852

Cobington, Penn.

Died

December 17, 1923

Plant City, Fla.

John R. Wetherell

Grand High Priest

1902

Born

London, England

June 21, 1847

Died

January 17, 1924

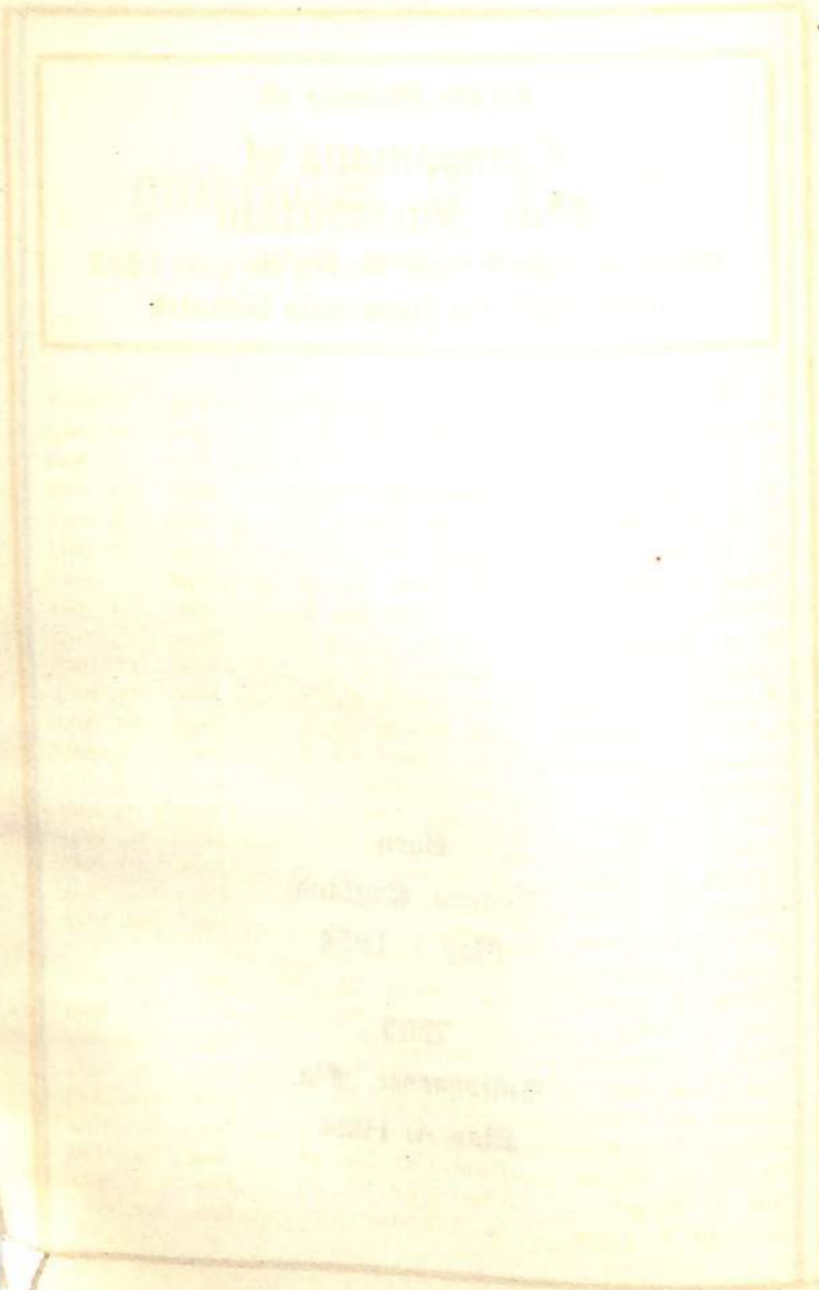
DeLand, Fla.

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Harry N. Sweeting
Grand High Priest
1913

Born
London, England
May 5, 1854

Died
Tallahassee, Fla.
May 4, 1924



**To the Memory of
Companions of
Our Jurisdiction
Who have passed away during the year 1923
these pages are fraternally dedicated**

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| A. H. Ginsberg | -----Florida No. 1 | -----Dec. | 28, 1923 |
| Howard B. Sandifer | ---Florida No. 1 | -----July | 12, 1923 |
| H. J. Dowling | -----Gainesville No. 2 | -----June | 3, 1923 |
| W. T. Bodiford | -----Gainesville No. 2 | -----Sept. | 23, 1923 |
| D. T. Kirkland | -----Tampa No. 3 | -----April | 8, 1923 |
| W. E. Gregory | -----Tampa No. 3 | -----June | 17, 1923 |
| Edgar B. Bowen | -----St. Johns No. 4 | -----Sept. | 1923 |
| Charles H. Hartley | ---St. Johns No. 4 | -----Oct. | 3, 1923 |
| M. A. Briggs | -----Halifax No. 5 | -----Nov. | 7, 1923 |
| Frank T. Peck | -----Halifax No. 5 | -----Sept. | 21, 1923 |
| Harold V. Andrews | ---Mt. Horeb No. 6 | -----Feb. | 15, 1923 |
| Gerson Forscheimer | ---Mt. Horeb No. 6 | -----Sept. | 19, 1923 |
| Edward J. Quigley | ---Mt. Horeb No. 6 | -----Dec. | 5, 1923 |
| Clifford D. Butt | -----Eureka No. 7 | -----Feb. | 1, 1923 |
| Carl B. Robinson | -----Eureka No. 7 | -----March | 19, 1923 |
| Milton O. Dovell | -----Eureka No. 7 | -----May | 16, 1923 |
| Thomas N. Clark | -----Kissimmee No. 10 | -----June | 27, 1923 |
| Edward H. Lyon | -----Jericho No. 11 | -----Jan. | 1, 1923 |
| William P. Smith | -----Jericho No. 11 | -----Jan. | 20, 1923 |
| Philip Ullendorf | -----Jericho No. 11 | ----- | |
| Charles P. Lovell | -----Jacksonville No. 12 | -----Jan. | 25, 1923 |
| Fred D. Alley | -----Jacksonville No. 12 | -----Feb. | 11, 1923 |
| Alex A. Sheddan | -----Jacksonville No. 12 | -----April | 10, 1923 |
| James Lasseter | -----Jacksonville No. 12 | -----Aug. | 23, 1923 |
| Samuel R. Posey | -----Jacksonville No. 12 | -----Oct. | 10, 1923 |
| Charles W. Johnson | -----Jacksonville No. 12 | -----Nov. | 7, 1923 |
| Charles E. Barnes | -----Plant City No. 16 | -----Aug. | 27, 1923 |
| Olin S. Wright | -----Plant City No. 16 | -----Dec. | 17, 1923 |
| Granville D. Cox | -----St. Augustine No. 17 | -----Feb. | 22, 1923 |

Samuel M. Worley	---St. Augustine No. 17	--Sept.	12, 1923
Edwin K. Barrett	---St. Augustine No. 17	--Nov.	6, 1923
Nathan F. Brandt	---St. Augustine No. 17	--Dec.	28, 1922
J. J. McDonald	---Manatee River No. 18	--Oct.	5, 1923
Hobart L. Ringo	---Manatee River No. 18	--Jan.	16, 1923
Robert I. Woods	---Manatee River No. 18	--Oct.	30, 1923
Charles S. Steel	---Thomas Brown No. 22	--June	18, 1923
S. S. Duke	---Thomas Brown No. 22	--July	7, 1923
Elwin W. Bunker	---Lake Worth No. 24	--Sept.	26, 1923
Walter C. McDaniel	---Live Oak No. 25	-----May	26, 1923
D. G. Bardin	---Live Oak No. 25	-----June	30, 1923
T. R. Bothwell	---Live Oak No. 25	-----Nov.	11, 1923
J. M. Caldwell	---Live Oak No. 25	-----Nov.	2, 1923
John Umstead	---Live Oak No. 25	-----Dec.	8, 1923
R. H. Shackelford	---Jefferson No. 26	-----June	24, 1923
Peter Jepson	---Indian River No. 27	--May	25, 1923
Charles A. Vanille	---Indian River No. 27	--July	3, 1922
C. E. McMullen	---Lakeland No. 29	-----Jan.	8, 1923
F. W. Barber	---Lakeland No. 29	-----Jan.	18, 1923
J. A. Cox	---Lakeland No. 29	-----May	14, 1923
J. W. Buchanan, Sr.	---Lakeland No. 29	-----July	4, 1923
O. W. Drane	---Lakeland No. 29	-----Dec.	29, 1922
C. M. Clayton	---Lakeland No. 29	-----Dec.	31, 1923
G. A. Brower	---Lakeland No. 29	-----	
B. F. Bache	---Gadsden No. 30	-----Feb.	5, 1923
Tillman F. Roland	---Gadsden No. 30	-----July	18, 1923
J. Howard Sylvester	---Gadsden No. 30	-----Sept.	24, 1923
C. M. Slack	---St. Petersburg No. 31	--Jan.	28, 1923
H. A. Kellam	---St. Petersburg No. 31	--Nov.	14, 1923
W. M. Jordan	---Jackson No. 32	-----April	3, 1923
C. L. Wilson	---Jackson No. 32	-----June	25, 1923
J. P. Lathram	---Jackson No. 32	-----June	20, 1923
Tom J. Wright	---Jackson No. 32	-----Aug.	7, 1923
John M. Dillon	---Jackson No. 32	-----Aug.	23, 1923
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D. J. Caldwell	---Eustis No. 33	-----	
S. T. Register	---Leesburg No. 34	-----June	15, 1923
W. H. Folis	---Leesburg No. 34	-----Dec.	15, 1923
J. H. Gillespie	---Sarasota No. 35	-----Aug.	15, 1923
J. C. Griffith	---Walton No. 37	-----April	28, 1923

J. C. Summers	---Providence No. 38	-----Feb.	4, 1923
J. C. Roberts	---Providence No. 38	-----Oct.	9, 1923
Leroy Bare	---Bay County No. 39	-----Sept.	2, 1923
H. C. Jones	---Bay County No. 39	-----March	31, 1923
William A. Richards	---Crestview No. 40	-----Oct.	1923
Benjamin H. Sutton	---Crestview No. 40	-----Nov.	1923
Clarence B. Ferdon	---Crestview No. 40	-----Dec.	1923
William P. Huie	---Winter Haven No. 41	--Oct.	12, 1923
John F. Wasmund	---Winter Haven No. 41	--Dec.	21, 1923
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W. F. Owen, Steven's Point	Wisconsin	Geo. A. Dame, Inverness.
Nell D. Nelson, Thermopolis	Wyoming	Daniel O. Henry, Live Oak.

STATISTICS

CHAPTERS	Number	Membership Last Year	Exalted	Reinstated	Affiliated	Total	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Expelled	Reflected	Present Membership
Florida	1	189	3	0	0	192	2	2	0	0	0	0	188
Gainesville	2	221	14	4	4	243	2	2	7	0	0	0	226
Tampa	3	362	30	1	5	398	2	2	0	2	0	0	392
St. Johns	4	74	11	0	1	86	0	1	0	0	0	0	83
Hallfax	5	226	18	0	3	247	3	3	0	0	0	0	239
Mt. Horeb	6	194	14	4	1	213	3	13	0	0	0	0	190
Eureka	7	257	18	0	8	283	3	2	0	0	0	0	278
Dade City	8	79	0	0	0	79	0	1	8	0	0	0	70
Putnam	9	113	8	0	1	122	0	1	8	0	1	0	112
Kissimmee	10	83	3	0	0	86	1	3	0	0	0	0	82
Jericho	11	255	31	1	11	298	3	2	1	0	0	1	292
Jacksonville	12	609	27	3	11	650	6	6	19	1	0	1	627
Ocala	13	110	13	0	1	124	0	1	1	0	0	0	121
Inverness	14	56	0	1	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Monroe	15	167	15	1	3	186	0	5	12	0	0	1	169
Plant City	16	109	0	0	3	112	2	0	0	0	0	0	110
St. Augustine	17	164	0	1	1	166	4	2	0	0	0	0	163
Manatee River	18	162	8	0	2	172	3	3	3	0	0	0	171
Lake Butler	19	70	5	1	0	76	0	1	4	0	0	0	63
Keystone	20	58	9	3	1	71	0	3	5	0	0	0	25
Island	21	24	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Thomas Brown	22	249	11	2	4	266	2	8	7	1	0	0	248
Chipley	23	105	4	0	2	111	0	0	33	0	0	0	78
Lake Worth	24	231	38	1	3	273	1	2	0	0	0	0	270
Live Oak	25	323	21	0	0	354	5	3	1	1	0	0	344
Jefferson	26	92	9	0	4	105	1	3	0	0	0	0	101
Indian River	27	219	16	2	2	239	2	0	10	0	0	0	227
Joppa	28	102	8	0	3	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	113
Lakeland	29	173	20	0	5	198	5	0	4	0	0	0	189
Gadsden	30	179	7	0	3	189	3	3	0	0	0	0	183
St. Petersburg	31	255	25	3	6	289	2	9	7	0	0	0	280
Jackson	32	174	8	0	1	183	5	5	0	1	0	0	172
Eustis	33	70	3	0	2	75	2	1	0	0	0	0	72
Leesburg	34	93	9	0	4	106	2	5	6	0	0	0	92
Sarasota	35	78	0	1	0	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	78
Arcadia	36	83	4	0	0	87	0	5	0	0	0	0	82
Walton	37	161	8	0	0	169	1	3	34	0	0	0	71
Providence	38	89	0	0	1	90	2	1	0	0	0	0	87
Bay County	39	155	15	0	1	171	2	0	0	0	0	0	169
Crestview	40	128	22	0	1	151	3	0	27	0	0	0	121
Winter Haven	41	106	20	0	0	126	2	0	0	1	0	0	123
Highlands	42	82	5	0	0	87	0	3	6	0	0	0	78
Union	43	41	5	0	1	47	1	0	0	0	0	0	46
Perry	44	63	3	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
Clearwater	45	38	12	0	3	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
Okeechobee	46	32	6	0	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Dade	47	38	7	0	3	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Duval	48	52	7	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Nassau	49	31	18	0	2	51	0	2	0	0	0	0	50
Poinciana	50	49	9	0	5	63	2	0	0	0	0	0	61
New Smyrna	51	87	4	0	0	91	1	0	0	1	0	0	89

SUMMARY

Exalted	546
Reinstated	29
Affiliated	114
Died	80
Dimitted	97
Suspended Non-payment of Dues	210
Suspended Un-Masonic Conduct	9
Expelled	1
Reflected	6
Present Membership	7,405
Net Gain	292

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

CHAPTER	LOCATION	TIME OF MEETING
Florida	1 Tallahassee	Second Monday.
Gainesville	2 Gainesville	First and Third Thursday.
Tampa	3 Tampa	Third Friday.
St. Johns	4 DeLand	Second Thursday.
Hallfax	5 Daytona	Second Monday.
Mount Horeb	6 Pensacola	First and Third Tuesday.
Eureka	7 Orlando	First and Fourth Monday.
Dade City	8 Dade City	Second and Fourth Monday.
Putnam	9 Palatka	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Kissimmee	10 Kissimmee	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Jericho	11 Miami	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Jacksonville	12 Jacksonville	Fourth Friday.
Ocala	13 Ocala	Fourth Monday.
Inverness	14 Inverness	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Monroe	15 Sanford	Second Friday.
Plant City	16 Plant City	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
St. Augustine	17 St. Augustine	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Manatee River	18 Bradentown	First Thursday.
Lake Butler	19 Lake Butler	First and Third Friday.
Keystone	20 Ft. Lauderdale	First and Third Friday.
Island	21 Key West	Second and Fourth Friday.
Thomas Brown	22 Bartow	Third Monday.
Chipley	23 Chipley	First and Third Mondays.
Lake Worth	24 West Palm Beach	Second Thursday.
Live Oak	25 Live Oak	First Monday.
Jefferson	26 Monticello	Third Wednesday.
Indian River	27 Titusville	First Friday.
Joppa	28 Fort Pierce	First and Third Thursday.
Lakeland	29 Lakeland	Third Monday.
Gadsden	30 Quincy	First and Third Thursday.
St. Petersburg	31 St. Petersburg	Second and Fourth Thursday.
Jackson	32 Marianna	Second Tuesday.
Eustis	33 Eustis	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Leesburg	34 Leesburg	First Friday.
Sarasota	35 Sarasota	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Arcadia	36 Arcadia	Third Monday.
Walton	37 DeFuniak Springs	First Friday.
Providence	38 Lake City	First and Fourth Wednesday.
Bay County	39 Panama City	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Crestview	40 Crestview	Second and Fourth Monday.
Winter Haven	41 Winter Haven	Second and Fourth Monday.
Highlands	42 Avon Park	Third and Fifth Wednesday.
Union	43 Melbourne	Second and Fourth Friday.
Perry	44 Perry	Second and Fourth Tuesday.
Clearwater	45 Clearwater	Third Monday.
Okeechobee	46 Okeechobee	Third and Fourth Tuesday.
Dade	47 Homestead	Second and Fourth Friday.
Duval	48 South Jacksonville	First and Third Tuesday.
Nassau	49 Fernandina	First and Third Tuesday.
Poinciana	50 Port Myers	Second and Fourth Monday.
New Smyrna	51 New Smyrna	Second Friday.

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.

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)

COMMITTEES

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

Regulation No. 22, repealed and the following adopted:

22. The M. E. Grand High Priest shall be the Committee on Work. He shall cause the work in each of the degrees to be exemplified at each Annual Grand Con-

vocation, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Chapter.

A special committee to be known as the "Grand Chapter Investment Committee" shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest for the purpose of investing the surplus funds of this Grand Chapter in negotiable securities at the best available interest possible.

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 seven (\$7.00) dollars per diem and five 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.

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)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Four hundred (\$400.00) dollars of the funds of this Grand Chapter shall be set aside annually to create scholarships in the State College for Women at Tallahassee and the University of Florida at Gainesville, this sum to be divided equally between the two and a committee of three appointed to be known as the "Grand Royal Arch Chapter Educational Committee" to select the two students each year who shall be beneficiaries of the fund.

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.

Amendment to Constitution

Adopted 1924

Article IV, Section 14, amended 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."

ORDER OF
HIGH PRIESTHOOD

ANNUAL CONVENTION

1924

The Annual Convention of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of the State of Florida was held in the City of Jacksonville on Wednesday, May, 21, A. D. 1924, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., the following officers being present:

M. E. Cary B. Fish, as President.
E. D. B. Palmer, as 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.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form. Upon motion the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convention was dispensed with they having been printed and distributed, and they were adopted as printed.

Petitions for the Order were received from the following Companions:
Joseph Brown Davis, H. P., Halifax Chapter No. 5.

Joseph E. Olney, H. P., Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.
 J. Nathan Bryan, H. P., Kissimmee Chapter No. 10.
 Vincent R. Brice, H. P., Jericho Chapter No. 11.
 M. Whipple Bishop, H. P., Jacksonville Chapter
 No. 12.
 Lester G. Gilbert, P. H. P., Jacksonville Chapter
 No. 12.
 Albert L. Lucas, H. P., Ocala Chapter No. 13.
 Ewing M. Oglesby, H. P., Thomas Brown Chapter
 No. 22.
 Charles M. Gruber, H. P., Lake Worth Chapter
 No. 24.
 Byron M. Jones, H. P., Joppa Chapter No. 28.
 P. D. Goodyear, H. P., Lakeland Chapter No. 29.
 Will C. Winans, H. P., Gadsden Chapter No. 30.
 Raymond E. Wyman, H. P., St. Petersburg Chapter
 No. 31.
 John E. Mattocks, H. P., Eustis Chapter No. 33.
 C. Olin Teate, H. P., Sarasota Chapter No. 35.
 W. A. Mosher, H. P., Bay County Chapter No. 39.
 O. J. Price, H. P., Okeechobee Chapter No. 46.
 William L. Holsonback, H. P., Duval Chapter No. 48.
 Edward S. DuBose, P. H. P. Nassau Chapter No. 49.

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

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

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

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Dr.	
To balance as per last report	\$76.45
Bible sold	1.85
Fees	38.00—\$116.30
Cr.	
By paid 25 Bibles	\$ 46.23
Postages on Bibles	2.35
Express on Bibles	.87
Blank Book	.65—\$ 50.15
Balance on hand	\$ 66.15

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

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

Companion Ketchum delivered an eloquent eulogy to the memory of our late president Dr. Olin S. Wright and he was requested to furnish a copy of same to be sent to Mrs. Wright.

The President appointed Companions F. H. Thompson and M. W. Bishop as tellers and the Grand Council proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result.

OFFICERS ELECTED

M. E. Cary B. Fish, President.
 E. D. B. Palmer, 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.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

CARY B. FISH,
President.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,
Secretary.

A special Convention of the Holy Order of Anointed High Priests was held in the Masonic Lodge Rooms of Sarasota Lodge on Friday night, May 23, 1924.

The Convention was called to order by the President and Past High Priests, John F. Burket, and William M. Tuttle, of Sarasota Chapter No. 35 were duly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of A. H. P.

CARY B. FISH,
President.

Register of Membership

NAME	DATE
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 18, 1889
Robert McClellan	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Thomas S. Wilmarth	Consecrated May 7, 1890
Silas B. Wright	Consecrated May 13, 1891
Irving E. Webster	Consecrated May 13, 1891
Edgar A. Richards	Consecrated May 11, 1892
William S. Jordan	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Elijah H. Bunker	Consecrated May 11, 1892
Dougald McLachlan	Consecrated May 10, 1893
Alexander C. Martin	Consecrated January 18, 1894
Wilber P. Webster	Consecrated March 5, 1894
Thomas J. Smith	Consecrated January 7, 1895
James E. Pound	Consecrated January 7, 1895
Lowell C. Ruter	Consecrated January 15, 1895
Joseph T. Tolbert	Consecrated January 18, 1895
George W. Hyde	Consecrated January 24, 1896
Henry F. Airth	Consecrated May 13, 1896
Charles R. Oglesby	Consecrated May 13, 1896
John N. Bradshaw	Consecrated May 27, 1896
Eugene P. Mickel	Consecrated Dec. 11, 1897
Louis C. Massey	Consecrated May 11, 1897
Roque V. Rogero	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Elmer E. Haskell	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Wm. E. Ballough	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Geo. P. Ballough	Consecrated May 12, 1897

NAME	DATE
Charles E. Waite.....	Consecrated May 12, 1897
Thomas G. Hutchinson.....	Consecrated January 21, 1898
Ludwig W. Buchholz.....	Consecrated January 21, 1898
Abraham H. West.....	Consecrated Dec. 27, 1898
John T. Miller.....	Consecrated January 19, 1899
H. V. R. Schrader.....	Consecrated May 10, 1899
Joseph G. Torrey.....	Consecrated May 10, 1899
T. P. Warlow.....	Consecrated January 19, 1900
Arthur H. Carter.....	Consecrated May 9, 1900
W. W. Farris.....	Consecrated January 17, 1901
Joseph R. Keller.....	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Thomas West Gary.....	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Frank W. Armstrong.....	Consecrated May 15, 1901
Bascom H. Palmer.....	Consecrated October 23, 1901
William S. Ware.....	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Z. T. Merritt.....	Consecrated January 23, 1902
Orson J. Hill.....	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Benjamin F. Hough.....	Consecrated May 14, 1902
James F. Miller.....	Consecrated May 14, 1902
Franklin L. Rees.....	Consecrated June 24, 1902
Hugh W. Wear.....	Consecrated May 13, 1903
George H. Clark.....	Consecrated May 13, 1903
James O. Harris.....	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Melville W. Carruth.....	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Victor F. Balcom.....	Consecrated May 13, 1903
Henry W. Davis.....	Consecrated May 18, 1904
John J. Jones.....	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Daniel D. Beekman.....	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Lucien A. Spencer.....	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Clarence S. Hammatt.....	Consecrated May 18, 1904
James E. Terwilleger.....	Consecrated May 18, 1904
Joseph Dawson.....	Consecrated January 19, 1905
L. R. Philips.....	Consecrated January 19, 1905

NAME	DATE
John C. White.....	Consecrated May 10, 1905
William G. Hobbs.....	Consecrated May 10, 1905
James D. Girtman.....	Consecrated May 10, 1905
Wilmot R. Fitts.....	Consecrated May 9, 1906
John H. Hibbard.....	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Wm. R. O'Neal.....	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Frank B. Stoneman.....	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Geo. H. White.....	Consecrated May 9, 1906
Louis Thompson.....	Consecrated May 15, 1907
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. Murrow.....	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Robert F. Hall.....	Consecrated May 13, 1908
Herbert Bradley.....	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Jacob Espedahl.....	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Jeff D. Miller.....	Consecrated May 12, 1909
William G. Tilghman.....	Consecrated May 12, 1909
James B. Young.....	Consecrated May 12, 1909
William N. Cone.....	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Marcey B. Darnall.....	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Marion E. Gruber.....	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Dabney B. Palmer.....	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Frederick L. Hemmings.....	Consecrated May 12, 1909
Willoughby A. Cox.....	Consecrated April 16, 1910
James Laurens Young.....	Consecrated April 16, 1910
Henry Benj. Wordehoff.....	Consecrated April 16, 1910
Samuel Edward Mays.....	Consecrated April 16, 1910
Earl Walton Mays.....	Consecrated April 16, 1910

NAME		DATE
George Pierce Sullivan	Consecrated April	16, 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. Blalock	Consecrated May	11, 1910
John O'Donald	Consecrated May	11, 1910
Robert B. Rutherford	Consecrated May	11, 1910
James W. Eley	Consecrated May	11, 1910
James C. Adkins	Consecrated May	11, 1910
John T. Burrows	Consecrated May	11, 1910
John W. Williams	Consecrated May	11, 1910
Vivian B. Collins	Consecrated May	5, 1911
James L. Love	Consecrated May	5, 1911
Pedan B. Haynes	Consecrated May	5, 1911
Arthur Williams	Consecrated May	10, 1911
William V. Carter	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Lucius L. Payne	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Alfred W. Bumby	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Wm. O. Richtmann	Consecrated May	10, 1911
J. Perry Hodge	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Allen E. Heyser	Consecrated May	10, 1911
John A. Bouvier	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Benjamin E. Dyson	Consecrated May	10, 1911
William Moody	Consecrated May	10, 1911
J. Jones Stewart	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Charles H. Ketchum	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Benjamin Burnett	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Wm. C. Simmons	Consecrated May	10, 1911
Paul S. Thomson	Consecrated May	10, 1911
William Mosedale	Consecrated May	10, 1911
John B. Pruit	Consecrated May	22, 1912

NAME		DATE
Len J. Lester	Consecrated May	22, 1912
George F. Smith	Consecrated May	22, 1912
George E. McCulloch	Consecrated May	22, 1912
W. Irving Porter	Consecrated May	22, 1912
John L. Hall	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Chester DeRocher	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Charles E. Bayley	Consecrated May	22, 1912
David S. R. Jones	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Richard Whyte	Consecrated May	22, 1912
John F. Wilson	Consecrated May	22, 1912
William B. Pope	Consecrated May	22, 1912
Angus L. Hinson	Consecrated May	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 Recio	Consecrated June	24, 1913
John J. Brown	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
Henry O. Snow	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
Henry L. Swatts	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
Thomas C. Calmes	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
Jasper Evers	Consecrated Feb.	28, 1914
Albert Schneider	Consecrated Feb.	19, 1914
F. W. Fleming	Consecrated May	19, 1914
Le Due Roberts	Consecrated May	19, 1914
Gabriel Ferro	Consecrated May	19, 1914
B. L. Smith	Consecrated May	19, 1914
Claud F. Olmstead	Consecrated May	19, 1914

NAME		DATE
Benjamin F. Barnes	Consecrated May	19, 1914
W. W. Birchfield	Consecrated May	19, 1914
John M. Dillon	Consecrated May	19, 1914
A. J. Holt	Consecrated May	19, 1915
J. Lloyd Head	Consecrated May	19, 1915
George A. Dame	Consecrated May	19, 1915
Ely P. Hubbell	Consecrated May	19, 1915
Henry V. Calder	Consecrated May	19, 1915
E. L. Wirt	Consecrated May	19, 1915
R. J. Kishpaugh	Consecrated May	19, 1915
W. L. Lowry	Consecrated May	19, 1915
W. E. Tylander	Consecrated May	19, 1915
W. J. Millikin	Consecrated May	19, 1915
H. L. Shaffer	Consecrated May	19, 1915
Arthur A. Brown	Consecrated May	17, 1916
C. H. Tilden	Consecrated May	17, 1916
R. E. McMahan	Consecrated May	17, 1916
J. M. Willson, Jr.	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Roy P. Davis	Consecrated May	17, 1916
E. E. Coulson	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Charles H. Register	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Guy E. Phipps	Consecrated May	17, 1916
R. M. Oglesby	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Max Sirkin	Consecrated May	17, 1916
John Pasco	Consecrated May	17, 1916
H. E. Crooks	Consecrated May	17, 1916
C. L. Willoughby	Consecrated May	17, 1916
W. M. Brinker	Consecrated May	17, 1916
Ira G. Archibald	Consecrated May	17, 1916
C. R. Horne	Consecrated May	17, 1916
R. E. Goodman	Consecrated May	16, 1917
T. T. Todd	Consecrated May	16, 1917
J. R. M. Beatty	Consecrated May	16, 1917

NAME		DATE
B. C. Webb	Consecrated May	16, 1917
C. T. Meakins	Consecrated May	16, 1917
F. M. Say	Consecrated May	16, 1917
R. S. Clark	Consecrated May	16, 1917
Wm. W. Scott	Consecrated May	16, 1917
Frank H. Thompson	Consecrated May	16, 1917
George W. Stiles	Consecrated May	16, 1917
C. H. Ryals	Consecrated May	16, 1917
William P. McKee	Consecrated May	16, 1917
W. S. McLelland	Consecrated May	22, 1918
S. E. Collison	Consecrated May	22, 1918
E. L. Shear	Consecrated May	22, 1918
H. J. Peiper	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Roscoe E. Scott	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Earl Hathaway	Consecrated May	22, 1918
Edwin E. Macy	Consecrated May	22, 1918
A. H. White	Consecrated May	22, 1918
A. F. Bullard	Consecrated May	31, 1918
Edmund Paul Erwin	Consecrated May	31, 1918
William Henry Bailey	Consecrated May	31, 1918
Louis Douglas Gates	Consecrated May	31, 1918
John R. Knight	Consecrated May	31, 1918
Seldon C. Wells	Consecrated May	31, 1918
George W. Scobie	Consecrated March	19, 1919
John R. Walker	Consecrated March	19, 1919
Harry C. Jepson	Consecrated 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

NAME		DATE
James Moughton	-----Consecrated May	21, 1919
W. B. Y. Wilkie	-----Consecrated May	21, 1919
Cary B. Fish	-----Consecrated May	21, 1919
Burt G. Arnold	-----Consecrated May	21, 1919
William E. Keen	-----Consecrated May	21, 1919
John W. Garwood	-----Consecrated May	21, 1919
W. W. Chase	-----Consecrated May	21, 1919
Archie Aitchison	-----Consecrated May	21, 1919
J. Claude Turner	-----Consecrated May	21, 1919
Douglas Renault Trevor	Consecrated Nov.	17, 1919
Walter Scott Raddin	-----Consecrated Feb.	9, 1920
Alexander B. Steuart	-----Consecrated Feb.	9, 1920
Fred E. Fletcher	-----Consecrated Feb.	9, 1920
Isaac Maas	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
W. L. Marshall	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
W. M. Bullard	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
J. P. Cartin	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
N. G. Forcheimer	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
L. S. Thornton	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
Lewis A. Smith	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
Stephen E. Gregory	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
H. J. Dame	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
Charles S. Hill	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
Frank Sanford	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
C. D. Scroggs	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
H. T. Davis	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
F. M. Watson	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
Joseph Wiggins	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
Ben M. Caldwell	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
W. M. Reck	-----Consecrated May	19, 1920
Henry M. Snow	-----Consecrated May	18, 1921
Roy C. Dubbs	-----Consecrated May	18, 1921
Frederick E. Weathers	-----Consecrated May	18, 1921

NAME		DATE
H. L. Ermatinger	-----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 Tyner	-----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	31, 1922
Herbert S. Chiles	-----Consecrated May	31, 1922
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
Lynn W. Bloom	-----Consecrated May	31, 1922
W. B. Greer	-----Consecrated May	31, 1922
Lester W. Lambert	-----Consecrated May	31, 1922
Fred Blank	-----Consecrated May	31, 1922
Ernest H. Wilkerson	-----Consecrated May	31, 1922
James L. Clary	-----Consecrated May	31, 1922
Charles H. Stewart	-----Consecrated May	31, 1922
F. S. Hartsfield	-----Consecrated May	16, 1923

NAME	DATE
George Herbert Leavitt	Consecrated May 16, 1923
Walter J. Bennett	Consecrated May 16, 1923
Warner T. Hamm	Consecrated May 16, 1923
A. S. Butterworth	Consecrated May 16, 1923
C. L. Benedict	Consecrated May 16, 1923
C. T. Young	Consecrated May 16, 1923
William U. Lathrop	Consecrated May 16, 1923
R. H. Brown	Consecrated May 16, 1923
Roscoe H. Rollins	Consecrated May 16, 1923
B. W. Helvenston, Jr.	Consecrated May 16, 1923
E. F. Adams	Consecrated May 16, 1923
G. J. Tolson	Consecrated May 16, 1923
T. E. Dickenson	Consecrated May 16, 1923
R. L. Wilkinson	Consecrated May 16, 1923
C. W. Davis	Consecrated May 16, 1923
I. Emery Battle	Consecrated May 16, 1923
T. J. Zimmerman	Consecrated May 16, 1923
H. G. Beard	Consecrated May 16, 1923
George Smith	Consecrated May 16, 1923
E. L. Wiederkehr	Consecrated May 16, 1923
Joseph Brown Davis	Consecrated May 21, 1924
Joseph E. Olney	Consecrated May 21, 1924
J. Nathan Bryan	Consecrated May 21, 1924
Vincent R. Brice	Consecrated May 21, 1924
M. Whipple Bishop	Consecrated May 21, 1924
Lester G. Gilbert	Consecrated May 21, 1924
Albert L. Lucas	Consecrated May 21, 1924
Ewing M. Oglesby	Consecrated May 21, 1924
Charles M. Gruber	Consecrated May 21, 1924
Bryon M. Jones	Consecrated May 21, 1924
P. D. Goodyear	Consecrated May 21, 1924
Will C. Winans	Consecrated May 21, 1924
Raymond E. Wyman	Consecrated May 21, 1924

NAME	DATE
John E. Mattocks	Consecrated May 21, 1924
C. Olin Teate	Consecrated May 21, 1924
W. A. Mosher	Consecrated May 21, 1924
O. J. Price	Consecrated May 21, 1924
William L. Holsonback	Consecrated May 21, 1924
Edward S. DuBose	Consecrated May 21, 1924
John F. Burket	Consecrated May 23, 1924
William M. Tuttle	Consecrated May 23, 1924

Foreign Correspondence

BY

ELY P. HUBBELL
*Chairman of Committee on
Foreign Correspondence.*

Foreword

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

It is a pleasure on the part of your committee to submit the result of the findings of its eighth annual voyage in search of Capitular information. The ability to collate the instructive and interesting and omit the non-essentials is as difficult now as it has been at any time. We greatly enjoy the necessary study and preparation, and if we have succeeded in imparting some of the inspiration we have gathered on our mystic travels we feel amply repaid for all the time and labor bestowed.

Eight years seems a long time to look forward, but the past eight years have passed almost like an enjoyable dream, so pleasant and helpful to the writer has been his varied Masonic activities. Even in this brief time many changes have taken place. Looking at them from the writer's standpoint the impression grows that they have been not only for the betterment of this branch of the Royal Craft, but also for the general betterment of the fraternity and humanity as well. Reports from all Grand Jurisdictions indicate substantial growth and continued activity.

Whatever differences of opinion may have prevailed a year ago in regard to the controversy between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas have been satisfactorily adjusted, and the dove of peace

hovers over Capitular matters from shore to shore, which is as it should be. In the following reviews the writer has purposely refrained from only occasionally referring to that controversy, confidently believing that all breaches would be healed and no good could possibly come from any discussion on the part of the writer.

The reports follow in usual alphabetical order; Alabama heading the list, as it is also the last to be received.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

ALABAMA—1923

Chapters, 86. Members, 15,151. Exalted, 2,003. Net Gain, 1,468.

JACOB BLEY, Grand High Priest.

Patterned somewhat after overseas Capitular customs, the Ninety-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was opened in due form in Montgomery, December 3rd, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, after which the Grand High Priest and his attendants were escorted into the Grand Chapter, their entrance being proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, and they were received with Grand Honors. Florida was ably represented by M. E. Companion Robert T. Wood, the Junior Past Grand.

Much of the address of Grand High Priest Bley, which was the first order of business, was a presentation of the correspondence leading up to the edict of General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, severing fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Texas, and which was approved by Grand Chapter.

One link in the Grand Chapter Family was broken when Excellent Companion Stewart McQueen, who had

served as its Grand Chaplain since 1898, and in a similar capacity in York Rite Bodies almost as long, entered into his eternal reward.

One Chapter was constituted during the year, and a notable dispensation was one to ballot on a petition for affiliation of a Companion ninety-four years of age. One of the two recorded decisions pertained to a Brother who was elected to receive the Chapter degrees, and did receive the Mark Master and Past Master degrees, but was stopped from advancement, and requested a dimit. The ruling was that the Brother be granted a dismissal certificate and one-half of the fees paid be refunded.

A Grand Chapter Scholarship Loan Fund of \$400 will provide educational assistance to deserving sons and daughters of deceased Royal Arch Masons.

Grand Chapter did not look with favor upon a resolution "that all rough roads and bridges be and are hereby eliminated from the ritual," the reason given being:

The adoption of this resolution would bring about an undesired change in the ritual and cause a recasting of the narrative of the Principal Sojourner, a thing, in the judgment of the committee, not to be desired. The committee feel that the resolution is directed along the right lines, and that its spirit is all right, but the method if adopted would bring about undesired results.

Hereafter the Grand Secretary will not be permitted to accept the returns or dues of any Chapter when errors in preceding returns remain uncorrected.

According to the report of the Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship, the year's activities indicate no special progress in an educational way, because the powers that be failed to make such appropriations as the Committee believe was warranted.

Grand Chapter made a ruling that no Chapter could be opened unless nine of its own members were present. Under Florida regulations nine of its own members are necessary to transact business, but for work and instruction the nine need not necessarily be members of that particular Chapter.

Nineteen qualified Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and Companion George A. Beauchamp was re-elected M. E. President, having continuously served in that capacity more than a score of years. He is also Grand Secretary of the several York Rite Bodies and has been for a similar length of time.

Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Lee again presents a readable and instructive Correspondence Report, in which Florida receives discriminatory recognition.

He so far approves the agreement between the York and Scottish Rites requiring six months to elapse before a Master Mason can petition for advancement that he says "this rule ought to obtain everywhere." He also finds a double cause for gratification in that Grand High Priest Kishpaugh is Alabama's Grand Representative, and Alabama's Grand High Priest the year previous, M. E. Companion Robert T. Ward, is Florida's Grand Representative.

Next Annual in Montgomery, December 1, 1924.
Joseph L. Gunter, Albany, Grand High Priest.
George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.
Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery, Correspondent.

ALBERTA—1923

Chapters, 25. Members, 2,658. Admitted, 158. Net Gain, 55

GEORGE B. McLEOD, Grand Z.

Only one Chapter was without representation when the Ninth Annual convened in Edmonton, March 14th. Four Past Grand First Principals, the senior of whom is Florida's Grand Representative, M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, and all the Grand Family were in attendance.

Deep interest displayed in Capitular Masonry and a generous expenditure of time and energy stand out prominently in the address of the First Grand Principal, which is evidenced by his having personally visited more than half of the subordinate Chapters. No dispensations for new Chapters were granted, although he reported considerable activity. Neither was he called upon to make any decisions. Among the dispensations issued was one to confer the degrees upon a Brother who had lost his arm in the Great War, after the Grand Z. had personally examined the case.

He refused to allow the First Principal of a U. D. Chapter to resign on account of illness, but arranged to have his name remain until the charter was granted. He also refused the same Chapter permission to grant a dimit until the charter was granted. He further refused to grant a petition for opening a new Chapter, no reason being assigned. A refusal to grant a dispensation to elect and install officers at the same meeting brought out an uncommon condition. Owing to impassable roads and other

natural conditions the Chapter had passed several meetings, and assuming that the petition would be granted had succeeded in getting out enough members to transact business, many coming from long distances. The refusal for the dispensation arrived the day before, and having no time to notify the distant Companions the Chapter decided to ignore the refusal and proceeded to elect and install officers. Careful investigation by the First Grand Principal convinced him that notwithstanding the serious nature of the offense, the Companions had acted in good faith, with no thought of defiance, and the election was confirmed, although they were censured for their error in judgment; and Grand Chapter concurred.

The Representatives of the sister Grand Chapters were given a cordial welcome by the Grand Z. and they were instructed to convey suitable greetings to the Grand Bodies they represented.

Instructive detailed reports were made by the Grand Superintendent. One reported that at a Chapter of Instruction every Grand Officer was present as well as all past and present First Principals in the city, and that nearly every Chapter in two districts were represented.

The Special Committee on "Large Classes" made this report, which was adopted:

That in the Mark Master's Degree each candidate be taken through the first portion of this degree, separately, until he is first tested as to his qualification to receive wages.

That in the Royal Arch Degree the Chapter insist upon candidates being taken through the Veils, during their first admission to the Chapter, in groups of not more than three.

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence submitted a somewhat brief review in topical form, which contains much information that ought to serve as an inspiration to the Companions reading the same. Two quotations are given from the Florida Proceedings, one referring to the six months' requirement and the other to the action taken relative to "horseplay."

Next Annual in Calgary, March 12, 1924.

Wm. T. Coote, LeDuc, Grand Z.

Edwin G. Ironside, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

N. T. McLeod, Lethbridge, Correspondent.

ARIZONA—1923

Chapters, 11. Members, 1,224. Exalted, 75. Net Gain, 43.

FRANK GOLDWIN BROWN, Grand High Priest

Two distinguished guests attended the Thirty-third Annual Convocation, held in Prescott, the Mile High City, Feb. 13th. General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn was elected an Honorary Past Grand High Priest and presented with a Past Grand High Priest Jewel, and General Grand Secretary Charles A. Conover was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Grand Chapter. Two appointive officers, one of who had passed away during the year, were absent, as was also the representative of one subordinate Chapter. Florida was without representation.

But few activities were reported in the brief address of Grand High Priest Brown. He was not

called upon to make any decisions and no dispensations were granted. He recommended an appropriation for visitation expenses of the incoming Grand High Priest, which was granted. The standing committees reported nothing doing.

No petitions for membership in the Order of High Priesthood were presented and the old officers were re-elected.

No report on Correspondence.

Next Annual in Globe, Feb. 12, 1924.

Max Fiedler, Globe, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1923

Chapters, 91. Members, 7,506. Exalted, 636. Net Gain, 209.

NICK KISER, Grand High Priest

Many distinguished visitors marked the Seventy-fourth Annual of this Grand Chapter, held in Little Rock, November 22, 1923, Florida being represented by Companion Parsons, the present M. E. Grand High Priest. The exceptional feature of this Annual Convocation was the address of the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Wm. F. Kuhn. It appears in full in the Proceedings, the central theme being education and the importance and seriousness of the Royal Arch degree.

Arkansas Masonry suffered a distinct loss when Most Excellent Companion George Thornburg, who was Grand High Priest in 1880-81, was summoned

to the Heavenly Tabernacle. He was also a Past Grand in the other York Rite Bodies.

The address of Grand High Priest Kiser was a faithful accounting of his work of the year, which passed inspection and entitled him to the wages of a faithful workman. One dispensation for a U. D. Chapter was granted, and the charter of a dormant Chapter taken up. Other dispensations were for purposes that would not have been necessary under Florida laws. This causes one to wonder why enact laws that the Grand High Priest can set aside at will? He made as many Chapter visitations as conditions would permit, and the results of those visitations indicate renewed activity following.

He ruled that the Grand High Priest had no authority to reprimand or suspend a Companion without action of the Chapter, even though the offense be a flagrant one, which in this case was the Captain of the Host entering the Chapter room in an intoxicated condition.

A Brother was elected to receive the degrees in a Chapter and also paid the fee. Later this Chapter was requested by telegram to allow another Chapter to confer the degrees on Sunday, which was refused. Later the Chapter was informed that the Brother had received the Chapter degree in some other Chapter and requested the return of the fees. The Grand High Priest ruled that the fees belonged to the first Chapter, and further requested the name of the Chapter and the dates he was elected, when he stated necessary action would be taken. He ruled that it would be legal to receive and act upon a petition for affiliation on a dimit from a Texas Chap-

ter although fraternal relations had been severed. Also that a Texas Companion could visit in Arkansas or a Arkansas Companion could visit in Texas. This later was disapproved by Grand Chapter as long as fraternal relations were severed. One Chapter had been in the habit of trying to meet alternately in two different places, with the result that quorums were difficult. Grand Chapter ordered all convocations at one place only.

There appears to be no mention of an Order of High Priesthood.

There is a concise but well prepared report of the Committee on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Mark P. Olney. Florida receives attention, in which he says:

Here is a coincident. I review Michigan and Florida the same night in July, and they meet the same day in May. Quick work for both of them to get their proceedings out this way.

We get three pages in the review. Still our Key West man couldn't get to the meeting. Perhaps if you would meet there he could attend and have Arkansas represented.

Next Annual in Little Rock, Nov. 20, 1924.

George H. Parsons, Fayetteville, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

Mark P. Olney, Mena, Correspondent.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1923

Chapters, 21. Members, 2,175. Exalted, 175. Net Gain, 198

CHARLES F. SHERWIN, Grand Z.

It took nineteen Active Officers and one Past Grand to open in ample form the Fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, which was held in New Westminster, June 20th. There are included in the official roster three Sojourners and four Grand M. of V., but without numbers, which, perhaps is a closer adherence to ancient traditions. Three Emergent Convocations preceded the Annual for the purpose of constituting Triple Tau, Mount Moriah and Chilliwack Chapters.

First Grand Principal Sherwin, in his address, emphasized the excellent condition of the Royal Craft in that Grand Jurisdiction, which demonstrates that our northern Companions are full of "pep," and will use it when given the opportunity. This is the second one of Canada's ambitious Capitular daughters to set up housekeeping, and now two more are enjoying their honeymoon, each with parental blessing and Godspeed.

The First Grand Principal made three rulings, one of which was that the expression, "Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch" was correct. Florida uses "Sublime Degree," with a little different phrasing. Another was that a Brother who had a portion of his left elbow shot off during the war was eligible to receive the Chapter Degrees, both of which were approved. But the third ruling, that a Brother who had received the Mark Master Degree

in Scotland, and who had since then lost his thumb and right finger was eligible, provoked considerable discussion, with this amended action:

Your committee is of the opinion that the greatest care should be exercised in the matter of rulings upon physical defects of petitioners for reception into Royal Arch Masonry.

An essential and very commendable feature of the year's work of the Grand Z. was that with one exception he visited every Chapter, and the Grand Superintendents were equally active. There are four of these officials and they rank highest in the list of appointive officers.

In the report of the Grand Registrar, referring to the death of a very zealous Grand Superintendent, occurs this somewhat odd expression: "A Guard of Honor was formed by the Religious and Military Order of Knights Templar, of which our distinguished Companion was a Past Provincial Prior."

The Grand Z. welcomed the Grand Representatives and "desired them to convey to their several Jurisdictions the warmest greetings of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia." Florida's Representative was present, but his message seems to have miscarried.

Grand Chapter formally adopted the "Royal Arch Ceremonies" of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Among the impressions gained by R. E. Companion J. W. Prescott, Correspondent as well as Grand Scribe E. (Grand Secretary), after a careful survey of the Proceedings of the various Grand Chapters, are:

The desirability of some constructive plan of benevolence that will produce a fund, the income from which may be used for relief.

The undoubted value of the correspondence report as an exchange medium, and that the detailed review of the Proceedings of each Jurisdiction is much more generally adopted and much more informative than the topical form.

That the Order of DeMolay for Boys is not a Masonic organization and admiration for its aims and objects does not require the sponsorship of the conduct of its affairs.

Companion Prescott, in his excellent review of Florida, finds much to commend, and says that the Companions of British Columbia are highly honored in having their Florida Grand Representative, R. E. Companion E. L. Wirt, elected Deputy Grand High Priest. And they will be further delighted because before this reaches them he will be occupying the Grand East.

Referring to the appropriation for entertainment, he quotes from the resolution committee Grand Chapter's appreciation of the many courtesies extended by the ladies of the Eastern Star of Tampa, adding, "Under such conditions who would count the cost?"

The report throughout is exceedingly interesting and instructive and is the work of a master mind. If all correspondence reports were as well prepared there could be no question about their value.

Next Annual in the City of Vancouver, June 18, 1924.

V. W. Stewart, Victoria, Grand Z.

J. W. Prescott, Vancouver, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA—1923

Chapters, 112. Members, 20,687. Exalted, 1,716. Net Gain, 1,443.

HIATT T. HIATT, Grand High Priest

Many distinguished visitors were in evidence when the Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation met in Stockton, April 17th, with all regular officers present, besides six Past Grands and seven survivors of the earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906. Eleven Chapters were not represented; neither was Florida's Grand Representative present.

High conceptions of the aims and objects of Royal Arch Masonry were portrayed in the instructive address of Grand High Priest Hiatt, as he reviewed the transactions of his office for the year drawing to a close. Appropriate mention was made of the death of Past Grand High Priest William H. Gaynor and Past Grand High Priest Charles L. Patton; as well as Grand Organist Samuel D. Mayer, whose duties began in both Subordinate and Grand Bodies in 1868, and were continuous to the time of his death.

The previous Annual Grand Chapter passed a resolution permitting Chapters to confer the Royal Arch Degree on not to exceed four teams, and twenty-nine dispensations were issued by the Grand High Priest for that purpose. Three new Chapters were constituted, and among the interstate courtesies was a request for Jacksonville Chapter to confer all the Chapter degrees.

He decided that a Chapter could not receive an application for affiliation from a Companion belong-

ing to another Chapter in California, but who at the time was residing in Nevada, because, in his opinion, "the same tended to encroach upon the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nevada."

Another decision was where the petition of a candidate had been rejected by a Chapter, and later he had petitioned another Chapter and been accepted, prior to the expiration of six months and the establishment of a residence. The decision was:

South Gate Chapter did not have any jurisdiction to receive and act upon the petition and directed that Chapter to annul and declare void all proceedings relating to this petition, and to return all fees to the applicant.

Grand Chapter not only approved, but also directed South Gate Chapter to advise all allied Masonic bodies that in receiving the petition, electing the candidate to membership and conferring upon him the degrees of Capitular Masonry, were by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, "declared to be illegal, null, void and of no effect."

Hereafter, complying with a constitutional amendment, all Grand Chapter Officers must be elected by secret ballot, and they must also have been elected, installed and have presided over a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

At the previous Annual the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. M. B. Jones, now the General Grand Master of the Second Vail, offered a resolution limiting the number of Chapter members, action on which was deferred one year. The Jurisprudence Committee incorporated the resolution in its report with this comment, which Grand Chapter adopted:

Your committee heartily commends the spirit of the above with the hope that the principle enunciated may be worked out by our larger Chapters.

Grand Chapter appropriated \$400 as the nucleus of a fund to be used in assisting sons and daughters of Master Masons to acquire higher education.

Two special committees were appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest—American Rite of Freemasonry and Patriotic Education. Referring to the latter committee, he said:

This Committee on Patriotic Education will communicate with the various High Priests, and request them to ask the Companions of their respective Chapters to investigate the text-books and American history used by their sons and daughters. If the Companions find anything in such text-books which they believe tend to belittle the heroes of our country, then they are to report to this committee, citing book, page, passage and criticism. The committee, in turn, will make its own investigation, and if it believes the criticism well founded, will endeavor to have the matter corrected by the proper authorities. This is a most important subject, and worthy the careful attention of all our Companions. It will strengthen and uphold our commonwealth.

In the instructions to the Deputy Grand Lecturers special attention is called to the law of the Grand Chapter that the High Priest, King and Scribe elect shall each procure a certificate of qualification before he can be installed.

Owing to the death a week previous of the Most Excellent President of the Order of High Priesthood, Companion Charles L. Patton, no petitions were received, being deferred one year, and the Vice President, R. E. Charles H. King, was elected President and authorized to appoint the other officers.

Excellent Companion Max A. Plumb, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, again presents a report in topical form. The writer of this did not realize how much really worth while matter he had overlooked in past proceedings until reading Companion Plumb's meritorious review, which is well selected and accompanied by instructive comment. Although personally preferring the review by states, yet I heartily agree with this statement he makes: "I believe dogmatism to be entirely out of place in a Masonic report on foreign correspondence," and with him try to avoid it.

Next Annual in Pasadena, April 15, 1924.

William P. Humphreys, San Francisco, Grand High Priest.

Thomas A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Max A. Plumb, Oakland, Correspondent.

CANADA—1923

Chapters, 141. Members, 27,549. Registrations, 1,963. Net Gain, 1,563.

RICHARD H. SPENCER, Grand Z.

Unprecedented in the history of Capitular Masonry was the presentation of petitions from two separate provinces under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, at the Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation held in Toronto, February 28th and March 1st, for the formation of Grand Chapters, one representing the constituent Chapters in the Prov-

ince of Manitoba, and the other in the Province of Saskatchewan. The requests were unanimously granted by the Grand Chapter of Canada, and as a further evidence of fraternal recognition and approval, it will contribute to each of the new Grand Bodies \$1,500 to assist it in its formative stages.

In the preliminaries attending the opening of the Grand Chapter the historical statement was made that the Royal Craft was introduced in Toronto in 1800, only seven years after Governor Simcoe had fixed the seat of government in that city, and that St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4, has an unbroken connection with the pioneer organization.

During the year three Past Grand Principals, Most Excellent Companions Abraham Shaw, W. S. R. Murch and W. G. Reid, were summoned to the Great Beyond. They were faithful, consistent, active workers in the Royal Craft.

The address of the Grand Z. was a carefully prepared presentation of his official acts, all of which received unqualified approval, and it was particularly gratifying to have two days in which to conduct the business, instead of one as heretofore.

Some embarrassment having arisen over the visit of a Canadian Companion to a Chapter in Pennsylvania, in connection with the Degree of Past Master, the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania directed that "a Companion properly vouched for as a Royal Arch Mason, with the exception of the Word of the Chair," could be admitted to Pennsylvania Chapter, as a visitor.

The Grand Z. was much interested in the work of the Order of DeMolay, and hoped that some of

the large Chapters would sponsor such a movement, and if necessary permission be given by that Grand Body. No official action appears to have been given this suggestion.

Among the rulings of the Grand Z. was one that the M.M. and M.E.M. degrees could be conferred on candidates at the same meeting, but that the Royal Arch must be the sole degree work of any one convocation. Another was that the Jewel of a Knight Tempar, or of a Knight of Malta, could not be worn in a Chapter room. Also that it would be strictly unconstitutional for Companions attending a Masonic funeral to wear the apron and sash of the Royal Craft.

During the year dispensations for ten new Chapters were issued and six were consecrated; and amended by-laws were approved increasing both exaltation fees and annual dues.

Over one hundred pages are given to detailed reports of the Grand Superintendents, which will be materially lessened another year by the dropping out of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Districts, which will then become Grand Chapters. However one Chapter in Saskatchewan refused to unite with the others and unless it has a change of heart will still remain a constituent member of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the Chapter in Dawson, Yukon Territory is unattached.

Many distinguished visitors were in attendance from both sides of that imaginary International Line, several thousand miles in length, one of them being M. E. Comp. John M. Core, of Pennsylvania, who said in part:

The granting of charters to two new Grand Chapters at one and the same Convocation has never before, so far as my knowledge goes in Capitular Masonry, happened in the world. You have made history today, it is something for you to look back upon and you will be justly proud of it. * * *

We, down south in the United States, are proud of the fact that we got our Freemasonry from New England, and in no part of the Continent today is Freemasonry adhering more closely to the underlying ideals and principles than in the State from which I have the privilege of coming. If any of you come down there you will find that in our work, either Symbolic or Capitular, we are striving to adhere very closely to the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry. We have not introduced a lot of new things; we do not believe it is proper to do so. We take Freemasonry from our forefathers and try to transmit it to our children without impairment and in all its virgin purity.

In the case of a Companion who had been convicted and sentenced in a civil court for connection in a bank robbery and had been suspended, the Committee on Grievance and Appeals recommended that the matter be referred back to the Chapter for trial, and that the suspension be continued; Grand Chapter approved.

Much attention is given to jewels of office and a sectional amendment makes minute specifications as to width and colors of ribbon from which the jewels are to be suspended. A constitutional amendment relative to dependent membership provides that suspension in the Lodge for non-payment of dues shall automatically suspend in Chapter; and reinstatement in Lodge automatically reinstates in Chapter; differing in the latter from Florida where re-election is necessary.

R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, in presenting his report on Fraternal Correspondence, stated that he

would not be able to continue the work longer. Grand Chapter voiced its appreciation by tendering him a vote of thanks for the able services he had rendered during the past years as the writer of the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Companion Brown was re-elected Historian, and Past Grand First Principal W. N. Ponton was appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. From the many specimens of work that have been presented from time to time by M. E. Companion Ponton, it is safe to assume that the Companions of Canada will continue to be well served, and he is given a most cordial welcome to a seat at the Round Table.

Companion Brown's report, which proved to be his "swan song," is fully up to former high standard of excellence, and under Florida he particularly mentions the historical abstract prepared by Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright showing the connection of the Grand Chapter of Florida with the General Grand Chapter. He closes with this pertinent query: "Why does not Florida provide biographical sketches of her notables."

Richard H. Spencer, Trenton, Grand Z.
Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.
W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Correspondent.

COLORADO—1923

Chapters, 51. Members, 7,966. Exalted, 340. Net Gain, 153.

WILL D. GRISARD, Grand High Priest

Early in the Capitular year a Special Convoca-

tion was held for the purpose of constituting Craig U. D. Chapter. Not being a peripatetic body, the Forty-ninth Annual was held in Denver, September 20th, with a baker's dozen of Past Grands assisting the duly authorized officials in the formal opening, which included the welcoming of the Grand Representatives, Past Grand High Priest Herbert S. Sands speaking for Florida, with the implied assurance that the respective Grand Jurisdictions would be duly advised. Wonder how many have been so advised?

During the year two notable permanent members of the Grand Chapter of Colorado received that imperative summons which none can evade. Most Excellent Companion Nicholas Greenleaf, who was Grand High Priest in 1885, was also the poet laureate of the Centennial State, with an international reputation, and will long be remembered wherever Masonry is known as the author of "The Lodge Room over Simpkin's Store," a Masonic classic. Most Excellent Companion Henry T. West, Grand High Priest in 1893, then living with his son in Idaho, received his final summons a little over a month after he had passed his ninety-eight birthday, and for many years was associated with one of this country's great statesmen and journalists, Horace Greeley, being connected with the somewhat experimental colony in Northern Colorado founded by and bearing the name of this journalist-farmer. The writer had the privilege of a limited acquaintance with both of these distinguished Masonic celebrities.

Quite a portion of the able and well prepared address of Grand High Priest Grisard is given over to communications, necessary in themselves to

Colorado Companions, but of little importance to outsiders. One item of which, in connection with a lost Charter, brings out this somewhat novel statement from the Chapter secretary, who says in part:

This is to advise that I have made thorough search and inquiry and have been unable to obtain a trace of it. Old-timers in the Chapter say they have never seen it. As I am a comparatively new member, I can only take their word for it. It is not here now.

Grand Chapter authorized the issuing of a duplicate Charter. Plans were inaugurated for the proper observance of the semi-centennial of the formation of this Grand Chapter, which will occur a year hence.

The present headquarters of the several York Grand Bodies are becoming inadequate, and preliminary arrangements were inaugurated looking to a new home.

About the customary proportion, in this instance, twenty-two qualified Companions, were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

One of the deeply regrettable facts in connection with the 1923 Proceedings is the omission of the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Ernest LeNeve Foster, due to his ill-health. Much to the gratification of the Grand Chapter he was able to be present at one session, when he made a verbal report, a part of which was:

For forty-three years I have always contended that a committee should do its work. I have to come before you at this time and acknowledge that I have failed, and ask your forgiveness; also to say that it has been impossible for me to read the reports from other Jurisdictions or to suggest anything in the way

of a report. This would have been my thirty-sixth report, and there is nothing I would have liked better than to be able to make it, because no other Jurisdiction in the United States, and but one outside, has a correspondent with a like record.

What a record, and the writer believes he can partially understand at least the feelings of our greatly beloved and venerated correspondent. This brought out many complimentary and appreciative remarks from the members of the Grand Chapter, which quite properly induced the Grand High Priest to say:

It is understood that Companion Foster is to be retained as chairman of this committee until he has served for fifty years, and the other two members of the committee are to do the work.

The writer of this review unites with Colorado Companions and Knights of the Round Table in the wish that Companion Foster may round out a half century of service in the work of his heart's desire. Companion Foster is the Senior Grand High Priest of Colorado, having occupied the Grand East in 1887, and is a personal acquaintance of many years of the writer.

The other two members of the committee are Excellent Companion Jacob Meales, of Pueblo, and Past Grand High Priest H. Ward Woodward, of Denver. We shall look for the next report with much interest.

Next Annual in Denver, September 18, 1924.

Reuben W. Hershey, Denver, Grand High Priest.

William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT—1923

Chapters, 44. Members, 15,122. Exalted, 997. Net Gain, 732.

ARTHUR H. NASH, Grand High Priest.

Seven, the perfect number, corresponds with the different Grand Jurisdictions represented, and with the addition of General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Wm. F. Kuhn, the stellar celebrity, was rounded out in ample form a century and a quarter of Capitular Masonry in the staid old "Nutmeg State," it being the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual, which was held in Hartford, May 8th. All the Grand Officers, Past Grands innumerable, and representatives from forty-three chartered chapters, added to the importance of the occasion. Notwithstanding all this "pomp and ceremony," Florida's Grand Representative was not in evidence.

Quite properly the thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and his associates for the able and efficient manner in which they had discharged their duties, and yet there is little in their addresses of interest to the Companions of the Southland State. Much attention is given to official visitations outside as well as inside the State, which brings this pertinent comment from the Grand High Priest:

If we are to maintain the very cordial relations with our sister Jurisdictions that we now enjoy, we must of necessity exchange fraternal visits, and we cannot expect any Grand Chapter to send a delegation to our meetings unless we in turn visit them.

The Grand High Priest was commended by

Grand Chapter for refusing a dispensation to receive and ballot on petitions at special convocations, only reason given being, "so that certain men might apply to the Shrine," with this admonition from the Jurisprudence Committee:

While the zeal of these Companions is to be commended, they should by no means expect nor ask that our laws be set aside and ignored for their own special interests and personal desires.

One of the official visitations of the Grand High Priest brings to light this remarkable harmonious condition existing between the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut and that of Rhode Island, and refers to Palmer Chapter No. 28, of Connecticut, the home Chapter of the Grand High Priest, which was brought out at a get-together dinner in connection with the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, in an address on that occasion:

In 1900, the Grand High Priest in his report called attention to the fact that a Chapter chartered by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, has for thirty-two years held its meetings within our Jurisdictions (Rhode Island), and asked if it was not about time that they were sent back home. And the committee to whom it was referred, commented upon this striking example of unity and the universality of our institution, and so far as that committee was able to ascertain, the Masonic brethren were strongly in favor of the continuance of existing conditions, and adverse to any change.

Grand Chapter being advised that a manufacturing company had made application to the Patent Office for the registration of a trade mark, "Royal Arch," decided to follow the action of the Grand Chapter of

Massachusetts and employ an attorney to register a protest against the issuance of patent for that trade mark.

Grand Chapter endorsed the declaration of principles and edict of the M. E. General Grand High Priest in severing relations with the Grand Chapter of Texas.

The year just passed the Chapters were inspected on the Mark Master degree, and the coming year it will be on the Royal Arch degree.

Thirty qualified Companions were elected and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

No doubt this first sentence of the usually comprehensive Correspondence Report of Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Kies accounts for its brevity, and although somewhat belated, he will accept our sincere sympathy:

Owing to surgical operation, it was necessary for our reporter to close his Fifteenth Annual Review on March 6th, 1923.

Florida is given kindly fraternal comment, but permit us to correct one comment, *no* "dispensation is necessary for public installation."

For the many complimentary references he makes to our work we sincerely thank him, and his "only criticism is his paucity of comment." While much might be said on this subject, we recognize our limitations, and what matters our individual opinions; neither Companion Kies nor the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, for instance, would enact laws to comply with our whims, if we were to express them.

Next Annual in Hartford, May 13, 1924.

F. Ward DeKlyn, Danbury, Grand High Priest.
George E. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

DELAWARE—1923

Chapters, 5. Members, 2,025. Exalted, 78. Net Gain, 57.

GEORGE A. SALMON, Grand High Priest.

All the Official Family, many Past Grands and a host of other Companions were in attendance at the Fifty-fifth Annual, held in Wilmington, January 17th. Florida was represented by Companion Leslie W. Stout.

Grand High Priest Salmon concisely reviewed the work of the year, which showed that harmony prevailed in all the Capitular quarries. During the year he reported that Past Grand Treasurer George M. Fisher and Past Grand Scribe William T. Guthrie had been summoned to appear before the Supreme High Priest of Heaven.

One request for waiver of jurisdiction was properly refused because after the Brother had petitioned a Delaware Chapter, he changed his mind and petitioned the New Jersey Chapter in whose jurisdiction he lived.

After stating that "most dispensations granted are clearly a violation of our law, but for good and sufficient reasons granted four"; one of which was to open a regular convocation at five o'clock instead of 7:30. There are some who contend that a Grand High Priest has not the power to abrogate or change a Chapter by-law.

He officially visited every Chapter, but was obliged to decline one outside invitation by reason of a broken ankle.

An effort is being made to secure old Chapter

records, but with little success. Most of the standing committees reported "nothing doing."

The representative to the Twelfth Annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association reported that the Grand Jurisdiction of Delaware had contributed considerably more than its quota of \$1 per member.

Five qualified Companions, one from each Chapter, received the Order of High Priesthood.

Past Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas J. Day again presents the Report on Correspondence. It is both concise and comprehensive, and Florida is given favorable consideration. Referring to the decision of Grand High Priest Hall that no dispensation was necessary to hold a public installation, asks, "Why a public installation?" We don't know.

We were fearing Companion Day was indisposed for he did not make his accustomed visitation to the home town of ye scribe last year, and trust it will not occur again.

Next Annual in Wilmington, January 16, 1924.
Chas. E. Willin, Georgetown, Grand High Priest.
Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.
Thos. J. Day, Wilmington, Correspondent.

DELAWARE—1924

Chapters, 5. Members, 2,048. Exalted, 54. Net Gain, 24.

CHARLES A. WILLIN, Grand High Priest.

Among the advantages accruing to the smaller Grand Jurisdictions is that of full representations,

which was the case when the Fifty-sixth Annual met in Wilmington, January 16, 1924, with distinguished visitors from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and about the only absence noted was that of Florida's Representative, and he lives in that city.

Apparently the most surprising as well as pleasing feature of the year's administration of Grand High Priest Willin was the unqualified "glad hands" of friendship which he says "have been seven-fold what I anticipated."

The only shadows to mark the year were the summonses to enter the Fourth Vail for the last time, which included M. E. Comp. George W. Andrews, Grand High Priest in 1893, and M. E. Comp. George L. Dickerson, Grand High Priest in 1920.

An unusual event of special importance and pleasure was a Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter, held May 11, 1923, for the purpose of receiving an official visit from M. E. General Grand High Priest William F. Kuhn. In his address on that occasion he specially urged "strict adherence to the ritual, and the elimination of all forms in the ceremonies that would tend to detract from the beauty and dignity of the work."

The Grand High Priest was asked by the secretary of Delta Chapter that he request the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania to grant a waiver of jurisdiction over a Brother holding Lodge membership in New York State, but temporarily residing in Pennsylvania, that he might petition Delta Chapter for membership. But the Grand High Priest "concluded that it was not the proper thing for him to do, and so advised said Chapter." The Jurispru-

dence Committee disapproved, adding "Your Committee feels that the request should have been made." But the Grand High Priest did grant a waiver of jurisdiction, at the request of the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, in favor of a Brother residing in Delaware and a member of a Pennsylvania Lodge.

He granted a dispensation to open a Chapter earlier than the time provided in its by-laws, and which was approved. Some Grand Chapters, we notice, look at such a request differently. He also recommended recognition of the new Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

With the exception noted above, all the acts of the various officials and committees were approved.

Owing to other duties, Grand Secretary Stuart J. Horn stated that it would be impossible for him to continue to serve in that capacity, and Past Grand High Priest John W. Macklem is the successor.

Every High Priest-elect petitioned and were advanced to the Order of High Priesthood.

For the eighth time Past Deputy Grand High Priest Thomas J. Day presented another concise and informative Report on Correspondence. He serves in a similar capacity in Grand Lodge. He is a regular winter visitor to South Florida and always includes in his itinerary the home city of ye writer. We look forward to it with as much pleasure as we do the return of the feathered songsters.

He quotes with approval one of the rulings of Grand High Priest Kishpaugh, and reproduces the action of the Jurisprudence Committee relative to edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Chapter of

Texas, as well as the report of the Committee on Resolutions, but without comment.

Next Annual in Wilmington, January, 1925.

John E. Krause, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

John W. Macklem, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

Thomas J. Day, Wilmington, Correspondent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1923

Chapters, 14. Members, 6,241. Exalted, 448. Net Gain, 257.

DELOS W. THAYER, Grand High Priest.

One Special Convocation, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand High Priest Samuel R. Bond, who occupied the Grand East in 1899, preceded the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation held in Washington, Feb. 14, 1923, when Past Grand High Priest Charles L. Harrod, of Ohio, and Past Grand High Priest Samuel W. Williams, of Tennessee, were notables in attendance.

Seemingly well merited were the encomiums bestowed upon Grand High Priest Thayer by reason of his many activities of the year, as portrayed in his address, although there is little of interest to outsiders.

His one decision prevented the contemplated action of the High Priests' Association which proposed to:

Round up the work of the year by having two Chapters hold

Special Convocations on the same day at different hours for the purpose of conferring upon any candidates of the various Chapters the Past Master's and the Most Excellent Master's degrees at the first Convocation, and the Royal Arch Master's degree at the second. This was, he deemed, contrary to the spirit, if not the letter, of the Constitution, which provides that "No two degrees shall be conferred upon any candidate at the same Convocation unless one of the degrees conferred be that of Past Master; nor shall one Convocation be held the same day for the purpose of conferring more than one degree upon the same candidate."

He refused to grant a dispensation to shorten time for balloting upon candidates, who wished to qualify for membership in another body where the Capitular degrees were a prerequisite, holding "that such use of the dispensing power would not only be an abuse of this prerogative, but derogatory to the dignity of Capitular Masonry."

However this did not prevent him from highly complimenting the High Priests' Association, which he believed to be a genuine need, and "that it must of necessity prove a most valuable aid to good and successful work among the Chapters."

The amendment proposed at the preceding Annual to permit the conferring of the Royal Arch degree upon only two actual candidates, was defeated by a small majority. This same amendment was again proposed and ordered to lie over until the next Annual. Another proposed amendment will limit the casting of "the unanimous vote."

An even dozen qualified Companions had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon them.

Most branches of the Masonic fraternity as well as many other civic and religious bodies have unqualifiedly endorsed and worked for the passage of

the Towner-Sterling bill, which would establish a department of education with its head a member of the presidential cabinet family. This bill, which at this writing has not become a law, but which undoubtedly will receive attention by the coming congress, was the basis of the "Foreword" of the masterly review of the Doings of the Capitular World by Past Grand High Priest W. W. Jermane. Companion Jermane is a newspaperman of years of experience at the nation's capital and his forecasts will be watched with interest. Even though much of this may be ancient history by the time it appears in print.

Companion Jermane does not wholly approve the action taken by many Grand Bodies, including Florida, in legislating "against the too rapid progress through the several bodies of brethren who have recently become Master Masons, and I still adhere to the opinion that the day is not far distant when all these restraints will be removed." However he thinks the six-months limit is an improvement over the year limit.

Referring to the "horse play" conditions, he evidently thinks that the obligations taken by Companions to observe the laws are mere "mouthings," for he says:

In states where this has been reduced to a minimum, Grand Chapter representatives are present whenever the degrees are conferred. This means additional cost, but it is worth it. I have yet to see the Chapter that would not incline to frivolity unless closely watched. Grand Chapters may pass laws upon this until the cows come home, and they will be ignored unless somebody is on hand to see that they are obeyed.

Can it be that he is correct in his conclusions? Companions, what say you?

Companion Jermane says so many nice things about the writer that it may be necessary for him to loosen his hat band. They are appreciated. Thank you.

Next Annual in Washington, February 13, 1924.
Roe Fulkerson, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

W. W. Jermane, Washington, Correspondent.

ENGLAND—1923

Quarterly convocations are held of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, in which the list of Past Grand Officers in attendance comprise several pages. The principal officers hold relatively similar stations in each of the Grand Bodies. The business is transacted by a Board of General Purposes, the report of which is largely a list of petitions for new Chapters to be attached to certain Lodges, together with several more petitions to remove Chapters from one location to another. At the May Quarterly the principal officers are declared elected and the appointments are made. At this time there are also many promotions from one Past Rank to another Past Rank and a great many more appointments to Past Ranks, comprising Past Grand Scribe N., Past Principal Grand Sojourner, Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, Past Grand Standard Bearer,

and Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. These seem to be honorary positions only, requiring no service apparently, but carrying with each appointment a stipulated joining fee.

At the September Quarterly negotiations were inaugurated looking to the resumption of fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which was suspended nearly forty years previous. The dispute grew out of invasion of jurisdiction by the Grand Chapter of England constituting a Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. The position taken by the Grand Chapter of England was that a private Chapter had only been established with a Craft Lodge, but Quebec, looking at this the same as all other American Grand Bodies, deemed this an invasion and an edict of non-intercourse was issued. The first step seems to have been taken by the Grand Chapter of Canada, in 1922, recommending that negotiations for fraternal intercourse with the Grand Chapter of England and the Grand Lodge of Master Masons of England "be entered into," and perhaps before this in print the matter may be adjusted. This again emphasizes the fundamental differences between the American system and the English system. A little give and take on both sides will no doubt bring about an adjustment without any material sacrifice of principles.

At the November Quarterly this message was received from the Most Excellent First Grand Principal, and being equal to a command, was referred to the Committee on General Purposes and will, of course, receive official sanction:

In view of the representations that have been made to me,

I have come to the conclusion that it is desirable and expedient that the equivalent of London Rank be instituted in the Royal Arch Degree, and it is therefore my wish that the necessary steps be taken as soon as convenient.

ENGLAND AND WALES

In order to bring about a better understanding between the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, as this order is specifically called, and which is entirely separate and distinct from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, a conference was held in Mark Masons' Hall, London, in June, 1923, which included representatives from the Grand Chapter of Ireland and the Grand Chapter of Scotland. After considerable discussion as to the exact position of the Mark degree in Ireland and Scotland, the following points were established and agreed upon:

IRELAND

The Royal Arch degree comprises the Mark degree, and Mark Lodges are only held for the purpose of qualifying Brethren for the Royal Arch.

No one can be installed in the chair of the Royal Arch unless he has been installed Master in a Very Worshipful Mark Lodge, and no one can take office in the Royal Arch who is not a Mark Mason.

In Ireland, an English Royal Arch Companion is admitted to the opening of the Royal Arch Chapter and allowed to see the Passing of the Veils.

In Ireland the First Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter, who is styled the King, has a certificate issued to him, which states that he has taken the chair in the Mark Degree.

SCOTLAND

A Brother must be a Mark Mason before he can be exalted into the degree of the Royal Arch.

His Scotch Royal Arch certificate implies that he has received the degree of Mark Mason, which should be accepted as evidence thereof.

When a Royal Arch Mason is appointed Z., he receives the Mark Installed Degree.

An English Royal Arch Mason is recognized in Scotland, but not admitted to a Chapter until after Passing the Veils.

A Scotch Royal Arch Mason who has served the office of First Principal, must have been installed into the chair of a Mark Lodge previously.

The Mark Degree can also be taken in a Craft Lodge so that the Mark Mason might appear in a foreign Lodge, who had not taken the Master degree in the Mark, although he may have taken the Royal Arch degree elsewhere.

ENGLAND

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons recognizes the certificates of the respective Grand Chapters of Ireland and Scotland as evidence that the Companion named therein has taken the degree as a Mark Master Mason, but not without further evidence that such Companion has been installed as a Master of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

GEORGIA—1923

Chapters, 165. Members, 18,469. Exalted, 932. Net Gain, 322.

AUGUSTUS C. MILLER, Grand High Priest.

Beginning the second century of its existence with a printing plant of its own, is certainly going some as well as establishing a record, for the imprint reads, "Ma-

sonic Home Print Shop, Macon, Ga.," and this notice is appended to the title page:

The Grand Chapter having furnished a cylinder press to the Home Print Shop, the Proceedings were held that they might be issued from our own press. Here they are. In the future they will be issued promptly as we now have our own typesetting machine.

It was certainly a galaxy of Capitular notables which graced the opening of the One Hundred and First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, which included all the present Grand Family and fourteen Past Grands as well as Florida's spokesman, besides many others, and none of the official family had been called to enter the Finished Temple above.

Grand High Priest Augustus G. Miller presented a well prepared address which Grand Chapter heartily approved. He granted one dispensation to form a new Chapter which was given a charter. But was compelled to refuse a dispensation to form a Chapter at Fort Oglethorpe, by reason of Code conditions.

Nearly two score special dispensations were issued, largely for reasons that would not obtain under Florida laws and causes one to wonder why Code regulations could not be made to cover many such cases without prejudice or harm to the Royal Craft?

His decisions, outside of those pertaining to Georgia jurisdictional matters, conform to general Capitular laws, and the wonder is that some of them should have been deemed necessary. One was that a Royal Arch Mason was guilty of un-Masonic conduct who had written out the Royal Arch Obligation, as also was a Companion who carried such a copy in his pocket.

Reciprocity governed the installing of a printing plant in the Masonic Home, the subordinate bodies making a Christmas offering for that purpose to be repaid in printing.

The Grand High Priest recommended and the committee approved "That all applicants for the Capitular Degrees be required to furnish and be made a part of their petition, a certificate of proficiency in the Master's Degree from their Lodge after having stood such an examination in open Lodge," but Grand Chapter decided to postpone action a year.

Thirty-four qualified Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Companion Robert L. Colding was re-elected President.

Again we turn with pleasure to the well prepared Report on Correspondence by Excellent Companion Charles L. Bass, who finds that "the year has been principally noticeable for a sameness everywhere," but is somewhat encouraged because:

Activity along educational lines is marked and universally the demand is made upon the Craft to stand for law and order and the constituted authority of the land, and to check the wave of lawlessness abroad and the disregard for authority that is prevalent.

He notes a "ring of cheer and optimism" in the address of Grand High Priest Hall, and refers to the "splendid report" of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright regarding conditions of membership of the Grand Chapter of Florida in the General Grand Chapter. He also compliments the writer of this review by making several quotations.

Next Annual in Macon, April 29, 1924.
 Clarence H. Andrews, Macon, Grand High Priest.
 Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.
 Charles L. Bass, Atlanta, Correspondent.

 IDAHO—1923

Chapters, 22. Members, 2,581. Exalted, 177. Net Gain, 120

FRANCIS JENKINS, Grand High Priest.

Well attended was the Fifteenth Annual, held in St. Maries, May 24th, with no distinguished outside guests in evidence.

The well prepared address of Grand High Priest Jenkins shows that he has given much thought and effort to the furtherance of Capitular Masonry. There can be no misunderstanding regarding his Masonic status, when he says:

Some men have the temerity to say that Masonry is not a religion, but I am frank to say that I have not at any time been able to divorce Masonry from rational religion, for it is a system of philosophy that teaches the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, for to live according to the true spirit of Masonry, polishes the character of its votaries, making them gentle, gracious and considerate.

Early in his official year the Grand High Priest issued a dispensation to form a Chapter at Wendell, but later investigation convinced him that it would not be for the best interests of Capitular Masonry and the dispensation was recalled and the fees refunded.

A portion of the address was taken up with the correspondence pertaining to his six decisions. One had reference to an objection to receiving a petition which was presented after the petition had been read by the secretary, but before the committee had been appointed, the objector having anticipated the petitioner and had filed the objection two days in advance. The Grand High Priest held that the petition should go to a committee, and it brought out this explanatory comment:

The status of a profane petitioning for the Symbolic degrees and that of a Mason petitioning for the Chapter degrees, are quite different, the profane has no Masonic standing. Therefore, his petition can be stopped by a brother's objection which has the same effect as a failure of election by ballot. A Master Mason has a Masonic standing. Among his many rights and privileges are the right to petition for the higher degrees, and a right of hearing by trial when charged with any offense. This is a wise provision handed down from time immemorial as a protection against any prejudice. For even Masons in their earnestness sometimes mistake their prejudice for good judgment.

Another decision pertained to the query of a High Priest who seemed to find it impossible to get out a quorum, and proposed to issue a summons. He wished to know the proper procedure in the case of any Companions who refused to obey. The reply of the Grand High Priest contained this admonition:

Admitting that it is within the prerogative of the Excellent High Priest to summon his Companions to attend a meeting, I am inclined to believe that all other means should first be exhausted to induce Companions to take interest in Capitular work before the summons is employed. If after all other means are exhausted without effect, thus endangering the Chapter life, I then believe it is the urgent duty of the Excellent High Priest to use the summons.

The Grand High Priest recommended that no dispensation for the establishment of a Chapter U. D. be granted unless there be a Lodge in the place having a membership of at least one hundred Master Masons. If that had always been the rule, probably now there would be less dormant Chapters. Grand Chapter amended the foregoing recommendation to read two hundred, but provided that where there are a less number, application may be made direct to the Grand Chapter when in session.

Grand Chapter adopted a resolution conforming to the Edict of General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn and severed fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Texas.

There appears to be no Order of High Priesthood. For the fourth time Companion George E. Knepper presents a Report on Correspondence, in which Florida receives critical consideration, partly commendatory and partly otherwise. He does not approve of "sandwiching" in the reports of other officers in the address of the Grand High Priest. He reproduced part of the report of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, relative to Florida's membership in Grand Chapter, with this comment:

Wouldn't it be a great thing for all concerned if the General Grand Chapter would disband? If you don't play as we want you to, we will withdraw, is altogether too common for the good of the Order.

Neither does he approve of Grand Lodges legislating on the subject of eligibility to membership in the higher orders. But, he adds, "when the legislation comes from

the body in which membership is sought, then the starting point is right, even though we do not agree with the conclusions."

He also quotes from our previous report, but whether his conclusions are critical or commendatory is not quite clear. However, "We thank you."

Next Annual in Boise, May 21-22, 1924.

Jay R. Mason, Idaho Falls, Grand High Priest.

Edward H. Way, Boise, Grand Secretary.

George E. Knepper, Boise, Correspondent.

ILLINOIS—1923

Chapters, 235. Members, 82,345. Exalted, 5,704. Net Gain, 4,074-

WILLIAM A. EICHLER, Grand High Priest.

Several distinguished visitors, including General Grand High Priest William F. Kuhn, attended the Seventy-Fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held at Chicago, Oct. 25-26th; also all Grand Officers, many Past Grands and about the only notable omission was Florida's Grand Representative.

Optimism pervaded the business-like address of Grand High Priest Eichler, who fortunately had or took the necessary time to make his administration one long to be remembered by reason of close attention to detail, nothing apparently escaping his careful scrutiny. And yet there is comparatively little discernible to interest outsiders.

Fitting reference was made of the passing to the Great Beyond of M. E. Companion Frederick E. Hoberg, who became Grand High Priest in 1908.

During the year the Grand High Priest personally constituted five U. D. Chapters, and issued dispensations for the formation of four others, at each of which he was the instituting officer.

A large number of interstate courtesies were both granted and requested, and many special dispensations were issued, and were, with one or two exceptions, to elect and install an officer. The exceedingly long list of visitations made and installation of officers performed indicate that nearly half of his week-day evenings during the year were given over to this form of appreciated activities. In only one instance did he swerve from duty, and for this good and sufficient reason:

I was busy at home negotiating for the arrival of a fine baby boy. My reason for mentioning this event in this report is to encourage future Grand High Priests to go and do likewise.

Concerning which the committee reported:

Your committee is convinced that the case of domestic expectancy mentioned was ample excuse for the Grand High Priest to absent himself from the school of instruction. But, as your committee does not desire to interfere with the personal liberty of any future Grand High Priest, and as this Grand Chapter has no committee to which such matters are properly referable, your committee therefore makes no recommendation or reference as to that part of the report relating to the desire "to encourage future Grand High Priests," etc.

Next year being the diamond anniversary of the formation of this Grand Chapter, a committee will arrange a celebration:

In the nature of a musical and literary feast such as will not only make an impression on the minds and the hearts of those

present, but also be a worth-while contribution to Masonic history in Illinois, omitting the material feast, which is expensive and has no lasting value.

Recognition was granted the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. But action to change the title of District Inspector to District Deputy Grand High Priest was not approved.

More than half the qualified High Priests received the Order of High Priesthood, a special convention being necessary in addition to the regular one at time of Grand Chapter.

Unquestionably the excellent Report on Fraternal Relations was presented by Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull, although no name appears directly connected with it.

Florida was given careful consideration and several features were given prominence, reference being made to "no dispensations being requested for the purpose of electing officers by reason of failure to hold stated convocations." For Companion Turnbull's information, Florida laws do not so require, for any vacancy except High Priest can be filled at any regular Convocation. This law works well in Florida, why would it not elsewhere?

In connection with several complimentary references to the work of ye scribe, he comments thusly:

But then all he has to do is to look out of his window at the roses and listen to the mocking birds; no furnace to tend—no coal to shovel—no ashes to carry out—in fact, nothing to divert his attention from his report.

Come down to this favored Southland of ours, Com-

panion Turnbull, and add years to your life and joy in the living of it.

Next Annual in Chicago, October 30, 1924.

J. C. Ferrin, Chicago, Grand High Priest.

Jas. E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary.

Everett R. Turnbull, Carlinville, Correspondent.

INDIANA—1923

Chapters, 126. Members, 32,440. Exalted, 1,157. Net Gain, 480.

Roy E. TILFORD, Grand High Priest.

All Present and many Past Grand Officers were at the Seventy-Eighth Annual held in Indianapolis, October 17th. Florida was represented by the Senior Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Elmer E. Crockett.

The address of Grand High Priest Tilford is a careful accounting of his official transactions for the year, and he was thankful there was no break in the official ranks of the Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter laws make it improper for a Chapter to donate its funds to a Lodge, when other Lodges carry part of the Chapter's membership. In two instances the Chapter records showed that its funds had been donated towards a Lodge building, and the Grand High Priest ordered such actions rescinded and demands made on the Lodge for the return of the money. In one case where the Lodge had already spent the money, the Grand High Priest authorized the execution of a note for the amount, by the trustees, and payable to the Chapter.

Two Chapters were constituted, two Chapters consolidated and two requests for instituting U. D. Chapters refused. Approval of a Chapter by-law exempting the High Priest from paying dues was refused, the reason being given "that it was not in keeping with the office of High Priest to receive pay for the work."

No particular new feature appears to have been brought out in the sixteen requests for rulings, and a closer examination of the laws should have made many of them unnecessary. Among them was this somewhat odd request:

One Chapter wanted to know if they could provide Marks for their Companions, said Marks bearing the name of the manufacturer of the same. I advised them to provide Marks but no advertising allowed.

The Grand High Priest issued an order relative to returning certain rituals, "and one over-zealous High Priest undertook to take a referendum vote of the Chapters on the use of this ritual." The matter was satisfactorily settled, the Grand High Priest stated, "and the dignity of the Grand Chapter was upheld in every particular."

Although most of the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter are held in Indianapolis, occasionally it goes a-visiting. The last event of this character was productive of good results and it accepted an invitation to make a pilgrimage next year to Terre Haute.

Recognition was granted the newly formed Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Recognition was also given the Grand Chapter of Queensland, which was formed in 1918 by one Chapter working under Irish

Constitution and four Chapters holding under the Grand Chapter of New South Wales.

Now that a printing office has been established in the Masonic Home the Grand High Priest believed that uniform receipts should be adopted and that they be procured from the Home printing office. Jurisprudence Committee approved the uniform receipt idea but left the purchase of supplies with the subordinate Chapters. This leads one to wonder how uniform receipts can be secured if they do not come solely from one source. Florida Grand Bodies supply all its constituent members with official receipts with the Grand Secretary's or Grand Recorder's certificate on the reverse side and without cost. Uniformity is thus secured.

Finding that the duties of the Committee on Charters and the Committee on Dispensations often overlapped, upon the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee, they were consolidated.

Fifty-nine petitioners for the Order of High Priesthood were favorably acted upon.

While some persons may be prejudiced against the number "13," certainly nothing but approval can attach to the "thirteenth review of the annual Capitular vintage," by Past Grand High Priest Robert Archer Woods. Each year it shows an improvement (if that be possible) over the previous one.

Noting the exercise of Masonic charity on the part of the Florida Grand Secretary in accepting Chapter dues after the Annual Report is supposed to be closed, Companion Woods says:

In Indiana this would have been impossible. The books of the Grand Chapter are closed on a certain day. Money due and un-

paid at that time is reported and the Chapter marked delinquent, and there is no excuse.

The kind words of Companion Woods relative to ye scribe are highly appreciated and his good opinion more so. Referring with approval to the expressed aim of ye scribe in his reportorial work, he makes this additional comment which is reproduced because it so clearly expresses our viewpoint:

However, careful as the reviewer may be, in commenting on questions in other Jurisdictions at variance with his own, and therefore contrary to his natural trend of thinking, he will sometimes forget himself and his comments, although not so intended, will smack quite a little of assumed dictation. We are right, and you are wrong; hence, get right, like we are. I fear my own observations at times have assumed this color. I do not mean them to do so at all; for I would not presume to advise any Jurisdiction as to its attitude, nor would I knowingly hurt the feelings of any Companion anywhere. What my aim really is, is to set forth the doctrines of the Craft as I have been taught to understand them, hoping that by comparison some good will result from a different viewpoint.

Next Annual in Terre Haute, October 2, 1924.
John H. Wineland, Elkhart, Grand High Priest.
Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Grand Secretary, and
Correspondent.

IOWA—1923

Chapters, 129. Members, 23,347. Exalted, 1,539. Net Gain, 739.

RAYMOND T. WARNER, Grand High Priest.

Well attended was the Seventieth Annual of this Grand Chapter by all the officers, which included Flor-

ida's Grand Representative, R. E. Companion Arthur D. Meeker, who is also now the Grand King.

Under the able leadership of Grand High Priest Warner, in a well and conscientiously prepared address, he makes an official accounting of his many acts which indicate a successful year.

Although the immediate official ranks had not been broken, he makes appropriate mention of the death of M. E. Companion Cromwell Bowen, who was Grand High Priest in 1912, and at different times was at the head of all the Grand Bodies in Iowa.

Much the greater part of the address is given to recounting the necessary official acts pertaining to the office, which merited and received the appreciation of Grand Chapter.

He refused a dispensation to advance the date of a special Convocation, holding that such action was not in the power of a Grand High Priest. One U. D. Chapter was formed for which he recommended a charter. And a Chapter was granted permission to change its name to conform to its new location. His commissions include that of Past Grand High Priest W. V. Carter, to represent Iowa near the Grand Chapter of Florida. He approved recognition of the newly formed Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

He reiterates the oft-repeated expression that the cause of weak Chapters is lack of interest on the part of its officers, yet he is not disposed to overly blame them, for the reason that the Companions do not support them in their efforts to hold stated convocations. He well says:

Such Chapters are a source of expense to the Grand Chapter and a hindrance to the growth of Capitular Masonry by reason

of its exclusive jurisdiction, because it prevents prospective candidates from petitioning live Chapters and receiving the work.

He held that in the case of a High Priest who refused to be installed that the installation was legal as to the elective officers, but that the appointive offices could only be filled by the High Priest-elect, and only in case he had accepted the office and was installed.

In another case he held that where the High Priest was present on the night of election, but was called away after opening the Chapter, that he could not "delegate" the Scribe of the preceding year to install the officers; for according to Masonic usages and customs it would not be proper for a Companion to install an officer into an office higher than he himself had attained.

He recommended that Custodians of the Work be given the additional title of "Grand," but Grand Chapter, on the advice of the Jurisprudence Committee, disapproved because the Masonic system is already replete with "high sounding titles, and the present tendency is to reduce rather than add to such titles."

Learning that the State of Iowa was not represented in the collection of flags maintained at the Post Office Department in Washington, action was taken to cure this oversight.

There appearing to be a conflict or misunderstanding of the duties of the Standing Committee on Necrology, it was suggested that the Grand High Priest be relieved of the routine of such report and that the Necrology Committee "report upon those who have passed the Vails of Death during the year."

In addition to setting apart thirty-two Companions into the Order of High Priesthood, interest centers in the address of the Excellent President, Companion C.

Huttenlocher, in which he is led to inquire "what relationship the Order in Iowa has with other states, and why it has no supreme or controlling body." With this idea in mind he wrote the Presidents of several states, but his answers were only partially satisfactory. He suggested in his address that a meeting of the Presidents who attend the next General Grand Chapter would be useful and practical. It sounds feasible and no doubt if Companion Huttenlocher were to make an effort such a meeting could be arranged. Why not do so?

Once again Past Grand High Priest Edward M. Willard submits a Report on Correspondence in keeping with his past specimens of work and which always passed inspection.

Under Florida he pays this well deserved tribute to Past Grand High Priest Caldwell, and which will be much appreciated and approved by all who ever knew our beloved Companion:

Companion Caldwell was held in high esteem by his Companions. He was a man of strong convictions, not afraid to give expression to them, and always courteous to those who differed with him.

Companion Willard well says: "It is not what others do, but what we are doing to create the influence of thought that leads to right thinking."

Next Annual in Spencer, October 9, 1924.

George E. Masters, Glenwood, Grand High Priest.

Orvis F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

Edward M. Willard, Atlantic, Correspondent.

IRELAND—1923

It is several years since a copy of the Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland has reached us, until the one noted above. Like other Great Britain Supreme Bodies, much of the details come only before the Committee on General Purposes, and it is difficult to form much of an idea of the workings. But a few facts are gleaned from the Report of the Grand Registrar for 1923.

Very Excellent Grand Registrar Henry C. Shellard reports that the "number of Brethren who have been exalted to the Royal Arch Degree is gratifying;" also that sixteen warrants have been issued to establish new Chapters, "much above the average," two of which were in South Africa. There is also a Provincial Grand Chapter in New Zealand with other Chapters reported in New South Wales, South Australia and possibly in other Australian states.

Several of the Provincial Grand Superintendents in Ireland report that the Order is flourishing, yet this from Meath and North Connaught indicate that the Royal Craft is feeling the effects of the disturbed conditions:

One Chapter has not been able to meet at all this year, owing to almost total disappearance of its members; and another, whose building was destroyed, has only been able to resume labor quite recently. However, there are still grounds for hope, chiefly on account of the keenness of most Companions to keep alive the spirit of R. A. Masonry, and I trust that during the coming year we shall close the gaps caused by recent disturbances, and be able to maintain and even improve our position as R. A. Masons.

There appear to be about 310 Chapters working un-

der Irish Constitutions, but there is nothing in the 1923 Report to indicate the total membership.

KANSAS—1924

Chapters, 93. Members, 20,787. Exalted, 1,529. Net Gain, 1,054.

CHARLES N. FOWLER, Grand High Priest.

For some reason, it may be the custom, although this is the first time in our remembrance, we are in receipt of an advance copy of the address of the Grand High Priest and the Report of the Grand Secretary. The entire Proceedings may come later.

Grand High Priest Fowler, in an address which quite properly fits his title, Most Excellent, begins by calling attention to the First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, held in Topeka, Oct. 18, 1866, fifty-nine years previous, and quotes from the address of the First Grand High Priest, M. E. Richard E. Rees, which he considers specially applicable to the present day, and in which he sounds the warning to "stand forever aloof from all jarring conquests around," and citing some of the duties in connection with the varied relations of every day life, closing with this injunction, as applicable today as then: "But in the name of Heaven and for the sake of Masonry, mingle not the mystic band as such in any contending jar." Grand High Priest Fowler, after further commenting on its application, draws this conclusion, which is worthy the attention of all thinking Craftsmen:

It is a deplorable fact that Capitular Masonry seems to have

absorbed some of the spirit of the times. This is especially true in the matter of disrespect, disregard and contempt for Masonic law and constituted authority. The mad race for pleasure in many of our Chapters, a number of which are not only brushing aside the Ritual but the law, as well as defined principles of Masonic custom in their extravagance and pursuit of pleasure—perhaps not with premeditated intent—but thoughtlessly following the trend of the times, has produced a condition which calls for serious consideration.

During the year one Chapter was constituted and a dispensation issued for another, but similar requests from two other sections did not measure up to the required standard and were denied.

One Grand Chapter regulation provided that the first section of the Mark Master's degree could be conferred upon only one candidate at a time, and while this had been amended several times, yet it remained in substance so that it became necessary to secure a dispensation for a greater number. In large Chapters the Grand High Priest stated, the issuance of Dispensations for this purpose became a sort of "merry-go-round." As the Masonic Craft is in every way possible endeavoring to impress upon the members as well as the profane the necessity and importance of obedience to law and constituted authority, he could not understand why the Grand Chapter should continue a law that invited disobedience, and recommended an amendment to the effect that the Mark Master's Degree could be conferred upon more than one candidate at the same time.

The below rulings, although perhaps not exactly applicable under Florida laws, are of interest:

It is not lawful to use the Ritual when conferring the degrees of Capitular Masonry.

The jurisdictional lines are from the corporate limits of the town in which a Chapter is located to the boundary line of the farm.

It is not lawful to use the card form of receipt in this Grand Jurisdiction.

It is not lawful for a Chapter to receive petitions (on the payment or club plan) unless accompanied by the fee as required under their By-laws, and the amount so required shall be paid in money.

It is not lawful to transport elected petitioners or candidates to the jurisdiction of another Chapter for the purpose of having degrees conferred, as such candidates are neither residents nor sojourners within the jurisdiction of said Chapter.

Apparently having this last ruling in mind, the Grand High Priest called attention to a custom which he stated seemed to be creeping into some Grand Jurisdictions whereby a large number of Chapters assemble at some certain point and then transport their candidates there for the purpose of conferring the degrees in a large class. He says, "I can find nothing under our law authorizing such a procedure," and adding:

I feel certain that this Grand Chapter does not wish to go on record as approving anything suggestive of a "big show" or "three ring circus" in connection with the conferring the degrees of Capitular Masonry.

Apparently Kansas laws do not permit the conferring of either the Mark Master or the Royal Arch Degrees by a Past High Priest, for in a tabulated report of improper conditions among the Chapters, it is stated that in 19 Chapters the Mark Master Degree was conferred by Past High Priests, and the Royal Arch Degree by Past High Priests in 31 Chapters.

Of necessity this leaves the review of this Grand

Chapter uncompleted, making it necessary to consider the report of the Jurisprudence Committee and general matters as a preliminary in the review of next year, somewhat following the custom still prevailing in a few Grand Chapters which hold Quarterly Convocations.

KENTUCKY—1923

Chapters, 125. Members, 19,396. Advanced, 1,277. Net Gain, 690.

JAMES GARNETT, Grand High Priest.

Only ten Chapters were without representation when the One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation convened in Louisville, October 16th, with all officers present, many Past Grands and Past High Priests. But no mention is made of Grand Representatives. The distinguished guest on this occasion was M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn, the General Grand High Priest. Later in the Convocation he made an eloquent, inspiring and instructive address, characteristic of the speaker.

During the year two Past Grand High Priests crossed to the other shore. M. E. Companion John H. Leathers occupied the Grand East in 1879 and M. E. Companion Robert R. Burnham in 1903.

Grand High Priest Garnett, in his well prepared address, appeared to attach more importance to the fundamental principles of the Craft than he did to forms and ceremonies and tested out his theories by actual practice.

He favored Subordinate Chapters passing dignified resolutions endorsing suitable persons for Grand Chapter offices, and the powers that be approved.

He was called upon to reply to many queries, but he deemed few of his answers "rose to the dignity of an opinion." He formulated several rules based on the idea that every mandate contained in the Constitution was intended to be paramount authority to all persons holding office by virtue of the Grand Chapter. These voiced good Capitular law and met Grand Chapter approval.

Reference was made to the instructive correspondence carried on between the Grand Representatives of New South Wales and Kentucky, which suggests a pleasant as well as educational feature of the Grand Representative system.

Charters were granted four out of the five U. D. Chapters and one was continued another year by reason of poorly kept records. This emphasizes anew the well known fact that the future of a Chapter depends largely on the faithfulness and ability of its secretary. Too much thought cannot be given to the selection and election of this practically indispensable personage.

An admirable report on the Doings of Other Grand Chapters is again the work of Excellent Companion William W. Clarke, in which extracts predominate.

The decision of Grand High Priest Kishpaugh, relative to the condition of Nassau Chapter, is commended as being founded "on sound principles of Masonic Law."

Many nuggets of wisdom are found in the work of Companion Clarke which would be an inspiration to the Companions of Florida, or any other state for that matter, and it is a personal regret that conditions preclude placing them before our readers.

Next Annual in Louisville, October 21, 1924.

A. Gordon Salsler, Maysville, Grand High Priest.
G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.
W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

LOUISIANA—1923

Chapters, 53. Members, 7,501. Exalted, 960. Net Gain, 715.

JOSEPH SINAI, Grand High Priest.

Reasonable progress and prosperity appeared to be the keynote of the Seventy-Sixth Annual, held in New Orleans, Feb. 6, 1923, with five Chapters, one Grand Officer and Florida's Representative missing. During the year M. E. Companion Robert R. Reid, who was Grand High Priest in 1906, passed through the White Vail into the sanctuary above. He held similar positions in the other York Rite Bodies. He was universally esteemed and the Craft has suffered a great loss.

During the year the Grand High Priest granted dispensations for two new Chapters, which he personally instituted, and he deputized the Deputy Grand High Priest to constitute the Chapter which had been granted a charter. Other duties were light and no decisions were required. He made eight official visitations, being accompanied by other members of the official family.

These visits impressed him that while many Chapters were alive and active, yet there were some Chapters, his address states, where neither officers nor members appeared to take the trouble to learn the ritual and confer degrees, seeming "to be satisfied to live in a dead and buried past." And he found some, he said, "who

contend that all the Grand Chapter can be concerned in a Subordinate Chapter is whether or not it pays its per capita." He recommended that Grand Chapter make it plain to the Subordinate Chapters that the Rules and Regulations must be observed, which it did in adopting this part of the report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence:

We especially commend his attitude toward the neglect, or evasion of laws and regulations of this Grand Chapter by the officers and Subordinate Chapters; believing that Chapters and officers should at all times be governed by its officers in strict accord with the regulations.

The report of the Committee on Work, which was adopted, provided:

That in the conferring of the Mark Master Degree, the first section of the degree shall be given to each candidate separately, including the reception in the second section.

That the Royal Arch Degree must be conferred on teams of three. That in emergent conditions, the ceremony may be done collectively, with convenient number of teams, but that each team shall be complete in number, and that if substitutes are used in emergencies, only one such substitute may be used in one team, and the substitute shall be required to participate in the whole ceremony. The exaltation means the investiture with the secret, the means of recognition, which must be done with each team entirely separated from the other.

Grand Chapter decided to try the experiment of providing a Grand Lecturer, with the understanding that it be for the current year only. It also adopted the constitutional amendment presented the year previous, which provided that all officers are to be elected by ballot, except the Grand Sentinel.

Thirteen candidates for the Order of High Priesthood were solemnly anointed and set apart to that Holy Order.

For the third time R. E. Companion John A. Davilla, the very efficient Grand Secretary, reviewed the proceedings of the other Grand Chapters. He firmly believes that the sooner all "rough stuff" is eliminated, "the better off we will all be." And we hear no dissenting vote. He also says that "There is no question that the states having in operation an active inspector system show most signs of activity." This is worth considering. Florida is given careful fraternal attention.

Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 5, 1924.
Edwin F. Gayle, Lake Charles, Grand High Priest.
John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

MAINE—1923

Chapters, 65. Members, 16,313. Exalted, 1,022. Net Gain, 747.

WILSON D. BARRON, Grand High Priest.

Distinguished guests from adjacent Grand Bodies assisted the regular officers and representatives of fifty-two chartered Chapters in opening the Ninety-Eighth Annual Convocation in Portland, May 1st. There were also present twenty-five permanent members and Florida was represented by Past Grand King Harry E. Larabee.

Where Capitular matters run with such clock-like precision it is difficult to recite a distinguishing feature

in either the address of the Grand High Priest or in any other part of the Proceedings. Although the official circle had not been broken by the Grim Reaper, yet the Grand High Priest made special reference to the passing of Excellent Companion Francis E. Chase, who the previous year was given a reception in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of his installation as High Priest in his mother Chapter, and who also had served that Chapter as well as his Lodge as its secretary since 1875.

Grand Chapter entered a protest against a manufacturing concern which had filed an application for a trade mark of the words "Royal Arch." The Proceedings do not state the result.

Grand Chapter adopted this constitutional amendment, which is similar to ones now in force in some other Grand Jurisdictions and which might with propriety be general:

No Chapter in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine shall ask to have the degrees conferred upon one of its elected candidates by a Chapter in any other Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Chapter is in fraternal relations, unless at least one degree shall have been conferred by the electing Chapter and the fees for the degrees paid in full.

A gloom was cast over the last hours of the second day's session by the death of Most Excellent Companion Frank E. Sleeper, the Senior Past Grand High Priest and for years its Grand Lecturer.

All the Past Grand High Priests were appointed a committee to arrange entertainment for the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter in 1924. And judging by remarks heard at the Asheville Triennial it will be some entertainment.

Thirty Companions received the Order of High Priesthood. Reference was made to the death of Companion Chase, the oldest in point of membership, the next being Most Excellent Companion Sleeper, whose death occurred just previous to reading of the Recorder's report. One of the requirements of this Council of High Priesthood is that all candidates must present a certificate of election and installation under Chapter seal. If not present at that or ensuing session the certificate lapses.

Not the least interesting and perhaps the most instructive part of the Proceedings is the always excellently prepared Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge, who has been filling this important station, so, these many years, and each report is an improvement over its predecessor. If Companion Bodge will only come to this fair Southland where there is no winter and partake of that spring of eternal youth there will be no "Swan Song" for him.

Referring to many Grand Jurisdictions enacting laws prescribing stated periods before Master Masons can petition for Capitular and other degrees, he well says:

The aim in all this agitation is to enlighten candidates as to what Masonry really is, and the more the true meaning of our Masonic mysteries is disseminated, so much the better for the Organization as well as for the individual.

Companion Bodge's review of Florida is discriminating and generally favorable, although he does "wish they were not so anxious to hurry candidates along." While that procedure is permissible, yet it is not commonly followed. The common practice, so far as this writer knows, is to confer the Mark at one Convocation,

the Past and Most Excellent the second, and the Royal Arch the third. He further believes that warnings against interpolating extraneous matter in the degrees will not accomplish much, and that enforcing the penalty will be necessary. The writer wants to believe that Companions are not wholly depraved, and that they are not insensible to their obligations.

Companion Bodge rightly corrects us in applying the soubriquet of "Pine Tree Shillings State" to Maine, when it should have been to Massachusetts, that state having coined money bearing that inscription in 1652. The writer remembered reading about the coining of those silver pieces when a boy and he wrote from memory rather than reliable authority.

Yes, the writer ought to remember not only the "laws of his own Jurisdiction, but the customs and practices of all other Grand Chapters." But unfortunately his memory is quite treacherous and when he comes to want to apply that presumed knowledge, like that sprightly little insect, it has disappeared.

Next Annual in Portland, May 6, 1924.

David L. Wilson, Bath, Grand High Priest.

Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS—1923

Chapters, 95. Members, 39,186. Exalted, 2,325. Net Gain, 1,519.

CURTIS CHIPMAN, Grand High Priest.

One and one-quarter of a century of continued ex-

istence is the remarkable record of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, being exceeded by only one other Grand Chapter on the American continent. Another evidence of antiquity is that these two Grand Bodies still cling to the custom of Quarterly Convocations. The Massachusetts Grand Chapter began an organized existence on the 13th of March, 1798, and its first quarterly for the current year was the 13th of March, 1923, and was specially commemorated by an historical address by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. R. Perry Bush. Distinguished guests from other Grand Jurisdictions as well as General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, added to the occasion.

Scottish Rite Masons who have an opportunity will find some new and interesting early history of the Rite in the address at this time of Illustrious Brother Frederick W. Hamilton, thirty-third deputy for Massachusetts.

Among the minor business matters at one of the Quarterlies was an amendment to a Chapter by-law which provided that any regular Convocation falling on a holiday, could be held on the following day. A more general adoption of such a by-law would prevent many otherwise embarrassing situations.

The next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter occurring the same week as the Third Quarterly in 1924, it was necessary to amend a General Regulation.

There are two important events in connection with the Annual Convocation, synonymous with the Fourth Quarterly, December 11th. One is the exemplification of the four degrees during the day, by Companions selected at the time from Chapters represented, without previous notification. The time required for the four

degrees, including lectures, was four hours and forty-seven minutes.

Much of the address of the Grand High Priest, delivered at this Quarterly, was a detailed account of his many visitations. This was referred to a committee which will make its report at the first Quarterly of the ensuing year.

He reported one new Chapter instituted and one new Chapter constituted. Among the appointments was that of Excellent Companion Walter J. Bennett, of Tampa, to represent the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. He also reported eight dispensations to attend divine service. Noticeable but commendable is the utter absence, so far as our observation goes, of decisions, rulings or special requests for information. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Four Permanent Members received their summons to the Supreme Grand Chapter above during the year: R. E. Edmund P. Kendrick, Grand King in 1881; Frank E. Wing, Grand Scribe in 1903; R. E. William M. Therup, Grand Scribe in 1916; and R. E. Clarence A. Brodeur, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1921. In this Grand Jurisdiction rotation in office does not prevail. The Grand High Priest usually serves three years, being elected from the Permanent Members, which are made up of the Past Grand Scribes, Past Grand Kings and Past Deputy Grand High Priests, these latter being elected yearly, thus giving an opportunity for many High Priests and Past High Priests to become Permanent Members.

Fifty-eight Chapters, with one hundred and twenty-three members, attended the Annual Convention of High Priests when nearly a hundred High Priests and Past

High Priests applied for membership and were duly consecrated and set apart. The account states that the officers "wore new and appropriate robes (some of them being of unusually fine quality), which added greatly to the effectiveness of the work," and which were the gift of the New President, Most Excellent Charles D. Burrage, who succeeded Most Excellent Warren B. Ellis, who passed to the Great Beyond a little over a year previous.

A fitting conclusion to a remarkably instructive Proceedings, is the Capitular Review by Past Grand High Priest Frederick T. Comee, who apparently is like-minded with Companion Eggleston of Virginia, by having neither a Foreword or an Afterword. A distinguishing and differing feature from nearly all other writers is the prominence he gives the report of the Grand Treasurer.

Under Florida he quotes the paragraph in the Proceedings which states that Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright informed the Grand Chapter of its true relation with the General Grand Chapter, followed by this comment: "I sincerely regret that the address was not printed."

He commends the work of the writer and also informs him "that ladies were *not* present at the Constitution of Watertown Chapter." Thank you.

All Grand Communications are held in The Masonic Temple, Boston.

Curtis Chipman, Boston, Grand High Priest.

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

MICHIGAN—1923

Chapters, 168. Members, 42,560. Exalted, 3,069. Net Gain, 2,432.

ROY ANDRUS, Grand High Priest.

Several distinguished guests, including the representative of the General Grand High Priest, were present at the Seventy-Fifth Annual, held in Flint, May 15th and 16th. The Summary of Attendance shows that six Subordinate Chapters and Florida were without representation, and that "about 60 ladies accompanied the members." The Grand Scribe, R. E. Companion Robert E. Mosley, was sojourning in London, the Grand King, R. E. Companion Lew A. Darling, was unable to be present, and both announced through the Grand High Priest that they "would not be candidates" for advancement.

Conscientious work and careful attention to the many phases of Capitular customs and laws are distinguishing characteristics of the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Andrus. He reported one break in the permanent family, M. E. Companion Olive L. Spaulding, who was Grand High Priest in 1877, and passed away during the year.

During the year he personally constituted the five U. D. Chapters, and consolidated two Chapters. He granted a large number of dispensations and refused one to elect candidates to complete the work before the summer vacation, with this comment:

The advent of warm weather is something that can be foreseen and is inevitable, consequently I do not believe I would be warranted in granting a special dispensation as requested.

He favored a more extended form of concurrent or state-wide jurisdiction, but Grand Chapter took this view:

That it would be far better to consolidate many of the weaker Chapters now existing and endeavor to make one strong Chapter out of several weak ones, than to take away what little life the weak Chapters now have by allowing strong Chapters to take their material by concurrent jurisdiction. In the present day, with the conveniences of automobile travel, Companions can go a distance of twenty-five miles to attend Chapter with less difficulty than they could go five miles in former days, and we believe it would be for the best interests of the several constituent Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction as well as for the General Grand Chapter if they would so consolidate, and if that was done we believe that would in a large measure obviate the demand for concurrent jurisdiction.

In reply to the query whether the same person could hold the office of Scribe and Treasurer, he replied:

It is a general rule of law that a person can hold any two offices if the same is not forbidden and the offices are not incompatible in their nature. It is my opinion that the office of Scribe and Treasurer are incompatible because the Scribe, through vacancies in the office of High Priest and King, may become High Priest and the office of High Priest and Treasurer are incompatible.

A Companion was granted a certificate of dimit and moved to another state. Later he wished to be taken back into the Chapter granting the dimit. The Grand High Priest made this ruling:

It is my opinion that as long as the Companion retains his residence in another State, there are only two things he can do. One is to present his certificate of dimit to some Chapter in that State, and the other is to remain a voluntary non-affiliate.

He reported a case of alleged invasion of foreign jurisdiction, the early particulars of which are not quite clear to the writer, but it appears that a Brother apparently temporarily residing in Ada, Ohio, petitioned a Chapter in that city, deposited \$10.00, and was elected, but before receiving the degrees returned to Grand Rapids, which he claims was his permanent home. More than a year after his return he petitioned a Chapter in that city, was elected and received the degrees. He then requested that Ada Chapter return the \$10.00 which he deposited. The Grand High Priest of Ohio held: "That the Michigan Chapter not having had jurisdiction and waiver of jurisdiction not having been asked or granted, the applicant was the material of and the fee the property of Ada Chapter." This was referred to Grand High Priest Andrus, who made a careful investigation, and it was his opinion that none of the parties in the controversy were entirely blameless, by reason of neither of the investigating committees having fully performed their duties, and this was his final conclusion:

When this candidate applied to Grand Rapids Chapter he was then a resident of Grand Rapids, and had been for more than a year. He was, therefore, eligible to so apply unless his previous application at Ada barred him from so doing. When he applied for admission to the Chapter at Ada he was not a resident of Ada, and any proceedings had there were without jurisdiction.

And he was handed this bouquet by the Committee on Jurisprudence:

We are happy to report that it appears that our Most Excellent Grand High Priest has handled the matter with a diplomacy that would render him eligible for consideration by the government as a foreign diplomat, and yet with a judicial mind that

would render him eligible to a position on the bench, and we heartily endorse his conclusion in the matter and recommend the approval of the same by this Grand Chapter.

The matter of the edict of the General Grand High Priest against the Grand Chapter of Texas was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for report at the next annual convocation.

Sixty-nine qualified Companions petitioned and were elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

Grand Secretary Conover, who is also the Committee on Correspondence, in lieu of a report presented a serial, entitled, "A History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degree and Dependent Grades." The first installment treats of the "Dawn of the Royal Arch." He very modestly terms it an "imperfect assembly of facts and some fancies, which in my limited time for reading, have come under my observation."

It promises to be a very complete and comprehensive compilation of Capitular matter, and as such will meet a need that has long been recognized. The next installment will follow in the 1924 Proceedings, and is to trace the early history and records of the first Chapters established in this country together with the events leading up to the formation of the General Grand Chapter. And when completed will appear in book form. Companion Conover is entitled to the unqualified commendation of the Royal Craft.

Next Annual in Marquette, May 21, 1924.

William H. Van Iderstine, Marquette, Grand High Priest.

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

MINNESOTA—1923

Chapters, 84. Members, 15,104. Exalted, 940. Net Gain, 454.

LOUIS LAWRENCE, Grand High Priest.

Well attended was the Sixty-Second Annual, held in St. Paul, Oct. 9, 1923, with all Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grands and representatives of sixty-seven Chapters present. Yet Florida's Grand Representative, whose residence is given as in the other Twin City, was not in evidence.

Strictly business was the comprehensive yet concise address of Grand High Priest Lawrence, which gave evidence of close attention to the many matters coming to his attention, but without unnecessary frills. Quite properly did he receive the commendation of the Royal Craft for his business-like administration.

Early in the year two Chapters were constituted and dispensations for three U. D. Chapters were issued. Appropriate mention was made of the passing to the Great Beyond of three members of the Grand Family: M. E. Companion Frederick Bloom, Past Grand High Priest in 1905 and 1906; M. E. Companion Trevanion W. Hugo, Grand High Priest in 1916 and 1917; R. E. Companion John H. LeVaque, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1881.

Among the questions answered or decisions made were: "There is no waiver of jurisdiction in Minnesota;" and "Dual and Honorary memberships are prohibited in this Grand Jurisdiction." This is the first instance I recall where a Grand Chapter has prohibited Honorary membership. The other decisions given conform to Florida laws.

Charges were preferred against a Chapter High Priest, specifications not given, but apparently pertaining to action relative to a petition, for the Grand High Priest, on report of investigating committee, notified the Chapter "That the candidate was rejected by opposition, and to return him the fee paid." Grand Chapter did not sustain the charges and dismissed the case.

Among the Grand Representatives appointed was E. Companion C. L. Benedict, Grand Master of the First Vail, to represent Minnesota, near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Mention was made of having received from its former Representative, the writer of this, an invitation to the Seventy-Seventh Annual, which was held in Tampa, with the comment, "The first time held elsewhere than in Jacksonville," and also a brief report of the same. He in turn extended greetings to the Grand Chapter of New York, which he represented.

Something over half a century ago a charter was granted Hoqua Chapter No. 16, and later it was given permission to meet alternately in two different parts of the county, as a convenience to its members. This movable Chapter did not meet anticipated results, for some ten years ago the charter was taken up, and a new charter given petitioners with a new name and number. Now these same petitioners asked Grand Chapter to restore to them the original name, "for sentimental reasons." Grand Chapter granted the request.

A new constitutional amendment provides for another standing committee, "State of the Rite," to which shall be referred all matters not otherwise disposed of.

Another adopted Amendment closes the Capitular year August 31st; provides for the election of officers

at the first meeting in September, and the annual Grand Convocation in October. A good idea, for it enables the new officers to attend Grand Chapter.

The new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized and exchange of representatives recommended.

We fail to find any reference to an Order of High Priesthood.

For the second time Ex. Companion S. Schurman submits an instructive and entertaining Correspondence Report, in which he incidentally clears up an uncertainty relative to the last report of his predecessor, the late Companion Irving Todd, which was unsigned.

Companion Schurman reviews Florida in an easy way, reminding one of a deep flowing stream, and we venture the assertion that he is a newspaper man of many years' service, and particularly as a "Man About Town." He finds so much to commend there is no space left to condemn, unless it be this: "We do not like the legislation which curtails one's privilege to petition for further light in Masonry when one feels that he wants it." May be so, in this particular instance, but would that be a safe general rule to follow? Youngsters want many things that their elders do not deem it wise they should have, and what are the newly initiates but youngsters?

The writer thanks Companion Schurman for the many flattering references to his work, reproduction of which would appear egotistical.

Next Annual in St. Paul, Oct. 14, 1924.

William J. Works, Duluth, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Chas. S. Schurman, St. Paul, Correspondent.

MISSISSIPPI—1923

Chapters, 62. Members, 7,157. Exalted, 519. Net Gain, 328.

EMMET N. THOMAS, Grand High Priest.

Quite prosaic are the Proceedings of the Diamond (Seventy-Fifth) Annual held in Jackson, February 22nd, which was well attended. Five Subordinate Chapters and the Grand Chapter of Florida were without representation.

So circumspect were the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction that Grand High Priest Thomas, in his well prepared address, acknowledged that the "duties and responsibilities" of his exalted station were "not commensurate with its dignity and antiquity." He reported the passing to the Great Beyond of Past Grand High Priest E. E. Clements; Most Excellent Wm. A. Roane, Honorary Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master as well, and Companion Julius Yaretsky, for many years the efficient Grand Tyler. Two Chapters were constituted and one dispensation for a U. D. Chapter issued. By reason "of a condition for which he was in no wise responsible," he made only one official visitation. In addition to granting a few minor dispensations, he "adopted the usual custom" and conferred on the Grand Lecturer the authority to issue dispensations, in his name, "whenever in his judgment the best interests of the Craft demand it."

The report of the Grand Lecturer revealed that some Chapters were lacking in necessary paraphernalia, and Grand Chapter ordered that each subordinate Chapter "be required to provide at least a standard equipment for degree work."

The Committee on Capitular Law decided, and Grand Chapter approved, that when a candidate is stopped before being exalted to the Royal Arch Degree, the fee should be returned.

More than a score of Worthy Companions were elected and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest George C. Myers presented his second Report on Foreign Correspondence, in which clipping and comment are judiciously mixed. Under Florida, which is courteously treated, he quotes from the committee report relative to "horseplay," and adds, "We have had complaints of this nature in Mississippi."

Next Annual in Vicksburg, February 21, 1924.
J. Rice Williams, Houston, Grand High Priest.
Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary.
George C. Myers, Jackson, Reporter.

MISSOURI—1923

Chapters, 113. Members, 32,448. Exalted, 3,350. Net Gain, 2,716.

EDMUND E. MORRIS, Grand High Priest.

"Dissensions having arisen among the workmen," was the reason given for changing the Seventy-Seventh Annual Convocation from Carthage to St. Louis, which was held in that city, April 24th and 25th, with only one vacant station, the Grand Correspondent, Excellent Companion Rev. John Henderson Miller, having been summoned the week previous by the Silent Rider, and two vacant stations in the Past official family: M. E.

Companion Robert E. Bainbridge, Grand High Priest in 1913; and M. E. Companion Albert E. Diamant, Grand High Priest in 1917.

Florida has the distinguished honor in having as its Grand Representative, Most Excellent Companion Charles C. Woods, the General Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter.

Well and faithfully did Grand High Priest Morris labor in the Capitular quarries, as the detailed record of his activities set forth in his well prepared address indicate, which appear to have established a new record, particularly in the joint convocations held in Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph, when the Past and Most Excellent degrees were conferred on a large number of candidates and named the Wm. F. Kuhn Classes, in honor of the General Grand High Priest.

Although the Grand High Priest discouraged the formation of new Chapters, yet he granted one dispensation to form a new Chapter in a portion of Kansas City not otherwise occupied and to be known as the William F. Kuhn Chapter, a distinction seldom falling to living personages. He also constituted three Chapters, two in person and one by proxy. Another dispensation was for a Chapter "to wear their aprons and appear as a body in a parade," incident to the breaking of ground for their new temple. The writer has no previous recollection of ever seeing a clothed Chapter in a public parade.

During the year Most Excellent Companion Robert F. Stevenson, owing to advanced age and physical limitations, tendered his resignation as Grand Secretary, he having faithfully served that Grand Chapter in that capacity since 1905, and as a slight token of apprecia-

tion for years of service he was given an honorarium and made Grand Secretary Emeritus for life. His station is now being ably filled by Past Grand High Priest Ray V. Denslow.

Violating constitutional law in failing to hold the required number of convocations and ignoring official communications, was the cause of the arresting of the charter of one Chapter, and in addition brought forth this well merited rebuke from the Grand High Priest:

It is mighty hard to understand why the officers of some Chapters will not extend the courtesy of a reply to letters and telegrams, particularly since they are sent out of a desire to help the Chapter. And even the most primitive kind of a sense of duty should, and does, call for a reply to letters or telegrams, asking a reply. I have had several aggravating cases of this kind. Repeatedly ignoring courteous letters is due to ignorance, laziness or indifference and any of these doubtful qualities will kill a Chapter in time. I recall one letter, asking for information, was sent to about eighty Chapters. I received twenty-two replies.

Well attended was the Annual Convention of Anointed High Priests when fifty-eight applicants were elected and set apart with solemn ceremony.

Once again has the unwelcome messenger summoned from the Round Table one of its most beloved devotees and never again will the remaining coterie of zealous workers be inspired by the loving admonitions of our late Excellent Companion, (Rev.) John Henderson Miller. Mayhap he had a vision that he was soon to depart, for the "Closing Words" of his Report on Correspondence, which was presented by the Grand Secretary, seem almost prophetic:

The present is a fast age. Time flies fast into eternity. The

morning glow of sunrise tint changes by early evening with dark and threatening clouds and sharp flashes of lightning. But after all there is a God on the throne of Eternity and His hand marks the lines of the present and future. We need not worry for all will be well with those whose trust is to the God who guides the winds, holds the oceans in His hands, walks on the storm clouds and steps from mountain peak to mountain peak. We can leave it all to Him.

Under Florida, referring to the attendance of the large delegation from Florida to the Asheville Triennial, as well as the report to Grand High Priest Hall by Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, he comments:

There has been some doubt as to whether Florida had really ever become subject to the General Grand Chapter. The account is interesting but not quite clear even yet.

It was supposed that the statement made by Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright fully and concisely covered all points. However, if there are any who desire additional information, I am quite sure that Most Excellent Companion Wright will supply further light.

The Proceedings do not disclose who is to be Companion Miller's successor, a place not ordinarily easy to fill, but Missouri has so many well qualified Companions that Solomon's wisdom will be needed in making the selection. Whoever he may be will receive a cordial welcome, and we now extend the glad hand.

Next Annual in Columbia, April 22, 1924.

John Picard, Columbia, Grand High Priest.

Ray V. Denslow, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA—1922

Chapters, 35. Members, 4,839. Exalted, 285. Net Gain, 189.

CLAUDE J. McALLISTER, Grand High Priest.

In old Last Chance Gulch, a vale in the "Land of Shining Mountains," nearly three score years previous, a pioneering party discovered what proved to be a wonderfully rich field of precious metal and made the beginnings of the modern city of Helena, where on August 15th was held the Thirty-Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Montana, at which all the Official Family, sixteen Past Grand High Priests as well as Florida's Grand Representative, were present, and only one constituent Chapter missing, an excellent showing for so rugged a country. The distinguished guest of honor was the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Wm. F. Kuhn, who made several notable addresses, some of which appear at length in the Proceedings and must have been a wonderful inspiration to the hearers as they are to the readers.

During the year Most Excellent Companions Joseph A. Hyde, Stephen P. Wright, Harry J. Rainsford and Frank B. Lewis "crossed the bar" and passed the veils for the last time. Each of these Companions have left a vacancy in the Craft of Montana that will be difficult to fill.

There is so much of really worth while matter in the able address of Grand High Priest McAllister that this brief review can only touch a few of the high places. Two new Chapters were constituted and one dispensation for another granted. The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland was recognized.

One of his decisions was that a Chapter could not receive the petition of a Brother who had suffered the amputation of his right arm. And another decision was:

That the robes should be worn in the conferring of not only the Royal Arch Degree, but in the conferring of all the degrees of the Chapter where required.

The Grand High Priest made ten recommendations, and we quote in part from three:

I recommend that each Companion read carefully each year the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. I know of nothing that will keep you so well posted in the doings of the Capitular world as this report. Read it once and you will do so again and again without urging.

I recommend that each and every candidate for the degree of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction be required to commit to memory the first section of the lecture in each degree, passing his examination in open Chapter to the satisfaction of the Companions before advancement to the next higher degree and further, that he be required to pass his exaltation in the Royal Arch degree within six months after his exaltation.

He recommended that all Chapters be required to observe this standing resolution of the Grand Chapter regarding the use of the Seven Branch Candlestick: "That the candlestick be used only in the ceremonies of the Most Excellent Master's Degree and the Royal Arch Degree when the room or a portion thereof is made to represent the Sanctum Sanctorum or Holy of Holies of King Solomon's Temple. At the opening ceremonies of each and every degree there are no lesser lights at the altar."

Grand Chapter approved the first three, and the recommendation that Master Masons be required to wait one year before petitioning was deferred, pending action by the Scottish Rite.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon sixteen candidates in "short form."

In less than fifty pages Companion H. S. Hepner presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence. His comments are concise and to the point. He reported having "read carefully the proceedings of Florida and found no action of general interest having taken place." He compliments the writer of this by quoting at length from our "Comments."

Next Annual in Billings, August 14, 1923.

Alf Whitworth, Deer Lodge, Grand High Priest.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Grand Secretary.

H. S. Hepner, Helena, Correspondent.

NEBRASKA—1923

Chapters, 55. Members, 8,042. Exalted, 459. Net Gain, 234.

WALTER L. SPEAR, Grand High Priest.

This being a permanently located Grand Chapter, its Fifty-seventh Annual was held in Omaha, Dec. 12 and 13, 1923, with all Grand Officers present and only three chartered Chapters not represented, Florida being specially honored by having as its Representative the Grand High Priest. Sixteen of the Past Grands added dignity to the occasion.

No necessary details appear to have escaped the attention of the Grand High Priest, and his account of stewardship met with the approval of Grand Chapter.

Fitting recognition was paid to the memory of

those who had passed on to their Great Reward, which included M. E. Companion Milton J. Hull, Grand High Priest in 1890, and M. E. Comp. John S. Harman, Grand High Priest in 1900.

He recommended recognition of the newly formed Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and granted a dispensation to form Florence Chapter in the City of Omaha. His one decision in substance was that a Chapter had no right or authority to require a Companion to give reasons for asking for a dimit, and that if he was clear on the books and no charges pending the Chapter must issue the dimit. He brought to the attention of Grand Chapter the action of the Grand Lodge relating to petitions, that applicants for the Royal Arch degree hereafter "need attend but six regular meetings of a lodge or lodges, in place of twelve regular meetings, before applying."

A detailed report of his official visitations indicate that Capitular Masonry is in a flourishing condition and that Masonry is wielding a great influence.

By adopting the report of the Committee on Consolidation of Charities, the funds collected and appropriated in the several York Rite Grand Bodies will be used exclusively for the support of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and the Children's Home at Fremont, together with such other forms of charities as the Grand Lodge may commend, and they should not be used for other charities however worthy, not connected with these. Ten thousand dollars was appropriated to aid in building an infirmary, in connection with the Nebraska Home.

By unanimous consent a constitutional amendment was adopted which will make it necessary for a suspended member of an extinct chapter petitioning for reinstatement to answer these questions:

- (1) Why he did not pay his dues and comply with the law.
- (2) The length of time that has elapsed since he was suspended.
- (3) The reason why he now wishes to be reinstated.
- (4) If reinstated, will he become a charge on the Fraternity and want or expect financial assistance.

Well attended was the Fifty-first Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, when thirty-one qualified Companions were set apart with the full ceremonial of the Order.

Although there is a Committee on Correspondence there is no report of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters.

Next Annual in Omaha, Dec. 10-11, 1924.

James M. Robertson, Plattsmouth, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—1923

Chapters, 8. Members, 632. Exalted, 43. Net Gain, 26.

LOUIS G. CAMPBELL, Grand High Priest.

Half a century of Capitular Masonry in the great Sagebrush State was commemorated at the Fiftieth Annual held in Reno, June 12, 1923, which was attended by as many Past Grands, an even dozen, as

active members of the Official Family, and with one constituent Chapter as well as Florida without representation.

Whatever this State may be lacking numerically seems to be made up in the sturdy virtues of its people, as evidenced by the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Campbell who appears to know what he wants to say and then expresses it. Fitting mention was made of M. E. Companion James C. Doughty, Grand High Priest in 1909, who passed away a few days previous to the Grand Chapter, and also of Companion Wm. R. Bozarth, Grand Master of the Second Vail, who died earlier in the year.

Replying to numerous queries and conforming to the decision of General Grand High Priest Kuhn he stated that the High Priest of a Chapter should not be covered when presiding, but should be covered in the three preceding degrees. But he seemingly omitted to add except when wearing the garb of a High Priest which necessarily include the Miter. The Jurisprudence Committee disagreed, the inference of their report being that the High Priest should be clothed as such whenever presiding. In Florida the High Priest is usually so attired only when conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

The Grand High Priest approved the two edicts of General Grand High Priest Kuhn and the Jurisprudence Committee made this report:

Sec. II. We approve the edict of the General Grand High Priest against the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas. We approve the action of the Grand High Priest in cancelling and recalling the credentials of the Grand Representatives to and from the Grand Chapter of Texas, prohibiting Fraternal inter-

course with Mexico City Chapter under dispensation from the Grand Chapter of Texas, and severing fraternal relations with Texas.

Grand Chapter adopted the report after striking out the first paragraph. This brings about a condition not quite clear to the writer.

By reason of signs of returning mining activities to the city of Eureka, another year of grace was given the Chapter in that city. The work of the DeMolay movement for boys received approval, as well as the establishment of a loan fund to enable young men to secure better education. Particular attention was called to what the Grand High Priest designated as an "apparent attack upon the courts of the land." And he urged Masons generally to resent and discourage any such treasonable utterances.

Chapters generally have more or less of a mania for tinkering with the ritual, and this Grand Chapter is not immune, for a committee for that purpose will report at the next annual.

None of the new availables were inclined to petition for the Order of High Priesthood, although the annual Grand Council was held.

Ye scribes pass from labor to refreshment with zest when we reach the fraternal correspondence reports, and the repast served by his highness, Companion E. D. Vanderleith, is always a veritable oasis.

First under Florida is the implied and well deserved compliment to our faithful and efficient Grand Secretary Webster.

Within the cover we find everything spick and span, correct in form and place, all in line of order.

He heartily approves the plan of official visiting as outlined by Florida, which Nevada has attempted to follow with varying success, "but hardly as bad as this year in Florida," he adds; and he is prompted to make this comment:

We hear continual reports of lack of interest in Royal Arch Masonry. Where no interest is taken by the overseer, naturally there will be no interest among the Craft. Companions, if we would but realize it, Masonry's affairs are ruled largely by interest, and only interest will discern that the Chapter's interest at heart is the Chapter's best investment.

He quotes at length from the report of the Committee on Memorial, and commends ye scribe "for knowing how to eliminate the chaff, as only items of interest are recorded."

Next Annual in Reno, June 10, 1924.

Wm. B. S. Park, Las Vegas, Grand High Priest.
Edward D. Vanderleith, Reno, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1921

Chapters, 8. Members, 1,112. Exalted, 185. Net Gain, 163.

DANIEL W. KYLE, Grand High Priest.

One Chapter failed to have representation at the Thirty-Fourth Annual, held in St. John, April 25, 1921, Florida being represented by Ex. Companion Guy J. Flabel.

Much of the address of the Grand High Priest is a record of official visitations. He ruled that an

artificial leg was not sufficient reason to keep out an applicant for the degrees. Also that it would not be proper to request a Chapter in another Grand Jurisdiction to confer degrees on one who had not received any degrees. Grand Chapter approved and further added that no Chapter should be asked to confer the Mark Master degree by courtesy.

For the first time in several years there was a report from Executive Committee, which disposed of much matter that in the States would have been considered separately by Grand Chapter. This committee is composed of all Past Grand High Priests and other Past Grand elective officers, with the Deputy Grand High Priest presiding.

More than ordinary interest appears to be taken in the Order of High Priesthood, for after setting apart and consecrating three applicants, nominations were made and several ballots were necessary before officers were elected for the next year. Preliminary action was taken with a view of having the jurisdiction of the Grand Council taken over by the Grand Chapter and the Order of High Priesthood to be considered a degree to be conferred in Grand Chapter.

There is no report on Correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1922

Chapters, 8. Members, 1,292. Exalted, 213. Net Gain, 180.

DANIEL W. KYLE, Grand High Priest.

No vails appear to be required in the Annual

Convocations of this Grand Chapter, the Thirty-fifth of which was held in St. John, August 23, 1922, with all stations rightly filled; one Chapter without representation, and Florida accounted for.

The Grand High Priest reported having made several official visitations, one of which was to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, but had to decline a similar one to the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

During the year dispensations were granted for two U. D. Chapters, and such satisfactory evidences of work was presented that charters were ordered for each. There were no requests for decisions, and other duties of the year were nominal.

The advisability of taking over the High Priesthood degree as a constituent part of the Grand Chapter, having been referred to the Executive Committee, it recommended further consideration.

Falling in line with many other Grand Chapters, a constitutional amendment prevailed that a Brother cannot be "exalted" until he has been a Master Mason at least six calendar months, except under dispensation.

Half a dozen qualified Companions were consecrated and anointed High Priests of the Order of Melchizedek. After which "the newly created High Priests were instructed in the rites of the order and admitted to and apportioned seats at the Board of the Grand Council."

The Executive of the Grand Chapter having requested that the history of the Order of High Priesthood be clearly set out and understood before taking

action looking to amalgamation, a committee will look into the matter and report at the next Annual.

Election to the several offices being greatly prized, nominations and several ballots were necessary.

Next Annual in St. John, August 22, 1923.
George E. Day, St. John, Grand High Priest.
J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1923

Chapters, 26. Members, 5,790. Exalted, 174. Net Gain, 31.

HALBERT N. BOND, Grand High Priest.

One of the distinguishing features of the One Hundred and Fourth Annual of this Grand Chapter, held May 15th, in Concord, was the presence of the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn, with other distinguished guests from nearby Grand Jurisdictions, who were given "Private Grand Honors." The official family were in evidence as well as ten Past Grands, but no one appeared for Florida.

Nothing materially out of the ordinary having occurred during the year, there is very little in the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Bond to present to outsiders. All his official acts were approved as were also the detailed report of visitations by the Grand Council Officers.

Recognition was given the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand.

Constituent Chapters are permitted and authorized to stand as sponsors of Chapters of the Order of DeMolay for Boys.

We can well appreciate this tribute to the address given by General Grand High Priest Kuhn:

To say that we had a rare treat is not enough, because the address set a new mark in our recorded annals—never anything like it within the memory of those present, in the years of our Grand Chapter.

Only six qualified Companions petitioned for the order of High Priesthood. It sometimes seems strange to the writer why so few Companions, after having attained all the honors in their constituent Chapters, should not want to know more about the beginnings and how some of their presumed ancestors battled with the kings on the plains of Mamre and became High Priests after the Order of Melchizedek.

For the sixth time Companion Charles B. Spoford presents a Report on Fraternal Correspondence, which is both entertaining and educational, but refrains largely from comment, by reason of "bearing in mind that each have local conditions, which presumably do not appear in the published proceedings."

Florida receives gracious and approving consideration, referring particularly to the historical value of the report of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright on the affiliation of Florida with the General Grand Chapter, and well says:

Florida is to be congratulated that the research was assigned to one of such high attainments in all the Grand Bodies.

Companion Spofford particularly approves the regulation requiring the Grand High Priest to file five copies of his address on the Saturday previous to the Grand Chapter, and deems it worthy of adoption by those Grand Chapters where a year's work is reviewed in a one day session of five or six hours.

Equally gratifying is his commendation of the work of ye scribe.

Next Annual in Concord May 20, 1924.

Albion E. Hayes, Exter, Grand High Priest.

Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

Charles B. Spofford, Claremont, Correspondent.

NEW MEXICO—1923

Chapters, 17. Members, 1,814. Exalted, 169. Net Gain, 87.

CHARLES C. MANNING, Grand High Priest.

Two distinguished visitors of national reputation—M. E. Companion Wm. F. Kuhn and R. E. Comp. Chas. A. Conover—were present when the Twenty-fifth Annual convened in Albuquerque, February 22nd. After an exceptionally instructive and eloquent address by the General Grand High Priest. Most Excellent Companion Manning reported the work which had devolved upon him during the year drawing to a close.

With one exception, all requests of whatsoever nature that were brought to his attention received his favorable attention. He felt justified in refusing to grant a "blanket dispensation to elect members

and confer degrees without going through the usual procedure." He found no emergency existing and decided it would "establish a bad precedent."

Grand Chapter adopted the report of the committee to revise the ritual, appointed the year previous, and five copies will be furnished each constituent chapter. Also appropriated \$250 for the George Washington Memorial Association.

Hereafter, by constitutional amendment, Chapter secretaries, before issuing receipt for dues, must satisfy themselves that the member is in good standing in some regular Blue Lodge.

This Grand Chapter does not exchange Grand Representatives, apparently has no Order of High Priesthood, nor is there a Report on Correspondence.

All committee reports justify the conclusion of Grand High Priest Manning that "peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction."

Next Annual in Raton, Feb. 23, 1924.

Richard H. Hanna, Albuquerque, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK—1924

Chapters, 223. Members, 67,526. Exalted, 4,810. Net Gain, 3,276.

GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest.

Three features stand out prominently in the Proceedings of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual, held in Albany, February 5 and 6, 1924. Large number

of distinguished visitors, which included the head of each concordant Rite in the state besides Grand Officers from Canada, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania; not a single decision on Capitular law is presented in the address of the Grand High Priest, and that the Grand High Priest personally visited every Chapter in the state, a record never before attained.

During the year four members of the Grand Family laid down the working tools of life: M. E. Companion Frederick E. Barnes, Grand High Priest in 1894, and the dean of the Past Grands; M. E. Companion George E. W. Stivers, Grand High Priest in 1896; M. E. Companion John Webb, Grand High Priest in 1896 and 1897; R. E. Companion Rev. Pirrie Cushing, Grand Chaplain for many years, as well as several Grand Representatives, each of which receive the title of Right Excellent.

A multiplicity of details characterize the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Barnes, which include the constituting of the five Chapters given charters, and the granting of a dispensation to form another; recommending recognition of the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan; and the accrediting of a large number of Grand Representatives, including that of R. E. William F. Conyngham, Assistant Grand Lecturer, to represent Florida, in one instance an appointment had to be withdrawn by reason of the present incumbent's "persistent refusal to resign after six years' incumbency of the office," and ten Chapters were honored "which never before in their history had a Right Excellent on their roster." A number of impossible

requests for dispensations were given the additional admonition to "Please read the Constitution."

More room is absolutely needed for the Grand Chapter and it was left to a special committee, with the positive injunction that if suitable quarters cannot be provided in Albany, where Grand Chapter has met almost from time immemorial it shall look elsewhere.

The Grand High Priest is somewhat of a statistician, for he reported that upon his visitations he addressed 15,602 Companions in open Chapter; in Grand Bodies 2,205; at mixed assemblages 3,521; a grand total of 21,328 having heard his messages on Masonry and its mission; and in making these necessary peregrinations he had traveled in most all kinds of conveyances except aircraft, a total of 31,977 miles.

Membership in the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests seems to be obligatory in this Grand Jurisdiction, for an amended constitutional amendment reads:

The control of the Order of High Priesthood is vested in the Grand Chapter, and it is the imperative duty of every High Priest-elect to receive the Order, which shall be conferred under the direction of the Grand Chapter, on the first day of the Annual Convocation and without fee, none being present but regularly anointed High Priests, and no High Priest shall be permitted to exercise any of the duties of his office after the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter next succeeding his election, until he shall have received the Order of High Priesthood. No elected and installed High Priest who fails to receive the Order of High Priesthood, shall be entitled to rank as a Past High Priest of his Chapter.

Another amendment provides that every candidate for the Capitular degrees must be an affiliated Master Mason, and "He must also be so far free from physical

defects as to be able to conform literally to the work of the several degrees."

Following the installation of officers the new Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Frederick L. Dutcher, addressed the Grand Chapter, saying that he wanted three minutes of time, and he took eight minutes, and what he said was "straight from the shoulder. "Special emphasis was laid upon official visitation, admonishing the High Priests present that when such announcement of visitation was received he should expect that not merely a baker's dozen of Companions were present to greet the visitor, but that at least seventy per cent of the membership was there, and that official summonses might be used, and that a year hence every High Priest could say to Grand Chapter, if called upon to do so, "Every candidate exalted in my Chapter during the last year has been instructed in the lectures of the several degrees."

Once again Past Grand High Priest Arthur Warren presents an admirable and instructive report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he calls attention to important parts in the several Jurisdictions, Florida seeming to impress him favorably as he makes several quotations from the Proceedings. From a personal source it was learned that his physical health was not the best, but his work tests 100 per cent.

Next Annual in Albany, February 2, 1925.
 Frederick L. Dutcher, Rochester, Grand High Priest.
 Charles C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary.
 Arthur Warren, Rochester, Correspondent.

NORTH CAROLINA—1923

Chapters, 55. Members, 7,647. Exalted, 606. Net Gain, 559.

WILLIAM R. SMITH, Grand High Priest.

Among the distinguished visitors at the Diamond (Seventy-fifth) Annual of this Grand Chapter, held in Charlotte, May 8th, was Florida's Grand Sojourner, Excellent Companion Cary B. Fish, who was in Charlotte at that time primarily as the personal representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar. The absentees included the Grand King and Florida's Grand Representative.

Grand High Priest Smith admits that he consulted various and sundry addresses of Grand High Priests, noted the different styles of composition, all of which appeared to fit North Carolina, then he went to work and produced an address differing from all, and it fitted North Carolina conditions as though nature grown.

He was much impressed with his visit to a York Rite Festival in the adjoining state of South Carolina and recommended the festival practice for North Carolina.

His rulings, but few being enumerated, brought out no new phase of Capitular law. Two cases of inter-state jurisdictional violation in which two residents of North Carolina received the Mark degree in South Carolina was settled by Grand High Priest Smith requesting the return of the fees and suggesting to them that they apply for the Chapter degrees at their real place of residence.

The most voluminous and possibly equally im-

portant was the report of Committee on Education of the administration of the "Knights Templar and Royal Arch Masons' Loan Fund," which is now assisting in the education of fourteen young lady seniors at two State Colleges, and who otherwise would not have been able to continue their studies. Certainly this is practical Masonic work, and the report indicates that the specimens of workmanship exhibited pass inspection.

In response to many inquiries he stated that the altar lights in all the higher York Rite degrees are the same as in the Master Mason's degree.

This being the One Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the Order of High Priesthood of North Carolina, Past President John H. Anderson presented a short historical sketch. Twenty-one petitioners were duly set apart.

Courteous and concise is the Report of Excellent Companion J. Edward Allen as Foreign Correspondent, which he insists would have been unsatisfactory without the assistance of his wife, for he has also been honored with appointment to do the same work for Grand Lodge as well as Grand Commandery.

He especially commends Florida for legislating to prevent a "green" Master Mason taking the "higher degrees" before he knows the least thing about the work of the symbolic Lodge.

Next Annual in Raleigh, May 13, 1924.

Raymond C. Dunn, Enfield, Grand High Priest.

John B. Griggs, Grand Secretary.

J. Edward Allen, Correspondent.

(Nowhere in the 300-page proceedings can we find the address of a single Grand Officer.)

NORTH DAKOTA—1923

Chapters, 27. Members, 4,089. Exalted, 227. Net Gain, 80.

WALTER H. MURFIN, Grand High Priest.

Only one subordinate Chapter was without representation in some form at the Thirty-fourth Annual held in Grand Forks, January 23rd and 24th, which is quite remarkable, considering that the subordinate Chapters are so widely scattered over a large area. Also all the Grand Officers were in evidence as well as Florida's Grand Representative, which may account for the harmony that appeared to prevail at all sessions. The distinguished visitors included the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Wm. F. Kuhn, whose reply to the gracious welcome given him was characteristic and inspiring.

There is much food for thought in the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Murfin, who stressed the idea that "our main purpose in life is not to frolic, but to work and to serve." Appropriate mention was made of M. E. Comp. Albert B. Herrick, Grand High Priest in 1897, and a well known figure in the early days of Masonry in that jurisdiction, who departed this life in his California home during the year.

Two requests for dispensations to use two substitutes, were refused, although one is not objectionable. However one Chapter was censured for exalting five candidates without asking for a dispensation, but investigations by the Jurisprudence Committee indicated no intentional violation of Grand Chapter Laws.

Careful observations by the Grand High Priest convinced him that district conventions are helpful only to the local Chapter where held, as generally there is little or no outside representation.

He made a number of Chapter visitations, and he has but little sympathy with the idea that "hard times" materially affects Chapter growth, but that the fault is "within the Chapter rather than outside." Many will agree with this conclusion:

Whenever the officers of a Chapter are enthusiastic and its members alive, you will note with few exceptions that there has been healthy growth, but when the officers look upon the organization merely as a necessary evil or a useless stepping-stone to something else, then it is time new officers with a greater breadth of vision should be secured with the least possible delay. The revival of interest will be immediate and sure.

Grand Chapter established a Triennial Fund, appropriating \$240 each year, to cover the expenses of the Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe and Fraternal Correspondent at the General Grand Chapter Triennial Convocations, believing those officers would receive the greatest benefit by personal and official contact with their co-workers.

Grand Chapter honored itself as well as one of its most zealous and efficient workers by electing R. E. Walter L. Stockwell, for many years its Grand Secretary, Grand High Priest. Congratulations, Walter.

Twenty qualified Companions received the Holy Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Companion E. George Guthrie was re-elected President.

Anticipation may sometimes be greater than realization. We always expect much from the Cor-

respondence Report of M. E. Comp. E. George Guthrie, and the best part of it all is that George never disappoints us, and each year it grows better.

He refers to the "pleasing account of the stewardship" of Grand High Priest Hall, but is inclined to take him to task for not making official visitations to the Chapters he had assigned to himself.

Referring to the query relative to the regulation that a Brother must be a Master Mason six months before petitioning for Chapter degree, the same requirement prevails in the Scottish Rite.

Next Annual in Fargo, Jan. 22-23, 1924.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand High Priest.

Ralph L. Miller, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

E. George Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.

NOVA SCOTIA—1923

Chapters, 20. Members, 2,754. Exalted, 232. Net Gain, 166

EDWARD T. CARBONELL, Grand High Priest.

Because no steamship company could be prevailed upon to transport so many Companions at one time, to New Foundland, it became necessary to hold the Fifty-fourth Annual in Halifax, June 12th, and only four and one-half hours were available. Three constituent Chapters and Florida were without representation. Just why this paragraph should appear in the opening proceedings of the Grand Chapter is not quite clear to the writer:

In the absence of the Chaplain, the Grand High Priest called upon the Companions to do as all should do before entering upon any great and important undertaking, kneel and attend prayer.

Concise, constructive and convincing was the address of Grand High Priest Carbonell, and which is made clearer by this remarkable statement from the Report of the Committee on Grand High Priest's address:

It is worthy of note that our Grand High Priest has passed the four score years and ten mark and it is given few men at his great age to journey to and fro among his Companions as he has done. His visitations covered the whole jurisdiction except Newfoundland and are a truly wonderful expression of the fidelity of our Grand High Priest to the cause of Capitular Masonry.

During the year the Death Angel summoned two Past Grand Kings and one Grand Superintendent. The Grand High Priest pays this appropriate and well deserved tribute to the passing of Florida's beloved Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion John M. Caldwell: "A man of strong convictions, always courteous, without fear and without reproach."

Among the requests for dispensations was one to open a stated convocation at an hour earlier than set down in the by-laws, which he was prompted to refuse, but later recalling that a previous Grand Chapter had approved a similar request, he did likewise, but with this forceful comment:

I bowed to the decision of the Grand Chapter and granted the Dispensation. For similar reasons I granted Dispensations for other changes to be made, considering that if a Stated Convoca-

tion's time of meeting could be changed one hour it could be changed for twelve or twenty-four.

The Grand High Priest firmly believed in adhering to the Rules and Regulations of the Craft, for in reply to a query regarding the status of a Brother who had been elected but before receiving the degree dimitted, over twelve months having elapsed, he ruled:

He ought to have been declared ineligible. To rule otherwise would be to encourage infringement of the teachings of the Ancient Constitutions which require every Mason to be a member of some Lodge. With this additional emphasis, in reply to a further question from the same source: "I rule that he must continue to be a subscribing member of a Symbolic Lodge while taking the degrees of Capitular Masonry."

Another ruling was: At the request of and in the presence of the duly qualified presiding officer, a Past Excellent King (not a Past High Priest) can confer any degree except that of the Royal Arch.

Another was where a Brother, owing to a physical deformity of the feet, would be unable to make the journey under usual conditions, and after privately specifying certain directions, ruled thusly: I consider that it would not be in accordance with the principles of Capitular Masonry to deny him the privilege he seeks. I therefore hold that he may be received as a candidate for the degrees."

It coming to his knowledge that certain unseemly innovations were creeping into subordinate Chapters, he caused a letter to be sent to each Chapter, and from which this pertinent extract is taken:

In future, let only those ordered to do so by the Captain of the Host take part in the formation of the living arch; as by substituting a tunnel for an arch the intended symbolism is frustrated;

and as, among other valuable instructions, this degree is designed to convey to the minds of the candidates that although in their journey heavenward they must expect to meet with trials and difficulties, yet they may have confidence that their Companions of the Royal Arch will help and support them, no matter how rough may be the way.

Seemingly much emphasis is laid upon the opening and closing Chapter ceremonies, for in the reports of the many visitations of the Grand High Priest, especially where no degrees are conferred, he particularly comments upon the "veils being unusually strong."

He notes with pleasure that the Chapter officers are increasing in their display of industry and zeal. And after favorably commenting upon the growing desire for "further light," he presents this new (to the writer) contribution to Capitular symbolism:

As there are three steps delineated on the Master's carpet in the Blue Lodge, so also are there three steps delineated on the High Priest's carpet in the Chapter. They are emblematical of the three stages in the progression of the evolution of the Royal Arch Masons. Those on the first step are those who, having been exalted to the Holy Order, have become charmed with the beautiful ritual, and whose sole aim is to perfect themselves therein. Those on the second step are those who, having acquired a fair knowledge of the ritual, and become surfeited therewith, are now fascinated with the intricacies of Masonic Jurisprudence, sometimes also to such an extent as to be in danger of nauseating the Companions with their hair-splitting as they fondle their new hobby. Those on the third step are those who have not only acquired a thorough knowledge of both the ritual and Masonic Jurisprudence, but have also learned that true Capitular Masonry consists in something infinitely higher and more important than either ritual or Masonic lore; something which they can lay hold of, something that will sustain them in their journeys and trials;

something to live for; something to die with; the lovely, priceless, beautiful spirit of Capitular Masonry.

The Grand High Priest pays a high tribute to the benefits and importance of the Masonic Home; and one of the Grand Superintendents specially note the work of three Chapters in Prince Edward's Island who have combined in furnishing a school room in an institution for destitute children in that Province.

For the purpose of better preserving the history of the Grand Jurisdiction a proposed constitutional amendment will provide for the appointment of an Archivist in the Grand and in each Constituent Chapter.

Much attention is given to the Order of High Priesthood, for during the year five special Conventions of the Order of High Priesthood were held in addition to the annual.

So much attention has been given to the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, that but little can be given to the meritorious Correspondence Report of R. E. Companion Brenton F. Porter, who is also the Grand Secretary.

Florida is given careful and courteous consideration, he makes this comment in connection with visitations; "It is rather unusual to note a Grand Officer expressing a doubt as to the good these visits accomplish."

Next Annual in Bridgewater, June 10, 1924.

John W. Logan, Truro, Grand High Priest.
Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

OHIO—1923

Chapters, 206. Members, 74,748. Exalted, 4,434. Net Gain, 3,212.

B. F. PERRY, Grand High Priest.

All the Grand Officers, many Past Grands and several distinguished guests including General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, were in attendance at One Hundred and Seventh Annual of this Grand Chapter, held in Columbus, October 3rd and 4th; the absent ones including Florida's Grand Representative.

As would naturally be expected the address of Grand High Priest Perry met all requirements and more. Although the official family was not broken, yet an appropriate tribute was paid to the memory of our Illustrious Companion, Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, and a member of Marion Chapter No. 62.

During the year two Chapters which had been granted charters were consituted by the Grand High Priest and four dispensations were granted to form U. D. Chapters, whose work passed inspection. They will receive their charters during this year. He also recommended establishing fraternal relations with the newly organized Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The by-laws of some subordinate Chapters were not approved for the reason that they did not conform to the Uniform Code of By-Laws. Although not encumbering his address with a detailed report of visitations, which were many, he stated that the Grand Chapter, through its presiding officer, was given every courtesy.

Among the decisions of the Grand High Priest was one relating to two Companions, members of a Chapter in Glasgow, Scotland, who had received the Past Master's degree in an Ohio Chapter. Later these same Companions petitioned the same Chapter for affiliation by dimits and proof of good standing in the Lodge, and the Chapter asked to know if it could receive and act upon the petitions. The Grand High Priest ruled that while there was no question regarding the legality of the degrees conferred, yet by reason of the General Grand Chapter having severed fraternal relations with Scotland, the Companions could not visit an Ohio Chapter because of this edict, however their petitions could be received by the Ohio Chapter, but before being admitted to membership they must be healed, that is, re-obligated in all the degrees conferred in the Scotland Chapter.

Much attention is given to the Order of High Priesthood, and one hundred and thirty-six Companions were duly set apart. M. E. President Nelson Williams was absent by reason of illness, but he was re-elected President.

Past Grand High Priest Orion P. Sperra presented his fifteenth Report on Correspondence, and it was fully up to the high order of previous reports. And for some reason it appears to be his last, for the proceedings state that Most Excellent Companion Wm. A. Belt, of Kenton, will write the report the coming year. We shall miss Companion Sperra, more particularly by reason of many years of personal acquaintance, but we extend the right

hand of fellowship to Companion Belt and welcome him to a seat at the Round Table.

Grand High Priest Kishpaugh is complimented upon his "brief and business-like address." He also has some kind words for the writer of this review, for which we thank him.

Next Annual in Cincinnati, October 1, 1924.
John P. Kuhns, Columbus, Grand High Priest.
Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA—1923

Chapters, 78. Members, 12,896. Exalted, 1,349. Net Gain, 1,184.

ERNEST LANE WILSON, Grand High Priest.

This Grand Jurisdiction has abolished the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, but all other officers were in their proper places when the Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation opened in Okmulgee, April 11th, with a goodly number of Past Elective Grand Officers to maintain the equilibrium, but Florida and a few constituent Chapters were "not represented." No member of the Grand Body was called to the Great Beyond during the year.

The address of the Grand High Priest showed a busy year; the comparatively large number of dispensations granted to receive petitions and ballot upon candidates, causes one to wonder why Florida's plan of leaving such matters to the individual Chapters is not the better way. Possibly something similar may have been in the minds of the Jurisprudence Committee, for the report, after approving the

action, adds: "We desire to caution against the extensive use of this prerogative in reference to the receiving and acting upon petitions out of time." Some of the decisions of the Grand High Priest were not quite clear, but as interpreted by the Jurisprudence Committee appear to conform substantially to Florida law, although somewhat more explicit, excepting the number of candidates in a class:

In the Mark Master degree the first section must be exemplified on not less than three candidates.

In the Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees it is necessary to exemplify the work on only one candidate.

All the candidates in each degree should be received and take the obligation.

In order to exalt not more than three at one and the same time, the High Priest should use six Companions and three candidates, until all have received the Master's Word in this manner.

Also regarding smoking: It will be unlawful to smoke within the Lodge room of Royal Arch Masons while conferring any of the degrees. Any High Priest allowing a subordinate officer to smoke while addressing a candidate will be subject to reprimand and suspension from office. This order applies to the time of conferring degrees only.

Also an applicant for either the Degrees or Affiliation must produce documentary evidence that he is in good standing in his Blue Lodge or that he is not a wilful non-affiliate.

The Grand High Priest issued four dispensations for new U. D. Chapters, and arrested the charter of a dormant Chapter. He approved the Order of DeMolay and recommended that all Chapters sponsor this worthy cause. Harmony and enthusiasm seems to prevail in all branches of Masonry, for he makes this statement:

A great many of the Subordinate Chapters have recruited very heavily from our Consistory Brethren the past year. In large classes the majority of candidates have been 3^{nds}. There are more than 60,000 Masons in the State of Oklahoma. Only a small per cent have taken the higher degrees.

Much stress and apparent approval was given the work of the Masonic Service association, and an appropriation was made to continue the work.

Grand Chapter adopted an amended Constitution and Code. Later an action prevailed that "all edicts of Past Grand High Priests and decisions are no longer in force and effect." But this did not appear to give general satisfaction for later, presumably after installation, a communication in the shape of a protest was lodged with the new Grand High Priest, with a request for a present ruling and interpretation of the law, which was:

It is my decision that the action taken was contrary to the law in effect at that time and that all such decisions will be in force and effect until further action taken by Grand Chapter.

Thirty-five qualified Companions were consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

In a well thought-out report Excellent Companion William Noble of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence stresses the establishment in every Grand Jurisdiction of a publication devoted to York or American Rite Masonry. This same subject was suggested in the address of the Grand High Priest, but the Finance Committee found that a suitable periodical could not be published within the amount available.

Florida proceedings generally seemed to meet

Companion Noble's approval, although he was inclined to doubt the propriety of granting a dispensation to Jacksonville Chapter as an organization to participate in the ceremony of unveiling the Confederate Soldiers' Monument at Marianna, as it was not a Masonic event.

Next Annual in Ada, April 15, 1924.

Edward P. Gallup, Oklahoma City, Grand High Priest.

James A. Scott, Oklahoma City, Grand Secretary.
William Noble, McAlester, Correspondent.

OREGON—1923

Chapters, 44. Members, 6,678. Exalted, 444. Net Gain, 351.

FRANK M. PATTERSON, Grand High Priest.

One Chapter as well as Florida was without representation at the Sixty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in Portland, June 11th, a noteworthy part of the opening ceremonies of which was the presentation of a Past Grand High Priest's apron to the presiding officer.

Careful attention to details and faithful performance of duties characterize the well prepared address of Grand High Priest Patterson. He made appropriate mention of the deaths of M. E. Companion Orlando O. Hodson, Grand High Priest in 1900, and M. E. Companion Silas M. Yoran, Grand High Priest in 1917. And two days previous to this Grand Chap-

ter Convocation occurred the death of M. E. Companion C. J. Buchanan, Grand High Priest in 1911.

During the year two Chapters were constituted, three dispensations to form U. D. Chapters were granted, and the dispensation for one U. D. Chapter surrendered. Among the other special dispensations issued was one to elect and confer degrees short of time on a Brother who was to assist in the formation of a Chapter in Finland; and another was to confer the degrees upon a Brother who had been elected in Tampico Chapter, of Tampico, Mexico, at the request of the General Grand Chapter.

He reported a joint agreement entered into with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite not to accept a petition from any Master Mason within a year from being raised, unless accompanied by a certificate of proficiency, which Grand Chapter approved. He further reported that he visited forty-two of the forty-five subordinate Chapters. Also that he had not been called upon to render any decisions not covered by Grand Chapter laws.

Action to change the date of the Annual Convocations from June to April met with favorable approval.

One dozen qualified Companions received the Order of High Priesthood. The President, M. E. Companion Orlando O. Hodson, having died during the year, the matter of naming it the Hodson Council, was deferred one year.

Companion Walter O. Haines again presents a very commendable Correspondence Report. He does not take kindly to the action of a number of Grand Chapters in requiring a Master Mason to

wait a stipulated time before applying for Chapter or Scottish Rite degrees. But he does believe that Grand Lodge "can make a law prohibiting a Master Mason from applying to the Shrine for a certain length of time, that would be fair and would not injure the Chapters of the Scottish Rite."

Under Florida he specially refers to the "valuable information," contained in the article prepared by Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright relative to relations of Florida with the General Grand Chapter, and also to the work of the writer of this report.

Next Annual second Monday of April, 1924, (presumably.)

George C. Brown, Salem, Grand High Priest.
Jas. F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.
Walter O. Haines, Portland, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA—1922

Chapters, 166. Members, 52,791. Marked, 4,935. Net Gain, 3,963.

JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Grand High Priest.

In addition to the above on December 27, 1921, almost ancient history, there were two Mark Lodges, with a membership of 166, a decrease of six during the year. This Grand Body, as well as others in the Keystone State, appear to adhere quite closely to English customs. Pennsylvania, one of the first provinces in the New World to receive a Masonic charter, and still continues to hold Quarterly Communications as well as an Annual Communication.

At the March Quarterly a communication was received from a Chapter "asking permission to receive and act upon a fourth petition from a Brother" which was unanimously agreed to. The meaning of this action is not clear to the writer.

At the June Quarterly a communication was received from the Grand Chapter of New Zealand asking for recognition and exchange of Representatives. It was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, but we fail to find a report later.

M. E. Companion Henry O. Kline was present to represent Florida at the December Quarterly.

At the Annual Communication on St. John's day, Dec. 27th, Grand High Priest Joseph E. Quinby presented an address reviewing the work of the two years of his administration, from which a few brief references are made, not for criticism, but because they may interest the Florida Craft.

He was asked to pass upon the status of a member hailing from the Grand Chapter of Canada who wished to visit a Chapter under Pennsylvania constitution, who had been denied such privilege:

By reason of his not having the "word of the chair," because the Grand Chapter does not permit the conferring of the degree of Past Master, nor does it make the word of the chair prerequisite to a Chapter within its Jurisdiction. The Grand High Priest directed "That if the Companion referred to can be properly vouched for as a Royal Arch Mason with the exception of the word of the chair, and it meets the approval of the officers and members to extend him the courtesy asked for, the same be done," but was not to be construed as changing present requirements for membership.

The Grand High Priest specially emphasized the

necessity of requiring every candidate to have his Mark recorded before taking the Royal Arch Degree, and that the High Priest of a Chapter would be held personally responsible for any infraction of this law.

This expression by the Grand High Priest sounds somewhat strange to the writer and may be to other readers, "that my successor may be able to report one year hence that the King of every Chapter had been advanced to the High Priesthood."

The Report on Correspondence is prepared by five Companions, and following the custom of former years of alphabetical distribution, Florida fell to Companion H. Franklin Brossman, who appears to find nothing really commendable or otherwise.

This significant comment is found in the review of District of Columbia by Past Grand High Priest William B. Meredith:

He (Companion Jermane) is not in love with our methods towards members of Symbolic Lodges in other Jurisdictions. According to our law a member must pass the chair in a Symbolic Lodge before he can apply to a Chapter. Passing the chair is absolutely a Blue Lodge function and never had a place in any other Masonic body. The only solution of the problem we see is to induce the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to permit members of the subordinate Lodges of other Jurisdictions to pass the chair in the Lodge nearest which they reside.

John M. Core, Uniontown, Grand High Priest.
George B. Wells, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA—1923

Chapters, 149. Members, 55,460. Marked, 3,684. Net Gain, 2,699.

JOHN M. CORE, Grand High Priest.

Routine matters characterize the first three Quarterly Convocations of this Grand Chapter, which are always held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia. A special was held early in December for the purpose of considering the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, which was later adopted. The Fourth Quarterly was graced by the presence of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, M. E. Companion Wm. H. Kuhn, although Pennsylvania is not a member of the General Grand. Other dignitaries were present at this time from adjacent and nearby states. None of the addresses of these notables appear in the Proceedings, although special mention is made of eloquent address of M. E. Companion Kuhn, which "was presented with characteristic force, and was full of wise counsel and great lessons."

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Core was the leading feature of the Annual Convocation, held December 27th, St. John's Day. Among the features of the new Constitution is one fixing the minimum fee for the Chapter degrees at thirty dollars, and no Chapter can charge less than four dollars per year for dues.

He reported having constituted the two Chapters which were granted charters during the year. The state is divided into twenty-five districts for the purpose of rehearsals of the degrees, and he attended all but two,

the work of the officers ranging from good to excellent, with this exception:

The degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by the officers of one Chapter. They were entirely unfamiliar with the work. After nearly two hours I stopped the rehearsal of the degree. This Chapter has been persistently ignoring the instructions of Grand Officers. They have not seen fit to avail themselves of this opportunity. I have accordingly directed that the officers should not be advanced, and further that they should not do any work until they satisfy the District Deputy of their fitness.

One decision was that Capitular bodies should meet according to standard time, and could not be changed to conform to any so-called "daylight-saving time." Another one is:

Decided, that the "Book of the Law," as used by the Chapters, should consist of the Ten Commandments written in Hebrew characters on a parchment or scroll.

One dispensation was refused a Chapter to confer all the degrees upon a candidate who resided 115 miles from the Chapter, "the additional trip not being more than Grand Officers frequently have been called upon to make from one visit to another."

Following the precedents of previous incumbents of the Grand Past, at the request of the Grand High Priest of New York, he permitted the officers of a Pittsburgh Chapter to thus confer the Royal Arch degree by virtue of the Grand High Priest being present in person.

Recognition and exchange of Representatives was granted the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Following the custom of previous years the Report of the Correspondence is the joint effort of the five members, Florida being assigned to Ex. Companion H. Franklin Bressman, and is a brief summary of the essential features, but without comment, except to note that Pennsylvania was conspicuous by its absence. For some reason it failed to reach us, but this time we present a double-header.

The introduction to the report is by Past Grand High Priest Wm. B. Meredith, in which are found these illuminating paragraphs:

Prosperity should be considered in a two-fold sense: Financial prosperity and Masonic prosperity. Financial prosperity when the fee is paid and the degrees conferred upon an applicant who will rarely attend its meetings, but whose sole purpose is to wear a chapeau and display a Maltese cross; Masonic prosperity when those exalted to the Supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason appreciate the work of the degrees and study their meaning, attend the meetings and become interested in all the affairs of the Chapter, and believe the Royal Arch Degree is the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. The Royal Arch Degree is not a misnomer.

The Capitular degrees have in the past generally been regarded as a stepping-stone, a requirement to the so-called higher degrees, but this is gradually passing until a large percentage of those who receive them pause and think of the important lessons taught in these degrees, the order, system and regularity in the discharge of every duty in life. The solemn, imposing and impressive ceremonies incident to the erection and dedication of the Temple, and especially that sublime dedicatory prayer for the blessing of the Almighty and His favor and protection to His people, none like it ever offered by man, to which the Lord made immediate answer, "The fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifice, and the glory of the Lord filled the house," and the long intervening space between that and the wonderful journey from Babylon to Jerusalem to

rebuild the temple and city. All these solemn ceremonies and lessons drawn therefrom make up Capitular Masonry.

We cannot understand how Freemasonry (referring to Symbolic and Capitular Masonry) can have anything to do with the Order of DeMolay officially, from the fact that it is not in any sense of the word and never can be a Masonic organization. Hence, hands off. We, however, have a duty to perform as Masons and good citizens of the greatest country on earth, that is to advocate and support in every possible way the organization of "Devocate and support in every possible way the organization of "DeMolay for Boys," that through its work and influence the sons of Masons and their chums may be brought together in a brotherhood that will make better boys and necessarily better men and citizens.

John M. Core, Uniontown, Grand High Priest.
Joseph E. Quinby, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1923

Chapters, 18. Members, 2,971. Received, 241. Net Gain, 202.

HENRY WILLIS, Grand First Principal Z.

By reason of illness three of the active officers were prevented from attending the Forty-sixth Annual Grand Convocation held in Montreal, March 28th, as well as the representative of one subordinate Chapter, and neither was Florida represented, although over thirty Past Grands of varied ranks found it desirable to be present.

So fully did the Capitular principles of peace and harmony prevail throughout the Grand Jurisdiction that nothing in the way of criticism is in evidence in

the address of Grand First Principal Willis, and his official acts were those incident to an uneventful administration, and which were given unqualified approval by Grand Chapter.

Three of the U. D. Chapters were granted charters and the other continued another year.

Dual membership was approved by the adoption of a constitutional amendment that "Any Royal Arch Mason may be a member of more than one Chapter at the same time."

For the thirty-sixth time M. E. Companion E. D. T. Chambers reports his pilgrimage of inspection to the Capitular Grand Quarries, and he finds a gain of fifteen per cent in membership in the Grand Chapters of Canada and the United States and that the Royal Arch Masons number 27 per cent of the membership of the Master Mason Lodges.

He finds but little in Florida of interest and nothing worthy of reproduction. There must have been some confusion among the workmen for the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary of Minnesota are assigned to Florida as well as to their own Grand Chapter.

Next Annual in Montreal, March 26, 1924.

Henry Willis, Quebec, Grand Z.

W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

E. D. T. Chambers, Quebec, Correspondent.

QUEENSLAND

A copy has been received of the Proceedings of the Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of

Royal Arch Masons of Queensland, held in Brisbane, November 1, 1922. This Grand Chapter was formed of five Chapters in 1918, and since that time five more Chapters have been added to its roster. Since the formation of this Grand Chapter another Grand Chapter, it is understood, has also been formed in Queensland from Chapters working originally under both Scottish and English Constitutions, and there are still according to our understanding several other Chapters which have not severed their relations with their mother Grand Chapters. This review is not to be taken as a recognition of the above Grand Chapter, but merely as information. According to the 1922 Proceedings the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland is composed of ten constituent Chapters with a total of 440 members. It meets in April, July and October, and the Grand Scribe E. is Thos. C. Moxley, "Chasmay," Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo, South Brisbane, Queensland.

RHODE ISLAND—1921-1922

Chapters, 15. Members, 8,188. Exalted, 1,028. Net Gain, 929.

HOWARD R. SLADE, Grand High Priest.

For some reason the proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the two years mentioned above were received about the same time, and as there is comparatively little of general interest to Florida Companions, both volumes will be reviewed together.

Both the One Hundred and Twenty-third and the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annuals were held

in Providence in March of their respective years, and appear to have been well attended, with distinguished visitors from adjacent Grand Chapters.

Perhaps the outstanding features of the 1921 Annual were the holding of three Special Convocations for the purpose of constituting three new Chapters, and also that the gain in membership was 1,254, over twenty percent; while the gain in 1922 was nearly as much, showing that Capitular Masonry is making rapid strides in "Little Rhody."

M. E. Companion James H. Thurston, Grand High Priest in 1914, passed away in 1920, and there was no break in the official family noted in the 1922 proceedings.

Much of the work of the Grand High Priests in both years was routine, quite exacting, but showed nothing out of the ordinary, and no decisions were required, somewhat ideal. Much of the available time of the Grand High Priests in both years appear to have been devoted to official visitations, in which the several Grand Council officers participated, but which is impractical in larger Grand Jurisdictions where magnificent distances prevail. These visitations furnish valuable information, but reference is made to only one, and that by reason of its uniqueness. It was to a Lodge where a Past Grand Master of the State conferred the Master's degree upon his eighth and youngest son, he himself being over seventy years of age, and was assisted by his other seven sons and two sons-in-law, also he delivered all the ritualistic work including the lecture and "Chaplain's charge," and apparently letter perfect.

At the annual meeting of the Convention of Anointed High Priests held in 1921 one candidate was elected, but nothing to indicate that he was anointed. It was also decided that Companions should wear Royal Arch Aprons. No petitions appear to have been presented at the 1922 Annual.

There is no published report of the work of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but action at the 1921 Annual indicated that such a review was forthcoming. However it did not appear in the copy sent ye scribe, and there is no further reference in the 1922 Proceedings. Past Grand High Priest Wilbur A. Scott was re-appointed to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Perhaps it will appear in 1923, which may yet be received before this report goes to press, for the 1924 Annual will no doubt be held presumably in March, 1924. The 1923 officers were:

Howard K. DeWolf, Warren, Grand High Priest.
William R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND—1923

Chapters, 15. Members, 8,817. Exalted, 736. Net Gain, 629.

HOWARD K. DEWOLF, Grand High Priest.

To gain a whole year in one session of a Grand Chapter is something out of the ordinary, but this did happen when the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island opened March 13, 1923, in Providence,

and closed its single session as the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth, by reason of the first Annual being held March 12, 1798, and in the judgment of the Grand High Priest it should be considered the latter, and is so designated in the Proceedings.

Many distinguished guests were in attendance, but it was a disappointment not to have General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn as one of them. However Florida was represented by Excellent Companion Stephen Magowan.

Practically all the important business of the year is found in the comprehensive address of Grand High Priest DeWolf, who made appropriate mention of the passing the veils for the last time during the year of M. E. Comp. Horace S. Richardson, Grand High Priest in 1900, and M. E. Comp. Howard R. Slade, Grand High Priest in 1922.

Evidently Subordinate Chapter by-laws regulate Annual Convocations, for the Grand High Priest granted dispensations to change Annual Convocations in some instances and in others refused, covering the months of January and February. Among the requests for courtesy work was one of Honolulu Chapter No. 1, some distance from home. Among the many visitations of the Grand High Priest was one of the Triangular reunion of the Capitular Masons of New York, Providence and Toronto in New York City, when the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified by the Toronto visitors.

The Grand High Priest was not called upon to make any decisions. Noting that the expense account of some of the Chapters had reached such a point that should anything happen to cause a reduc-

tion in the usual number of candidates, the surplus would soon be wiped out, he recommended that Chapter dues should be regulated so as to take care of a possible "rainy day." Most assuredly good advice. He also believed that the time had come when the Royal Arch Masons of Rhode Island "should definitely commit themselves to a permanent program of constructive work." Grand Chapter approved both these suggestions and the matter of carrying them out was left to the incoming administration.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported having reviewed the Proceedings received and recommended that this digest appear in the printed minutes, but it does appear in the copy before the writer.

A notable contribution to Capitular history is found in the Historical Address presented by Past Grand High Priest Albert L. Anthony, by reason of the Grand Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations having completed one hundred and twenty-five years of life. Only a few references are attempted.

It appears that early in 1798 delegates from nine Chapters met in Hartford, Conn., and voted "to establish a Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America," the Jurisdiction to include the five New England states and New York, and the constitution adopted contained this provision:

There shall be in each of the States within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, a Deputy Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which shall consist of a Deputy Grand High Priest, King, Scribe and other officers, as well as the High Priests, Kings, and

Scribes of the Chapters in the States over which it presides, and which are to be the members.

The Deputy Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was formed in 1798, and a year later was changed to the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, and is the basis of the claim made by Rev. Dr. Rugg, in a historical address at the centennial twenty-five years previous:

That the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was the first Grand Body in the class to which it belongs, formed in America; and that within the qualifications named it may justly claim to be the seniors among the Grand Chapters which now exercise governing authority over the Royal Arch Masons in America.

Some stir was caused in Capitular circles in 1863, when Grand High Priest Lyman Klapp, in his address, "suggested that some of the degrees in the American system might well be dispensed with, and that the Royal Arch degree be restored to the Master's degree, where it originally belongs." This was referred to a committee, which reported the next year, and then the matter was dropped.

In 1865 Grand High Priest Thomas A. Doyle called a special convocation of the Grand Chapter to consider the matter of the General Grand Chapter, and these two resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Grand Chapter, the late General Grand Chapter of the United States dates its decline and complete dissolution from its meeting in Chicago, in 1859, and that neither the prosperity or utility of Royal Arch Masons require that it be resuscitated.

Resolved, That this Grand Body, since the dissolution of the late General Grand Chapter, has, neither by itself or its subordi-

nates, in its work, or in any manner whatsoever, recognized the existence of a General Grand Body, and having found no difficulty arising therefrom, and as there appears to be no more necessity for a General Grand Chapter, than for a General Grand Lodge, and therefore this Grand Chapter must and does most respectfully, but earnestly, protest against the formation of a new, as against the resuscitation of the old and disbanded organization once known as the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

There the matter rested so far as the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was concerned, and it existed as a strictly independent body until 1897. Many other references of special interest to the Craft student are found in this address.

An unusually large number of qualified Companions petitioned and were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood, every subordinate Chapter being represented.

As previously stated there is no published report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Past Grand High Priest Wilbur A. Scott was reappointed and his work will be expected to appear another year.

Next Annual in Providence, March 11, 1924.
Norris G. Abbott, Providence, Grand High Priest.
Wm. R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.
Wilbur A. Scott, Providence, Correspondent.

SCOTLAND

Much information of a general nature, as well as to the student of Capitular Masonry, is found in the published proceedings of the Supreme Grand Royal

Arch Chapter of Scotland, which conducts its business affairs so differently, that comparisons are impossible, and practically no information is given as to its numerical strength. But as all districts report gains in membership and the establishment of new Chapters, it is safe to assume that the Royal Craft owing allegiance to this Supreme Grand Chapter is in a flourishing condition. Much attention is given to finances and the published report show that for the year ending February, 1923, there had been a net gain of nearly one thousand pounds sterling, the total funds being about fourteen and a half thousand pounds sterling.

In our review this year of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and its Dependencies, particular reference is made to the standing of the Mark degree under English, Irish and Scottish Constitutions. In addition to this it is interesting to note that the Supreme Chapter of Scotland has control over Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, Red Cross Councils, Cryptic Councils (which in some instances appear to include the Super-Excellent degree), and Councils of Knights of the East and West.

A British Columbia Chapter requested a Charter to confer the Royal Ark Mariner degree in Vancouver and was refused, as the committee considered it was without the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

At the June Quarterly a tentative movement was inaugurated looking to an international Conference of Royal Arch Mason in London during the holding of the British Empire Exhibition in 1924, providing

the Grand Chapters of England and Ireland are favorably disposed.

The many admirers of Robert Burns will be interested in this paragraph from the report of a Grand Superintendent:

We were most hospitably entertained by the "Land of Cakes" Chapter in the quaint premises where the Chapter meetings are held, being the same (practically untouched) where on Saturday, 19th May, 1787, Robert Burns, along with his Companion, Robert Ainslie, were, as the old minute testified, "made Royal-Arch Masons," Ainslie paying one guinea dues, "but on account of R. Burns' remarkable poetical genius, the encampment unanimously agreed to admit him gratis," and considered themselves "honoured by having a man of such shining abilities as one of their Companions."

Seemingly there is quite a revival of Scottish Royal Arch Masonry in New South Wales, as indicated by this in the report of the Provincial Grand Superintendent of new South Wales:

I resuscitated Chapter "Robert Burns," No. 177, at Lithgow. This ceremony was invested with considerable interest by reason of the resuscitation showing a revival of interest in Scottish Royal Arch Masonry at a locality where it had been very active in days gone by. * * * The Chapter re-opens with 22 Companions from the local N. S. W. Chapter, and from Scottish Chapters elsewhere. Also 24 Master Masons signed applications for the Royal Arch degree. * * * It is worthy of note that the Second Principal has the secrets of the Installed Master's degree, having obtained them quite legally under the United States system of Royal Arch Freemasonry, which confers the installed secrets upon all accepted candidates for the Royal Arch degree in that country.

This additional paragraph from the same Grand Superintendent's report is commended to every Royal Arch reader with the suggestion that he will as-

sist in bringing it to the attention of Master Masons who are not Royal Craftsmen:

It is but right to say that the enthusiasm I have just mentioned is a reflex of the growth of the Scottish system of Royal Arch Freemasonry in our state. No other reason can be given for this increasing interest than that the Master Masons are realizing the importance of the advice given them in the First Degree, to make progress in Masonic knowledge, and of the logical process of completing their information by advancing to the Mark Master Mason's and the Royal Arch degrees. Here is the natural channel leading from loss, confusion, and promise to recovery, reconstruction and fulfillment. There is no doubt that the compilers of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England realized this when, in the very first clause of their book, they included the Royal Arch degree among those recognized as pure Ancient Masonry and it must also have been recognized by every other Grand Lodge when they fashioned their own Books of Constitutions on that of England. In view of the small proportion of clearances that are issued by our Chapters, it can be seen quite clearly that the Royal Arch degree has the quality and ability of encouraging members to retain active membership in both their Lodges and Chapters, for it follows quite naturally that active membership in one's Chapter without active membership in a Craft Lodge is equivalent to expecting a house to exist without foundations, or a pyramid to continue without a base.

At the July meeting of the Supreme Grand Committee M. E. Companion Alfred A. A. Murray, for many years Grand Scribe E., presented his resignation by reason of impaired health. The Grand Treasurer, M. E. Companion G. A. Howell, was appointed Acting Grand Scribe E. with the understanding that he would not be an applicant for the permanent appointment. Later a long list of requirements was prepared and advertisements were inserted in leading newspapers of Scotland that a vacancy

existed and applications invited. Wonder what American Grand Secretaries would think of such procedure?

Of the several applicants applying for the position, one was found acceptable, but for some reason he refused to qualify, and later it was tendered to R. E. Companion Geo. A. Howell, who so satisfactorily acted as Grand Scribe E. during the interim, and a personal communication informs us that he accepted, though the official report of the Quarterly has not been received.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1923

Chapters, 43. Members, 6,380. Exalted, 431. Net Gain, 147.

O. FRANK HART, Grand High Priest.

Distinctive features in connection with the Capitular year of this Grand Chapter were the occupancy of the Grand East by M. E. Companion O. Frank Hart, who, for 10 these many years, had so faithfully served that Grand Body as Grand Secretary, and whose ability and sterling worth were fully recognized by a unanimous re-election as Grand Secretary; the holding of an Occasional Chapter in the City of Charleston, when M. W. Brother James Campbell Bissell was made a Royal Arch Mason at Sight, which action the Jurisprudence Committee reported without recommendation and which Grand Chapter disapproved, and the presence at the Grand Chapter of the General Grand High Priest, M. E.

Companion Wm. F. Kuhn, besides the General Grand Master of the First Vail and also the Grand High Priest of North Carolina. Florida was represented by Ex. Companion R. T. Goodale, who was advanced to the Station of Grand Scribe. During the year M. E. Companion William F. Gantt, Grand High Priest in 1909 and also in 1910, answered the final summons.

M. E. Companion Hart, in the excellently prepared address that might be expected from one who has been the understudy of many gifted predecessors, stressed a condition far more important than numerical strength or financial gain, based on the query, "Has your life, since we last met, been such as to stand the test of the Overseer's square?"

His duties were many and varied, and with the exception of making a Royal Arch Mason at Sight, were approved. He refused to shorten statutory time of investigation because he believed such procedure was not for the best interests of either Capitulary Masonry or the candidate. Two Chapters were constituted, one dispensation for a U. D. Chapter granted and one U. D. dispensation taken up. Seven decisions were reported, which appear to conform to Florida laws, and bring out no special constructions.

An out-of-the-ordinary occasion of the Capitular year was the holding in the City of Columbia of a Spring Festival in which every degree of the York Rite from the Entered Apprentice to the Order of the Temple was conferred.

Constitutional amendments presented and laid over one year provide for a minimum fee of thirty dollars for the Chapter degrees, of which fifteen dol-

lars are to be set aside for an Endowment Fund, the interest from which is to be used for relief work only; also that it will be unlawful to accept notes or other promises of payment for fees. A violation of any of those provisions will cause arrest of charter of Chapter so violating.

Approximately a third of the qualified High Priests petitioned and were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood, and M. E. Companion Michie with associates were re-elected officers.

Regardless of what the number "thirteen" may mean under some conditions, when applied to the Thirteenth Annual Review of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions by Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie, it means excellent. What more can be said?

His review of Florida touches the "high places" and with this comment relative to conferring the Chapter degrees under the direction of the Committee on Work by Jacksonville Chapter, in which seven candidates received the first three degrees, but only three the Royal Arch:

Had our Companions of Florida carried out the idea of our General Grand High Priest Kuhn, they could have exalted six candidates with only five minutes additional time being taken up. M. E. Companion Kuhn holds that the "exaltation," at which only three can take part at one and the same time, consists in communicating the G. R. A. W. and the G. S. N. D., and that during all the ceremonies quite a number of candidates can all go together.

Companion Michie, in his "Conculsion," commenting on the varied actions of Grand Masonic Bodies relative to the problem of "railroading," firm-

ly believes that it is time these bodies "did something" to prevent the rush for the Shrine. And in connection uses this extract from the address of Grand Master Abbott of Massachusetts at the March, 1917, Quarterly of his Grand Lodge, which is quite pertinent:

I shall not attend in my official capacity as Grand Master, any tiled meeting of the so-called higher bodies or appendant orders in Masonry. It does not seem to me that I ought to attend officially any Masonic meeting held behind tiled doors which I or any of my officers would not be able to attend if only Blue Lodge Masons. I believe you will agree that this position is logical and consistent.

Next Annual in Aiken, April 8, 1924.

Wm. W. Wannamaker, Orangeburg, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

James L. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1923

Chapters, 43. Members, 6,293. Exalted, 372. Net Gain, 230.

CHARLES N. BONTECOU, Grand High Priest.

Two Special Convocations for the purpose of constituting U. D. Chapters at Conde and Kadeka, preceded the Thirty-fourth Annual held in Mitchell, June 14, 1923, all Grand Officers being present, although Florida was without representation.

During the year M. E. Companion Harvey J.

Rice, Grand High Priest in 1895, and a Past Grand as well in other Bodies, was summoned to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

Without elaboration Grand High Priest Bontecou rendered an account of his activities, most prominent of which was his endeavor to do his best in upbuilding Capitular Masonry by personally visiting all the Chapters, for which he was highly commended as well as for his exhaustive report of these visitations, and all his official acts were approved.

He arrested the Charter of one Chapter, which for three years had continuously resisted and disobeyed the orders of both Grand Chapter and Grand High Priest. When the misguided Companions of the offending Chapter comprehended that Grand Chapter had confirmed the action of the Grand High Priest, a delegation appeared before the Grand Chapter, admitted they were at fault, made suitable apologies, and promised restitution. The controversy grew out of invasion of jurisdiction by the offending Chapter, conferring the degrees and retaining the fees.

Unqualified approval was given the Order of DeMolay and subordinate Chapters were urged to give aid and encouragement to this movement.

Grand Chapter endorsed the action of Grand Lodge in erecting a suitable building for the use of the Grand Bodies, and appropriated \$5,000 towards the building fund, in return for which Grand Chapter will have space.

Only eleven qualified Companions applied for and received the Order of High Priesthood. Following

this the M. E. President, Companion Chas. L. Brockway, addressed the body, paying merited tributes of respect to the Companions who had crossed the divide during the year.

An entertaining and well prepared Review of Grand Chapters is again presented by Companion Chas. L. Brockway, in which Florida received attention, special mention being made of the report submitted by Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright in connection with our relations to the General Grand Chapter.

Next Annual in Deadwood, June 12, 1924.

Cyrus R. Warne, Redfield, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Chas. L. Brockway, Sioux Falls, Correspondent.

TENNESSEE—1924

Chapters, 90. Members, 10,510. Exalted, 1,005. Net Gain, 800.

CHARLES H. BYRN, Grand High Priest.

Some figgerin' on the part of some one to show an **even 800 gain**, but that is the way Grand Secretary Cain has it, and what he says seems to go in Tennessee.

All the Official Family, many Past Grands and others galore graced the Ninety-fifth Annual, held in Nashville, January 24, 1924. However, Florida was not represented, neither were four subordinate Chapters, although the Grand High Priest made each one an official visitation during the year. In fact

he visited every Chapter in the State, some record, we say.

Quite properly does the Grand High Priest in his address, urge the necessity of a strict performance of duty as Royal Arch Masons and as men. He reported that the voice of the Great I Am summoned two faithful overseers to enter the Supreme Council above: Most Excellent Companion Henry M. Aiken, dean of the Jurisprudence Committee and Grand High Priest in 1876, having held similar offices in all the other York Rite Bodies, including Order of High Priesthood; R. E. Comp. Nathan S. Woodward; Grand Treasurer since 1875, and in the other concordant orders as well.

He constituted six Chapters, an interesting feature of which was that both he and Grand Secretary Cain were elected honorary members of five of them. Among the several dispensations were three to install officers, made necessary evidently on account of having lost a ritual, and it costs a Chapter \$50 every time such a calamity occurs. Florida Grand Chapter looks at it from another angle; any Companion can get one if he possesses the necessary simoleons, no Grand Lecturers are required, good work, true work prevails, and the profane is none the wiser. However, this must not be understood as applying to the Lodge, for there is not even the scratch of pen pertaining to Lodge esoteric work, it being strictly and absolutely "mouth to ear."

Tennessee has concurrent jurisdictional agreement with Kentucky similar to that which Florida has with Georgia and Alabama, but because Tennessee candidates preferred to travel farther in their own

state rather than petition a nearer Kentucky Chapter, complaint was made by a Kentucky Chapter. Grand High Priest Byrn held in effect that the Tennessee petitioners were with on their own rights by applying in their own state, and Grand Chapter upheld the ruling. However, when a Georgia Chapter invaded Tennessee, the shoe being on the other foot, and no joint jurisdictional agreement, complaint was made, but it seemed to have been adjusted by the Grand High Priest recommending a similar arrangement, which Grand Chapter substantially promised to look into.

An inheritance from the previous administration was several dormant Chapters, but through personal visitation and the benign influence of the Grand High Priest all were set to work with good prospects of permanence.

However, the recommendation that the Order of High Priesthood be made practically compulsory, and also that the office of Deputy Grand High Priest be revived, did not meet the approval of the Jurisconsults and Grand Chapter concurred. All the other acts of the Grand High Priest were approved.

The Ritual Committee prescribed that the Public Grand Honors be the customary three times three. It also recommended the adoption of Private Grand Honors, but does not make them public, the inference is, however, they are the same as Grand Lodge.

Recognition was accorded the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary of our good friend and Companion, M. E. Comp. James H. McClister and his better half, being a nearby coming

event, Grand Chapter graciously recognized it by appropriating a proper testimonial.

Encouraging was the report of the Committee on Education that:

Practically every Chapter in the State has an active Educational Committee aggressively interested in developing a constructive sentiment for better school facilities throughout the State, and that every branch of the fraternity in the State has been marshalled behind the movement.

Not being compulsory, only seventeen qualified High Priests presented themselves for consecration. Another mistaken case of "Where ignorance is bliss, etc."

Inspiring and illuminating is the Fourth Correspondence Report of Past Grand High Priest Smart, not one line of "space filling," in evidence, all "live stuff."

Under Florida he pertinently notes that while thirty-two jurisdictions are represented, "sixteen of them were represented by sixteen Companions, and sixteen by eight Companions." 'Nuf ced.

This is how he looks upon our attempt to fill a dual role:

Companion Hubbell was elected Grand High Priest at this annual, and he thought he was going to slide right out of the editorial chair after seven years of faithful service, but his thinking apparatus must have been out of order, for the Grand Chapter appointed the retiring Grand High Priest a committee of one to select the correspondent. The result was that Hubbell is *It*.

Under British Columbia, quoting Grand Secretary Prescott's unfavorable comment on the Past

Master's degree, Companion Smart adds this suggestive comment:

Now you have said something, and we don't propose to dispute you, for "them's our sentiments." It is one degree that ought to be "cut out." There is just about as much sense in having the Past Master's Degree in the Capitular Rite as there would be in making the Order of High Priesthood the first degree in the Cryptic Rite.

Next Annual, Nashville, Jan. 26, 1925.
John C. Greer, Loudon, Grand High Priest.
Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.
Charles H. Smart, Nashville, Correspondent.

TEXAS—1923

Chapters, 313. Members, 41,623. Exalted, 2,497. Net Gain, 1,550.

J. A. GARTLAND, Grand High Priest.

Nearly six hundred pages, almost one-half of these being in "six-point," are necessary to "cover" the requirements of the Proceedings of the Seventy-fourth Annual of the Lone Star State, held in Waco, Dec. 3, 4, and 5, 1923, all the Grand Family being present, many Past Grands as well as Florida's Grand Representative.

Carefully prepared and of necessity voluminous in detail, is the address of Grand High Priest J. A. Gartland. He stated that owing to depressed financial conditions, there had not been the usual activity, however, he reported a substantial gain in membership. His chief regret was:

That Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has not been as harmonious with our Sister Grand Jurisdictions during the past year as heretofore, due to the action taken by this Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation in granting a charter to Mexico City Chapter.

Special mention was made of the death of Excellent Companion William James, Secretary-Treasurer of Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Home for Aged Masons, as well as Florida's Grand Representative, and who was also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. A peculiar coincidence in this connection is that during the year Ex. Companion E. W. Bunker, Grand Representative for Texas, also passed away.

Many of his numerous decisions pertain to local conditions and have no general interest, with these possible exceptions:

The Grand High Priest has not the authority to grant a dispensation to a Chapter to go into the hall of a Blue Lodge in another town and there confer the Chapter degrees upon its own elected candidates.

It is not permissible for a Chapter to confer the degrees on the installment plan.

It is permissible to use one or two substitutes as the case may require.

A Brother was elected to receive the Chapter degrees, and paid the required fees. After receiving the Mark Master degree a protest was filed and he was stopped one year. He made no further application, but after three years made a request for return of unused fees. The decision was that four-fifths of the amount collected should be returned, together with the amount collected for the Council degrees. (The Texas plan requires a Brother to petition for both Chapter and Council Degrees at the same time.)

The Grand High Priest believed that suspension in Lodge for non-payment of dues ought not to carry with it automatic suspension in Chapter, without separate trial, but Grand Chapter did not approve; neither did it approve his recommendation that a dimit should have a place provided for recording the mark, and a similar fate befell his suggestion that fees be paid as dues are conferred, Grand Chapter intimating that such action "would tend to cheapen Masonry."

He hoped to see the time when there would be such a fraternal correspondence between the Grand Representatives of the Jurisdiction they represent that each "would be able to furnish the other more detailed information concerning the work of his own Jurisdiction than could possibly be gathered from reviewing the Proceedings." When this much-to-be desired condition prevails ye scribe's occupation will be gone.

That part of the address of the Grand High Priest pertaining to the previous granting of a charter to Mexico City Chapter, and which later was surrendered and returned to the Grand Chapter of Texas, resulted in a majority and a minority report from the committee to which it was referred. The majority report in substance was that the charter be restored and the "Companions of Mexico City Chapter be given full and complete authority to resume their labors under this charter." The minority Companions looking at it from another angle recommended "that the charter of Mexico City Chapter No. 414, which has been surrendered, be and the same is hereby revoked." Here follows the final action according to the Proceedings:

After some discussion of the Majority and Minority Reports

of the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports with reference to Mexico City Chapter, a vote by Chapters and members not being called for, the vote was taken by a show of hands, when the minority report was declared adopted.

Heretofore the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge have met in annual session on alternate periods of the same days, but hereafter the Grand Chapter will meet on a Monday and continue in session until the business is completed. The Grand Lodge will convene on the following Wednesday and similarly continue.

Being early risers, the Grand Council of High Priesthood met at 6 o'clock A. M., when fifty-one candidates were consecrated High Priests after the Order of Melchisedec.

Companion William James, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, having departed this life, and no one having been appointed to his station, R. E. Companion T. M. Bartley, the very efficient Grand Secretary, submits an instructive and interesting report, somewhat partaking of a topical review. His instructive and comprehensive presentation of "Masonry and Mexico," "Our Relations to the General Grand Chapter," and "The Present Grand Chapter of Texas," are illuminating and pertinent as well. It is practically impossible to quote intelligently from this Masonic classic in part, and it is equally impracticable to reproduce it. Those who have access to it are fortunate.

From the specimens of work presented we are sure that Companion Bartley will receive a royal welcome to a seat at the Round Table, and as the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence the coming year is to consist of R. E. Companion Bartley and Past Grand High Priests

O. M. Longnecker and J. A. Gartland, some report is naturally expected.

Next Annual in Waco, Dec. 1, 1924.

Sam J. Helm, Corsicana, Grand High Priest.

T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

UTAH—1923

Chapters, 8. Members, 1,084. Exalted, 67. Net Gain, 43.

WALTER DANIELS, Grand High Priest.

Commendable, in the opinion of the writer, is the growing custom in many Grand Chapters of recognizing as "distinguished visitors" presiding officers in the other Grand Bodies of the same State, even though they occupy stations in Grand Chapter, and in this instance it happened to be Excellent Companion Leroy A. McGee, Grand Principal Sojourner, who was introduced as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Utah, and welcomed with Grand Honors. It is a double tribute, honoring both the giver and the receiver.

Only four of the six chartered Chapters appear to have been represented at the Twelfth Annual held in Prove, May 9th. Although Florida is not so accredited in the proceedings, yet its Grand Representative, R. E. Companion D. R. Beebe, is included in the list of Past Grand Officers, and without doubt Florida's interests were carefully looked after.

During the year Excellent Companion John

Kelly, Grand Master of the First Vail, and R. E. Companion Abbott R. Heywood, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, presented their work the last time for inspection.

Careful attention to many minor matters are revealed in the address of the Grand High Priest, for this coveted honor was worthily held by Companion Walter Daniels, who had since the third year been its Grand Secretary, and who at the expiration of his service in the Grand East was returned to the station he has so acceptably filled in the past.

Two dispensations were issued "to open and hold" new Chapters, one at Logan and the other at Mount Pleasant, and the proceedings state, referring to the latter Chapter, "the officers appointed to the various stations were installed, etc." This differs from Florida regulations, if we correctly read it, for it has always been our understanding that U. D. Chapters were merely the creatures of the Grand High Priest, and its officers were only to serve until the ensuing convocation of the Grand Chapter, unless longer continued, and that installation could only follow election, and that did not occur until after a charter had been granted.

The Grand High Priest ruled that in his judgment a Chapter "should not deviate from the ancient Masonic usages by casting a collective ballot for applicants to our body." Florida, and as we recall it some other Grand Chapters, permit collective balloting, which being clear elects all applicants, but when dark a separate ballot on each is required. This, however, is not permitted in the Symbolic Lodge. The Utah Grand Chapter approved the above ruling

as well as all other acts of the Grand High Priest and adopted a Constitutional amendment covering collective balloting.

The work and possibilities of the Order of DeMolay were highly commended and the Royal Craft were urged to assist in instituting the same.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon six qualified Companions, and Past Grand High Priest Herman J. Craven was re-elected President.

Somewhat concise, but withal well prepared, is the Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, but there is nothing definite to indicate the compiler. Last year we gave credit to Past Grand High Priest Sam Goodwin, and assumed that he would prepare this year's report. After diligent search through the proceedings of the present year and last as well, we now surmise that the current report was the work of Past Grand High Priest Robert W. Fisher, and that the next report may have been assigned to Excellent Companion William F. Bulkley, the present Grand Royal Arch Captain. It is hoped this suspense may be relieved so that due credit and recognition may be accorded by the Companions of the Round Table.

The writer, whoever he may be, does not fully agree with Grand High Priest Hall that "we see our country settling back to its natural state of peace and prosperity," and advances this argument in support:

Florida may be different from the rest of the country, possibly. From a study of other Journals it would seem so, for the greater number of the Convocations seem to point to the fact that the unsettled state of conditions resulting from the great war de-

mands that all people—Masons especially—should deeply consider conditions and by unselfish service give aid to the work of establishing the use of peace and happiness among men. The blinding of ourselves to the needs of the times by crying "peace" when there is none simply helps to continue the confusion.

Next Annual at Salt Lake City, May 23, 1924.
Warren Benjamin, Salt Lake City, Grand High Priest.

Walter Daniels, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.
Correspondent. (?)

VERMONT—1923

Chapters, 31. Members, 5,889. Exalted, 348. Net Gain, 261.

GEORGE F. ROOT, Grand High Priest.

That Capitular Masonry in the Green Mountain State is on a substantial basis is indicated by the goodly attendance at the One Hundred and Sixth Annual, held in Burlington, June 15, 1923, which included all the officers and Florida's Grand Representative, Ex. Companion C. Henry Stone, who also served as Grand Sentinel. General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn was the special guest of honor. All matters coming to the attention of Grand High Priest Root were given careful consideration in his terse and logical address, with appropriate allusions to that in which he was then engaged, and all his work passed inspection.

Brief mention was made of the passing to the Great Beyond of M. E. Companion Eugene S.

Weston, who was Grand High Priest in 1897, and who since 1916 was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and in which capacity the writer had learned to highly esteem.

The work of the Grand High Priest was largely routine; no matters requiring decisions had arisen during the year, and only one dispensation to form a new Chapter was granted, which submitted such satisfactory specimens that he recommended the granting of a charter. Neither were there any grievances to adjust, harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction, so that the work of the several standing committees were merely formal.

Higher and more thorough education in ritualistic work is provided under the direction of Grand Lecturer Crannell, but as is sometimes the case where things are free there are unfortunately some who do not take advantages of the opportunities afforded, and the attendance at the five District meetings was only fair.

Thirteen candidates presented themselves and presumably received the Order of High Priesthood, as thanks were tendered the local Chapter for the use of "their robes." This action seems to throw some light on the comment of Companion Harriman, the successor of Companion Weston on the Correspondence Committee, in his review of Illinois:

Apropos of his (the Illinois correspondent) comment on the use of robes in the Order of High Priesthood, we may remark that a robe is a robe and Melchizadek undoubtedly wore one, trousers being a comparatively modern invention.

Owing to the death of Companion Weston, of the

Committee on Correspondence, as stated above, the Grand High Priest appointed R. E. Companion Archie S. Harriman, the then Grand King and now the Deputy Grand High Priest, to complete report begun by Companion Weston, and right well did he perform that difficult though alluring work, so satisfactorily in fact that he was reappointed for the year 1924.

We are pleased that Companion Weston was spared long enough to review Florida, in which he commended the address of Grand High Priest Hall, and made special reference to the history presented by Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright in reference to Florida's connection with the General Grand Chapter. Companion Weston will be greatly missed by the other Companions of the Round Table and no words of ours can add to the splendid record of his activities and whose memory will long be remembered after many of us are forgotten.

Although no mention is made yet we suspect that Companion Harriman is a journalist of years of experience, for the reviews which he presented are entertaining and educational, and we shall look with pleasure for next year's work. Here's the glad hand, Companion.

Next Annual in Burlington, June 10, 1924.

Allen D. Ball, Ludlow, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Archie S. Harriman, Middlebury, Correspondent.

VIRGINIA—1923

Chapters, 70. Members, 15,746. Exalted, 1,489. Net Gain, 1,293.

JAMES C. GREENLAY, Grand High Priest.

Over one-third of the Subordinate Chapters, as well as Florida, were not represented at the One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual, held in Richmond, October 23 and 24, 1923. With the exception of the two first years, beginning with 1810, every Grand Convocation has been held in Richmond. Wonder if any other American Grand Chapter can show such a continuous unbroken record. And another remarkable fact is that beginning with 1818, over a century, this Grand Chapter has had only four Grand Secretaries, R. E. Comp. John Dove's incumbency covering from 1818 to 1875; R. E. Comp. William B. Isaacs, 1876 to 1894; R. E. Comp. James B. Blanks, beginning with 1895, and Grand Secretary Emeritus since 1919, and G. Gus Hawkins active since 1919.

Somewhat brief is the account of stewardship made by Grand High Priest Greenlay, who reported a year of peace and prosperity. He presented a fitting memorial to Most Excellent Companion George W. Wright, who was Grand High Priest in 1892, and Grand Master in 1899.

Among the dispensations was one to reopen a "dark ballot," the claim being that "the ballot box was mechanically defective, and might have been responsible for the unfavorable ballot." His one decision pertained to the petition of a Master Mason who had lost his left hand at the wrist, and was: "His disability being in no wise due to any un-

sonic conduct, but clearly an act of providence, his petition could be received."

Almost the first order of business at the opening of the second session is the election and installation of officers, the inference being that substantially all the business of the Grand Chapter is transacted by the new officers, including the report of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's Address. Soon after the Grand Chapter went into a Grand Committee of the Whole, where much of the business is considered and threshed out. This committee reported adversely on the resolution to substitute the word "chest" when referring to the Ark for the word "pedestal;" a petition to organize a Chapter of DeMolay for Boys; and also to permit subordinate Chapters to elect all its officers except Sentinel. It recommended recognition of the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Later Grand Chapter adopted the report of the committee.

Grand Chapter closed its Annual Convocation apparently October 24th, and is signed by the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, and yet a note following the list of officers for 1923-1924 states that Rt. Ex. R. S. Bucher, Grand King, died October 21, 1923.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests having increased the fee to five dollars, and apparently collected this fee in advance for, after the payment of actual expenses, the balance was used in a luncheon preceding the opening of the Convention, following which thirty-eight candidates were duly anointed.

The writer always turns with delight to the

Fraternal Correspondence Report by Past Grand High Priest Joseph W. Eggleston, who has the faculty of saying the right thing in a right way.

Several quotations from Florida proceedings are given, one of which is followed by this comment:

The above will sound queer to the Craft in Virginia and go far to confirm their love for our ancient ritual learned strictly from mouth to ear. Had we their unfortunate use of a printed ritual we fear that none would attend Chapter meetings except those who wanted to do violence to the law by indulging in horse play, so out of place in our beautiful and solemn ceremonies. Even with their rule, any officer who uses a ritual in conferring the degrees should lose his job.

And again: With all the best efforts of Grand High Priests and our Grand Lecturer there are still some who violate the law in the above particular, and we have even heard a High Priest argue that if he enforced the law many would not attend. Our opinion is that were they to withdraw from the Chapter it would be a gain and not a loss. As well excuse frivolity in the most sacred church services.

While Virginia is not a member of the General Grand Chapter, yet I am quite sure that I voice the unanimous desire of the Round Table in extending a cordial invitation to Companion Eggleston to meet with us at Portland next September, for it is probably about the only way in which most of us will ever personally meet this most amiable and distinguished Companion. He confesses that he has "never been in the General Grand and knows nothing about it," except presumably by hearsay. You remember one of old was told to "Come and see." And may we add, "Go thou and do likewise."

Next Annual in Richmond, October 28, 1924.
J. J. Mattern, Richmond, Grand High Priest.
J. Gus Hankins, Richmond, Grand Secretary.
Jas. W. Eggleston, Richmond, Correspondent.

WASHINGTON—1923

Chapters, 48. Members, 7,781. Exalted, 652. Net Gain, 560.

WILLIAM O. NICHOLSON, Grand High Priest.

Comparatively few matters of general Capitular interest characterize the two-day session of the Thirty-ninth Annual, held in Tacoma, May 7th and 8th. Although well attended, Florida was not represented.

Seemingly the most disturbing question to the Grand High Priest, as indicated by his well prepared address, was the propriety of substitutes and the diversity of opinion regarding the number of teams permissible in the Royal Arch degree. This was later settled by Grand Chapter adopting the work of the General Grand Chapter, with the ruling that to exalt more than one team permission must be obtained from the Grand High Priest.

During the year five Chapters were constituted, and three dispensations to form U. D. Chapters were issued.

Approval was asked of the Grand High Priest for the University Masonic Service Association, the objects of which are to promote the welfare of Masons and members of their families attending the

State University. This was granted, although he did not believe he had the authority to endorse it as Grand High Priest. Grand Chapter commended this action.

Reports of the visitations of Grand Officers and Inspectors covering more than a dozen pages, appear as an addenda to the address of the Grand High Priest, and contain much of interest and information to the Royal Craft.

Qualified Companions from more than half of the Subordinate Chapters petitioned and were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Henry L. Kenna again presented a well prepared and instructive review of other Grand Chapter Proceedings, in which Florida is given consideration and without material comment.

Next Annual in Bremerton, May 5 and 6, 1924.

Carey S. Haynes, Walla Walla, Grand High Priest.

Henry L. Kenna, Spokane, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WEST VIRGINIA—1923

Chapters, 44. Members, 10,982. Exalted, 768. Net Gain, 589.

WILLIAM E. KRUPP, Grand High Priest.

It is almost ancient history to review the Proceedings of the Fifty-second Annual, held in Fairmount, Nov. 13-14, 1922. General Grand High

Priest Wm. F. Kuhn was a welcomed distinguished visitor as were other notables from Pennsylvania. Florida being honored by having as its Representatives, M. E. Companion J. A. Miller, the dean of the Past Grands.

Grand High Priest, in his well prepared address, reported that while the net gains were less than the previous year, yet there were many reasons to be content with the actual results attained, and especially in the few suspensions. One Chapter was constituted during the year.

Grand High Priest Krupp reviewed at length the disadvantages of conferring the Cryptic degrees in the Chapter, which is followed by only one other Grand Chapter, that of Virginia, and from which West Virginia received its charter. He arrived at this conclusion:

After careful consideration it is the sense of your Grand High Priest that the matter is of sufficient importance to justify its consideration at the hands of the Committee on Jurisprudence, that they may consider and report upon the expediency and legality of authorizing subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction to dispense with the conferring of the Council degrees in full form.

The Committee recommended and Grand Chapter concurred, "that the Council degrees be not changed or abbreviated." In the opinion of the writer of this we might add, as was said of a people of old, "They are joined to their idols, let them alone."

No decisions were noted, but a ruling was requested from the Jurisprudence Committee in the case of a Brother who was suspended from the Lodge for non-payment of dues. Some ten years later he

petitioned the Lodge for reinstatement, which was granted. He then asked for and received a statement of his dues in the Chapter, which he paid and was automatically re-instated in the Chapter as well. In the meantime it was reported that this man's character as a man and Mason was not up to the standard of Masonry, and the query was that the Chapter ought to have the right to ballot whether they receive the Brother as a Companion. The report of the Committee was that as the case originated in the Lodge it was properly disposed of by them, and that the Chapter would have recourse by preferring charges against the Brother for un-Masonic conduct.

Twenty-four qualified Companions were elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood.

After three years of regretted absence, the seat assigned to West Virginia at the Round Table is again occupied, and we hasten to extend fraternal greetings to R. E. George M. Ford, the Excellent Grand Secretary as well. The work certainly passes inspection at this station and he is entitled to wages.

Florida is given attention, and approval is expressed of the action relative to improper ceremonies, as well as the six months elapsing between Lodge and Chapter degrees.

If our former review of West Virginia was brief, it was because we did not seem to find much that in our opinion was of general or informative interest. The fact that there was or was not a Correspondence report has no bearing on the length or nature of the review of proceedings. Companion Ford quotes but

little and his comments are terse but to the point, and are educational as well.

Next Annual in Wheeling, Nov. 13-14, 1923.

Paris P. Lester, Fort Gay, Grand High Priest.

George M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WISCONSIN—1924

Chapters, 109. Members, 22,361. Exalted, 1,703. Net Gain, 1,404.

WILLIAM R. GRAVES, Grand High Priest.

Capitular matters moved along smoothly in the Badger State last year, according to the published proceedings of the Seventy-fourth Annual, held in Milwaukee, February 19th and 20th, with Florida represented.

During the year one permanent member, M. E. Companion Calvert Spensley, responded to the call to higher and more exalted duties. He was Grand High Priest in 1893.

Early in the year two new Chapters were given their charters. Grand High Priest Graves reported that meritorious work had been done in the two other Chapters whose dispensations had been continued, and he recommended that charters be granted; also that the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan be recognized and fraternal relations be established.

In reply to a query he decided that the covering of a High Priest while presiding represented the miter of the High Priest of ancient times, and until Grand Chap-

ter ruled differently, this custom which by practice has become practically a law and should be continued. Another decision seems somewhat strange according to Florida procedure:

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by the King in the absence of the Excellent High Priest of the Chapter. How should the fact appear on the secretary's minutes?

There is no particular form prescribed. The minutes should show the exact facts. An entry such as the following is suggested: A Lodge of Mark Masons was duly opened by Brother E. F., Senior Warden, acting as Right Worshipful Master.

Referring to the work of the committee which had been engaged in revising the ritual, he makes this pertinent comment, which ought to be heeded by all who heard it or may read this:

It has been the purpose of the committee to eliminate from all of the degrees every opportunity to inject levity and burlesque into the work. This in my opinion is commendable. I know that it is contended that members attend the conferring of the degrees to enjoy the comedy and that if this is eliminated they will not attend. I cannot agree with this contention. It seems incredible that any man having caught the slightest conception of the beauty and dignity of the inspiring lessons of Capitular Masonry could desire to witness the dragging into the work of anything that would detract from that beauty and dignity. If there be such a Companion, then someone has labored in vain and spent his strength for naught.

He quite properly complimented the report of the Committee on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright and commended it to the careful reading and consideration of every Companion.

A constitutional amendment was proposed, which if

adopted will give Chapters concurrent jurisdiction over Master Masons residing more than fifteen miles from the nearest Chapter. Another action which if adopted will be that Companions wishing admission should be reported direct to the High Priest and admitted only upon his direction, and not by direction of the Captain of the Host.

Thirty-eight qualified candidates were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Much valuable information is contained in the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Samuel Wright. Under Florida he quotes from Grand High Priest Kishpaugh's address, relative to exaltations, and also the action of the Jurisprudence Committee in the Texas matter. Incidentally permit the suggestion that the first name of the writer is "Ely," not "Eli."

Next Annual in Milwaukee, Feb. 17, 1925.

Bernard F. Keeler, LaCrosse, Grand High Priest.

William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Samuel Wright, Milwaukee, Correspondent.

WYOMING—1923

Chapters, 16. Members, 1,980. Exalted, 121. Net Gain, 122.

FRANK E. HEPNER, Grand High Priest.

Seldom does the net gain exceed the exaltations in any one year, but that was reported at the Fifteenth Annual, held in Sheridan, July 12th, 1923, when only one Chapter failed to be represented. An excellent record for a state of such magnificent dis-

tances. Every Chapter visited by the Grand High Priest and a movable Grand Chapter may have contributed to this result. General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn was a distinguished guest of honor, and Florida was represented by the present Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Neil D. Nelson.

An excellent detailed account of the efficient stewardship of Grand High Priest Hepner is presented in his well prepared address, which is confined largely to local conditions, in which we outsiders are not specially concerned.

During the year two dispensations to form U. D. Chapters were granted and their work was such that they are to receive Charters. And another favorable prospect was bequeathed to the incoming administration.

One decision was that a dispensation was necessary to permit a Chapter to work degrees outside of its home town. And another was that a Chapter under dispensation can begin work without having a Grand High Priest or Deputy present to institute it; that while a ceremony of "institution" may be desirable, it is not necessary.

During the year Grand High Priest Hepner visited every Chapter, traveling 2,230 miles by rail and 380 miles by auto. This is an enviable and commendable record.

An amended regulation provides that a petition for affiliation shall be made out in a form similar to that for degrees, together with full particulars of his former affiliation and a description of his mark.

The fees for the Order of High Priesthood are \$20, and five qualified Companions availed themself-

ves of the privilege. Past Grand High Priest Jesse Converse and the President of the Convention followed his annual custom of presenting a formal address in which he sets forth in part the principles that appeal to the so-called practical Mason—the square deal, rugged honesty and equality and equity.

For the fourth time Past Grand Samuel Corson presented a well prepared Report on Correspondence, and which proves to be his "Swan Song," which condition he says is brought about by "advancing years compelling a respite from labor." Those who are left will cherish his words of wisdom and "while they may forget the singer they'll ne'er forget the song." His successor is Excellent Companion Richard H. Redpath, and the writer extends to him the right hand of fellowship.

Companion Corson finds much in the Florida proceedings to attract his attention and favorable comment as well, particularly mentioning "the able and business-like administration" of Grand High Priest Hall.

Next Annual in Douglas, July 10, 1924.
Hudson W. Darrah, Cody, Grand High Priest.
Richard H. Redpath, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

CONCLUSION

Once again we have completed a resume of all the proceedings that have reached us. Generally speaking, we find that controversies are being adjusted and that the field and scope of Royal Arch Masonry is widening. Special emphasis is put upon benevolence and education, and the necessity of a more stringent observance and enforcement of all forms of constituted law and authority. This is as it should be.

Respectfully submitted,

Ely P. Hubbell

For the Committee.

Bradentown, Florida,
April 30, 1924.

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R. . E. . C. RY B. FISH -----Grand Scribe, Sarasota.
M. . E. . M. ARCUS ENDEL -----Grand Treasurer, Jacksonville.
M. . E. . W. ILBER P. WEBSTER --Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.
R. . E. . W. B. Y. WILKIE ----Grand Chaplain, Dunedin.
E. . R. . J. McMASTER -----Grand Captain of the Host, Tampa.
E. . STAFF ORD CALDWELL -----Grand Prin. Sojourner, Jacksonville.
E. . STEPH EN E. GREGORY -----Gr. Royal Arch Captain, Jacksonville.
E. . JOHN PASCO -----Gr. Master Third Vail, Monticello.
E. . C. . I. BENEDICT -----Grand Master Second Vail, Miami.
E. . ALEX NDER B. STEUART --Grand Master First Vail, Tampa.
E. . JOHN W. CAPPER -----Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

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