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Royal Arch Masons
of Florida



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GRAND HIGH PRIEST
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OFFICERS
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M.:E.:Grand Chapter of Florida
FOR
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M.:E.:E. L. SHEAR -----Grand High Priest, Daytona Beach.
R.:E.:CARY B. FISH -----Deputy Gr. High Priest, Sarasota.
R.:E.:R. J. McMASTER -----Grand King, Tampa.
R.:E.:STAFFORD CALDWELL --Grand Scribe, Miami.
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.:STEPHEN E. GREGORY ----Gr. Capt. of the Host, Jacksonville.
E.:JOHN PASCO -----Gr. Prin. Sojourner, Monticello.
E.:ALEX B. STEUART -----Grand Royal Arch Captain, Tampa.
E.:W. B. GREER -----Grand Master Third Vail, Quincy.
E.:CHESTER C. SNOW-----Gr. M. Second Vail, Daytona Beach.
E.:R. P. BUCKMASTER -----Grand Master First Vail, Orlando.
E.:JOHN W. CAPPER -----Grand Guard, Jacksonville.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Jacksonville, May 17, 1927, 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 Eightieth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville at 10:00 a. m., Tuesday, May 18, A. D., 1926, A. I. 2456.

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

T. T. ToddM.:E.:Grand High Priest.
E. L. ShearR.:E.:D. G. High Priest.
Cary B. FishR.:E.:Grand King.
R. J. McMasterR.:E.:Grand Scribe.
Marcus EndelR.:E.:Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. WebsterR.:E.:Grand Secretary.
W. B. Y. WilkieR.:E.:Grand Chaplain.

Stafford Caldwell E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
 Stephen E. Gregory E. Gr. Principal Sojourner.
 John Pasco E. Gr. Royal Arch Captain
 B. C. Webb as E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
 A. B. Steuart E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
 W. B. Greer E. Gr. Master First Vail.
 John W. Capper E. Grand Guard.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

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| Marcus Endel, | W. P. Webster, |
| E. E. Haskell, | Louis C. Massey, |
| J. R. Keller, | Wm. S. Ware, |
| T. Picton Warlow, | Wm. R. O'Neal, |
| C. H. Ketchum, | W. V. Carter, |
| H. O. Snow, | John L. Hall, |
| R. J. Kishpaugh, | Ely P. Hubbell. |
| Erle L. Wirt. | |

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Florida No. 1.—F. S. Hartsfield, proxy for H. P.
 Gainesville, No. 2.—Geo. B. Merrill, H. P.
 Tampa, No. 3.—Earl A. DuBois, H. P.; E. DeWitt Dow,
 K.; Melvin V. Cole, S.
 Halifax, No. 5.—Chester C. Snow, H. P.
 Mt. Horeb, No. 6.—Jesse C. Clark, H. P.
 Eureka, No. 7.—J. M. McCormick, H. P.; B. L. Blair,
 proxy for K.; T. P. Robinson, S.
 Putnam, No. 9.—W. C. Allen, proxy for H. P.
 Kissimmee, No. 10.—F. Byron Ames, H. P.; Colvin
 Parker, K.; J. W. Bryan, proxy for S.
 Jericho, No. 11.—L. Earl Curry, H. P.

Jacksonville, No. 12.—Wm. T. Dow, H. P.; J. D. Kennedy, K.; N. H. Schoonover, S.
 Ocala, No. 13.—A. L. Lucas, H. P.; B. C. Webb, proxy for K.
 Inverness, No. 14.—Geo. A. Dame, proxy for H. P.
 Monroe, No. 15.—Morris Spencer, H. P.; John Gore, proxy for K.
 Plant City, No. 16.—R. A. Daniel, H. P.
 Manatee River, No. 18.—Chester DeRocher, proxy for H. P.
 Lake Butler, No. 19.—Chas. H. Register, H. P.
 Thomas Brown, No. 22.—John P. Hyman, H. P.
 Chipley, No. 23.—Thos. J. Watts, H. P.
 Lake Worth, No. 24.—Joseph Barman, H. P.; W. H. Long, K.
 Live Oak, No. 25.—H. E. Carter, H. P.; B. W. Helvenston, Sr., proxy for K.; H. F. Airth, proxy for S.
 Jefferson, No. 26.—Roberts P. Johnson, K.
 Lakeland, No. 29.—W. B. Talley, H. P.
 Gadsen, No. 30.—Wm. Feinberg, H. P.
 St. Petersburg, No. 31.—Robert J. Hill, H. P.
 Jackson, No. 32.—Chas. W. Davis, proxy for H. P.
 Eustis, No. 33.—C. R. Horne, proxy for H. P.
 Leesburg, No. 34.—H. L. Shaeffer, proxy for H. P.
 Sarasota, No. 35.—F. H. Gallup, H. P.
 Bay County, No. 39.—R. M. Holliday, H. P.
 Crestview, No. 40.—Mack Tyner, H. P.
 Winter Haven, No. 41.—Robert Sands, K.
 Highlands, No. 42.—Geo. F. Smith, proxy for H. P.
 Union, No. 43.—C. H. Stewart, proxy for H. P.
 Perry, No. 44.—M. G. Spear, H. P.; H. R. Byrd, proxy for K.
 Clearwater, No. 45.—Louis A. Morgan, K.

Dade, No. 47.—A. R. Livingston, proxy for H. P.
 Duval, No. 48.—Lee M. Booth, H. P.
 Poinciana, No. 50.—Lewis C. Stewart, proxy for of-
 ficers.
 New Smyrna, No. 51.—H. G. Putnam, H. P.; K. L.
 Chilton, proxy for K.

The Grand Secretary reported that Past Grand High Priest Wilmarth was expecting to be present at this Annual Convocation, but was unable, on account of illness, and the Grand Secretary was directed to send him some flowers with the best wishes of the Grand Chapter.

The following Grand Representatives were received by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and presented greetings from their respective Grand Chapters:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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| Alabama | R. J. Kishpaugh. |
| British Columbia | E. L. Wirt. |
| California | Wm. S. Ware. |
| Canada | Chester DeRocher. |
| Colorado | B. C. Webb. |
| Connecticut | Wm. S. Ware. |
| Delaware | W. P. Webster. |
| Georgia | E. E. Macy. |
| Illinois | C. H. Ketchum. |
| Indiana | T. T. Todd. |
| Iowa | W. V. Carter. |
| Kansas | Alex B. Steuart. |
| Kentucky | E. L. Shear. |
| Louisiana | John Pasco. |
| Maine | Elmer E. Haskell. |
| Manitoba | R. L. Gillett. |
| Maryland | Henry O. Snow. |

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| Massachusetts | Walter J. Bennett. |
| Michigan | F. Wm. Schultz. |
| 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 | R. J. McMaster. |
| Nova Scotia | T. Picton Warlow. |
| Ohio | Ely P. Hubbell. |
| Oklahoma | W. B. Greer. |
| Pennsylvania | Louis C. Massey. |
| Quebec | W. B. Y. Wilkie. |
| South Dakota | Wm. R. O'Neal. |
| Texas | R. P. Buckmaster. |
| Utah | J. J. Torrey. |
| Victoria | John L. Hall. |
| Virginia | Stafford Caldwell. |
| Washington | Stafford Caldwell. |
| Wisconsin | Geo. A. Dame. |
| Wyoming | John Pasco. |
| Western Australia | John Pasco. |

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Wm. R. O'Neal, the R. E. Grand King Cary B. Fish, the R. E. Grand Treasurer Marcus Endel, and Past Grand High Priests E. E. Haskell, John L. Hall and C. H. Ketchum were excused from further attendance at the sessions of the Grand Chapter until tomorrow morning to enable them to attend the funeral of Past Grand Master Gilchrist at Punta Gorda.

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

RETURNS AND CREDENTIALS

Bert L. Blair, J. C. Clark, Robert J. Hill.

A telegram was received from Past Grand High Priest D. B. Palmer stating it was impossible for him to be present at this Annual Convocation, extending greetings and best wishes to the Grand Chapter.

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

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest O'Neal, all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, were invited to attend the sessions of the Grand Chapter as visitors.

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.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wm. Feinberg, Frank P. Hyman, Louis C. Stewart.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

F. S. Hartsfield, Cleveland Horne, Chas. W. Davis.

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Mack Tyner,
Geo. H. Leavitt, Louis A. Morgan.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

Marcus Endel, W. P. Webster,
E. E. Haskell, Louis C. Massey,
Joseph R. Keller, Wm. S. Ware,
T. Picton Warlow, Wm. R. O'Neal,
C. H. Ketchum, W. V. Carter,
H. O. Snow, John L. Hall,
R. J. Kishpaugh, Ely P. Hubbell,
Erle L. Wirt.

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

C. C. Snow, H. O. Snow, F. Byron Ames,

MEMORIALS

Stafford Caldwell, E. P. Hubbell, W. B. Y. Wilkie.

VISITORS

Melvin V. Cole, Chester DeRocher, L. Earl Curry.

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS

Companions:

It is most gratifying to witness the annual assembling of the members attending Grand Chapter, to hear the hearty greetings, observe the warm handclasps and pleasant smiles, to hear the sincere and affectionate pleasantries that attend the forming of new acquaintances and the meeting of companions whose associations have existed for a great number of years, to note the fine spirit of companionship displayed by those whom the mellowing tides have rendered less inclined to form new friendships except with those whose relations are already established through their fraternal affiliations, and to meet the member here for the first time, quick to assimilate the spirit of good fellowship.

Companions, if the forming and cementing of friendship and the extension of fraternal intercourse were all that we accomplished, even then would I insist that our organization was worthwhile, for were it not for the associations which we cultivate, the friendships which we form, and the affectionate concern for one another which generates as a result of our meeting here, we would have been deprived of one of the greatest privileges that grace our existence.

But there is more; we form an association of men, law abiding, virtuous and patriotic, living and advocating those ideals which will ultimately place society upon a high plane. That our good influences are observed and felt outside our circle, is manifest in the desire of good men from all walks of life to become identified with our Fraternity, which indeed they have done until we now present an army of good men and true who wield a great power for improvement and whose virtuous example is spreading wider and wider over the earth.

I give you all a hearty welcome and enjoin upon you a display and practice of the intimate fraternal intercourse which has always marked these meetings, for it is hoped that by a comparison of favorable conditions surrounding the workings of the particular Chapters, all may learn of some practice that will lend to your success; and it is suggested that each of you take advantage of this opportunity to familiarize himself with the work and take active part in the discussion of important matters to be presented during this Convocation.

NECROLOGY

To our sister Grand Jurisdictions we extend our sincere sympathy in the loss of many outstanding figures in Capitular Masonry who have devoted their lives to the purposes of Masonry, their services, in some cases, extending over a period of more than half a century.

If space permitted I should like to give a detailed account of the Masonic activities of each of these who have toiled in our vineyard, as I know the record would be an inspiration to us who have been left their working tools and the task of bearing the burden and heat of the day, but I will only present their names with the date of birth and death, and our prayer that God has accepted and received them all.

On December 15, 1925, Past General Grand High Priest James Washington Taylor passed to the other world leaving a record of Masonic service which is seldom equalled. He has not missed a meeting of the General Grand Chapter since 1869. He has not missed a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Georgia since 1860, having received a furlough during the war that he might attend. He was Grand High Priest of Georgia for nine

years. He was born December 25, 1833. His obituary states that he was the best known Mason in Georgia and as he was in active service during the passing of three generations there can be no doubt that he enjoyed a large acquaintance.

Harry Maundrell, Past Grand High Priest of California; born October 8, 1857; died May 5, 1925.

Sol Cutchins, Past Grand High Priest of Virginia; born August 14, 1854; died May 14, 1925.

Thomas Riley Marshall, Past Grand High Priest of Indiana; born March 14, 1854; died June 1, 1925. Companion Marshall was Vice President of the United States for two terms and had also been Governor of Indiana, but notwithstanding his extensive law practice and his activity and prominence politically he did not neglect his Masonry, advancing to the offices of Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, and was also an active 33° Mason.

Andrew Peter Swanson, Past Grand High Priest of Minnesota; born September 14, 1849; died May 23, 1925. Companion Swanson was also General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of the United States.

Albert Henry Steinerpast, Grand High Priest of Oregon; born February 21, 1873; died 1925.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Montana; born March 14, 1874; died July 31, 1925.

John Brodie, Past Grand Treasurer of Arkansas; born January 17, 1844; died August 15, 1925.

Marcus Higgenbotham, Past Grand High Priest of New Jersey; born October 17, 1840; died August 12, 1924.

John Nathaniel Prather, Past Grand High Priest of Washington; born May 8, 1844; died August 24, 1925.

Henry Martin Parchen, Past Grand Treasurer of all Masonic bodies in Montana; born June 13, 1839; died October 6, 1925.

Henry H. Montgomery, Past Grand High Priest of Illinois; born about 1855; died October 16, 1925.

Ernest LeNeve Foster, Past Grand High Priest of Colorado; born January 23, 1849; died September 21, 1925.

William Ingram Stuart, Past Grand High Priest of Kansas; born January 25, 1861; died November 27, 1925.

Wilbur Clay Hadley, Past Grand High Priest of Illinois; born August 28, 1842; died December 9, 1925.

Frederick Louis Shaffer, Past Grand High Priest of Nova Scotia; born December 28, 1846; died December 9, 1925.

Arthur Warren, Past Grand High Priest of New York; born March 12, 1865; died December 12, 1925.

Charles Dana Burrage, Past Grand High Priest of Massachusetts; born February 20, 1857; died January 5, 1925.

A. G. Griswell Smith, Past Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania; died January 15, 1926.

George W. Curtiss, Past Grand High Priest of Illinois; born January 27, 1849; died February 5, 1926.

Arthur E. Wood, Past Grand High Priest of Illinois; born January 28, 1864; died February 8, 1926.

Wesley Orr, Past Grand High Priest of New York; born October 13, 1867; died February 13, 1926.

Ethan G. H. Adams, Past Grand High Priest of Minnesota; born in 1853; died February 23, 1926.

H. Oscar Kline, Past Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania; born March 6, 1848; died March 6, 1926.

Hiram Albert Clevestine, Past Grand High Priest of Illinois; born December 26, 1870; died April 11, 1926.

Jacob A. Walton, Past Grand High Priest of Georgia; born September 14, 1847; died June 1, 1925.

John Hugh Carrigan, Grand Master First Vail of Michigan; born June 20, 1885; died August 10, 1925.

John E. Cameron, Past Grand High Priest of North Carolina; died March 28, 1926, aged 59.

MONUMENT TO PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST
SILAS B. WRIGHT

The Grand High Priest having by regulation been appointed a committee to erect monuments to deceased Past Grand High Priests, I delegated M. E. Louis C. Massey to confer with the Grand Lodge relative to joint erection of a monument over the grave of our late Past Grand High Priest, Silas B. Wright.

I have received report from Companion Massey that owing to the fact that a special kind of stone is to be used in the erection of the monument, it would require more time than he had anticipated to complete the erection, and that he would report when work had been completed.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Both the Grand Chapter of Florida and M. E. Companion Ely P. Hubbell have been honored by the appointment of this estimable Companion to a place on the Committee on Fraternal Relations of the General Grand Chapter.

This Committee was created upon the recommendation of General Grand High Priest Kuhn, its function

being to pass upon the standing of any new Grand Chapters formed during the recess of General Grand Chapter.

We congratulate the General Grand Chapter in having obtained the services of a Companion so thoroughly familiar with the doings of Capitular Masonry throughout the world, and so well qualified to pass upon the important question of parentage; and we rejoice with Companion Hubbell upon his having received the recognition to which he is so richly entitled.

Owing to the death of M. E. Companion Silas B. Wright, it became necessary to appoint a representative for the Grand Chapter of Washington, and I recommended Companion Stafford Caldwell to the Grand High Priest of Washington for the appointment.

Having recognized the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, the exchange of representatives being authorized, I recommended E. Companion John Pasco to the Grand High Priest of that Jurisdiction as Representative near the Grand Chapter of Florida.

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina, following its custom of revising its list of Grand Representatives, recommended the appointment of E. P. Martin and I appointed this Companion to represent this Grand Chapter in North Carolina, while John L. Hall was appointed as representative in Florida.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL—ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO

Two requests have been received for assistance in maintaining tuberculosis hospitals, one from the Grand Lodge of Arizona, the other from the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

Both the above named Grand Lodges are endeavoring

to maintain hospitals in their respective jurisdictions and are succeeding only in proportion to funds in hand.

A tabulated report shows that Masons from every State are being treated in these sanitariums and it would only be in keeping with our charitable program that this Grand Chapter assist in this noble work, and I so recommend.

VISITATIONS

The adoption of new regulations appointing the Grand High Priest as Committee on Work and providing for the expenses of his representative to visit Chapters and instruct in the work, did not rescind Regulation No. 30, which recommends visitations by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe; but, notwithstanding, I have not been informed of any visitations made by these officers and presume they will make special reports covering their activities.

The particular Chapters have been advised of the provision for the payment of expenses of an instructor to visit them and give instructions both in work and general methods of conducting the affairs of the Chapter, but I have not received one request for assistance and therefore have made no such appointment.

I am convinced from reports received from several particular Chapters, and also from personal investigation made, that many Chapters are dormant and making no pretense at functioning in any way. In the western part of the State there are five of our youngest Chapters which are not meeting regularly if at all, receive no petitions and are unable to confer the degrees. I have suggested remedies, but receive no assurance that these Chapters intend to renew their interest. Where are the officers who took the trouble to make application for a charter? Surely

if they were interested enough in Capitular Masonry to establish a Chapter they should be equally interested in helping make it a success.

A report from a Chapter having jurisdiction over more than five hundred Master Masons states that the Chapter never holds any meetings, that the representative who attends Grand Chapter each year frames a report and pays the per capita with his own check. I find that any correspondence directed to this Chapter seldom, if ever, receives attention and a telegram sent by me and delivered to the High Priest was never answered.

I believe that the charters of such Chapters should be arrested and held until application be made for restoration by such personnel as will insure an active participation in its affairs and such as will carry out their installation promises. Capitular Masonry is entitled to representation in a community of half a thousand Master Masons, and it seems that the only way that we may establish it is to arrest the charter and start over.

I visited Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6, on one of its regular meeting nights, and find that this Chapter is as usual, in a flourishing condition.

When at Quincy I requested Companion W. B. Greer to visit the Chapters at Marianna, Tallahassee, and Monticello; I am appending his report hereto.

PERRY CHAPTER

I received a communication from Perry, requesting authority to change their regular meeting date, which I granted, and some three months later was advised by the Secretary that inasmuch as the change in date did not result in the desired improvement, they changed again to the original date.

In communication with the Chapter I outlined means by which I have seen Chapters placed upon a good working basis, and referred them to the new regulation that provides for the payment by this Grand Chapter of expenses of an instructor, suggesting that they take advantage of this opportunity to secure the services of a competent Companion to assist them in starting, but have not been advised of any action taken by that Chapter.

DISPENSATIONS TO FORM NEW CHAPTER

On February 24, 1926, I granted dispensation to a number of Royal Arch Masons to form Orange Chapter U. D. at Winter Garden with the following officers:

Joseph ElwellHigh Priest.
Lloyd H. KingKing.
J. E. ClontzScribe.

TO BALLOT AT SPECIAL MEETINGS

New Smyrna Chapter No. 51 requested dispensation to advance their regular meeting night one week in order that they might ballot upon several petitions, it being their intention to take the candidates to Daytona on the occasion of its Grand High Priest's night, when the degrees were to be conferred, and this meeting to be held prior to New Smyrna's regular meeting. I declined to give authority to change date of regular convocation, but granted dispensation to ballot on the petitions at a special meeting, provided all resident members be notified that the balloting would take place at this special meeting.

I received a request from St. Johns Chapter of DeLand to ballot upon the petitions of three candidates at a special meeting, and believing that the reasons presented

were sufficient to warrant, I granted the request directing that the entire resident membership of the Chapter be notified in advance of the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

LOST CHARTER

St. Johns Chapter No. 4 advised that its charter had been lost or misplaced. It was presumed that the charter was in the possession of their former Secretary, our late Past Grand High Priest, Silas B. Wright, but careful search failed to locate it.

The Chapter asked to be advised what course to pursue in order to obtain another charter.

Hoping that the lost charter might be found, I deferred any action; and would recommend that in the event the charter has not been found at this time, this Grand Chapter authorize a certified copy made for St. Johns Chapter No. 4.

RECIPROCAL INTERCOURSE

Being asked by the Chapter at Tallahassee if it would be permissible to take a class of candidates to a Chapter in an adjoining town where the degrees would be conferred by courtesy. I replied that this practice was not only permissible but very commendable, as we should never pass an opportunity to advance the practice of reciprocal intercourse and that such meeting would inspire interest in the work and cement new friendships.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK

It has been the custom of the Grand High Priest to request Jacksonville Chapter No. 12 to exemplify the sev-

eral degrees at the Annual Convocation, and I will say to the credit of that Chapter that this has been a most satisfactory solution to a problem that has ever confronted us, insuring as it does good team work and splendid rendition of the ritual in every particular; but believing that it would not be amiss to relieve Jacksonville Chapter of a part of this work from time to time, I have invited the officers of Tampa Chapter No. 3 to confer the Royal Arch degree at this Convocation, and they are here prepared to comply with my request.

RULINGS

Gainesville Chapter No. 2 asked if an honorary member could hold an appointive office in the Chapter. I ruled that he could not, because such membership entitled the holder to no absolute rights, his only privilege aside from the general courtesies accorded the recipient of such honor being that of voting on questions to be decided by show of hands. I could find nothing in our Chapter law on this question, and am governed by Regulation 359 of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Bay County Chapter No. 39 at Panama City requested a dispensation to install officers on December 9th. I ruled that it was unlawful to install officers before December 27th, and that if it was not convenient for the Chapter to install at that time they might do so at some subsequent meeting.

The High Priest of Thomas Brown Chapter in June, 1925, presented a case where a Companion had objected to the advancement of a candidate after a clear ballot had been cast, and asked if the objection would hold and for how long. In answering I referred Companion Hyman to Regulation No. 45, which specifically provides that an

objection after election serves the same as a dark ballot and that the fee should be returned.

I received a communication from Companion E. A. King, of Pittsburgh, Pa., asking that I request our particular Chapters to send him a Chapter penny, stating that he was making the collection to be placed in the House of the Temple, Washington, D. C. I do not approve of sending out our Chapter pennies, which are designated for the purpose of identifying the members of a Chapter, and while the Companion seemed to believe he had ample authority to call on the Chapters for a sample of their pennies, I did not authorize compliance with his appeal.

FINANCES

The Committee on Investment recommended the purchase of \$2,500.00 first mortgage bonds of Delray Lodge No. 171, and I signed a warrant for that amount to cover purchase of same, which was made shortly after our last Annual Convocation.

I have signed warrants numbered 1 to 30, inclusive, totalling \$8,484.89.

CONCLUSION

The privilege of serving our Jurisdiction as Grand High Priest is a distinct honor and should inspire any Mason to sacrifice all other interests in favor of that office. That I have not maintained the standard of energy and zeal which you have a right to expect of your Grand High Priest is not because of any lack of interest in Masonry, as the Order will always have first call upon my services, but because I have been so situated (as those familiar with my affairs know) that any extended program could have been carried on only at a great sacrifice.

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In passing to my successor the charge with which I was vested a year ago, I give with it the assurance of my devotion and loyalty to the Order, and that I will always stand ready to assist in seeing his orders duly executed.

Fraternally submitted,

T. T. TODD,
Grand High Priest.

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

The R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest appointed Companions W. T. Dow, M. W. Bishop and J. M. McCormick as such committee.

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.

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| 1925 | | |
| May 20, | To balance as per last report ----- | \$15,285.13 |
| May 20, | To supplemental report ----- | |
| Oct. 1, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 322.00 |
| Nov. 16, | To received Interest Delray Lodge Bonds ----- | 86.50 |
| Nov. 16, | To received Interest Duval Lodge Bonds ----- | 16.67 |
| | | 45.00 |
| 1926 | | |
| Jan. 21, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 1,305.00 |
| Feb. 2, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 316.00 |
| Feb. 18, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 748.00 |
| Mch. 2, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 2,039.00 |
| Mch. 6, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 474.00 |
| Mch. 15, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 786.00 |

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| Mch. 25, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 734.00 |
| Mch. 25, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 100.00 |
| Mch. 29, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 436.00 |
| Apr. 16, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 192.00 |
| May 3, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 646.00 |
| May 11, | To received Interest Duval Lodge Bonds ----- | 45.00 |
| May 11, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 1,245.00 |
| May 14, | To received from Grand Secretary ----- | 50.00 |
| | Interest from Barnett National Bank ----- | 315.05 |

\$25,186.35

Delray Lodge Bonds purchased ----- 2,500.00

\$27,686.35

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| 1926 | Cr. | |
| May 18, | By paid Vouchers Nos. 1 to 30 ----- | 8,984.89 |

Balance on hand ----- \$18,701.46

Distributed as follows:

Barnett National Bank ----- \$14,701.46

Duval Lodge Bonds ----- 1,500.00

Delray Lodge Bonds ----- 2,500.00

\$18,701.46

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Secretary made the following report which was received and referred to the Special Committee on Distribution and the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was requested to formulate regulations as suggested in the report.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Companions: I have the honor of reporting matters pertaining to your secretary's office for the past year as follows:

May 1, 1926. A dispensation was issued by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest to form Orange Chapter U. D. at Winter Garden, with Joseph Elwell, H. P., Lloyd H. King, K., and J. E. Clonts, S.

This Chapter has been regularly at work and now comes before this Grand Body with a petition for charter. It is not quite three months since this dispensation was issued, but the petition is placed before you for such action as may be deemed best.

There seems to be a difference of opinion among our Chapters in regard to the interpretation of Section 14, Article IV of our Constitution, in regard to "Emeritus" members. In some of our Chapters, continuous membership for a certain number of years entitles a member to become a "Life Member" not subject to the payment of further dues. While some of our Chapters continue to pay Grand Chapter dues upon these members, others place them in the "emeritus" class and claim exemption on account of "old age." It might be well to amend Section 14 or adopt a regulation more clearly defining its meaning.

I would suggest also the adoption of regulations clearly stating the conditions under which "life membership" can be granted.

The returns and dues of Dade Chapter No. 47 for 1924 were received September 12, 1925.

All of our Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues in full for 1925 with the following exceptions.

No returns or dues have been received from Island Chapter No. 21, Joppa No. 28 or Walton No. 37.

The returns of Jericho Chapter No. 11 and Sarasota No. 35 were received late and are somewhat irregular, but dues have been paid.

The returns of Perry No. 44 are somewhat irregular but dues are paid.

The returns of Live Oak No. 25 and Eustis No. 33 are correct, and dues paid in full, but they were not received within the required time limit.

Plant City No. 16 owes a balance of \$1.00, Jackson No. 32, \$2.00, St. Augustine No. 17, \$5.00. All of which will probably be collected by the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

All of these irregularities could have been easily adjusted and would have been had the secretaries attended promptly to their duties.

Our Chapters have exalted 733 candidates during the past year

and we have made a net gain of 506. These figures may be changed slightly when we get the returns of the three Chapters that have not reported.

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. P. Webster, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Chapter of Florida.

Dr.

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| Dues from members of Defunct Chapter | \$ 3.50 |
| Dade City Chapter No. 48, (1924) | 82.00 |
| Poinciana Chapter No. 50, (1924) | 1.00 |
| Florida No. 1 | 214.00 |
| Gainesville No. 2 | 208.00 |
| Tampa No. 3 | 509.00 |
| St. Johns No. 4 | 111.00 |
| Halifax No. 5 | 291.00 |
| Mt. Horeb No. 6 | 203.00 |
| Eureka No. 7 | 365.00 |
| Dade City No. 8 | 60.00 |
| Putnam No. 9 | 172.00 |
| Kissimmee No. 10 | 113.00 |
| Jericho No. 11 | 413.00 |
| Jacksonville No. 12 | 674.00 |
| Ocala No. 13 | 154.00 |
| Inverness No. 14 | 52.00 |
| Monroe No. 15 | 252.00 |
| Plant City No. 16 | 113.00 |
| St. Augustine No. 17 | 187.00 |
| Manatee River No. 18 | 209.00 |
| Lake Butler No. 19 | 47.00 |
| Keystone No. 20 | 122.00 |
| Thomas Brown No. 22 | 264.00 |
| ChIPLEY No. 23 | 78.00 |
| Lake Worth No. 24 | 388.00 |
| Live Oak No. 25 | 399.00 |
| Jefferson No. 26 | 103.00 |
| Indian River No. 27 | 280.00 |

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| Lakeland No. 29 | 243.00 |
| Gadsden No. 30 | 174.00 |
| St. Petersburg No. 31 | 504.00 |
| Jackson No. 32 | 203.00 |
| Eustis No. 33 | 82.00 |
| Leesburg No. 34 | 130.00 |
| Sarasota No. 35 | 137.00 |
| Arcadia No. 36 | 102.00 |
| Providence No. 38 | 100.00 |
| Bay County No. 39 | 191.00 |
| Crestview No. 40 | 112.00 |
| Winter Haven No. 41 | 171.00 |
| Highlands No. 42 | 132.00 |
| Union No. 43 | 77.00 |
| Perry No. 44 | 91.00 |
| Clearwater No. 45 | 110.00 |
| Okeechobee No. 46 | 51.00 |
| Dade No. 47 | 98.00 |
| Duval No. 48 | 67.00 |
| Nassau No. 49 | 60.00 |
| Poinciana No. 50 | 81.00 |
| New Smyrna No. 51 | 124.00 |
| Charter for Orange U. D. | 50.00 |

\$9,157.50

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| 1925. Sept. 30, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | \$ 86.50 |
| 1926. Jan. 31, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | 1,305.00 |
| Feb. 2, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | 316.00 |
| Feb. 18, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | 748.00 |
| Mch. 2, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | 2,039.00 |
| Mch. 6, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | 474.00 |
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| Mch. 29, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | 436.00 |
| Apr. 16, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | 192.00 |
| Apr. 30, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | 646.00 |
| May 11, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | 1,245.00 |
| May 14, Paid Grand Treasurer | | | 50.00 |

\$9,157.50

Books and vouchers are herewith submitted for examination and approval.

W. P. WEBSTER,
Grand Secretary.

Upon motion of Companion Shear, a warrant for \$11.00 was authorized drawn to reimburse Companion W. B. Greer for expenses in making official visits as special representative of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

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

The motion prevailed that when the Grand Chapter is called from labor to refreshment, it be to resume labor at 2:30 p. m., and that the first order of business be the exemplification of the work in the Mark Master's Degree under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

Upon motion of Past Grand High Priest Snow, the M. E. Grand High Priest was authorized to purchase a supply of aprons for the Grand Chapter.

The R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest made a verbal report of his work during the past year.

The 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.

That portion referring to decisions rendered, amendments to by-laws and dispensations granted, lost charter of St. Johns Chapter

No. 4, and suggested charter suspensions, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That portion pertaining to the Tuberculosis Hospitals in Arizona and New Mexico and finances be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That all other matters therein be approved.

We further recommend that such parts of the Grand Secretary's report as refer to Finance and Accounts be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That such portions as refer to dispensations issued be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws.

That such part as refers to emeritus members be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to submit to this Grand Chapter an amendment to said Sec. 14, Art. IV, or a regulation, clearly defining "life" and "emeritus" members and the conditions pertaining thereto.

That such sections as refer to returns be referred to the Committee on Returns and Credentials.

Fraternally submitted,

W. T. Dow,
M. W. BISHOP,
JOE M. McCORMICK.
Committee.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Tuesday, May 18, 2:30 p. m.

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

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The Committee on 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 the constituent Chapters present is correct as furnished by the Grand Secretary at roll call.

We find all but three Chapters have made correct returns and paid dues in full within the required time limit, with the following exceptions: Jericho No. 11, Sarasota No. 35 and Perry No. 44, have made returns and paid dues, but there are errors in the same which we are unable to correct and recommend that they be referred to the Grand Secretary for correction.

We have collected dues as follows: Jackson Chapter, No. 32, \$2.00, Plant City Chapter, No. 16, \$1.00, a total of \$3.00 which has been turned over to the Grand Secretary.

There is a balance of \$5.00 still due from St. Augustine No. 17, and we recommend that it be referred to the incoming Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary for adjustment.

There were four Chapters that failed to file their returns within the required time limit, Jericho No. 11, Live Oak No. 25, Eustis No. 33 and Sarasota No. 35.

No returns have been received from Island Chapter, No. 21, Joppa Chapter, No. 28 and Walton Chapter, No. 37.

We recommend that those Chapters which have paid their dues, though late, be allowed representation in the Grand Chapter with mileage and per diem for their representatives.

The following Chapters have no representatives present so far: Gainesville No. 2, St. Johns No. 4, Dade City No. 8, St. Augustine No. 17, Keystone No. 20, Island No. 21, Indian River No. 27, Joppa No. 28, Arcadia No. 36, Walton No. 37, Providence No. 38, Okeechobee No. 46, Nassau No. 49.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. CLARK,
BERT L. BLAIR,
ROBT. J. HILL.
Committee.

Labor was dispensed with in the Grand Chapter and a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened by the Officers of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12.

Joseph E. McCants, Ludwig M. Wellbrock and Chas. H. Huribert were advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master for Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12 under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

The Lodge of Mark Masters was closed and a Lodge of Past Masters was opened. The three Companions noted above 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. Joseph E. McCants, Ludwig M. Wellbrock, Chas. H. Huribert, J. A. Dekle and Fred B. Noble were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed.

Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, invited the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter to a supper that had been prepared by the ladies of America Chapter, No. 124, O. E. S.

A Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch Degree by the Officers of Tampa Chapter, No. 3. Joseph E. McCants, Ludwig M. Wellbrock, Chas. H. Huribert, J. A. Dekle and Fred B. Noble were exalted to the August and Sublime degree of Royal Arch for Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, under the direction of the Grand Chapter Committee on Work.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced that labor would be resumed in the Grand Chapter at 10:00 o'clock a. m., Wednesday.

The Chapter was closed in due form.

IN GRAND CHAPTER

Wednesday, May 19, 10:00 a. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor by the M. E. Grand High Priest, with Officers and members as at previous session, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Minutes of the 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 18,701.46 distributed as follows:

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| Cash in Barnett National Bank | \$14,701.46 |
| Duval Lodge Bonds | 1,500.00 |
| Delray Lodge Bonds | 2,500.00 |

Total

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| From which we recommend the following appropriations: | |
| Monument to Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright --\$ | 175.00 |
| New Mexico T. B. Sanitoria | 400.00 |
| Arizona T. B. Sanitoria | 100.00 |
| Expenses Foreign Correspondence Committee | 400.00 |
| Extra Clerical Help | 400.00 |
| Contingent Fund | 1,500.00 |
| Grand Treasurer's Salary | 200.00 |
| Grand Secretary's Salary | 1,400.00 |
| Grand Chapter Educational Fund | 1,000.00 |
| Masonic Home Endowment Fund | 1,000.00 |
| Geo. Washington National Memorial Association | 200.00 |
| Pay Roll attached | 2,452.70 |

Total

Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$9,473.76.

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a Past Grand High Priest's jewel for presentation to the M. E. 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 expenses of postage, printing, stationery and other incidentals for the use of the Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and for the expenses of 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 Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

H. O. SNOW,
C. C. SNOW,
F. BYRON AMES.
Committee.

PAY ROLL

| Name | Mileage | Per Diem | Total |
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| T. T. Todd, G. H. P. ----- | \$36.90 | \$21.00 | \$57.90 |
| E. L. Shear, D. G. H. P. ----- | 11.00 | 14.00 | 25.00 |
| Cary B. Fish, G. King ----- | 25.60 | 14.00 | 39.60 |
| R. J. McMaster, G. Scribe ----- | 21.20 | 14.00 | 35.20 |
| Marcus Endel, Gr. Treasurer ----- | | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| W. P. Webster, Gr. Secretary ----- | | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| W. B. Y. Wilkie, Gr. Chaplain ----- | 24.30 | 14.00 | 38.30 |
| Stafford Caldwell, G. C. of H. ----- | 36.60 | 14.00 | 50.60 |
| Stephen E. Gregory, G. P. S. ----- | | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| John Pasco, G. R. A. C. ----- | 14.20 | 14.00 | 28.20 |
| B. C. Webb as G. M. 3rd V. ----- | 10.30 | 14.00 | 24.30 |
| A. B. Steuart, G. M. 2nd V. ----- | 21.20 | 14.00 | 35.20 |
| W. B. Greer, G. M. 1st V. ----- | 18.90 | 14.00 | 32.90 |
| John W. Capper, Grand Guard ----- | | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| E. E. Haskell, P. G. H. P. ----- | 5.50 | 21.00 | 26.50 |

| Name | Mileage | Per Diem | Total |
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| Louis C. Massey, P. G. H. P. ----- | 14.70 | 21.00 | 35.70 |
| William S. Ware, P. G. H. P. ----- | | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| Wm. R. O'Neal, P. G. H. P. ----- | 14.70 | 7.00 | 21.70 |
| C. H. Ketchum, P. G. H. P. ----- | 52.20 | 21.00 | 73.20 |
| H. O. Snow, P. G. H. P. ----- | 21.20 | 21.00 | 42.20 |
| R. J. Kishpaugh, P. G. H. P. ----- | 20.90 | 21.00 | 50.90 |
| Earl L. Wirt, P. G. H. P. ----- | 22.20 | 21.00 | 43.20 |
| J. R. Keller, P. G. H. P. ----- | 25.60 | 21.00 | 46.60 |
| T. Picton Warlow, P. G. H. P. ----- | 14.70 | 14.00 | 28.70 |
| W. V. Carter, P. G. H. P. ----- | 11.00 | 21.00 | 32.00 |
| John L. Hall, P. G. H. P. ----- | | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| Ely P. Hubbell, P. G. H. P. ----- | 24.40 | 21.00 | 45.40 |
| F. S. Hartsfield, Chapter No. 1 ----- | 16.50 | 14.00 | 30.50 |
| Geo. B. Merrill, Chapter No. 2 ----- | 7.00 | 14.00 | 21.00 |
| Earl A. DuBoise, Chapter No. 3 ----- | 21.20 | 14.00 | 35.20 |
| Chester C. Snow, Chapter No. 5 ----- | 11.00 | 14.00 | 25.00 |
| Jesse C. Clark, Chapter No. 6 ----- | 36.90 | 14.00 | 50.90 |
| J. M. McCormick, Chapter No. 7 ----- | 14.70 | 14.00 | 28.70 |
| Wm. C. Allen, Chapter No. 9 ----- | 5.50 | 14.00 | 19.50 |
| F. B. Ames, Chapter No. 10 ----- | 16.40 | 14.00 | 30.40 |
| L. Earl Curry, Chapter No. 11 ----- | 36.60 | 14.00 | 50.60 |
| Wm. T. Dow, Chapter No. 12 ----- | | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| A. L. Lucas, Chapter No. 13 ----- | 10.30 | 14.00 | 24.30 |
| Geo. A. Dame, Chapter No. 14 ----- | 14.90 | 14.00 | 28.90 |
| Morris Spencer, Chapter No. 15 ----- | 12.40 | 14.00 | 26.40 |
| R. A. Daniel, Chapter No. 16 ----- | 18.90 | 14.00 | 32.90 |
| Chester DeRocher, Chapter No. 18 ----- | | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| Chas. H. Register, Chapter No. 19 ----- | 5.20 | 14.00 | 19.20 |
| John P. Hyman, Chapter No. 22 ----- | 22.20 | 14.00 | 36.20 |
| Thos. J. Watts, Chapter No. 23 ----- | 25.20 | 14.00 | 39.20 |
| Jos. Borman, Chapter No. 24 ----- | 29.90 | 14.00 | 43.90 |
| H. E. Carter, Chapter No. 25 ----- | 8.10 | 14.00 | 22.10 |
| Robt. P. Johnson, Chapter No. 26 ----- | 14.20 | 14.00 | 28.20 |
| W. B. Talley, Chapter No. 29 ----- | 20.90 | 14.00 | 34.90 |
| Wm. Feinberg, Chapter No. 30 ----- | 18.90 | 14.00 | 32.90 |
| Robt. J. Hill, Chapter No. 31 ----- | 26.50 | 14.00 | 40.50 |
| Chas. W. Davis, Chapter No. 32 ----- | 23.30 | 14.00 | 37.30 |
| C. R. Horne, Chapter No. 33 ----- | 15.80 | 14.00 | 29.80 |
| H. L. Schaeffer, Chapter No. 34 ----- | 13.80 | 14.00 | 27.80 |

| Name | Mileage | Per Diem | Total |
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| F. H. Gallup, Chapter No. 35 ----- | 25.60 | 14.00 | 39.60 |
| R. M. Holliday, Chapter No. 39 ----- | 25.00 | 14.00 | 39.00 |
| Mack Tyner, Chapter No. 40 ----- | 31.80 | 14.00 | 45.80 |
| Robt. Sands, Chapter No. 41 ----- | 19.70 | 14.00 | 33.70 |
| Geo. F. Smith, Chapter No. 42 ----- | 22.40 | 14.00 | 36.40 |
| C. H. Stewart, Chapter No. 43 ----- | 19.40 | 14.00 | 33.40 |
| M. G. Spear, Chapter No. 44 ----- | 12.50 | 14.00 | 26.50 |
| Louis A. Morgan, Chapter No. 45 ----- | 24.40 | 14.00 | 38.40 |
| A. R. Livingston, Chapter No. 47 ----- | 39.60 | 14.00 | 53.60 |
| Lee M. Booth, Chapter No. 48 ----- | .50 | 14.00 | 14.50 |
| Lee C. Stewart, Chapter No. 50 ----- | 32.30 | 14.00 | 46.30 |
| H. G. Putnam, Chapter No. 51 ----- | 14.00 | 14.00 | 28.00 |
| Bert L. Blair, Com. R. and C. ----- | 14.70 | 14.00 | 28.70 |
| G. H. Leavitt, Com. Disp. & B-L. ----- | 21.20 | 14.00 | 35.20 |
| M. V. Cole, Com. on Visitors ----- | 21.20 | 14.00 | 35.20 |
| Ralph Gillette, Com. on Work ----- | 21.20 | 14.00 | 35.20 |
| Herbert S. Chiles, Com. on Work ----- | ----- | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| D. D. Dow, Com. on Work ----- | 21.20 | 14.00 | 35.20 |
| J. W. Bennett, Com. on Work ----- | ----- | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| F. E. Cooper, Com. on Work ----- | 21.20 | 14.00 | 35.20 |
| J. W. Dyke, Com. on Work ----- | 21.20 | 14.00 | 35.20 |
| | \$1311.70 | \$1141.00 | \$2452.70 |

Companion Geo. A. Dame presented the following resolution which was received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence with request to report back to the Grand Chapter at this Annual Convocation.

Whereas: There are a number of Chapters in a moribund condition from causes which are probably susceptible of correction, and

Whereas: There is apparently a lessening of interest in Capitular Masonry in some sections of the jurisdiction traceable among other causes to a lack of knowledge of the ritual; and

Whereas: It is the opinion of the Grand Chapter that it is proper to make an effort to correct such conditions by adoption of one of the following methods:

(a) The appointment of an Inspector General to devote a considerable portion of his time to a thorough inspection of the various Chapters for the purpose of correcting evils, arousing interest and in drilling the officers in the ritual, or

(b) The division of the State into several Districts, each under the direction of a District Deputy Grand High Priest appointed by the Grand High Priest and under his direction, for the purposes outlined above; therefore

Be It Resolved: That the Jurisprudence Committee be requested to formulate a plan based on the above suggestion, and that such plan be submitted to the Grand Chapter in the form of a resolution for adoption at this Session.

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-ninth Annual Convocation, and find there is no unfinished business on record, except the Special Committee to be appointed by the Grand High Priest, to be known as the "Grand Chapter Investment Committee" for the purpose of investing the surplus funds of this Grand Chapter in negotiable securities at the best available interest possible, and we find that this matter has not been attended to.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN P. HYMAN,
WM. FEINBERG,
LEWIS C. STEWART,
Committee.

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

MEMORIALS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Your Committee on Memorials fraternally reports:

We rejoice that all of our Grand Officers have been spared until this Grand Convocation. It is a pleasure to feel their warm hand clasps and with them exchange fraternal greetings. It is also a joy to greet the Companions who have been spared to attend this session.

The Angel of Death has entered the ranks of many of our subordinate Chapters and escorted through the Vails and into the presence of the Supreme Council above many of our beloved Companions. To the families of these Companions and to their subordinate Chapters we tender our sincere sympathy. We trust that that Power which numbers the hairs of our heads and notes the sparrow's fall may assuage their grief and bind up their wounds.

Our sympathy is also extended to sister Grand Jurisdictions on account of the death of valued and beloved Companions whose earthly stations have been vacated during the past year of whom a more extended account will be found in the report of the Grand High Priest. Their "works do follow them."

While a more extended and appropriate memorial will emanate from the M. W. Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Florida it is fitting that we should take note here of the passing of Past Grand Master Albert W. Gilchrist, former Governor of Florida, whose death occurred in New York City on the 16th day of May, 1926. In his death Masonry has lost one of its staunchest defenders and ablest advocates; his State has lost a statesman who was the embodiment of official honor and personal integrity and whose council can ill be spared; the destitute and friendless have lost a friend whose ear was never deaf to their cries; and his friends have suffered a loss which is irreparable. May his generous soul rest in peace till the morning breaks and the shadows flee away.

To all who have been afflicted by the deaths noted we offer the consolation embraced in the teachings of our fraternity. Birth and Death are but the portals between which we enjoy an earthly existence bounded on either side by the boundless stretches of a vast eternity. Earthly life, an infinitesimal part of a vast whole, cannot be the ultimate object of creation, nor the grave the futile end of our dreams and hopes. The same power which

gives us faith to look beyond the grave can and will vindicate this faith of His children.

"There is no death, the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore
And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown
They shine forever more.

"There is no death, the leaves may fall
And flowers may fade and pass away;
They only wait through patient hours
The coming of May day.

"There is no death, an angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread,
And bears our best loved ones away
And then we call them dead.

"He leaves our hearts all desolate,
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transported into bliss they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

"And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread
For all the universe is life
And none are really dead."

Fraternally submitted,

ELY P. HUBBELL,
W. B. Y. WILKIE,
STAFFORD CALDWELL,
Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee on Propositions and Grievances stated that as no grievances had been presented to that committee no formal report would be made.

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

DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAWS

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

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

We find that only one reference was made to us, that being the matter of granting charter to Orange Chapter, U. D. We find that this Chapter has been working U. D. since March 1st, and that Regulation No. 27 provides that no Chapter shall be issued a charter until the Chapter shall have given proof of its skill and labor under dispensation for at least three months. We find further that the Companions who compose this Chapter are of the highest standard, and that several are Past High Priests of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, and are well up on the Ritualistic work; Therefore, we recommend that the Grand Chapter waive the remaining few days of the three months and grant Orange Chapter, U. D. a charter; otherwise for their dispensation to remain in full force and effect.

We recommend further that the Secretary of Orange Chapter's attention be called to the fact that he be very particular in recording the names of petitioners to his Chapter, as his records are some what irregular on this particular subject.

Fraternally submitted,

MACK TYNER,
G. H. LEAVITT,
LOUIS A. MORGAN,
Committee.

Upon motion of Companion Pasco the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to the members of Tampa Chapter, No. 3, who exemplified the Royal Arch Degree and their names were ordered placed upon the pay roll.

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

Dear Companions: Your Jurisprudence Committee submits the following report of the several matters referred to it, viz:

The Grand High Priest in his address has stated in reference to "Reciprocal Intercourse," what we believe to be the correct course to pursue in such matters, and therefore we recommend the approval thereof.

The Grand High Priest has reported four Rulings, all of which being in accord with our conception of Capitular law and usage, we approve.

The Grand High Priest has also reported two dispensations granted, each conforming to the provisions of Regulation 6, of our Grand Chapter, Revised in 1919, and for that reason, are approved.

We recommend however in this connection that the Proviso of Regulation 6, be stricken therefrom as we are of the opinion that under the provisions of our Constitution, to-wit: Section 3, Article V thereof, such part of said Regulation is unconstitutional and that Capitular Masonry will be better served by not permitting the ballot upon petitions for degrees at any other than regular convocations.

Under the heading "Visitations" the Grand High Priest reports a particular case where upon investigation of the facts, the charter of the Chapter in question, viz: Island Chapter, No. 21 of Key West might justly be forfeited.

In this case however, in the hope that a course on the part of the Grand Chapter not quite so drastic, may prove efficient to revive this Chapter, we recommend that the charter of Island Chapter, No. 21, shall stand arrested until such time as the Grand High Priest shall have made another effort to revive it, when, if successful, the Grand High Priest may cancel such arrest, and restore it to full rights.

And we recommend that the incoming Grand High Priest have special concern in the matter of all dormant and non-functioning Chapters with the view of either compelling a reasonable activity on the part of such Chapters, or reporting to the Grand Chapter for forfeiture of their charters, such Chapters as cannot be made to reasonably function.

The Grand Secretary has suggested a regulation more clearly defining "Emeritus Members" and "Life Members."

In this matter we are bound by the terms used in Section 14, of Article IV and in Section 1, of Article V of our Constitution, and therefore report that two classes of members, either "aged"

or "infirm" may be declared to be "Emeritus members" and as such are exempt from payment of Chapter and Grand Chapter dues.

We consider that the Chapter must in all such cases, by appropriate action of the Chapter, noted upon the minutes of its meetings, have voted them to be "Emeritus members" by majority vote.

We do not approve of recognition by the Grand Chapter of "Life members" so as to relieve the Chapters from payment to the Grand Chapter of the dues and assessments of its "Life members," for such members and their rights as such are limited to the life of the Chapter, and the Chapter must pay their Grand Chapter dues, the same as other members, and we conclude that under our laws every constituent Chapter must pay Grand Chapter dues for its Life Members.

We recommend that in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, a certified copy of the charter of St. Johns Chapter, No. 4, of DeLand be furnished to it.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
E. E. HASKELL,
LOUIS C. MASSEY,
W. S. WARE,
C. H. KETCHUM,
T. PICTON WARLOW,
W. V. CARTER,
H. O. SNOW,
JOHN L. HALL,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,

Committee.

Past Grand High Priest Endel and R. E. Companion Fish made verbal reports of their attendance upon the funeral of Past Grand Master Gilchrist at Punta Gorda.

Past Grand High Priest Endel presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved: That in the death of our beloved Brother Past Grand Master Albert W. Gilchrist, the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida has sustained a grievous bereavement.

The Grand Chapter of Florida mourns with the Brethren of the Grand Lodge at the loss of this valuable member, revered for his splendid attributes as a Mason, his high character as a statesman and citizen, his charitable and liberal beneficent efforts and achievements in his activities and work for the Florida Masonic Home.

He was a leader of good works in behalf of Masonry and humanity in general. His genial personality, wise counsel and generous affability will be sadly missed at our meetings.

Resolved: That the sympathy of the Grand Chapter is extended to the bereaved family of our distinguished and beloved Brother, in the loss we have all sustained and that a copy of these resolutions be furnished them.

Past Grand High Priest Massey introduced R. E. Companion Herbert E. Blair, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. R. E. Companion Blair was received with Grand Honors, and welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion McMaster presented the following resolutions which were received and adopted:

Resolved: That the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Florida extend a vote of thanks to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M. for their untiring efforts for the comfort and welfare of the Grand Chapter, for the use of their Chapter room and for the excellent banquet prepared for the Craft Tuesday evening.

Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the ladies of America Chapter, O. E. S. for their gracious presence and co-operation in serving this banquet.

Resolved: That a vote of thanks be given Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, for their skill and efficiency in exemplifying the work of the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Masters Degrees for instruction and edification of the delegates.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Grand Chapter and a copy sent to Jacksonville Chapter, No. 12, and America Chapter, No. 124, O. E. S.

Upon motion of Companion Fish a committee of three was authorized appointed to take up the matter of transportation, etc., for the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at Denver in 1927.

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

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE
(Supplemental)

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Florida:

In the matter of the Geo. A. Dame resolution referred to us, Your Jurisprudence Committee recommend that the Grand High Priest divide our Grand Jurisdiction into such a number of Districts as to him may seem desirable and that he appoint a special Deputy for each of said districts, and that he direct each of these Special Deputies to investigate, and use the authority of the Grand High Priest to bring about more dignified and correct rendition of the ritual and work, and that they use all proper efforts to increase the interest in Capitular Masonry in their respective districts, that they hold schools of instruction if necessary, and make annual report to the Grand High Priest.

We recommend that no further action be taken at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS ENDEL,
E. E. HASKELL,
LOUIS C. MASSEY,
T. PICTON WARLOW,
W. S. WARE,
J. R. KELLER,
C. H. KETCHUM,
W. V. CARTER,
JOHN L. HALL,
R. J. KISHPAUGH,
ELY P. HUBBELL,
E. L. WIRT,

Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions M. W. Bishop and J. Lloyd Head as tellers and the Grand Chapter proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

E. L. Shear M. E. Gr. High Priest.
Cary B. Fish R. E. D. G. High Priest.
R. J. McMaster R. E. Grand King.
Stafford Caldwell R. E. Grand Scribe.
Marcus Endel R. E. Grand Treasurer.
Wilber P. Webster R. E. Grand Secretary.
W. B. Y. Wilkie R. E. Grand Chaplain.

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

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED

Stephen E. Gregory E. Gr. Capt. of the Host.
John Pasco E. Gr. Prin. Sojourner.
Alex B. Steuart E. Gr. Royal Arch Capt.
W. B. Greer E. Gr. Master Third Vail.
Chester C. Snow E. Gr. Master Second Vail.
R. P. Buckmaster E. Gr. Master First Vail.
John W. Capper E. Grand Guard.

Past Grand High Priest Massey, assisted by Past Grand High Priest Keller as Grand Marshal, installed the following Grand Officers:

INSTALLATION

E. L. Shear M. E. Gr. High Priest.
Cary B. Fish R. E. D. G. High Priest.
R. J. McMaster R. E. Grand King.

Stafford CaldwellR. E. Grand Scribe.
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 R. P. BuckmasterE. 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 retiring Grand High Priest Todd, Past Grand High Priest Massey making the presentation.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PRINTING

R. J. McMaster, W. P. Webster, Marcus Endel.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

All Past Grand High Priests.

EDUCATION

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

INVESTMENT

Louis C. Massey, Erle L. Wirt.

RITUAL

John L. Hall, Erle L. Wirt, R. J. Kishpaugh

TRIENNIAL

Cary B. Fish, Erle L. Wirt, R. J. McMaster.

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

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

E. L. SHEAR,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:



Grand Secretary.



**To the Memory of
Companions of
Our Jurisdiction
Who have passed away during the year 1925
these pages are fraternally dedicated**

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| Edward M. Windham | Florida No. 1 | Jan. | 19, 1925 |
| Austin F. Whiteside | Florida No. 1 | Feb. | 22, 1925 |
| Elva E. Hinckley | Florida No. 1 | March | 9, 1925 |
| H. A. Ford | Gainesville No. 2 | Nov. | 10, 1925 |
| P. H. Baker | Gainesville No. 2 | Dec. | 12, 1925 |
| Alex E. Henderson | Tampa No. 3 | Jan. | 23, 1921 |
| Robert A. Brown | Tampa No. 3 | May | 13, 1925 |
| Gilbert H. Hodgson | Tampa No. 3 | July | 22, 1925 |
| Gustavus H. Symmes | Tampa No. 3 | Aug. | 18, 1925 |
| Loomis F. Goodale | Tampa No. 3 | Dec. | 16, 1925 |
| Silas B. Wright, Sr. | St. Johns No. 4 | Apr. | 25, 1925 |
| John M. Griggs | St. Johns No. 4 | July | 1925 |
| Miles Lackey | St. Johns No. 4 | Dec. | 19, 1925 |
| George A. Rowe | Halifax No. 5 | Mch. | 27, 1923 |
| Wm. C. Barnes | Halifax No. 5 | June | 14, 1922 |
| Geo. P. Ballough | Halifax No. 5 | June | 17, 1925 |
| Calvin D. Paxson | Halifax No. 5 | Aug. | 1, 1925 |
| Harvey D. Wolcott | Halifax No. 5 | Dec. | 22, 1925 |
| Richard M. Cary | Mt. Horeb No. 6 | Feb. | 10, 1925 |
| S. Claud Donaldson | Mt. Horeb No. 6 | March | 2, 1925 |
| R. L. Lambert | Eureka No. 7 | July | 20, 1925 |
| Richard L. Holland | Eureka No. 7 | Nov. | 16, 1925 |
| R. H. Cooper | Putnam No. 9 | May | 4, 1925 |
| Charles E. Rowton | Putnam No. 9 | May | 31, 1925 |
| John M. Hansel | Kissimmee No. 10 | | 1925 |
| W. W. Farris | Jericho No. 11 | Mch. | 16, 1925 |
| R. V. Atkisson | Jericho No. 11 | Aug. | 1925 |
| Charles W. Harrison | Jericho No. 11 | | 1925 |
| James C. Lett | Jericho No. 11 | | 1925 |
| Louis S. McKinley | Jericho No. 11 | | 1925 |
| H. A. Renfroe | Jacksonville No. 12 | Feb. | 2, 1925 |
| F. M. Plank | Jacksonville No. 12 | Feb. | 26, 1925 |
| Carroll H. Frink | Jacksonville No. 12 | March | 9, 1925 |
| Henry W. Schleicher | Jacksonville No. 12 | July | 25, 1925 |
| Fred Lovejoy | Jacksonville No. 12 | Oct. | 13, 1925 |
| Harry Lewis | Jacksonville No. 12 | Oct. | 24, 1925 |
| W. W. Martin | Ocala No. 13 | Aug. | 16, 1925 |

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| Richard B. Jarvis | Monroe No. 15 | Aug. | 28, 1925 |
| John Casey | Plant City No. 16 | Jan. | 23, 1925 |
| T. M. Strickland | Plant City No. 16 | Feb. | 6, 1925 |
| W. L. Huntsman | Plant City No. 16 | Feb. | 8, 1925 |
| J. S. Lanier | Plant City No. 16 | Nov. | 26, 1925 |
| R. M. Ray | Plant City No. 16 | | 1925 |
| Alva E. Perkins | St. Augustine No. 17 | Apr. | 7, 1925 |
| Edward Walton | St. Augustine No. 17 | May | 4, 1925 |
| Edmore Bradley | Manatee River No. 18 | Aug. | 3, 1925 |
| M. L. McKinney | Lake Butler No. 19 | June | 26, 1925 |
| George Mason | Keystone No. 20 | | 1925 |
| M. O. Williams | Thomas Brown No. 22 | Feb. | 28, 1925 |
| William H. Rust | Thomas Brown No. 22 | Apr. | 21, 1925 |
| Orvill B. Lewis | Thomas Brown No. 22 | May | 1, 1925 |
| A. E. Wriggleworth | Live Oak No. 25 | July | 24, 1925 |
| William M. Preston | Jefferson No. 26 | Oct. | 20, 1925 |
| Herbert Johnson | Indian River No. 27 | Jan. | 21, 1925 |
| A. O. Armer | Indian River No. 27 | Apr. | 8, 1925 |
| F. H. Feltwell | Indian River No. 27 | Apr. | 12, 1925 |
| De St. Clair Nesbit | Indian River No. 27 | June | 1, 1925 |
| Gus Thomas | Indian River No. 27 | Nov. | 29, 1925 |
| W. K. Jackson | Lakeland No. 29 | Jan. | 2, 1922 |
| I. J. Carter | Lakeland No. 29 | May | 18, 1925 |
| J. M. Langford | Lakeland No. 29 | June | 28, 1925 |
| Wm. C. Norvell | Lakeland No. 29 | Aug. | 15, 1925 |
| Eli J. Walker | Lakeland No. 29 | Sept. | 17, 1925 |
| A. H. Mathews | Lakeland No. 29 | Oct. | 9, 1925 |
| Norman C. Bell | Gadsden No. 30 | Apr. | 12, 1925 |
| R. T. McDavid | Gadsden No. 30 | Nov. | 24, 1925 |
| August Burchy | St. Petersburg No. 31 | Aug. | 1925 |
| Louis B. Smith | Jackson No. 32 | Mch. | 24, 1925 |
| J. F. Stunkel | Leesburg No. 34 | Dec. | 23, 1925 |
| William H. Tuttle | Sarasota No. 35 | Sept. | 1925 |
| J. E. McEver | Arcadia No. 36 | Aug. | 25, 1925 |
| John J. Jamour | Highlands No. 42 | June | 30, 1925 |
| David C. Stewart, Jr. | Union No. 43 | Sept. | 20, 1925 |
| Arthur H. Cherry | Perry No. 44 | Dec. | 4, 1925 |
| Otto Scharpferdt | Okeechobee No. 46 | Mch. | 13, 1925 |
| Bradley L. Brown | Dade No. 47 | Jan. | 28, 1926 |

OFFICERS
OF THE
General Grand Chapter
1924-1927

- John Albert Blake ----- General Grand High Priest
207 Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.
- Henry DeWitt Hamilton ----- Deputy General Grand High Priest
258 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
- Charles Clark Davis ----- General Grand King
213 S. Poplar St., Centralia, Illinois
- Leon Tony Leach ----- General Grand Scribe
424 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind.
- Gustav Adolph Eitel ----- General Grand Treasurer
Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Md.
- Charles Arthur Conover ----- General Grand Secretary
95 W. Chicago St., Coldwater, Mich.
- John William Nelson ----- General Grand Captain of the Host
Concordia, Kansas
- Wm. T. S. O'Hara ----- General Grand Principal Sojourner
742 Nicholas Bldg., Toledo, Ohio
- Mattison Boyd Jones ----- General Grand Royal Arch Captain
522 Citizen's National Bank Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.
- John Huske Anderson ----- General Grand Master Third Vail
Fayetteville, North Carolina
- George Allison Holland ----- General Grand Master Second Vail
Lexington, Kentucky
- William Edward Goff ----- General Grand Master First Vail
12 W. Main St., Battle Creek, Mich.

THE NEXT TRIENNIAL

Will be held in 1927, in the City of Denver, Colorado, at a date and time to be determined by the General Grand High Priest.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

| STATE | NAME | ADDRESS |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| General Grand Chapter | Charles A. Conover | Coldwater, Mich. |
| Alabama | Geo. A. Beauchamp | Montgomery. |
| Alberta | Clifford R. Wentzel | Calgary, 809 9 1/2 St. NW |
| Arizona | George J. Roskrugs | Tucson. |
| Arkansas | John C. Bone | Batesville. |
| British Columbia | J. W. Prescott | Vancouver, 603 Has- tings St. W. |
| California | Thomas A. Davies | San Francisco. |
| Canada | Henry T. Smith | Toronto, Temple Bldg. |
| Colorado | Wm. W. Cooper | Denver. |
| Connecticut | George A. Kies | Hartford. |
| Delaware | John W. Macklem | Wilmington, Box 94 |
| District of Columbia | J. Claude Keiper | Washington. |
| England | P. Colville Smith | London. |
| Georgia | E. A. McHan | Macon |
| Idaho | Edward H. Way | Boise, Box 1203. |
| Illinois | J. E. Jeffers | Springfield, Box 438. |
| Indiana | Robert A. Woods | Princeton. |
| Iowa | O. F. Graves | Harlan. |
| Ireland | H. E. Flavelle | Dublin. |
| Kansas | A. K. Wilson | Topeka. |
| Kentucky | G. Allison Holland | Lexington. |
| Louisiana | John A. Davilla | New Orleans. |
| Maine | Charles B. Davis | Portland. |
| Manitoba | H. F. Moulden | Winnipeg, 171 Market St |
| Maryland | Gustav A. Eitel | Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts | Frederick T. Comee | Boston, Masonic Temple. |
| Michigan | Chas. A. Conover | Coldwater. |
| Minnesota | John Fishel | St. Paul. |
| Mississippi | Edward L. Faucette | Meridian. |
| Missouri | Ray V. Denslow | St. Louis, 911 Locust St |
| Montana | Luther T. Hauberg | Helena, Box 896. |
| Nebraska | Lewis E. Smith | Omaha, Mas. Temple. |
| Nevada | E. D. Vanderlieth | Reno. |
| New Brunswick | J. Twining Hartt | St. Johns. |
| New Hampshire | Harry M. Cheney | Concord. |
| New Jersey | Abram A. Reger | Somerville. |
| New Mexico | Alpheus A. Keen | Albuquerque. |
| New South Wales | D. R. Hutchison | Sydney, 32 Elizabeth St |
| New York | Charles C. Hunt | Masonic Temple, N. Y. |
| New Zealand | Chas. W. Nielsen | Wellington, Box 236, G. P. O. |
| North Carolina | John B. Griggs | Elizabeth City. |
| North Dakota | Walter L. Stockwell | Fargo. |
| Nova Scotia | Brenton F. Porter | Truro. |
| Ohio | Edwin Hagenbuch | Urbana. |
| Oklahoma | James A. Scott | Muskogee Phoenix Bldg |
| Oregon | D. Rufus Cheney | Portland. Multnomah Hotel. |
| Pennsylvania | Joseph E. Quimby | Philadelphia. |
| Quebec | W. W. Williamson | Montreal, Box 3172. |
| Rhode Island | William R. Greene | Providence. |
| Saskatchewan | F. B. Reilly | Regina, 312 Westman Chambers. |
| Scotland | Geo. A. Howell | Edinburgh, 76 Queen St. |
| South Carolina | O. Frank Hart | Columbia. |
| South Dakota | Geo. A. Pettigrew | Sioux Falls. |
| Tennessee | Stith M. Cain | Nashville. |
| Texas | T. M. Bartley | Waco. |
| Utah | Walter Daniels | Salt Lake City. |
| Vermont | H. H. Ross | Burlington. |
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| Virginia | J. Gus Hankins | Richmond, Box 542. |
| Washington | Henry L. Kennan | Spokane, 1110 Old Nat. Bank Bldg. |
| Western Australia | John C. Strickland | Perth, W. A. 7 Warwick House. |
| West Virginia | George M. Ford | Wheeling. |
| Wisconsin | William W. Perry | Milwaukee. |
| Wyoming | Richard H. Repath | Cheyenne, Box 816. |

PAST ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA

From Its Organization to Date

| | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS | DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS | GRAND KINGS | GRAND SCRIBES | GRAND TREASURERS | GRAND SECRETARIES | GRAND CHAPLAINS |
|------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1847 | Thos. Douglas* | John P. DuVal* | Harry R. Taylor* | Geo. W. Macrae* | Edwin D. Nash* | John B. Taylor* | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1848 | John P. DuVal* | Isaac H. Bronson* | Geo. W. Macrae* | D. S. Graham* | Thomas Brown* | John B. Taylor* | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1849 | Isaac H. Bronson* | Harry R. Taylor* | D. S. Graham* | R. A. Shine* | Thomas Hayward* | John B. Taylor* | Charles E. Dyke* |
| 1850 | Harry R. Taylor* | D. S. Graham* | R. A. Shine* | Gad Humphreys* | David C. Wilson* | John B. Taylor* | Edwin L. T. Blake* |
| 1851 | Thos. Brown* | Gad Humphreys* | Alfred A. Fisher* | Benj. Sawyer* | David C. Wilson* | John B. Taylor* | Geo. M. McDonald* |
| 1852 | R. A. Shine* | Samuel B. Stephens* | Samuel Boardman* | D. G. McLean* | David C. Wilson* | John B. Taylor* | Charles E. Dyke* |
| 1853 | Sam'l Boardman* | J. M. W. Davidson* | C. A. M. Mitchell* | James S. Rust* | David C. Wilson* | John B. Taylor* | E. G. Assy |
| 1854 | J. Wayles Baker* | Thomas Y. Henry* | James Ellenwood* | John L. McKinnon* | David C. Wilson* | John B. Taylor* | Homer Hendee |
| 1855 | J. Wayles Baker* | Edward R. Ives* | Joseph S. May* | James Ellenwood* | R. A. Shine* | John B. Taylor* | Homer Hendee |
| 1856 | Thomas Hayward* | Edward R. Ives* | John L. McKinnon* | James Ellenwood* | Thomas Hayward* | John B. Taylor* | Charles E. Dyke* |
| 1857 | Gad Humphreys* | James Ellenwood* | D. P. Holland* | David S. Walker* | Thomas Hayward* | John B. Taylor* | J. R. Plummer |
| 1858 | Thomas Hayward* | James Ellenwood* | Geo. F. Baltzell* | Charles E. Dyke* | John S. Bond* | John B. Taylor* | John Penny* |
| 1859 | D. P. Holland* | Geo. F. Baltzell* | Geo. D. Fisher* | Calvin Davis* | Thomas Hayward* | John B. Taylor* | John Penny* |
| 1860 | Thomas Y. Henry* | James Ellenwood* | Franklin Branch* | Josiah Payne* | Thomas Hayward* | John B. Taylor* | John Penny* |
| 1861 | Geo. F. Baltzell* | James Ellenwood* | Charles Slager* | Charles Slager* | Thomas Hayward* | John B. Taylor* | John Penny* |
| 1862 | Geo. F. Baltzell* | James Ellenwood* | Green H. Hunter* | Wm. H. Arendell* | Thomas Hayward* | John B. Taylor* | John Penny* |
| 1863 | Geo. F. Baltzell* | James Ellenwood* | Thos. K. Leonard* | Wm. H. Arendell* | Thomas Hayward* | John B. Taylor* | John Penny* |
| 1864 | Geo. F. Baltzell* | James Ellenwood* | B. S. Fuller* | Elias Earle* | Thomas Hayward* | Hugh A. Corley* | Thomas A. Carruth |
| 1865 | David Jones* | D. C. Dawkins* | Elias Earle* | A. J. Lea* | Thomas Hayward* | Hugh A. Corley* | Columbus Smith |
| 1866 | David Jones* | Wm. Morrill* | Charles Slager* | Chas. K. Sparhawk* | Thomas Hayward* | Hugh A. Corley* | Columbus Smith |
| 1867 | David Jones* | Wm. Morrill* | Charles Slager* | M.M.T. Hutchinson* | Thomas Hayward* | Hugh A. Corley* | Samuel C. Craft |
| 1868 | James Ellenwood* | Wm. Morrill* | Charles Slager* | Chas. K. Sparhawk* | Thomas Hayward* | Hugh A. Corley* | Samuel C. Craft |
| 1869 | James Ellenwood* | Wm. Morrill* | Charles Slager* | M.M.T. Hutchinson* | Thomas Hayward* | Hugh A. Corley* | Wm. A. McLean |
| 1870 | D. C. Dawkins* | Chas. Slager* | H. H. Berry* | Michael Bows* | Thomas Hayward* | Edw. Bradford, Jr.* | Thomas A. Carruth |
| 1871 | D. C. Dawkins* | James Ellenwood* | Wm. Morrill* | Samuel Pasco* | Thomas Hayward* | Edw. Bradford, Jr.* | Thomas A. Carruth |
| 1872 | Wm. Morrill* | Hugh A. Corley* | John C. Ley* | Theodore Ball* | Thomas Hayward* | Edw. Bradford, Jr.* | Thomas A. Carruth |
| 1873 | Michael Bows* | Samuel Pasco* | John S. Driggs* | Ben G. Alderman* | Thomas Hayward* | Edw. Bradford, Jr.* | Thomas A. Carruth |
| 1874 | Michael Bows* | John S. Driggs* | Benj. G. Alderman* | Samuel Pasco* | Thomas Hayward* | Edw. Bradford, Jr.* | Thomas A. Carruth |
| 1875 | Henry W. Long* | Edmund P. Jordon* | Wm. T. Weeks* | D. W. Tucker* | Thomas Hayward* | Edw. Bradford, Jr.* | Thomas A. Carruth |
| 1876 | John S. Driggs* | Charles J. Allred* | W. W. Tucker* | John T. Miller* | Thomas Hayward* | Edw. Bradford, Jr.* | Thomas A. Carruth |

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| 1877 | John S. Driggs* | George R. Jones* | W. W. Tucker* | John T. Miller* | L. McConihe* | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny* |
| 1878 | Enos Wasgate* | Robert J. Perry* | G. E. Wentworth* | Geo. S. Hallmark* | L. McConihe* | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny* |
| 1879 | Robert J. Perry* | G. E. Wentworth* | Geo. S. Hallmark* | Hugh A. Corley* | L. McConihe* | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny* |
| 1880 | Robert J. Perry* | Geo. S. Hallmark* | Wm. E. Anderson* | Wm. A. McLean* | L. McConihe* | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny* |
| 1881 | Wm. A. McLean* | Wm. E. Anderson* | Warren F. Scott* | John G. Ellis* | L. McConihe* | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny* |
| 1882 | Wm. A. McLean* | Wm. E. Anderson* | Warren F. Scott* | G. S. Hallmark* | L. McConihe* | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny* |
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| 1909 | Samuel Pasco* | F. B. Stoneman* | T. Picton Warlow* | Robert McClellan* | L. McConihe* | DeW. C. Dawkins* | John Penny* |
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|----------------|--------|----------------------|---------|------------|------------|-------|------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|
| Florida | 1 | 191 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 206 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 |
| Gainesville | 2 | 205 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 216 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 209 |
| Tampa | 3 | 461 | 32 | 0 | 9 | 502 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 483 |
| St. Johns | 4 | 85 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 101 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Hallfax | 5 | 253 | 21 | 1 | 5 | 280 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 268 |
| Mt. Horeb | 6 | 192 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 200 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 195 |
| Eureka | 7 | 301 | 37 | 0 | 5 | 343 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 335 |
| Dade City | 8 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 65 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 |
| Putnam | 9 | 135 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 156 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 |
| Kissimmee | 10 | 103 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 111 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 |
| Joricho | 11 | 335 | 35 | 0 | 7 | 377 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 370 |
| Jacksonville | 12 | 631 | 26 | 7 | 9 | 673 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 645 |
| Ocala | 13 | 133 | 16 | 0 | 6 | 145 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 141 |
| Liveoress | 14 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| Montro | 15 | 132 | 35 | 0 | 2 | 169 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 163 |
| Plant City | 16 | 107 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 116 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 |
| St. Augustine | 17 | 170 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 183 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 181 |
| Manatee River | 18 | 150 | 29 | 0 | 1 | 190 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 183 |
| Lake Butler | 19 | 67 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 69 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Keystone | 20 | 84 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 105 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 102 |
| Thomas Brown | 22 | 242 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 261 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 249 |
| Chimley | 23 | 87 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Lake Worth | 24 | 308 | 39 | 2 | 1 | 350 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 345 |
| Live Oak | 25 | 385 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 408 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 402 |
| Jefferson | 26 | 299 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 305 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 304 |
| Indian River | 27 | 27 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| *Joppa | 28 | 130 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 132 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130 |
| Lakeland | 29 | 182 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 203 | 6 | 4 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 173 |
| Gadsden | 30 | 182 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 183 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 173 |
| St. Petersburg | 31 | 341 | 76 | 4 | 8 | 429 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 421 |
| Jackson | 32 | 186 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 204 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 191 |
| Dunstis | 33 | 75 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 |
| Leesburg | 34 | 113 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 124 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 |
| Sarasota | 35 | 93 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 118 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116 |
| Aradla | 36 | 87 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 97 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 |
| *Walton | 37 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 |
| Providence | 38 | 91 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 97 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 97 |
| Bay County | 39 | 185 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 190 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 189 |
| Crestview | 40 | 103 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 112 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 |
| Winter Haven | 41 | 132 | 17 | 0 | 4 | 153 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 151 |
| Highlands | 42 | 92 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 113 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 |
| Union | 43 | 52 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 67 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Felty | 44 | 75 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 |
| Clearwater | 45 | 70 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 |
| Okechobee | 46 | 39 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Dade | 47 | 67 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| Duval | 48 | 70 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 |
| Nassau | 49 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 65 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 |
| Poinciana | 50 | 73 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73 |
| New Smyrna | 51 | 100 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 113 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 111 |
| Orange | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

SUMMARY

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| Exalted | 723 |
| Reinstated | 48 |
| Affiliated | 95 |
| Died | 78 |
| Dimitted | 85 |
| Suspended for non-payment of dues | 203 |
| Suspended for un-Masonic conduct | 1 |
| Expelled | 3 |
| Rejected | 7 |
| Present Membership | 8448 |
| Net Gain | 481 |
| Members Chapter, Charter Arrested | 25 |
| Members Chapter Chartered, not Dimitted from former Chapter | 33 |

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTERS

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

ORANGE CHAPTER NO. 52

WINTER GARDEN, ORANGE COUNTY

Chartered May 19, 1926

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elwell, Joseph, H. P. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| King, Lloyd, H. K. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Clontz, John Emmett S. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Britt, Mark | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Britt, P. H. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Bennett, Charles R. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Briley, H. G. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Burch, William B. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Carpenter, Guy C. | Streator, No. 168, Ill. |
| Dodd, Robert J. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Dreischerf, H. L. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Dunaway, F. O. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Fiequette, R. M. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Gregory, Fred D. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Grimes, L. A. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Hoover, M. F. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Hunter, Earl | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Isaac, J. H. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Lau, Clarence C. W. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Mann, T. F. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Mink, Ivor D. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Minor, B. A. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Pass, W. C. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Pease, W. D. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Phillips, F. V. D. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Robertson, P. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Roper, W. F. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |
| Roper, B. H. | Eureka No. 7, Fla. |

Sadler, R. T. Eureka No. 7, Fla.
 Smith, J. A. Winter Haven No. 41, Fla.
 Smith, G. T. Eureka No. 7, Fla.
 Wright, R. P. Eureka No. 7, Fla.
 Kerr, Robert J. M. M. Orange, U. D.

Regulations

ADOPTED SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE DIGEST

APRONS IN ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

Workmen in the Royal Arch degree shall be furnished with Master Mason's aprons to be worn as Master Masons. (1925)

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. (1921)

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." (1920)

Regulation No. 22, repealed and the following adopted:

22. The M. E. Grand High Priest shall be the Committee on Work. He shall cause the work in each of the degrees to be exemplified at each Annual Grand Convocation, unless otherwise provided by the Grand Chapter. (1920)

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. (1924)

The Grand High Priest shall be a permanent committee to look after the purchase of monuments for Past Grand High Priests. (1925)

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. (1922)

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. (1922)

JURISDICTION

Regulation No. amended by adding the following:

Sec. 1. A Master Mason before making application for exaltation in this Grand Jurisdiction must have resided in the State of Florida for a period of not less than twelve consecutive months and must have resided continuously within the jurisdiction of the Chapter to which he makes application for a period of six months. (1925)

Sec. 2. 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. (1924)

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)

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. (1920)

REPRESENTATIVES

The M. E. Grand High Priest is authorized to appoint representatives to visit constituent Chapters and inspect their records and instruct them in the work; such representatives to be paid their actual expenses and a per diem of \$10.00 per day. The expenses and per diem of the representatives not to exceed one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars in any one year. (1925)

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. (1924)

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. (1920)

The Grand High Priest should wear a hat while presiding. (1925)

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

1926

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 19, A. D. 1926, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., the following officers being present:

M. E. Cary B. Fish, President.
E. E. L. Shear, as Vice-President.
E. George H. Leavett, as Chaplain.
E. W. P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.
E. Ely P. Hubbell, Master of Ceremonies.
E. W. B. Greer, as Conductor.
E. R. J. McMaster, Herald.
E. M. W. Bishop, as 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:

George B. Merrill, H. P., Gainesville Chapter No. 2.
 Erle Arnold DuBois, H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 Ralph L. Gillett, P. H. P., Tampa Chapter No. 3.
 Chester C. Snow, H. P., Halifax Chapter No. 5.
 Jesse C. Clark, H. P., Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6.
 Joseph M. McCormick, H. P., Eureka Chapter No. 7.
 F. Byron Ames, H. P., Kissimmee Chapter No. 10.
 L. Earl Curry, H. P., Jericho Chapter No. 11.
 William T. Dow, H. P., Jacksonville Chapter No. 12.
 Morris H. Spencer, H. P., Monroe Chapter No. 15.
 John Duncan Gove, P. H. P., Monroe Chapter No. 15.
 Reuel A. Daniel, H. P., Plant City Chapter No. 16.
 John P. Hyman, H. P., Thomas Brown Chapter No. 22.
 Joseph Borman, Lake Worth Chapter No. 24.
 H. Eugene Carter, H. P., Live Oak Chapter No. 25.
 William Feinberg, H. P., Gadsden Chapter No. 30.
 Robert J. Hill, H. P., St. Petersburg Chapter No. 31.
 Frank H. Gallup, H. P., Sarasota Chapter No. 35.
 Anthony R. Livingston, P. H. P., Dade Chapter No. 47.
 Lee M. Booth, H. P., Duval Chapter No. 48.
 Norman C. Edwards, P. H. P., Duval Chapter No. 48.
 Howard G. Putnam, P. H. P., New Smyrna Chapter
 No. 51.

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\$11.56

To Fees 66.00—\$77.56

Cr.

By paid supplies60

Balance on hand\$76.96

Fraternally submitted,

W. P. WEBSTER,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Upon motion the Secretary was directed to pay for supplies used at this time, and to order a supply of Bibles.

The Grand Council proceeded with the annual election of officers with the following result:

OFFICERS ELECTED

M. E. Cary B. Fish, President.

E. Erle L. Wirt, Vice-President.

E. Irving E. Webster, Chaplain.

E. Wilber P. Webster, Secretary and Treasurer.

E. Ely P. Hubbell, Master of Ceremonies.

E. Charles H. Ketchum, Conductor.

E. R. J. McMaster, Herald.

E. George H. Leavett, Steward.

E. Stephen E. Gregory, Guard.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

CARY B. FISH,

President.

Attest:

W. P. WEBSTER,

Secretary.

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 19, 1888 |
| Robert McClellan | Consecrated January 18, 1889 |
| Thomas S. Wilmarth | Consecrated May 7, 1890 |
| Irving E. Webster | Consecrated May 13, 1891 |
| William S. Jordan | Consecrated May 11, 1892 |
| Elijah H. Bunker | Consecrated May 11, 1892 |
| Dougald McLachlan | Consecrated May 11, 1892 |
| Alexander C. Martin | Consecrated May 10, 1893 |
| Wilber P. Webster | Consecrated January 18, 1894 |
| Thomas J. Smith | Consecrated March 5, 1894 |
| James E. Pound | Consecrated January 7, 1895 |
| Lowell C. Ruter | Consecrated January 7, 1895 |
| Joseph T. Tolbert | Consecrated January 15, 1895 |
| George W. Hyde | Consecrated January 18, 1895 |
| Henry F. Airth | Consecrated January 24, 1896 |
| Charles R. Oglesby | Consecrated May 13, 1896 |
| Eugene P. Mickel | Consecrated Dec. 27, 1896 |
| Louis C. Massey | Consecrated May 11, 1897 |
| Roque V. Rogero | Consecrated May 11, 1897 |
| Elmer E. Haskell | Consecrated May 12, 1897 |
| Wm. E. Ballough | Consecrated May 12, 1897 |
| 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 |

| NAME | DATE |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| H. V. R. SchraderConsecrated | May 10, 1899 |
| Joseph G. TorreyConsecrated | May 10, 1899 |
| T. P. WarlowConsecrated | January 19, 1900 |
| Joseph R. KellerConsecrated | May 15, 1901 |
| Thomas West GaryConsecrated | May 15, 1901 |
| Frank W. ArmstrongConsecrated | May 15, 1901 |
| Bascom H. PalmerConsecrated | October 23, 1901 |
| William S. WareConsecrated | January 23, 1902 |
| Z. T. MerrittConsecrated | January 23, 1902 |
| Orson J. HillConsecrated | May 14, 1902 |
| Benjamin F. HoughConsecrated | May 14, 1902 |
| James F. MillerConsecrated | May 14, 1902 |
| Franklin L. ReesConsecrated | June 24, 1902 |
| Hugh W. WearConsecrated | May 13, 1903 |
| George H. ClarkConsecrated | May 13, 1903 |
| James O. HarrisConsecrated | May 13, 1903 |
| Melville W. CarruthConsecrated | May 13, 1903 |
| Victor F. BalcomConsecrated | May 13, 1903 |
| Henry W. DavisConsecrated | May 18, 1904 |
| John J. JonesConsecrated | May 18, 1904 |
| Daniel D. BeekmanConsecrated | May 18, 1904 |
| Lucien A. SpencerConsecrated | May 18, 1904 |
| Clarence S. HammattConsecrated | May 18, 1904 |
| James E. TerwillegerConsecrated | May 18, 1904 |
| Joseph DawsonConsecrated | January 19, 1905 |
| L. R. PhilipsConsecrated | January 19, 1905 |
| William G. HobbsConsecrated | May 10, 1905 |
| James D. GirtmanConsecrated | May 10, 1905 |
| Wilmot R. FittsConsecrated | May 9, 1906 |
| John H. HibbardConsecrated | May 9, 1906 |
| Wm. R. O'NealConsecrated | May 9, 1906 |
| Frank B. StonemanConsecrated | May 9, 1906 |
| Geo. H. WhiteConsecrated | May 9, 1906 |

| NAME | DATE |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Louis ThompsonConsecrated | May 9, 1906 |
| Albert S. MunsonConsecrated | May 15, 1907 |
| Henry Koert DuBoisConsecrated | May 15, 1907 |
| John D. GretherConsecrated | May 15, 1907 |
| Samuel E. CurryConsecrated | May 15, 1907 |
| Harry A. StacyConsecrated | May 15, 1907 |
| Galen B. SeamanConsecrated | May 13, 1908 |
| Charles S. BonackerConsecrated | May 13, 1908 |
| William S. MurrowConsecrated | May 13, 1908 |
| Robert F. HallConsecrated | May 13, 1908 |
| Herbert BradleyConsecrated | May 13, 1908 |
| Jacob EspedahlConsecrated | May 12, 1909 |
| Jeff D. MillerConsecrated | May 12, 1909 |
| William G. TilghmanConsecrated | May 12, 1909 |
| James B. YoungConsecrated | May 12, 1909 |
| William N. ConeConsecrated | May 12, 1909 |
| Marcey B. DarnallConsecrated | May 12, 1909 |
| Marion E. GruberConsecrated | May 12, 1909 |
| Dabney B. PalmerConsecrated | May 12, 1909 |
| Frederick L. Hemmings ..Consecrated | May 12, 1909 |
| Willoughby A. CoxConsecrated | May 12, 1909 |
| James Laurens YoungConsecrated | April 16, 1910 |
| Henry Benj. Wordehoff..Consecrated | April 16, 1910 |
| Samuel Edward MaysConsecrated | April 16, 1910 |
| Earl Walton MaysConsecrated | April 16, 1910 |
| George Pierce Sullivan ..Consecrated | April 16, 1910 |
| Charles F. FilerConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| John C. CalhounConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| John H. WynnConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| Richard R. TurnbullConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| Marvin O. ThomasConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| L. F. BlalockConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| John O'DonaldConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |

| NAME | DATE |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Robert B. RutherfordConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| James W. EleyConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| James C. AdkinsConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| John T. BurrowsConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| John W. WilliamsConsecrated | May 11, 1910 |
| Vivian B. CollinsConsecrated | May 5, 1911 |
| James L. LoveConsecrated | May 5, 1911 |
| Pedan B. HaynesConsecrated | May 5, 1911 |
| Arthur WilliamsConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| William V. CarterConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| Lucius L. PayneConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| Alfred W. BumbyConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| Wm. O. RichtmannConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| J. Perry HodgeConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| John A. BouvierConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| Benjamin E. DysonConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| William MoodyConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| J. Jones StewartConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| Charles H. KetchumConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| Benjamin BurnettConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| Wm. C. SimmonsConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| Paul S. ThomsonConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| William MosedaleConsecrated | May 10, 1911 |
| John B. PruitConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| Len J. LesterConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| George F. SmithConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| George E. McCullochConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| W. Irving PorterConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| John L. HallConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| Chester DeRocherConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| Charles E. BayleyConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| David S. R. JonesConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| Richard WhyteConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |

| NAME | DATE |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| John F. WilsonConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| William B. PopeConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| Angus L. HinsonConsecrated | May 22, 1912 |
| James M. HendersonConsecrated | May 5, 1913 |
| Harry B. RobertsConsecrated | May 5, 1913 |
| Dorsey H. RutterConsecrated | May 21, 1913 |
| Claude E. ConnorConsecrated | May 21, 1913 |
| Alvah H. PerkinsConsecrated | May 21, 1913 |
| William W. DavisConsecrated | May 21, 1913 |
| Albert D. LeonardConsecrated | May 21, 1913 |
| Elmer C. HowardConsecrated | May 21, 1913 |
| Alfred BrostConsecrated | June 24, 1913 |
| Alfred RecioConsecrated | June 24, 1913 |
| John J. BrownConsecrated | Feb. 28, 1914 |
| Henry O. SnowConsecrated | Feb. 28, 1914 |
| Henry L. SwattsConsecrated | Feb. 28, 1914 |
| Thomas C. CalmesConsecrated | Feb. 28, 1914 |
| Jasper EversConsecrated | Feb. 28, 1914 |
| Albert SchneiderConsecrated | Feb. 28, 1914 |
| F. W. FlemingConsecrated | May 19, 1914 |
| Le Due RobertsConsecrated | May 19, 1914 |
| Gabriel FerroConsecrated | May 19, 1914 |
| B. L. SmithConsecrated | May 19, 1914 |
| Claud F. OlmsteadConsecrated | May 19, 1914 |
| Benjamin F. BarnesConsecrated | May 19, 1914 |
| W. W. BirchfieldConsecrated | May 19, 1914 |
| John M. DillonConsecrated | May 19, 1914 |
| A. J. HoltConsecrated | May 19, 1915 |
| J. Lloyd HeadConsecrated | May 19, 1915 |
| George A. DameConsecrated | May 19, 1915 |
| Ely P. HubbellConsecrated | May 19, 1915 |
| Henry V. CalderConsecrated | May 19, 1915 |
| E. L. WirtConsecrated | May 19, 1915 |

| NAME | | DATE |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 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. Schaeffer |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 |
| 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 |

| NAME | | DATE |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| W. S. McLelland |Consecrated May | 16, 1917 |
| 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 | 22, 1918 |
| Edmund Paul Erwin |Consecrated May | 31, 1918 |
| William Henry Bailey |Consecrated May | 31, 1918 |
| Louis Douglas Gates |Consecrated May | 31, 1918 |
| John R. Knight |Consecrated May | 31, 1918 |
| Seldon C. Wells |Consecrated May | 31, 1918 |
| George W. Scobie |Consecrated March | 19, 1919 |
| John R. Walker |Consecrated March | 19, 1919 |
| Harry C. Jepson |Consecrated March | 19, 1919 |
| R. J. McMaster |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| James E. Petris |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| Thomas F. Ziegler |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| T. P. Way |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| J. S. B. Moyer |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| H. D. Morris |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| William H. Warnock |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| James Moughton |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| W. B. Y. Wilkie |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| Cary B. Fish |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| Burt G. Arnold |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| William E. Keen |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| John W. Garwood |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| W. W. Chase |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| Archie Aitchison |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |
| J. Claude Turner |Consecrated May | 21, 1919 |

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| 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 |
| Ben M. Caldwell | Consecrated | May 19, 1920 |
| W. M. Reck | Consecrated | May 19, 1920 |
| Henry M. Snow | Consecrated | May 18, 1921 |
| Roy C. Dubbs | Consecrated | May 18, 1921 |
| Frederick E. Weathers | Consecrated | May 18, 1921 |
| H. L. 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 |

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| B. W. Helvenston | Consecrated | May 18, 1921 |
| Ray A. Strout | Consecrated | May 18, 1921 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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| B. W. Helvenston, Jr. | Consecrated May 16, 1923 |
| E. F. Adams | Consecrated May 16, 1923 |
| G. J. Tolson | Consecrated May 16, 1923 |
| T. E. Dickensqn | Consecrated May 16, 1923 |
| R. L. Wilkinson | Consecrated May 16, 1923 |
| C. W. Davis | Consecrated May 16, 1923 |
| J. 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 |
| 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. Holsenback | 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 |
| Carl H. Dekle | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |

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| Sam Brammar | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| Asa Farrar | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| Pearl J. Beachem | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| Charles T. Groh | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| Werner G. Jones | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| George R. Lyman | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| Archie E. Leslie | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| Charles L. Sudduth | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| Edwin A. Pierce | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| William Dunstan | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| Lee C. Stewart | Consecrated May 20, 1925 |
| George B. Merrill | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Erle Arnold DuBois | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Ralph L. Gillett | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Chester C. Snow | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Jesse C. Clark | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Joseph M. McCormick | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| F. Byron Ames | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| L. Earl Curry | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| William T. Dow | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Morris H. Spencer | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| John Duncan Gove | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Reuel A. Daniel | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| John P. Hyman | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Joseph Borman | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| H. Eugene Carter | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| William Feinberg | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Robert J. Hill | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Frank H. Gallup | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Anthony P. Livingston | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Lee M. Booth | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Norman C. Edwards | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |
| Howard G. Putnam | Consecrated May 19, 1926 |

Fraternal Correspondence

BY

ELY P. HUBBELL, P. G. H. P.

Chairman Committee on Correspondence

Report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

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

Although ten years is a long time to look ahead, yet time passes so swiftly that it is difficult to realize that this is the tenth time that the writer has been permitted to report some of the more important features to be found in the Proceedings that are received. And it is earnestly hoped that the Companions of the Royal Craft may find as much pleasure and profit in the reading as the writer has in the preparation.

ALABAMA—1925

Chapters, 88. Members, 15,384. Exalted, 1,025.
Net Loss, 104.

CHARLES A. L. JOHNSTONE, Grand High Priest

Suspension for non-payment of dues is the assigned ostensible reason for the slight loss in membership which appear in the proceedings of the Ninety-ninth Annual, held in Montgomery, Nov. 30, 1925. All the Grand Officers, many Past Grands including M. E. Companion Robert T. Ward for Florida, besides representatives from 76 constituent Chapters were in attendance.

Zealous attention to Capitular activities stress the address of Grand High Priest Johnstone, who attributed the slight falling off in membership, to depressed business conditions, superinduced, he surmised, by lack of interest on the part of members in those Chapters which meet more or less irregularly. And no doubt he might have truthfully added by lack of "pep" on the part of the High Priest and other officers.

Tribute was paid to the memory of M. E. Comp. John B. Lyons, who was Grand High Priest in 1912.

During the year one new Chapter was formed and another Chapter reorganized. Comparatively few dispensations were granted to ballot out of statutory time, all being confined to those which in the judgment of the Grand High Priest would best serve the interests of the Craft.

One of the decisions of the Grand High Priest was, that a voluntarily dimitted Mason could not be exalted until he had re-affiliated. He further ruled that a petitioner's actual residence was where he had his bed and board and not where he received his mail. Also that it was improper to offer life memberships or any kind of fee or reward for the securing of petitions.

Grand Chapter approved the constitutional amendment of the year previous abolishing the office of Deputy Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter was the recipient of a square and compass, formerly the property of St. Giles Chapter, of Edinburgh, Scotland, the home of Alabama's representative near the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

It also adopted the report of the Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship, which urged the setting aside of one or more convocations for the purpose of discussing public education.

Two dozen Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

Past Grand High Priest Lawrence H. Lee, who also ranks high otherwise Masonically, again presents a Report on Correspondence, every line of which is both readable and instructive. He notes with gratification the growing tendency to clothe the Holy Royal Arch with its proper dignity in the Rite, as well as the increasing tendency to "foster in every way the education of the young in state-maintained and controlled schools."

Apparently Florida's proceedings pass inspection, for the activities are discriminatingly considered, with no adverse comment.

Lest Alabama readers may attach undue importance to the handle to our name, we disclaim connection with any "Eli," however notable, being just plain "Ely."

Next Annual in Montgomery, Nov. 30, 1926.

John B. Bethea, Birmingham, Grand High Priest;
George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary;
Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery, Correspondent.

ALBERTA—1925

Chapters, 27. Members, 2,752. Admitted, 173.
Net Gain, 41.

JOHN E. JOHNSON, Grand Z.

Ten years of Capitular activities in Grand Chapter were appropriately celebrated at a Special Convocation held in the City of Calgary, May 29, 1924. Representatives, or as one better expressed it, "Brethren"

from adjacent Grand Chapters aided in making this a memorable occasion.

Every officer was present and every Chapter was represented at the Eleventh Annual, held in the City of Calgary, March 11, 1925. Florida has reason to be proud that its spokesman is the senior Grand Z., M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor.

Appreciating that Chapters in the rural districts, by reason of distance from larger cities, were entitled to greater recognition, the Grand First Principal purposed to pay them particular attention, and only ill health prevented him from visiting every Chapter in the Jurisdiction. However, part of his address is given to recording fraternal visitations.

During the winter season, a week was set aside in each month for the study consecutively of the Mark Master, the Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch Degrees, the results of which he believed will be far-reaching. He also urged Chapters to visit each other more frequently, and one instance is recorded of one Chapter making a journey of eighty miles, which means something in a country whose elevation is more than a few feet above sea-level and where summer weather does not prevail twelve months in the year.

His one decision in brief related to a Companion who dimitted from an Alberta Chapter and moved to British Columbia, who over a year later stated he had lost his dimit, and a duplicate was sent him with the suggestion that he affiliate with a British Columbia Chapter. Later, however, being out of work, he decided to return and wished to resume membership in the Chapter he dimitted from. The Grand Z., thinking that his "affiliation fees and annual dues" might come in handy

until he again obtained employment, further advised (which is not quite clear to the writer):

As he is in good standing in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction his needs are safeguarded should he require assistance. Finally as he has been a resident of a Sister Jurisdiction for several years, I consider it would be unwise to receive his application for membership in this Jurisdiction. His case is entirely different from that of a suspended member, as the latter must obtain reinstatement before he can resume his Capitular privileges and standing.

The Ambassadors of other Grand Jurisdictions were officially received and given the customary admonition to "convey to the several Grand Chapters our highest appreciation of the many courtesies received and express to them our sincere good wishes," an injunction which in the observation of the writer, is more marked in the breach than in the fulfillment.

So evenly do Royal Arch Craft affairs move along that the Committees on Jurisprudence and on Appeals and Grievances reported "nothing doing."

An item of general business, seemingly the only one; was reported by the Grand Scribe E., of his efforts to obtain a suitable model of the Staff of Judah, at a moderate price, and of his intention to continue until such had been obtained.

There is no record of an Order of High Priesthood.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported having received no further information relative to the request of Queensland for recognition, and recommended that it be left in abeyance another year.

This committee being not quite satisfied with its former topical form of review, presents one or more features of each Grand Chapter under its individual heading, which enables the reader to get a much more

definite understanding of the doings of that Grand Body. The Committee is Companions J. E. Johnson, S. Y. Taylor and F. S. Sellwood, but to whom to give credit, is for the reader to determine. Nor does it appear who will present the report the coming year.

Next Annual in Banff, March 17, 1926.

Samuel H. Middleton, Cardston, Grand First Principal Z.; Clifford B. Wentzel, 809 9½ St., Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

ARKANSAS—1925

Chapters, 99. Members, 8,047. Exalted, 619.
Net Gain, 3.

FIELDING W. HARRIS, Grand High Priest

Fully a third of the constituent Chapters failed to send representatives to the Seventy-sixth Annual, held in Little Rock, Nov. 19th. Past Grand High Priest Bert S. Lee, of Missouri was the guest of honor, and Florida was represented.

Owing to the enforced absence, from the State, of the Grand High Priest, part of the year, much of the executive duties devolved upon the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Hunter D. Bowers, who received appreciative commendation for his efficient services.

Appropriate mention was made of the death of R. E. Comp. John Brodie, who served the Grand Chapter as its treasurer for twenty-nine years, and who was prominent in all branches of the Craft.

Although the Grand High Priest found the duties of the year somewhat strenuous, yet withal, he says,

it was a pleasant one. It included the necessary exchange of courtesies and other minor matters. Although he received numerous requests for dispensations to act on petitions "out-of-time," only those were considered in which he was "convinced that heroic measures were necessary." Three charters were arrested and one was granted further time.

Considering that the suspensions for non-payment of dues, 592, almost equalled the exaltations, the Grand High Priest wondered if this alarming rate of suspensions "isn't traceable to the indifference and laxity among Chapter officers." This was somewhat accentuated by the chance remark of a Companion who said to him that his Chapter met but twice or three times a year:

When enough members are out to open the Chapter, none of the officers seem to be able to even read their parts out of the book, and if officers don't know their parts how can they expect any one else to be really interested?

Grand Chapter did not look with favor upon the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, that petitioners for Capitular degrees be allowed to pay for them as received, which is permitted by Grand Lodge; but it did approve of increasing the minimum dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per year. This is a good start. Most persons value things according to their cost.

No decisions are reported, all points raised being covered by existing laws.

The incoming Grand High Priest was given authority to appoint nine District Deputy Grand High Priests, who are expected to create that mutual understanding between Grand Chapter and the subordinate Chapters "which is so essentially necessary to the welfare of both Bodies."

Seventeen qualified Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

For the fifth time Past Grand High Priest Olney submits a Correspondence Review, the purpose of which he well says, is to "give a resume of the outstanding features in a brief way so that a busy man can read it in a short time," and he has succeeded. Although he says he omits the "bouquets," he seems to have made an exception to the work of the writer of this. Thank you.

Next Annual in Little Rock, Nov. 18, 1926.

Hunter D. Bowers, El Dorado, Grand High Priest;
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary; Mark P. Olney, Mena, Correspondent.

ARIZONA—1925

Chapters, 11. Members, 1,306. Exalted, 89.
Net Gain, 36.

FRANK THOMAS, Grand High Priest

Being a movable body, the Thirty-fifth Annual was held in Phoenix, Feb. 10, 1925, with only one Grand Officer absent, and a long list of Past Grands and lesser lights, as well as representatives from each of the constituent Chapters present, Florida being about the only one missing, and yet the entertaining city is the home of Companion L. L. Steward, the Grand Representative.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, in his address, well said that it would occupy but little space in the proceedings and merits the commendation of the committee that he had "performed his official duties conscientiously and to the best of his ability."

He made no visitations nor was he called upon to render any decisions, and about all that required his attention was the appointing of four Grand Representatives.

The several committees likewise reported nothing doing and the Grand Chapter brought its deliberations to a close with peace and harmony prevailing.

Three qualified Companions were admitted into the Council Room and "the ceremonies of the Order of High Priesthood were performed upon them in due and ample form."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Next Annual in Tucson, Feb. 9, 1926.

Nelson C. Bledsoe, Bisbee, Grand High Priest;
George J. Roskrug, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1925

Chapters, 22. Members, 2,594. Exalted, 167.
Net Gain, 106.

F. C. BIRD, Grand Z.

Uneventful are the Capitular activities appearing of record in the proceedings of the Seventh Annual, which, representing a traveling Grand Body, convened in Kamloops, June 17, 1925, with every Chapter as well as Florida, represented, and all Grand Officers present, thus evidencing their interest in Royal Craft Masonry.

Without any rhetorical flourishes, the Grand Z. in his brief address, congratulated the Order that the growth had been satisfactory and that finances were in good shape, as well as with the friendly relations ex-

hood of God and the brotherhood of man. No man can study Freemasonry and not be broadened and elevated, and no Freemason can be too well informed.

The acme of Masonic life is *service*. May we, one and all, *serve* not *receive* in our duty, so that the world may be brighter and better for our having lived in it.

Suggestive, to say the least, is this comparison from the report of the Committee on Warranted Chapters: one of which reports over \$900 in dues outstanding with a membership of 265, while another reports only \$3 outstanding, membership not given; some difference, and if we might suggest, strikingly demonstrates what a real Chapter secretary can do if he will, and this one evidently did. Hope his services are appreciated.

Quite in keeping with the event is a page illustration of the Cenotaph at Kamloops, erected to the memory of the soldiers who gave their lives in the great war, and also shows the Masonic Temple, a substantial and magnificent structure, where the Grand Chapter meets. It stands on an eminence overlooking the city and with "the everlasting hills" as a background.

There is no Order of High Priesthood, and possibly it would not be in keeping with their official nomenclature. However, conditions may change; let us hope they do.

This Grand Chapter made a commendable start in its beginning by designating R. W. John W. Prescott its Fraternal Correspondent as well as Grand Scribe E., and his work is so eminently satisfactory that it looks as though it would be for life. For the sixth time he has reviewed the other Grand Proceedings, and he finds much satisfaction in the anticipated good results that probably will come from the recent visit to these shores of Lord Amphill, the Grand Z. of the Grand

isting with all other Grand Jurisdictions.

His recorded activities were limited largely to commissioning Grand Representatives, approving by-laws, constituting one new Chapter and instituting two others, all of which were approved; but the Committee was inclined to discourage the wearing of regalia in public, referring to the special dispensations granted for that purpose. Although not being able to visit quite all the constituent Chapters, yet his recorded visits are such that he well merits the commendation accorded him.

His one ruling indicates a distinction given to Past Presiding Officers not accorded in Florida, or in other Grand Chapters with which we are familiar:

The question was asked as to whether a Past H. (King) or Past J. (Scribe) retained his title. I ruled that as the title of "Excellent Companion" was given to each of these officers when they were installed, they were entitled to the rank, but that none but First Principals (High Priests) were entitled to a seat to the right or left respectively of the Throne.

As a reward for faithful service, the Grand Superintendent of Districts, and their reports have a vast amount of detailed information, have had conferred upon them a Past Grand Rank. In other parts of this great country they are commonly designated as District Deputy Grand High Priests, but Florida has not yet reached that class. May we quote this, certainly worthy of consideration, from the "Conclusion" of the address of the Grand Z.:

A real Freemason is one who lives that little children may be happier, youth more joyous, manhood more clean, old age less lonely; who so lives that man will hate less and love more; be honorable in public dealings as in private acts; who sees in Freemasonry above all things else, the doctrine of the Father-

Chapter of England, and of the Earl of Cassillis, the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Under Florida several references are made to the "useful address" of Grand High Priest Erle L. Wirt, as well as the practical observations growing out of his official visitations. He also apparently approved the refusal to recognize either of the rival Grand Chapters of Queensland, pending a hoped-for consolidation.

Next Annual in Victoria, June 16, 1926.

John G. Gamon, New Westminster, Grand Z.; John W. Prescott, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E. and Correspondent.

CALIFORNIA—1925

Chapters, 121. Members, 23,546. Exalted, 1,675.
Net Gain, 1,449.

RUDOLPH BECK, Grand High Priest

Five survivors of the 1906 earthquake, one of whom is the senior Grand High Priest, with seven others and a full contingent of officials opened the Seventy-first Annual in San Francisco, April 21st, in which several distinguished visitors participated, including Florida's representative.

Nearly half of the address of the Grand High Priest is a synopsis of his official visitations, which were not the number he had anticipated, being "handicapped by unforeseen circumstances."

The Grand High Priest refused to grant a "hurry-up" request to enable a Brother "to get through at a

certain time," quite properly holding that a "great emergency" did not exist; to a telegraph request from a Chapter "to attend church services dressed in Capitular clothing;" he replied:

It would seem that church services would not come within the category of a strictly Masonic ceremony, or that attendance thereat is a strictly Masonic duty. Such being the case, it is not permissible to wear Capitular clothing.

The Finance Committee courteously agreed with the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that no specific appropriation be made for official visitations, but that he should be encouraged in this laudable labor.

Nearly two score of dispensations were granted by the Grand High Priest to confer the Royal Arch degrees on more than one team at a convocation. Why the necessity of such a regulation? It may have seemed necessary at one time, but when there are so many worthy applicants seeking admission, why should the Grand High Priest be expected to set aside a Grand Chapter law? Florida has no limitations in this respect, and no ill effects have resulted. Among other dispensations granted was one to permit a Chapter to ballot on two petitions without reference to a committee, which causes one to wonder why this necessity? And another was one to wonder why this necessity? Grand Chapter approved all the acts of the Grand High Priest, so why should "we care"? Five dispensations were granted to open new Chapters.

The Grand Lecturer recommended the appointment of a committee in connection with that official to formulate an "optional" plan for the elimination of certain portions of degree work, but Grand Chapter seems to have overlooked this suggestion. But it did recom-

mend the appointment of a committee to recast the Past Master's degree.

A motion to increase the per diem from \$3.00 to \$6.00 was postponed a year. But \$500 was appropriated to the Student Loan Fund; and an equal amount to the Masonic Club House at the University of California.

The retiring Grand High Priest was the recipient of a check for \$150, "with which to purchase something for the home acceptable to Mrs. Beck and himself," a reminder of the esteem and good will of the California Companions.

Sixty-seven qualified Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood and received a copy of the blessed Book of the Law.

Ex. Companion Max A. Plumb, for the fourth time presents a topical Report of Correspondence, and in connection advises Grand Chapter that any time it "wishes the old style of report by Jurisdictions, you have only to let the Committee know it, and it will be done." If it suits those who pay the bills, why should outsiders presume to dictate?

The report is largely a collection of extracts, with an occasional line or so of comment. He approves the Order of DeMolay. He also approves Collective Balloting, and states that in California if a cube appears the names are divided into groups, and subdivided again, but no group contains less than three names, and then when necessary singly. Applicants from English and Scottish Chapters who have not received the P. M. or M. E. M. degrees are accepted and "healed," that is obligated in the degrees not received. His comments indicate a close harmony with Florida laws.

Next Annual in San Francisco, April 20, 1926.

Charles H. King, Sebastopol, Grand High Priest; Thomas A. Davies, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary; Max A. Plumb, Oakland, Correspondent.

CANADA—1925

Chapters, 153. Members, 25,315. Registrations, 1,333.
Net Gain, 768.

W. H. DAVIS, Grand Z.

For the first time in its history the Grand Chapter of Canada met in the St. Clair District, with the City of Windsor host for the Seventy-seventh Annual, and it was a gala affair, with civic and fraternal welcomes from the other concordant orders, as well as from distinguished visitors from neighboring Grand Chapters, one of the Pennsylvania guests volunteering this information:

It is on record that there were several Lodges in Philadelphia in the year 1730, and that the third oldest Grand Lodge in the world was the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Many matters of general interest as well as those particularly Capitular appear in the well prepared address of the Grand Z. During the year he constituted one Chapter and granted dispensations for four others. One Chapter was removed to a place where it was believed it could do more efficient work. Mention is made relative to recommending and commissioning several Grand Representatives, but this reply from the Grand Scribe E. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England tells why there is no exchange with that Supreme Grand Body:

The Committee on General Purposes of the Grand Chapter, further considered the correspondence, which has passed between us, respecting the exchanging of Representatives between our two Jurisdictions. I am desired to point out that it has never been the practice of this Grand Chapter to exchange Representatives with Sister Jurisdictions, and after very careful consideration, the committee is unable to recommend a departure from this custom. This decision, I am asked specifically to state, will in no way impair the amicable arrangements that exist between our respective Grand Chapters; indeed, it is always our desire that such relations should, wherever possible, be strengthened.

Rather plentiful were the dispensations issued by the Grand Z., which prompted the committee to whom the address was referred, to "suggest that dispensations be granted as sparingly as possible." They include:

To allow degrees to be conferred on a candidate who had lost three fingers on right hand.

To allow degrees to be conferred on a candidate who had lost a leg.

To allow members of a Chapter to wear regalia at an "At Home" given by the Companions with members of local symbolic Lodge with the provisions, that it be confined to members of the Chapter and Lodge, and their ladies, and that dispensation be granted by the Grand Master of symbolic Lodge.

In this connection I may not have the same views as a number of my Companions. While I consider it most laudable for Chapter Masons to assemble themselves together to pay their tribute of worship to the God we all adore, yet I feel it is not consistent with the high dignity of our beloved Order to proceed in procession through the public streets for that purpose, and I have declined to grant dispensations for processions of Companions wearing regalia. (This latter decision the writer fully endorses.)

Grand Chapter approved all the rulings of the Grand Z., and which under relatively similar conditions might prevail elsewhere, particularly these three:

That a Lewis, who had received the Royal Arch degrees in Scotland, could not affiliate with one of our Chapters until he had attained the age of twenty-one years.

That, where an unsigned favorable report was presented to a Chapter and the First Principal (High Priest) declared applicant rejected, such declaration was irregular. An unsigned report was not a basis for action. A proper report must be presented so that action can be taken.

That a Companion charged in his symbolic Lodge with an offense should be suspended from Royal Arch privileges pending trial. This Brother has since been indefinitely suspended by his Lodge. I have ruled that he stand suspended from Royal Arch privileges until Grand Lodge shall deal with the matter.

The Grand Z. makes mention of these two interesting occurrences:

To Madoc Chapter belongs the distinction of having exalted probably the oldest candidate in the history of Capitular Masonry, Charles William O'Hara, aged ninety-two years.

St. John's Chapter, London, had the unique experience of conferring the Capitular degrees on two candidates, whose applications were recommended by their sons.

In the addresses of the distinguished visitors this bit of historical information is contributed by M. .E. . Companion E. A. Evans, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; also Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar:

I would like to say that I consider that Quebec is the cradle of Freemasonry. We had the late Sir James Levoine who says that Masonry existed in the City of Quebec during the French regime. Secondly, we have the knowledge that Champlain was a Huguenot, and a member of the faith. Thirdly, we have that wonderful stone which is in the portals of Chateau Frontenac with all the insignia letters of Malta, dated 1647. Also we have a letter relating to the Priory of the Order of Malta in Quebec, in which the Grand Prior was requested to take the sum of twenty thousand pounds towards the building of a Priory in Canada.

Much stress is given by the committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry to the great danger that lurks behind the assumption that the success or failure of Chapters depends solely upon the number of candidates admitted to membership during the year. True, increase in numbers denotes growth, but, says the report, "whether that report be healthy, permanent and satisfactory, depends very largely upon the impressions created in the candidate's mind during his progress through the several degrees."

Instructive and inspiring are the reports of the sixteen Grand Superintendents, including far-away Yukon Territory:

One report refers to a veteran still active and interested at eighty-two years of age; another of a meeting at which three Past Z.'s—all seventy years or over—were not only present, but actually taking part in the ceremonies; while another refers to a regular attendant at ninety years of age. One Right Excellent Companion in that wonderful Northland nonchalantly refers to a hurried trip of 332 miles to inspect a Chapter, while yet another energetic and conscientious worker records 2,300 miles of traveling.

This information is found in the report of the Committee on Revision of Instructions in the Ritual:

Under our work the candidate is not obligated in the Mark degree until he has received the material portion of the ceremony, whereas in the English work he is obligated at the beginning.

Most Excellent Companion William N. Ponton, P. G. Z., more than meets expectations in his Capitular Correspondence and Review and entitles him to a seat way up in the front row, in which the enchanted reader is taken in the cruise of his special service Squadron

about the known world of the Royal Craft. It requires over two hundred and fifty pages, much of it in small type, in which nothing really worth while is overlooked.

Under Florida he is pleased to note that "Canada was represented by Companion Chester DeRocher, an appropriate name combining English and French and suggesting Canada's two mother countries."

The surmise concerning Companion DeRocher is correct, for he is native of New Brunswick. He is also a member of the same Chapter as the writer of this review.

He also quotes liberally from the address of the Grand High Priest and with apparent approval. As he does also from the writer of the review. Thank you, Companion.

Next Annual in Toronto, Feb. 24 and 25, 1926.

Walter H. Davis, Hamilton, Grand Z.; Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Scribe E.; W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Correspondent.

COLORADO—1925

Chapters, 51. Members, 8,064. Exalted, 280.
Net Gain, 26.

WALTER R. LEWIS, Grand High Priest.

Half a century of Capitular Masonry in the Centennial State was celebrated in connection with the Fifty-first Annual, held in Denver, Sept. 17, 1925. Distinguished Companions from the District of Columbia, Texas, Iowa and Nebraska, as well as M. E. Comp. John W. Neilson,

the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest, added to the importance of the occasion, and yet Florida's recently-appointed Representative was not reported present.

There was one vacant chair in the Permanent Family, which has been occupied by M. E. Comp. George W. Roe, Grand High Priest in 1900, and who, for over a quarter of a century, represented Florida. He will long be remembered for his kindness of heart and willingness to serve.

Capitular matters in this Grand Jurisdiction seem to have received careful attention by Grand High Priest Lewis, who stressed in his address two institutions that have lived through the ages: "The church or those who worship God, and Masonry."

Many minor matters required his attention, and nearly a half of the constituent Chapters were visited, which he well says:

"Is the one thing that repays you for all the time spent, and the troubles that are the prerogatives of a presiding officer."

The Grand High Priest regretted that he was obliged to decide that Colorado laws would not permit a Brother who had lost an arm to become a Chapter Mason.

Another decision was that a Brother who had been elected but who had not received the Chapter degrees, and who was suspended a specified time in the Lodge for un-Masonic conduct, was again eligible to receive the Chapter degrees on being restored to good standing in the Lodge; but Grand Chapter said that suspension or expulsion in the Lodge nullifies such election and requires a new petition.

And still another was that a Chapter might enact a by-law that when any member attains the age of sixty-

five years and has been a contributing member of the Chapter for twenty consecutive years, he may be exempt from all further dues.

Although the Grand High Priest in his visitations found some Chapters that had no designs upon the trestle board, yet he was optimistic and believed that conditions were changing and that these will "be live Chapters in the very near future."

After setting apart twenty-five Companions to the Order of High Priesthood, the visiting guests addressed the Grand Council.

Ex. Comp. H. W. Woodward, for the second time, submits the Correspondence Report as the "under-study" of M. E. Comp. Ernest LeNeve Foster, to whom he pays tribute in saying "he has safely guided us over the rough places." And since which time he, too, has received the final summons. To know Companion Foster was to love him.

Companion Woodward finds but little of general interest in the Florida proceedings to outsiders, but referring to one Chapter which required three of the six decisions made by Grand High Priest Wirt, he opines: "that officers of that Chapter might study the Code to advantage." Florida has a Digest which is comparable to Colorado's Code. His review is pregnant with valuable suggestions of general importance to the Craft, and it is regrettable that conditions will not permit further references to them.

Next Annual in Denver, Sept. 28, 1926.

Robert W. Steen, La Junta, Grand High Priest; Wm. W. Cooper, 310 Masonic Temple, Denver, Grand Secretary; H. W. Woodward, Denver, Correspondent.

CONNECTICUT—1925

Chapters, 44. Members, 16,152. Exalted, 723.
Net Gain, 393.

WILLIAM O. SHELLEY, Grand High Priest

Over a century and a quarter of Capitular activities are suggested by the holding of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual of this Grand Chapter in the City of Hartford, May 12, 1925, with distinguished visitors from several nearby Grand Chapters, who of course were received with customary Grand Honors.

During the year all that was mortal of the Senior Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Augustus A. Blakeslee, who wore the purple of the fraternity in 1888, was consigned to the grave, but the memory of his activities will long be remembered.

Much of the address of Grand High Priest Shelley was given over to a detailed synopsis of his official acts, which passed inspection.

Referring to the recognition of the Grand Chapters of New South Wales, Queensland, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, he expressed the hope that "some day we may be honored by a personal visit from those Grand Jurisdictions, and the picture of the two right hands joined may become a reality." Florida will also be glad to join in the reception.

Somewhat trivial, seemingly, were the reasons advanced for granting several dispensations to advance the hour and change the dates of regular convocations, and quite appropriate, to say the least, was the comment of the Grand High Priest:

Next Annual in Hartford, May 11, 1926.

William Bowers, New Haven, Grand High Priest;
George A. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

DELAWARE—1925

Chapters, 5. Members, 2,065. Exalted, 66, Net Gain, 16.

JOHN E. KRAUSS, Grand High Priest

Of course every Grand Officer was in his proper station, all the council officers from each constituent Chapter, were present, besides Permanent Members from Past Grand High Priests to Past High Priests and Royal Arch Masons galore, as well as distinguished visitors from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, and yet with all this galayx of august dignitaries, Florida was without representation.

The address of Grand High Priest Krauss was a conscientious accounting of stewardship, in which were expressions of pleasure occasioned by greeting new friends and renewing old acquaintances, and yet it was tinged with sadness and regret for the absence of departed Companions, who had gone to join the ever increasing majority.

Much of the address is a recitation of the required official acts, which are unavoidable. Noticeable were two dispensations to open Chapters ahead of time fixed in the by-laws, the propriety of which is seriously doubted by many Grand Chapters. But as this passed inspection at the Jurisprudence station, outsiders, comments are not required.

The question of dispensations would be simplified if High Priests and secretaries would plan their work in advance and carefully review their by-laws, should unusual conditions arise.

The only decision recorded, shows that Connecticut laws require that application for affiliation must be accompanied by a dimit, and he does not favor a mere transfer of membership, which latter procedure, according to the understanding of the writer, savors of dual membership.

There is much sense in this remark of the Grand High Priest:

It is very hard for Past Officers to surrender their pet hobbies, but the Inspecting Officers endeavor to impress upon the High Priest the fact, that although he may have work handed down which does not appeal to his sense of dignity and decorum, it should be eliminated, notwithstanding he may be in disfavor with certain members of his Chapter.

Present day methods of transportation, resurrected an action of several years ago that was "indefinitely postponed," looking to a revision of concurrent jurisdictional lines and which will come up a year hence.

This no doubt well merited criticism is from the otherwise commonplace reports of the visitations of one of the Grand Council Officers;

The work of the other officers, with one exception, was good. The work of the P. S. was extremely poor; insomuch so that it would imply to the candidates that they were attending a musical comedy rather than receiving a dignified Masonic degree.

A distinguishing feature of the Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, when over a score of qualified Companions were set apart, is the

"usual collation at the close." Florida has not yet reached that state of perfection. However, we are living in hopes.

Whatever may have been the previous conception of Past Grand High Priest George A. Kies, he now seems to fully recognize that the Grand Chapter is greater than any one of its constituent members. Not long ago he thought and consequently willed, that he was going to be relieved of further correspondence work, but the great powers that be, said, "Nay, Nay. Let George continue to do it." And he is; and even better than ever, if that be possible.

Under Florida, Companion Kies doubted that the regulation requiring six months' probation of a Master Mason before applying for Chapter degrees "will prove of any marked good." As great minds are said to run in the same channel, Grand Chapter thought the same way after a year's trial, and repealed the regulation.

After quoting from the comments of the writer of this to the effect that "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," Companion Kies continues:

We believe he looks at this matter from a slightly wrong angle. We often find the opinions of our fellow reporters, especially when fortified by strong reasoning, both interesting and instructive. "Let your light so shine, etc."

In our opinion it would still be interesting to know how many times and under what conditions the Grand Chapter of Connecticut enacted laws to conform to expressed opinions of correspondence writers, or even brought about a change of heart in our highly esteemed member of the Guild from the Nutmeg state.

Appreciating the confusion often arising from the expiration of commissions of Grand Representatives with every Triennial, the Grand High Priest recommended amending the regulations so that appointments shall be permanent and only to be withdrawn for cause, and which Grand Chapter approved.

Recognition was granted the new Grand Chapter of Manitoba and also the older of the two Queensland Grand Chapters.

The Grand High Priest attended the Portland Triennial and was so impressed with the exemplification of the Royal Arch degree according to the new General Grand Chapter ritual, that he was "led to wonder if we did not reject the new ritual in this Jurisdiction without fair trial."

"Nothing doing" substantially covers the reports of the several standing committees, for nothing of importance appears to have been referred to any of them.

Three members of the Permanent Family were suitably memorialized: M. E. John W. Lawson, Grand High Priest 1880-1881; M. E. Lambert V. Armstrong, Grand High Priest in 1907; R. E. John B. Martin, Grand Treasurer 1902-1906.

Five qualified Companions petitioned and were advanced to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Once again our genial and talented Companion, Past Grand King Thos. J. Day presents a terse Report on Correspondence which justly elicits the approval and admiration of the members of the Guild and we presume of the other readers.

Under Florida he quotes with approval several paragraphs from the address of the Grand High Priest and comments favorably on other portions. Referring to our last review covering 1923 and 1924, he says the

writer "was a trifle extravagant as more than five pages were consumed in the two reviews." Possibly so, but only that which in the judgment of the writer was appropriate. This time we are evening up a little. Our criticism is that his visits to the writer's city are too homeopathic.

Next Annual in Wilmington, January 20, 1926.

West A. Trotter, Wilmington, Grand High Priest;
John W. Macklem, Wilmington, Grand Secretary; Thos.
J. Day, Wilmington, Correspondent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1925

Chapters, 16. Members, 6,611. Exalted, 306.
Net Gain, 113.

SIMON BUBE, Grand High Priest.

During the year two Special Convocations were held, the first to constitute a new Chapter, and the other to perform the very commendable act of retiring R. E. Companion Arvine W. Johnston, who had served that Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary for twenty-eight years, with the rank of Grand Secretary Emeritus. He had also served the Grand Lodge in a similar capacity twenty-three years, and the Grand Commandery twenty-six years. He is equally respected and beloved outside that Grand Jurisdiction, and one and all rejoice that some of the flowers are being strewn along his pathway while he can enjoy them.

The writer was wondering why Past Grand High Priest Roe Fulkerson was not "among those present"

when the Fifty-eighth Annual convened in the Nation's Capital on February 11, 1925, with all other dignitaries in evidence, including Comp. Geo. R. Davis for Florida, until we read "fraternal greetings were also extended to M. W. Brother Roe Fulkerson, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia." This must serve as an alibi.

The Grand High Priest in his address which was "highly commended" by the powers that be, finds that the "numerical growth alone" of the year 1924 may not measure up to the previous records, but using as a basis of comparison the existing "harmony and cordiality of relations," then indeed "will 1924 stand out as a year of honorable achievement."

During the year the final summons came to M. E. Comp. Charles Becker at the ripe old age of ninety-one, and who was Grand High Priest in 1906.

The only decision was that it is not within the province of a Chapter to issue a duplicate dimit, when the original may be lost, but it may issue a certificate setting forth the facts.

Finding that the actual cost of the Royal Arch hall addition to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home had exceeded the anticipated cost, the Grand High Priest requested a further contribution of fifty cents per capita and which was promptly met, thus practically demonstrating the deep interest entertained by the Companions in this worthy enterprise.

In addition to officially visiting every constituent Chapter, as required by the regulations, the Grand High Priest was also a guest of honor at numerous other occasions, indicating the high esteem in which he was personally held as well as a recognition of the importance of the Grand Chapter, even though a purist might ques-

tion the direct connection of some of them with purely Capitular affairs.

In order that the expenses of the Triennial Convention of the Grand Chapter might be distributed, Grand Chapter adopted the report of the Finance Committee to set aside \$400 each year at interest as a Triennial Fund. Good idea.

Continuing a custom established some years ago, a brief biography is given of one or more of the earlier Past Grand High Priests, on this occasion it being that of M. E. Companion Will A. Short, Grand High Priest in 1888. He also received official recognition in each of the several other Concordant Orders. In view of all this it is difficult for the writer to understand why or how one could be so discourteous, to say the least, as to permit himself, in his latter days, to become unaffiliated in all his Masonic bodies.

The annual meeting of the Convention of the Anointed High Priests was held and all the qualified High Priests of the year were elected, but when a Special was held a month later only nine of the sixteen qualified together with three left-overs of a previous occasion, received the impressive lessons of this degree.

Once again Past Grand High Priest Wm. W. Jermane presents an exceedingly instructive report of the Doings of the Various Grand Chapters. In his "Foreword" he presents somewhat at length, reasons why the Education and Welfare Bill and also the Child Labor Amendment act failed to pass the Sixty-eighth Congress. Companion Jermane is a newspaper man of many years' acquaintance with national affairs and presumably knows what he is writing about.

In his review of Florida he cites the repeal of the probationary period of Master Masons before petition-

ing for other degrees because "they serve no good purpose." As additional evidence he refers to a statement of Past Grand High Priest Smart of Tennessee, to the effect that there "was a falling off of 45 per cent in 1923 in the amount of work done in American Chapters, as compared with 1922."

We appreciate and thank Companion Jermane for the complimentary reference to the review work.

Next Annual in Washington, Feb. 10, 1926.

J. Davis Bradfield, Washington, Grand High Priest;
J. Claude Keiper, Masonic Temple, Washington, Grand Secretary;
W. W. Jermane, Washington, Correspondent.

ENGLAND

Petitions for over a score of new Chapters are reported in the Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and only two were ordered erased, which would indicate that Capitular Masonry working under the English Constitution is making substantial progress. One of those requests is from South Africa and another from the Gold Coast Colony, and among the requests for duplicate charters is one from Japan, the original having been destroyed in the earthquake; and two others were from India.

Recognition was granted the new Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and details are given leading to the re-establishing of fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which was severed many years ago. Assurances were given that the American claim of exclusive jurisdiction would be respected so far as American Grand Chapters are concerned. However, to bring

this about Quebec agreed to recognize the status of St. Paul Chapter No. 374, in the City of Montreal, which is under the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. However, one is led to wonder if the time will not come when that Chapter will become weary of its isolation and voluntarily surrender its English Charter and enter the Quebec fold. Time works wonders.

Under English Regulations officers in the Chapter are usually those who hold relatively similar stations in the Lodge, or rather the Chapter official elections and appointments are consequential upon their standing in the Lodge.

Occasionally it becomes necessary to vary this rule, an instance of which occurred when the Grand Treasurer in the Craft was not an installed First Principal, and it became necessary to elect a Grand Treasurer for the Grand Chapter, undoubtedly the first time in many years.

M.:E.:Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Amptill, the Pro. First Grand Principal, in connection with the annual promotions and appointments to Past Rank, took occasion to make a few observations about the method of conferring Past and Present Rank. He said in part:

The majority of these appointments, like the Grand Principals, are ex-officio appointments, some of which being expressly prescribed by Royal Arch regulations. But what I particularly want to tell you is, that most of the other appointments are consequential on the appointments which the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to make in Grand Lodge, and they are to be regarded, not as additional honorific distinctions, but as necessary qualifications for those duties which the Grand Officers have to perform. There is a very strong movement from below to make the Royal Arch degree what it claims to be—an essential part of pure and Ancient Craft Masonry, and the necessary completion of it, and what I want to beg you to do is to reflect very care-

fully on that Declaration which stands at the head of the Book of Constitutions, "that pure ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal 'Arch,'" and on the fact that, as officers of the Grand Lodge of England you have been appointed ex-officio Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

GEORGIA—1925

Chapters, 165. Members, 19,158. Exalted, 1,030.
Net Gain, 75.

EARLY H. JOHNSON, Grand High Priest.

Less than two-thirds of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction were represented at the One Hundred and Third Annual, held in Macon, April 29 and 30, 1925, but the large quota of Past Grands and Past High Priests brought up the average, Florida being represented by the newly-elected Grand High Priest, and being further graced by the heads of the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery.

Tribute was paid to the memory of Right Excellent Companion Alvin E. Sansburn, Grand Scribe, who with scarcely any warning was summoned to the Supreme Grand Chapter on High.

One regret of the Grand High Priest was, that he was not permitted to give his entire time to the duties of his office, but his visitations were numerous and all his acts passed inspection. His outlook over the work of the year was not encouraging for various reasons, and which to his mind indicated "a growing lack of interest, and should cause concern," and which resulted in the arrest

of the charters of three Chapters and subjecting others to special consideration.

Not being able to find any law permitting such procedure, he quite properly refused to approve a Lodge by-law which would exempt all Past High Priests of that Chapter from dues and would also give them a life membership card.

The Grand High Priest could find no constitutional provision which would authorize the Auditing Committee to reimburse a High Priest for Pullman fare. Neither could he find anything which would "permit the Grand High Priest to pass upon the physical defects or the moral qualifications of a particular candidate."

Among the dispensations granted were several to change the hour of regular convocation, being probably a direct violation of the by-laws. The only one refused was where a High Priest-elect removed before installation to an other state, and which resulted in a constitutional amendment which would permit a dispensation under such circumstances. Under Florida laws the King and Scribe could unite in a request for a dispensation to elect a High Priest and to fill such other vacancies as might occur.

In the report of Grand Lecturer McHan, who is also Grand Secretary, he estimated that he had traveled about 16,000 miles in an auto and 6,000 on train, exclusive of trips to Portland and Washington, made seventy-two official visits and assisted in the conferring of over a thousand Chapter degrees.

The report of the Committee on Education shows that with the \$1,000 at its disposal in loans it enabled five young women and one young man to secure college education for a year.

Although there were over \$21,000 in the Grand Chapter Aged Mason's Home Building Fund, and a promise of \$10,000 more from the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, it was decided to postpone building action another year.

Grand Chapter being impressed with the idea that the time had come when it ought to initiate some worthy enterprise, instructed the committee on the General Welfare of the Order to report a year hence some movement which would in its consummation be of benefit to humanity. A suggestion which met with favor was the erection of a cottage for the care of the tubercular and pulmonary children of Georgia.

The writer of this review is not supposed to concern itself over the appropriations made by the Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, but he could not help noticing that \$250 was set aside for a Past Grand High Priest Jewel, and \$200 for the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and which causes one to wonder which will be of the greater benefit to the Royal Craft of that State.

A year ago our versatile Knight of the Guild Ex. Comp. Charles L. Bass having been appointed to one of the Grand Chapter Vails, he was succeeded by Ex. Companion Pleasant T. McCutchen, and his maiden effort fully bears out the handle of his name. He certainly has our unqualified permission to hold down his job indefinitely.

Under Florida he thinks that while the increasing of per diem of Grand Chapter might help out attendance in Georgia, yet "buying attendance is bad policy in any civic organization." He compliments the Grand High Priest for 1924 by reproducing his opening remarks, which he says he wants "the Craft of Georgia to read."

Next Annual in Macon, April 28, 1926.

Wm. A. Sims, Atlanta, Grand High Priest; Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary; Pleasant T. McCutcheon, Franklin, Correspondent.

IDAHO—1925

Chapters, 24. Members, 2,702. Exalted, 110. Net Loss, 5.

HARRY P. WOLF, Grand High Priest.

Perhaps this sentence from the report of Grand Lecturer Henry Leimberger may account for the figures given above, taken from the proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual, held in Pocatello, May 20-21, 1925:

Accruing largely through financial reasons, there has been very little activity, generally speaking, manifested by the Chapters in our Jurisdiction.

The concise address of Grand High Priest Wolf indicate that his official acts were not arduous, largely routine, and met the approval of Grand Chapter. The report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers makes this comment:

It was rather unfortunate that our Excellent High Priest could not visit the Subordinate Chapters during his administration, owing to the fact that a month of his valuable time had to be spent in attending the General Grand Chapter at Portland, Maine.

All the acts of the Grand High Priest were approved, and it was suggested that the incoming Grand High Priest give special attention to:

The revision of the list of Grand Representatives and also to the formation of some plan that will cause this important portion of our Grand Chapter to properly function.

There is nothing to indicate that Ex. Comp. Edgar J. Finch was present to represent Florida.

Although no member of the official family was summoned to the Supreme Grand Chapter on High during the year, appropriate reference was made to the passing of Companion Edward L. Gauger, who prepared the Fraternal Correspondence for the years 1916-17-18. The older members of the Guild will recall his efficient work.

There is no account of an order of High Priesthood, so undoubtedly Idaho has not yet instituted such an organization. The qualified Companions are missing something.

Ex. Companion Geo. F. Knepper again presents the Fraternal Correspondence report, mentioning such matters as seem to him important, with appropriate comments. There being no reference to Florida, the presumption is that the proceedings failed to reach him. Hope the mails do not miscarry another time.

Next Annual in Wallace, May 18 and 19, 1926.

Mattes Mattson, Gooding, Grand High Priest; Edward H. Way, Boise, Grand Secretary; George E. Knepper, Boise, Correspondent.

ILLINOIS—1925

Chapters, 237. Members, 88,997. Exalted, 4,885.
Net Gain, 2,586.

H. A. CLEVENSTINE, Grand High Priest.

Well attended was the Seventy-sixth Annual, held in Chicago, Oct. 29 and 30, 1925, and in the oration of Grand Chaplain James O'May, he compared present day

conditions with those when this Grand Chapter was formed in the same city seventy-six years previous:

This city of three million people was then only a hamlet of that many hundred souls. The prairies far and wide whereon gather the local Chapters were fairly desolate except for the call of the wolf or the habitation of a solitary settler. French and English were in competition for the mother tongue of our State. New Orleans on the south and Montreal on the north were the outlets for our commerce and trade. Jefferson Davis and U. S. Grant, as well as Black Hawk and Shabbona, were well known names among the cross roads settlers. The log cabin and too often the lean-to hut were palatial residences of the day.

Concise and straight forward was the address of Grand High Priest Clevenstine, in which appropriate tribute was paid to the passing of M. E. Comp. Henry H. Montgomery, who was Grand High Priest in 1909. Reference was also made to a serious but not fatal accident sustained by Past Grand High Priest Nathaniel Bowditch.

During the year two Chapters were constituted, and two dispensations for new Chapters were granted, both of which exhibited such specimens of work that they were given charters.

Nearly eight thousand dollars were quickly raised for the relief of the survivors of the great tornado which visited that state.

Special merited commendation was given Past Grand High Priest Everett R. Turnbull for his unaided services in the preparation of a handsome memorial volume and history of the occasion of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois. It is a volume de luxe and the writer is the proud possessor of one.

To such an extent had the giving of "improper entertainments" by sundry local Chapters, reached that the Grand High Priest found it necessary to issue an order, in which he said:

Hereafter the Excellent High Priest of any Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction will be held strictly accountable, and be subject to discipline for permitting any entertainment or performance of a questionable character to be given by his Chapter, or under the auspices of any organization or so-called club whose membership is made up of members of the Chapter.

It was ordered read at two stated convocations, and Grand Chapter fully approved, as it did of all of his other official acts.

His three decisions prohibited the disposing of Chapter funds for objects not strictly Masonic, one of which was for the securing of a right of way for a State Hard Roads system, and another to assist financially in the formation of a DeMolay Chapter.

It being found that a farm comprising part of the land on which the Old Folks Home is located had been deeded to the Grand Chapter, it was re-deeded to Grand Lodge. An appropriation of \$5,000 was also made for the support and maintenance of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital in connection with this Home.

Grand Chapter ruled that when a Past High Priest dimits from a Chapter and later affiliates with another Chapter in the State, that he should be carried upon the returns of the latter Chapter as Past High Priest by affiliation.

The eloquent oration of Grand Chaplain James O'May was in the nature of "a connecting link to tie-up the times of Solomon with the days of Christ and make way for the Masonic preaching of the period of the Crusades." In closing he said:

We may write high designs on our trestle-board and guard well the vessels of the Holy Ghost. But no quest can be to us the quest of the Holy Grail unless it carries with it the benediction of its God.

One hundred and three Companions, an unusually large proportion, were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations is again prepared by Past Grand High Priest Turnbull, in which he discusses the power of a Grand High Priest to set aside the law by dispensation and reaches this conclusion:

That every Grand Chapter has ample authority to limit the powers of the Grand High Priest to issue dispensations or to permit him to exercise his best judgment in the disposal of any question that may arise.

Under Florida he noted that Grand High Priest Wirt "kept a guiding hand on Capitular affairs throughout the year," and also makes this comment relative to Stafford Caldwell as Grand Captain of the Host:

Attention is called to this because his father John M. Caldwell, was Grand High Priest in 1914. This is, perhaps, the only instance where a son is in line to succeed his father in this high office.

There are comparatively few better informed students of Capitular Masonry than Past Grand High Priest Turnbull, and this was recognized by his recent appointment as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations in the General Grand Chapter by General Grand High Priest John A. Blake, to serve in the interim between the Triennials. It was a deserved honor to him as well as to the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Next Annual in Chicago, Oct. 28 and 29, 1926.

A. J. Schattgen, Jerseyville, Grand High Priest;
James E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary; E. R.
Turnbull, Carlinville, Correspondent.

INDIANA—1925

Chapters, 121. Members, 33,361. Exalted, 1,336.
Net Gain, 342.

LAWRENCE F. MAYS, Grand High Priest.

It is self evident that Capitular Masonry stands for something specific in the Hoosier State, for only five constituent Chapters failed to participate in the deliberations of the Eightieth Annual, held in Evansville, Oct. 21-22, 1925. Of course all its own members who are also members in the two General Grands were guests of honor, as well as General Grand High Priest John Albert Blake and General Grand Master Bert S. Lee, of the General Grand Council, besides General Grand King Charles C. Davis, General Grand Scribe Leon T. Leach, as well as several who were merely Grand Officers.

Grand High Priest Mays, in his somewhat brief but comprehensive address, informed his hearers at the outset:

I want you all to know that I accepted this office of Grand High Priest with open arms and with as much enthusiasm as a school boy, and it was with this feeling of interest and delight that I entered upon my official duties.

He, as well as the special Necrology Committee, memorialized the late Most Excellent Thomas R. Marshall,

who was Grand High Priest in 1899, and Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1895.

The Grand High Priest was burdened with the more or less customary requests requiring dispensations in order to comply with statutory regulations. This leads one to wonder if the Royal Craft could not be equally safeguarded with less "red tape" regulations. If you will pardon the presumption of the writer, he was not called upon during his year of administration for anything like the number of requests that appear in many other Grand Chapter proceedings, and yet to the best of our knowledge and belief Florida does not appear to suffer by reason of the absence of regulations requiring so many special dispensations.

Substantially all the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved, with some slight changes pertaining to internal matters of no interest to outsiders.

According to the rulings of the Grand High Priest:

Automatic reinstatement in the Chapter follows reinstatement for dues in the Lodge.

That the conferring of a so-called Past Master's degree by Lodge Past Masters upon the incoming Master of a Lodge was not in conflict with Chapter jurisdiction and authority.

That the arrest of a Lodge charter does not necessarily mean the surrender of a charter, and that even then when nine members of a Chapter hold their membership in another Lodge the Chapter will not be affected.

That a dimitted Lodge member in order to hold Chapter membership must petition some Lodge every six months, in case of rejection, otherwise he is without Capitular standing.

In connection with one of the visitations the Grand High Priest was enabled to make when he witnessed the Mark Master degree, he said:

The fact that each officer was in his place and station, and tried *his best* to do his part was an inspiration to me and gave me new ideas to hand on to the other Chapters in the State.

The writer had always supposed that each officer always tried to do *his best* on the occasion of visitations of Grand Officers.

Grand Chapter heartily approved the recommendation of the Grand High Priest to abolish the "moon schedule," by substituting a definite day or days within the calendar month.

Action looking to a specific regulation, prescribing for what purposes Lodge or Chapter rooms could be used, was postponed a year.

Grand Secretary Woods in his report, refers to a situation occupying the attention of many other Grand Secretaries, the fact that suspensions and dismissals are dangerously near equalling the number of exaltations. His statement is equally applicable to almost all other Grand Bodies, and is worthy of serious consideration:

We have been losing "war time fervor," but eight years should be sufficient to reach normalcy. Companions, we will have to wake up, find the remedy for this malady, and cure it.

The out-of-state distinguished visitors also attended the Council of High Priests, when forty-eight qualified Companions were set apart to this Holy Order.

For fifteen years Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods has been presenting the Annual Capitular Review. Like all good things which improve with age, each year's work, if it be possible, is an improvement over the preceding one, and serves as an inspiration to those who are more youthful in this labor of love in the interests of the Royal Craft.

Florida is given careful attention, but unqualified approval is not given all its actions. Companion Woods thinks recognition should have been given the first Grand Chapter organized in Queensland which was in 1918, believing that it may be a "long time waiting for a more harmonious settlement of Capitular matters there." Maybe so, but the Correspondence Committee thought differently.

He also objects to our regulation requiring a petitioner to wait a year when removing permanently from another Grand Jurisdiction to Florida. A requirement which he considers too "hard boiled." A citizen coming from another State is required to wait a year before he gains citizenship; why should a different requirement apply to a Masonic petitioner?

He further informs ye scribe that "in the Northern Jurisdiction it is a matter of frequent occurrence to publicly receive the presiding officer of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery at a Scottish Rite reunion."

Next Annual in Elkhart, Oct. 26, 1926.

Karl F. Bosworth, Vincennes, Grand High Priest;
Robert A. Woods, Princeton, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

IOWA—1925

Chapters, 127. Members, 23,860. Exalted, 1,080.
Net Loss, 84.

HARRY E. VIRDEN, Grand High Priest.

Notwithstanding the small net loss in membership during the year, an optimistic spirit appears to have pervaded the Seventy-second Annual, held at Carroll, Oct.

8 and 9, 1925, with a full complement of officials, including Florida's Grand Representative; and the distinguished visitors were its own members who occupied presiding stations in the other York Rite bodies.

Concise and business-like was the address of the Grand High Priest who was delighted that there had been no breaks in the permanent ranks. In passing through its reconstruction period, he said, this Grand Chapter was now looking more to the quality of its petitioners rather than striving for quantity, and in that way "is truer to its historic past."

The most serious condition confronting the Grand Chapter, in his opinion, was that of unpaid dues. He found in one Chapter, where the dues were two dollars a year, that one member was nineteen years in arrears, and several instances where they were from five to ten years in arrears. And this in substance is the excuse generally offered:

So and so has a number of friends here who will be mad if we suspend him, and as I am in business here I don't feel justified in taking the chance of losing my customers.

Most if not all of the Chapters which have come to the personal notice of the writer are looking at it from a different angle, and suspensions usually follow when the members are two years in arrears for dues.

The Grand High Priest, in his visitations, adopted the quite uncommon but really commendable practice of making his visits "unannounced," for he said, "he wished to see how these meetings were attended and the regular business conducted." And this is what he did find:

The attendance at these meetings, on the whole, was inexcusably poor, and the manner of transacting business indifferent and without justification. Yet, it is at these regular meetings that the

policy of the Chapter is determined and the income of the Chapter is spent. I wish it were possible to impress on every Royal Arch Mason that the regular convocations of his Chapter are the most important ones of the year.

A more careful study of the Code by Chapter officers would probably have made unnecessary most if not all of the decisions of the Grand High Priest; none of which bring out any new principles.

Because a regular Chapter convocation would occur Christmas Eve, he refused a request for a dispensation made two weeks before because, "a Grand High Priest or a Chapter cannot tell ahead of time whether a quorum would be present or not." He also ruled that a Grand High Priest does not have the authority to either allow or disallow a consolidation of a Chapter.

He recommended that a traveling auditor be appointed to visit each Chapter once in four years, and that he be empowered with authority to suspend at once those members who have not paid their dues in accordance with the Code, but Grand Chapter said the Board of Custodians had sufficient authority in that matter.

Only twenty-nine qualified Companions deemed it worth while to take the Order of High Priesthood, which prompted the Most Excellent President, Companion C. Huttenlocher, who by the way is an enthusiast in this exceptionally exclusive appendant order, to say in his address:

The Order of High Priesthood is not a compulsory order, and those who have not, or do not seek admission to this Holy Order, do not know or realize that this is one of the most instructive and impressive degrees in Masonry, as all who have received it give testimony of its beauty and importance, and are ever ready to laud its purpose.

The Order of High Priesthood is like unto Melchizedek, it has neither father nor mother, except that the Grand Chapter tolerates its existence by offering it shelter, but it must provide for itself, and in return feels that it is under the care of the Grand Chapter and subservient to its wishes. Perhaps that is authority enough, if the president will observe and carry out the obligations he has taken and given to others and also keeps in due bounds within the Masonic landmarks.

The cost of conferring this order is but a trifle, and the money and time well spent. The ritual, as we confer it, was adopted in St. Louis, March, 1895, and is known as the Chamberlain Ritual and is used in many of the States; but it is better adapted for use as a preliminary step to installation, and not after an installation.

This ritual can be easily changed or modified to be used in conferring it on any High Priest after his installation, but in my opinion it should be referred to some committee and be made uniform and so used in all States. I presume the best time to consider this matter will be at a General Grand Chapter convocation when there is a good attendance of the membership.

Following the advance suggestion made by Companion Huttenlocher, there was some interest manifested at the Portland Triennial, but in his absence there seemed to be no one to take the lead, and so far as the writer knows it received no concerted action. This matter could well be considered by those most interested, and we believe a little portion of the time at the coming Denver Triennial, could be profitably set apart for this purpose. We suppose it is up to the several presidents to take the initiative.

For the ninth time Past Grand High Priest Edward M. Willard submits a Report on Correspondence in which prominence is given to the reproduction of the salient features found in the several proceedings, and he reaches the conclusion that "Capitular Masonry is doing a practical work throughout the Nation;" and he truthfully

adds, "There is but one life to live and God intends us to so improve ourselves that the living of that life is worth while."

He finds nothing under Florida worth reproducing. Referring to the work of the writer, he says: "He was unique in that he held the office of Grand High Priest as well as Correspondent during the year 1924." Permit the suggestion that although the incorrect spelling of our first name might suggest it, yet we disclaim all connection with the famous biblical character "Eli."

Next Annual in Dubuque, Oct. 14 and 15, 1926.

Arthur D. Meeker, Ames, Grand High Priest; O. F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary; Edward M. Willard, Atlantic, Correspondent.

KENTUCKY—1925

Chapters, 131. Members, 20,546. Advanced, 957.
Net Gain, 258.

W. R. JOHNSTON, Grand High Priest.

Ye correspondent would appreciate it, and possibly others as well, if each "Chapter Statistics" somewhere, included as well the actual number of active Chapters, it would avoid vexatious delay and possible error. Being a stationary body the One Hundred and Eighth Annual was held in Louisville, Oct. 21-22, 1925. All the Grand Officers were present and with two exceptions all the living Past Grand High Priests since 1885, surely a remarkable record. Also Florida's Grand Representative, Virgil P. Smith, who was advanced to the station of Deputy Grand High Priest.

Strictly business is the address of Grand High Priest Johnston, and it is equally optimistic, for he says:

Take it all in all, Royal Arch Masonry in Kentucky today stands upon a higher plane, is a greater influence, has finer capacity, and points in the direction of a more splendid achievement than ever before, all of which redound to the honor of the Royal Craft.

Taking up somewhat categorically his address, in reply to a query, he emphatically advised a High Priest, in the case of a Companion who had pleaded guilty to a heinous offense, that he should be tried and expelled from Masonry as quickly as the Code will permit, even though charges had been preferred in both Lodge and Commandery.

Investigation showed that a Chapter which was originally chartered in 1871, became defunct in 1881, was permitted to resume work in 1891 under a dispensation, and had since been working without a charter, which apparently was overlooked at the time, but which at this time was ordered to receive a duplicate of the original Charter.

The Grand High Priest took exceptions to the statement of Companion W. W. Clarke, in the "Doings of other Grand Chapters" of the year previous, in connection with the reference to the edict of the General Grand High Priest in the Texas-Mexico controversy, in which Companion Clark said in the review of Texas:

We think, we can think no otherwise, that, outside the United States, in unoccupied territory, the Grand Chapter of Texas has the same authority to establish new Chapters that any other Grand Chapter has.

Grand High Priest Johnston took this position, and Grand Chapter concurred:

It might be true that the Grand Chapter of Texas has the same authority to establish new Chapters that any other Grand Chapter has, but it is not true that the Grand Chapter of Texas has the same authority to establish new Chapters that the General Grand Chapter of the United States has.

Acting upon the recommendation of a previous Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, at the suggestion of the Jurisprudence Committee approved a scheme by which subordinate Chapters were permitted to adopt resolutions commendatory of some particular individual for line office in that body. This plan of electioneering, says the Grand High Priest:

Is being constantly augmented until in the course of a few years we will have exhibitions of politics that will add no lustre to the crowning glory of Royal Arch Masonry.

He strongly condemned the practice as antagonistic to a Grand Chapter regulation and recommended that it cease at once, and of course Grand Chapter approved.

In common with all bodies using a "moon schedule" peculiar situations occasionally arise, and this prompted the Grand High Priest to make this suggestion:

I think it would be a good idea if that Chapter (which for this reason was prevented from holding an election of officers any where near the required time), and possibly some others, would quit meeting in the moon and set a special time for stated meetings on the earth.

He refused to grant a dispensation to a Chapter to ballot on candidates at a called meeting, because the law giving the Grand High Priest such authority was repealed several years previous. In fact the writer is not alone in the opinion that it is questionable if a Grand

High Priest should have the authority to permit a Chapter to violate a Grand Chapter law.

The plan of continuous membership through transfer instead of by dimit sometimes brings about peculiar conditions. A Kentucky Companion who resided in another State, presented his official receipt for dues, to the Chapter in that city, and as was customary at that time was elected to membership, but for some reason the Kentucky Chapter failed to receive the proper request for a dimit, with the result later that the former Kentucky Companion received a statement for dues after he had been paying dues to his newer Chapter several years. There was considerable correspondence as well as some annoyance, which would not have been occasioned under the plan of an outright dimit.

Owing to poor rail connections General Grand High Priest John Albert Blake and the Acting General Grand Captain of the Host, M. E. Comp. Arthur D. Prince, did not participate in the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, and were only present at the evening banquet, at which time they made addresses.

In passing, permit the writer to bring to the attention of the Grand Secretary that M. E. Companion James W. Boyd, who for so many years was Kentucky's Grand Representative, was several years ago translated to the Supreme Chapter on High, and the writer had the privilege of recommending as his successor, R. E. Companion E. L. Shear, of Daytona, who before this appears in the proceedings will in all probability be occupying the Grand East. Of course the continuation of Companion Boyd's name in the Kentucky proceedings is a pure oversight.

Once again Past Grand Master William W. Clarke

presents an exceedingly interesting and instructive report of the Doings of Other Grand Chapters, which is well worth the attention of every Capitular Craftsman in his State as well as all others having access to it. Much as we would like to reproduce some of his sane conclusions, conditions will not permit. And the "only fly in the ointment" is that for some reason Florida failed to reach him.

Next Annual in Louisville, Oct. 19, 1926.

Frank D. Rash, Earlington, Grand High Priest; G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary; W. W. Clarke, Owensboro, Correspondent.

LOUISIANA—1925

Chapters, 58. Members, 9,140. Exalted, 780.
Net Gain, 487.

DAVID ETTINGER, Grand High Priest.

Uneventful are the proceedings of the Seventy-eighth Annual, held in New Orleans, Feb. 2 and 3, 1925, and which was "declared open in due and ancient form." Florida was represented. Reference was made to the serious illness of Past Grand High Priest Joseph Sinai, and who passed away shortly afterwards.

Grand High Priest Ettinger, in his address, strongly emphasized the importance of the great Masonic cardinal virtue of tolerance in religious belief, which he gives as one of the reasons why Masonry has existed through the ages:

All kinds of men including those of different beliefs and of different races come within the broad sweep of its tolerant spirit,

and learn to look upon the opinions of others, religious, or otherwise, with the same toleration they expect to receive for their own.

The true spirit of Masonry is the spirit of service and unselfishness, so beautifully portrayed by the three sojourners from Babylon offering their services in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the House of God in the city of their fathers without the hope of fee or reward.

Not being able by reason of family illness to visit all the Chapters, he did the next best thing and deputized Past Grand High Priest, H. F. Grimm, who between them with a possible exception or two visited every Chapter in the State, and which enabled him to report "that Capitular Masonry is making splendid progress in this Jurisdiction." It also won him over to a greater belief in statewide meetings. One of these occasions included St. Tammany Chapter, and the oddity of this name in connection with Capitular Masonry brings out this information, the application of which was no doubt appreciated by those responsible for establishing this particular name:

Society of Tammany, or Columbian Order, founded in New York City in 1789, as counterweight to the so-called "aristocratic" Society of the Cincinnati; deriving its name from a noted friendly Delaware chief named Tammany, who had been canonized by the soldiers of the Revolution as the patron saint of America. The grand sachem and thirteen sachems were intended to typify the president and the governors of the thirteen original states. Politically it represented distrust of "aristocratic" policies.

Among the other activities of the Grand High Priest are included the constituting of four Chapters as well as granting dispensations for two others. At the beginning of his official year he stated he resolved not to grant dispensations to ballot short of time, but by reason of strenuous supplications from Chapters so as "to make

a better showing for their year's work," he was persuaded to modify that determination, and this is the way the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence looked at it:

That the Grand High Priest's action in permitting several subordinate Chapters to ballot on applications before the expiration of the delays required by the Constitution was inadvisable and unconstitutional. We do not believe that the Grand High Priest, even in the goodness of his heart or by reason of his kindly disposition, should ever violate a plain provision of the Constitution. We, therefore regret that this report does not approve his action.

The Grand High Priest brought to the attention of Grand Chapter that its official title was expressed in three different ways, and recommended the adoption of some one specific name. A revision committee will report a year later.

Recognition was granted the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland, and fraternal relations were again established with Scotland.

An address by Ex. President C. C. Weir preceded the anointing of thirteen qualified Companions to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Grand Secretary John A. Davilla for the fifth time reviews the proceedings of the different Grand Chapters and finds the key note to be:

The general acceptance of the rule of our governing body, that the spirit of levity that had been permitted was not in keeping with the dignity of the ceremonies, and we have been able to discover but isolated instances of reproof on account of violations of the rule.

The report of Companion Davilla is a fine specimen of work and passes inspection at this station. And his courteous consideration of Florida is much appreciated.

Next Annual in New Orleans, Feb. 2, 1926.
 Leon S. Haas, Opelousas, Grand High Priest; John
 A. Davilla, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, Grand Sec-
 retary and Correspondent.

MAINE—1925

Chapters, 67. Members, 17,398. Exalted, 844.
 Net Gain, 465.

DAVID L. WILSON, Grand High Priest.

Having been privileged to attend the General Grand Chapter Triennial at Portland, it seems like a home-coming to read the proceedings of the One Hundredth Annual held in Portland, May 5 and 6, 1925. And we almost find ourself saying "Howdy, Companion," to the full official roster. The missus, the daughter and the writer often live over again those wonderful events from the lobsters at Westcustogo Inn to the final farewells.

Distinguished fraters from other Grand Chapters including General Grand High Priest John A. Blake with many Past Grands made memorable this century of Capitular Masonry, but Florida was not represented.

The occasion was saddened because of the passing into the other life of three permanent members: M. .E. .Comp. Winfield S. Hinckley, Grand High Priest in 1899 and 1900; M. .E. .Comp. Wilmer J. Dorman, Grand High Priest in 1911, and R. .E. .Comp. Charles M. Sleeper, Grand Scribe in 1904.

Through the workings of a well arranged system each Chapter in the State received an official visitation

from the Grand High Priest or another Grand Officer, and the reports of these visitations give evidence of the stability of the Royal Craft. Excellent specimens of work were submitted by the two Chapters working under dispensation from the last Annual and they were given charters, but by reason of disturbances having arisen in other quarries, the Grand High Priest did not deem it expedient to favor two requests for dispensations for two other Chapters. He did, however, give three Chapters permission to take their charters and go to another Lodge room within their territorial Jurisdiction and there work one or more Capitular degrees. But this did not appeal favorably to the Jurisconsults, of whom our revered friend and Companion, M. .E. .Thomas H. Bodge, is chairman, and Grand Chapter thought likewise by adopting this report:

We are of opinion such procedure is not in accord with the law or earlier practice. We must admit that the Grand High Priest had recent precedents to follow, but not to warrant the dispensations. The charter recites the members are authorized to meet and do work at a certain place. The Chapter is the creature of the Grand Chapter, and unless special provision is made in the premises only the Grand Chapter can give authority for the removal of the charter. We recommend the dispensations granted to Chapters to work degrees at other places than named in the charters be not approved.

Some confusion appears to have grown out of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter meeting the same week, whereby a Lodge officer would bring a proxy for a Chapter officer in order to have the Chapter represented. Deciding to place the Chapter on its own footing, a new regulation provides "that no proxy of any officer of any subordinate Chapter shall be allowed to draw any part of the allowance."

At one of the Grand Chapter schools those present had the "opportunity to hear the corrections from the only ritual in Maine." Florida Grand Chapter is not so exclusive, but Florida Grand Lodge has not even the scratch of a pen.

Grand Recorder Davis in his report to the Order of High Priesthood, states that an effort was made to have an exemplification of the ritual at the time of the Portland Triennial, but the "week was so crowded with other attractions it did not seem feasible." Twenty-one Companions were set apart at this year's Annual. While each one receives a copy of the Bible, a Diploma, the necessity of which is not quite apparent, requires an extra simoleon.

M. .E. .Companion Thomas H. Bodge, in his excellent review of the year's proceedings, reaches a conclusion that others will agree with:

After reviewing what others have said relative to the Portland Triennial, and from my own experience and observation, I think the meeting in our own borders was one that clarified the situation more than any other in years; and that we may say, all is peace in the Capitular world.

His review of Florida is sympathetic and pleasing, and while complimenting Grand Secretary Webster on the promptness of getting out the 1924 proceedings, yet Companion Davis has reason to be "chesty" in getting out the Maine work in seven days, certainly a record.

Replying to a query of Comp. Bodge, under Florida laws the King presides in the absence of the High Priest, and in the absence of both, then it falls upon the Scribe to preside only; neither succeed to the official title, and in no case does the scribe succeed to the station of the King.

Again referring to the Jacksonville Chapter conferring all the degrees at time of Grand Chapter is "rather hurrying along," he thinks, and wants to know how they had "made suitable proficiency." Florida candidates do not have to pass examinations in Chapter as in Lodge work.

Companion Bodge thinks Florida "showed good sense" in not putting into operation the joint convocation idea for rounding out big classes. Others think the same way.

Lest we forget, the "boys" send a cordial invitation to Tom and Charley to come down where it is summer all the year and where there is no winter.

Next Annual in Portland, May 4, 1926.

Charles H. Bangs, Orono, Grand High Priest; Charles B. Davis, Masonic Temple, Portland, Grand Secretary; Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Correspondent.

MANITOBA—1925

Chapters, 14. Members, 1,610. Initiated, 134.
Net Gain, 79.

FRED L. NEWMAN, Grand Z.

Patriotic songs greeted the distinguished frater visitors from both sides of the forty-seventh parallel who assisted in opening the Second Annual of this lively two-year-old, in the City of Winnipeg, February 4, 1925, with Florida sharing in the honors.

The Most Excellent Grand Z. took pardonable pride in his address in referring to the wonderful growth in

membership the past year, much of which he attributes to the careful work of the Grand Superintendents, and which of course is commendable. But when the Grand Z. tells us that he has personally visited each Chapter in the Jurisdiction we feel justified in paraphrasing, "Why don't you speak for yourself, Fred?" Uniformity of work and correct interpretation of the ritual was the theme of his talks to the Chapters on his official visitations, and he further well says:

If the clean ceremony of the ritual, which is intended to teach and illustrate great truths, does not appeal to the officers of a Chapter, then a mistake has been made in their selection.

All the acts of the Grand Z. passed inspection, but Florida Companions would not know what to do with a by-law approval "which referred to the manner in which nominations for office are to be made at the election of officers."

Most business matters come before Grand Chapter through the report of the Grand Executive Committee. It decided that a Mark Master Mason who had received his Mark in a Craft Lodge could not sit in a Lodge under Royal Arch control. It also prescribed the dimensions of the Keystone:

Length of side 7 inches, length through center $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches, width at bottom $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches, width at top $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, thickness $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches all over.

It was a pleasure for the Grand Scribe E. to report that out of a possible 63 Grand Chapters, 52 had at that time extended fraternal recognition.

An established regulation provides that hereafter in conferring the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master

degrees, the Chapter first open and close in the Royal Arch degree and then open in the particular subordinate degree; but that in an Emergent meeting for a subordinate degree, it would not be necessary to open in the Royal Arch.

Another year, if this constitutional amendment passes, every Companion will be required, when he pays his dues, to furnish proof that he is a Mason in good standing in a Craft Lodge. Other Grand Chapters might with propriety take notice.

There appears to be no order of High Priesthood. Ex. Companion John Parton submits a Report on Correspondence that is as instructive as it is interesting, and it is hoped that it receives the careful reading by the Companions of Manitoba it deserves. Every page contains a gem, and did conditions permit they would be reproduced.

Under Florida he quotes liberally from the Grand High Priest's address and comments favorably. We like his style very much and cordially welcome him to the Guild.

This writer with others wondered why a representative of North Dakota should have been deputized to formally start off the new Grand Chapter of Manitoba, but Companion Parton under Kansas states that "North Dakota acted on the request of the G. Z. of Canada," because it would have taken almost a two days' journey each way for the G. Z. of Canada to come to Winnipeg, while it only took about six hours for the North Dakota representative, and "time is the essence" of many arrangements.

Next Annual in Winnipeg, Feb. 3, 1926.

William Fraser, Neepawa, Grand Z.; Harry F. Moulden, 171 Market St., Winnipeg, Grand Scribe E.

MARYLAND—1924

Chapters, 25. Members, 9,494. Exalted, 664.
Net Gain, 400.

CHARLES H. CARROLL, Grand High Priest.

One Special Convocation for the purpose of constituting Doric Chapter in December, of the year previous, preceded the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual, held in Baltimore December 9, 1924, with two stations vacant: R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest Dan F. Billmyer having been summoned in June, and R. E. Grand Chaplain Rev. Edward W. Wroth in August, as well as Past Grand High Priest Charles F. Cochrane having passed on earlier in the year, and who filled the Grand East in 1907. Florida was well represented by Past Grand High Priest L. Dorsey Gassaway.

Many necessary minor details are recorded by the Grand High Priest in his address. Among the dispensations granted was this one:

To confer the four Chapter Degrees on a class of fifteen, provided that a recess of three hours be taken between the Most Excellent Master's Degree and the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree, and this entire time to be devoted to the instruction of these candidates.

He decided that it would not be proper for any Past High Priest to open and preside in the absence of all three Council officers. Florida has a regulation that under such conditions the youngest Past High Priest present is authorized to preside.

He refused to permit a Chapter to unite with another Chapter in conferring the degrees, because "a Chapter is

not a movable body, and holds its Charter 'to hold and do work' at a stated place."

He found it necessary to advise a High Priest that nine members were necessary to open and close a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

There being "no authority vested in any one to appoint a Deputy Grand High Priest, pro tem," Grand Chapter concurred in the recommendation of the Jurisconsults that such appointment be changed to read "Representative of this Grand Chapter."

Hereafter the elaborate apron presented to the outgoing Grand High Priest will be presented at time of installation.

Every Chapter was urged "to open and close all degrees in Full Form at least once each year." Why not each time?

A luncheon preceded and commemorated the One-Hundredth Annual Convocation of the Order of High Priesthood.

Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., again presents the Report on Correspondence.

Florida receives friendly consideration with extracts from the address of the Grand High Priest and other favorable comments.

Companion Branch intimates there was no reference to Maryland. It must have failed in some way to reach the writer. Certainly the omission was not of intent.

Next Annual in Baltimore, December 8, 1925.

Charles P. Morningstar, Baltimore, Grand High Priest; Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore, Grand Secretary; Rev. Henry Branch, D. D., Baltimore, Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS—1925

Chapters, 96. Members, 41,518. Exalted, 1,664.
Net Gain, 791.

HARRY G. POLLARD, Grand High Priest.

For some reason the reviewer is unable to find but little of interest to outsiders in the 1925 proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. Indicating the antiquity of its organization Quarterly Convocations are held, the first three of which are largely for the presentation of committee reports, which are of interest to members only. At the March Quarterly a memorial was presented for M. E. Companion Smith E. Harrington, who was Grand High Priest in 1875 and 1876.

The sessions are held in the evening and always include an able address, followed by the closing ceremonies in the banquet room.

The address of the Grand High Priest was presented at the Fourth, called the Annual, and is largely a detailed account of his fraternal visitations, both inside and outside the Grand Jurisdiction. Of course there were a large number of notable Masonic dignitaries present, nine Grand Jurisdictions being represented.

The annual appropriation to the Grand Chapter Fund for the Masonic Home was reduced from \$500 to \$200, and \$200 was donated to each of the widows of two Past Grand High Priests. Included in the dispensations granted were five to attend divine service and two to transact the business of a Regular Convocation at a Special Convocation.

The Annual is an all-day session, the daytime being given to the exemplification of the four Chapter degrees,

the total time of exemplification being 4 hours and 26 minutes, 1 hour and 47 minutes of which were required in the Royal Arch degree, including the lecture and all other fixings. Chapters desiring to conserve time might learn something to advantage from the Massachusetts procedure.

Florida was represented only at the first Quarterly, and at no time were half of the Grand Chapters in which Massachusetts is in fraternal relations present, which would indicate that the matter of Grand Chapter representation is not taken over seriously.

Eighty-eight Companions petitioned and eighty-four were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

The Capitular Review is again presented by Past Grand High Priest Frederick T. Comee, who is also the Grand Secretary, in which the Grand Treasurer's Report is always given prominence.

Florida is given careful consideration and from it is learned that differing from Florida, all Massachusetts officers, are "obligated for the time for which they have been elected or appointed, for installation is considered necessary if re-elected or appointed." He also states that when Chapters attend divine service the dispensations permit "wearing collars and aprons but without banners or music." He further adds, to which we believe all will agree:

Conditions existing in the different States may prevent perfect agreement in the customs and requirements of the Grand Chapters, but I believe they are all earnestly giving their best service for the advancement of Capitular Masonry.

Henry G. Pollard, Lowell, Grand High Priest; Frederick T. Comee, Masonic Temple, Boston, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

MICHIGAN—1925

Chapters, 167. Members, 45,810. Exalted, 2,276.
Net Gain, 1,256.

WM. E. GOFF, Grand High Priest.

Capitular dignitaries, eclipsing all previous gatherings, in both number and importance, characterized the Seventy-seventh Annual, held in Detroit, March 9 and 10, 1925. Of course all Grand Officers were present and most everybody else of importance except Florida's representative, who was conspicuously absent, probably because his home address is given as Tampa, Florida. Grand Officers from Canada, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, assisted in making this a long to-be-remembered occasion.

With characteristic modesty Grand High Priest Goff, whom to know is to love, avoiding rhetorical flights, presented an address covering the important official activities of the year. He first paid tribute to Comp. M. E. Wm. G. Hudson, who was Grand High Priest in 1890, and who was the "dean" of the Past Grands; M. E. Comp. Arthur A. Stevens, Grand High Priest in 1910, and R. E. Frank V. Hale, Grand Scribe.

Official visitations and DeMolay activities, were outstanding features in his year's work, especially the latter, which seemed to occupy the Grand High Priest's spare time when otherwise not engaged and without neglecting Capitular duties.

As a result of his numerous visitations, on most occasions accompanied by other Grand Officers, and the efforts of the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Chapter of Michigan has succeeded in effectually placing the ban on "rough stuff," and the accompanying pernicious floor

work. Congratulations. What Michigan Grand Chapter has done can be done by any other Grand Chapter. There is neither sense nor reason for "tomfoolery" anywhere in Masonic work. If there be left any misguided Chapters that still persist in their nefarious work, let them read the handwriting on the wall and repent before it be too late.

During the year two U. D. dispensations were granted, and one Chapter constituted. Fortunately Florida was able to even up on courtesy work—one request made and one granted.

Particularly gratifying must it have been to Grand High Priest Goff that no decisions were requested because, he says, "all matters which have come up have been fully covered by my predecessors in office."

All of his official acts were fully approved, but it does seem that some of the requests for special dispensations were rather trivial, being based on the "hurry up" desire—"might put in their application for the initial class in the new commandery." "Might have sufficient material to make up another team to wind up the year."

Complying with numerous requests Grand High Priest Goff prepared a flag ceremony which was exempted before Grand Chapter and was approved and made obligatory.

A commendable feature of this Grand Chapter was that no time was wasted, spare minutes between reports being given to addresses by some of the distinguished guests. Even a resume of speakers or themes is not feasible, but this one extract from the address of Grand High Priest Darrow, of Pennsylvania, who said "we are trying in Pennsylvania to make Masons, not numbers or members," is worth considering:

I am inclined to think that we forget at times that character cannot be enacted by conference or decreed by a general assembly.

In the final analysis it would seem to me that our troubles came back to the home, to the parents, to the schools, to the church, and to our great fraternity; and that in this we have a mission to perform, and that we have a duty to help mold that young character, so that, in after years, they will become good citizens as well as good Masons, if they become Masons, or, in any event, good citizens. We ought to recognize that character is character, and from it flows both good and bad.

Florida Grand Chapter, at its last Annual, adopted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as a result of extended inquiries to postpone recognition of either of the Grand Chapters of Queensland. Similar information appears to have been received by the Michigan Committee, with the addition of a later communication from Thomas C. Moxley the Grand Scribe E. of the earlier formed Queensland Chapter, stating that six delegates from each of the two Grand Chapters had been appointed "to meet in conference with a view of bringing about unity of the two Grand Chapters." This seems to fully confirm the position taken by the Florida committee.

What promises to be a valuable and helpful adjunct to Freemasonry as a whole in the State was formed during the year, largely through the efforts of Grand High Priest Goff, and is called the Masonic Grand Council of Michigan. It is composed of the Council Officers, Secretaries and Grand Lecturers of all the York Rite Bodies and of the Council of Deliberation of the Scottish Rite. Its purpose and function it is stated—

Is to encourage the co-ordination of interests in all of the Masonic bodies of the state and to diffuse light and information, and in every way, possible, to do our full duty to Masons.

There seems to be no "patent applied for" attached to it and the outline reads as though it might be worth

looking into by any one interested. Grand Secretary Charlie Conover is very obliging. Ask him about it.

The gala event of each Annual is the dinner of the Past Grand High Priests' Association, the guests of honor this year being the visiting Past Grands.

Fifty Excellent Companions, including one from Canada, were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

In lieu of the commonplace Report on Correspondence, Grand Secretary or General Grand Secretary Conover, both titles fit him equally well, furnishes another installment of the "Origin and Development of the Royal Arch System," as well as a biographical sketch of Thomas Smith Webb, the founder of the present American system of the Royal Arch Degrees. The history of the Grand Chapter is taken down to 1832, at the time the Morgan Anti-Masonic excitement was raging fiercely.

Next Annual in Lansing, May 19-20, 1926.

Harry L. Izor, Durand, Grand High Priest; Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary and Correspondent (?).

MINNESOTA—1925

Chapters, 87. Members, 16,839. Exalted, 757.
Net Gain, 317.

E. G. H. ADAMS, Grand High Priest.

Ordinary routine affairs characterized the proceedings of the Sixty-fourth Annual, held at the one-day session, October 13, 1925, which was well attended by

officers and members, Florida's representative being among the missing.

The melancholy event of the year was the final summons sent to Past Grand High Priest Andrew P. Swanstrom, who occupied the Grand East in 1900, and who was also prominently identified with all the other concurrent bodies, and his advice was constantly sought on all questions that needed the benefit of experience.

The official acts of Grand High Priest Adams show that he authorized the constituting of three Chapters with no requests for the forming of additional new Chapters. Included in his approval of Chapter by-laws was one which would permit the creating of Life Memberships after paying dues twenty-five years, but the Jurisprudence Committee advised that that would conflict with Grand Chapter laws and it was not approved. Neither was a dispensation which he granted changing the meeting date of a regular convocation, issued in advance. This brings up the constantly recurring condition in which the Grand Presiding Officers assume that they possess powers superior to the body which placed them in power, and which in the opinion of the writer should be very charily used. It is refreshing to note that this use if not abuse of power is being more and more generally disapproved.

The Grand High Priest was called upon to make two decisions; one of which was that a petitioner would be ineligible who had lost his left hand below the elbow, unless he possessed an artificial one that would permit him to conform to all the rites and ceremonies. Another brought out the fact that a Companion casts a black ball on the first ballot, but for some reason not given, did not do so the second time, and later he lodged an oral objection with the High Priest. The ruling was that the

objection was constitutionally valid, "without any reason or ground being given therefor."

At the suggestion of the Grand High Priest, all the officers of a U. D. Chapter resigned, and a new set was selected, the reason being given that "all the officers named in the original Dispensation were failures." The procedure seems to have justified the means employed, for the secretary writes, "we have fifteen candidates on the way and more petitions in sight."

The Grand High Priest was asked to make an expression relative to work of the Committee on the state of the Rite, but he modestly says that as it has never been "officially brought before the Grand Chapter," he was informed, but as it was "fathered by M. E. Companion Hugo it must have merit, whatever it is."

At the next Annual, Grand Chapter is to consider the matter of a new ritual, and a committee to be appointed by the incoming Grand High Priest will present it.

Recognition was given the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and also the Grand Chapter of Queensland, but in connection with the latter it does not specify which Grand Chapter.

The evening preceding the Annual was given to the Order of High Priesthood, when fifty-seven qualified Companions availed themselves of the special privilege and were set apart to the Holy Order.

For the fourth time Ex. Companion Chas. S. Schurman presents a Report of Foreign Correspondence which is as instructive as it is interesting. It could not well be otherwise for a real newspaperman, and he admits he belongs to the Fourth Estate, knows how to properly separate the really worth-while and then pertinently present the conclusions. Would that conditions were favorable to a reproduction of his comments.

Under Florida he wonders how the erection of monuments over the graves of Past Grand High Priests "will work out." And we likewise wonder why he should have a doubt, for the monuments already erected testify to the propriety and desirability of the project.

These remarks by Companion Schurman indicate that he is not quite in accord with the position taken by Florida as well as the final action of the General Grand Chapter in the Texas-Mexican matter:

The death of General Grand High Priest Kuhn made possible the unanimous report of the Jurisprudence Committee. If this report surrendered all the authority over the Grand Chapters, it certainly has no further excuse for its existence other than to give the representatives clam bakes and other entertainments of that sort, and it is not worth the money it costs the Grand Chapter. While not enamored with the idea of a General Grand Chapter we sympathize with the thought of the late Companion Kuhn, that only those willing to be members of it and acknowledge its authority ought to remain in it. As we see it, the representatives to its conclave (?) at Portland emasculated it, and for any further use it might as well be abandoned.

The commendatory words of Companion Schurman relative to the work of the writer is much appreciated, and for which we can only say, "I thank you."

Next Annual in St. Paul, Oct. 12, 1926.

Frank H. McCuskey, Minneapolis, Grand High Priest; John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary; Chas S. Schurman, St. Paul, Correspondent.

MISSISSIPPI—1925

Chapters, 71. Members, 7,729. Exalted, 551.
Net Gain, 226.

CLYDE J. VAN ARSDALL, Grand High Priest

Being a traveling Grand Chapter, the Seventy-seventh Annual was held in the City of Jackson, Feb. 25 and 26, 1925, and Florida was represented by Past Grand High Priest James T. Harrison.

During the year the Silent Messenger summoned M. E. Companion Charles H. Blum, who was Grand High Priest in 1907, and Grand Master in 1906.

Grand High Priest Van Arsdall noted in his address that seven of the Distinguished Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions who were summoned home were "Senior" Past Grands and one was a "Junior" Past Grand, forcibly reminding us that the young may die and the old must die.

Although the Grand High Priest questioned the necessity of dispensations to meet elsewhere in the same city when Chapters rooms were destroyed by fire, yet he was willing if the Chapters so desired.

Finding that the removal of a Chapter to another city conflicted with constitutional regulations he recalled the order until the other Chapter affected agreed to the move.

The suggested ritualistic changes in the Royal Arch degree submitted by the special committee were referred back to the Grand Lecturer with instructions to present in more concrete form at next Annual.

Deploring the fact that some Chapters seem not to have caught the vision of service, he reaches the in-

evitable conclusion that there are two classes of members in most Chapters, the "Theys" who are known for their words, and the "Wes" who are known for their works.

The "Wes" venture, plan, strive, and win with glory, or turn defeat into advantage.

The "Theys" venture nothing, do no work, unless everything is arranged to their liking, and even if they win, still they fail, for though the "Theys" may share in the fruit of the "Wes" toil, they cannot share in the joy of achievement or the power that comes from whole-hearted effort.

The Chapter, Council and Commandery have united in an educational plan of furthering York Rite Masonry, the main idea being to place in the hands of every Master Mason a copy of "More Light," that well-known pamphlet prepared by the late General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn. The Committee in presenting the plan state "it is but a start on educating the Craft in what the York Rite of Masonry means and why a Master Mason should take the other degree."

Grand Chapter heartily and it would seem quite properly endorsed the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that more time should be given to the Annual Communications by adopting a resolution that it "should continue in session until all business is disposed of."

The title of Honorary Past Grand High Priest was bestowed upon one of its worthy Companions. This, however, causes one to wonder what benefits can accrue to the possessor.

A distinguished guest was Past Grand High Priest O. Frank Hart, of South Carolina, who is also Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Royal and select Masters.

Eighteen Qualified Companions were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

For the fourth time Past Grand High Priest George C. Myers presents a readable as well as instructive Report on Foreign Correspondence. He finds quite a reported improvement in the manner of conferring the Royal Arch degree, which leads him to conclude that the sublime principles of this degree are being more correctly instilled into the minds of the candidates. He quotes pertinently and comments understandingly. Unfortunately, however, Florida appears not to have reached him.

Next Annual in Meridian, Feb. 24, 1926.

F. F. Rankin, Columbia, Grand High Priest; Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary; George C. Myers, Jackson, Reporter.

MISSOURI—1925

Chapters, 112. Members, 35,706. Exalted, 1,865.
Net Gain, 620.

WILLIS A. McCULLAH, Grand High Priest

Preceding the opening of the Seventy-ninth Annual in Excelsior Springs, April 28, 1925, a memorial session was held in which tribute was paid to the distinguished Companions who had been summoned to the Great Beyond during the Capitular year: M. E. Comp. Wm. F. Kuhn, Past General Grand High Priest and who was Grand High Priest in 1897; M. E. Comp. Wm. F. Johnson, Grand High Priest in 1913, and Excel-

lent Companion Wm. A. Cristy, who at the time the summons came was Grand Principal Sojourner. And during the second day of the Grand Chapter a telegram was received announcing the death of M. E. Companion Robert F. Stevenson, who was Grand High Priest in 1886, and Grand Secretary from 1905 to 1923, when he was made Grand Secretary Emeritus. He was also a Past Grand Master, A. F. & A. M., Past Grand Master, R. & S. M., and Grand Recorder, K. T.

In the course of the memorial session an incomplete life-size bust of M. W. Companion Kuhn was unveiled which later will be permanently placed when tentative plans submitted by Grand Chapter are carried into execution. These in brief, call for a William F. Kuhn Memorial Library, to be the formation of a great Masonic center for the dissemination of Capitular Freemasonry in particular and the educational uplift of the Craft at large. It may take a decade or more of years to bring this about, but when completed it will be a monument more lasting than one of wood or stone, and the Royal Craft of Missouri will be justly entitled to the commendation of the faithful whithersoever dispersed.

An event of far-reaching importance to the Capitular world at large, was the visit of the Earl of Cassillis, First Grand Principal, Supreme Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Scotland, in Kansas City, June 14th and 15th. The convocation was presided over by General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn, with M. E. Companions Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary, and Nelson Williams, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, as consultants. It resulted in the re-establishing of fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and by edict later of all

those Grand Chapters which had also previously severed similar relations.

Dignified and scholarly was the address of Grand High Priest McCullah, who gave a detailed report of his many visitations. Much of his other actions were necessarily routine. Among his many requests for courtesy work was one to Tampa Chapter No. 3, and all of his dispensations were to hold Special Convocations, presumably to "go a visiting," concerning the propriety and wisdom of which there are many diverse views.

Among his decisions were: An application for degrees may be withdrawn before Committee has reported, but not after; that a Chapter cannot ballot on suspensions for n. p. d. collectively; and that a Companion can hold two offices in a Chapter at one and the same time, but it is not advisable, and Grand Chapter properly and promptly provided against such conditions in the future.

He declined to grant a request for a dispensation to form a new Chapter, because such action would materially affect the growth of one recently established, and courteously advised the petitioners to "wait a time with patience." The consolidation of two Chapters was approved, and recognition of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba recommended.

"Chain letters," from antipodean Australia to our homeland, worry great and small alike, and Grand High Priest McCullah is heartily commended in his efforts to "bust" the chain in all possible instances.

Much historical as well as other useful information is contained in the commendable report of Grand Secretary Ray V. Denslow, who says that a typewritten copy has been made of the original records of Missouri Chapter No. 1, "the oldest Masonic body west of the

Mississippi River that can show a continuous existence since 1820."

Florida's Grand Representative, M. E. Comp. Charles C. Wood, did not respond to roll call, but his alibi is quite acceptable, for he was then sojourning in this favored Southland of fruit and flower. And a distinguished visitor present was our mutual friend M. E. Comp. Charles C. Davis, the General Grand King, who is also a winter resident of this State.

A class of qualified Companions representing a little over half the number of constituent Chapters, were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood. A notable feature in this connection is that with few exceptions the number of candidates for High Priesthood year after year will average in the several Grand Bodies not far from half the number of constituent Chapters in that Grand Chapter, sometimes a little over and sometimes a little under. It is true that in most Grand Chapters, membership is not compulsory, but if this order is worth while, and the writer unequivocally believes it is, then why this lack of interest on the part of so many?

Past Grand High Priest David M. Wilson presents an exceedingly readable and instructive Fraternal Correspondence report, in which this pertinent sentence ends many of his various Grand Chapter reviews: "I find no index to the proceedings." Florida is no exception. An index is certainly much appreciated by the reviewer and unquestionably by other readers as well. Perhaps some little bird may sing this song in the ear of the already willing but much over-worked Grand Secretaries.

Florida's proceedings are courteously reviewed and with apparent approval. The only quotation is the reference to the passing of the greatly beloved Rev. Dr. Miller.

The work of Companion Wilson passed such a creditable inspection at every station that his wages were doubled for the succeeding year. Congratulations, Companion. Let the good work go on.

Next Annual in Kirksville, April 26 and 27, 1926.

Orson H. Swearingen, Kansas City, Grand High Priest; Ray V. Denslow, 911 Locust St., St. Louis, Grand Secretary; David M. Wilson, Milan, Correspondent.

MONTANA—1925

Chapters, 36. Members, 4,857. Exalted, 191.
Net Loss, 88.

H. S. HEPNER, Grand High Priest

Business and financial conditions no doubt were responsible for the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues exceeding the number of exaltations, for the year reported at the Thirty-sixth Annual, held in Missoula, August 18th. Grand honors were given the heads of the several other concurrent bodies, each of whom held some official position in the Grand Chapter as well. Florida was represented and only one constituent Chapter failed to send a representative. The Grand High Priest in his address was pleased to say:

Though the year's labors may show a decrease in numbers, we feel assured that Capitular Masonry has not taken a step backward but forward towards its true goal of strengthening and adorning the Royal Arch, and the removal of weaknesses in the structure.

Appreciative tribute was given to the late Cornelius Hedges, Jr., who at the time of his death had been

Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter since 1907, and who held similar positions in Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, and was also a Past Grand Master in the Grand Council.

Companion Hepner filled a dual position this year, that of Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as well as that of Grand High Priest, and his experience in the former enabled him to so conduct his work that he received the unqualified approval of Grand Chapter. His recorded activities pertained largely to the internal affairs, and there is little to interest the outsider.

He refused a request for aid from a representative of the Three Globes Grand Lodge of Germany, because the Grand Lodge had severed all fraternal relations with German Grand Lodges, and the wonder is why such a request should have been sent to a Grand Chapter in this country.

Believing that the best interests of York Rite Masonry would be better served, he recommended holding the Grand Chapter Annuals the day preceding Grand Commandery, and Grand Chapter so authorized.

Well merited honors were paid Past Grand High Priest as well as Grand Treasurer Edward S. Day, who was present as Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction.

This Grand Chapter has an Education Fund amounting to \$5,000 and an apparent successful motion turned it over to the Grand Commandery in trust, and yet later another Grand Chapter action stated it was decided to transfer that fund "where it will do some good to the State," and it was named the Cornelius Hedge, Jr., Memorial Fund.

The incoming Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Harlan L. Hart, had the unique honor of being at the same time the outgoing Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, whose official duties in that capacity terminated some forty-eight hours later.

As a prelude to the annual assembly of the Order of High Priesthood, both members and petitioners broke bread together, after which fifteen qualified Companions were set apart to that Holy Order.

There is nothing in the excellent Report on Correspondence, his sixth, to indicate that M. E. Companion H. S. Hepner, was at the same time Grand High Priest.

Special mention was made in his brief review of Florida, of the passing of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright who, he said, he had come to know well through his Grand Lodge reports.

The time and place of holding the next Annual was to be announced later.

Harlan L. Hart, Helena, Grand High Priest; Luther T. Hauberg, Helena, Grand Secretary; H. S. Hepner, Helena, Correspondent.

NEVADA—1925

Chapters, 7. Members, 645. Exalted, 27. Net Gain, 5.

EDWARD BARBER, Grand High Priest

Whatever else may have been missing, certainly a spirit of commendable optimism seems to have pervaded the Fifty-second Annual, held in Reno, June 9 and 10, 1925, with M. E. Charles H. King, Grand High Priest

of California, a distinguished visitor, and Past Grands equivalent to more than two for each constituent Chapter present, but Florida was without a spokesman.

The address of Grand High Priest Barber was a brief resume of his official acts, which met the approval of Grand Chapter. In his visitations, which included every Chapter, quite an undertaking in a state of magnificent distances, he was impressed with variation in ritualistic work, and he recommended the appointment of a committee to standardize the work. His decisions brought out no new conditions, and his recommendation that every Chapter in the Jurisdiction put on all the degrees during the year, was very properly approved. He truly said: "I can't understand how any of them can expect to do good work without practice."

The Grand High Priest met with an experience common to all who have occasion to request courtesy work from Pennsylvania—"it was against their laws to do so."

The Student Loan Fund having reached a satisfactory amount, it will begin functioning with the University year, on an honor basis, no security being required, merely four per cent notes, preferably to seniors, and "as far as possible to men students."

Only two qualified Companions availed themselves of the Order of High Priesthood.

Someone has said that anticipation exceeds realization, but that does not hold good in the splendid Correspondence Report by Nevada's Master Workman, Grand Secretary Edward D. Vanderleith, for it assays 100% plus every time.

Florida is approvingly reviewed, which he designates as "an up-and-doing Jurisdiction," and much of the introduction of the address of the Grand High Priest for 1924 is reproduced, with this added comment:

Superior character is what counts. All great leaders reach their power over men and the ability to move nations through it. Character is the power behind the man, and likewise the chief strength of a nation, its real power, rests in its men of character. So, Companions, we as character builders, should lend our influence for good, the building of a better citizenry—men of education and enlightenment and character. Upon them the standing and prosperity of our land depend.

His approval of the work of the correspondence writer is equally commendatory, and for all of which we thank him.

Conditions will not permit a further reproduction of the many nuggets of wisdom and encouragement which characterize the work of Companion Vanderleith.

Next Annual in Reno, June 10, 1926.

Chas. E. Whitesides, Elko, Grand High Priest; Edward Vanderleith, Reno, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1923

Charters, 9. Members, 1,479. Exalted, 181.
Net Gain, 187.

GEORGE E. DAY, Grand High Priest

Almost ancient history is this review of the Thirty-sixth Annual, held in the City of Saint John, August 22, 1923, with all Grand Officers present, but Florida left out, although the proceedings indicates that a new representative had been commissioned during the year. So exceptional as to be worthy of note is the fact that the net gain exceeds the number of Companions exalted by six.

Much of the address of Grand High Priest Day is given to accounts of his "official visitations," which perhaps accounts for him making this suggestion:

Chapter inspection by an official of the Grand Chapter might be far more beneficial to the different Chapters than an "official visit" by the Grand High Priest.

Among his other suggestions is one that Grand Chapter adopt a standard size and weight for the Keystone in the Master Mason degree, as well as a standard set of veils, which is to come up for action a year later. He also says other Grand Jurisdictions have a Grand Chaplain, and he wonders why not New Brunswick.

Deeming the request of the Grand High Priest of New York, that a change should be made in the representative near that Grand Chapter, to conform to New York's three-year procedure, "not sufficient justification for such action," he demurred until, he says, "it was clearly demonstrated that a new representative must be appointed," when he acquiesced. Grand Chapter looked at it about the same way, by adopting the committee report:

The appointment of a new representative near the Grand Chapter of New York is within his (Grand High Priest's) prerogative. At the same time your committee is inclined to criticize the sentence "a notice was served that our representative would not be received as such by the Grand High Priest of New York." In view of the fact that this Grand Chapter, though smaller, is as much a sovereign body as the Grand Chapter of New York, we resent anything that savors of dictation by the larger body, or that might be an infringement of our sovereign rights. In view of the fraternal relations which have always existed between the Grand Chapters of New York and New Brunswick, your committee can only regret the attitude of the Grand High Priest of New York.

Attaching importance to the appointment of Grand Representative, six of the seven so appointed (Florida alone missing) personally presented their commissions, were welcomed by the Grand High Priest and then saluted with the Grand Honors.

A committee was appointed to confer with a similar committee of the Order of High Priesthood regarding the latter's jurisdiction being assumed by Grand Chapter.

However, this does not appear to have been brought up at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Council held the following day, at which one qualified Companion received the degrees of that Order.

There is no Correspondence Report.

Next Annual, Moncton, August 27, 1924.

George E. Day, St. John, Grand High Priest; J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1925

Chapters, 26. Members, 5,886. Exalted, 177.
Net Gain, 42.

EUGENE P. HADLEY, Grand High Priest

For some reason, perhaps through lack of appreciation or comprehension, the writer finds but little of general interest in the proceedings of the One Hundred and Sixth Annual, held in Concord, May 19, 1925. Every official was in his rightful station, but four constituent Chapters were not represented, neither was Florida. As this is not the first omission we fear some indisposition has overtaken our ambassador.

A careful perusal of the address of the Grand High

Priest bears out his statement that "nothing unusual has transpired during the year requiring special legislation." Neither have any of the immediate family been summoned to the Supreme Grand Chapter. He made a number of official visitations, but by reason of ill health was obliged to decline a larger number. No requests for rulings or other Grand Chapter interpretations were required.

A pleasing feature of this Annual was the presence of distinguished Royal Craftsmen from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, as well as the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. J. Albert Blake, and the Acting General Grand Captain of the Host, M. E. Comp. Arthur D. Prince, both also of Massachusetts.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Thomas F. Clifford, called attention to the delay in issuing the revised rituals, which he believes should be remedied "if Capitular Masonry is ever to regain its former standing," which may account for the comparatively small gain in membership the last year or so. And yet there are those who insist that anything approaching a ritual is anathema.

The regulation requiring that all candidates for the Royal Arch Degrees must have been a Master Mason one year was rescinded. So many Grand Bodies are rescinding similar requirements, that the writer of this is beginning to believe that he was wrong in his conclusions to the contrary.

Half a dozen qualified Companions were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

It is a pleasure as well as an inspiration to once more turn to the Report on Fraternal Correspondence by Excellent Companion Charles B. Spofford, whose

happy references to the Portland Triennial, brings back to many, enjoyments of that long-to-be-remembered occasion. He truly says, in referring to his work: "Some idea of the magnitude of the task of reviewing may be realized, when we say that over fifteen thousand pages, covering fifty-eight Grand Chapters have been read;" and this substantially holds good year after year. And when in the case of the writer of this, there be added, that at the beginning of the Craft year he was requested to take up a similar work in Grand Lodge, the proceedings of which represent double the number of pages, and which was occasioned by the passing to the Great Beyond of Past Grand Master as well as Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, who for nearly a quarter of a century was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge as well as a leader of Masonic thought and information in Florida, one can readily see that we have little time for joy riding and attending the movies.

Companion Spofford will please accept thanks for his appreciative and sympathetic treatment of Florida. He refers on our one line in each report given to Grand Chapter statistics, approving or disapproving is not quite clear, but in justification we might say that it seems to be the most comprehensive way of furnishing that information to inquiring statisticians. Like the writer, he also considers membership in the Order of High Priesthood a high honor, by reason of its exclusiveness. And we sometimes wonder why others qualified do not see it the same way.

Next Annual in Concord May 18, 1926.

Thomas F. Clifford, Franklin, Grand High Priest;
Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary; Charles B. Spofford, Claremont, Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY—1925

Chapters, 57. Members, 19,328. Exalted, 1,313.
Net Gain, 944.

FRED E. TILDEN, Grand High Priest

Many distinguished Royal Craftsmen from near-by Grand Jurisdictions, with Past Grands galore, which of course included Florida's representative, M. E. Comp. W. H. Lowe, assisted in convening the Sixty-ninth Annual at Trenton, May 13, 1925. It was preceded the previous June, by a Special to constitute Palisade Chapter No. 30.

Earnestness of purpose and a watchful care of Capital landmarks were prominent characteristics in the address of Grand High Priest Tilden, as he presented in a very readable form his official acts.

The duty devolved upon him, of memorializing the many permanent members of this Grand Chapter who during the year had laid down the working tools of life. They were: M. E. Marcus Higginbotham, Grand High Priest, in 1870; M. E. Edwards Mills, Grand High Priest in 1892, and Grand Treasurer, 1910-1924; George C. Woolson Grand High Priest, in 1900; M. E. Comp. Edgar L. Brown, Grand High Priest in 1904; M. E. Comp. Peter McGill, Grand High Priest in 1905, and Grand Secretary 1911 to 1925; and R. E. Comp. Daniel Demarest, Grand Chaplain 1894 to 1922, and Grand Chaplain Emeritus to time of death.

It was particularly gratifying to the Grand High Priest to state that during the year "not a single case has arisen requiring correctional measures." However this incident stated by the Grand High Priest in his ad-

dress, it seems to the writer, comes pretty close to the dividing line.

It grew out of quite a number of officers of various Chapters absenting themselves from an appointed School of Instruction and "attending a reception and dance given by one of the organizations claiming to be a collateral branch of Masonry." The Grand High Priest expressed his displeasure in positive terms, and a regrettable feature in connection, was that probably some, if not all, of the erring were not placed conspicuously on the front seats to receive what was coming to them:

There was no question in mind but that these officers needed the instruction which they would have received on that occasion, and I cannot too severely condemn their action in absenting themselves from this meeting in order that they might devote the evening to pleasure. The evening in question had been selected for the District Grand Chapter of Instruction in June, and there could be no possible excuse that the date was not set far enough ahead for them to avoid conflict with any evening which they might desire to devote to social activities. The Companions should realize before accepting an office that there is an obligation that goes with each acceptance as to the fulfillment of the duties devolving upon that office, and I regretted to note that they had not the slightest hesitation in shirking their responsibilities. It was, also, somewhat of a surprise to me that the organization which gave the reception and dance should have selected a date so well advertised as that of the District Grand Chapter of Instruction, knowing that it would be liable to attract some of the Companions from the meeting in question. Ritual work is not all there is in Masonry, but it is a means to an end, and its perfection is therefore desirable in order that we may suitably impress candidates with the truths we seek to impart.

Among the dispensations granted, was one to change the date of holding a Chapter election, which the Grand High Priest was at first inclined to refuse but later did grant. This led to the adoption of a Constitutional

amendment presumably clarifying the situation, that both election and installation shall "be held on or immediately preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day." Florida laws clearly state that both Lodge and Chapter elections shall occur the first regular meeting in December and the installation on or after St. John's Day.

Among the dispensations refused was one declining to permit a Chapter to participate in a parade in connection with the ceremonies attendant upon laying the cornerstone of a Shrine Temple, quite properly holding that as these ceremonies were under the control of the Grand Lodge it would include all members individually connected, and for similar reasons it was not possible to attend as a Grand Chapter, but that as far as possible they would attend as members of symbolic Lodges.

Forseeing possible financial evils that might follow recent legislation granting life memberships he suggested that it might be advisable to rescind that portion exempting Chapters from paying Grand Chapters dues.

He very properly objected to a proposed Chapter amendment which would give the High priest of a Chapter the power to change the hour of opening a stated convocation, for he truly says: "Neither the High Priest of a Chapter, nor the Chapter itself has the power to suspend a by-law." And the Committee on Constitution promptly declared the proposed amendment to be unconstitutional.

He called attention to the fact that some Chapters were not using prescribed forms for petitioners. This is avoided in Florida by Grand Chapter as well as other Grand Bodies, furnishing gratuitously its constituent members with properly and uniformly worded petitions, and there is no excuse for a deviation.

He concluded his memorable address with a reply to

what he calls the "pitiful plea" in some of the monthly bulletins, to give support and encouragement to their officers, by this answer to the implied queries:

Education of our membership in the Symbolism of Free Masonry and particularly in the Royal Arch would give all our Companions a clearer conception of the ideals, obligations and aspirations of Masonry, and the duty enjoined thereby to God, our Country, and our fellowman. Thus we will become conscious that Masonic work does not consist solely in conferring degrees, but that it is pre-eminently in the discharge of the duties enjoined by its teachings.

The outstanding event of this Annual gathering was the address of General Grand High Priest J. Albert Blake, who was the particular guest of honor on this occasion. It was inspiring and quite pertinent to the occasion, but even a synopsis would be unsatisfactory. This is one of the first of his official visitations that have come to the attention of the reviewer, and it is earnestly hoped that during his term of office he can make it convenient to include Florida in his official visitations.

Well attended was the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests, and some forty qualified Companions were admitted and anointed.

At almost the eleventh hour Grand Chaplain Rev. A. Boylan FitzGerald, acting chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented a very readable and instructive review. His work passed inspection and we are glad to know that he was continued. With becoming modesty he tells his readers that "in no sense of the word is it an exhaustive criticism of the proceedings, but simply the culling out of the multiplicity of actions which we feel may have some interest to the Craft of New Jersey."

Under Florida he says we find the address of the Grand High Priest "so good we reproduce it in full." His other comments were friendly, but permit us to advise that the "six months' rule" was *not* continued, evidently a hurried case of mis-reading on the part of Companion FitzGerald.

There are so many matters of interest that one knows hardly when to stop, but it must be done willy-nilly.

Next Annual in Trenton, May 12, 1926.

Frank C. Sayrs, Camden, Grand High Priest;
Abram A. Reger, Somerville, Grand Secretary; Rev.
A. Boylan FitzGerald, Phillipsburg, Correspondent.

NEW MEXICO—1925

Chapters, 16. Members, 1,973. Exalted, 108.
Net Gain, 68.

JOHN M. BOWMAN, Grand High Priest

Only one Chapter was not represented at the Twenty-seventh Annual, held in Silver City, Feb. 19, 1925, a good record for a State of widely scattered Chapters. This Grand Chapter finds no necessity for Grand Representatives, neither does it have a Correspondence Report.

Grand High Priest Bowman, in his address, sees in this age a distinct challenge for Masonry, the solution of which will be found in the quality of the men who determine its social, political and economic life. And the great task of Masonry is that of "forging the bonds of union in a brotherhood spirit that will draw and hold men together, whatsoever may come to pass."

Nothing out of the ordinary appears to have required the attention of the Grand High Priest, and his reported acts were approved.

He decided that a Companion who was elected in a California Chapter without having first procured a dimit from his home Chapter was still a member of his New Mexico Chapter. At this distance it seems a little strange that a California Chapter should have accepted a petition for affiliation without a dimit, unless its laws permit a transfer of membership without the formality of such a document. And the recollection of this writer is to the effect that a previous Grand High Priest had ruled under somewhat similar circumstances that it was necessary that a dimit must accompany petitions for affiliation.

Inquiries had been received relative to the formation of a Chapter at Lordsburg, an unoccupied portion of the state, but it was deemed advisable to delay until conditions were more propitious, although the hope was expressed "that it would go through in the near future."

Grand Chapter decided to make the position of Grand Chaplain a line office and placed it between the stations of the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Captain of the Host.

There is no record of an Order of High Priesthood.

Fully half of the book is given over to a detailed list of membership, specially valuable for Mail Order business, and which causes one to wonder if a correspondence report would not have a greater educational value?

Next Annual in Roswell, Feb. 18, 1926.

Franklin P. Kilbourne, Clayton, Grand High Priest;
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES

There are sixty-six constituent Chapters in this Grand Chapter, but nowhere do we find its total membership. Its Convocations are held quarterly in the City of Sydney, and the proceedings at each are largely routine, comprising the Grand First Principal's address, and the reports of the Grand Committee and the Grand Inspector of Workings. Occasionally matters of general interest to the lay reader appear.

A recent amendment provides that a Brother expelled from the Lodge shall be subject to expulsion by the Chapter, which conforms to Florida laws.

After nearly a third of a century of continuous service as Grand Scribe E. (Grand Secretary), Right Excellent Companion A. J. Burbridge tendered his resignation, which was reluctantly accepted, and an annual honorarium was properly bestowed.

It may be somewhat difficult for our Florida Companions to appreciate this statement in a report under date of June 10th: "Notwithstanding the bitterly cold night, etc."

The address of the Grand First Principal is largely an account of visitations, one of which was to dedicate "the first Day Chapter to meet in Sydney." This is the first reference that the writer recalls of a Day Chapter, but there are occasional Day Lodges.

Australasian Grand Bodies strongly resent the granting of charters by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, in any of the Australasian Provinces, the Grand Chapter of South Australia taking this attitude, in a letter to New South Wales:

You may rest assured that no Companion exalted in a Chapter in New South Wales, holding its warrant from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, will be allowed to enter any of our Chapters.

The Committee on Correspondence, further referring to this much discussed question, pertinently adds:

It displays its desire for creating discord in New South Wales by opening eight new Chapters, and the continuance of an active policy of expansion in this sunny land of the Southern Cross. Surely Scotland cannot expect a settlement of this vexed question of dual jurisdiction on the proposed basis. To imagine such is to imagine the absurd. She is laying deep the foundations of discord and entanglements.

Long before this comes to the attention of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, it will undoubtedly have read the proceedings of the last General Grand Chapter Triennial, held in Portland, and if so this committee will readily understand why Florida never severed fraternal relations with either Scotland or Texas, and its query will be answered.

Although brief, the Correspondence Report is ably written and a cordial welcome is extended this capable reviewer, who was surprised to learn that smoking had been banned in certain Chapter rooms during the working of ceremonials, saying:

New South Wales treats the Lodge room as a sacred edifice, and no Brother would even think of smoking in our Lodge Rooms.

H. Montgomerie Hamilton, Grand First Z.; D. R. Hutchinson, 32 Elizabeth St., Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

NEW ZEALAND—1925

Chapters, 57. Members, 3,239. Exalted, 389.
Net Gain, 222.

S. S. ALLEN, Grand Z.

Well attended was the Thirty-third Annual, held in Wellington, Feb. 4, 1925, with M.·E.·Comp. E. Lane, P. G. Z., on the throne, in the absence of the Grand Z., who was detained at home by the illness of his son.

In the report of the Supreme Committee, which recites the business of the year, tribute is paid to the passing of M.·E.·Comp. (Rev.) Thomas Porritt, at the ripe age of eighty-seven years, and who was Grand Z. in 1899.

The list of documents issued, include Red Cross Knights' Certificates and Ark Mariner Certificates, neither of which appear in American Capitular Masonry. Seven Chapters were consecrated, and one District was divided.

The matter of recognition by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland was still in abeyance, but owing to changes in the personnel of the latter body and the recent visit of the Earl of Cassillis, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, indications pointed to a favorable re-opening of the subject.

Recognizing the years of service in Capitular Masonry, the rank of Past Grand Z. was conferred on R.·E.·Comp. Frederick Kearsley.

Among the fraternal greetings tendered was one from R.·E.·Comp. G. G. Bullock-Douglas, Florida's Grand Representative.

There is no Order of High Priesthood, nor a Report on Correspondence.

G. Russell, Grand Z.; C. W. Neilson, Box 236, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

NORTH CAROLINA—1925

Chapters, 59. Members, 8,133. Exalted, 368.
Net Gain, 10.

E. ROWLEY HAMPTON, Grand High Priest

Physical disabilities incident to the recovering from a protracted illness were handicaps to the year of service of Grand High Priest Hampton, and quite likely contributed to the comparatively small net enlargement of the Capitular quarries in the Tar Heel State. However, that did not appear to affect the optimistic spirit that seemed to pervade the Seventy-seventh Annual "Conclave" of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which convened in the city of Gastonia, May 12, 1925. The General Grand Chapter was represented by Past Grand High Priest John H. Anderson, who is General Grand Master of the Third Vail. Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Frank O. Hart, of South Carolina, was also present, but no one appeared for Florida.

Most of the activities reported by the Grand High Priest in his address were of local interest. Continued ill health seriously interfered with his official visitations, although quite a number are reported.

One of his decisions, referred to a candidate who after petitioning had one leg amputated near the hip,

and although having a false limb, he usually left it off, finding that he could get along better without it. The ruling was he could receive the degrees, "provided that he wear and use his artificial limb while the degrees are being conferred, but he cannot do so if he does not comply with this requirement of the by-laws."

One Chapter High Priest permitted five petitioners to be elected to receive the Capitular degrees who had not learned the required Third degree catechism, and when this was brought to his notice, in his request to the Grand High Priest for a ruling, he wrote:

I want to give the work to them right away, and want to be in the clear about it. I know of no one in the Chapter who knows the Third degree catechism and has the time to teach five men. I know I have not.

But the Grand High Priest said, become proficient in the Third degree first, and then "proceed to give them the Chapter degrees." And Grand Chapter quite properly concurred.

This proficiency requirement for advancement, was the joint action a year previous of the York and Scottish Rites, and not meeting expectations, he hoped "Grand Chapter would take some further action whereby we can encourage our Master Masons to seek further light without this handicap," which it did by repealing the resolution.

The splendid work of the Educational Committee shows that it has supervised the education of twenty-seven girls and boys, which is now being carried on by a joint committee from both the York and Scottish Rites, and ten thousand dollars is the combined appropriation for the current year.

Owing to failing health and impaired eye-sight, Grand Treasurer Edward B. Neave asked to be relieved, but Grand Chapter thought differently and as his understudy, Companion Jas. W. Payne, who has been doing the work the past two years, was quite willing to continue, no changes were made.

There is no reference to an Order of High Priesthood.

Once again J. Edward Allen submits a well prepared Foreign Correspondence Report, in which he divides the various proceedings into three groups, the larger being those reviewed, a smaller one whose proceedings failed to reach his table, and another small group, which did not fail to reach us, but which we felt constrained to refrain from reviewing within the compass of these pages. This group is from those Grand Chapters which do not themselves think it wise or worth while to print reviews of other Grand Jurisdictions.

The writer of this has always supposed that the object of these reviews was to present as concisely and interestingly as possible, some at least of the more important happenings of the year in that particular Grand Jurisdiction, for the information primarily of the Florida Companions, regardless of whether or not there was a corresponding reviewer. That is their affair, not ours.

Companion Allen finds the transaction of the Grand Chapter of Florida "sane and constructive, but for the most part not spectacular." While admitting that the General Grand Chapter endorsed the stand taken by Florida in the Texas matter, yet he deems it informative to reproduce the criticism of Florida by General Grand High Priest Kuhn in his Triennial address. He also suggests that Florida should change the word "may" in connection with its law relative to suspension for dues

after twelve months, "to something more suggestive if not mandatory." May be so, may be so; but the list of suspensions this year for that cause by the several Chapters throughout the State would indicate that the individual Chapter is still qualified to exercise reasonably good judgment in the conduct of its internal affairs.

Next Annual in Wilmington, May 11, 1926.

James W. Payne, Salisbury, Grand High Priest;
John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary; J.
Edward Allen, Warrenton, Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA—1924

Chapters, 28. Members, 4,158. Exalted, 175. Net Gain, 69.

WALTER J. STOCKWELL, Grand High Priest

We had just congratulated ourself that every Grand Chapter Proceedings received up to time of closing the 1925 report had been reviewed, and the advanced printed report had been received, when the 1924 proceedings of North Dakota turned up in an unexpected place. A formal apology of willing to be forgiven was immediately dispatched our "Genial George." Nothing remains now but to briefly review what is almost ancient history.

Being a movable body, the Thirty-fifth Annual was held in Fargo, January 22, 1924. The distinguished guests were from the new Grand Chapter of Manitoba, which a North Dakota Companion helped to constitute a short time previous. Florida was also represented by E. Companion Otto F. Hennings, now the Grand Principal Sojourner.

Grand High Priest Walter L. Stockwell seemed to have struck a high note in his address as he made a strong appeal for more of the spirit of Brotherhood and love in the world. We will mention but a few of the salient features.

In response to a query as to the "pass word" in the Royal Arch degree, he consulted the General Grand High Priest, whose reply was what is generally accepted, that only one Chapter degree has a pass word, the Mark Master. In response to another query he was informed by the Custodian of the Work of the General Grand Chapter, M. E. Companion Harry W. Harvey, that the Great Lights are arranged in the Chapter degrees the same as in the Master Mason's degree.

He issued several dispensations to use substitutes and also in what seemed really meritorious cases to ballot short of time. While these with all his other acts were approved, yet the Jurisprudence Committee urged his successors to be very careful in the matter of such dispensations. Finding that the annual Chapter dues ranged from two to five dollars, he recommended a minimum of not less than four dollars, and a constitutional amendment in that amount later prevailed.

Being peculiarly situated so that he could, he visited every constituent Chapter at least once, he was surprised and gratified as well with what he saw. He is firmly convinced that the effect on the Chapters will be far-reaching and continuous. He highly approved the holding of what is called "York (American) Rite Festivals," lasting three days, one being given to the Royal Arch degrees, one to the Council degrees and one to the Orders of Knighthood. No doubt this "fills a long felt want," to those most interested.

Another matter which came up later was also refer-

red to M. E. Companion Harvey, referring to the manner in which the Grand Royal Arch word should be given, the contention being that General Grand High Priest Kuhn had stated that it should be given loud. The interpretation will be awaited with interest, as the manner specified differs from the understanding of the writer.

A sort of mutual admiration society was formed, under the inspiration of our "Genial George," who becomes the first Regent, and to be composed of the Past Grand High Priests, Past Grand Illustrious Masters and Past Grand Secretaries, the principal object being the privilege of each paying for his own "eats," and incidentally relating reminiscences. It is being chaperoned by the Order of High Priesthood, at which sixteen qualified Companions were set apart to that holy order, including the two distinguished guests from Manitoba.

The foreword to the excellent Report on Fraternal Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest E. George Guthrie, appears as a committee report in the proceedings proper, in which Companion Guthrie takes this somewhat advanced and positive stand:

At the risk of becoming a disturber of the usual order of things, or a radical making an effort to reform a condition of long standing and thereby upsetting the customary order of progression which has become firmly established, I am going to raise my voice to support and advocate the abolition of promotion in line. After long and careful study of the situation as it exists, I have come to the conclusion that I have too long delayed mentioning the subject. * * * The honor of becoming Chief of the Order should depend upon merit, and not result from a favor which was bestowed years ago and carried along by sufferance to the end.

The writer is inclined to agree with Companion Guthrie in the end sought to be attained, but is not quite

certain the best way to bring that about. If all the stations, except perhaps sentinel, were elective instead of appointive, it might help. There are some Grand Bodies which have no "line," and where it appears to work well.

Florida receives due consideration, and he calls the address of Grand High Priest Kishpaugh "remarkably concise for a Grand High Priest." He does not approve of Florida's rule of "absolving all ministers of the gospel from paying dues."

He is also quite complimentary of the work of the writer as a reviewer, for which we thank him. After the very pleasant associations at Portland we very much regret the holding over another year of this review.

Next Annual in Bismarck, date not appearing.

John A. Graham, Bismarck, Grand High Priest; Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary; E. George Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA—1925

Chapters, 28. Members, 4,168. Exalted, 133.
Net Gain, 10.

JOHN A. GRAHAM, Grand High Priest.

Good crops and the blessings of Divine Providence brought inspiration to the Capitular followers who assembled in Bismarck, January 20th, in the Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation, which included distinguished Brethren from the other side of the invisible line as well as Florida's representative, Ex. Comp. Otto F. Hennings,

now the Grand Captain of the Host. Regrets were received from Past Grand High Priest Laurence G. Moultrie, who had returned under sick leave from missionary work in Syria, and from Past Grand High Priest Frank H. Sprague, who was sojourning in the Florida land of flowers, but possibly these latter regrets may have been occasioned by reason that he was soon to leave for another part of the continent.

During the year Most Excellent Companion Francis H. Ingalls passed to his reward, he having been Grand High Priest in 1891 and 1892.

Grand High Priest Graham in his concise address had reason to rejoice because a plentiful harvest had changed "almost impenetrable gloom" into a "spirit of optimism and accomplishment." And then, too, comparatively few demands were made and no decisions required. Only two of the dispensations granted would have been required under Florida—to ballot on petitions and transact other business at Special Convocations, the propriety of which is sometimes questionable.

During the year he instituted one new Chapter, and recommended recognition of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Queensland. He also recommended that Grand Chapter make provisions to bestow life membership on Companions who have reached the allotted age of three score and ten, or other sufficient reasons. Life membership does not appear to appeal to the Florida Craft, but it does provide an Emeritus list, with similar provisions.

For the second time a York (American) Rite festival was held in Fargo, in which as we understand it, only the Chapter and Commandery participated, and in the opinion of Grand Secretary Stockwell it was a real suc-

cess. And of course it was, "for he himself hath said it."

It was under the regime of the then Grand High Priest Moultrie that a Students' Loan Fund was established, later Grand Lodge and also Grand Commandery established similar privileges to assist worthy young people to obtain an education. It has proved so successful and reached such proportions that a movement was inaugurated to combine the three funds under one management, in which the principal sum shall not exceed \$10,000.

So closely did the Grand High Priest hew to the line that the Jurisconsults could find no fault with him, and his work passed inspection at every station.

Believing so fully in the George Washington Masonic Memorial project, Grand Chapter will levy an assessment of fifty cents per capita for the years 1926 and 1927. Will others do likewise?

The movement of a previous Annual to fix the minimum Chapter dues at \$4.00, was indefinitely postponed. Possibly Grand Chapter should not fix the minimum dues, but it seems to the writer that if Capitular privileges are not worth \$4.00 a year, there is something wrong.

In the address of M. E. Comp. E. George Guthrie the venerable President of the Order of High Priesthood, he took occasion to give his reasons for not favoring the nationalizing of this Order, claiming that he could see no good reason for so doing, unless it "would be to enlarge the collection of euphonious and high sounding titles, for a group of men who aspire to such." This is in the nature of a challenge to those who think differently. And now, "let the discussion begin."

Under the inspiration, we suspect, of the versatile E. George Guthrie, a Past Grand Officers' Association has

been formed, and the First Annual Concourse met in the most natural place, the "dining room." E. George is naturally the Regent, and other officers include a Scrivener, a Sky Pilot and an Usher. A fitting conclusion to all those good things in culinary arts was the allocation of Regent Guthrie.

Having given well merited space to other important features, the eternal question bobs up how to condense the pages of vitally interesting fraternal correspondence prepared by our beloved and revered co-laborer, Past Grand High Priest E. George Guthrie into a few words. It just "can't be did." The proceedings state that he missed the first day's session by reason of entertaining one of Job's comforters. Another time, George, anticipate the unwelcome guest and accept the invitation to Tom Bodge of Maine to domicile in Florida, and we will do our best to provide "rich and luscious alligator pear pie."

Companion George has many agreeable things to say under Florida, and we greatly regret that we cannot reproduce some of his pleasing comments.

Next Annual in Fargo, Jan. 19 and 20, 1926.

William T. Johnston, Fargo, Grand High Priest;
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary; E.
George Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.

NOVA SCOTIA—1925

Chapters, 20. Members, 2,690. Exalted, 122.
Net Loss, 21.

Prus J. S. Orro, Grand High Priest.

Business depression was no doubt responsible for the small net loss in Capitular membership, the first so far that has come to the notice of the writer, and the ef-

fect appears to have enthused the workers to renewed efforts, with favorable indications for different results another year.

The Fifty-sixth Annual of this Grand Chapter, held June 9, 1925, was the first Grand Body to meet in the new Halifax Masonic Temple, and the especial point of interest was the placing, with appropriate ceremony, in the Chapter room, the Keystone from King Solomon's Quarries, presented a year previous by R. .E. .Comp. R. V. Harris. Florida regrets that it was not represented on this occasion by Past Grand High Priest Walter P. Doull, of Prince Edwards Island.

Many phases of Capitular work are recorded in the comprehensive address of Grand High Priest Otto, who was justly commended for the faithful execution of the trusts confided to him.

He paid a touching tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest John Hay, who wore the purple of the fraternity in 1911. And he truly said of our late Past Grand High Priest Henry N. Sweeting, that he was "very active in all branches of Masonry."

Several of his dispensations were to anticipate failure to hold regular Chapter convocations and advance dates, and another was to use two substitutes in one Chapter at two dates quite close together, he being admonished by Grand Chapter in the latter case to "as limited use of the dispensing power as possible."

Early in his official year the Grand High Priest divided the Province into six Districts for the purpose of holding reunions, with the idea of exemplifications of the Capitular Degrees and the Order of High Priesthood, but only one District complied.

Every Chapter was officially visited by the Grand High Priest, an excellent record.

It is the desire of Grand Chapter to hold one of its Annual Convocations at St. John's, New Foundland, but the expenses of the trip is such that but few of the Companions have been disposed to take it, although the time and place of the next Annual was left open with the hope that a pilgrimage to this island can be arranged.

The many years of devoted services of Grand Secretary Brenton F. Porter was appropriately recognized by conferring upon him the rank of Past Grand King, a proceeding seldom observed by American Grand Chapters, but commendable in this particular instance.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand High Priest, heartily endorsed the remarks relative to strict conformity to ritual and the elimination of "horse play," by suggesting that "in our opinion the Grand Chapter would not be taking extreme measure if it made such conduct a Masonic offense in Capitular Masonry."

The Order of High Priesthood being a necessary pre-requisite for High Priests, several Special Conventions were held during the year.

Pleasing and instructive is the Report of Foreign Correspondence, which is again presented by Grand Secretary Brenton F. Porter, and the Nova Scotia Companions who fail to read it, are passing up wonderful opportunities for acquiring Masonic information. Florida receives commendable consideration.

Next Annual—Time and place to be stated later.

Pius J. S. Otto, Dartmouth, Grand High Priest;
Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

OHIO—1925

Chapters 209. Members, 78,825. Exalted, 3,325.
Net Gain, 1,601.

ROBERT E. LEE, Grand High Priest.

Congratulatory conditions appear to prevail among the Royal Craft in the Buckeye State, for notwithstanding the many employed, comparable in number to those in the building of King Solomon's Temple, yet no disturbances seem to have arisen among the Craft, according to the proceedings of the One Hundred and Ninth Annual, held in Akron, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 1925. Of course all the officials were present, as well as nearly a score of Past Grands besides many lesser lights, including Florida's Grand Representative. The General Grand Chapter was represented by M. E. Comp. Wm. E. Goff. While the numerical gain in the State was lessened, yet it is safe to presume that the qualifications were correspondingly increased. These conditions are quite generally prevailing and in the long run the Craft will be the gainer.

Grand High Priest Lee did not find it necessary to incorporate a dissertation in his concise address, but confined himself to a brief resume of his necessary routine official acts, together with such recommendations and suggestions as his "close contact with conditions as found during the year seem to justify."

One important recommendation was to increase the minimum fees in subordinate Chapters from \$2.00 to \$4.00, but Grand Chapter decided that \$3.00 would cover the necessary requirements.

Another important recommendation adopted was that:

No dispensation for the institution of a new Chapter shall be granted during the recess of the Grand Chapter. Neither can a Charter be granted to a new Chapter working under dispensation at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter at which the petition for its institution was presented. It is furthermore required that the chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall make a thorough investigation of the proposed place of meeting, the necessity and advisability of establishing a new Chapter as applied for, and submit its report and recommendations at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

When these conditions are faithfully complied with, there will be less defunct Chapters and the Royal Craft will be in fact, as well as in name, what it was originally intended to be. No doubt the above action was actuated by this portion of the Grand High Priest's address, in refusing to grant a petition for a new Chapter:

Summed up, it is my conviction that the days of pioneering in reference to the establishing of new Chapters are past. Distance is no longer a factor, with the advent of trolley cars and especially the automobile and improved highways, and while numbers should not be the controlling factor in determining whether or not dispensation should be granted for new Chapters, the experience of this Grand Chapter has been and is today that after the first flush of enthusiasm in the starting of small new Chapters, great difficulty is encountered in the maintenance of proper interest relative to the Chapter functioning successfully.

Furthermore, dispensations for new Chapters should not be granted where they propose to use a lot of junk robes and paraphernalia instead of purchasing a new outfit.

Among the few dispensations quite properly refused by the Grand High Priest, was one to a Chapter to hold its annual meeting at a considerably delayed date, because owing to repairs on the Masonic Temple this Chapter "took such little interest in its affairs that they did not even request a dispensation to meet in temporary

quarters pending the completion of the repairs," and the fact that it was an old Chapter and the promise of the officers that a greater interest would be taken, "alone prevented my taking more serious action and referring it to this Grand Chapter for approval."

During the year three new Chapters were consecrated. The by-laws of several Chapters were approved, which provided for the election of all the officers, including the Guard.

Applicable to Chapters generally, is a suggestion in the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, that whenever an attempt is made to improve upon the language of the Uniform Code, "little is accomplished, and often times it results in Chapters being required to amend such sections."

Action of the recommendation of the Grand High Priest to increase the Masonic Home per capita from twenty-five cents to one dollar, as well as to permit Chapters to confer the Royal Arch degree upon more than one team in one day, was deferred until the next Annual.

Appreciating the services of M. E. Companion Nelson Williams in the Order of High Priesthood, a committee was appointed to make preparations for the suitable observance of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of his election as its president, and 138 Companions were set apart to this Holy Order.

For the sixteenth time Past Grand High Priest O. P. Sperra submits the Report on Foreign Correspondence, which is instructive and inspiring, and the writer of this extends him a cordial welcome on his return to the work, after a brief absence, for which he is so eminently fitted.

Florida is given careful consideration and the only dissenting comment is relative to its action affirming that of the General Grand Chapter that a High Priest should wear a hat while presiding. He makes this strong point:

This statement we do not endorse, and the highest Masonic authorities have decided otherwise, holding that only the Master should wear a hat while presiding.

Being a Buckeye product, the writer of this quite naturally appreciates the commendation of Companion Sperra. Thank you.

Next Annual in Toledo, Oct. 6, 1926.

Warren J. Baker, Toledo, Grand High Priest; Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary; Wm. A. Belt, Kenton, Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA—1925

Chapters, 82. Members, 14,420. Exalted, 1,143.
Net Gain, 614.

THOS. J. WELLS, Grand High Priest.

Slight discrepancies appear in two separate reports, not material, from one of which the above statistics are taken, and so the figures may or may not be absolutely correct. Neither was it essential that Florida's Grand Representative was not "among those present" at the Thirty-sixth Annual, held in Cushing, April 22 and 23, 1925, but we prefer to be represented.

During the year the Companions were called upon to mourn the passing to the Great Beyond of M. E. . .

Comp. J. Angus Gillis, who was Grand High Priest in 1919. His most distinguishing characteristic, as the writer recalls him, really pertained to Cryptic rather than Capitular Masonry, and were his persistent but unsuccessful efforts to make Cryptic Masonry a pre-requisite to Templar Masonry.

Seemingly so conversant are Oklahoma Royal Craftsmen with its rules and regulations that Grand High Priest Wells had little occasion to use his official powers or prerogatives.

He issued one dispensation for a new Chapter and its work passing inspection, it was granted a charter.

Although a large number of suspensions for N. P. D. were reported, yet the Grand High Priest looked at it from the optimistic angle:

It is only the process of elimination after banner years, and while we are losing some members, we may feel some satisfaction that we are retaining Royal Arch Masons.

This somewhat out of the usual mandate from the Grand High Priest, under his heading of "Decisions and Interpretations" may be quite clear to the general reader, but somehow it is not to the writer of this:

It has been my own invariable custom in the consideration of matters affecting the rights, privileges and duties of Master Masons, when in apparent conflict with some technical law, or supposed Masonic usage, to give first importance to the interests of the Master Mason rather than to the law or some official or unofficial interpretation of the law, and in such matters as have been referred to me for consideration, I have observed this simple rule.

He feels that it is a rather "delicate subject" for a Grand Officer to visit a constituent Chapter without an invitation from the High Priest. Possibly so in excep-

tional cases, but as a rule Chapters not only expect but prefer that the dates of official visitations be fixed. They can be modified, if necessary.

He is a firm believer in Capitular publicity, for he says, "it is hardly possible to enumerate the benefits to be derived to the Craft by a carefully edited and attractively published periodical." There is much truth in that old saying: "You can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink."

This comprehensive statement from the report of the Committee on Education relative to the loan feature, may be encouraging to the Craft in Florida which has recently taken up this matter:

We are now in a position to note some of the results of our loan organization. We have made sixty-three loans to forty different individuals. Of this number sixteen are now attending school and are engaged as follows: Twelve are teaching in the schools of our State, three are in the business world, and one in the newspaper field. All of these people will exercise a great influence for good in their different positions and the "bread cast upon the waters will return to us many fold."

The report of the Grand Lecturer indicates an "apparent lack of interest in some localities," which he ascribes to "the elimination of certain ceremonies in the Past and Royal Arch Degrees," and in some of the smaller Chapters "depending too much on the old faithful Companions, who are willing to do all the work," as long as they can do it their old way. The consequence is that there has been no influx of new blood into the working force. While these conditions may not be confined to isolated sections of this one Grand Chapter, yet a careful reading of the various proceedings as they come to the reviewer's desk, confirm the belief that these obnoxious features are gradually being "heaved over into

the rubbish," because they are unfit for use and cannot become a part of the completed structure. And this sentence also from the Grand Lecturer's report is worthy of consideration:

Your Grand Lecturer believes that, as a general proposition, the fewer rituals in the possession of a Chapter, the better off they are, as there is too much dependence placed on the possession of a ritual.

Less than half as many qualified Companions as there are constituent Chapters were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood in regular form.

It is with much regret that we learn from a tail-end notation, that the seventh report of Companion Major William Noble is his last as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, he having accepted work in the War Department which will take up all his available time. His constructive criticisms were always illuminating and forceful and we shall miss him from the "Guild."

Florida was freely reviewed, but apparently he did not quite understand the reason for the visit of the Grand High Priest to a Chapter whose High Priest, King and Scribe had permanently left the Jurisdiction. As a matter of fact there was no Past High Priest or any other person living within the Jurisdiction at that time qualified to open the Chapter. This was his reported comment; although we are not quite clear as to the meaning:

It is about time that the office of High Priest, King and Scribe of a Chapter, and Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Warden of a Blue Lodge should no longer be held sacred, and that any member of a Lodge or Chapter be authorized to open and preside over regular meetings and that once a Master or High Priest, always a Master or High Priest should no longer prevail.

Next Annual in Muskogee, April 21 and 22, 1926.
 Charles E. Creagor, Muskogee, Grand High Priest;
 James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary; Eugene Hamilton, Chickasha, Correspondent.

OREGON—1925

Chapters, 48. Members, 6,951. Exalted, 282.
 Net Gain, 41.

H. WAYNE STANARD, Grand High Priest.

Suspensions for non-payment of dues and deaths almost totaling the exaltations of the year, indicate a swinging backward of the Capitular pendulum in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Sixty-fifth Annual was held in Portland, April 15, 1925. Through a revision of the list of Grand Representatives Florida is now sponsored by Ex. Comp. L. V. Roake, who was present.

One member of the Permanent Family was called to his eternal reward, M. E. Comp. Milton S. Woodcock, who was Grand High Priest in 1913.

During the year three Special Convocations were held to constitute the Chapters which had been given charters. Also two meetings of the trustees of the Grand Chapter were held, whose duties seem to approach those of the Boards of General Purposes of overseas Grand Chapters, only in a more limited sense.

The address of the Grand High Priest is largely devoid of interest to outsiders. He instituted one Chapter which was granted a charter. He joined with the Scottish Rite in abrogating the joint agreement requiring all Master Masons to become proficient in the Master's de-

gree before petitioning for either Chapter or Scottish Rite degrees. The working results of these requirements, bring out in a marked degree the difference between theory and practice.

The special dispensations granted would not have been necessary under Florida laws.

Finding it practically impossible for the Grand High Priest to visit all the Chapters in the State he recommended that they be divided between that official and the Deputy Grand, in that way making it possible for the Grand High Priest to visit all the Chapters in the State in the two years. This is presumably based on the theory that advancement is a sure thing.

Acceding to the request of M. E. Comp. James F. Robinson that he be permitted to resign as active Grand Secretary, he was elected Grand Secretary Emeritus. Grand Secretary Robinson has served the Grand Lodge in that capacity twenty-eight years, the Grand Chapter thirty-four years and the Grand Commandery thirty-five years. He has served in many other avenues of Masonic activities, which aggregate 216 years' tenure in Masonic offices, a remarkable record for one lifetime.

Among the many formal reports is one out of the ordinary from the Jurisprudence Committee, "that we have met and elected Frank M. Patterson as chairman." This committee is composed of the three youngest Past Grands and Companion Patterson is the senior of those three.

About the customary proportionate number, twenty-three in this instance, were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

Ex. Companion Walter O. Haines again reviews the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. He does not seem to favor restrictions that would impede the "hurry up"

progress of any Master Mason for so-called "higher degrees, for he says:

They talk of giving the Mason a chance to become proficient. Proficient in what? In his ability to learn the answers to a few questions so that he can repeat such answers in open Lodge? Is that proficiency? What about the great underlying principles of Masonry? Not one Lodge in one hundred is even trying to teach a candidate anything beyond the ritual, and yet the Master Mason must stay in the Blue Lodge some months becoming proficient; by absorption, probably, before he can apply for further degrees.

Florida is briefly reviewed. Referring to the student scholarship provision brings out this comment:

Evidently they are getting tired of adopting resolutions concerning the Tower-Sterling bill, and are deciding to do something useful towards education.

Next Annual in Portland, April 13, 1925.

John K. Kollock, Portland, Grand High Priest; D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, Grand Secretary; Walter O. Haines, Portland, Correspondent.

PENNSYLVANIA—1925

Chapters, 152. Members, 59,177. Marked, 2,870.
Net Gain, 1,595.

GEORGE P. DARROW, Grand High Priest.

Although this Grand Jurisdiction held four Quarterly Communications as well as Annual, besides having two Mark Lodges to report, yet for some reason the proceedings are largely devoid of interest of matters to the

Craft at large. Possibly this may be commendable, and if so, congratulations.

The writer does not recall, if ever informed, just why there should be two Mark Lodges, with no material change in membership, the reports for the year showing a net loss of three members. He also wonders what particular feature it offers not covered by the Mark Master Masons Lodge, one of the regular Capitular degrees.

We are pleased to note that Comp. Henry O. Kline, Florida's Representative, was present at the first of the four Quarterlies.

One Chapter was given permission to receive and act upon a fourth petition for degrees and membership from a Past Master by dispensation. Of course, it was necessary to meet requirements, but it suggests a proceeding unknown to Florida Craftsmen.

An extra communication was held for the purpose of conferring the Capitular degrees on a Brother, and probably a personage of importance, though no such information is given it was perfectly proper "by virtue of the presence of the M. .E. .Grand High Priest.

Eight neighboring Grand Chapters were represented at the Annual Convocation, at which time Grand High Priest Darrow submitted a report of his stewardship. He paid due tribute to the memory of M. .E. . Carl A. Sundstrom, who was Grand High Priest in 1909 and 1910.

The State is divided into twenty-six districts, and it was the privilege of the Grand High Priest to attend each of these district meetings. In addition he visited several subordinate Chapters as well as a number of Grand Chapters of other Grand Jurisdictions. A notable feature in connection with his visit to Michigan was the adoption of a resolution to abolish the rough and rugged road,

which, he says, "makes the work more in accord with the Pennsylvania conception of the solemnity of the Royal Arch Degree."

All Companions who had not received the Order of High Priesthood retired when Companion George P. Darrow was installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest. There appears to be no other reference to the Order of High Priesthood.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is submitted by the five members, the Grand Chapters being divided about equally among them, and Florida as heretofore is assigned to Comp. H. Franklin Brossman. He gives a comprehensive review of the Florida proceedings, without comment, except that he states it has also been the custom in his jurisdiction for the High Priest to be covered while presiding.

Past Grand High Priest John M. Core, the committee chairman, informs the readers that "membership in this committee is not a perfunctory honor, but involves real honest work." He also notes the "pitifully inadequate" appropriation for this work in other jurisdictions, and that the wages each Pennsylvania workman receives is "the wider view he gets of Capitular work." There is no concerted action, he says, each working in his own individual way, neither is there a censorship. He also says that the personnel of the Committee is rarely changed. Companion Gore raises these queries at the close of the review:

Will the demand for "mass action" along some one or more definite uplift lines replace the old work of Masonry? Must we resort to the spectacular to attract the crowd, thereby gaining numbers whom the Grand Bodies can assess a dollar or more apiece per year in order to raise funds to carry out this or that humanitarian program? Or shall we as Royal Arch Masons be content to complete the Masonic education of the Master Mason? To unfold to him the beauties of that which was dimly hinted in the Symbolic Lodge?

All Communications are held in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

George P. Darrow, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest;
Joseph E. Quinby, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1925

Chapters, 21. Members, 3,351. Received, 206.
Net Gain, 15.

WILLIAM M. COUPER, Grand 1st. Prin. Z.

Again Florida fails to be represented at the Grand Chapter of Quebec, the Forty-eighth Annual being held in Montreal, March 25, 1925, with every constituent Chapter represented, besides a generous number of Past Grands, First Principals and Principal Sojourners. Several minor matters of business, including a request from the Grand Chapter of Manitoba for recognition, preceded the address of the Grand First Principal, M. E. Couper. W. M. Couper.

Existing industrial and commercial conditions were the reasons assigned by him for the lesser increase in membership. He was particularly gratified that there no longer existed a "ripple upon our calm sea of fraternal relations, it having been removed by mutual understanding and the exercise of true fraternal feeling and sympathy."

In 1886, after the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and its recognition as a Sovereign Body by all other Grand Jurisdictions, the Supreme Grand Chapter of England established a Royal Arch Chapter in the city of Montreal, and an edict severing fraternal

relations followed. Some years ago this Chapter ceased to exist and its warrant was returned to England. And now, thirty-eight years later, another edict has been issued restoring the disrupted relations.

During the year he consecrated a Chapter in Montreal and constituted another in Quebec. He was greatly impressed by the expressions of loyalty following Chapter visitations as well as the warmth of welcome from outside the Province of Quebec. "How good and how pleasant it is Brethren to dwell together in unity."

Among his dispensations was one for a Quebec Chapter to work the Royal Arch degree in Montreal on one of its candidates. The Quebec Chapter was working under dispensations, and because it was showing so much enthusiasm in its work, the Grand Z. "was pleased to grant permission in order that it might demonstrate its work in Montreal."

It is with much regret that we note the absence of M. E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, from Grand Chapter, and his Report on Correspondence was presented by another. Although it is somewhat more brief yet it is up to the former standards.

Under Florida he quotes from the address of the Grand High Priest relative to widespread lawlessness of the day.

Next Annual in Montreal, March 24, 1926.

W. M. Couper, Montreal, Grand Z.; W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.; E. D. T. Chambers, Montreal, Correspondent.

QUEENSLAND—1924-25

Although not in fraternal relations with either of the Queensland Grand Chapters, we are in receipt of the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland (the older of the two Grand Chapters). The most prominent matter appearing to be the correspondence which passed between that Grand Body and the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland (this latter being the name adopted by the second or later-formed Grand Chapter), pertaining to an amalgamation of the two Grand Bodies, the initiative for which appears to have been taken by the latter Grand Chapter.

The former body expresses its willingness to send delegates "as soon as your Grand Body admits that this Grand Body was regularly formed," the particulars of which do not appear in the published correspondence. Regret was expressed by the First Grand Principal of the newer Grand Chapter, as well as a willingness to "frankly withdraw any such imputation." A committee appointed from each of the Grand Chapters held meetings and agreed "that the basis of union should be the Treaty or Articles of Union as drawn up between the District Grand Chapters of England and Scotland." The outlook for amalgamation seemed favorable until the delegates from the first named Grand Chapters insisted:

That a condition which requires to be affirmed is that Principals cannot be elected unless they are Installed Masters. It was pointed out on the other hand that if the members of Royal Arch Chapters at present working in Queensland decided that the Principals of their various Chapters may be elected from the floor of the Chapters without any qualification of having attained Past Master's rank the majority is bound to rule.

This action was reported back to the respective Grand Chapters and according to the proceedings the first named

Grand Chapter approved the action of the committee by also unanimously insisting that "Principals of a Chapter must be Installed Masters." This latest action was forwarded to the other Grand Chapter.

Thos G. Moxley, South Brisbane, Queensland, Grand Scribe E.

SASKATCHEWAN—1925

Chapters, 26. Members, 2,637. Admitted, 170.
Net Gain, 115.

JAMES McCAULEY, Grand Z.

Capitular Masonry, as intended, is taken at its face value in this Grand Jurisdiction, for every Grand Officer was in his proper station and Florida was represented at the Second Annual, held in Moose Jaw, Feb. 18, 1925. Visiting Companions from Manitoba and North Dakota contributed to the importance of the convocation. Nowhere do we recall seeing a more concise and truthful tribute to Past General Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn than that of Grand First Principal McCauley in his address, when he said: "He was a plain man of the people, with a heart overflowing with love for his fellows, a most exemplary and earnest Royal Arch Mason."

It was a pleasure for Companion McCauley to state that during the year thirty Foreign Grand Jurisdictions had recognized the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. The institution of two new Chapters during the year, indicate substantial progress in the Royal Craft. He visited a majority of the constituent Chapters and the other two Grand Principals "covered" the others.

He also found time to make several pilgrimages to other Grand Chapters, and his year of service was commendable.

He was fortunate in not being called upon to make rulings not covered by precedents, and only a few requests for dispensations were refused, one of which was to wear the Royal Arch sash at an informal dance, and we quite agree with his reason for so doing: "Could see no good purpose accomplished for the Royal Craft in granting this request."

In reply to a query, he reaffirmed the ruling of the mother Grand Chapter of Canada which in substance is that the title "Excellent" applies only to the presiding officer, and that this station in a U. D. Chapter carries with it no permanent honors.

The closing of his address is given to a series of allegorical lessons, in which he compared the candidate in the Entered Apprentice to

A naked soul, your soul, and my soul, which entered this world free from all stain—trustful, with nothing but a desire to love, and be loved. In the Fellow Craft it is provided with the necessary materials to begin its spiritual and moral structure. In the Master Mason it learns the need of an important element to complete the structure, and the search begins. In the Mark Master the search is continued and a substitute is found, but it is rejected because it bears not *our* mark. And in the Most Excellent Master the Great Architect's sympathy is shown to the extent that "He allows us to use *His* mark, and the crowning glory is achieved and our labors are over," being rewarded, after a long and toilsome journey, with the revelation of the lost Word.

There is a condensed Report on Foreign Correspondence prepared by the Committee Chairman, R. E. Comp. C. P. Moore, Grand H., and who was elevated to the Grand East as First Grand Principal.

The review is readable and instructive, but unfortunately Florida did not reach him. The proceedings do not state who is to prepare the next report, but it is hoped that this work will not be allowed to cease.

If the time and place of the next Annual is stated the writer fails to find it.

Chas. P. Moore, Weyburn, Grand Z.; F. B. Reilly, Regina, Grand Scribe E.

SCOTLAND—1925

All phases of Scottish Capitular Masonry show a decrease in volume for 1924, as compared with 1923, as stated by First Grand Principal Cassillis, at the banquet following the annual Convocation, March 21, 1925. There were he said, at that time 601 Chapters on the rolls, some of which were dormant, 22 new charters being issued during the year, and the exaltations were 3,961, with a larger falling off in both the Mark Master Lodge and the Cryptic Council, both of which are closely allied with the Chapter. And this sentence from his address, referring to his Australian visit would indicate that exclusive jurisdiction is a long way off for our Antipodean Companions:

I found there great devotion to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, not merely amongst Masons of Scottish descent, but amongst Australians and New Zealanders, because they appreciate the Scottish Soldier and look upon Scottish Freemasonry as being more democratic than any other form of Masonry.

He spoke of visiting the Chapter at Manilla, (which was the cause of the severing of fraternal relations by

the General Grand Chapters and many Grand Chapters now happily adjusted) also the Chapters at Hongkong and Shanghai, and added:

It is also a source of gratification to know that we are now once more on friendly terms with the 700,000 Royal Arch Masons in America.

This little bit of historical information was also brought out:

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was established August 28, 1817, the First Grand Principal being Sir William Drummond of Lodgie Almond. Since then there have been thirty-two First Grand Principals. So far as Scotland is concerned, it seems very vague as to when Royal Arch Masonry was first introduced. Its earliest practice in Scotland was carried on in Craft Lodges, and during the latter part of the eighteenth century it was quite common for these Lodges to work the Higher Degrees, there being no authority to prevent them.

Of the six petitions for charters received at the March Quarterly five were from New South Wales and the other from India, which emphasizes the statement made by Lord Cassillis, that at a gathering he attended in Sydney, "2,300 Royal Arch Masons were present, all—with the exception of 200—being Scottish Royal Arch Masons."

Evidently disturbances continue among the workmen, for the December Quarterly proceedings make reference to the receipt of a letter from the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, the contents of which is not made public, but it was referred to the Supreme Grand Committee.

There is also the report of the chartering of two new Royal Arch Chapters in New South Wales, as well as two Lodges and Councils.

This from the By-laws' sub-committee indicates some of the differences between American and Scottish Royal Arch Chapter procedure:

The by-laws of Chapter Naval and Military, Hong-Kong, were approved with alterations, but the Committee desire that (as previously ruled) the Chapter By-Laws, Lodge and Council By-Laws, and the Cryptic By-Laws be bound separately.

Permission was given an Edinburg Chapter to wear the original regalia of the Chapter as worn in 1818.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1925

Chapters, 42. Members, 6,536. Exalted, 390.
Net Gain, 99.

WM. A. WANNAMAKER, Grand High Priest.

Almost the first notation in the proceedings of the One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual, held in Spartanburg, April 14, 1925, were the figures "99," because they happen to be the number of the constituent Lodge of the writer of this review. These figures represent the net gain in that Grand Chapter which had 390 Exaltations, and suspended 192 for u. p. d. This comment in the address of Grand High Priest Wannamaker is just as applicable in any other Grand Chapter and cannot be too forcibly brought to the attention of constituent officers generally:

I believe that the officers of the Chapters are largely responsible for this condition. They do not give the time and thought to the work that their acceptance of office would justify

us in expecting of them. Of course, there are notable exceptions to this statement, and whenever this is the case you find a thriving, enthusiastic Chapter.

The several rulings of the Grand High Priest brought out no new features and all will pass inspection, but this statement in reply to a query from a Lodge secretary is worth recording:

While there is a certain comity between bodies, each is sovereign and the secretary of a Blue Lodge has no right to direct any action of the Chapter, nor is a Blue Lodge Mason as such, or the officer of a Blue Lodge, entitled to know of any action by the Chapter.

And right here, perhaps, is just as appropriate an opportunity to make this query as any other, and that is, why the word "Blue" should be applied to a Lodge of Master Masons any more than the word "Red" to a Chapter, "Purple" to a Council or "White" or "Black" to a Commandery? Somewhere or sometime the writer of this has a hazy recollection of an explanation, but if so it must have been so unsatisfactory that it has never been clear to the writer. If any word is needed to qualify "Lodge," why not use the word "Symbolic" just as we use "Capitular" in connection with the Royal Arch?

One wonders what should have prompted a Chapter to inquire if it could elect as High Priest a Companion who had moved beyond the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina?

Hereafter the "air line distance" between Chapters in determining jurisdiction will be that established by the State Highway Commission. This is a very reasonable method and will no doubt remain in force until aircraft is more common than now.

Grand High Priest Wannamaker favored the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland, but it was referred to the Special Committee on Fraternal Relations, of which our highly esteemed and well informed Companion James L. Michie is chairman, who in a special report concisely stated both sides of the controversy, and with this disposition:

Under these circumstances I do not feel competent to advise our Grand Chapter, but will refer it to the Grand Chapter to take such action as it may deem advisable.

And Grand Chapter very wisely, in our opinion, recommended "that recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland be postponed." The wisdom of this action is borne out by our review of Michigan, although that relates to a later stage in this controversy.

During the proceedings of the Grand Chapter Deputy Grand High Priest Charles K. Chreitzberg received notice of the death of his mother. He was of course elected Grand High Priest and was installed in his home Chapter a week later.

A valuable feature in connection with this year's proceedings are the brief biographical sketches of the Grand High Priests from 1812 to the present, and in which we note that James Leslie Michie was Grand High Priest in 1911-1912, followed by this modest but absolutely correct notation: "For several years he has filled the exacting position of Foreign Correspondent with conspicuous ability."

Only nine duly qualified were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

This is the fifteenth time that Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie presents a review of the pro-

ceedings of Sister Jurisdictions, and if that be possible, each one is better than its predecessor.

And right here we want to apologize for the incorrectness of the statment in our previous review to the effect that Grand Chapter apparently "disapproved" of the making of M.:W.: James Campbell, Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina, a Royal Arch Mason at sight. At the time we thought we made a careful search for some reference to that action, but it appears this one paragraph was overlooked, and which we are pleased to reproduce:

On motion of Companion Samuel T. Lanham the action of the Grand High Priest in making the Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina a Royal Arch Mason at sight was approved by a rising vote.

Next Annual in Greenville, April 28, 1926.

Charles K. Chreitzberg, Rock Hill, Grand High Priest; O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary; James L. Michie, Darlington, Correspondent.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1925

Chapters, 43. Members, 6,380. Exalted, 244.
Net Gain, 28.

JOSEPH STANTON, Grand High Priest.

Largely routine were the proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Annual, held in Sioux Falls, June 11, 1925, Florida being among those "not present."

During the year two members of the permanent family received their final summons. M.:E.:Comp.

George A. West, Grand High Priest in 1899, and M. E. Comp. Frank A. Brown, Grand High Priest in 1902.

Believing that Capitular Masonry would be better served with a two-day session, Grand High Priest Stanton in his address recommended the appointment of a committee in connection with a similar committee from the Grand Council to report at the next Annual, and Grand Chapter approved, the specific object being to devote one day to a school of instruction.

Knowing no reason to prevent, he granted a dispensation for one Chapter to "go visiting," taking its paraphernalia and Charter along, and confer the degrees. All of the official acts of the Grand High Priest were approved.

Not having been called upon for any decisions, he quoted the ritualistic decisions handed down by the General Grand High Priest.

Dreams that came true to Grand Secretary Pettigrew and other far-seeing Craftsmen are now enjoyed by the rank and file in the splendid library belonging to the Grand Lodge, at Sioux Falls, and memorialized by the committee, for it is the second largest building solely for library and Masonic purposes, in this country, if not in the world, being exceeded only by the one belonging to the Iowa Craft at Cedar Rapids.

It is a pleasure to note that Companion Chas. L. Brockway, who was advanced to the Grand East, will also continue as president of the Order of High Priesthood, although but few of the duly qualified were set apart to that Holy Order. Also that in addition to his other duties he will again review the proceedings, a work which he has acceptably performed for several years.

It is said that "no news is good news." That being true, then Florida must have met his unqualified approval, as his fraternal review is limited to about half a page.

Next Annual in Yankton, June 10, 1925.

Chas. L. Brockway, Sioux Falls, Grand High Priest and Correspondent; Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE—1925

Chapters, 90. Members, 11,237. Exalted, 554.
Net Gain, 198.

J. WINFIELD DARBY, Grand High Priest.

Somewhat prosaic appears to be the proceedings of the Ninety-seventh Annual, held in Nashville, January 25 and 26, 1926. Having dispensed with the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, all the officers responded to roll call, besides a baker's dozen of Past Grands, and distinguished visitors from North Carolina. About the only missing were representatives of five constituent Chapters and Florida's spokesman.

Tribute was paid to the final passing of M. E. Comp. Chas. M. Hunt, Grand High Priest in 1914.

Although the Capitular duties of the Grand High Priest were not arduous, yet "pressure of business" was his apology for failure to make Chapter visitations, and Grand Chapter concurred in the regret of the Jurisprudence Committee "that our Grand High Priest did not make greater effort to make personal contact with subordinate Chapters."

Alfred C. Morgan, Clarksville, Grand High Priest;
 Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary; Chas. H.
 Smart, Nashville, Correspondent.

TEXAS—1925

Chapters, 308. Members, 43,289. Exalted, 2,237.
 Net Gain, 1,068.

FRANK HOLT, Grand High Priest.

Strictly business was the keynote of the Seventy-sixth Annual, which convened in Waco, Nov. 30, 1925, with nearly every Grand Officer, besides Past Grands and lesser lights including Florida's Grand Representative in attendance, but unfortunately many of the chartered Chapters were not represented, which induced the incoming Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Weekly, at the close of the second day's session to strongly urge a 100 per cent attendance.

Big business requires big men, and the comprehensive address of Grand High Priest Holt, in which he presents in simple but effective language his year's activities, and which are multitudinous, proclaim him to be a "big" man, whatever his physical proportions. So varied were the demands made upon him that only a few of the "high spots" as brought out in the committee reports can be presented.

To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon the Craft, and every Texas Royal Arch Mason has great reason to be proud of what is being done in the Home-For Aged Masons, in which he has a little part, its benefactions being extended to all worthy Master Masons.

The Committee on Ritual made a somewhat sweeping report, calling for drastic changes, including the abolishing of the office of District Lecturer and the substitution of District Deputy Grand High Priests, but final consideration was postponed.

Hereafter death, removal from Grand Jurisdiction or two consecutive absences of Grand Representatives, shall constitute a vacancy.

The Centennial anniversary of this Grand Chapter will be held in connection with the 1927 Convocation.

Thirty-nine qualified Companions were added to the roll of the Order of High Priesthood.

An instructive and interesting Report on Correspondence is again submitted by M. E. Charles M. Smart, in which he does not hesitate to express his convictions on essentials. His long experience has well fitted him for this responsible duty and the readers are well repaid for the time given.

His review of Florida proceedings is considerate and substantially approving, although he wonders how the four Chapter degrees could have been conferred in one afternoon and evening. The work was done by Jacksonville Chapter No. 12, in its own rooms, and we are quite sure that could Companion Smart have witnessed it he would have been impressed with the dignity and precision that characterized every movement. Come down and see for yourself, Companion. Grand Chapter would be mightily pleased to have so distinguished a visitor.

His report concludes with an expression of "Views on Various Topics," which are both pleasing and pertinent, as well as informative, but reproduction is not feasible. And we regret our readers are not permitted to get his viewpoints.

Next Annual in Nashville, Jan. 24, 1927.

Provision is made for the worthy young people who desire an education through the Student Loan Fund, the administration of which has been reduced to a system, and which gives preference to the fraternity, \$10,000 being set aside for this purpose.

For the purpose of disseminating Masonic education among the Craft, the previous Grand Chapter appropriated \$5,000. Under the direction of the originator of the plan, Past Grand High Priest Sam J. Helm, assisted by Grand Secretary Bartley, an opportunity was offered nearly every Chapter in the State to participate in one or more of the three score and ten educational meetings held in accessible portions of the State. So encouraging were the results that Grand Chapter made a similar appropriation for the coming year.

Grand Chapter, through the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, did not look with favor upon the request made by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland to resume fraternal relations, which were severed something over ten years ago.

Because of wilful and repeated violations by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland of the universally recognized law of jurisdiction, and the Grand Chapter declared in substance, that relations should remain severed until such time as Scotland should recognize the law.

A constitutional amendment provides that the minimum fee for Chapter degrees shall be fifty dollars, and no part can be remitted or donated, directly or indirectly, by vote of the Chapter or otherwise.

Under the so-called "Texas Plan," every petition for a dispensation for a new Chapter must also be accompanied by a similar petition for a Council of Royal and Select Masters, unless there be one already established in the same county.

All the minor acts of the Grand High Priest were approved and he was congratulated "upon having wielded the gavel of authority with courage yet with courtesy, with justice yet with fairness and toleration."

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, according to custom, held two sunrise sessions, one each morning, the first being for receiving petitions and anointing the postulants, and the second for other business and the election of officers.

Much interest centers in the Fraternal Correspondence review, it being the maiden work of the chairman, M. E. Comp. Sam J. Helm, who at once qualifies himself for a seat at the Round Table.

Florida receives careful consideration and several features in the address of Grand High Priest Wirt are mentioned with favorable comment, as is also the work of the writer. Thank you.

Next Annual in Waco, Nov. 29, 1926.

John M. Weekley, Ennis, Grand High Priest; T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary; Sam J. Helm, Corsicana, Correspondent.

UTAH—1925

Chapters, 8. Members, 1,202. Exalted, 76.
Net Gain, 6.

GEORGE W. LYNCH, Grand High Priest.

Working under handicaps little understood or appreciated by those living at a distance, the Craft in this State are to be congratulated on the results attained, and well justifies this assertion by Past Grand Master and Companion F. C. Schramm, who is also Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the A. & A. S. Rite in Utah and

Nevada, "that it is more important in this than in any other Jurisdiction in the United States, that all Masons should be brought closer to each other." Every Chapter was represented at the Fourteenth Annual, held in Ogden, May 22, 1925, but Florida's Representative did not hear the gracious words of welcome accorded the other fraters.

Zeal and enthusiasm characterize the straight-forward address of Grand High Priest Lynch, as he recited his official acts which indicated that he measured up to his responsibilities. Well merited were his references to the visitation of General Grand High Priest Wm. H. Kuhn, which he says was the last Grand Chapter visited by our late revered General Grand High Priest.

He greatly regretted that some of the Chapter Secretaries failed to comprehend that they "were a part of the largest Masonic organization in the world and, as such, should at all times put forth their best efforts in the discharge of their duties," this merited comment being occasioned by neglect on the part of some Secretaries to comply with established regulations.

He ruled that a Mark Master Mason who had received this degree in a regular Chapter working under the Grand Chapter of Scotland could visit a Chapter only when working in the Mark Master degree. But when, as in some Grand Jurisdictions, where the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees are conferred by the Lodge, he could not visit when working in those degrees.

Grand Chapter adopted his recommendations to abolish the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, and also to meet the day preceding Grand Commandery. Florida finds it more desirable to separate time of holding Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery.

Fraters generally will regret to learn that Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest Walter Daniels by reason of protracted illness of many months was unable to be present, but they will approve the action of Grand Chapter in continuing him in office, together with providing him with an assistant.

This very encouraging statement is found in the report of the Grand Lecturer: "The Capitular branch of Masonry in Utah is organized and equipped as never before, and is functioning in a manner that is highly gratifying."

Hereafter the Grand High Priest will be required to submit to the Jurisprudence Committee a copy of his address fifteen days prior to the time of meeting. In the various Florida bodies this committee meets the day previous, to consider the respective reports.

Instead of a Past Grand jewel, the retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a watch, which he said, "is something that will be with me every day that I travel this rough and rugged road."

Five qualified Companions received the Order of High Priesthood, one of whom was Ex. Comp. Wm. F. Wilkins, who will prepare the Correspondence Report another year.

Somewhat brief is the Correspondence Report, this year the work of Ex. Comp. (Rev.) Wm. F. Bulkley, who seems to have stressed the spiritual features, which he believes "is the one great hopeful sign in our present day civilization."

Under Florida he quotes from the address of the Grand High Priest concerning the prevailing lawlessness of today, without comment.

Next Annual in Salt Lake City, May, 26, 1925.

John C. Brown, Ogden, Grand High Priest; Walter Daniels, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary; Wm. H. Wilkins, Salt Lake City, Correspondent.

VERMONT—1925

Chapter, 31. Members, 5,982. Exalted, 149.
Net Gain, 21.

ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN, Grand High Priest

Nearly one-third of the constituent Chapters were not represented at the One Hundred and Eighth Annual, held in Burlington, June 9, 1925. Distinguished guests were in attendance from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York, as was also Florida's Representative, although no demands were made of him at that time.

The dean of the Past Grands, M. E. Comp. George Wing, who sat in the Grand East in 1885-1886, received his final summons during the year.

Fortunately the year of service of Grand High Priest Archie S. Harriman was not overly exacting, but every matter that came to his attention received careful attention.

His visitations were confined largely to the District meetings, he being a helpful attendant at each of the seven held during the year. But he was justly disturbed by the failure of one District Deputy to function and his second appointment rendered no better service. For this reason he recommended the abolishment of the district, but Grand Chapter decided to give the consti-

tuent Chapters in that District an opportunity to redeem themselves.

Believing that as Vermont had of its own accord severed fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, so should it by formal action re-establish those relations, and he so recommended, although in the meantime he had through inadvertence recommended a Companion as Grand Representative and made a corresponding appointment, and under the circumstances he urged Grand Chapter to confirm his action, to which it courteously and promptly acquiesced.

Although self-evident, yet this from the report of the Grand Lecturer is so pertinent that it cannot be too often brought to the attention of the constituent Chapters:

Subordinate Chapters need one thing—that is leadership. If a Chapter has an active and efficient High Priest who pursues his duties with interest and encourages his associates to aid him, it is safe to wager that such a Chapter is in good condition. The choice of officers is of far-reaching importance and is worthy of careful consideration.

The Grand Treasurer, R. E. Charles W. Whitcomb, having served continuously for a quarter of a century, he declined another re-election, and Past Grand High Priest David A. Elliott succeeded him. Grand Chapter appreciated this labor of love by voting Companion Whitcomb the sum of five hundred dollars with the fraternal love of its members—a practical expression of flowers to the living.

A comparatively small number, only seven of the duly qualified, were set apart to the Order of High Priesthood.

When Excellent Companion Archie S. Harriman had the "Most" prefixed to his title by being elevated

to the Grand East, he sort of side-stepped his work as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence and let the mantle fall on Excellent Companion Henry L. Ballou, who is also Grand Chaplain, and who accepted with the tentative proviso that "it was only for a year." But he made so good in his maiden report that the new Grand High Priest exercised his autocratic powers and retained Companion Ballou as chairman the coming year, so the Guild are assured of another year of Companion Ballou's worth while work.

Having had the privilege of his personal acquaintance at Portland, his sympathetic review of Florida was almost like a personal greeting. He informs us, that our guess that Companion Harriman was a journalist, was only partly correct, as he is the "head of a flourishing high school." After all there is a community of interests, for the writer was formerly a country newspaper man and the missus was a teacher, and so is the daughter.

Next Annual in Burlington, June 8, 1926.

Rogers S. Pike, Rutland, Grand High Priest; Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary; Henry L. Ballou, Chester, Correspondent.

VICTORIA—1925

Chapters, 47. Members, 3,257. Exalted, 534.
Net Gain, 401.

WILLIAM A. CALLAWAY, Grand Z.

All four Quarterly Convocations are held in Freemasons' Hall Melbourne. While the Convocations appear to be fairly well attended, yet at each many apol-

ogies by officers for non-attendance are presented, and in that respect American Grand Bodies, might profit.

Although the First Grand Principal may be present, yet a "Communication," corresponding to the address of the Grand High Priest, is read each time by the Grand Scribe E., which deals principally with visitations, installations and minor appointments. During the year seven new Chapters were consecrated, and within the same period an unusually large number of Past and Present officials received their last summons.

Considerable attention is given, both in these communications as well as in the reports of the Committee on General Purposes, to the unsettled condition in New South Wales and the efforts being made to form a united Grand Chapter, and in this connection the Grand Z. makes this statement:

The one Irish Chapter in Sydney is endeavoring to obtain from all R. A. Chapters throughout New South Wales a fresh expression of opinion as to their union under one Grand Chapter, with exclusive jurisdiction in that state.

The Committee on General Purposes supplements the position taken by the Grand Z., by calling attention to correspondence received from the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, and then adds:

The Committee greatly deplors the discord at present existing between the Supreme Grand Chapters of Scotland and New South Wales and is strongly of the opinion that the interests of Royal Arch Freemasonry in the State of New South Wales can be best served by the whole of the Chapters in that territory being placed under the control of one Grand Chapter with exclusive sovereign rights therein, and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria would be glad to encourage the formation of such a Grand Chapter in every way not inconsistent with the fraternal relations which have always existed between this Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Scotland and New South Wales.

One of the new petitions for a charter is unique in that it is the first to be confined solely to a single Craft Lodge, and which the Committee considers a "convincing answer to those who believe that, to be successful, a Chapter must have several Craft Lodges from which to draw support." From the writer's observation and recollection of similar conditions in American Chapters the success of such a venture is the exception rather than the rule.

Official inefficiency seems to be as much of a problem in one part of the world as in another, and this statement by First Grand Principal Callaway describes a condition far too prevalent. It is much easier to diagnose the ailment than to prescribe the remedy. He said in part:

From time to time evidence reaches us from some Chapters of the acceptance of office by Companions either too indifferent or too indolent to properly qualify themselves in the work and lectures pertaining to such office. There is the Companion who declares himself to be elected to a principal station and openly allows himself to be elected to a principal station and openly declares that he does not propose to learn the lectures pertaining to such station. And there is the unfortunate Companion whose lack of education leads to the omission or mispronunciation of essential words and phrases and the failure to himself comprehend the instruction he is attempting to impart to the Candidate. Any Companion unable or unwilling to perform the duties of an office with reasonable efficiency should not be appointed or promoted to higher responsibility; and the Companions should remember that in their own hands rest, not only the well-being of their own Chapter, but the reputation and usefulness of Capitular Masonry.

Capitular Masonry appears to be making substantial progress in this State, for during the year five or six petitions for new Chapters were received and inquiries came from other localities.

Thomas M. Kirkwood, Grand Z; John E. Kennedy, 336a Bourke St. Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

VIRGINIA—1925

Chapters, 73. Members, 17,469. Exalted, 1,083.
Net Gain, 674.

WM. FRANK BOWDEN, Grand High Priest

For the One Hundred and Eighteenth time this Grand Chapter was opened in Richmond, Oct. 27, 1925, in *Solemn Form* (and we wonder just what that means, for Florida's Grand Chapter is opened in *Ample Form*, when the Grand High Priest is present), with all the Grands, many Past Grands, near Grands and visitors present, but unfortunately quite a percentage of Chapters, had "no representation," neither did Florida, although the records show that Elmer D. Hanes, (new), was commissioned and who is listed among the Companions, of Norfolk Chapter, but not in the list of Past High Priests, therefore possibly not a member of Grand Chapter.

This Grand Chapter as well as the Craft in general in the Old Dominion State suffered a distinct loss when the Recording Angel sent his imperative summons for the final appearance of Most Excellent Companion Sol Cutchins, who ruled from the Grand East in 1912-13. He was Grand Master in 1919 and was Grand Commander at the time of his death.

Optimistic is the address of Grand High Priest Bowden, which he introduces with the statement that "I feel that every Royal Arch Mason is, or is trying, to do his duty and live up to his obligations." Congratulations are in order.

Something like half of his address is an account of his visitations, and yet he states, "I was not able to visit as many Chapters as I had planned and hoped." His first visit was to John Walters Chapter No. 68, of Norfolk, which he says, "is only three years old, has a mem-

bership of nearly seven hundred, and is going strong;" as evidence this Chapter in one day exalted a class of ninety-four, which is thus described by the Grand Lecturer:

The Chapter was opened promptly at 8:30 a. m. Candidates were notified to report at certain hours. The teams were prepared, the alarm given and the candidates began their journey, passing from room to room until received in the East. Teams followed each other at intervals of fifteen minutes. Each team received all the work separately, absolutely nothing was abbreviated or omitted. All the ritualistic work was given by trained workers.

Quite properly, it seems to the writer, he refused to approve a set of by-laws that contained a section reading, "that any member two dollars or one year in arrears in dues, could not vote or hold office," his reason being that "it seemed to me too dangerously near automatic suspension."

In the case of a Master who had lost the use of his legs the Grand High Priest ruled:

A dispensation was not necessary, as any Master Mason in good standing is eligible to receive the Chapter degrees, provided, the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides, will accept him.

Believing that Grand Chapter should assist in endowing and erecting a Home for aged and indigent Masons, he recommended that each member of the Subordinate Chapters be assessed for a period of five years one dollar per year, which was approved.

With the consciousness of having tried "to put in perfect order the vineyard, that his successor may reap a bountiful harvest," he was ready, he said, to become a member of that select order, known as the "Knights of the Northeast Corner or Hasbeens."

This Grand Chapter has the unique distinction of going into a Committee of the Whole, when much of its business is transacted, and when completed it "rises," and the Grand Chapter approves the report of this committee, which includes the following amendments, and is given, because it shows a procedure somewhat novel to Floridians:

The Grand High Priest shall, unless he waives his prerogative, nominate a candidate for every office, and any Companion may make another nomination, and if there be only one nominee for any office the vote shall be viva voce, but there shall always be at least two nominees for the office of Grand Master of the First Vail.

The Grand High Priest was asked if a petition could be entertained from a Master Mason who had moved from the jurisdiction of the Chapter a few days prior to the next stated convocation, and of course he ruled, and Grand Chapter enacted that the petitioner must be a resident at the time the petition was presented to the Chapter.

Fifty-five qualified Companions received the Holy Order of High Priesthood, a splendid proportion where apparently it is not a pre-requisite.

Without head or tail, which is his long suit, Rt. Companion Jos. W. Eggleston, presents a *real worth while* Fraternal Correspondence Report, which takes an evening or more to read and digest, even though partially, and which is as informative as it is inspiring.

He quotes from the address of the Grand High Priest in 1924, who he hopes "is not a pessimist." It is sometimes well to "see ourselves as others see us," and we are pleased to quote this part of his comment:

Of course the laws should and must be obeyed but no one is under obligation to say he approves these laws when he does not. Disobedience is not the right way to express dissent, but

some seem to think that a mere expression of disapproval of one law is encouragement to disregard all law. Another mistake is for us who are advanced in life and nearing its end, to criticise the young and their ways because they are different from what we were accustomed in our long gone youth. The world moves on, has always done so, and perhaps every generation makes the mistake of resenting advanced ideas. God reigns and it will all come out right in the end. Each age has its own ideas and those lingering from a preceding one cannot hold back the movement. We old folks thought dancing a sin, the present generation consider it highly proper. So let them dance while we rest.

For the information of Companion Eggleston in connection with the condition existing in Nassau Chapter at Fernandina, the procedure requested included the resignation of the High Priest, King and Scribe, even though not explicitly stated.

Next Annual in Richmond, Oct 26, and 27, 1926.

Edward A. Joachim, Charlotteville, Grand High Priest; J. Gus Hankins, Richmond, Grand Secretary; Jos. W. Eggleston, Richmond, Correspondent.

WASHINGTON—1925

Chapters, 49. Members, 8,920. Exalted, 647.
Net Gain, 348.

SAMUEL S. ENDSLOW, Grand High Priest.

It is evident that Capitular Masonry of the Pacific coast stands for something definite, for according to the proceedings of the Forty-first Annual, held at Olympia, Aug. 24 and 25, 1925, the Grand Officers, Past Grands and Past High Priests present lacked only two of being double the number of constituent Chapters in the State, and only six of those failed to send representatives, and yet with all this Capitular array there was no one to speak for Florida.

The Grand High Priest in his comprehensive address further emphasized the fact that there were present some who "have attended every convocation since its organization."

During the year two members of the Grand Family received their final summons: R. E. Comp. William E. Yates, Deputy Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. Ralph McAllaster, Grand Steward. They were in fact as well as in name "Royal" Arch Masons. At the second day's session word was received of the death of M. E. Comp. J. N. Prather, who was Grand High Priest in 1903.

The one single feature necessitating a large number of special dispensation was to confer the Royal Arch degrees on plurality teams, which impressed the Grand High Priest as being a somewhat superfluous requirement and he recommended its repeal, but Grand Chapter decided that as this law had been in use only one year, "we would not recommend a change now."

In order to stimulate greater efficiency, the Grand High Priest recommended the awarding of a cup to the Chapter excelling in ritualistic work, but this did not find favor with the Jurisconsults.

Only seven Chapters failed to receive a visit from the Grand High Priest; he having set his mark at 100 per cent, a commendable record. Because some of the members had not recorded their marks, he recommended and Grand Chapter enacted that where a Mark Master fails to select a Mark within ninety days after taking that degree, it becomes the duty of the secretary to insert in the proper place the initials of the Brother and which becomes his mark. If the writer remembers correctly a similar suggestion to have the secretary record the initials as a Mark was frowned upon in another Grand Chapter.

Another approved recommendation was that Chapter members holding Lodge membership in foreign jurisdictions must present their Lodge receipts when paying dues, and if more than two years in arrears they will be automatically dropped from the Chapter.

His one decision, which was approved, was that a protest against the installing of an officer must be in writing, and it is up to the installing officer to determine whether it be considered or ignored.

Believing that legislation pertaining to Life and Honorary Memberships should receive great consideration, the Special Committee was given another year in which to report.

Grand Chapter jointly with the Grand Council, R. and S. M., will unite in extending an invitation for the 1930 Triennial to meet in Tacoma.

The customary proportion of about fifty per cent of the number of constituent Chapters, in this case twenty-six qualified Companions, petitioned for and were set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

The Grand Secretary, Past Grand High Priest Henry L. Kennan, again presents a comprehensive review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, which is as instructive and pleasing as the seemingly limited space accorded him will permit. A more extended review would add to the Capitular information of the Companion readers of that great State and would we opine be a good investment.

Florida is given favorable consideration, including a quotation from the address of the Grand High Priest relative to prevailing lawlessness.

Next Annual in Yakima, May 3 and 4, 1926.

Chas. H. Steffen, Seattle, Grand High Priest; Henry L. Kennan, Spokane, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WEST VIRGINIA—1923

Chapters, 44. Members, 11,438. Exalted, 646.
Net Gain, 456.

PARIS P. LESTER, Grand High Priest

Almost ancient history by the time this reaches the readers is the review of this Grand Jurisdiction, as possibly due to delay in printing. But it did not reach the writer in time to include in our 1924 specimen of work. The Fifty-third Annual was held in Wheeling, Nov. 13-14, 1923. Florida was represented along with most of the constituent Chapters.

Illness in his family prevented Grand High Priest Lester from fully carrying out plan of work for the year, but his address indicates that he improved every opportunity to render service, and that is what counts in the busy work-a-day world.

He makes a brief mention of the death of M. E. Comp. Thos. M. Turner, Grand High Priest in 1919. He notes the request of the Grand High Priest of Maryland for a waiver of jurisdiction, which was granted, yet he cites Maryland law to the effect, that a similar reciprocity would not be granted, because West Virginia has never divorced the Cryptic Degrees from the Capitular Degrees. This from Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary George M. Ford's Correspondence Review of Maryland may well be taken as authority for the position maintained by West Virginia:

Our Royal Arch Chapters are acknowledged throughout the world and accepted voluntarily by the General Grand Chapter, and at their solicitation. True we differ in opinion as to the Council or Cryptic degrees, but as the Grand Chapter of Maryland makes

no claim as to sovereignty over these degrees, why should we except what other Grand Jurisdictions recognize? And we submit that as all accept the R. A. M. as the crowning degree, and as the circumstances elucidated in the Council degrees occurred previous to the completing of the Temple and the founding of the R. A., these degrees rightly belong as we give them.

A claimed invasion of Chapter Jurisdiction grew out of two Lodges meeting in the same hall, who have appealed to Grand Lodge and the Chapters will abide by the Grand Lodge decision.

One of the Grand High Priest's rulings was that when a Brother permitted more than a year to elapse between the Mark and Past Master's degrees the candidate would have to re-petition. This condition could not prevail in Florida:

Blue Lodge A. requests Chapter B, Royal Arch Masons, to confer the Past Master's degree upon a Warden-elect of Lodge A. Lodge A not being able to confer the degree. Held that Chapter B cannot confer the degree.

Hereafter when regalia houses want West Virginia proceedings for advertising or other purposes they will have to pay "actual cost."

Twenty-two applicants received the Order of High Priesthood.

Both concise and comprehensive is the report of the Committee on Correspondence by Grand Secretary George M. Ford. Under Florida he notes that Grand High Priest Kishpaugh "does not waste any time in writing a long, flowery address, but in a few written sentences reports his year's work." Being a Grand Secretary himself, Companion Ford mentions with approval the increase in salary of our devoted and faithful Grand Secretary.

Next Annual in Bluefield, Nov. 11-12, 1924.
Samuel R. Holroyd, Athens, Grand High Priest;
George M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

WISCONSIN—1926

Chapters, 112. Members, 24,427. Exalted, 1,475.
Net Gain, 983.

HARRY P. DEBAUFER, Grand High Priest.

Probably the most noticeable incident in connection with the Seventy-sixth Annual, held in Milwaukee, Feb. 16 and 17, 1926, was the enforced absence of Grand Secretary W. W. Perry, by reason of illness, but the flowers and remembrances sent him by Grand Chapter testified to the high esteem in which he is held by the Craft.

During the year the final summons came to M. : E. : Comp. Frank G. Jackson, who was Grand High Priest in 1898, and Grand Treasurer from 1917 to 1923.

There appears to be little in the address of the Grand High Priest to interest outsiders. Three Chapters were constituted during the year, one by himself and two by proxy.

He was asked if it was permissible for a Chapter or Lodge of Mark Masters to open in Short Form, and he replied: "To my knowledge there is no Short Form," and he accordingly ruled that there could be no such practice.

He ruled that it would be proper to exalt a Brother who had lost the first two fingers of the right hand, but Grand Chapter disapproved, for it would be impossible for him to comply with constitutional requirements.

Suggestive and practical was the report of the Grand Lecturer, in which he stressed among other things the propensity on the part of some Chapters to retain their workers in office too long, with this pertinent and timely suggestion, "that a few Past High Priests are a valuable asset to a Chapter."

Action on a proposed constitutional amendment which would give chartered Chapters jurisdiction over all Master Masons within the State, was held over another year.

Another constitutional amendment will enable Chapters to declare lost any life member who cannot be located after six years of due search and inquiry.

Following a voluminous report relative to the DeMolay, which this Grand Chapter is sponsoring, \$1,000 was appropriated to continue the work.

Grand Chapter rejected a resolution which would authorize Chapter secretaries to refuse to issue a receipt for dues when the Companion had not visited the Chapter during the year, naturally holding that when a Companion pays his dues he is entitled to a receipt.

Of course, Florida was well represented by Past Grand High Priest Wm. F. Owen. And the distinguished guest was M. E. Comp. Bert S. Lee, acting as personal representative of the General Grand High Priest.

Only thirty-five qualified Companions availed themselves of the privilege of being set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again presented by M. E. Comp. Samuel Wright, in which under Florida he quotes the report of the committee in the matter of erecting monuments over Past Grand High Priests with this comment:

The remarkable part of the report is that the photograph shows on the stone of the late Past Grand High Priest, the emblem of a

Mark Master and not that of the Royal Arch. The Square and Compass would be equally as appropriate.

Next Annual in Milwaukee, Feb. 15 and 16, 1927.

Thomas R. Mundy, Dodgeville, Grand High Priest;
Wm. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary; Samuel Wright, Milwaukee, Correspondent.

WYOMING—1925

Chapters, 17. Members, 2,143. Exalted, 103.
Net Gain, 15.

NEIL DAVID NELSON, Grand High Priest

"Turn backward, oh, time in thy flight," for nearly a quarter of a century, is in the mind of ye writer, as he reviews the Seventeenth Annual, held in Casper, July 9, 1925. For that was his first introduction to a real western frontier town where the gaming in the hostelry at which he stopped, he was told, did not cease night or day; and when the "Overland" for Lander departed soon after the arrival of the afternoon train. Were he to visit that progressive modern city today no doubt he would need a guide. Only two Chapters were not represented at the current Annual, and both of them from what at that time was called the "Big Horn country."

Following the formal opening ceremonies, attention was directed to the display of the three Lesser Lights at the Altar, the authority for which no one seemed to know. Due search and inquiry was made, when it was found that the Three Great Lights in Masonry were the only requisites, and the Grand High Priest ordered the Lesser Lights removed.

Following the address of welcome, the Grand Representatives were introduced, which of course included Florida, for it was represented by Grand High Priest Nelson, who pointed out the fact that "more than one-half the number of Grand Representatives were absent," and he deplored the apparent lack of interest manifested.

Long continued illness was a handicap to the activities of Grand High Priest Nelson, who was however commended for faithful services rendered. Among his commissions was one to Ex. Comp. John Pasco to represent Florida, being a recommendation of ye writer when Grand High Priest. The Chapter at Gillette was constituted No. 17, which had a triple significance to him, for he says he came to Wyoming "during his seventeenth year," and this was also the Seventeenth Annual.

The too rapid advancement of Master Masons to the so-called higher degrees evoked considerable discussion and it was referred back to the committee to confer with the Grand Commandery and the Consistory, to report a year hence. There is little question about the result.

A noteworthy feature was the receipt of a telegram from Past Grand High Priests Otto Gramm, Jesse Converse and Arthur C. Jones, who at that time were sojourning in Skagway, Alaska, which also prevented the conferring of the Order of High Priesthood, they being its three principal officers.

Once again Grand Secretary Richard E. Repath presents a very commendable Report on Correspondence, and he will please accept our apology for previously including in the spelling of his name the letter "d", for we had always read it "Redpath." He finds the salient features of the year to have been the concerted effort to eliminate frivolity, raise the standard of work, establish a higher efficiency and the consolidating of mem-

berships thus weeding out the weak and undesirable timber accepted during the "inflation" period. Which is also the way it appeared to ye scribe as well.

Under Florida he believes the abrogation of the six months' regulation was a "step backward." This is also the way it appears to the writer, in theory, at least. But when it comes to actual practice, in the light of results that have come to personal notice, we must admit that petitions are coming in faster since its abrogation. And of course numbers count.

Judging by the work being brought up for inspection by Companion Repath it will be many moons, we hope, before another will be appointed to the Correspondent's station.

Next Annual in Cheyenne, July 14, 1926.

Edward G. Edwards, Lander, Grand High Priest;
Richard E. Repath, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

KANSAS—1926

Chapters, 96. Members, 21,723. Exalted, 923.
Net Gain, 367.

BEN S. PAULEN, Grand High Priest

Much to the surprise of the writer, on it being brought to our attention, there was no review of Kansas in the 1925 Report. Careful search fails to bring to light a copy of the 1925 Kansas Proceedings, and the one for 1924 must have been misplaced, for it shows no marks of being reviewed. The 1926 Proceedings came at the "eleventh hour" and is being included in this re-

port, as a partial propitiation for an unintentional oversight.

This being a movable Body, its Sixty-first Annual was held in Topeka, Feb. 22 and 23, with the station of the Deputy Grand High Priest filled by appointment, the rightful occupant to this station R. W. William I. Stuart, having received his final summons during the year. His was a useful life and he is missed in the several branches in which he was an ardent worker.

There is little in the address of Grand High Priest Paulen of importance to outsiders, except the mirror he holds up, which by reflection gives inspiration for better and truer service in the quarries of life. Reproduction in its entirety is not feasible and a mutilation would be a travesty.

Referring to the work being accomplished by the Grand Lecturer, Companion Paulen takes upon himself the functions of a seer and if his vision be correct, other Grand Jurisdictions should sit up and take notice:

Our Chapters are becoming more and more proficient, and within a short time we can point with pride to the Chapters of Kansas as the ideal Royal Arch Chapters in this great Nation of ours.

During the year two Chapters were formally constituted; no rulings were rendered, all questions being answered by reference to the Laws and former decisions. Pressure of business permitted but few official visitations. And many matters usually found in the allocution of the Grand High Priest are taken up by the Grand Secretary.

In his report, which exceeds in both length and information that of the Grand High Priest, subordinate Chapters are urged to have photographic reproductions

made of their charters so that the original may be protected in the archives of the Grand Chapter. And yet there are other Grand Chapters which insist upon the necessity of having the original charters granted subordinate Chapters always in evidence.

The law of the previous year requiring all Chapters to use a uniform receipt for dues, with a fac-simile of the Grand Secretary's signature and official seal, is proving very satisfactory. This has been the custom in all the Florida York Rite Bodies for sometime. Kansas has also adopted a standard form of blanks and record books, which sounds quite proper. Florida stops with the blanks.

Another regulation or law growing in favor makes it mandatory upon all Chapters—

To issue no receipts for dues unless the Companion produces a receipt from a regular Lodge showing that his dues are paid and that he is in good standing as a Master Mason.

Chapters are also authorized to use lantern slides though not positively obligatory, and a survey indicates that fully a third are now using them.

Apparently the Order of High Priesthood means something to those qualified to receive it, for notwithstanding nearly one-fourth of the Chapters were not represented, yet fifty-three Companions were set apart to this Holy Order.

Very instructive is the prelude to the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson.

After calling attention to the seeming lack of interest in Chapters generally throughout the Capitular World, and that the net gain is practically 10,000 less than for the preceding year, he pertinently adds:

In many jurisdictions there still continues an indomitable desire to build up outside organizations to the detriment of the Royal Craft; in other words, it goes back to the old expression from the Holy Writ, that one cannot serve two masters.

In a few jurisdictions they go even further and are now attempting to form an independent and outside organization composed of several Grand Officers of the so-called York Rite bodies and the Scottish Rite. In the building up of such an organization they offer as an excuse the promulgation and practice of Masonic ideals and to instruct Masons in constructive movements for the betterment of the human activities and combat evils that threaten to undermine our commonwealth.

If the same effort and talent were employed by the Grand High Priests in submitting their annual addresses, it would lend an impetus to Royal Arch Masonry and help build up a membership which would show a creditable increase annually, instead of a deplorable decrease as shown by the reports of the past year.

While Companion Wilson finds some worthy motives for creating life membership, yet he believes the whole question hinges on sentiment; that all members should be treated alike, that it resolves itself into a business proposition pure and simple, and that—

To exempt certain members from the payment of dues for any reason other than their inability to meet this obligation is unfair and unjust to the other members.

Under Florida he takes pleasure in quoting from the preface of the address of Grand High Priest Wirt where he expresses a willingness to "assist in the noble and glorious work allotted to Royal Arch Masons," because, he says, it is so "unlike the usual remarks of Grand High Priests."

Companion Wilson also seems to disapprove of merely using initials, for in giving the name of our Grand High Priest he adds parenthetically (initials those of the Grand Secretary of Florida). Nuf ced.

It is hoped that the opening explanation will serve as a reason why there was no review of Kansas a year ago.

Next Annual in Wichita, Feb. 21 and 22, 1927.

George W. Trout, Pittsburg, Grand High Priest;
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

NORTH DAKOTA—1926

Chapters, 28. Members, 4,124. Exalted, 172.
Net Loss, 44.

WILLIAM T. JOHNSTON, Grand High Priest

No mention of North Dakota appeared in our last year's report because the 1925 Proceedings did not reach us until after the report was printed, but it is given in its proper place this year. And in order to show our willingness to be forgiven for what could not be helped, we now also give a review of the Thirty-seventh Annual held in Fargo, January 26 and 27, 1926. The opening session is of particular interest to the writer for it is also his birthday anniversary, the exact year not being necessary at this time, but the records show that he has not yet reached the allotted age of three score and ten.

The distinguished visitors present include M. E. Comp. Bert S. Lee, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri and the personal representative of General Grand High Priest John Albert Blake, R. E. Comp. Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe E. of Manitoba, M. E. Comp. Frank M. McCuskey, Grand High Priest of Minnesota, the heads of the other Concordant Bodies of the home state and not least Florida's Representative, R. E. Comp. Otto F. Hennings, now the Grand Scribe.

Grand High Priest Johnston, in his well prepared address, stressed the necessity of the proper preparation of the true Mason, when he said:

No matter how carefully he may go through all the forms and ceremonies, there is no room adjoining the Lodge, no matter how convenient, in which he can be properly prepared if he has not previously been prepared in his heart.

During the year the Companions were called to mourn the passing to the Great Beyond of M. E. Comp. Evart G. Stevens, Grand High Priest in 1904, and likewise affectionate tribute was paid to the loss Florida sustained by the departure of Past Grand High Priest Silas B. Wright, as well as those of other Grand Jurisdictions who also have been deprived of their revered leaders.

Quite a number of dispensations were issued to use substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree, which prompted the Jurisprudence Committee to recommend:

The use of a substitute or substitutes in the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree be left to the Excellent High Priests of the subordinate Chapters, and that substitutes be permitted when in their judgment such action would seem to be for the best interests of their Chapters and Capitular Masonry.

But after much discussion this was defeated. This action is sanctioned by the General Grand Chapter, whose ritual, as we understand, North Dakota uses. Florida regulations conform to the General Grand Chapter in this respect, and it works well here without requesting a Grand High Priest to permit a violation of a law which Grand Chapter at some time sanctioned.

Among the numerous visitations made by the Grand High Priest and other members of the Grand Council were to the recently formed Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan whose members it was said ap-

pear to be fully "grasping the significance of Royal Arch Masonry."

The only recommendation of the Grand High Priest was that the Grand High Priest should have a suitable apron to wear when he "goes a visiting."

Although this Grand Chapter shows a net loss of 44, the dimits and suspensions for non-payment of dues being double those of 1925, yet Grand Secretary Stockwell is optimistic, and well says:

There is no use complaining or decrying lack of interest or attendance; the only thing to do is to get busy and create interest. *It can be done.* (Italic ours.)

Believing that greater results would accrue with less chances of over-lapping, Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery united funds, and the report of the Educational Committee shows the beneficial results of such unification. The Committee has adopted this truthful slogan: "An education is an investment for Service."

If little is good, more will be better; Grand Chapter not being satisfied with the five rituals allotted to each constituent Chapter, it will petition next Triennial Convocation to pass such legislation as will enable each Chapter to have not to exceed ten of the official rituals.

This little bit of worth while information comes from Past Grand High Priest Moultrie, who entered Near East relief work after his term of office, and who has been seriously ill, but now recovering:

"The Grand Chapter of North Dakota was the first to take up the contribution of one dollar per capita on its membership for the Washington Memorial."

Grand Chapter is coming to realize that there are difficulties by being on wheels, and that both pleasure and

profit may be conserved by meeting at one place, so Fargo will again be host to the next Annual.

Fifteen Companions were set aside to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

A social event was the third annual gathering of the Past Grand Officers Association, when "Buddie" Geo. Guthrie, officially known as the Regent, submitted his "annual language cocktail," and who will also continue to guide its affairs another year.

The review of the year's work in the other Capitular Quarries was again presented by our chum, Past Grand High Priest George Guthrie, who, having groundless fears that his work would not be appreciated, tells them a few things they ought to know, while they were in session and could not get away, if so disposed. But they never are, for when George speaks both center and side lines take notice.

Under Florida he refers to the "meritorious and entertaining report" of Grand High Priest Wirt, as well as approving the "beautiful custom they have in Florida of erecting a monument to their Past Grand High Priests." He wishes we would use more Christian names and fewer initials for he does not know whether T. T. stands for "Tom, Ted or Tim."

It is hoped that our proffered alibi at the outset will be accepted for last year's omission.

Incidentally it appears that in the official list Florida's Representative is given as D. J. McMaster. Here he is familiarly known as "Riley," or R. J. McMaster. Next Annual in Fargo, Jan. 25 and 26, 1927.

Wm. W. Shaw, Enderlin, Grand High Priest; Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary; E. Geo. Guthrie, Fargo, Correspondent.

NEW YORK—1926

Chapters, 227. Members, 71,576. Exalted, 3,632.
Net Gain, 1,670.

JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM, Grand High Priest

It was almost high twelve when the proceedings of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual was received, which was held Feb. 2 and 3, 1926, in Albany. Apparently only four Chapters failed to send a representative. Every Grand Jurisdiction touching the Empire State, as well as several more remote besides the General Grand, likewise sent Royal Craftsmen, making it a Capitular occasion long to be remembered. But Florida was an outsider, and did not share in the gracious words that flowed so freely.

After assuring his hearers that nothing had occurred to disturb Craft harmony, Grand High Priest Birmingham gave a detailed account of his stewardship, in which comparatively little is recorded of interest to Florida. Deserved tribute was paid to M. E. Comp. Arthur Warren, who was Grand High Priest in 1914, and since 1919 chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The writer considered his personal friendship a privilege, and he will be genuinely missed by the Guild.

During the year two Chapters were instituted and one chartered.

Knowing that the Order of High Priesthood is a pre-requisite, yet three High Priests permitted themselves to be disqualified, and it became necessary to convene three special Councils in different parts of the state to heal this neglect.

Putting theory into practice, two Chapters made substantial contributions towards the completion of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, which is said to be the greatest cathedral in the English speaking world.

Honors are even in the courtesy work with Florida, Ocala Chapter being the petitioner in one instance, and the Chapter of which the writer is a member conferring similar work, in which he assisted in a minor way.

Commendatory, it seems to the writer, was the refusal of the Grand High Priest to grant two dispensations which anticipated the Chapters' failure to hold elections with the prescribed times, but which would not exist under Florida laws.

In the list of multitudinous visitations and other activities by the Grand High Priest, he includes in those present, "M. E. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Captain of the Host." The writer was under the impression that Companion Hunt was Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest properly ruled that it would be highly improper for members of a Chapter to wear aprons or any other apparel bearing the name of their Chapter at any outside entertainment, even though the object was to advertise the Chapter.

Another ruling indicates that some Chapters have by-laws which provide that failure to pay annual dues deprive its members of the right to vote or hold office. The writer does not recall another such provision.

The Grand High Priest places this construction on extending the broad mantle of Masonic charity;

It is desirable that every reasonable courtesy be extended by our Chapters to sojourning Royal Arch Masons, and in order to facilitate visitations by Companions of Foreign Jurisdictions, it is permissible to confer the missing degrees in the shortest form, by

merely administering the obligation and communicating the signs of recognition. Those essentials, however, are on no account to be omitted.

This Grand Chapter is now undertaking a definite form of relief for distressed tubercular Royal Arch Masons and their dependents, and the High Priests' Triangle Club of New York City made a contribution of \$3,000 to this fund, being the partial proceeds of an entertainment.

Two definite forms of entertainment are provided annually by Grand Chapter—a dinner to the Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests and another dinner to the Kings and Scribes.

The Jurisprudence Committee deplored the necessity of granting so many dispensations, which it attributed largely to "neglect on the part of Chapter officers." It well believes that every man should join the Masonic body which has jurisdiction over him, and that Chapters should do their own work and not ask another to do it for them, adding:

It is not well for the candidate to make it too easy for him to obtain Chapter degrees. What is lightly gained is least esteemed.

Another approved ruling brings out the inference that while in the Lodge it is necessary that a person be a Warden before he can be elected Master, he does not have to be a member of the council to be elected High Priest.

The Committee frowned upon the suggestion of the Ritual Committee to omit from the obligation of the Royal Arch Degree the reference to the General Grand Chapter Constitution, and Grand Chapter approved.

The Order of High Priesthood being compulsory, it appears that all qualified Companions were duly consecrated and set apart to this Holy Order.

Reference has previously been made that M. E. Comp. Arthur Warren who had prepared the Correspondence Report since 1919, had been called into the presence of the Supreme Grand High Priest. The mantle fell upon E. Comp. Walter R. Marden, and his work passes inspection at this station and he is accorded a welcome into the Guild. His work is as informative as it is interesting.

Florida is given critical consideration and his comments are illuminating, although conditions will not permit reproduction. He is particularly pleased with the "clear type," which he adds "is delightful to the eye of the midnight oil burner when compared with our own very fine type."

He informs us that we were in error in assuming that Past High Priests were not members of the Grand Chapter by reason of numerical strength, but because the first Constitution in 1802, when there were not over a dozen Chapters, reads: "Together with High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being of all subordinate Chapters."

Next Annual in Albany, Feb. 1 and 2, 1927.
Washington A. Russell, Buffalo, Grand High Priest;
Charles C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary; Walter R. Marden, Albany, Correspondent.

CONCLUSION

Generally speaking harmony prevails throughout the American Royal Craft Bodies, the only exception being the refusal of the Grand Chapter of Texas to re-establish fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, giving as its reason the action of Scotland in continuing to charter Chapters in Australasia.

The writer of this review does not understand why, if the people of the several Australian states are capable of self government, politically, they are not equally qualified to manage their Masonic matters?

It would seem that the time has now come when the Mother Grand Bodies, be they English, Irish or Scottish, could with perfect safety to all Masonic laws, customs and regulations, not only permit their members, if they so desire, to establish and maintain their own households without intervention, but also encourage them to do so. Canada has done this with signal success, and we believe the Australian Craftsmen are equally well qualified.

While there are many accessions in all the York Rite Bodies, yet it is regrettable to find that a very few Grand Jurisdictions show a small net loss in membership, sometimes in one of the Concordant Orders and sometimes in another. While various reasons are assigned, probably more or less unavoidable, yet it is the opinion of the writer that these losses might be somewhat lessened were the business affairs of the constituent Bodies given the same careful and thoughtful attention as those in charge give to their own personal affairs.

Another matter that is receiving much attention is the growing number of organizations that make Masonic membership a more or less prerequisite. However mer-

itorious each may be in its own aims and objects, the mother craft should not be held responsible for the acts of its offsprings which it cannot or does not control. And in the opinion of the writer it cannot be too strongly emphasized that the permanency and stability of our beloved order depends upon adhering closely to the original pronouncements adopted by the two Grand Lodges in 1813, wherein it was declared that Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, that is, those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.

It is the custom in Florida, and has been for years, to print the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in advance, and distribute same at the annual sessions of both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and next year will also prevail in Grand Commandery, a report of this nature being ordered at last Grand Commandery. This makes it necessary to close the review somewhat in advance and accounts for occasionally a review appearing out of alphabetical order, as in this report, which is kept open as long as the printers will permit. All received after the below date will be reviewed the coming year.

A decade of Capitular commingling is a privilege accorded to but few, and we do not find words to adequately express the many pleasures it has brought to the writer of this. To have come in personal contact with so many members of what is now the Guild, some of whom have "crossed the bar," has been an inspiration and the remembrances will never depart. We are now looking forward to other renewals at Denver and the Triennials to follow.

The printer says we must close this report pronto, and so be it. In so doing it compels omitting the reviews of Canada and District of Columbia for 1926, which were received as the concluding "batch" of copy is being mailed.

The work of the year is now brought to a close and it is

Respectfully submitted,

Ely P. Hubbell

For the Committee.

Bradenton, Florida, May 1, 1926.

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**The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of
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